

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory takes back sports facilities operations from South Ribble Borough Council

South Ribble Borough Council and Penwortham Priory Academy are pleased to announce some changes to the operation of the sports facilities at Penwortham Leisure Centre from April 2021 following the end of the current dual use leisure service contract.

Penwortham Priory Academy will take back the facilities within the school to operate them in-house. This means the school will take back ownership and management of the 3G football pitch, sports hall and multi-use games area from 1 April 2021 and allow community access to these facilities.

The swimming pool, fitness suite, dance studio and squash courts will remain under the ownership of South Ribble Borough Council and will continue to be managed by the Authority, or its partner, moving forward.

Councillor Mick Titherington Cabinet member for Health, Wellbeing and Leisure said: "We have been in discussions with the school and we continue to share the vision to make leisure facilities available to our community. We have built up a very good working relationship with the school and have every confidence that Penwortham Priory Academy will continue to provide outstanding facilities and opportunities to the people of Penwortham. Priory, along with other schools and partners, will ensure the people of South Ribble are able to make healthy lifestyle choices."

Both the school and the council will create a board to hold twice yearly meetings to integrate community access to the school sports facilities in line with South Ribble's Leisure and Sport Facility Strategy.

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Communications Updates

Through these uncertain times, please ensure that you check the school's communication channels for updates on the dynamic situation we find ourselves in.

All updates are emailed / texted to parents so please ensure we have your most up to date email address and mobile number.

If you are not receiving messages, please check your spam in the first instance before getting in touch with the school office to verify your details. You may also update us by emailing enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

All whole-school broadcasts are also posted to the school website via the News and Letters pages and are also on our social media.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news

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

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Headteacher Mr Eastham said, "Following the end of the current dual use agreement, we are delighted to become a collaborative partner with South Ribble, contributing to the delivery of their long term Leisure and Sport Facilities Strategy by continuing to provide and enhance our school facilities for the people of Penwortham. We look forward to achieving the ambitions and objectives set out in the South Ribble strategy. By providing more of our school facilities for use by more people in our local community, we will be able to contribute to the borough wide ambition of 'Leisure Local' and 'More People More Active'. It makes great sense and we have exciting and ambitious plans to further develop and improve our offer to the local community, by delivering high levels of user satisfaction at a local level."



Images: Sports hall as it is now. Bottom picture shows as it was.

As part of the handover, in partnership with South Ribble Borough Council, the school sports hall will be completely refurbished. New lighting has already been installed and a new floor fitted followed by painting which will be completed by the end of January.

Year 7, 8 & 9 Creative Arts Rotations

There will be the usual rotation of classes in Art, Drama and Music from Mon, 1 February.

Pupils in Years 7-9 will therefore be receiving work from their new subject from that date.

**The staffing /
subjects for will
therefore be...**

**Mrs Hopes
E/W1 - Art**

**Miss Howell -
E/W2 - Drama**

**Mr Taylor
E/W3 - Music**



Led by Miss Ackers, we'll be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. There'll be recommended activities for pupils to do to improve their mental health and help them to express themselves - which is the theme this year.

More information at >>

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

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Immunisations Year 9 Boys & Girls



This week parents of Year 9 pupils have been issued with a link, via email, to access the consent form and accompanying information for **Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations**.

Whilst a date has not been set for the vaccinations to take place in school, IntraHealth, the schools' immunisation team, would like to obtain consent as soon as possible so that they are ready to move forward when circumstances allow.



www.nhsimms.uk/TDIPVACWY/information?Id=138948&Type=TDIPVACWY

The link will direct parents to a secure online portal where they can complete their child's details and submit consent or non-consent. This will then go directly to the immunisation team for processing.

Please access the link as soon as possible - you should submit a response even if you wish to decline although you are encouraged to take up these vaccinations for your child. The link will close on Sun, 7 February 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the vaccination itself or you have problems with the link please contact the vaccination team direct on 0333 358 3397 option 6.



Congratulations Mrs Robinson-Ali!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of baby number two for Mrs Robinson-Ali.

The Assistant Head of English delivered her little boy, Sulayman Laith (pictured), safely into this world during the late hours of Fri, 8 January, weighing 8lb 1oz. Both mum and baby are doing well.

And congratulations also go to Mr Metcalfe and his wife who welcomed baby Nina Lily on Wednesday evening, 20 January, weighing 7lb 13oz. Mum and baby well but all are tired! Also to Mr Sneddon and his partner who had a baby boy, James, in the early hours of yesterday.

Many congratulations from the Priory family!



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How's The Home Learning Going?

Penwortham Priory Academy Deputy Headteacher Mrs Cowell has said the positive feedback from parents has shown the school's lockdown strategy is a success.

The majority of Priory pupils are working from home while a small percentage, children of key workers and vulnerable pupils, are in school.

The pupils that are in school are receiving the same lessons as the pupils at home.

"We used Microsoft Teams in the first lockdown to deliver live lessons to pupils, we had to evolve and adapt quickly and it worked well," said Mrs Cowell.



"We prepared for another lockdown before Christmas, sending teachers home with laptops and microphone headsets and so we had everything in place despite the arrangements changing quickly.

"We communicated with parents to make sure they were prepared too and so the plan was in place.

