Penworthan Priory Post



How are you settling in, Year 7?

Head of Year 7, Mrs Bullock, has been impressed with how quickly her new year group has settled into school life.

Transition, due to Covid, has been different this school year but Mrs Bullock says everyone has adapted. "Since March, I have spent the majority of my time emailing or ringing up parents, it's not something we usually do but it was nice. We have a fantastic transition page on the website which was updated daily and I think that helped. Pupils also completed 'All About Me' forms and some of them were hilarious to read, I loved them.

"In their first day, I didn't see a single pupil crying although I did spot a few parents! There has been no major issues, a lost tie or bag but that's been it. They have all adapted so well."

New Year 7 Jane said: "It was different coming here but I have liked it. I made friends really easily. My favourite subject is English."

Molly said: "I came to Priory because it's close to my home and it's unisex. My older brother came here and he is now going to university and my other brother is in Year 9. I like technology, that's fun, maths and PE so far."

Jayden says high school life has been 'cool'. "It's been very good. I came to Priory because as a school, it has all I like to do. I like computing and maths and the facilities here for them are very good. I made friends easily and the food is very good!"

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Key Dates

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

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/ parents/termdates

After School Homework Club begins W/c 21 September

Weds, 23 Sept Learning for Life Day 1 Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Thurs, 24 Sept INSET Day School closed

Mon, 28 Sept Year 9 HPV immunisations

28 Sept, 5, 12, 19 Oct Year 7 Hockey Club

30 Sept AR Star window closes

Fri, 2 Oct Year 7 Bookmark Design Competition deadline

Fri, 2 Oct Special visitor - Layton Williams, star of Everybody's Talking About Jamie. Well done Miss Howell for scooping this for your Drama pupils!



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Aliyah said: "I was nervous before I came to Priory but when I arrived I settled in easily. I have enjoyed maths, computing, technology and English so far. It is a bit weird going from the oldest kids at primary school to the youngest but I am enjoying it."

Phoebe added: "I came to Priory because of the school, teachers and pupils, it has a very good reputation. I

have a brother in Year 11 and a sister in Year 9 and they told me what to expect. My oldest brother also came here and left last year, he was Deputy Head Boy, so all my family has been here. I have a tough act to follow! I have enjoyed PE and Maths."

Jolie explained: "I was scared coming to school as there was only one person from my old school. I didn't think I would be good at making friends but I made friends straight away. I came to Priory because it's unisex and I have a sister in Year 9 and another one who has left. My favourite subject so far is technology."





Overdue Library Book Amnesty

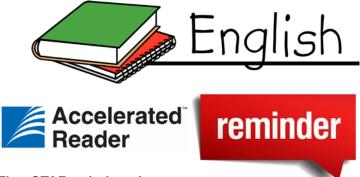
OVERDUE

Please could pupils in Years 8-11 return any library books that were borrowed before lockdown. We have hundreds of books out in circulation and really need them back!

The school library is integral to teaching and learning and plays a very important role in promoting the habit of reading for pleasure as well as enriching students' intellectual growth so we hope you can appreciate that the library must be able to maintain its stock for the benefit of all pupils.

Books should be returned to your English teacher.

Please note this is an amnesty so **no** sanctions will be given.



The STAR window is open now until Weds, 30 September.

All pupils in Years 7-10 must complete their STAR test at home as homework before this date. Some pupils may have the opportunity to do star testing in their AR lessons and some Year 7 pupils may have already completed it over summer - these pupils will know who they are!

Once they have tested we will give them their ZPD code and they can select a book from their year group's library trolley.

Anyone who does not test by 30 September will have to stay behind after school to complete the test. If they are having any trouble with logging in, pupils should speak to their AR English teacher.





A f t e r - S c h o o l Hockey at Priory for Year 7

Starts Mon, 28 September for 4 weeks (5, 12, 19 October). Free!

There is a sign up sheet next to the entrance door on the Music corridor or pupils should let Mrs Bullock or their PE teacher know they would like to join in.

Bring your PE kit. Matches on the Astro pitch from 3.15pm-4.15pm. Pupils will be coached by a professional from Preston Hockey Club.

Blocks for Year 8 and 9 to follow. This is open to boys and girls.

