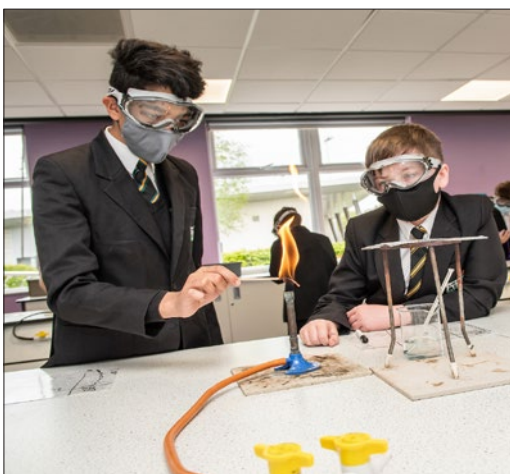


# Penwortham Priory Post



## Year 7 Experiment with Science!

**Year 7 pupils admitted they were 'excited' to use Bunsen Burners as science experiments returned to Priory.**

Due to Covid restrictions, experiments had been unable to go ahead until this week. Under Miss Nouraghaei's careful instructions, pupils got to use the Bunsen Burners to look at different types of flames and also measure the temperature of water with a timeline.

Miss Nouraghaei said: "It's their first time using Bunsen Burners, it seems ages since we have had experiments in class and it's so good to have them back again."

Taylor said: "Science is one of my favourite subjects. It's been hard not being able to carry out experiments but it's exciting now we can."

Tanashe said: "It's actually quite fun and nice to be able to do experiments. I enjoy science."

Emily added: "I heated the water and recorded the temperature every minute. It's my first year in high school so it's exciting to be able to finally carry out experiments in class."



## Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

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

**Mon, 3 May**  
May Day closure

**Tues, 4 May**  
INSET Day  
School closed.

**Fri, 28 May**  
Year 11 Last Day / Alton Towers Trip  
Last day of term.

**Mon, 31 May - Fri, 4 June**  
Half term break

**Weds, 23 June**  
Year 10 Preston's College visit.

**Thurs, 24 June**  
Learning for Life Day 5  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

**Mon, 23 - Fri, 27 August**  
Summer school - new intake



Inset Day  
.. school closed to  
pupils

## DON'T FORGET SCHOOL CLOSED

**Mon, 3 May and Tues, 4 May 2021**

A reminder that school will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday and INSET on Tuesday.

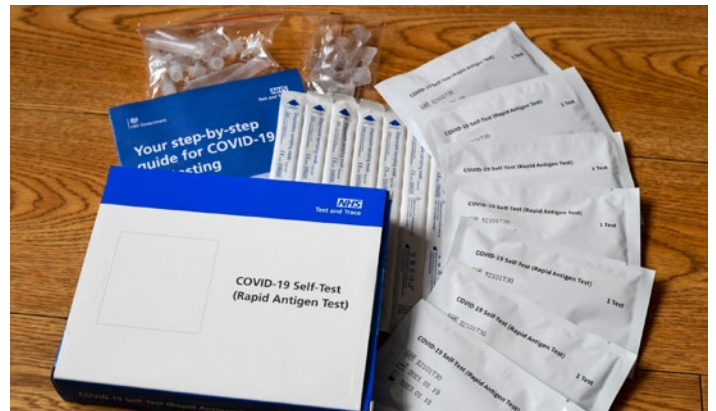
School reopens as normal on Wednesday.

## Covid Home Testing Kits - Next Batch Issued This Week

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school, it is vital that pupils continue to test at home as we progress through the summer term.

**All pupils have been issued with their next batch of Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits this week.**

- Year 7 to 10 have a single pack containing 7 tests
- Year 11 will either have a single pack containing 7 tests or 2 packs containing 3 tests in each pack.



Pupils should continue to test twice weekly in order to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent the spread of the virus.

**The routine for Priory staff and pupils is to use the LFD kits to test on Sundays and Wednesday evenings.**

You only need to advise school of a positive result. After contacting the NHS Test & Trace, please inform the Attendance Officer, Mrs Kouser by emailing [a.kouser@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.kouser@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

**Any pupil who hasn't picked up their batch of kits this week should see their Learning for Life teacher.**

### Why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test



To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government (DfE) has produced a blog on why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test, featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case>>

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/04/23/heres-why-reporting-your-test-result-is-as-important-as-taking-a-test>

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# Year 8 Pupil Brings His Story to Life in History

Year 8 pupil Cyrus brought history to life by showing off his great-grandad's medals from World War II.

