

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Meet Gary The Gecko!

Gary is the name voted for by Year 7. A small group of Year 7 students shortlisted the name as part of their role in helping to care for the department's animals. The other names in the shortlist were Jay Jay, Simba and Godzilla!

Under the leadership of science teacher, Mrs Massey, and lab technician, Mr Evans, the group of pupils are helping to care for Gary the gecko alongside Barney the axolotl with maybe more animals to be added!

Mrs Massey said: "In previous years pupils have always taken an active role in caring for the department's animals. We decided to get Year 7s involved with the animals which we have at Priory. We did this as, due to the bubble groups, they haven't been able to visit the science area so this gives them a chance when it is empty.

"It also helps their confidence looking after animals and getting them used to handling, helping and caring for them. The group of pupils visit once a week to learn about the animals and how to care for them. We are seeing their confidence grow and will start to give them more responsibilities."

As part of his new role one of the Year 7s, Anthony, got to hold Gary: "I like the gecko, I am not scared!"

## Key Dates

### Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for this academic year, as well as the following year, are available to view and download from our website?

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

### Tues, 15 June

Science & Tech Activity Day (Selected Year 10)

### Various dates from 8 June - 26 June

Year 9 & 10 Geography Wycoller Field Trip

### Astronomy Club (Year 8)

Thurs, 17 June 3.10pm

### Parents Evenings

Year 7 - 16 June

Year 8 - 28 June

Year 10 - 22 June

### Weds, 23 June

Year 10 Preston's College visit.

### Thurs, 24 June

Learning for Life Day 5  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

### Fri, 16 July

End of Year  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

**Mon, 23 - Fri, 27 August**  
Summer school (new Year 7 intake)

# How's Your First Year Been, Year 7?

**Year 7 pupils have taken to life at Penwortham Priory Academy despite a first year with a difference due to Covid.**

They are enjoying life together as a year group and whilst we were taking these photos recently, we asked them what they thought of their year with us so far...

Thomas R said: "I am enjoying it so far, it's been good."

Summer W said: "My favourite subject is PE, I have met loads of new people and made new friends."

Amelia H said: "It's a good school, I have settled in easily. My favourite subject is drama."

Max B said: "I have made new friends. I like football the best!"

Eloise G said: "All the staff are really friendly. I knew a few people here already so I knew I would be fine. My favourite subject is PE."

Aliyah M said: "It's fun. I have settled in easily as my two older brothers come here. My favourite subject is history."



**Good luck to Year 8 pupils, Samuel D and Preston McM,** who

are into the next round of the UKMT Maths competition. Both pupils received a gold award in the previous stage which kept them in the national competition. They will take their online test next Tuesday morning under the supervision of Maths teacher, Mr Hunter.



**United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust**

**Good luck also to Year 10 pupil, Jazmin A,** who will represent Priory in the Lancashire Schools FA U16s squad as they play against Oxfordshire in the English Schools National Cup quarter final match tomorrow.



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# A Classroom With A View - Blooming Marvellous!

Priory's gardener, Mr Farron, creates such delightful classroom vistas for our pupils. These are just some of the stunning displays that are in bloom around our school at the moment.

Mr Farron has transformed the gardens at Penwortham Priory Academy over the years and continually adds more features. His first task of his tenure was to completely restore the neglected Guild Garden and construct a Sensory Garden. Since then he has produced cameos throughout the school, such as herb gardens for the Food Technology department. The biggest project to date was transforming the Quad by designing and building a large perennial garden for staff and pupils to take pleasure from, as well as the local community outside school hours.

Under Mr Farron, the school has won many awards for its gardens including, in 2016, when we became the first school in South Ribble to win the prestigious Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom North West Environmental Award for Schools, and winning the 'Outstanding School' category at the North West in Bloom in 2019. Last year, Mr Farron was snapped up as a judge for the South Ribble in Bloom awards after we won consecutively for several years!

We hope you'll agree that we are very honoured to have such a calming, relaxing environment that we can all enjoy and benefit from.



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# Astronomy Club (Year 8)

The Science department is recruiting current Year 8s to join their astronomy club with a view to taking a GCSE in the subject.

