

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory Passed The Test!

Penwortham Priory Academy has carried out more than 2,500 Covid tests in school over the last few months with our Covid Testing Centre, based in the dining hall, now closed.

Assistant Head Mr Gee has overseen the facility with Science Technician Mr Evans running it on a day-to-day basis, helped by Teaching Assistants, Mrs Whalley and Mrs Willis and Head of Year 7 Mrs Farley, who supported pupil testing.

"It has all run fantastically well," said Mr Gee. "We had a team of four testers with three working on any one day. I was the organiser and we had two office staff, Mrs Diamond-Bugler and Miss Conway, for the administrative side of it, sending out the results, as well as two cleaners who made up samples and made sure everything was spotless every day.

"We carried out more than 2,500 tests and thankfully we didn't have a single positive test among our pupils. The pupils and staff will now test themselves every Sunday and Wednesday for the next six weeks and then for as long as the Government says we need to."

Mrs Whalley continued, "Our team did a great job working methodically even when it seemed like a never-ending task, but we knew it was crucial. The pupils were a credit to themselves as always, making our job easier.

Mr Evans admitted: "It took a lot of organisation initially, all the dining hall was set up as a Covid testing facility and it was soon running smoothly. I am into science so it felt right for me to have this job, it felt natural.

"I am really proud that we did so many and did them quickly as well. The pupils were great, they were all receptive, and it was a positive experience although I am glad I am back to my day job now!"

More pictures overleaf...



Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Academic years 2022/23 and 2023/24 to be released shortly.

Mon, 12 April 2021

Start of Summer Term

Mon, 19 April

Hockey Club

Years 7, 8 & 9

3.15pm-4.15pm

See page x for details.

Tues, 20 April 2021

Learning for Life Day 4

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

Mon, 3 May 2021

May Day closure

Tues, 4 May 2021

INSET Day

School closed.

Mon, 31 May -

Fri, 4 June 2021

Half term break



Department for Education **Testing at Home Throughout the Easter Holidays**



Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

The Department for Education ask that pupils and staff:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results online as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Adults in households or bubbles with children or school staff can also access home test kits. See link for details>>

www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff



Learn to succeed

Back to outdoor community sports!

Thank you to all pupils for your patience through the week whilst our changing rooms were out of use due to facilities improvements in the Year 8 area. As pupils had to come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday, Head of PE & Sport Mr Bullock, took the opportunity for pupils to promote their local clubs by wearing their team shirt for the day.

Pupils from all year groups came together for a photoshoot on the 3G pitch joined by Headteacher, Mr Eastham. A former PE teacher himself, Mr Eastham admitted it had been a while since he'd played a match but reminded everyone who's the boss with 'Head' printed on the back on his team shirt!

The pupils represented local sports teams such as football clubs like Lostock Hall, Penwortham Town, Euxton Girls, Gregson Lane, BACEE, Fulwood Amateurs, Cadley, Lancon as well as Preston Hockey Club.



Theo said: "We enjoy playing against each other for our local football clubs and trying to beat each other! There is a friendly rivalry. My team, Fulwood Amateurs, play in the top division and I play left back."

Shannon plays for her local football club: "I play left wing or up front. It's competitive."

Wednesday's event also coincided with the return of organised outdoor sports from 29 March, recent FA registration of Priory's 3G pitch and its availability for community hire.

Priory's 3G football pitch has been officially added onto The FA 3G Turf Pitch Register and will be recognised for three seasons as FA standard.

"For our 3G pitches to be approved by the Football Association is a huge boost," said Head of PE & Sport Mr Bullock. "We have state-of-the-art facilities at Priory and we are delighted both pupils and the community can make use of them."

The pitches are available for the community to hire in the evenings and at weekends and can be booked from 29 March, with one-third of a pitch hire £30.

