

Penwortham Priory Post



Time Capsule

commemorate these times more fully by designing, building and filling a time capsule with our memories of 2020 and the Coronavirus lockdown. This capsule will be buried in our newly refurbished gardens once we return to school.

A time capsule:

An historic cache of goods or information, usually intended as a deliberate method of communication with future people, and to help future archaeologists, anthropologists, or historians.

The preparing and preserving of a collection of everyday artefacts and messages to the future is sometimes created and buried during celebrations, a cornerstone laying for a building, or at other ceremonies.

Priory's Time Capsule

It is safe to say that we are living in extraordinary times. Our lives as they were have had to adapt to a situation that none of us will ever forget. Here at Priory we would like to

Further information will follow after Half Term, but we would like to have contributions from pupils and their families in the capsule. This will take the form of a competition that will be co-ordinated by Miss Ackers, where a pupil from each year group can contribute a letter, poem, artefact or piece of artwork to the capsule.

Keep your eyes peeled for further information after the Half Term break.

Stay safe,

Mr A Eccles
Lead Teacher of
History

Online Safety New Parent Support Documents Added To School Website

As we continue to face the challenging COVID 19 situation, people at home for extended periods are spending increasing amounts of time online. The online world is a necessity for most of us, however that also leaves individuals vulnerable to online influence.

Although rare, there is a risk that increased online activity and feelings of isolation may be exploited by negative influences and online groomers of all kinds to target vulnerable children and young people directly.

We have therefore added two new documents from the Community Safety Team which provide information around keeping children safe from being exploited online and will better equip parents/carers to safeguard against child sexual exploitation, fraud, or extremist influences.

Online safety during Covid-19 - safeguarding from harmful influences online >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/remote-learning

What is Channel and how does it work? >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/pastoral-care

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This amazing poem was sent in by one of our Year 7 pupils. She was a little bored and wrote it with her Nan whilst they were having a catch up over the phone.

Coronavirus

By Toni-Lea S-D, Year 7

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Coronavirus,  
What can we say,  
You appeared from nowhere,  
You're wiping us away.

You're evil and cruel  
Heartless and a fool,  
Because we will find a cure to  
kill you.

You have taken our loved ones,  
You evil virus,  
You made them suffer, lonely  
In silence.

We won't give in,  
We will fight back,  
You will not make the UK crack.

All our government ask us for is  
Social distance,  
Stay indoors.

All we ask for in return,  
Is for plenty of resources  
So we can learn,  
about the evil nasty germ

It's not much to ask,  
Simple gloves and masks,  
Aprons too,  
Some toilet rolls  
For the loo!

If all you idiots would stay indoors,  
The nightmare  
Could be over,  
The choice is yours.

People are dying  
Dropping like flies,  
It's heart breaking  
For relatives  
That can't be by their sides.

The Coronavirus is a deadly thing,  
If it cannot reach us  
It cannot cling.

We applaud our  
Brave people  
On the front line  
For working round the clock  
To save many lives.

There are carers, refuge  
collectors,  
Delivery drivers too,  
We put our hands together  
We haven't forgotten you

Many, many more,  
putting themselves in danger,  
To try and help us -  
We are so blown over

Come on Britain GB  
Show our unity  
STAY AT HOME,  
Be a community.

It could be you,  
Your daughter,  
Your son,  
It could be  
Your gran or even your mum.

We will meet again,  
Don't know where,  
Don't no when,  
But I know we will meet again  
Some sunny day.

Applaud our NHS  
every Thursday  
To show our respect and  
gratitude.



## Year 7 & 8 Creative Arts Rotations After Half Term

There will be the usual rotation of classes in Art, Drama and Music after half term. Pupils in Years 7-8 will therefore be receiving work from their new subject after that date.

From w/c 1/6/20

e1 and w1 classes - Drama

e2 and w2 classes - Art

e3 and w3 classes - Music

**Free  
School  
Meals**  
*Are you entitled?*

**How to  
apply  
for Free  
School  
Meals**

**Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)? Visit the Lancashire County Council website for further information and to apply.**

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Online claim form: [https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_pupil\\_premium](https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium)

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So this week has been Mental Health Awareness Week with a focused theme of Kindness, which is very apt considering the unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in at this time. We have all had to readjust our lives over the past couple of months but it has given us time to reflect on what we place value on in our lives. Being concerned for others and how our actions can impact on them has been at the forefront of our thinking. An act of kindness, however small, can have a big impact on someone's mood, wellbeing or simply their day!

Priory pupils have been sharing some of their **Acts of Kindness** with us this week, some of them within their own homes and others brightening the day of their local communities.

**Year 10 pupil, Nicole C (H8)**, has been making colourful hearts with positive messages on them and has hung them from the trees at the back of her house to cheer people up as they walk past. She has already received two 'thank you' cards; one with £5 in it and another with a box of chocolates off complete strangers because they were so touched by her messages and the effort she had put in to make people smile in these difficult times.



Kindness  
is  
Magic

Leon and Samuel have taken on the role of teacher within their homes to help siblings with their home learning.

**Year 7, Leon (D1)** has become an expert at Speech and Language work for his brother who has some learning difficulties and looking after his mum's wellbeing at the same time by enabling her to get on with some household tasks whilst Leon takes control.

**Year 7, Samuel D (H3)** may become one of our Maths teachers of the future whilst practicing his skills tutoring his younger sister. Samuel has always been available to teach and guide his younger sister with her Maths school work every day. Samuel's mum told us:

*"He has given so much time and patience to help both myself and his sister navigate numeracy. Taking the time to break the sums down and explaining it over and over again - exactly like primary school would."*



Many of our pupils are living in households where there are family members with complex medical needs which mean they are classed as vulnerable in the current situation and therefore are having to abide by some strict rules whilst some parents who are key workers are having to spend time away from their families in order to protect them. **Year 8, Brad C (H8)** has taken on additional responsibilities within the home, including doing the shopping.

*Continued over...*

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Sisters **Violet and Scarlett (C6)** have been making rainbow biscuits and iced them brightly to cheer up their grandparents and elderly neighbours.

It's not too late to get involved in the **Acts of Kindness**. There is no deadline to let us know about what you're up to so please do get in touch to let me know what your child has done or what they're planning to do - [a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

The Red Cross has launched a challenge for people to look at how to show Acts of Kindness in the future. First Aid knowledge and skills will enable you to show real kindness to a loved one or a stranger when it is needed most. So they are asking you to learn simple first aid that could save a life. You can access this at [www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/first-aid-and-kindness](http://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/first-aid-and-kindness)

Mrs Holland  
SENCO & Humanities Teacher

## Well done Libby!

Whilst this summer certainly hasn't turned out as they expected, it's meant our Year 11 pupils have had more time on their hands. Many have been preparing for Further Education, keeping their minds sharp, and some are trying to stay motivated as much as is possible by choosing to build on their life skills.

With almost 6 months without normal studies, to keep her mind mentally active, Libby T (R1) decided to learn British Sign Language. This month she successfully completed a comprehensive introductory course covering the basics of communicating with sign language.

Libby, who has represented England at synchronised swimming for her age group, has also been continuing with daily online gym workouts to keep up her fitness.

Dad told us, "When Libby puts her mind to something she usually gets it done!"

A fabulous attitude to have. Good luck Libby.