Parents can email r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk



We have now changed how pupils participate in PE lessons.



Year 7

On the day that your child has PE, they will come to school in their full Priory PE kit and remain in this for the full day. This means that they will not need to use the changing rooms but will still be able to participate in physical activity.

They must ensure on the days that they have PE that they remove any important daily items from their blazer ie bus pass, keys etc.

Year 8

On the day that your child has PE, they will come to school in their full Priory PE kit and remain in this for the full day. This means that they will not need to use the changing rooms but will still be able to participate in physical activity.

They must ensure on the days that they have PE that they remove any important daily items from their blazer ie bus pass, keys etc.

Year 9, 10 and 11

Your child will need to bring their full Priory PE kit to school on the days that they have PE.

The only exception is if your child has PE period 1. On that day, they are to come to school changed in their PE kit with their full uniform and shoes in their bag. Before the end of the lesson, time will be given to change into their uniform.

If your child has PE on the last lesson of the day, they will come home in their PE kit with their uniform in their bag.

These measures are in place to minimise the time that pupils are in the changing rooms.

There are never more than two groups who will use the changing room in any one day and these will be cleaned after each group has been in ready for the next lesson.

The changing rooms are being re-arranged so that pupils will get changed in their teaching bubbles within their respective changing room.





Take Your Musical Journey Online With **KTB Music!**

KTB's skilled tutors are primed and ready to teach you, online, in the privacy of your own home using the Zoom app.

1-to-1 tuition is only £6 per lesson for 15 minutes.

How does it work?

- Step 1: Choose your instrument! Learn singing, drums, saxophone, piano or keyboard with any of our four tutors.
- Step 2: Email <u>ktbmusicatpriory@outlook.com</u> for a registration form and our online safeguarding agreement. We will be in touch as quick as we can with details of your first lesson. These will be in the evening or weekend.
- **Step 3:** We will match you with your tutor and email you with details of the lesson and how to access it online.

Lessons are a continuation of in-school learning, and will be private between you and the tutor. Parents/carers will be asked to sign a safeguarding agreement as part of the registration process.

For information please email KTBMusicatpriory@outlook.com or pupils can speak to Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher of Music, at Penwortham Priory Academy | www.ktbmusic.co.uk



Priory Pupil, Leon, Makes The BBC News

Year 8 pupil, Leon, made the national news on Wednesday as his family fight for the return of full time education for his younger brother.

Leon, 12, is a young carer who looks after his brother, Lewis, who has complex needs. Parents of children with special educational needs have

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told the BBC that their children are not being offered the same access to education as their peers because of the restrictions around coronavirus.

Leon feels guilty going back to school because he believes his brother is more in need of a school place (at Astley Park School). Every morning Leon runs out of the house, hiding his uniform, so not to make his brother sad.

We caught up with Leon when he was in Year 7 after he had been fundraising for charities that support children with special needs. "I enjoy fundraising, I just want to give something back especially to places which have helped my brother."

To watch BBC News report go to:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-54165865



The Star of the Show Comes to Priory!

After taking a group of musical boffins (Priory pupils!) to London last November to see Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Drama teacher Miss Howell received an email from its star Layton Williams this week.



The pupils were due to attend a workshop with Layton and two other cast members before watching the West End performance but unfortunately things didn't go to plan. So fastforward almost a year later and, due to a lockdown in theatre land, the workshop is back on! Layton will be coming to Priory on Fri, 2 October.

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Miss Howell Lead Teacher of Drama

The Learning Support Team can offer help with homework revision After and provide computer the rooms: School 3.10pm-4pm access in





After School Homework Club

Year 7 - Hex 1 on Monday

Year 8 - IELC on Tuesday

Year 9 - SC6 on Thursday

Year 10 - LEAP 2 on Thursday

All pupils welcome - just turn up!

From 3.10pm until 4pm

Starts w/c 21 September



NHS

vaccination

Protecting against HPV

Year 9 HPV Immunisations



These will take place on Mon, 28 September in school. The Intra Health immunisation team are contacting parents directly to gain your consent.

Due to current Covid-19 lockdown, last year's Year 8 pupils, both girls and boys, missed their HPV vaccinations, therefore the vaccine is being offered again to these pupils who are now in Year 9. Evidence shows that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV related cancers.