Assistant Head Neil Gee said: ***"To get FA approval is a reflection of the time and the quality of work which has been spent on the pitch. It means local teams can play a league game on it and the result will count. We have already had an influx of bookings and we are really excited about both our pupils and the community making use of our fantastic facilities."***

Either go to www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/facility-hire-at-priory to book directly or email lettings@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



From 12 April 2021

Online during the Easter break to view and place
advance orders

Lunch - Daily Specials

Monday -

Pasta Bolognese
Gluten free pasta Bolognese
Jumbo hot dog

Tuesday -

Cheese panini
Cheese and pepperoni panini
Chicken curry*
Vegetarian/vegan curry*

Wednesday -

Cheese and onion pasty
Warm beef, onion and gravy barm
Pasta Bolognese*

Thursday -

Cheese panini
Cheese and pepperoni panini
Chicken curry*
Veggie/vegan curry*

Friday -

Butter pie
Pasta Bolognese
Gluten free pasta Bolognese

Available Every Day

Southern fried chicken wrap
Chicken, mayo and bacon baguette
Jacket potato with beans
Jacket potato with cheese and beans
Jacket potato with tuna
Tuna mayo pasta pot*
Selection of sandwiches and salad pots

*Gluten-free option available

**Sandwiches at lunch available on gluten-free bread via
request - email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk**

Important Notice



**The cut-off time for
orders is changing.
After Easter, orders
must be placed by
11.59pm the night
before.**

To enhance the catering service we offer in school, after Easter the new cut-off time for orders will be 11.59pm the evening before for both break and lunchtime food. This will allow kitchen staff more time to fulfil the increased menu.

A new menu will be available (see opposite) with more options for vegetarian/vegan and gluten-free diets. Sandwiches and salads will now also be available on the break time menu, as well as lunch.

Pupils/parents may prefer to select their orders over a weekend for the full week ahead. Orders can be cancelled or items removed up to the evening before, where necessary. The online system allows you to view everything you have ordered in advance and you can cancel orders by clicking on the red 'refund' button at the left of each item to remove it.

Information on the online catering system is available at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-catering-orders. If you have any queries or need a reminder of your set up code or login, please email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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Bedrock - It's The Word!

Year 8 pupils at Priory are expanding their vocabulary thanks to Bedrock – and they are loving finding new ways to express themselves! Bedrock is an interactive online vocabulary curriculum which was first introduced this time last year to our Year 9 pupils. It was so successful in building students' vocabulary that Priory chose to introduce it this year to Year 8 pupils. English teacher Mrs Elliott says the pupils are thriving:

"Bedrock was set up by two teachers who saw the need to narrow the word gap that exists between different groups of children, thereby improving outcomes across the whole curriculum. The objective is to introduce pupils to a wide range of Tier 2 vocabulary at a pace the pupils can cope with and via a system that adapts to their needs."

"With Bedrock, pupils have to read quite substantial texts; key vocabulary will be highlighted and its meaning explained. The words are then used in different contexts, so it really develops an understanding of the new vocabulary.

"Pupils start with an Alpha test which ascertains the appropriate reading 'block' for that pupil. They then complete a pre- and post-block test to allow both the pupils and the teachers to see how much improvement in their vocabulary they've achieved.

"Many children go from around 60 per cent to 90 per cent. This makes it easy to track their progress and motivating for the pupils to see their own improvements. We recommend two lessons a week. Each lesson is around 20 minutes, and they can do them in school or at home. Following this structure, pupils will learn around 10 new words and their meanings a week.

"The pupils are so enthusiastic. They are getting more used to Bedrock's requirements now and they are seeing the benefits."

Chloe has completed the most lessons and spent the most time on Bedrock and says she is enjoying it:

"I like learning words and improving my vocabulary. I carry out lessons at home and I am leading in points and progress at Priory."



Leon said: "It's definitely increased my vocabulary; it is a good way of learning new words and understanding them. You read them, get the definition and then do a number of activities and then have a test about the words at the end."

