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Penworthan Priory Post



# Year 7 & 8 Pupils Leading the Way

## Year 7 and 8 pupils who have excelled in lessons this term have been presented with their Lead Learners badges.

Lead Learners are pupils who act as role models for their peers by always being focused, prepared and resilient in their attitude to learning.

Mrs Bailey, Head of Year 8, explained how the pupils were selected: "The teaching staff at Priory had a very difficult task choosing the Lead Learners. Each member of staff had to nominate a student from every class that they teach. The nominations were then counted and the student with the most votes was chosen to become the Lead Learner for that class. Successful candidates were given a badge and, as well as all those nominated, also received a certificate. There were a high number of nominations which was fantastic to see. We are extremely proud of our Lead Learners."

Year 7 Layla said: "I was chosen because I am resilient and they said I was a role model for the class. I try my hardest to be nice to everyone and I am pleased to be a Lead Learner."

Max said: "I am good in class, my favourite subject is PE and I want to be a footballer. I have just got my badge to be a Lead Learner next term and I am waiting to find out what I have to do."

Year 8 Samuel said: "We start next term and it means we help out in class with giving out books and things like that."

KyMani added: "It's nice to be selected as a role model."

Diary Dates

### **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

Half Term Mon, 26 Oct to Fri, 30 Oct

Year 8 Hockey Club Mon 2, 9, 16, 23 Nov 3.15-4.15pm Astro Pitch Dates for other year groups to follow.

Year 7 Settle Factor Parent Contact Mon, 2 - Fri, 6 Nov

**Shoe Box Appeal** Take to Head of Year by Mon, 2 November 2020

Christmas Card Design Competition Deadline Weds, 4 November 2020

**Learning for Life Day 2** Mon, 9 November 2020 Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Year 9 HPV Vaccinations Catch Up Session Mon, 16 November 2020

Year 7 Nasal Flu Vaccinations Mon, 16 November 2020

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# **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Every poppy makes a difference to the lives of our Armed Forces community.

Like so many things this year, the Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of Covid-19 and The Royal British Legion are calling on the public to support them like never before.

Starting in school this week, pupils are able to take a poppy in return for a donation to the charity. Pupils from each year group have been calling into Learning for Life lessons within their bubble with the collection boxes. This will continue after half term and therefore pupils should bring a small amount of cash if they wish to support the appeal and haven't yet done so.

#### Lead Learners article continued from front page...

Head of Year 7 Mr Bullock said: "We did a Teams Assembly where Mrs Cowell presented the Lead Learners with their certificates last week. There were roughly five nominations from each class so it's great to see so many worthy candidates already."

Pictured front page: Year 8 Lead Learners KyMani C, Sam D, Kayleigh B, Amelie C, Alex E.

Pictured below: Year 7 Lead Learners: DaMari S, Alexander P, Max B, Layla H, Sophia T, Jane W.







# Year 11 GCSE History

### **Assessment and Revision Guides**

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the examination board AQA has reduced the content to be covered in GCSE History to three units rather than four.

We have already studied the three units over the course of Years 9 and 10, so we are now using our time in class to revise.

As part of our preparation for next summer, your son/daughter will have an internal assessment for the America, 1920-73 unit on Friday, 6 November 2020 during their normal lesson time. This will last one hour, and they should be using their time over the October half term break to prepare for it.

To further support your son/daughter, the History department is able to order CGP revision guides for GCSE History at a reduced cost and we would like to give you the opportunity to purchase them.

The units we study are:

- America, 1920-73
- Conflict & Tension, 1918-39
- Health & The People, c.1000-present



The guides are available to buy at a cost of  $\pounds 3.00$  each, which is a saving on the RRP of  $\pounds 5.95$  each.

Letters, with order form included, have been given to Year 11 pupils to take home this week. Due to on-going restrictions, payment should be made in advanced through your online SCOPay account.

Letters can also be downloaded from the school website at <u>www.</u> <u>priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters</u> or pupils can see Mr Eccles, Lead Teacher for History, <u>a.eccles@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>

Mr Eccles Lead Teacher of History



## Year 7 Settle Factor

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Ordinarily parents of Year 7 pupils would have been invited into school about this time of year to meet with their child's form tutor. However, with current COVID 19 restrictions, this is not possible.