In line with NHS guidelines many public services are now working towards a paper light system. When up and running, they will provide the school with a unique web link to send to parents by email or SMS message. The link will direct parents to a secure online portal were they can complete their child's details and submit a consent or non-consent form. This will then go directly to the immunisation team for review, resulting in the school not having to collect returned forms for IntraHealth.

Diary Dates

School Closed Thurs, 24 September

A reminder that school will be closed on Thursday for INSET day. Unfortunately our Open Evening cannot go ahead this year. Priory's virtual tour and prospectus are available to view and download from the school website at <u>www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour</u>



Learning for Life Day 1 Wednesday, 23 September



Don't forget, Wednesday is a Learning for Life Day so school will finish at 1.10pm.

School buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

Pupils - Please report to your session 1 teacher in your usual classroom (Years 7-10) or your designated room in your bubble (Year 11).

If pupils are absent on this day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.

Sessions covered on Wednesday include:

Year 7 Healthy Body - Importance of physical activity and a balanced diet. Strategies for maintaining personal hygiene, including oral health, and prevention of infection. The influence of the media. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 8 Healthy Mind - The importance of, and strategies for, maintaining a balance between school, work, leisure, exercise, and online activities. Ways of assessing and reducing risk in relation to well-being. Strategies to manage mental changes that are a typical part of growing up. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 9 Relationships - The different types of relationship. What a committed relationship is and legalities. Positive relationship qualities. The media and its portrayal of relationships. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 10 Unhealthy Relationships - Forming and maintaining respectful relationships. Abusive relationship characteristics. End of relationships including the effects of change, including loss, separation, divorce and bereavement. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 11 Futures - What is revision and memory techniques to prepare for mocks. Preston's College sessions on completing applications and careers and apprenticeships.

Inset Pay .. school closed to pupils

Year Group Timetables - Weds, 23 September

Learning for Life Day 1 – Years 7-10



This year you will stay in your base classroom in your bubble. Your teachers will continue to come to you.

	Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4	
	8.50 - 9.35	9.35 – 10.20		10.45 – 11.25	11.25 – 12.15	
Year 7 Healthy Body	Physical Activity	Balanced Diet		Personal Health	The Media	
Year 8 Healthy mind	All mixed up!	Healthy or unhealthyyou decide	reak	Balanced is good!	Sanity!	Lunch
Year 9 Relationships	Media and relationships	Relationships and the law	Br	Different types of relationships	Relationship and self esteem	
Year 10 Unhealthy Relationships	Relationship Abuse			What to do when relationships goes wrong		

Learning for Life Day 1 – Year 11 - Futures



As we do every year, Year 11 will be in technology building for this L4L Day, which is within your bubble. Group lists to follow.

Year 11 Team Leader - Miss Thornton						
	Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4	
	8.50 - 9.35	9.35 – 10.20		10.45 - 11.25	11.25 – 12.15	
11Group1	Applications T3	Careers and Apprenticeships Tech Centre		What is Revision?	Memory Techniques	
11Group2	Careers and Apprenticeships Tech Centre	Applications	reak	Memory Techniques	What is Revision?	unch
11Group3	What is Revision?	Memory Techniques	B	Applications	Careers and Apprenticeships Tech Centre	
11Group4	Memory Techniques	What is Revision?		Careers and Apprenticeships Tech Centre	Applications T3	





Here at Penwortham Priory we continue to embrace technology and ensure that our students can effectively use and benefit from a blended approach to learning. Recent events have highlighted the need for an evolution in our teaching practice and I am pleased to be able to inform you that we will be continuing to explore the benefits of digital learning.

Over the coming weeks and months, students and staff at Priory will be exposed to a period of Digital Transformation, in which there will be a shift in the use of technology to enable a new and more effective style of learning. We must ensure our students are equipped with 21st Century skills to leave us with the currency that allows them access to great things.

Students have been issued with their email address and should now ensure that a successful log in to their Office365 account has taken place. They should also download the Microsoft Teams app on their phones or access this on a tablet or other device. A successful log in to both Office365 and Teams should take place before 25 September.