Lily, who is the second highest on progress and points in Bedrock at Priory, added: "I have learnt a lot of new words, some of the words I have encountered before but some are new to me. It's fun. I do it at home and in school."

Head of English, Mrs Gidden continued... "We've had Bedrock for a while and were previously using it as an intervention tool but now we have everyone in Year 8 using the software based on its successes when Mrs Elliott piloted it earlier this year.

"The system asks pupils to study a series of online, topic based lessons. The topics cover everything from Alan Turing's Enigma Code to the Great Fire of London so they're curriculum-broad and culture-rich topics.

"Priory really wants our pupils to have a great, usable vocabulary so they can access the world around them more easily. Bedrock has been proven to improve children's vocabulary exponentially compared to just following the curriculum alone without specific vocabulary teaching."

How's it 'gone down'?

Pupils love Bedrock. The department expects each pupil to complete a minimum of two 'lessons' a week and whilst there is time to do one in our weekly 'Reading Hour' most of the work is done at home or in unstructured time. For each complete lesson pupils receive 25 points. The more points a pupil has, the higher on the leader board they go. Although the holidays are approaching, Year 8 pupils will still be expected to do their two lessons a week.

Bedrock has a parent portal and we'll issue details to Year 8 parents soon about how best to support your child with the application.

This week's leader board legends are: **Chloe B in 8E2 with 323 points**
Lily McM in 8E2 with 235 points
Oliver H in 8E2 with 119 points



This week, pupils have learned words such as *annual, frontier, accomplish; frigid; citadel and voracious.*

We're so excited to watch our students progress with Bedrock!



Get Caught Reading

During the last week of each half term, pupils who get 'caught' reading in unstructured time, are in with a chance of winning one of two £10 Amazon vouchers.

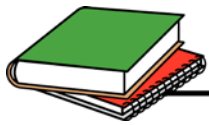
Well done to all pupils who were spotted reading their book before/after school or during breaks.

Two names were picked at random out of all the 'guilty' bookworms seen during w/b 22 March.

Our winners were: Dylan N (Year 7) and Abbie C (Year 10)

See your English teacher for your £10 voucher!





English

reminder

English Revision Guides (Year 10)

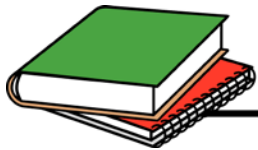
Did you know GCSE English Literature revision guides are available to purchase through school?

The guides, endorsed by the examining board AQA, normally retail for £6 each however we have managed to secure these for just £3.50 each.

Letters and order forms were issued at the beginning of the academic year, however a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters or pupils can speak with their English teacher. Please note that all payments must now be made via SCOPay as we can no longer accept cash. Payments must be made before guides can be released to pupils.

The guides available are: Macbeth | A Christmas Carol | Power and Conflict Poetry Cluster Guide | Language Examination Guide

KEEP
CALM
AND
GET
PREPARED



English

You're awesome!

The following pupils have received special commendation in English from their teachers for outstanding endeavour and achievement:

Year 7

Niamh P
Jake L
Sophia T

Year 11

Erin W
Kiera H
Caitlyn W
Aaron B
Finnley K

Year 8

Preston McM
Lily McM
Lewis T

Certificates will be issued after the Easter break.