Year 7 form tutors will therefore be calling parents between Mon, 2 November and Fri 6 November. This phone conversation will be to discuss how well your child has settled into Priory. If for any reason we are unable to contact you during this week parents should email their child's form tutor to organise a specific time from Mon, 9 November onwards. In addition, if it is necessary, Mrs Bullock or subject teachers will call individual parents about specific issues.

A full staff email list can be found on the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list.

Mrs Bulloch Head of year 7

# It's All A Big Game To Year 7 Geography Pupils

Year 7 pupils were playing games in Geography – with a twist as they learnt about the movement of water within the Earth and the atmosphere.

Pupils in Mr Watters' class each developed a 'Water Cycle' game which they can pass on to primary school pupils when the visits hopefully re-start after Covid-19.

Teacher Mr Watters, said: "They have developed a rough draft and then shown incredible ingenuity to develop a game which will be shared with pupils from their own primary school. The games will be laminated as will the rules which will allow up to four children to play together. "

The Water Cycle is the path all water follows as it moves around the planet and pupils were asked to



think about where it's transferred and where it's stored. Through their games the pupils learnt that water is essential to life on Earth and it ties together the major parts of the Earth's climate system – air, clouds, the ocean, lakes, vegetation and glaciers.



geographical terms within their games.

Charlie said: "I have learnt that water evaporates up to the clouds and is re-sourced. I enjoyed making the game as it made it all easier to understand."

Abbie said: "In my game, I showed how the water is in clouds and runs down mountains and in rivers. It has helped me understand the water cycle better and it makes it fun."

Delighted with their work, Mr Watters, commented, "The infectious enthusiasm of the pupils is great to experience. Many pupils have developed the key

"Using games in education often helps pupils think through complex content. The pupils worked through their ideas, shared those ideas and were problem solving. Their level of understanding

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improved as a result and sharing their work has a beneficial impact on all of them. The pupils have spent dedicated improvement and reflection time (DIRT) on their games before they're finally produced."

Mr Watters continued, "The class wanted to improve both their understanding and the quality of their work to produce Hydroligical Cycle Games which easily rival commercial games and simulations. Well done Year 7!"

The pupils are completing their games over the half term break.



Commiserations to Year 10 pupil, Jazmin, who was due to represent Lancashire in the English Schools FA Inter County National Final tomorrow.

Jazmin qualified for the Under 14s Lancashire squad back in May but the match against Middlesex was postponed due to Covid. Unfortunately, with the red rose county now in Tier 3, the ESFA has made the difficult and disappointing decision to cancel the game. The trophy will be shared and both teams will be crowned national champions.

The match was to be shown live on YouTube from Lillishall.



Jazmin's dad told us, "Jazmin has now come to the end

of her journey with the Lancashire County under 14s team. She has had a great journey and gained amazing experiences by winning the Northern Championship in 2019, Finalist in the National Championship in 2019 and now National Champions in 2020. We hope that in the coming months she can trial for the u16s team and continue to compete nationally with Lancashire for Priory Academy."

Jazmin also plays for Blackburn Rovers Ladies and coaches at Lostock Hall Juniors FC.

# Lancashire Hockey Success

# It seems we have some very promising hockey players at Priory.

Well done to Year 8 girls, Martha McA and Aluna H-G who have been accepted by the Lancashire Academy for Hockey for the first time.

The girls will join Year 9, Phoebe B, who has already secured her place.

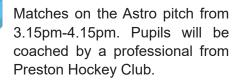
Proud PE Teacher, Miss Beesley, said, "The girls play regularly for their local club and have always impressed me during their PE lessons and extra curricular sessions. I'm very pleased to hear of their success with the Academy where they will get to play at a higher level and bring their skills back to Priory to raise pupils' game".

# After-School Hockey at Priory for Year 8

Starts Mon, 2 November for 4 weeks (2, 9, 16, 23 November). Free!

Open to Year 8 boys and girls. Pupils can simply turn up or should let their PE teacher know they would like to join in.

### Bring your PE kit!



Blocks for Year 9 to follow.