For guidance or to access Office365 for students, please follow the link here <u>www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/</u><u>office-365</u>

To access Microsoft Teams for students, please click here <u>www.microsoft.com/en-GB/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software</u>

If any student is having difficulty, please contact a member of staff immediately.

Alternatively, please email p.metcalfe@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Parents can also refer to the letter emailed last week which is also available to download from the school website at <u>www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters</u>

Mr Metcalfe Head of Humanities



Students are allocated their email addresses based on their name and year they joined the school.

For example, a student named Andrew Smith who joined the school in 2019, would have an email address as follows: 19asmith@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Year group and email prefix: Year 7 - 20 | Year 8 - 19 | Year 9 - 18 | Year 10 - 17 | Year 11 - 16

Abigail marks her words with the English Department

Year 8 pupil Abigail has made good use of lockdown – by sewing bookmarks!

She made a selection for the English teachers at Priory and has also sold some of her creations.

"I got into sewing at a young age through my grandma and she got me a sewing machine for my eighth birthday. We started making bookmarks during lockdown. I had some fancy buttons with letters on and I decided to make one for each of the teachers in

the English Department with their initials on.

"I also made one for the headmistress of my primary school who was retiring.

"I have carried on making them and sold some for charity as I have done a lot of charity work over the years for charities such as Help for Heroes and sponsored a little girl to go to school in Tanzania. As a family, we also send items to Angola and Cuba."

Head of English Mrs Gidden said: "Abi is adorable, she is one of my senior library assistants even though she is in Year 8.



"She made the bookmarks and sent them by post. They were put in our pigeon holes during lockdown so, just as it seemed bleak with no children in school, receiving them was a real pick-me-up, it showed our pupils were thinking about us.

"Abi took part in a lot of English live lessons during lockdown and now, as we can't go into the library yet, she helps me and Mrs Elliott with the mobile library."



Special Mention Goes To...

Jack K (Year 10 D1)

For his huge contribution to the administration in the English department. "You are a genius, showing enormous initiative and organisation." Thank you!

The English Department

"Why does an elephant use his trunk as a bookmark?

So he always nose where he stopped reading!"



Are You Feeling Creative, Year 8?

Assistant Leader of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, has set all Year 8 pupils a creative challenge which will also prove useful for pupils' Accelerated Reading (AR) sessions.

Using the template provided*, pupils should design their own bookmark within the area specified (the top bit!). The winning design will be printed onto card and distributed to all readers who will then be able to add their name, reading ZPD and their colour code. It also has the web address for the AR site on it!

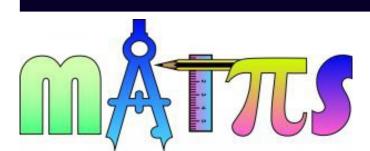
The theme is READING PUNS. Go create!

Year 8 pupils should return entries to their English teacher by **Friday**, **2 October.** Please ensure your name and English class are written on the back. Entries can also be submitted on Microsoft Teams.

*Templates can be collected from your English teacher or can be found on the last page of this newsletter, ready for printing.







Join the Maths Department and sign up to Parallel, a collection of mathematical challenges designed to stretch your brain and make your neurons more squiggly!

Sign up and each week, on Thursday, you can access a new Parallelogram for your year group random mysteries of mathematics. Each Parallelogram should take just 15 minutes to complete each.

As soon as you hit the SUBMIT button, you will be able to see the answers as well as your score.

Interested pupils of any year group should email Mr Kenrick, Head of Maths at p.kenrick@ priory.lancs.sch.uk for the joining code. Pupils can then login to the site each Thursday for a new challenge.

To find out more, go to >> https://parallel.org.uk/introduction

Mr Kenvich Head of Matters

Word the Week.



Adjective

1. enough to meet the needs of a situation or a proposed end The work she produced was sufficient and so she passed her exam.

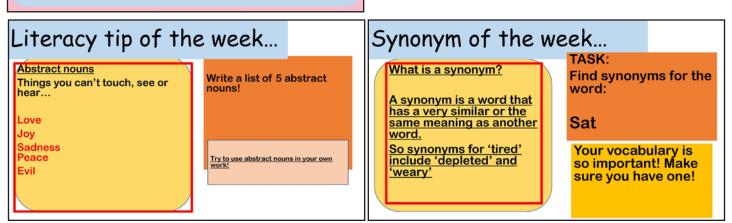
Etymology: from Latin sufficient- 'meeting the need of' Every week teachers will introduce a new word to pupils in their Learning For Life 'Challenge Day' lesson.