The club, led by Mr Evans, runs after school every Thursday\* during term time until 4.10pm. There may also be one or two occasions in winter when pupils will have the option to stay a bit longer to carry out observations. There may also be optional out of school trips to observatories during notable astronomical events.



Pupils will study a range of topics including:

Cosmology | Stellar evolution | Exploring starlight | Planetary motion and gravity

The current Year 10 astronomers have just finished their course and their grades have been submitted. Unlike previous years, we are opening this up to *all* Year 8s so they can begin their studies from 17 June.

Letters have been circulated to the year group and can also be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters) Enquiries can be forwarded to Science Technician, Mr Evans, at [j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

\*apologies, there has been a change of day since the article was last published.

**Year 8s - Thursdays (starting 17 June) | Year 9 - Tuesdays**

**Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future.**

At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.



Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

**This term's Priory focus is:**

**Staying Safe:** This can be while out and about on your own or in groups. It can also be regarding locations such as water sources in hot weather (canals, rivers, reservoirs, docks).

**On the curriculum w/c 14 June**

<b>Year 7</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' <b>Who am I as a leader?</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Committing to Growth' <b>No mistakes = no progress</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' <b>Initiative and growth mindset</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning My Decisions' <b>What is university and why go to one?</b>

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# English Department

## Year 10

We have been delighted to welcome our Year 10 cohort into their new bubble area which includes the English department.

The librarians have already been hard at work in their old stomping ground after almost 15 months and the bookworms are back in their little fold in my room!

Today I took my class, 10EW1, all still avid readers, into the sensory garden for 20 minutes quiet reading. I was so proud. It's so great to have my wonderful group back in my classroom and see such a promising group of students warm to the space again. Welcome Year 11 class of 2022!

The whole cohort are already a pleasure to have in our department and are a credit to themselves and their Head of Year, English's very own, Mr Faulkner.

Here's some pics of them making themselves at home again...

Mrs Gidden  
Head of English



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# EnglishDepartment

## Our Year 10 Librarians

As Year 11 leave, Year 10 make the first step into their shoes by moving into the Year 11 bubble area. This means that our super wonderful senior librarians now have access to the library! The library has seriously missed them!

The last 14 months or so have been a challenge in so many ways, but one of our priorities has always been to ensure that the pupils of Priory keep reading. As the pupils have not been able to visit the library, with the help of four lovely trolleys, the library has been visiting them! This has left the library itself in need of some TLC and with the help of our librarians this TLC will be dished out over this final half term.

So, with lots of 'missing' books being returned, generous donations, and over £1000 spent on brand new books, we're going to be busy but will have our lovely library in ship shape for September.

Mrs Elliott  
English Teacher



## Do you have any pre-loved books we could have for our library?



**Classics | Non Fiction | Fiction | Young Adult |**

We're looking to top up our library. Do you have any books that you are wondering what to do with next? Are they suitable for our young adults? Could we have them?

Our library plays a very important role in promoting the habit of reading for pleasure as well as enriching students' intellectual growth.

We can't wait to get our beloved and ever evolving library back to normal or as close as we can manage.

Pupils can drop books off directly with their English teacher or parents may leave them at Reception.

Enquiries can be emailed to Mrs Elliott, English Teacher and Chief Librarian at [j.elliott@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.elliott@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



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# Mrs Elliott's Recommended Read

## The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

In this story we meet Nora. She's not in a good place, in fact she's in a very bad place. Her life seems to be just one long series of regrets. She decides things must change and takes drastic action, the outcome from which isn't quite what she expected.



Nora finds herself in a situation where she gets to experience the alternative lives she might have lived if she'd made different decisions. She is then given the chance to choose which life she wants to live. The question is, which one will she choose?

This one is for anyone who's ever bogged themselves down in regrets and truly believes that things would be perfect if only they'd made a different decision.

This book is a perfect example of how powerful literature can be. It's quite possibly life changing! Can't recommend highly enough...for anyone!