Year 9

Holly D
Millie H
Paige C
Jake H

Year 10

Tom F



Put your
face in a
BOOK



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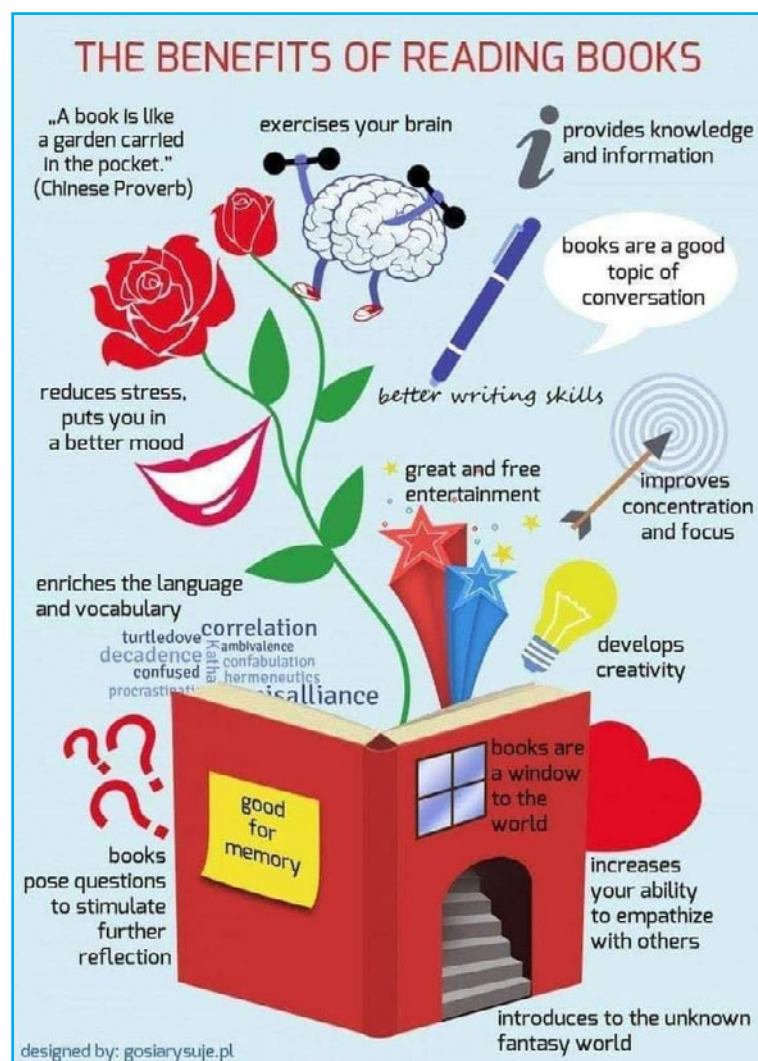
Whilst we're all buzzing about Bedrock for Year 8, the foundation of our reading program here at Priory is Accelerated Reader.

Years 7-9 are given the chance to select a book from their year group's trolley once a week in their 'Reading Hour'. All of our library books are on the nationwide system so, once each child has finished a book, they can take a fun, interactive quiz on the book to add to their word count and their overall book 'bank'.

Teachers measure progress regularly by ensuring pupils read for at least 60 minutes a week cumulatively. Once a term, pupils are tested on their progress and Reading Age (RA). Those whose reading ages are in line with their actual age, are more likely to succeed academically and go on to lucrative professional positions than their non-reading counterparts.

At the start of the summer term, pupils on the program will take their final test of this academic year to measure their progress since September so please ensure your Key Stage 3 child reads their book (or one from home if they've forgotten to change it for the holiday) as this regular, reading practice keeps them challenged.

Pupils are asked to read at Priory because being able to read confidently is at the heart of academic achievement across the curriculum and in life beyond Priory. It appeals to their imagination and allows them to visit new worlds and experience exciting adventures from the comfort of their favourite armchair.



Top readers in Year 7 at Priory include:

Thomas M with 1.1 million words
Jake L with 1.4 million words
Geetha R with 2.1 million words
James H with 3.2 million words
Niamh P with 3.1 million words
Emily P with 1.9 million words

Please support your child by reading with them and discussing their current reading material with them.

If parents have queries about any of our reading programs they can contact me or their child's reading teacher.

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

a.gidden@priory.lancs.sch.uk

FAQs can be found at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/english

Careers Advice at Priory



Hello Everyone

As we come out of another lockdown and pupils return to school, please rest assure that I will continue to provide careers advice and guidance during the days I am designated as the Independent Careers Adviser for Priory.