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by Simon Singh

Teachers will clearly explain the literacy tip of the week and will reference the Word of the Week in their lessons. Pupils will be challenged about them in curriculum time. Achievement points are awarded for correct use of Word of the Week.

Pupils: Make sure you have checked through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy tip correctly.





COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if	Action needed	Back to school
(coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough
my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms' started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms' started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
somebody in my household has COVID- 19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms' started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

What to do if	Action needed	Back to school
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms' or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	when the child has completed 14 days o self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days
we / my child has travelled and has to self- isolate as part of a period of quarantine	 Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they tes negative during thos 14 days
we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding I am not sure who should get a	 Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even 	when school / othe agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net

Catering Menu Update

More items have been added to the lunchtime menu on the pre-ordering system, such as chicken tikka baguette and salad options for sandwiches.

As the new system is developed further and the catering team adjust to new ways of working, we will add extra items onto the menu as and when they become available.

Please be aware we are having issues with stock availability from some suppliers and we are working to try to resolve this as quickly as we can.

Thank you for your patience.

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Reminders

Unfortunately we are not able to provide cutlery to pupils who have brought their own lunch.



Pupils ordering pasta or salad pots, yoghurt etc will receive cutlery as appropriate through the pre-order system.

Food orders are prepared in the kitchens and delivered direct to the year group bubbles and therefore, to limit contact, no extra cutlery is available.

Water is freely available in school through the water fountains in Year 7 and 11 bubbles. Water jugs are also provided at lunchtime for water bottles to be refilled in Year 8, 9 & 10 bubbles. Tap water is also suitable for drinking.





Start your journey at Priory with our online tour

Sadly, we know that Open Evenings are very unlikely to go ahead this year. So instead, please join Headteacher Mr Eastham as he takes you on a virtual tour of Penwortham Priory Academy.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour







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School Admissions September 2021

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive an email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in the school of your choice. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

Please note that parents who apply after the deadline are often subject to the appeals process.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Closing date 23.59pm on 31 October 2020



Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS or give us a call on 01772 532109

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2020

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'School Admission Policies'.



www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools



PRESTON'S COLLEGE

On Wednesday, Preston's College will be delivering an assembly to Year 11 pupils on completing applications.

The college's virtual open event is Weds, 7 and Thurs, 8 October from 4-7pm. Register at <u>www.preston.ac.uk/virtual-open-event</u>

Other events are planned for Sat, 7 November 10am-2pm Thurs, 28 November 4pm-7pm Weds, 24 March 4pm-7pm



SCHOOL LEAVER

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

7 - 8 OCTOBER | 4PM - 7PM





As the new academic year begins, many pupils will be turning to their parents for support surrounding career guidance and post-16 steps.

This can be a particularly challenging time for parents, as much has changed since they finished school/college.

A new issue of Careermag for Parents is now available to share important insights into careers and qualification pathways.

Download your free copy here >>

https://careermap.co.uk/careermag-parents/







Year 8 Bookmark Competition Template

See page 11 for details

Yesterday a book fell on my head... Well, I only have my shelf to blame!



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Letters

Did you know that our general letters are also available to download from the Parent section of the school website?



www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Be assured that all letters are emailed to parents or given to pupils to take home. However, as a back up, general letters such as those regarding updates, notices, trips, revision guides etc are also on our website.

If you are not receiving emails from us, please ensure we have your correct and up to date email address by calling Reception or emailing <u>enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>.

Do you need Careers	HELP TIPS ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE SUPPORT ADVICE				
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November 2020	 Friday 6th November 2020 Friday 13th November 2020 Friday 20th November 2020 Friday 27th November 2020 				
December 2020	 Friday 4th December 2020 Friday 11th December 2020 Tuesday 15th December 2020 				
If you would like a 1:1 appointment, please email					
	Careers Practitioner/Member				