"It was our first full day on Wed, 5 January of delivering lessons on Microsoft Teams and we had between 97-100 per cent attendance which is really high.

"The children in school are accessing the same lessons at the same time so everyone is getting exactly the same education whether in school or out of school.

"For those pupils who don't have laptops or wifi at home, teachers in every subject have prepared a paper pack which parents pick up once a week but we are hopeful that all children will be on-line in the near future.

"The feedback has been positive so far. Parents have contacted us saying what we have put in place is working well. It's the closest thing to children being in school, but at home, which is what we want to hear.

"We have had to be innovative. It's all positive despite the challenging situation."

This has been taken from a Lancashire Post article published on 8 January.

www.lep.co.uk/education/schools-inundated-requests-key-worker-parents-3090324

Photo credit: Lancashire Post

Top photo - Alex T and Charlie N

Bottom photo - Kai W and Bradley G



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Well-Being Day

Wednesday, 27 January



For one day only, we're temporarily suspending lessons to focus on your well-being. We're all living in different and challenging circumstances from what we're used to so it's important that we take a break for our well-being and mental health.

On Wednesday, all pupils are invited to opt into a variety of activities in a change from your normal studies.

There will be online workshops, eBooks, music, arts and crafts, physical activities, baking, competitions, mental health sessions and more.

Details to come!

Well-Being (noun)

Definition: the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy.



Well-Being Day - 27 January

“WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?”

Why are we doing it?

We'd like all our pupils to take the opportunity to pause and learn in a different way for the day. Perhaps take time away from screens for one day, take on a new skill, enhance your mental and physical health, engage in learning that adds breadth to your studies - all of which offers a little respite from the current pandemic

Do I need anything?

The activities will be available to view on Teams from this weekend – this way you can get ready with things you may need for your chosen activity such as ingredients for cooking something, etc.

Do I have to take part? YES, It's still a school day...

LESSONS SUSPENDED – 1 DAY ONLY!



Instead...

1. Log on to Period 1 Weds 27th to get your attendance mark and ask any questions you want
2. Then go to FILES in your YEAR GROUP TEAM
3. Choose activities to do for the day








You will be able to choose any activities you wish to do from the lists and resources that will be provided on Teams

There will be a wide range of activities suggested from competitions to puzzles, outdoor pursuits to video workshops. What you choose to do from these is up to you; there will be things to appeal to a wide audience and lots of different interests.

For each activity you do, you'll be able to gain accreditation towards

Priory's 'EDGE' awards. These recognise your achievements in 5 areas:

-  **Leadership** (eg. Making decisions, acting responsibly, collaborating)
-  **Organisation** (eg. Time management, problem solving)
-  **Resilience** (eg. Showing commitment, working under pressure,)
-  **Initiative** (eg. Creativity and seeing the value in being of service to others)
-  **Communication** (eg. Editing, presenting, matching form and content to the audience)

The **PL**Edge

IF I WANT AN EDGE AWARD, HOW DO I SUBMIT EVIDENCE?

When you've done an activity and you want to get some recognition for your EDGE awards, go to the Assignment that will be set by Mrs Hopes in your YEAR GROUP TEAM

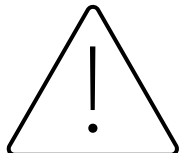
Attach documents, photographs, files, etc. TO THE ASSIGNMENT and press SUBMIT

Mrs Hopes and Mr Raynor will make a record of what you've done and over time, prepare certificates to award you

STAY SAFE!

ENJOY YOURSELF!

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Rapid COVID-19 Testing in School

As per all secondary schools across English, we have now received the lateral flow device test kits. Last week, staff on site were invited to have their regular weekly tests followed this week by children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils who are in school.

Rapid testing helps identify those asymptomatic cases that might otherwise not be detected, causing the virus to spread further.

Whilst testing is being offered in school, Priory's dining room has been repurposed as the testing centre and Science technician, Mr Evans will be overseeing the procedures. Pupils in school during lockdown will be taken in pairs to the dining room and the test will be conducted by trained Priory staff, both of whom are former nurses. As soon as the test (which takes around 40 seconds) is completed, pupils will go back to class and continue with their school day.

Headteacher, Mr Eastham said: *"All schools have been offered the opportunity to test staff and pupils from January, which we fully want to support and engage with to keep all those in our community as safe as possible. Along with the other protective measures we have in place in school, these tests will help staff and pupils attend school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms, so by taking part in the testing, we will help to stop the virus spread".*

Positive test results will be known within 30 minutes of taking the test. Anyone testing positive will be notified immediately and parents asked to collect their child from school. We will not inform pupils if they test negative.



We can only allow those pupils whose parents have given consent to be tested so if you haven't yet completed the online consent form can you please complete it by clicking on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=id-9BE8UjUUqLD9VLKIqMFp7MGK-saqzNDIcHSpoNbUvdUQUc4OEtPS0l-WWFFKM0Q2RkFRSDdDKR0hZRi4u>

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the testing please contact Mr Gee, Assistant Headteacher, by email at n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Top image: Mr Evans and English teacher, Mrs Isherwood, preparing to take her test.

YOU'RE THE STAR OF THE WEEK!