Parents can email Mrs Bullock <u>r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u> or Miss Beesley <u>a.beesley@priory.</u> <u>lancs.sch.uk</u>



# Online Catering Pre-Order System Update and survey feedback

VeriCool is Priory's new online catering pre-order system which allows parents, pupils and staff to preorder break and lunchtime food and drink and have them delivered to their year group bubbles.

We would like to thank you all for your continued patience and understanding during VeriCool's teething period and for your response to our recent survey. This system is still very new and was developed rapidly in order to support government guidelines during the Covid-19 pandemic.



We have listened to your views and taken into account your comments from the survey and fed this back to VeriCool's developers.

# You'll be pleased to know that you can now access the portal from most mobile phones and tablets

as well as any PC / laptop although you must do this via a web browser until the app becomes available. Go to <u>https://</u> <u>penworthampreorder.swift-order.co.uk</u>. This means specifically that students can log in to their account whilst on the move



and select food items as before. Pupils will still be able to use computers in school at break and lunch to place orders via the system.

In response to feedback received on the range of food/drink available, we can also announce a new menu with effect from 2 November - see page 12 for a preview. This will be online during half term to view and place advance orders.

As a school, we have now the facility to block out holidays and INSET days to prevent students ordering when the school is closed.

An updated user guide and FAQs, along with a talk-through video on how to set up an account and navigate preordering are available from the school website at >> <u>www.</u> <u>priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-catering-orders</u>

Development of the system is ongoing and new features will become live over time.

If you have any queries or need a reminder of your set up code or login, please email <u>enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>



In our survey you said:

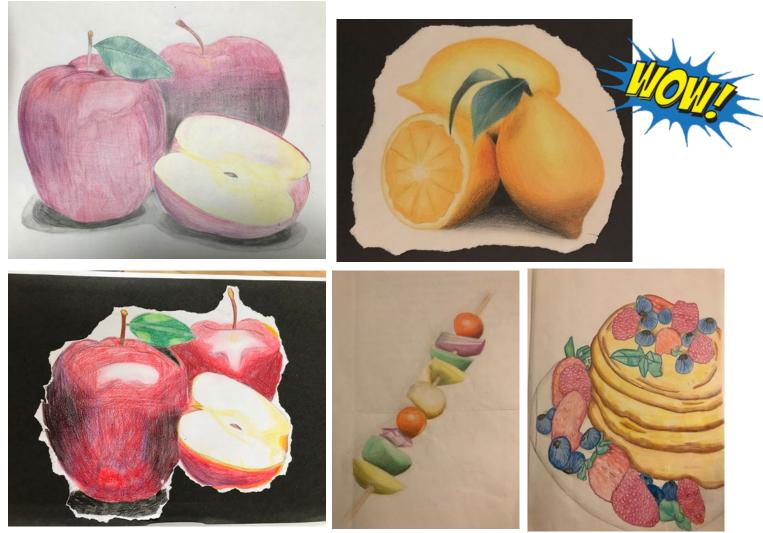
- You thanked staff for their support with the new system and praised the catering team for adapting to the change of working.
- 82% of you said you had no issues accessing any of the features however 18% of you did and said you had received support
- You wanted access to the system on a phone/app.
- You wanted to be able to see what you had ordered after you had placed it.
- You wanted more food options and a rotating menu. You also wanted a choice of food items that were more filling and warmer, especially as we approach winter.
- You wanted wider choice of drinks.
- You wanted to be able to edit or cancel an order.
- You wanted a clear view of your balance or free school meal allowance.
- You liked our jacket potatoes!
- Those of you with dietary needs want more information about menu items.

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In their Art and Design lessons, pupils in Year 9 have been developing their skills in drawing and colouration with pencil crayon.

Here's just a few of the outstanding pencil drawings from Ronaldo Z (C4), Maya P (D4), Jessica S (C6) and Chloe C (C1).





# Reminder -Remote Learning Survey

To build our awareness of each child's home learning needs, we'd be grateful if parents could complete a very short survey via this link:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TF7S57K

This link was also emailed to parents on Thursday.

Thank you for the response so far.



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### **Did you know...** Reading for enjoyment every day is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background?

Not only do children who read for pleasure • perform better in reading tests than those • who don't, but they also develop a broader • vocabulary, increased general knowledge • and a better understanding of other cultures.

Parents are the most important educators in a child's life – even more important than their teachers – you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading together.