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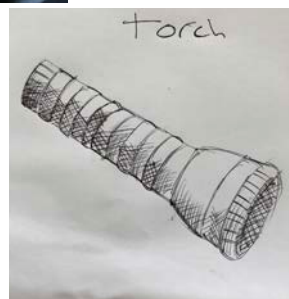


For their Art lessons, pupils have been experimenting with drawing skills, investigating Pop Art, photographing still life and exploring Banksy's recent super hero graffiti. Some of the photos are submissions of earlier set work.

Mrs Hopes,  
Lead Teacher for Art



Fantastic effort from: **Year 7 Theo C D5**, Lucy B H7, **Year 8 Alfie B H6**, Curtis H R4, Leo D2, Jack S R7, Josh F R8, Lydia S C3, Maya P D4, **Year 9 Erin W D2**, Ella R H3, Reuben K D1



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# Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

**Before the school closure we interviewed Year 7 pupil, Akram.**

Akram is juggling two books at once – and they are contrasting!

The Year 7 is reading David Attenborough's 'The Living Planet' as well as 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney.

Akram believes he has read 27 books since September!

"I like 'The Living Planet' because it gives you facts, you learn a lot," said Akram.

"There is English, science and biology all in one book.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid is funny, it's unique. I like the whole series as every book is different and you do not know what to expect from each book.



"One of my favourite books is Gangsta Granny by David Walliams as the story keeps growing until they plot to steal the Crown Jewels. It makes me laugh."

Akram reads at home and at school and has a host of favourite subjects – English, maths, science and geography.

"I also attend Chess Club every Friday and play football."

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## Year 9 Options Subject Confirmation

Letters have now been despatched to parents of all Year 9 pupils to confirm their Options subjects.

From 1 June pupils will continue with their home learning but will now study English, Maths, Science and their three chosen Option subjects. They will no longer be set work from those subjects they have not chosen. Their new class lists should appear on Doodle (your child's old classes will still appear but no work will be set).

If you have any queries regarding any aspect of the Options process then parents should contact Assistant Headteacher, Mr Gee, via email at [n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk).



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# Quick Draw Rewards

To reward our pupils who are working hard at home we are posting a £5 voucher as a 'well done' to one lucky pupil per year group, each week. Staff will nominate individuals who are working hard and showing a fantastic attitude to their studies. Winners will then be anonymously drawn out of the lists per year group and contacted by Miss Thornton to see which voucher they would prefer and where to send the reward to.



Every year group had about 85+ numbers to pick from and the response from parents and pupils who won last week was just fantastic.

The pupils will have a choice of a £5 Amazon or Love2Shop voucher. Both can be spent online so you don't even need to leave your sofa to enjoy your reward. Good luck and keep up the hard work; it could be you!

Teachers will let all pupils know if they have a nomination.

## Randomly chosen winners from the list of nominees last week were:

Year 7 - Jack McF. Nominated by Miss Beesley for his excellent work in PE.

Year 8 - Josh F. Nominated by Mr Kenrick for his diligent effort using Mathswatch.

Year 9 - Katie B. Nominated by Miss Ackers for her consistently good work in History.

Year 10 - Josh W. Nominated by Mrs Cowell for his excellent engagement and good quality responses.

## This week's winners are:

Year 7: Olivia H - Nominated by Miss Makinson for her excellent engagement in History.

Year 8: Eliza W - Nominated by Mr Raynor for her great effort in Mathswatch

Year 9: Hayden W - Nominated by Mrs Isherwood for his excellent work in English.

Year 10: Aaron B - Nominated by Mrs Holland for his excellent engagement and level of work in Childcare.

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## The English Department's Watch of the Week

### Pride & Prejudice - Netflix

In this adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, Elizabeth Bennet lives with her family in the English countryside. As the eldest child, she faces mounting pressure from her parents to marry. When the outspoken Elizabeth is introduced to the handsome and upper-class Mr Darcy, sparks fly. Although there is obvious chemistry between the two, Darcy's overly reserved nature threatens the fledgling relationship.

### The Last Airbender - Amazon Prime (currently free)

The four nations of Air, Water, Earth and Fire lived in harmony until the Fire Nation declared war. A century later, there is still no end in sight to the destruction, then, an Avatar named Aang discovers that he has the power to control the four elements. He joins forces with Katara, a Waterbender, and her brother, Sokka, to restore balance and harmony to their world.



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# Mr Taylor's Name That Tune!

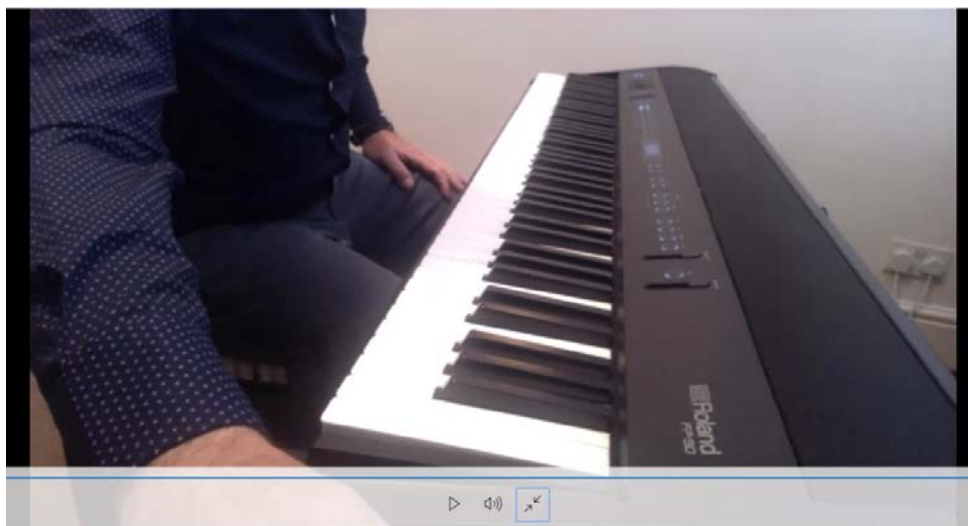
Did you see the video on our Facebook page?

If not, it's scheduled again this afternoon so go and take a look - after you've finished reading the Priory Post, of course!

[www.facebook.com/  
PriorySTC/](https://www.facebook.com/PriorySTC/)

Priory's lead teacher for Music, Mr Taylor, plays a medley of twenty pop songs. For a bit of fun, can you name them? Extra points if you get the artist too!

Answers on page 27.



## Amazing Attractions

A list of museums, zoos, and other attractions from around the world to visit from the comforts of our home while we self-isolate.