Hard work continues in the science department. We've been really impressed with how the following students have adapted to online learning, and their determination not to let the difficulties of the circumstances slow their progress.

English Department

Year 7

Jake H; Jake L ; Alicia S; Emily J Jane W; Emily C; Joe B, Max B, Alisha H, Marvyn S, Eloise G, Lauren C, Emily P, Jake S, Namwoo K, Kendall B, Archie R

Year 8

Ethan B, Lewis B

Year 9

George H C; L Dylan P; Harry W; Brad C; Jack W, Kelsie K; Owen B; Cameron S; Adam G, James S, Phoebe B, Lucas T, Paige H, Koushal K, Megan H, Stephen P-N, Harrison S

Year 10

Logan McCa Josh P, Owen L, Laura B; Shah A; Abby C, Grace H, Seb C; Jacob C, Ciaran R, Jordan L, Ruth H, Tom F, Liam B; Livia G, Kyle T-S

Year 11

Nathan S, Lexi G, Amy L, Fern S, Kieran H, Lucy J, Owen P, Claudia S, Finnley K Jack M; Maddie W; Caitlyn W; Adam W; Ishaq B, Erin W; Tilly McN, Louis F, Joe B, Asher B, Arron B, Morgan W, Keira H, Will S



Year 7

Aaron P -7W1, Emily P-7E2, Lauren C -7E2, Namwoo K - 7E2, Geetha D-R-7W1

Year 8

Thea R - 8E2, Lily McM - 8E2, Preston McM - 8E2, Harry C - 8E2, Samuel D - 8E2, Luke B - 8E2, India P - 8W1, Troy C - 8W1, Kyle S-M - 8W1

Year 9

Fatima H - 9E2, Alfie P - 9E2, Elizabeth F - 9E2, Alfie B, Sarah C, Chloe C, Josh F, George H C, Emmi H, Harry J, Chloe Q, Emily R, Amelia S, Jasmine S, Leo Z. Jimmy S, Jack S, Lexi-Jade U-R, Aaron W, Louis W, Isaac Y, Ronaldo Z

Year 10

Lara M, Rhianne L, Zach D, Katie B, Laura B Ella R, Kiera M, Brad S, Jess S, Jordan L, Jake B, Alex P, Ben R Cora P

Year 11

Joe B, Louisa R Lillie E-H, Nicole C, Kieran H, Jasmine R Morgan W, Aaron B, Lillie E-H Eleanor R Zack L, Louis F Ishaq B, Taylor D Erin C, Jack M Ben R, Robyn W Scarlett C, Jack D, Lauren S Louis R, Theo R



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It may seem like some time ago now however, before the Christmas break, the school recognised pupils who had achieved 97% attendance from September to the last day of the Autumn term.

All qualifying pupils were entered into a prize draw with two lucky winners from each year group receiving a Celebrations pouch.

The lucky winners were:



Year 7	Lexi L, Afnan S
Year 8	Ky-Mani C, Jake S
Year 9	Tom N, Ronaldo Z
Year 10	Zach D, Hannah Y
Year 11	Lillie E-H, Claudia S



Regular attendance is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. When children have a lot of absences, they have gaps in their knowledge. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.

Attendance During Covid

Attendance continues to be a challenge especially now when the majority of pupils are remote learning. Attendance is still a government requirement and school will continue to monitor pupil attendance at all times. Therefore pupils with good attendance will still be recognised in the usual manner regardless of learning remotely or actually being present in school.

If your child is ill (Covid-related or not), has an appointment or is struggling to get online for their lessons, parents must let us know by contacting school in the usual way.

At Priory we encourage parents to ensure their children are in school and on time whether that be present in school or online. If you are struggling with your child's attendance please contact the school's Attendance Officer in the first instance, Mrs Kouser, on 01772 320250 or a.kouser@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Mrs Swire
Attendance & Inclusion Manager



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Parent Remote Home Learning Survey Feedback & FAQs



Thank you as ever for the many positive comments and constructive feedback we received from the recent parent survey. All that we continue to do as a school is a result of the whole Priory team and we appreciate the generosity of your feedback, particularly the overwhelming positive comments we have

received in relation to our live lessons.

Please find below, answers to many of the questions you posed for us and we are grateful to you for highlighting some of these concerns. As always, if you still have questions then do contact us at enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

My child has live lessons, but how do I know what lessons he/she has on what day? Where can I find the timetable?

All students are following their normal timetable as if they were in school, with the exception of their Learning for Life lesson. This is to allow some screen down time during the day. You can find the timetable of your son/daughter using your Synergy portal here www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/synergy

The live lessons are great, but they only last 25 minutes and the normal lesson timetable is 60 minutes. Why is this?

Whilst we have adopted a Live Learning @ Priory approach, this does not necessarily mean that live lessons will last a full 60 minutes. The live teaching may be organised into smaller chunks and may be spread across the hour – therefore giving students time away from screen to complete the tasks that have been discussed by the teacher.

My child is working for the full 5 hours per day. This is a lot of screen time. How will Priory help to support and alleviate this?