Here at Priory, we use Accelerated Reader which aims to get children in Years 7-10 reading every day. Pupils can 'quiz' on fiction and non-fiction texts they read in school and when taking a quiz, they have the option to choose whether they have read alone or been read to.

For many pupils, poor engagement with AR is because they don't enjoy reading and a great step in encouraging reading for pleasure is by modelling it at home and sharing the experience with your child. Having books in the home is associated with both reading enjoyment and confidence.

We all get busy and caught up with life, and reading with your high school aged child might be the last thing you feel you can find time for, but it can be made simple. **Here are some ideas.** 

- Ask your child to read a page of their AR book during the car journey home from school.
- Read a snippet of a news article together each day and engage in some discussion on the topic.
- Read together for 5-10 minutes before your child goes to bed
- Listen to an audio book together in place of watching TV once a week

And remember, reading doesn't just mean novels. It can be:

- · Non-fiction texts such as leaflets and brochures
- Magazines
- TV subtitles

- Web surfing
- Newspapers
- Audio books
- Ebooks
- Articles



Recipes and instructions

Not only is reading great for your child's academic progress, reading with your child and playing an active role in their reading engagement is linked to enhanced relaxation, calmness, concentration, quality of life, confidence and self-esteem - something that we could all benefit from, especially given the current climate.

### Head of English, Mrs Gidden, says...

A lot of parents think their high school age children are 'too old' to read but the benefits of reading extend far beyond the primary school gates.

Every Priory pupil carries a reading book so they will always have access to reading material, even after school. Sitting and reading with your child improves their chances of success in all areas in and outside the curriculum.

### So let's get reading!



The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go. **Dr. Seuss** 

Mrs Robinson-Ali

Assistant Head of English

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# Word **Re**Week

Every week teachers will introduce a new word to pupils in their Learning For Life 'Challenge Day' lesson.

Word of the Week:

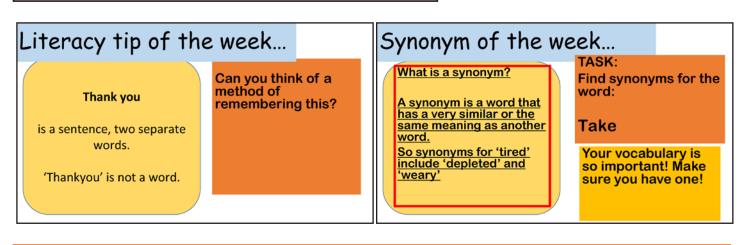
#### Noun

- 1. To be alike her completed art work did not correspond with how she imagined it
- 2. To communicate with someone I am corresponding with a friend

Latin correspondere, from cor- 'together' + Latin respondere

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.





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.

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

### On the curriculum w/c 2 November

	Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Feelings.		
	Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Using debate to improve school work.		
	Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Motivating myself.		
	Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Working independently		
	Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental health part 3.		



# COMPETITION Design The School's Christmas Card

Deadline: Weds, 4 November



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### Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2020

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised and win an Amazon voucher:

- Submit an original design by Weds, 4 November 2020.
- Designs must be an original winter or Christmas-themed painting or drawing and incorporate a connection to Priory. Alternatively, you may like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3 and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries must be put in a plastic poly-pocket/bag and dropped off with your Period 1 teacher. Make sure your name and form is on the back! Photos can be emailed to Mrs Yates, Communications Supervisor, at j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

The overall winner will receive a £15 Amazon voucher and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 300 people across the county.

Runners up will receive a £10 and £5 Amazon voucher and we will award achievement points to all entrants who have demonstrated effort.



# **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. Teachers will let all pupils know if they have a nomination. Heads of Year will then draw a name at random from the list, one per year group. The lucky pupils will then be contacted by Miss Thornton to receive their £5 voucher.



Winning pupils have a choice of a £5 Amazon or Love2Shop voucher, both of which can be spent online, or a £5 Costa Coffee voucher.

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

- Year 7 Yusuf B Nominated by Mr Taylor for a very pleasing first composition in Music.
- Year 8 Ky-Mani C Nominated by Mrs Elliott for excellent dystopia homework in English.
- Year 9 Fatima H Nominated by Mrs Cowell for her excellent effort in written and practical work in Food Tech. Year 10 - Maddison D - Nominated by Mrs Hopes for a fantastic Art homework piece.
- Year 11 Lexi G Nominated by Mr Eccles for effort and attitude in History.