### Museums

- Anne Franke Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
<https://www.annefrank.org/en/museum/web-and-digital/>
- British Museum, London  
<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>
- Guggenheim, Bilbao, Spain  
<https://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/en>
- Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49YefSx1rlw&feature=youtu.be>
- Louvre Museum Paris  
<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- MASP, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
<https://masp.org.br/en>
- Met Museum, New York  
<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-project>
- Musée d'Orsay, Paris  
<https://m.musee-orsay.fr/en/home.html>
- Musei Vaticani, Vatican City  
<http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>
- Museum Of London Docklands  
<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/about-us/business-services/venue-hire/museum-london-docklands/virtual-tour>
- National Gallery Of Arts, Washington DC  
<https://www.nga.gov/>
- National Gallery, London  
<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours>
- National Museum Of US Air Forces  
<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/>
- Natural History Museum, London  
<https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/the-natural-history-museum-hintze-hall/vQHiHCmSOMKyhQ>
- Palestine Museum  
<https://www.palmuseum.org/exhibitions/virtual-exhibitions>
- Picasso Museum, Barcelona  
<http://www.bcn.cat/museupicasso/en/museum/presentation.html>
- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/rijksmuseum>
- Royal Academy Of Arts, London  
<https://britishart.vale.edu/>
- Salvatore Dali Museum, Figueres, Spain  
<https://www.salvador-dali.org/en/museums/dali-theatre-museum-in-figueres/visita-virtual/#>
- Tate Britain, London  
<https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain/display/walk-through-british-art>
- The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, United States  
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-j-paul-getty-museum>
- The Museum of Flight -  
<https://museumofflight.org/Explore-The-Museum/Virtual-Museum-Online>
- The National Museum of Computing on Bletchley Park  
<https://britishart.vale.edu/>
- Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy  
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/uffizi-gallery>
- US Holocaust Museum  
<https://www.ushmm.org/information/exhibitions/online-exhibitions>
- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum>
- Virginia Living Museum  
<https://thelvm.org/visit/about-us/covid-19-update/natural-education/>
- Women's History Museum, Virginia, USA  
<https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>
- Yale Centre For British Art  
<https://britishart.vale.edu/>

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# Year 11 Pupils: Careers

The May edition of the careers bulletin and apprenticeship vacancies are now available on the school website.

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-11-latest-updates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-11-latest-updates)

The bulletin includes things you can do to make sure you are prepared for your next move. There is also a list of local apprenticeships opportunities extracted from the government apprenticeship website.

Our Careers Adviser, Mrs Khan, is available for Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers to contact remotely via email at [s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk) and can provide support with progression routes, contacts and careers guidance.



**New Web Page:  
Year 11  
Latest Updates**

Follow this link for full details:

<https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-11-latest-updates>



# Year 11 Runshaw College Applicants:

## Virtual Offer Holders' VIP Event Mon, 8 - Weds, 10 June

This event will give Year 11 pupils who have applied to Runshaw College the chance to explore their next steps in more detail, and on their own time, whilst also allowing them the chance to interact live with key people from their courses.

Please note that this is a registration-only event so you must sign up beforehand. There is a slim chance that the college might have to limit the live event numbers, and if so, they will work on a first come, first served basis so pupils are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Further information and to register, visit>>

[www.runshaw.ac.uk/year-11-virtual-offer-holders-virtual-vip-event-invitation/](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk/year-11-virtual-offer-holders-virtual-vip-event-invitation/)



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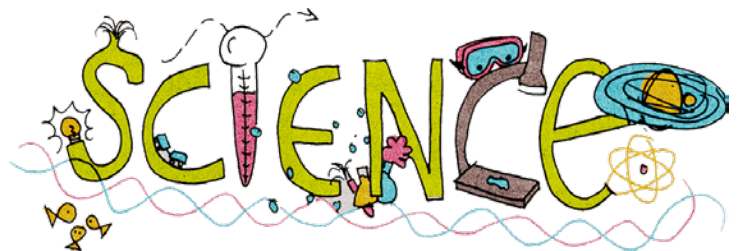
## Year 11 Pupils: Amazing Apprenticeships - Parents Pack

This extremely valuable document will help prepare Year 11 pupils for future employment opportunities and includes tips on writing a CV and completing an application form, through to preparing for an interview and employer top tips. It's also useful reference even if the next step is into further education.

This document has been emailed to all Year 11 pupils and their parents. A copy is available to download from the dedicated Year 11 page on the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-11-latest-updates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-11-latest-updates)



Hello from the  
Science Department



Students have been working hard on their remote learning in Science since we were forced to start learning remotely, whether that be Seneca assignments, Doodle quizzes or paper-based tasks. To recognise the efforts of so many of our students, we have started a weekly Head of Department's Award.

We are pleased to announce the following winners for the past two weeks:

Year 7 - Lucy B (H7) and Lucas R (D6)  
Year 8 - Brandon L (H7) and Ben M (D6)  
Year 9 - Libby W (R5) and Alex P (C7)  
Year 10 - Amy L (H6) and Louis R (C4)

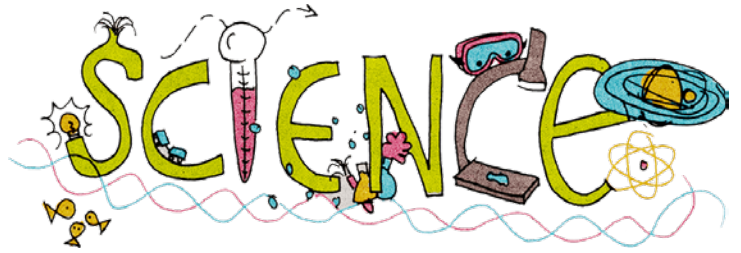
Big congratulations to those students, and to all others nominated by their teachers. Keep working hard and trying your best, remember that should you need help you can email your teacher directly, or put a message in the Science Team group for your year where one of our team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mr Bedford  
Head of Science

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Since pupils started remote learning the Science Department has been impressed with the consistent hard work of pupils. This is their everyday work and so not as photographic but nevertheless, it's just as important that it doesn't go without celebrating. Below are just some examples of the many pieces of Year 8 work we are sent each week.



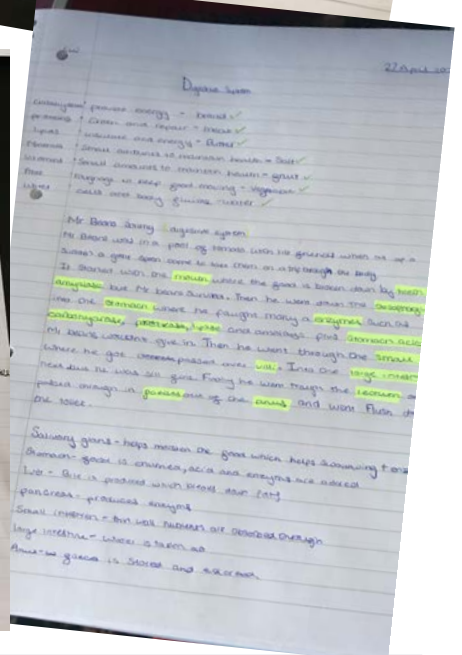
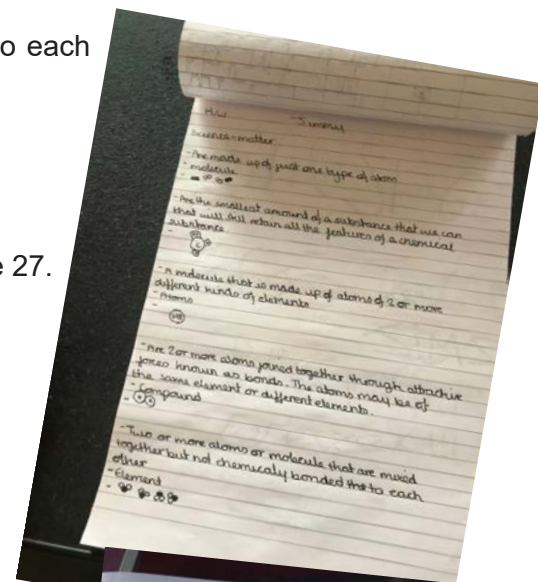
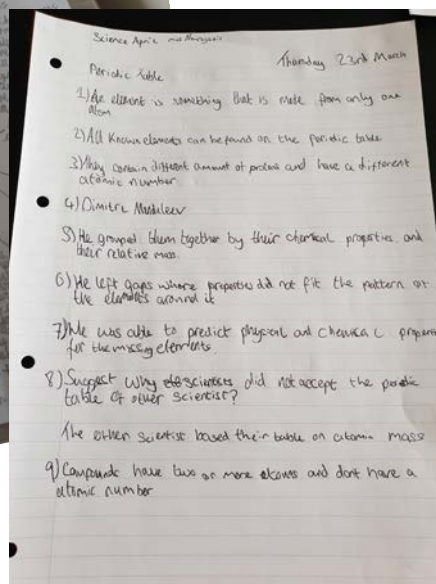
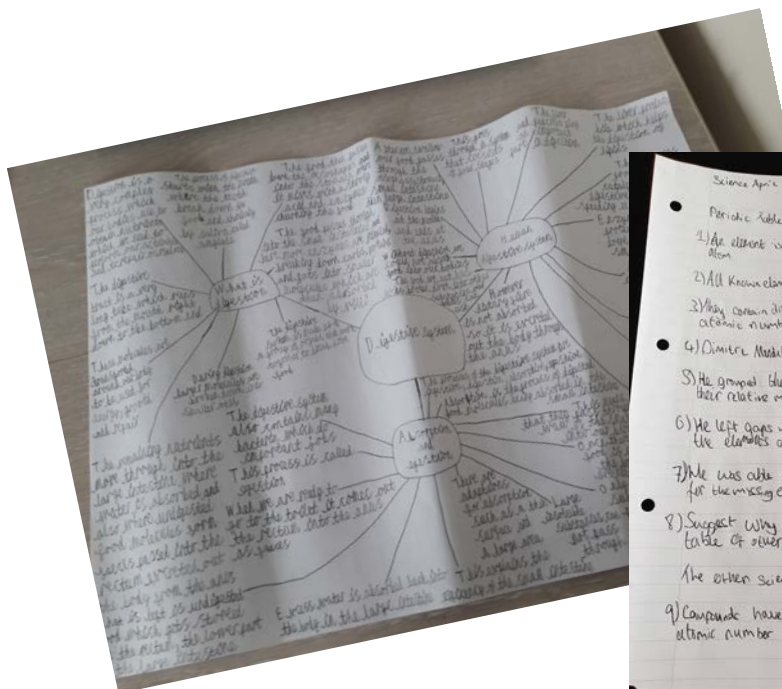
Well done: Maya P (D4), Jimmy S (C1), Leo S (D2), Brandon L (H7). Some beautifully presented work there too!