In the first instance, we have tried to reduce screen time by ensuring that most lessons last approximately 25 minutes. If lessons need to last longer then individual teachers will inform students in advance. Further to this, we have removed the need to attend Learning for Life in the interim period in order to encourage more time away from any device screen. Finally, we're temporarily suspending lessons on Wednesday, 27 January to focus on well-being. We're all living in different and challenging circumstances from what we're used to so it's important that we take a break for our well-being and mental health. On this day, all pupils are invited to opt into a variety of activities in a change from their normal studies.

As PE lessons have been suspended along with being in school as a whole, how will Priory support the physical activity of my child?

In PE lesson time we want pupils to be active!! What this involves is up to the individual pupil. It may be that they want to go for a walk, a run or a bike ride during the lesson. If the weather is rainy, we have provided a number of links in the files tab of their PE class Team. These include links for over 80 activities from cardio workouts and boxing sessions to Pilates and yoga. These can all be done from the comfort of home. There are two requests from staff, firstly please ensure the activity is finished in time to start the next lesson and secondly pupils mustn't forget to let their PE teacher know what they've been doing. So far we've heard how pupils are getting on with their 'Couch to 5k' Challenge, received screenshots from Strava of their runs and even videos of 'Just Dance'!!

Will teachers be able to accommodate more group work within their lessons?

Yes. All our staff are dedicated to the Digital Transformation Programme that is running at Priory. Through the use of Microsoft Teams our staff are already experimenting and teaching each other on the use of 'breakout rooms' in Teams where students can continue to interact and have discussions about the learning in the lesson.

What if my child misses a lesson? How can this be caught up?

The use of Microsoft Teams allows all staff to record their live lessons or pre-record any lesson. Many of the live lessons are recorded and can therefore be watched back by students in their own time when convenient. Lessons have been uploaded into the shared FILES



section within each class channel and so students should be able to access their dated lesson here.

Not all teachers and students are using cameras. This is making the learning difficult. What is the school's policy on this?

Whilst we have asked that pupils start their lessons with cameras on to aid registration, turning a camera on is optional. Some pupils may not have cameras on the devices they are using. If they are able to turn a camera on and are comfortable to do so, it can make teaching easier. We have given guidance about appropriate backgrounds. Staff too will have their cameras on whenever possible, but this may not always be the case for an entire lesson.

I'm worried by child is missing out on the pastoral element of school – for example seeing their friends and well-being checks by staff.

Even though learning is taking place at home, it is important to be reassured that year group assemblies and welfare checks with pupils are still taking place. Year group assemblies sustain the link between year group peers and their Head of Year. Teachers in lessons regularly check on the welfare of their students in their live lessons.

My child has been removed from some lessons by other students and this has stopped learning. What are you doing about this?

Our IT team and teachers have worked exceptionally hard to enable live lessons to be taught so students continue to be taught the sequenced curriculum. They continue to work hard and communicate with teachers to find solutions to some of the minor issues we have experienced. We are pleased to inform you that this has now been disabled by the IT team so further issues should not arise. Teachers will also follow the normal school behaviour policy and sanction students appropriately in these circumstances.

My child hands their work in to different teachers in different ways. This is becoming confusing. Can this be standardised?

Here at Priory, we have a dedicated team of Microsoft Teams experts who are working hard to review and standardise this process. The use of any remote platform is new for many staff and pupils alike, but we continue striving to evolve our current practices to ensure the most efficient and effective submission of work. This is something the school is currently addressing and will communicate shortly to parents and pupils.



The PE department is providing pupils with many suggestions for activities and fitness sessions to complete in their allocated PE lessons.

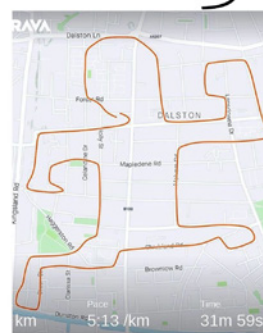
From next week, PE teachers Miss Beesley and Mrs Tompson will be selecting two of their favourite activities each week as their 'PE Pick of the Week' in order to get pupils moving! Their two 'Picks' will be posted on the pupils' Teams groups for them to have a go at.

For next week's two 'PE Picks of the Week' we are going to suggest the [Strava Drawing Challenge](#) (as seen below) that is also an activity for [Well-Being Day](#), and the [Tabata 1 workout](#) https://youtu.be/w24dmb_onEE, found in PE Home Learning resources on each year group Teams page.

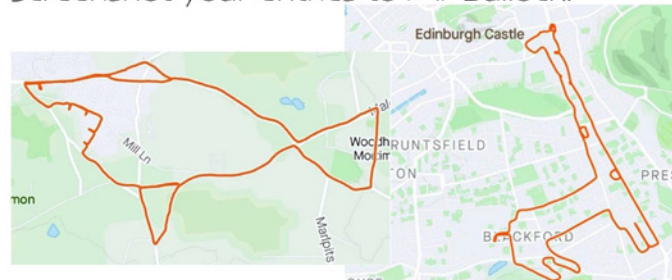


Drawing Challenge

The challenge from PE is to get out in the local area on a walk with a difference. We want you to plan a route using Google Maps that creates an image, then use an app like Strava to record your walk.



Screenshot your entries to Mr Bullock.



Quick Draw Rewards

Each week, teachers will nominate individuals who have particularly impressed them with their effort, attitude and engagement with their learning - giving a brief reason why. Heads of Year will then draw a name at random from the list, one per year group. Parents of the lucky pupils will then be contacted by Miss Thornton and will receive a £5 voucher through the post.