Miss Thornton English Teacher and Specialist Leader for Education Learn to succeed



# **Rewards at Priory**

Through the school's rewards policy, every pupil has the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement and progress. These points will be consistently and fairly awarded to each pupil's individual total throughout the year in the following ways:

### **Classroom Points**

- Achievable every lesson and are awarded by the classroom teacher
- Between 1 and 2 points can be awarded depending on whether the pupil has made a positive impact on the lesson or has made progress beyond that which is ordinarily expects (NB\* a pupil will automatically be allocated 2 points every lesson and will 'lose' them if they do not make expected progress or behave in class)

### 100% Attendance

- Achievable at the end of the term
- 10 points awarded at the end of each term for a pupils 100% attendance record that term.

### **Department Special Recognition**

- Achievable at the end of each month or half term
- Pupils achieve 10 points at the end of each month or 15 at the end of each half term for each department where a pupil is awarded for positive contributions to departments.

### **Special Contribution**

- Achievable throughout the year
- 5 points for participating and / or assisting in events such as Open Evening, school events, Parents Evenings etc.

### **On The Spot Rewards**

• These are awarded on the spot. They can be given for many reasons and at staff discretion but will be closely linked to pupils demonstrating aspects related to our 'Character and Culture' programme.

### This rewards policy aims to create the conditions in which all pupils are supported to become the best they possible can and feel valued and supported whilst doing so. To this end, the policy has been developed to :

- Acknowledge and reward progress made by pupils in all lessons.
- Encourage and acknowledge consistently 'good' or 'outstanding' engagement in learning in each subject.
- Acknowledge the importance of 100% attendance.
- Acknowledge and reward pupils who make a special contribution to school events or aspects of school life.
- Ensure that achievement points and rewards are consistently and fairly applied.
- Promote pupils understanding of how they can develop as effective learners and individuals.
- Develop a sense of community and acknowledge team achievements.
- · Celebrate success.





### From 2 November 2020

Online during half term to view and place advance orders

### Break

#### In addition to current items

Garlic bread £1.10 Cheese on toast 75p Gluten-free toast 30p Yoghurts 50p Cereal bars 50p Fruit - apples and satsumas 40p Fruit pots - peach and pear 50p Veggie sausage barm £1.10

### Lunch

#### This is a new menu and replaces previous daily specials

Monday - Jumbo Hot Dog £1.85 Tuesday -Chilli & Rice £1.95 or Cheese & Onion Pasty £1.35 Wednesday - Chicken Burger £1.85 Thursday - Chilli & Rice £1.95 or Cheese Panini £1.75 Friday - Meat & Potato Pie £1.60

### Available Every Day In addition to current items

Jacket potato with tuna £1.25 Jacket potato with cheese and beans £1.50 Side salad 20p

Cheese | Tuna | Ham salad £2.35 each

Chicken & bacon salad £2.35

Chicken & bacon baguette £2.10 (replaces chicken tikka baguette | fillings will change regularly)

Sandwiches at lunch available on gluten-free bread via request - email <u>enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u> There will be changes to drinks flavours and the addition of orange juice burst.

# PRESTON'S COLLEGE

Prospectuses for Preston's College, along with open event postcards, are now available in school and will be distributed to all Year 11 pupils.

The college is offering an after school drop in every Wednesday 3.30pm – 6pm via telephone 01772 225774 for all Year 11 pupils until the end of the year. This is to assist with application support, CV support or for anyone just wanting general advice about the college.

Their next online open event is Sat, 7 November where there will be up to date content and staff will be available on the day to take calls - see advert on page

Visit www.preston.ac.uk to register



### Online Event Sat, 7 November 10.00am - 12.30pm

The college's next online advice virtual event is accessible through the their website with videos, zoom meetings with course tutors and the live chat facility to speak directly to advisors.

For further information and to register, visit their website at

www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-november

The college's apprenticeships video shows a range of their students out in the workplace and is available to watch via YouTube.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqfzZLjYk44&list=P LI\_0zyqOGxIHSU-xFgch84pznz0XqgFkk



# Year 11 Careers



**Newman College** has adapted its open day virtual tour for schools to share with pupils.

Pupils can access the tour at any time and the college will be adding more subject information and content throughout the next few months.