His class, under Miss Ackers, have been studying World War 1 in their lessons.

Cyrus loves history and wanted to bring in the medals awarded to his great-grandad Gwilym Lloyd Jones, now owned by his grandad.

Private Gwilym was in the South Wales Border Regiment and served in France, Germany and Cyprus.

He was wounded in France by shrapnel and, at the end of the war, was stationed at Fulwood Barracks where he left the army to become a cotton worker and stayed in Preston until his death in 2009.

"I am very proud of my great-grandad," said Cyrus. "I brought his medals into school and they include the France/Germany Star, the 1939-45 Star and one from Cyprus."

*"He has inspired me and I want to join the army. We had been learning about trench foot in lessons and that sounded disgusting!"*

History teacher Miss Ackers said: *"We are currently studying World War 1 and have just had lessons on what life is like in the trenches and what it was like to be a soldier."*

"Cyrus has a keen eye for history and asked if he could bring the medals in and, even though we won't be studying World War II until next year, it was great to see them and how proud Cyrus is of his great-grandad."



Gwilym Lloyd Jones - Left Photo: bottom row 4th from the left  
Right Photo: top row 4th from the left.

# Year 10 Maths Students Given University Opportunity

Priory's top set Year 10 pupils have been given the chance to take part in enrichment sessions with Lancaster University for able mathematicians in the Preston area.

Lancaster University and Cardinal Newman College have been working together to bring a Maths School to Lancashire. Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSoM) is due to open in September 2022 and will provide an intellectually stimulating and challenging curriculum along with high quality resources for school leavers who love maths.



The enrichment sessions are designed for pupils who are currently estimated to achieve grade 7 at GCSE but have the potential to achieve an 8 or higher with some extra support. All the sessions are at no cost to parents and will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams.



If pupils are unable to attend the sessions due to over subscription, they will be given access to a pre-recorded version of the lessons as well as being informed of other activities they can get involved with later in the year.

Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, goes on to say, *"For the last two years, we have also offered a GCSE Further Maths qualification. This helps pupils prepare for A-Level Maths but it has also contributed to better grades in GCSE Maths. We are seeing more Grade 7-9s over the last two years and have better results than a lot of our competitors."*

"Further Maths is mainly for the high achievers but is open to all higher tier Year 11s - pupils need to be motivated to attend the extra sessions after school and we'll be discussing this with Year 10 at the start of the next academic year."

Mr Kenrick  
Head of Mathematics

## Year 11 Alton Towers Trip

We are planning to take the full year group to Alton Towers on their last day of school, Friday 28 May.

The cost of the trip is £25 including return transport and entrance to the park. We anticipate that the park will be very quiet during this time which will allow pupils to take full advantage of its facilities.

We will follow all current COVID guidelines and if a child later tests positive for COVID, all pupils sat within 2 metres of that pupil on the coach would have to self-isolate. We also ask that all pupils take a LFD test on the evening before or the morning of the trip.

A letter and consent forms have been issued to parents and pupils this week and can also be downloaded from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please complete the payment using the school's online payment system, SCOPay.

In addition parents must complete Form 3B Parental/Carer Consent and Medical Information Form attached with the letter and hand to Mr Gee/Mrs Eastham in school.

**The closing date is Wednesday, 12 May.**



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# Miss Nouraghaei's Science Classes are Turning Green!



It's a dream to be awarded a coveted Blue Peter Badge – and Priory pupils are working towards being presented with the green version.

Science teacher Miss Nouraghaei is working with her Year 7 and Year 9 classes to achieve the green Blue Peter Badge and have agreed their four class pledges which they will work on over the next two weeks.

*"I decided to introduce it to my Year 7 class and then I asked my Year 9s if they wanted to do it and they were equally enthusiastic! Many students had stories to share, showing how they are already working hard to look after our planet and fight climate change."* said Miss Nouraghaei.

"There are four pledges on **Power**, where pupils switch 30 minutes of screen time for 30 minutes of outdoor time; **Plastic**, sorting out the rubbish recycling at home carefully; **Plants**, save water by turning off the taps when you brush your teeth, and a **Supersize** pledge.