Mrs Elliott  
English Teacher

(Unfortunately, this one is not on AR yet)



Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that schools may use to monitor reading practice and progress. It helps teachers guide pupils to books that are on their individual reading levels. Pupils take short quizzes after reading a book to check if they've understood it. Further information at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/online-learning-platforms](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/online-learning-platforms)

### Here are this week's leaders:

#### Year 7

Emily P	7E2	254,629
Lauren C	7E2	78,885
Chloe W	7W1	60,392

#### Year 8

Lily McM	8E2	328,430
Aisha B	8W1	137,011
Elesha T	8W1	81,433

#### Year 9

Jamie E	9E1	249,490
Courtney M	9E1	161,443
Holly E	9W1	148,971

There's some new names on our leaderboard this week which is fantastic to see. Whose name will be there next time?



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# Colin Chan - Class of 2020

Proud to be Lancashire's No1 for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths), Runshaw College has selected Priory's former Head Boy, Colin, to talk about why he wanted to study physics and his experiences of his A Level course so far.

Colin also tells us about his plans to go on to Cambridge University to study natural sciences, probably in Biology, and continue with a PHD to become a researcher in immunology.

Click here to see how Colin's getting on>>

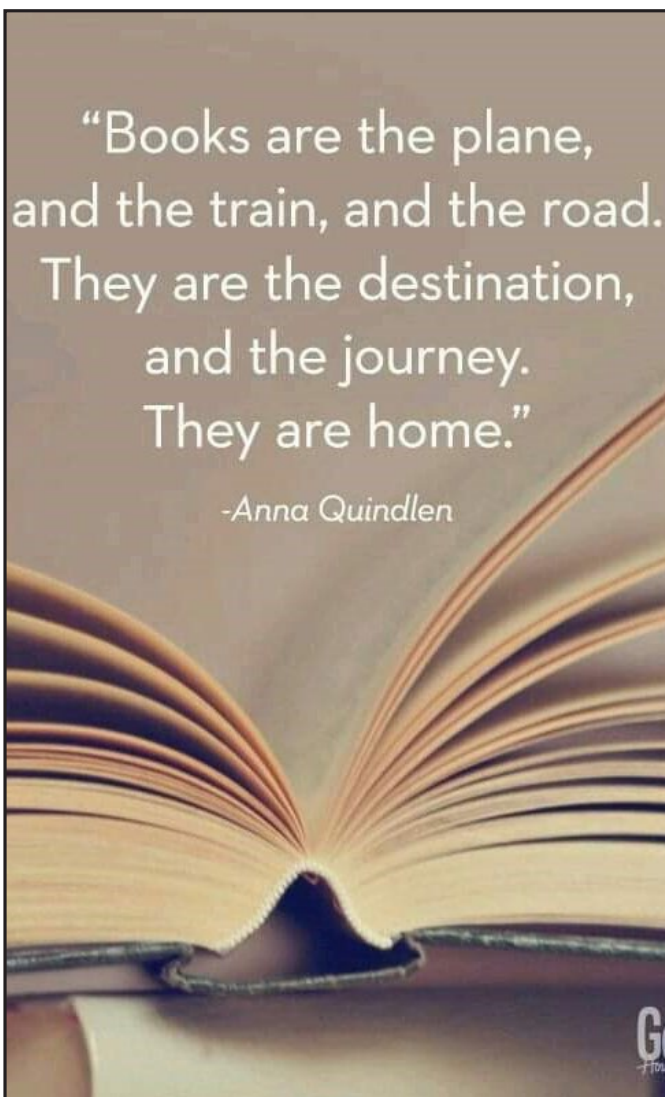
[www.runshaw.ac.uk/meet-our-stem-students](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk/meet-our-stem-students)

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## Colin Chan - Physics

Penwortham Priory Academy



-Anna Quindlen

## Sports Facilities at Priory 3G Pitch Available For Hire

**Half Price  
Offer**  
For junior football  
clubs.

**3G Pitch Hire  
only  
£15 per hour\***

June and July 2021  
Junior Football Clubs Only

\*Half price saving - normal cost £30 for one hour third pitch hire.

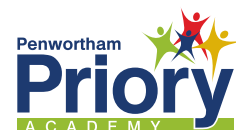
Offer valid for third pitch bookings by junior football clubs only during June and July 2021.

FA registered pitch.