Virtual tour - https://tourmkr.com/G1QagzcTmE/8938473p,2802706m,-40.21h,88.68t

Pupils can also register for their next virtual **open event on Sat, 14 November 10am – 1pm** via the college's website where you will be able to access live Q&A sessions with subject teachers.

Open day registration - www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events

Applications to Newman are open and pupils can apply even if you don't have your predicted grades as they will accept your target grades in this section of the application form. They will change and check through them at your college interview so please don't let this stop you from submitting your application.





CAREERS

### Training 2000 - A Guide To Apprenticeships & Traineeships

**Training 2000** has produced a very useful step by step guide all about apprenticeships and traineeships, how to apply, the courses available as well as employability skills such as CV writing and interview tips.

This document has been emailed to all Year 11 pupils and it is also available to download from the school website at>> <a href="http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG">www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG</a> (scroll to end of page)

Training 2000 is one of the largest training associations in the UK and offer a range of Apprenticeships, full time courses, Traineeships and training courses. They have over 50 years' experience and have excellent links with employers. Their recruitment team can offer pupils support in the apprenticeship process, can advise on which vacancies / programmes are the best options for you, what the next step of your journey could be like and how best to get there.

With there being changes to the courses Training 2000 is offering this year there has been a delay to their prospectus which has meant it won't be available until the new year. In the meantime, parents and pupils may contact Training 2000 direct for apprenticeship advice and guidance.

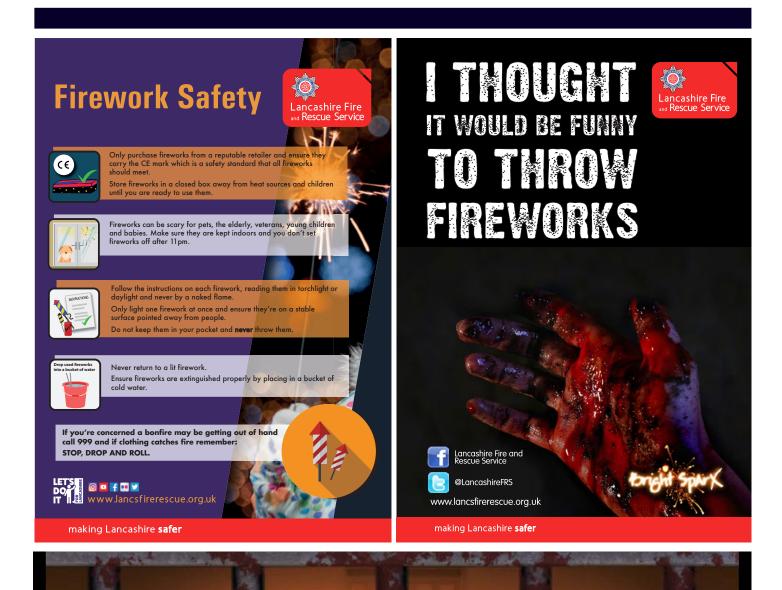
Contact Vicki Webster, School Liaison Officer at Training 2000 - call/text 01254 54659 or email <u>vicki.webster@t2000.co.uk</u>. <u>www.training2000.co.uk</u>







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# DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILD IS TONIGHT?

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN INDOORS This Halloween and out of Mischief





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These additional classes are held on Thursdays after school until approx 4pm.

Pupils should see their English teacher first although may simply turn up for the session if they wish. For some pupils these interventions will be compulsory if their teacher feels they are struggling with that area of study. Maximum number of pupils is 25 per class.

Week	Teacher / Room	Poem
5 November	Miss Smith EN1	My Last Duchess
	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN2	London
12 November	Miss Thornton EN4	Storm on the Island
	Miss Smith EN1	Storm on the Island
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Bayonet Charge
19 November	Miss Thornton TBC	Bayonet Charge
	Mrs Elliott	Exposure
26 November	Mrs Gidden EN3	Exposure
	Mrs Webster EN1	Charge of the Light Brigade
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Charge of the Light Brigade

### We close today for half term | School reopens on Mon, 2 November