Pupils can email me requesting an appointment, or see their Head of Year, and I will arrange a suitable date and time for the careers appointment to take place or alternatively I am available for drop in sessions before school and during lunch.

After the Easter break, I will be based in the careers office along the Pastoral corridor in the Year 10 area. Year 11 pupils should see their Head of

Year, Mrs Eastham, for a drop in session and I will meet them in their year group bubble.

Any pupil or parent can email me with any careers queries, and I will respond on one of the designated days as noted in the poster opposite.

This week I have also issued my summer term Careers Bulletin to Key Stage 4 pupils which is full of useful information about careers, progression routes and more. As many pupils will be anxious about how Covid may have affected their career opportunities, the bulletin also includes some things they can do to make sure they are prepared. If you didn't see it then it can be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG

Stay safe!

Mrs Khan
Independent Careers Adviser

s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Do you need
careers
advice?



Independent Careers Adviser

Mrs Khan

Available for 1:1 Careers Appointments & Drop-In Sessions in
The Careers Room

Drop In Sessions Times:

Morning : 8.15am to 8.50am
Lunchtime : 1.15pm to 1.50pm

Careers Adviser Dates:

March 2021	Friday 19 th March 2021 Tuesday 23 rd March 2021
April 2021	Thursday 15 th April 2021 Friday 16 th April 2021 Thursday 22 nd April 2021 Friday 23 rd April 2021 Friday 30 th April 2021
May 2021	Friday 7 th May 2021 Friday 14 th May 2021 Friday 21 st May 2021 Friday 28 th May 2021
June 2021	Friday 11 th June 2021 Friday 18 th June 2021 Friday 25 th June 2021
July 2021	Friday 2 nd July 2021 Tuesday 6 th July 2021 Tuesday 13 th July 2021

If you would like a 1:1 appointment, please email

s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member



Learn to succeed

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 pupils will receive a £5 voucher.



Randomly chosen winners from w/e 19 March were:

Year 7 - Jolie T - Nominated by Mr Taylor for excellent listening work in Music

Year 8 - Alex E - Nominated by Mr Eccles for excellent contributions in History

Year 9 - Leila H - Nominated by Mrs Isherwood for a good start to Bedrock work

Year 10 - Jacob C - Nominated by Mr Eccles for excellent contributions in History

Year 11 - Nicole C - Nominated by Mr Eccles for excellent return to face-to-face learning

Miss Thornton
English Teacher and Specialist
Leader for Education



Extra Curricular Club

Starting after Easter

Open to all Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils

Mondays - 3.15pm-4.15pm

See below for details or just turn up!

Pupils can also see their PE teacher for more information or parents/pupils can email Mrs Tompson at g.tompson@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Afterschool Hockey



Inviting all year 7,8 & 9 pupils to afterschool hockey. (Beginners and Experienced players)

Beginning Monday 19th April 3.15pm-4.15pm

Coaching provided by Sharon Bolton, Lancashire & Preston Juniors Hockey Club coach and Mary Mcaulay, Preston Juniors Hockey Co-ordinator.



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BOYS & GIRLS NEW LONGTON CRICKET CLUB



**EVER DREAMED OF BEING THE NEXT BEN STOKES, HEATHER KNIGHT, OR ADIL RASHID?
WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND STAY FIT & ACTIVE OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER?**

New Longton Cricket Club are looking for **boys and girls in years 4, 5, 6 and 7** to join our **Under-10s and Under-12s sides**. All are welcome, regardless of experience or ability, to come and train with us at our club and in our new all-weather nets.

All coaches are DBS checked & training is conducted under COVID-safe guidelines. Please **call, text, or WhatsApp** Vasco on **07733112257** for more details.

For older children and parents who wish to play, we also run **three senior teams** as well as a **ladies' senior softball cricket team**. Again, please get in touch if you are interested.

New Longton Cricket Club, Chapel Lane, New Longton, Preston PR4 4AA

Team Mates Wanted!



Gregson Lane JFC Under 13's Blacks (Year 8) are looking for players to add to their team.