We have a new online booking system, simply click, pay and play <https://pitchbooking.com/partners/penwortham>

Further information on all our facilities go to [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/facility-hire-at-priory](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/facility-hire-at-priory) or email enquiries [lettings@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lettings@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



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# Coming Soon!

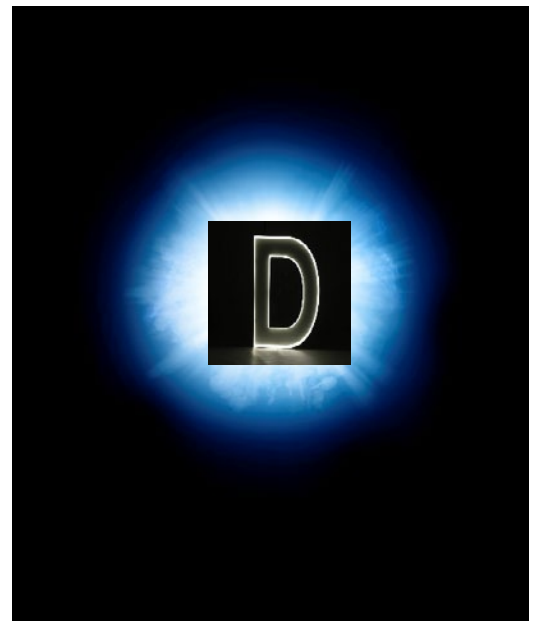
## A L A D

**I am loving your guessing so keep them coming.  
This week's teaser is not just the letter so get  
your brains into gear!**

Please don't forget if you haven't put your name down, get them down quickly as the date for auditions will be out soon. I just can't wait for Priory's musical theatre family to start rehearsing and have even more fun than we had last time!

**HERE IS YOUR  
FOURTH LETTER>>**

Miss Howell  
Lead Teacher for Drama





## Coming to Priory during the summer break ... **Orange Soccer School.**

For more information or to sign up, please go to [www.orangesoccer.co.uk/soccerschool/signup](http://www.orangesoccer.co.uk/soccerschool/signup) Various age categories from 5 to 15. Please note that this is a facility hire and therefore all enquiries/bookings should be directed to Orange Soccer Academy as below.



The poster features a central image of a soccer field with the Orange Soccer Academy logo (a shield with 'OS' and a star) and the text 'ORANGE SOCCER ACADEMY' and 'SOCCER SCHOOL' in large, bold letters. Surrounding the central image are four orange callout boxes with white text, each containing a question and answer. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text 'THE ORANGE SOCCER ACADEMY: SOCCER SCHOOL' and further details.