As part of last week's work we asked pupils to review the learning they have done so far and prepare a quiz which could be published here in this newsletter. Thank you to Ben M (D6 Yr8) for putting together this quiz for you all to try. Good luck!

1. What is the first part of the digestive system?
2. What state can an element be found in?
3. What is the only metal that is a liquid at room temperature?
4. What is conduction?
5. How does radiation travel?
6. What enzymes breakdown protein?
7. What contains different substances that are not chemically joined to each other?
8. What is digestion?
9. Why do people use chemical symbols instead of words?
10. What enzyme breaks down lipids?

Answers on page 27.

Mrs Massey  
Assistant Head of Science



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## In memory of ...

### Mrs Lucas - Deputy Headteacher

(late 1960s - to early 1990s)

Mrs Lucas, who was Deputy Head, alongside Mr Howard and Mr Stringer, until the early 1990s sadly passed away on Sat, 2 May. She was 90.



She was in a nursing home and we have been informed she passed away peacefully. She was also a Maths teacher at Priory with a reputation for being quite strict but her pupils knew how much she cared too.

We are trying to find some better quality photos of Mrs Lucas and also establish her exact term at Priory in order to write an obituary. Former pupils have added some really emotional, humorous and reverent comments to the post in the Alumni Facebook group. Here's a selection:

*A superb maths teacher, very strict but every now and again she would let her guard down and reveal in wicked sense of humour!*

*She was fierce and had true gravitas but a real genuine kindness. I remember her walking down the queue for lunch making all us girls pull our socks up (which were neatly scrunched round our ankles). Always fondly remembered.*

*She was strict but you knew not to get out of line! Wish there were more like her still.*

*She always used to shout, pull your socks up!!*

*Very strict, but she had great sense of fun when you got her talking. She was an excellent maths teacher, really took her time to explain things - I would not have passed my O level without her.*

*I remember she ruled the roost, and hated rolled down socks!!*

*Pull your socks up!!! RIP Mrs Lucas.*

*Mrs Lucas taught me from '81 to '83 and by my recollection the most inspirational teacher that I have ever been taught by. I have a much to thank her for. RIP*

*Class of 1988, Remember her well, she never failed to spot socks rolled down, especially on the "fast walk" to the dinner queue. RIP Mrs Lucas x*

*I do remember her well. Always had her bag on her shoulder with her hand through the strap. She didn't walk, she marched along and confronted you head on ! Brilliant lady.*

*She was a very well respected teacher and senior level management leader. Such a shame to hear of her passing and on behalf of the 1989 leavers I would like to pay our respects to Mrs Lucas and her family at this time. May she rest in peace.*

#### Do you have any memories of her to share?

Please email Mrs Yates, Communications Supervisor, [j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk). If you are a former pupil you can also visit our Alumni Facebook group to add your memories to the post on the page and share them with





# HISTORY COMPETITION

## WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

# FACT

Do you know an historical fact that will make us go 'eww', 'ohh' or 'really!'?

Humanities teacher, Miss Ackers, is challenging pupils to come up with a fact that is funny, bizarre or unbelievable.

Each week the best one will be published here in the Priory Post with a prize awarded for the best over the term.

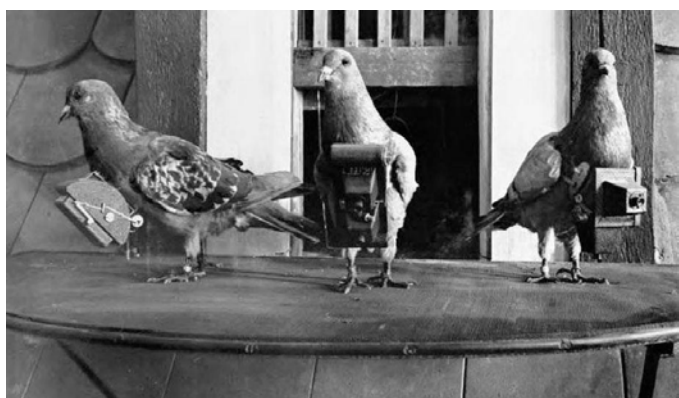
You can ask your family and friends, search the internet, read or watch Horrible Histories, or divulge something that's just stuck in your memory!

Email your facts to [b.ackers@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:b.ackers@priory.lancs.sch.uk) before Thursday, 12 noon each week.

All entries must be factually accurate.

**This week's winner is: Rhianne L (Yr9 D4)**  
(see next page for her fact)

**Last week's came in from our Chair of Governors, Mr Burke - very topical for the day and he even threw in a joke >>**



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Pigeons were used as spies during World War 2

I've got a background in aerospace engineering, and worked in aerial reconnaissance for some time (taking photos from above). This has been going on for many

years, but interestingly (to me) one of the first examples of using it in wartime was during World War 2, when both the Germans and the British army trained pigeons to fly over enemy territory with a small clockwork camera attached to them. Amazingly it worked quite well, and overhead pigeons were rarely suspected to be spies.

So below are some of the British Secret Pigeon Service of Operation Columba (I don't know their ranks - but suspect the one in the middle is a Flight Sergeant, haha).