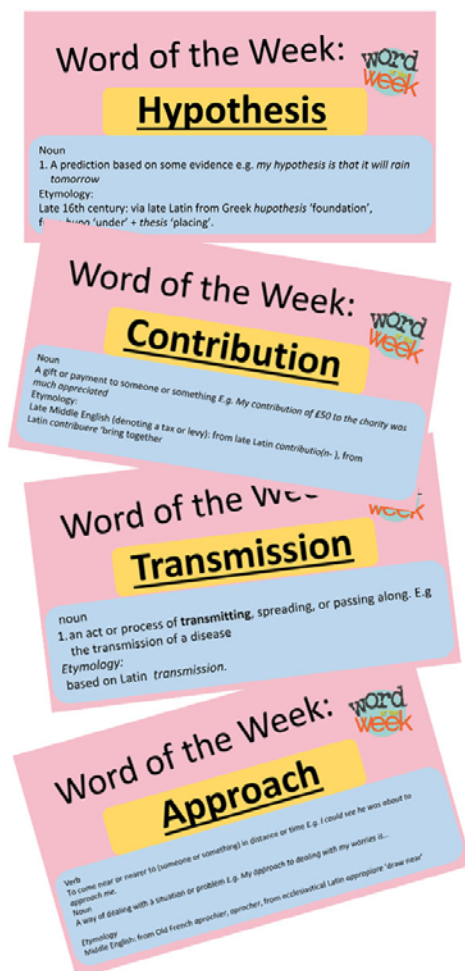


There are over 300 pupils nominate last week. That is more than ever before!

Randomly chosen winners from last week were:

Year 7 - Geetha D-R - Nominated by Miss Ackers for excellent effort in History
Year 8 - Luke B - Nominated by Miss Makinson for excellent effort in Geography
Year 9 - Jasmine S - Nominated by Mrs Isherwood for making a good improvement on the AR Star reading test
Year 10 - Lauren G - Nominated by Miss Smith for excellent group work in lesson.
Year 11 - Jasmine R - Nominated by Mrs Massey for excellent collaboration in Biology

Miss Thornton
English Teacher and Specialist Leader for Education



Word of the Week Lockdown Challenge



The **Word of the Week** and **Literacy Tip** will be rested during the lockdown period. Instead we're running a **Pupils' Word of the Week** where you can email Mrs Gidden weekly giving her a new word you have learnt anywhere in the curriculum. The most interesting ones will have their name and word included in the newsletter the following week along with earning achievement points.

Send an email to a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk to nominate your **Word of the Week**. Don't forget to tell her which subject you learnt it in and the definition.

Yay for words. Enjoy!

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

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Priory's Photo Competition

"and snow it begins again ..."

I hope this article finds you well, and that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

The weather over the festive period saw cold spells and snow for many, and this was perfect for those of you wanting to get out and snap those incredible photos of our local weather.

Thank you to all who took part in the first week of this, the second lockdown Priory Photo competition. It was a busy week where over 40 entries were emailed in and it's always a pleasure to see such wonderful photos.



The theme for the next fortnight is the colour **RED**. All entries to be emailed to p.metcalf@priory.lancs.sch.uk by Thurs, 4 February 2021.

As for this week, your superstar winners were:

Amy G (Year 11) – Brittle Branches
Layla H (Year 7) – Snowy Sunset
Louis F (Year 11) – Frosted Leaf

Mr Metcalfe
Head of
Humanities





Priory Photo Competition

After monumental success over the first lockdown, the Priory Photo Competition has started again. A great excuse to get outside and get some fresh air during your home schooling – take a break! Why not join our fortnightly photo challenge? Whether you use your smartphone or you are a budding photographer – send us your photo!



The theme next week is **RED**

Email your photos to p.metcalf@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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.

Entries in by 12 noon Thurs, 4 Feb and winners announced on Fri, 5 Feb 2021.



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The Modern Foreign Languages Department's Lockdown Challenge

Head of MFL, Mrs Scully, along with Mrs Bailey and Mr Taylor, have launched a competition with their French classes called **THE MEMRISE LEAGUE**. Using the language learning website, Memrise, pupils can accrue points as they progress with their French practice. The top three leaders from each class will be announced every fortnight to coincide with the publication of the newsletter.



Memrise is a language learning app that is an alternative to textbook learning. Memrise has more than 50 million users in 189 countries learning languages to better themselves, connect with others and with the world around them.

Memrise uses real-life language; the language spoken in everyday life. The app uses video clips of native speakers so pupils can learn to understand authentic voices and accents, as well as taking in the scenery and getting a sense of the culture.

Mrs Scully said, "We are seeing a lot of success with this app and we may continue it post-lockdown. Memrise allows students to constantly re-visit and reinforce new vocabulary therefore helping with faster recall in the future."

Please note: Mrs Bailey's Year 7 class is yet to go onto the programme and so they will remain blank for this week.



The Memrise Lockdown League

Who is leading the way in lockdown language learning???