*"Our Year 7s Supersize pledge is to eat more vegetarian food while our Year 9s will switch off the lights and devices when leaving the classroom or building. We want them to see how, by making small changes, they can make a difference to the climate."*

The aim is to keep doing these pledges for at least two weeks and during this time pupils are asked to take pictures and create posters to evidence that they are completing their pledges. Pupils will also encourage others to do their bit for the environment and the climate.

"Pupils have to provide me with photographic evidence of them doing the pledges and promoting a greener environment. Then I send the evidence off and pupils will receive a green Blue Peter Badge."

Pupils should send their evidence via Teams or email [f.nouraghaei@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:f.nouraghaei@priory.lancs.sch.uk) and bring in any posters they create. Parents are encouraged to show their support.

More information about green Blue Peter badges:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge)

Miss Nouraghaei  
Science Teacher



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On Wednesday afternoon we made a start on our prospectus photography and included some messages for our new pupils and those that are soon to be leaving us.

Thank you to the Year 7 pupils who took part - you were a credit to Priory and your families.

Look out for the final photos!



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

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

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

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

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



**On the curriculum w/c 3 May**

<b>Year 7</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' <b>Introduction to e-safety</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Committing to Growth' <b>What is an 'open' character?</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' <b>What makes people quit?</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning My Decisions' <b>Mental energy Part 1</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	Summer Term - Theme: 'Finishing with Pride' ---

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# The Friday Challenge

These short general knowledge quizzes are set fortnightly as part of Friday's Learning for Life lesson.

Pupils in Year 7-10 are given this as a homework assignment, via MS Teams, to revise for the test at the end of the week. The assignment is also visible on Synergy for parents. The content of these quizzes will enhance learning across all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.



Here's this week's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

1. What's the only poisonous snake native to the UK?
2. What are the formal names for the yellow middle and the white of an egg?
3. What is an alicorn?
4. Name the smallest country in the world
5. How many days are there in February during a leap year?
6. How many players are there on a rugby team?
7. What are the four oceans called?
8. How many strings does a violin have?
9. Who was the first man to walk on the moon?
10. What name is given to someone who studies the stars?

See next page for answers.



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

Here are this week's leaders:

## Year 7

James H	7W2	1,434,929
Ethan R	7W2	339,677
Emily P	7E2	198,015

## Year 8

Thea R	8E2	110,763
Martha McA	8W2	100,269
Megan H	8E3	85,452

## Year 9

Daniel R	9W1	131,216
Taylor G	9W1	103,010
Eliinila A	9W1	101,302

Go 9W1 who have taken all 3 top spots for the most words read this week in AR- brilliant!



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# Geography Pupils Are Writing River-ting Poems For Their GCSE!

Year 10 have been studying rivers as part of their GCSE course and preparing themselves for their adventure out on compulsory fieldwork in the coming weeks.

Mr Metcalfe's 10C class have been trying to find new and innovative ways to try and revise and remember the journey of a river and how the characteristics change from source to mouth.

Together, the class (including Mrs Simpson) wrote this lovely poem below which echoes perfectly the journey of a river. Well done 10C and Mrs Simpson – Head of English, Mrs Gidden will be proud!!

High in the mountains, here is the source,  
Energy is high, flowing with force.  
Over the waterfall the stream doth flow,  
Velocity not high, some would say low.

The gradient drops, less steep it becomes,  
Wider and deeper the river now runs,  
Meandering, wandering around the floodplain,  
Oxbow lakes found in this domain.

Approaching the mouth, small pebble size,  
An estuary develops before our eyes,  
Less friction now, smooth banks and bed,  
The end of its journey – the river now dead.

10C (& Mrs Simpson!)



Mr Metcalfe  
Head of Humanities

## The Friday Challenge

1. An adder 2. Yolk and albumen 3. A winged unicorn 4. Vatican City 5. 29 6. 15  
7. Arctic, Atlantic, Indian and Pacific 8. Four 9. Neil Armstrong 10. An astronomer



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# Read for Good - The Final Story

Priory enjoyed a Read for Good Readathon before half-term and raised a staggering £1,000 for the charity.

Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach, inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely.

Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed; it's all about reading for fun.

Even better, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

"Read for Good is a charity which buys books for children in hospitals as obviously second-hand books can't be used due to infection," said English teacher Mrs Elliott.

"We just wanted Priory pupils to read whatever they want, from a recipe to a newspaper, to a chapter of a book to a whole book, and get sponsored to raise money for Read for Good.