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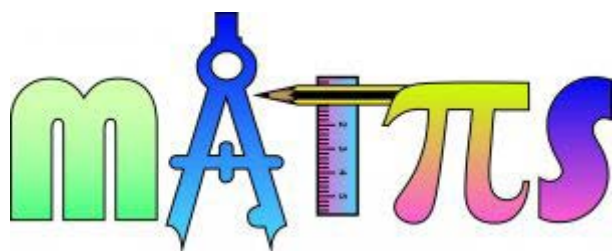
Thank you, Rhianne, for this bizarre fact:

**The Prussian emperor once kidnapped tall people because he wanted his armies to be tall! They were called the Potsdam Giants.**

King Frederick William I of Prussia's military interest was in creating his own personal regiment of extremely tall men. The only requirement for joining the regiment was that recruits had to be over six feet tall. Some of the Giants willingly volunteered themselves for service but many were abducted, sold or even bred into the regiment. This obsession manifested itself in strange ways and the soldiers were treated almost as circus freaks.



Full story: [www.historyanswers.co.uk/history-of-war/the-potsdam-giants-how-the-king-of-prussia-bred-an-army-of-super-soldiers/](http://www.historyanswers.co.uk/history-of-war/the-potsdam-giants-how-the-king-of-prussia-bred-an-army-of-super-soldiers/)



## #WEEK3 The Maths Department go online with their weekly challenge...

Every Tuesday afternoon during term time the Maths department will be publishing a video challenge. Pupils will have until the following Monday afternoon to submit their answers.

All year groups can take part however higher mathematical standards will be expected from the older pupils.

The challenge will be issued to pupils via email and will include supporting information where necessary. Points will be awarded for taking part, creativity and accuracy.

**Assistant Head of Maths, Mr Henshaw, emphasised:** *"Remember we really want to see your working out so please take a photograph of your solutions as well as your final answer. There's been a fantastic response so far. We are also keeping a running scoreboard and it's very tight at the top! Keep your answers coming in and we will give out prizes in weeks to come."*

All the Maths staff will feature in the videos over the series - this week Mr Hunter's gone a bit quackers in front of the camera!

### Challenge #3 - Hungry Duck

"How long will it take Mr Hunter's duck to eat 50 pieces of sweetcorn?"

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4-3W6fyqTA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4-3W6fyqTA)

State any assumptions you have made in your solutions. There is no supporting information for this task. All the required information is in the video.

Answers should be submitted to: [mathematics@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:mathematics@priory.lancs.sch.uk) | Deadline - Mon, 1 June (4pm)

Answer to #WEEK1 challenge published in 7 May newsletter >> [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgBJtpxKxXI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgBJtpxKxXI)

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# Want to know more about the world around you?

Humanities teacher, Miss Makinson, will be starting a Geography Club for Years 7, 8 & 9 on our return to school. The club will be an opportunity to explore the world around us through fun and exciting activities on topics such as travel, our local area and the natural world.

**You can get involved now by entering a competition to find:  
Priory's Geographer of the Year!**

## Where can geography take you?

Whether you've always wanted geography to take you to a fascinating place, to help you get into a particular career or to help you understand one of the many challenges facing our world - **we want to know where geography can take you!**

## What do I have to do?

All entries must clearly illustrate where geography can take you and adhere to the following criteria;

- Excellent attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Use of accurate geography terminology throughout.
- Clearly labelled and appropriately acknowledged sources, including diagrams, charts, maps or images.
- Accurate use of symbols and keys were appropriate.
- Original and independent.

## What should I produce and include?

- An A3 poster either on paper or digitally.
- Describe two or more ideas as to where geography can take you.
- Discuss the skills that geography can provide you with.
- Use at least two annotated diagram, charts, maps or images.

The deadline for all entries is Mon, 8 June.

Entries or any questions should be emailed to

Miss Makinson at [m.makinson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.makinson@priory.lancs.sch.uk)





# Department for Education

# Information and Support for Parents from the Department for Education

## New

### **Guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people**

We have published guidance for parents and carers on the opening of schools and other education settings to more children. This guidance provides information on when and how we will open education settings to more children.

The guidance can be found here:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers)

## New

### **Testing now available to anyone with symptoms of coronavirus**

The government has announced that anyone with symptoms of coronavirus is now eligible to book a test, ahead of the rollout of the test and trace service. Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough; high temperature; or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia) can book a test.

A Coronavirus test can be booked here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### **Launch of the Oak National Academy online classroom and resource hub**

The sector-led Oak National Academy has today launched its online classroom and resource hub. The Academy offers 180 video lessons each week for schools to use, across a broad range of subjects. The lessons cover children in Reception through to Year 10 and are free to use by both teachers and young people.

The Oak National Academy can be accessed here:

[www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy)

## New

### **Guidance for parents and carers on supporting their children's education during the coronavirus outbreak**

We have published information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home during the coronavirus outbreak.

Guidance on helping secondary school children continue their education during the coronavirus outbreak can be found here:

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

We have updated our guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home to include information on the wider opening of educational settings.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

### **Online educational resources to support children to continue learning at home**

We have published a list of online resources that parents, and schools can consider to support children to continue learning at home. The list will be updated over time, and includes a wide range of resources for all ages that schools can consider using as part of their planned curriculum. Schools have already been drawing on existing resources and tools they are familiar with to support children to continue learning at home and should continue to do so.

More information can be found here:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources)



# How About A Media Competition Folks?

Your job is to create a news bulletin for a spoof 'news' story from around your house and record it in the style of a news article from the BBC or Sky News. For example: "Exclusive - Mum takes cake out of oven!"



The winner (only one) will be selected based on criteria such as making your judges laugh and sounding official and serious yet silly. Extra points for dramatic portrayal!

You will need to email Mrs Gidden, Head of English, your BREAKING NEWS articles at [a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk) with the header 'Spoof News Competition'



The English Department can't wait to see the 'dramatic' goings on around your homes.

The winner will receive an Amazon voucher in the post.

**Deadline: Friday, 5 June.** Happy filming and news reporting some seriously funny stuff!



## The English Department's Stars of the Week

These pupils have been going above and beyond - they've submitted lots of work and have been fully engaged with their projects and teachers online.

**Jasmine R (Yr10 R4); James M (Yr9 D1); Tom D (Yr9 H8); Alfie D (Yr9 H8); Rhianne L (Yr9 D4); Toni-Leah S-D (Yr7 H2); Lily A (Yr8 R2); Erin C (Yr10 R5); Maya P (Yr8 D4); Ben R (Yr9 D1); George H (Yr8 C7); Samuel H (Yr8 R4); Paige H (Yr8 D1); Koushal K (Yr8 C3)**

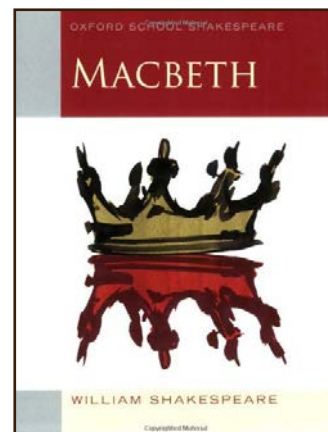
## Year 9 English Literature

Year 9 pupils will be starting their study of Shakespeare's Macbeth after half term. This will be their GCSE English Literature set text and one they'll eventually be examined on in their final exams.

We are therefore recommending that pupils have their own copy of the text itself. This will also mean that pupils can highlight and annotate the book during the course of study, making it a valuable revision aid for them. Pupils will need the actual play-script not a text guide or revision guide.