	W1	W2	W3	E1	E2	E3
YEAR 7	1 st = Alex T 2 nd = Charlie N 3 rd = Indra J	1 st = 2 nd = 3 rd =	1 st = 2 nd = 3 rd =	1 st = 2 nd = 3 rd =	1 st = Emily P 2 nd = Eloise G 3 rd = Joe B	1 st = 2 nd = 3 rd =
YEAR 8	1 st = Aisha B 2 nd = Lewis T 3 rd = Daniel W-B	1 st = Mahir D 2 nd = Cole G 3 rd = Grace D	1 st = 2 nd = 3 rd =	1 st = Hollie T 2 nd = Olivia C 3 rd = Owen B	1 st = Leila M 2 nd = Lily McM 3 rd = Preston McM	1 st = 2 nd = 3 rd =
YEAR 9	1 st = Eliza W 2 nd = Katie R 3 rd = Harvey H	1 st = Dylan P 2 nd = Harry W 3 rd = Paige C	1 st = Lily T 2 nd = Freya B 3 rd = Callum K	1 st = George H 2 nd = TBC 3 rd = Leo S	1 st = Fatima H 2 nd = Madison E 3 rd = Shah A	1 st = Sam H 2 nd = Charlie C 3 rd = Phoebe B
Year 10	1 st = Owen L 2 nd = Josie M 3 rd = Lily H Mrs Scully's class	1 st = Rhianne L 2 nd = Bailey H 3 rd = Josh B Mrs Bailey's class				

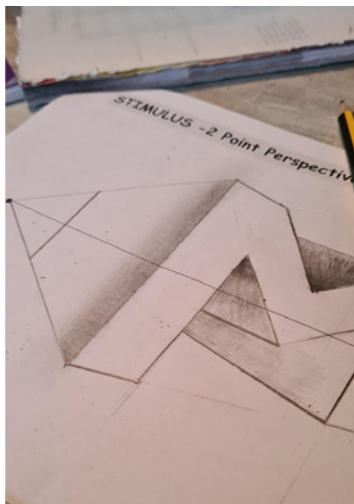
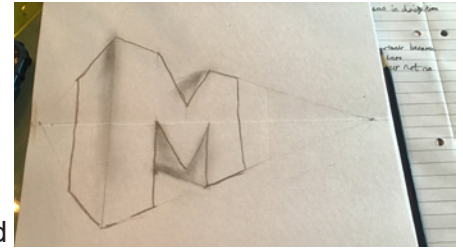
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Year 7 Technology

Year 7 are exploring one point and two point perspective in their Technology lessons.



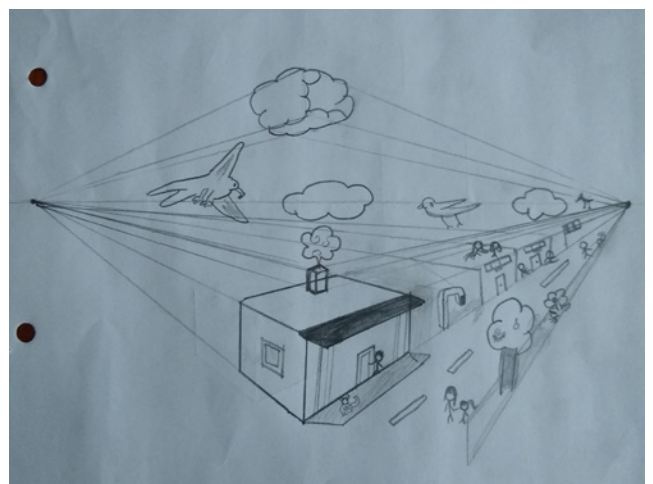
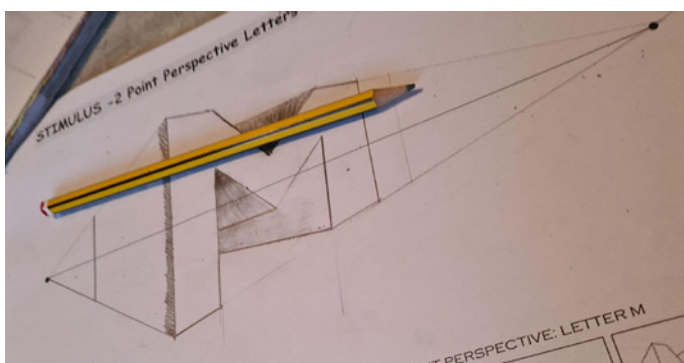
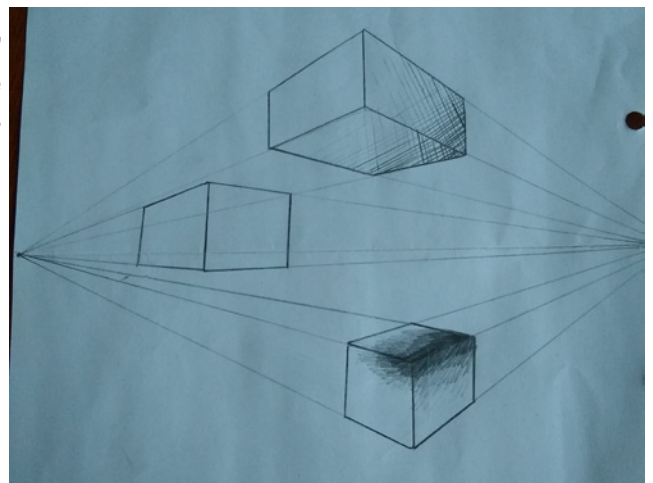
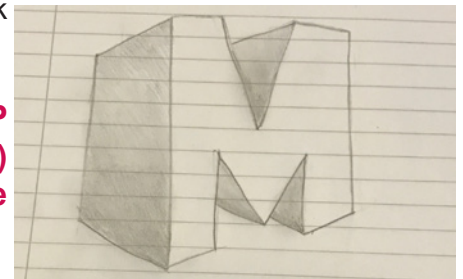
Perspective drawing creates an illusion of depth on a 2D surface. To represent the three dimensional world on the two dimensional surface the artist has to use systems of illusion that create the impression of space, of depth and of movement.