If you're looking to join a team or fancy a fresh challenge, then give Damien or Mark a call.

We train on Tuesday evenings at Walton-le-Dale High School Astro throughout winter 7.00-8.00pm.

If you want to join a community club that promotes football, fitness and fun then give us a call.

Damien on 07736 383193 or Mark on 07733 151528

www.gregsonlanejfc.com



Gregson Lane Junior Football Club



CHARTER
STANDARD
CLUB

**FOOTBALL
FITNESS
& FUN!**



Player Vacancies and Volunteering Opportunities @ Lostock Hall Juniors Football Club



Tiny Tacklers (Under 6s)

Spaces are now available for our new intake of Tiny Tacklers. Sessions are held for boys and girls at Lostock Hall Community Primary School on Saturdays.

Email: kerrycoombes93@gmail.com

Volunteers

LHJFC are looking for volunteers to become coaches for either training only sessions or teams. Availability at various age groups (male/female).

Email: darrylcartwright@btinternet.com

Player Vacancies

U9 Whites are looking for a Goalkeeper or someone who would like to become a GK

Email: daveelsdon@hotmail.com

U14 Blacks are looking for players. Email: stephenjbeck@hotmail.com

U15 Girls (Pumas) are looking for new/experienced players (currently training only)

Email: caitlindodd@manx.net



Wildcats Fun Sessions (for girls aged 5-11 of any ability)

Thursdays, 5pm-6pm. Venue: Lostock Hall Community Primary School

Sessions restart on 15/04/21. Email: lhjfcwildcats@outlook.com



We are looking for a couple of players to join our fantastic team.



We welcome anyone new to football, or have played before or looking for a new challenge.

Penwortham Town Football Club

U12s Football Team (Current School Year 7)

Training is Thursday, 6pm – 7:30pm at Vernon Carus Sports Club, Penwortham.

For more info please contact Sarah Green 07368 405821

LANCON JUNIOR F.C.

LANCON JUNIOR FC GIRLS

NOW RECRUITING RECEPTION TO YR9

TRAINING THURSDAY/
FRIDAY NIGHTS

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:

IAN - 07709931777
BEV - 07505302789
MARK - 07376660602

Lancon JFC - Girls
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LANCON Junior FC Girls Only

Players wanted!

U14s (Year 8 & 9) girls football team.

All abilities welcome!

lanconjfc.co.uk



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Sports Facilities at Priory

3G Pitch Available For Hire

Our 3G pitch reopens on Mon, 29 March with online booking now available.

Also taking bookings for Easter Saturday, 3 April 2021.



Priory 3G is now FA registered - 1/3 pitch hire costs only £30 per hour.

A new online booking system, simply click, pay and play.

Does your team want to continue to train through April and May?

Our 3G has a limited number of evening slots available to hire.



Book direct using the online booking system or email:

lettings@priory.lancs.sch.uk

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/facility-hire-at-priory/3g-pitch-at-priory



GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships are available to Year 11 applicants on eligible Level 3 courses.

BENEFITS:

£1000
Over 2 years

NEW
Apple
iPad

FREE
Travel
Pass

FREE
College Gym
Membership

**Ambassador
Hoodie**

Support
from our extensive
range of employer
links

Evidence to
support your
UCAS application

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WHAT COURSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIP?

- Accountancy
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Applied Science
- Business Studies
- Dance
- Digital: Computer Games Design
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Event Management
- Health & Social Care
- Mechanical Engineering
- Performing Arts
- Professional Construction inc. Civil Engineering
- Public Services
- Sport

CAN I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

You should apply for a scholarship if:

- You are currently in Year 11
- You are applying for one of the Level 3 courses listed
- You meet the entry requirements
- You have a skill or talent in your course choice

(For example, if you are applying for a 'Sport' course, you may volunteer at a local sports club or represent your school/county/country.)