**Where?**  
Penwortham Priory  
Academy, Crow Hills Rd,  
Penwortham, Preston  
(PR1 0JE)

**Time?**  
8:30am - 4:30pm

**When?**  
Week 1: July 26th-30th  
Week 2: August 16th-20th

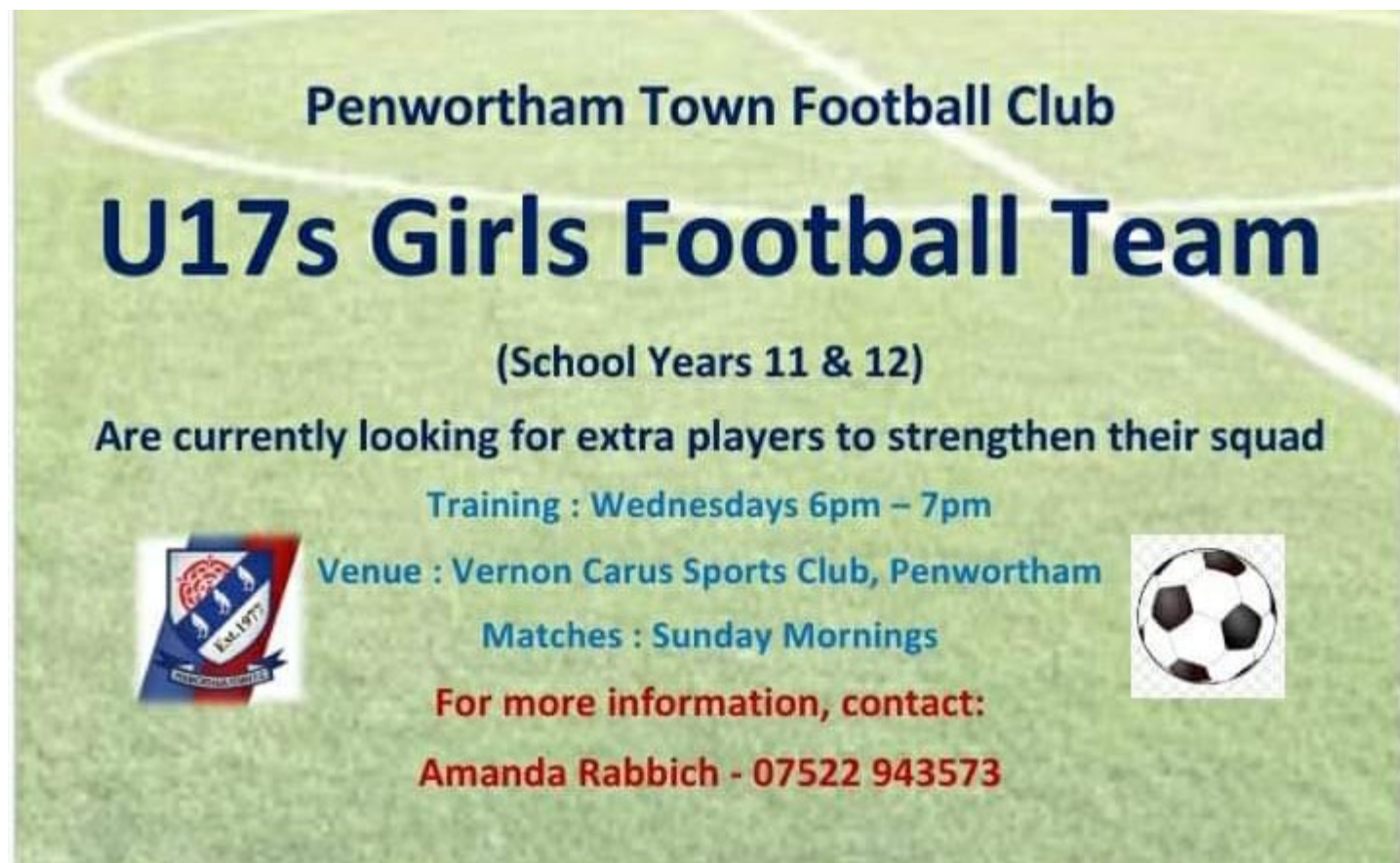
**Cost?**  
£65 per week - early bird  
discount live throughout  
June!

**THE ORANGE SOCCER ACADEMY: SOCCER SCHOOL**

Week long soccer schools for boys and girls aged 5-15!

For more information and to secure your place, please visit:

[www.orangesoccer.co.uk/soccerschool](http://www.orangesoccer.co.uk/soccerschool)



The poster has a green background with a white soccer field. It features the club's crest on the left and a soccer ball on the right. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts in blue and red.

**Penwortham Town Football Club**

**U17s Girls Football Team**

(School Years 11 & 12)

**Are currently looking for extra players to strengthen their squad**

**Training : Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm**

**Venue : Vernon Carus Sports Club, Penwortham**

**Matches : Sunday Mornings**

**For more information, contact:**

**Amanda Rabbich - 07522 943573**

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## LEADERBOARD



This week's Bedrock leaders are:

### Points

Chloe B	8E2	1891
Lily McM	8E2	1449
Abigail M	8E3	1286

### Average Improvement

Keale C-M	8E1	201%
Akram R	8E1	110%
Aimee-Lee W	8E1	95%

Some excellent scores this week! Scoreboards will also be presented in class.

Extra achievement points will be issued to all these pupils. Postcards, quickdraw entries and certificates will be awarded to those students who are doing well.

Mrs Webster  
Acting Assistant Head of English

This week pupils were learning these word trends ...

### Delicate

very fine in texture or structure; easily broken or damaged; fragile.

*"a delicate lace shawl"*

### Ordeal

a very unpleasant and prolonged experience.

*"the ordeal of having to give evidence"*

### Exponentially

(with reference to an increase) more and more rapidly.