Technology Teacher, Miss Hardwick commented that there has been some amazing work submitted by our talented pupils.

Well done to Daniel McC (7W2), Emily P (7E2), Kaycee M (7E3), Thomas M (7W2) and Xander C (7E3) whose drawings are shown here.

Miss Hardwick is impressed: "These are amazing. The pupils' work is exemplary, and they have clearly put time, effort and focus into their drawings".



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The Drama Department



For those missing the theatre there is the Best of Broadway.

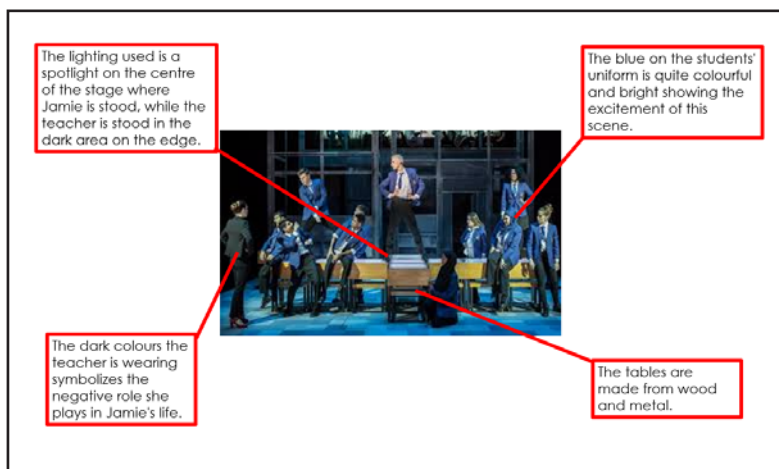
This Best of Broadway Musical Theatre's Daily Motion web page will give you the opportunity to wander into the world of musical theatre >>

www.dailymotion.com/video/x7ck1pn

Miss Howell's star performers this week are Lewis T (Yr8) and Darcy C (Yr10) who have submitted some wonderful project work this week.



Star
PERFORMERS



Year 10 & 11 Pupils

The LMA (Liverpool Media Academy) has now opened its new Liverpool Campus at

the Metquarter in the heart of Liverpool city centre. As soon as they're able, they'll invite us for a look around. Until then LMA is holding a **BTEC Virtual Open Evening Tuesday, 26 January at 6pm.**

Students that wish to attend, need to book a place via their website www.lma.ac.uk.

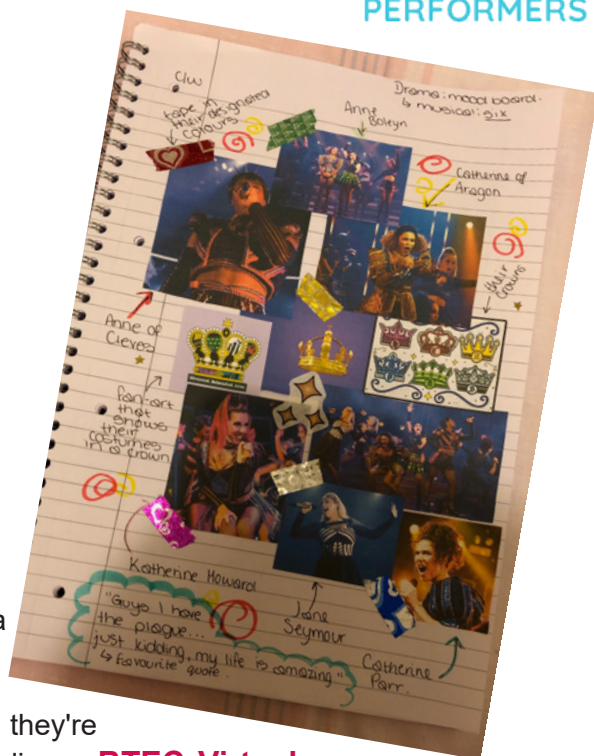
They continue to deliver their successful BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas with over 80% of students progressing on to their BA (Hons) courses at the Metquarter campus or at their new London campus in Here East, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. You can take a tour of the campuses by visiting> www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvDelH0-HII

Students can study the following courses with industry experienced tutors:

Acting | Dance | Film & TV Production | Games Animation
Music | Musical Theatre

Miss Howell
Lead Teacher of Drama

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With another national lockdown upon us, there are likely to be a lot of young people who may struggle over the coming months and need some additional support.