Note: each area may have additional entry requirements – see the online Scholarship Application Form for more details.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply for a Scholarship online at www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

- All sections of the form must be completed in FULL
- A Personal Statement section is included within the form. It is essential that you clearly justify why you are suitable for a Preston's College Scholarship - make sure you reach the 300 word count.
- Applications must be submitted before Friday 30th April 2021. Dance and Performing Arts applications are open until Friday 11th June 2021.

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WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE EXPECT IN RETURN?

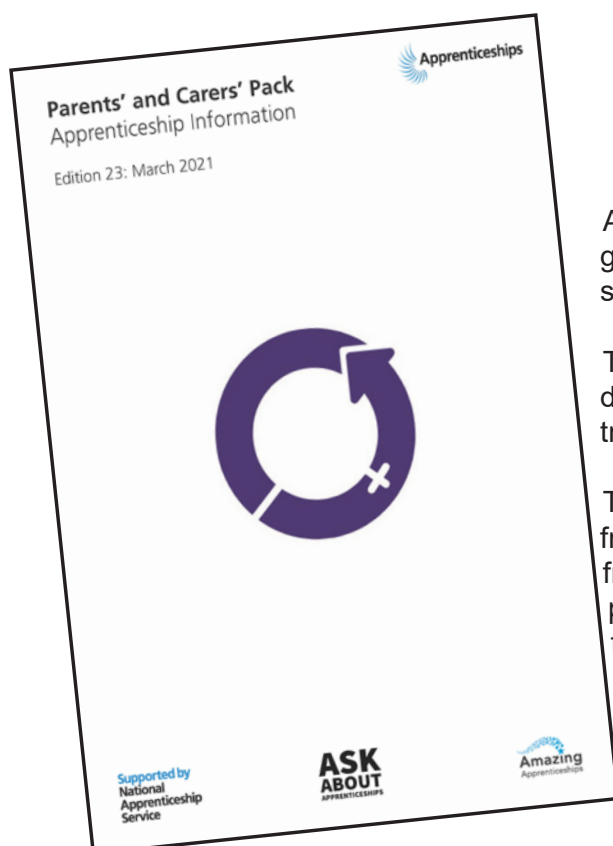
If successful, Preston's College expects:

- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Performance at or above your target grade
- Any additional requirements as outlined in your Scholarship Agreement
- To help promote your course to potential learners

APPLY NOW
www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP, WILL THIS AFFECT MY APPLICATION TO STUDY AT PRESTON'S COLLEGE?

No. If you are unsuccessful in securing a scholarship, this will not affect your application for a full-time course.



As pupils return to school this month, this booklet provides some great information to parents and carers to help inspire and encourage students to stay positive about their future.

This edition of the Apprenticeship Parents & Carers Pack shares details on the recent announcement of new sector-specific traineeships and the new T Levels film.

Throughout this booklet, there are lots of quotes from apprentices from different industries who want to share how they have benefitted from their apprenticeship programme. There's information on preparing for a virtual recruitment process, apprenticeships in the fashion industry, and the Chartered Institute of Housing has also provided information on completing an apprenticeship with them.

A copy of the document has been emailed to parents and pupils this week and can also be downloaded from the school website at

>> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG

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Myerscough
College

Online Course Advice Morning

10.00am-12.30pm



The North West centre for land-based & sports education

www.myerscough.ac.uk



@myerscoughcoll



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The college's next online advice morning date is **Saturday, 24 April** from **10.00am – 12.30noon**

Instructions on how to book are through the "What's On" section of Myerscough's website - www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-april or pupils can simply visit the website on the day.

You can hear from tutors directly and ask questions on the morning which is ideal for those hoping to start this September or considering applying for next year. Staff from all subject areas will all be online throughout the morning, along with staff from Admissions, Finance, Accommodation, Apprenticeships and Inclusive Learning.

Pupils needing support with applications or post 16 decisions beforehand, can get in touch with Priory's Careers Adviser, Mrs Khan at s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



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