*"our business has been growing exponentially"*

### Candid

truthful and straightforward; frank.

*"his responses were remarkably candid"*

photograph of a person taken informally, especially without the subject's knowledge.

*"the photographer mingled among the guests to take candid shots"*



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## Year 11 Guided Tours At Runshaw College

Slots are now available for their 1:1 Year 11 Guided Tours throughout June.

Click here to book:

[www.runshaw.ac.uk/guidedtour](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk/guidedtour)



## The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair on Weds, 16th June

is a free event featuring a multitude of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and virtual campus tours.

It is aimed at Years 10-13 as well as parents and provides all the information you need to make informed decisions about post-18 options.


More information and registration at:  
<https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/>

Ten interactive webinars will run throughout the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics, such as UCAS Personal Statements, Careers & Employability, Clearing, Student Finance, and Apprenticeships. You can view the webinar timetable and presenters list using this link: <https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable>

After 23 June all webinars will be available to stream on StudentStream along with lots of other videos from universities:

<http://studentstream.co.uk>


- FREE EVENT -




university & apprenticeship search virtual fairs

Wednesday 16th June  
12pm - 6pm

NORTH




Universities  
Colleges and  
Apprenticeships



10  
Live Webinars

Register here



<https://ukunisearchnorth.vfairs.com>

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# Year 11 Childcare Apprenticeship Opportunities at Ashbridge Nurseries

Are you a nurturing and passionate school leaver?

The Ashbridge Nursery and Independent School apprenticeship scheme is now open for applications for their September 2021 intake. See poster opposite>>

To discuss further, please contact Nazma Ahmed at Ashbridge via email at [apprenticeships@ashbridgeschool.co.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@ashbridgeschool.co.uk)

[www.ashbridgeschool.co.uk](http://www.ashbridgeschool.co.uk)

A green and yellow poster for Ashbridge Nurseries Apprenticeships. At the top is the Ashbridge logo with the text 'Ashbridge INDEPENDENT SCHOOL & NURSERY' and 'Apprenticeships' below it. A large yellow banner across the middle reads 'CHILDCARE APPRENTICESHIPS'. Below this, it says 'RECRUITING NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2021'. A list of benefits follows: 'Full-time apprenticeship working towards your Level 2 childcare qualification', 'Locations in Penwortham, Walton-le-Dale, Cottam and Bilsborrow', 'Guaranteed permanent employment on successful completion', 'Continued development to achieve your Level 3 qualification', and 'Fantastic atmosphere, support network and employee benefits'. A yellow box contains the application details: 'APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4TH JUNE 2021', 'INTERVIEW DAY: 14TH JUNE 2021', and 'START DATE: 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021'. At the bottom, there are two photos: one of two young women in school uniforms standing outdoors, and another of a woman sitting with a young child. Social media and contact information are listed at the bottom right: '@ashbridge apprenticeships' on Instagram and 'apprenticeships@ashbridgeschool.co.uk' via email.

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## Careers in Law - Online Event

**CRS | Charles Russell Speechlys**

**Insight to Law**  
**Wednesday 16th June, 5pm - 6pm**

Charles Russell Speechlys are a top 30 law firm headquartered in London with offices across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East and revenues of £120 million. During the event we will provide you with a really great insight into how a law firm works and makes money, the different departments they have, and an opportunity to talk with lots of different solicitors and professionals from the industry! During the session we will also be sharing information around summer work experience opportunities!

**Link in bio to secure your place!**

On Weds, 16 June 5pm - 6pm Young Professionals UK will be hosting an 'Insight to Law' event alongside Charles Russell Speechlys.

Charles Russell Speechlys are a top 30 law firm with offices across the UK. Over the course of the evening they will provide an insight into how a law firm works and makes money, the different departments they have, and an opportunity to talk with lots of different solicitors.

Open to students from Years 10-14, the online event will also include workshops and interactive sessions. Students can also find out about summer work experience opportunities!

Application link: [www.research.net/r/CRS-Law](http://www.research.net/r/CRS-Law)

Spaces are limited so pupils are encouraged to book soon to secure their place.

<https://young-professionals.uk>

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