Books can be purchased from retailers such as Amazon for around £6.00.

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# Are you a Random Reader?

## COMPETITION TIME

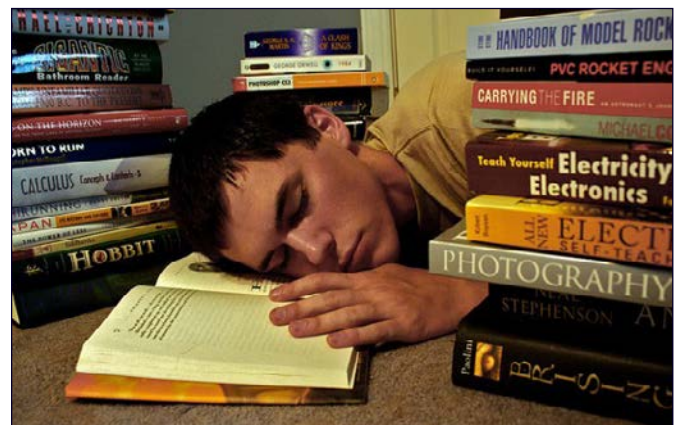
**As it's impossible to run this term's Get Caught Reading at the moment, in its place we've got 'RANDOM READER'.**

The winners (one per year group) will be the person who sends Mrs Gidden and Mrs Robinson the most RANDOM of reading pictures. As long as a) you're actually reading the book and b) it's creatively random, you could be in with a shot of winning. It's a perfect excuse to read and be a little bit silly!

**Entries must be in by Tues, 2 June**, via email and must be captioned 'Here's me (name) reading (book title) in (random place or random situation)'. The winners will be announced on Fri, 5 June with achievement points and gift vouchers awarded to the winners.

Thank you to Year 10 pupil, Diogo, for this competition idea. We hope you have a bit of fun with it and, more importantly, share your love of books and reading.

Email your photos to [a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk) AND [e.robinson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:e.robinson@priory.lancs.sch.uk).



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# English Department

## The Charles Causley Trust's Young Person's Poetry Competition



In celebration of the work of Cornish poet Charles Causley, the Young People's Poetry Prize 2020 aims to encourage and enable young writers to have a go at writing poetry themselves.

Charles wrote prolifically for adults and for young people and much of his inspiration came from what was going on around him in his home town of Launceston in Cornwall.

*With this in mind, we want our young poets to be inspired to write their own poetry responding to this year's theme of 'Environment'. Poems can be any form or style but no longer than 40 lines excluding the title.*

As a school, we are entering Year 7 and 8 pupils however anyone age 5-18 can enter the competition as an individual and should do this direct with the Causley Trust if they wish (see website below for how to enter).

Prizes include vouchers, books, and other writing-related treats! Plus, winners will be invited to a prize-giving event hosted by the Trust's Patron, Patrick Gale, in October 2020 at the North Cornwall Book Festival.

Visit <https://causleytrust.org/the-2020-charles-causley-young-persons-poetry-competition/> to find out more.



In the current circumstances, we hope this competition can be used as a creative and inspiring resource during school closure. Extra time at home could be a great opportunity for children to think about the environment and get down to some wonderful creative writing!

**If you're in Year 7 or 8, please submit your entries to Mrs Robinson-Ali, Assistant Head of English, via email at [e.robinson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:e.robinson@priory.lancs.sch.uk). Deadline: Mon, 6 July 2020.**

## Guess the Book Character...

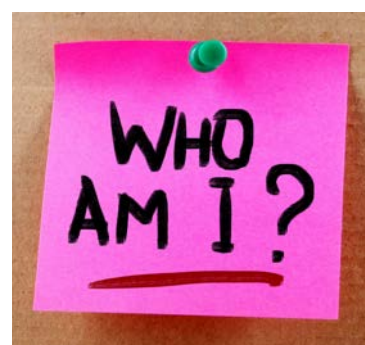
Can you guess the character from popular books?

**Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)**

1. 'My name is a colour', 'I am not very well', 'My favourite book is 'An Imperial Affliction'.

**Key Stage 4 (Year 10-11) - The second question will be based on the English Literature set texts to keep you sharp!**

2. 'I died a young woman', 'I had a big brother', 'I had one son named Fred'.





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# National Poetry Competition



If you want to challenge your creative writing, why not try this competition. The English Department haven't set this on Doodle; this is just an optional extra - with some great prizes!

Please note that you should submit your entries direct to the competition organisers and not via school\*. Parents can enter too!

Get creative with the Divine Chocolate & Christian Aid Poetry Competition, now in its 18th year. This year's theme is

***'Where does the chocolate journey begin?'***

The competition has three categories: 7-11 year olds | 12-16 year olds | 17 years and over

They've even provided some pointers to set you on the right track:

Cocoa grows on trees | The journey through history | From bean to bar | Into the future. [www.papapaa.org/files/poetry-guide.pdf](http://www.papapaa.org/files/poetry-guide.pdf)

Remember - Don't write about other chocolate companies!

Full details and to enter go to: [www.divinechocolate.com/news/poetry](http://www.divinechocolate.com/news/poetry)

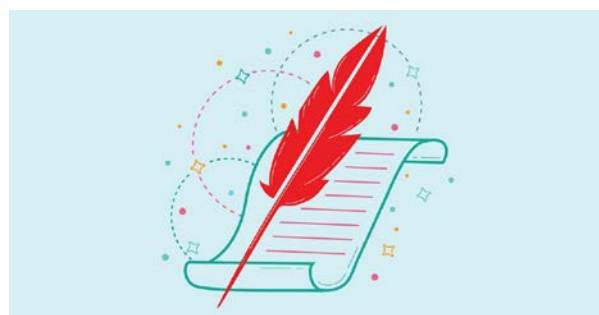
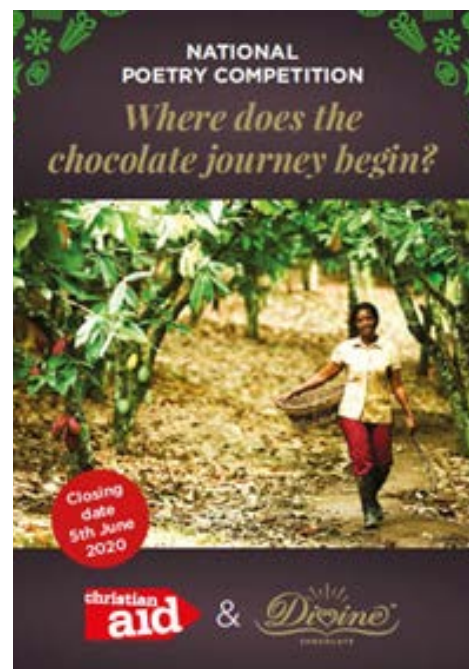
The closing date: 5 June 2020

The winner will get a film of their poem being read by this year's guest judge, Onjali Raúf, winner of the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize 2019. They will also receive book tokens and lots of delicious Divine Chocolate goodies!

Enquiries should be submitted direct to the competition organiser - see website as above or contact Tom Steele on 07815 771 939 or [tom@tradingvisions.org](mailto:tom@tradingvisions.org).

\*If you want to share your poem with school, please email it to English Teacher, Mrs Elliott, however please note that she will **not** be able to enter it for you -

[j.elliott@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.elliott@priory.lancs.sch.uk).



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# Que faites-vous pendant les cours de français?

What do you do during French lessons?