"It's all about helping their enthusiasm for reading and reading for fun, for a good cause.

***"It's incredible that pupils raised £1,000 and it shows what is achievable in these challenging times. Books can be escapism when you are in a hospital bed and so, at Priory, we are more than happy to support this cause and will be doing it again next year and aiming to raise more."***

Year 7 DaMari raised the most money with £85 and was given a giant Easter egg and a £10 Amazon voucher. "I read two books during the week, Crater Lake was one, and my family and friends sponsored me," said DaMari. "It's a really good thing to do to give books to people in hospital so I wanted to take part."

Year 8 Theo was sponsored for £65 and was given a £10 Amazon voucher from Headteacher, Mr Eastham. "I read three books altogether during the week," said Theo. "It's a very good charity as it's upsetting being in hospital but nice we can buy books for patients to read."



Alessia, in Year 7, raised £54 and was given a £10 Amazon voucher. "I read half of a big book! It was really thick. I was proud to raise so much money."

Year 8's Joe and Luke were given an Easter egg after being randomly picked in a lucky dip of all the pupils that took part.

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## LEADERBOARD



### This week's Bedrock leaders are:

#### Points

Chloe B	8E2	1201
Lily McM	8E2	973
Abigail M	8E3	264

#### Average Improvement

Connor McG	8W1	156%
Junior D	8E3	133%
Mylie S	8W1	64%

Well done everyone in particular to Abigail M this week who is new on the leaderboard for points earned, and to Connor McG and Junior D who have improved massively.

Extra achievement points will be issued to all these pupils. Mrs Webster now has certificates for our word millionaires and multi-millionaires as well as for those that deserve recognition for their efforts.

### This week pupils were learning these word trends ...

#### Fatal

causing death

leading to failure or disaster

*"there were three fatal flaws in the strategy"*

#### Frontier

a line or border separating two countries.

*"international crime knows no frontiers"*

#### Companion

a person or animal with whom one spends a lot of time or with whom one travels.

*"his travelling companion"*

#### Abundant

existing or available in large quantities; plentiful.

*"there was abundant evidence to support the theory"*

### Year 8 Parents

Why not ask your child to use these words in a conversation with you?



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## Extra Curricular Sports Activities

Now running every week  
After school until 4pm



**Monday:** Years 7, 8 & 9 Boys and Girls Hockey\*  
Year 7 Athletics (**not 3 May**)

**Tuesday:** Year 7 Boys and Girls Football  
Year 8 & 9 Netball (**not 4 May**)

**Wednesday:** Year 9 Badminton

**Thursday:** Year 7 Netball  
Year 10 PE Intervention (V Cert pupils only)

**Friday:** Year 9 Football

Just turn up or see your PE teacher for more details. \*4.15pm finish.



## Year 8 Eco Club

### Calling all Year 8 pupils!

Would you like to be part of the school's new Eco Club?

We need a team of pupils to join us to investigate our school environment. We will be considering ways we can be more environmentally friendly at Priory and how we can make the best use of the fantastic natural resources that surround our school.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Mrs Massey,

Assistant Head of Science, via Teams or

email [c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk) .

Or speak with your Science teacher!



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## Online Careers Event: Insight into Property Development

**Weds, 12 May - 5pm-6.30pm**

[See poster top right >>](#)

Young Professionals UK is hosting an Insight to Careers in Property Development with Berkeley St Edward. Throughout the evening they will take you through the main components of their business:

**Property Development, Construction, Architecture, Interior Design.**

Berkeley Group are a publicly-owned FTSE 100 company listed on the London Stock Exchange. They have built more than 19,200 homes in the last five years and have a very strong presence all across the UK.

- Talks from leaders of property development / construction / architecture / interior design
- An insight into a huge UK-based property developer, their different departments and areas of work
- Get your questions answered by leading property development professionals

Application link>>

[www.research.net/r/Berkeley-Group-Event](http://www.research.net/r/Berkeley-Group-Event)

*Note to pupils: please register using a personal email address or your parent's as school emails are blocked to most external organisations.*

**Berkeley**  
Designed for life

**St Edward**  
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**Insight to Berkeley St Edward**  
**Wednesday 12th May, 5:00pm – 6:30pm**

*Property Development | Construction | Architecture | Interior Design*

Berkeley Group are a publicly owned FTSE 100 company listed on the London Stock Exchange which makes them one of the biggest players in the UK in property development market! They have built more than 19,200 homes in the last five years and are behind some of the biggest re development projects across the country. Come and join us for an insight into a huge UK-wide based property developer, their different departments and areas of work

### **Work Experience & Apprenticeship Opportunities in:**

- Property Development
- Construction
- Architecture
- Interior Design

### **Who is this for?**

Open to all students Y11 / S4, Y12 / S5, Y13 / S5 & Y14 + students at university!