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental health and wellbeing support service for young people. It provides support to anyone aged

10-16, from online counselling to self help tools, to its community of young people offering peer support to each other.

Come And Explore Kooth With Us

The following virtual sessions will provide parents and carers with:

- *An overview of Kooth and how we support young people's mental health and wellbeing*
- *A live demonstration of the service*
- *A Q&A to ask us anything you want to know about Kooth*

To attend please register on the following links.

[Thursday 21st January @ 11am-12pm](#)

[Wednesday 27th January @ 6-7pm](#)

The Kooth team recognises that with the ensuing lockdown, students will be spending more of their time at home with their families. This is why they are offering sessions for parents and carers, so you can hear from them how and why Kooth can be an appropriate support for your children.

This is also a valuable opportunity to directly ask Kooth any questions you have around safety and access to the Kooth site.

Weds, 27 January 2021

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lancashire-kooth-parent-drop-in-session-tickets-135904555183>

Further details are on the poster opposite, including times. Please register for the sessions via the link above.

Kooth is available through smart phone, tablet or computer and features activities, self help articles, discussion boards and a team of accredited counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners who provide guided and outcome-focused support for each individual.

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Runshaw College is offering free* courses for adults starting February to help you reskill.

See poster opposite or go to>>

www.runshaw.ac.uk/functional

www.runshaw.ac.uk/essential

if you do not have an existing qualification A-C (Graded 9-4) or equivalent.



Year 11 Pupils QEGS Sixth Form Applications

Following their final live virtual open event for the academic year, QEGS Blackburn now has new videos, including student testimonials and faculty guides, and further information available on their Sixth Form website.

To view the virtual open event or visit their Facebook page go to>>

www.qegsblackburn.com/sixth-form-online-open-event-january-2021 | www.facebook.com/QEGSBlackburn

Applications close for September 2021 admissions on 21 February 2021 and can be made via their online form here >> www.qegsblackburn.com/admissions/sixth-form

Full campus details at www.qegsblackburn.com/sixth

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Rate My Apprenticeship, the UK's leading job resource for young people seeking apprenticeships, is running a virtual event on 3 & 4 February.

From 1pm-5pm each day, they're bringing together employers, students, parents and careers professionals to discuss why apprenticeships are a great alternative to going to university.

They have 14 employers confirmed including Aldi, Vodafone, PwC, Lloyds Banking Group and many more who will be presenting or exhibiting, so it's a brilliant opportunity for students to get top tips from these employers and get a step ahead in their career.

To view the event agenda and to register, go to > <https://events.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk>

For event FAQs, to go> <https://events.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/faq>

As well as learning more about apprenticeships, you can watch skills workshops on the application process and hear from apprentices as they talk about what made them choose this route over university.

For further information about Rate My Apprenticeship, go to>> www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk



Year 11 Pupils: Newman College Applications Update

A decision was made this week by the college to cancel their initial application interviews.

The initial interview and enrolment interview will be consolidated so applicants will still have their enrolment interview in the summer once they have received their GCSE results. Students will be able to use this opportunity to ask questions, discuss their future plans and make any changes to their course choice if they wish.

The college has emailed applicants and their parents (if available) and this will be followed up by a letter through the post. These contain details of how to go about getting in touch with them should they wish to.

All students who have applied have secured a conditional offer of a place, so please feel reassured that your places are safe.



Vacancies for September 2021 Apprentice in-take is now live



Leyland Trucks is committed to delivering apprenticeships which add value to both the individual and the company. Apprenticeships provide an entry route into the business which allows you to combine both educational studies with practical hands-on experience, whilst earning a salary. Apprentices follow a standard development framework which

incorporates practical, evidence based knowledge with academic skills gained within an educational setting.

All information and the application form can be found at www.gov.uk and on their website at www.leylandtrucks.co.uk/en-gb/working-at-leyland-trucks/apprentice-ship

This year they are recruiting for:

10 x Assembly Operators | 4 x Automotive Engineers | 1 x Fabrication & Welder | 2 x Design Engineers

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Student video: vimeo.com/497994933/e942d092fb

Parent video: vimeo.com/498279350/be2bb0f5aa

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CORONAVIRUS STAY HOME SAVE LIVES

The new Covid-19 variant is spreading fast. Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass it on, putting people at risk and a renewed pressure on our NHS.

Everyone must stay home. If it's essential to go out, remember wash your hands, cover your face and make space.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

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Share
your news
here!

Share your stories with us...

If you are doing anything exciting during lockdown, have any stories to tell or things you and your family are doing that make you proud, let your Head of Year or a class teacher know. Your story could feature here.

Are you learning a new skill or helping younger siblings with their school work? Maybe you've met up with a classmate for a walk - send us a selfie! Or perhaps show us your best work, your creations, artwork and bakes. We want to see what you've been up to so send us your photos from home!

For staff email addresses please go to>> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list



Pupils' Word of the Week Challenge

We have a winner!

This one's from Scarlett S in Year 9 and the English department thinks this sums up Scarlett herself in the face of adversity; not to mention the spirit of Priory staff and of course our pupils during lockdown: **Undeterred**.

If you want to submit a Word of the Week to be featured here then please see Page 12 for details.

Mrs Gidden, Head of English

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