Over the last two weeks they have been using the verb être (to be) to create and describe celebrity families and this week have been doing a scavenger hunt.



Year 7 - Jack J (C4), Martha McCa (C7)  
Year 8 - Alfie P (C4), Aaron W (D6)

### MA FAMILLE

**Ma mere – Amanda Holden**  
c'est une personnalité de la tele

**Mon grand-père – Tom Jones**  
Il est chanteur et juge de television

**Ma grand-mère – Judi Dench**  
Elle est actrice, auteur et chanteur

**Mon frere le chanteur et ex bande de garçon**

### Ma fameuse famille

**Ma arrière grand mère s'appelle Elizabeth II.**  
Elle est très travailluse et gentille

**Mon grand-père s'appelle Thomas.**  
Il est vraiment grand et très paresseux.

**Mon père s'appelle Douwe Johnson.**  
Il est très fort et riche.

**Ma mère s'appelle Sarah Williams.**  
Elle est vraiment sportive et joue au tennis.

**Mon frère s'appelle Tom Holland.**  
Il est très drôle.

**Ma sœur s'appelle Isla.**  
Elle est extrêmement bête.

**Mon oncle s'appelle Chris Hemsworth.**  
Il est un très bon acteur.

**Mon chien s'appelle Scooby Doo.**  
Il est assez malade.

### Une fameuse famille

**Mes soeur est assez content**

**Mes parents sont vraiment travailleur**

**Mes grand-parents sont gentils**

**Mon chiein est tes drôle**



## Learn to sing it in French! Je voudrais un bonhomme de neige

(Do you want to build a snowman? | Disney's Frozen)

This is a song on [lyricstraining.com](https://www.lyricstraining.com).

lyricstraining Genres Search Learning French Log In Sign Up

Search for Je voudrais un bonhomme de neige

Pending Review Sort by: Latest

Disney CH #FRA

**Je Voudrais Un Bonhomme D...**  
Coralie Thuillier, Emmylou Homs, Is...

5 years | 39830 plays  
seivatica

To access it on the site, change the set language to French and then search for 'Je voudrais un bonhomme de neige'.

You don't need to set up an account to access this but if you want to then registration is free.

See screen shot opposite.

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## Pourquoi doit-on faire attention à ce qu'on mange ?

15 mai 2020



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## Wondered how the French are reporting on a topic that is currently affecting us all?

The child friendly mini newspaper, 'un jour, un actu', publishes snippets of news in French and has a feature called '1jour, 1question'. Their one question per day article has a little cartoon graphic, a video and a short text so is easy for learners to engage with.

Take a look at their article on: **Why do we have to take care with what we eat ?**

<https://www.1jour1actu.com/info-animee/alimentation>

## French Teatime Trivia

1. Which French city hosts an annual film festival?
2. How long ago was the Eiffel Tower built?
3. What is the Tricolour (Le Tricolore)?
4. Which French football team won 'Ligue 1' in 2019?
5. If you ordered 'les escargots' in a French restaurant what would you be eating?
6. What is a 'TGV'?
7. Three bodies of water (sea/ocean) surround France...can you name all three?
8. Which shape is the country of France often likened to?
9. How many times has Chris Froome won the Tour de France?
10. If you heard 'bonne nuit' what time of the day would it be?

Answers on page 27.



## CORONAVIRUS GOT SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED

**HIGH TEMPERATURE  
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH  
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

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# Mental Health Support

Whether you're a pupil, parent, teacher or parent-teacher, it's the same for all of us. We may feel more tolerant after tweaking these pretty simple sensory triggers >>

## MANAGING CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) ANXIETY

**For You**

- Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage
- Connect through calls/text/internet
- Add extra time for daily stress relief
- Practice self-care
- Focus on your mental health

**For Kids**

- Reassure them that they're safe
- Let them talk about their worries
- Share your own coping skills
- Limit their news exposure
- Create a routine & structure

**For Quarantine/Isolation**

- Keep in contact with your loved ones via social media, texts, and phone calls
- Create a daily self-care routine
- Keep yourself busy: games, books, movies
- Focus on new relaxation techniques

## Things that might impact our patience levels as parents... (sensory edition)

uncomfortable clothes (too tight, scratchy, etc.)

loud noises

being in a small space

bright lights

feeling too hot

being in a big crowd

lots of movement activity around us

visual clutter

bad smells

feeling too cold

too much touch "touched out"

## 10 TIPS TO REDUCE COVID-19 ANXIETY



Focus on things you can control, such as your thoughts and behaviors.



Control how often you check the latest news.



Keep the big picture in mind. Humankind will survive this.



Model peaceful behavior for those around you.



Remember that the size of news coverage may not equal the size of a threat.



Evaluate your own health behaviors and be a model for others, including children.



Let wisdom and logic guide you.



Feeling too isolated? Maintain digital connections with people.



Turn to reputable sources for your news.



Don't let fear influence your decisions, such as hoarding supplies.

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# Photo Competition Winners

Another great week. This week was a tough one - 'Motion'. Lots of great entries and thanks once again to all students who took the time and effort to enter their photos.

It's been a busy term with the photo competition and I really appreciate all your entries. We're going to have a break over the half term holidays so you now have two weeks to gather your photos for the next deadline which will be Thurs, 4 June. The theme for the next two weeks is the colour 'Green'.

The winning entries this week (*judged anonymously*) were:

Abi J (Yr10 C4) - Dog Agility  
India P (Yr7 H7) - Muddy Puddles  
Mr Metcalfe! - River Dog

My own dog, Bruno, has been enjoying the lovely weather we have been having and always enjoys a good swim in a river. Once he's in - you can't get him out. Thanks to my anonymous judge for selecting this photo!!

It just missed the deadline for 'Water' week but it's such a fabulous photo from Mr Taylor that we couldn't not include it. Taken by the Lead Teacher for Music on VE day, the photo shows the River Calder at Whalley in the Ribble Valley.

Have a lovely and restful half term and I hope you continue to stay safe and well. I look forward to your entries before 4 June.

Mr Metcalfe  
Head of Humanities

Last week's winners with a 'Macro' theme, in no particular order were:

Caitlin W (Yr10 C3) – Daisy  
Will J (Yr9 C1) – Disc droplets  
Jack J (Yr7 C4) – Dandelion

Well done to all our students involved.

**Next week it's 'Green'.**

**To enter:** Email your photos from your school email address to Mr Metcalfe at [p.metcalfe@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:p.metcalfe@priory.lancs.sch.uk). Entry closes each week at 12 noon on Thursday with the winner announced on Friday. See poster above for full details.



Why not join our weekly photo challenge? Whether you use your smartphone or you are a budding photographer – send us your photo of the week.