### **How can I apply?**

Application Link provided by shcool / college to secure your place today!

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM LOTTERY!**

**WIN YOUR YEAR 7 CHILD'S FIRST UNIFORM!**



**The Lottery where you win EVERY TIME!**



**£10 PER TICKET:**

**INCLUDES DONATION TO ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPICE + YOUR FULL £10 IS REDEEMABLE AGAINST YEAR 7 UNIFORM!**

PLAY AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE — CONSIDER IT A SAVINGS CLUB!

**LOTTERY RULES**

- ★ You must have a confirmed Year 7 place at one of our six named secondary schools.
- ★ Buy tickets in store or by phone to enter your details into the big draw.
- ★ Every £10 ticket purchase is redeemable against a full set of Year 7 uniform.
- ★ Closing date for entry: Friday 16th July 2021
- ★ Draw date: Friday 23rd July

**LOTTERY PRIZES**

- ★ 1ST PRIZE: FULL SET OF YEAR 7 SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT (EMBROIDERED ITEMS) FOR ONE OF OUR 6 LISTED SCHOOLS.
- ★ 2ND PRIZE: FULL SET OF YEAR 7 COMPULSORY PE KIT FOR ONE OF OUR 6 LISTED SCHOOLS.
- ★ 3RD PRIZE: YEAR 7 EMBROIDERED BLAZER FOR ONE OF OUR 6 LISTED SCHOOLS.

ALL HALLOWS    BROWNEDGE ST. MARYS    HUTTON GRAMMAR  
 LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY    PENWORTHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL    PRIORY ACADEMY

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FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

# NORTH WEST 350+ CAREERS IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE VIRTUAL TASTER DAY

JUNE 2 2021

9:45 - 15:00

Explore Careers in:

- Psychological Professions
- Finance
- Dental
- Estates and Facilities
- Ambulance Service
- Healthcare Science
- Public Health
- Innovation Agency
- Pharmaceutical medicine

'Do you know there are over 350 careers available in the Health and Social Care. Join us to hear more about what opportunities there are, the different routes in, and how to apply for roles with us. maximise your chances in health careers. There's something to suit everyone. It's not just about doctors and nurses!'

[CLICK HERE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE](#)

**PATHWAY**  
Careers Training & Mentoring

## North West NHS Careers Information Virtual Event

2 June 2021

Hosted by Health Education England and taking place during the half term break.

Gain insight into the various routes into the NHS and what a day in the life of NHS employees entails.

There are over 350 potential careers in the NHS and one of them could be yours, so make sure to register for your FREE ticket.

To learn more about the event or to secure your place please visit:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-taster-day-work-for-the-nhs-tickets-149729678499](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-taster-day-work-for-the-nhs-tickets-149729678499)

If you have any questions or queries about this event please contact

[info@pathwayctm.com](mailto:info@pathwayctm.com)

For support with careers advice in school, please contact Priory's careers adviser Mrs Khan or see your Head of Year.

[s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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Tours

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

**RUNSHAW  
COLLEGE**

## Guided Year 11 Tours

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

These will run 4.10pm–4.55pm from 4 to 28 May 2021.

Click here for more information or to book:

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



## We are taking part in the Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the pandemic...on stamps!

For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work.

Your task is to design a stamp, using the official entry form/template, to honour a hero or heroes. A panel of Royal Mail judges will pick the winning eight designs which will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued. There's prizes to be won!

**The competition is open to children up to age 14 and we are submitting entries as school.**

**If you are interested, please email Mrs Hopes, Head of Art, or send her a message on Teams. Email [t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk)**

Deadline for entries in school is Fri, 21 May.

Download a template >>

[www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/pdf/en\\_Official\\_Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/pdf/en_Official_Entry_Form.pdf) .

Further information at >>

[www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/#HeroStamps](http://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/#HeroStamps)

**Royal Mail**

**HEROES STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION**

We're taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

We're entering the competition for the chance to see our heroes on a stamp!

[www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition](http://www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition)

#HeroStamps

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