The theme next week is

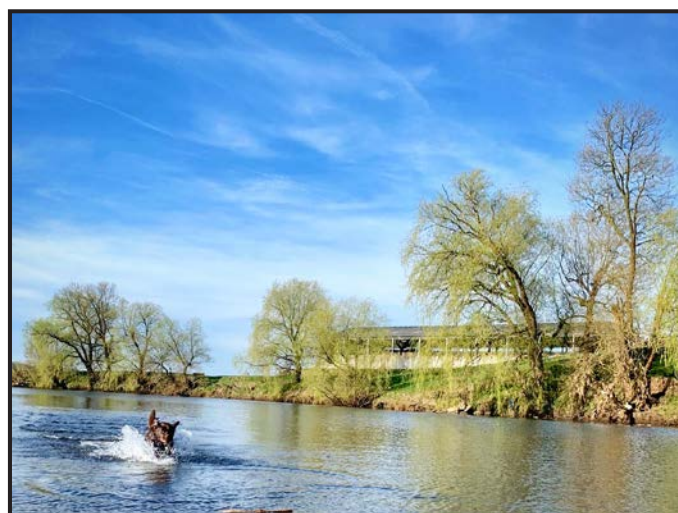
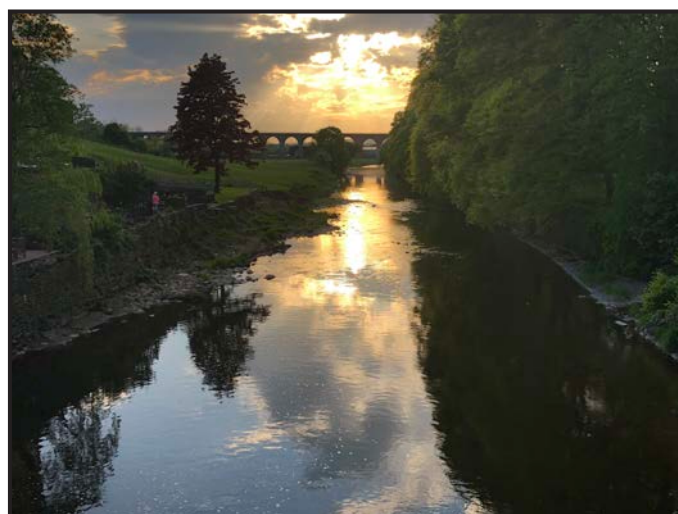
## Green

Email your photos to

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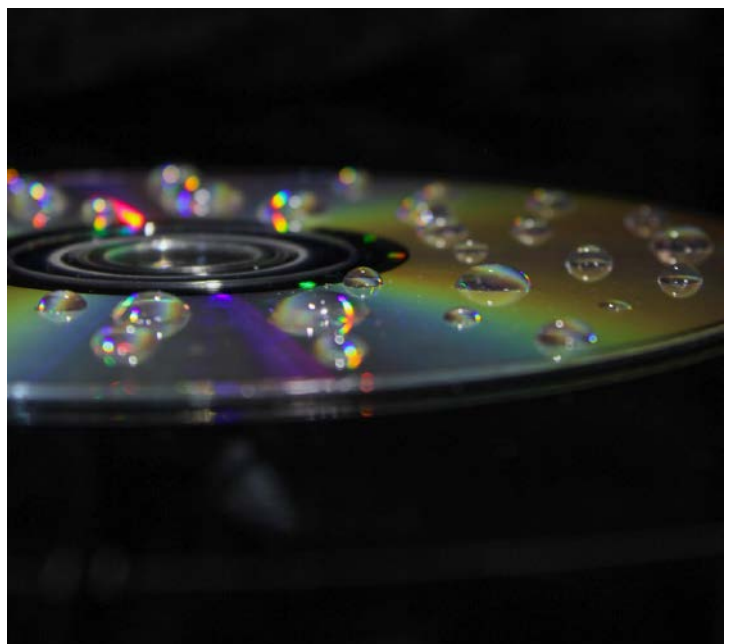


Each week, Mr Metcalfe and Mr Eccles will choose their top 3 photos that will be published in the school newsletter and on our social media platforms.



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To the Staff and Parents of Priory Academy,

Here at Justs, we are really looking forward to welcoming back our lovely customers from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, government-permitting. We hope you have stayed safe and well during this challenging time, and we thank you for your patience as we await updates from the government.

To make sure we are keeping everybody safe, we have been working hard to put a number of measures in place to help our reopening run as smoothly as possible and we kindly ask that you read the guidance below:

- Justs will be open from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, on an appointment-only basis.
- We will be prioritising new Reception children and new Year 7 children who need first-time uniform.
- Please ring the shop on 01772 743807 from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June between 10am and 4pm to make an appointment, stating your child's school and year group.
- If you would like to contact us prior to this date, please send your enquiry to [info@justsclothing.co.uk](mailto:info@justsclothing.co.uk) or via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Justs-Clothing>, including your phone number and someone will get back to you as quickly as possible.

To keep your shopping experience as safe as possible, we will be following government guidelines for retailers on Covid-19, as well as guidance from The Schoolwear Association. At present, we have acted on this advice:

- Strict guidance on social distancing
- Appointment system only
- Hand sanitiser/wipes for customers on arrival
- Reduce number of customers in the shop at any one time  
(*wherever possible*, we are asking for one parent accompanied by one child)
- Sample sizes displayed with restrictions placed on trying-on
- Expert service to help you with sizing
- A measuring guide found on our Facebook page



With this in mind, we strongly advise you to have a good idea of your child's sizing before your appointment at Justs, particularly for secondary school children. We would ask that you bring the child with you as we are an extremely experienced team and will be able to gather appropriate sizes on your behalf upon seeing the child. We always account for growing room so please be reassured that you do not need to wait until August in case your child grows; you can trust us!

This is new to all of us and we are keen to make your school uniform experience as easy and safe as possible so we thank you in advance for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you and encourage you to make an appointment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you all for your continued support, we can't wait to be doing what we love best again and providing you all with high quality school uniform.

Take care and stay safe,

**Dennis and the Justs Clothing Team**



### Name That Tune

1. 1000 miles - Vanessa Carlton 2. Millennium - Robbie Williams 3. Dark Horse - Katy Perry 4. Delilah - Tom Jones 5. Fireflies - Owl City 6. That's what makes you Beautiful - One Direction 7. Don't Stop Believing - Glee/Journey 8. Country Roads - John Denver 9. Paparazzi - Lady Gaga 10. Yellow Submarine - The Beatles 11. Clocks - Coldplay 12. Halo - Beyonce 13. White Stripes - 7 Nation Army 14. Bangles - Eternal Flame 15. I'll be there for you - Rembrandts 16. Baby one more time - Britney Spears 17. American Pie - Don McLean 18. Someone Like You - Adele 19. SOS - Abba 20. Love me Tender - Elvis Presley



### MFL Teatime Trivia

1. Cannes 2. 131 years ago 3. The French flag 4. Paris St Germain 5. Snails 6. The French high speed train 7. The Atlantic Ocean, The Mediterranean Sea and the English Channel 8. L'Hexagone / a hexagon 9. Four times 10. Night time

### Ben's Science Quiz

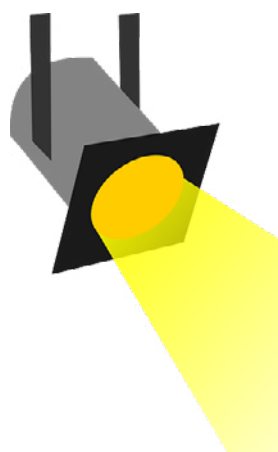
1. Mouth 2. Solid, liquid or gas. 3. Mercury 4. Conduction refers to the transfer of energy through the movement of particles that are in contact with each other. 5. Through a vacuum, or through air or water. 6. Protease 7. Mixture 8. The process of breaking down food into small soluble molecules. 9. Using letters was the easiest way to represent the elements. And it allows for writing chemical formulas easily 10. Lipase

**Guess The Book Character:** 1. Hazel from 'The Fault in Our Stars' 2. Fan from 'A Christmas Carol'

**We finish today for half term | Home school reopens on Mon, 1 June**



## Pupils In The Spotlight



Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is your child please get in touch with the Communications Supervisor, Mrs Yates via email at:

[j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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