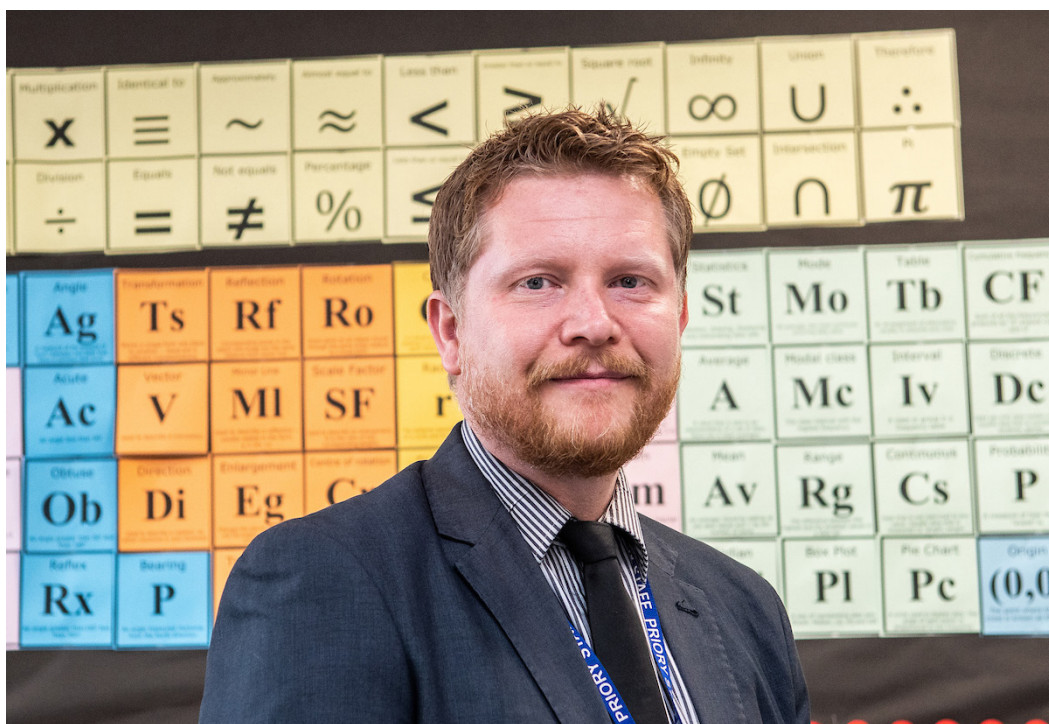


Penwortham Priory Post



The Maths Department: An Update From Mr Kenrick

Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, has said big advancements have been made in his department – and the results prove it!

Mr Kenrick leads the department of six at Priory and he says: “We all work hard and efficiently. We have a fantastic team here and we work well together. We challenge each other to deliver quality lessons and to improve our own teaching. We also look at what other schools are doing and what courses we can go on to keep moving forward.

“We have reworked our Key Stage 3 scheme using ideas from the Endeavour Learning Trust and the Lancashire Advisor. We have been on extra courses and Assistant Head of Maths, Mr Henshaw, is completing a three-year Maths Mastery programme. This means we are challenging ourselves and challenging all pupils no matter what level they are at.

***“For the last two years, we have 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.

Continued overleaf...

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

Learning for Life Day 2

Mon, 9 November 2020
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

New York Trip

Passports in school
Tues, 10 November 2020

Year 9 HPV Vaccinations Catch Up Session

Mon, 16 November 2020

Year 7 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Mon, 16 November 2020

Poppy Appeal

Collections to continue on Monday and Tuesday. Pupils should bring a small amount of cash if they wish to make a donation.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



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"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. One example is a pupil who had a target of a grade 5. He got a maths tutor and attended our extra sessions and achieved a Grade 7."

There are also plenty of maths clubs to take part in – some virtual at the moment but all designed to test pupils further.

"We subscribe to the Virtual Maths Club, where new puzzles become available every fortnight. We print them out and use them with all pupils in lessons to encourage them to solve problems.



Mr Henshaw, Assistant Head of Maths

"We take part in the UKMT Junior and Intermediate Challenge, a national competition which promotes problem solving and teamwork and other mathematical enrichment activities; we help our pupils practice for this.

"Key Stage 4 pupils can take part in Runshaw College's Maths Challenge which will stretch and challenge them. All our pupils can be part of the Parallel Club, an online maths enrichment club, where pupils sign up and complete in their own time. It is backed by the author Dr Simon Singh.

"We use Mathswatch, a website with interactive games and ideas, which pupils became more familiar with during lockdown. We now use it for homework as well as for pupil revision - it has instructional videos and self-marking interactive questions. It's also beneficial for pupils struggling to understand a topic as they can go back and watch a video on it."

"Maths was very much under the spotlight during the Ofsted inspection in March and I like to think our department firmly played its part in Priory getting a 'good' grading.

"We are making an impact and we are on a journey of continuous improvement."

Mr Kervick
Heads of Maths

LEARNING FOR LIFE DAY

Monday, 9 NOVEMBER

A reminder that we finish early on Monday as it's a Learning for Life day.

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

School buses have been arranged to leave at this earlier time.



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Masks in School

The wearing of face coverings has been mandatory in schools for several weeks now.

Pupils and staff are expected to wear masks on arrival to school, on school and public transport, in communal areas when not eating or drinking, between lessons and on leaving school at the end of the day.

As a school, we have had to provide masks repeatedly to many pupils who have forgotten or misplaced theirs and therefore, reluctantly, we have now had to make the decision to charge a small fee for them.

If a pupil arrives in school without a mask they should see their Head of Year, who will provide a disposable mask and may also contact their parent/carer. For the safety of all pupils and staff, repeated offenders will be sent home at the Head of Year's discretion after three instances without a mask.

Masks will be charged at 50p each.

This does not apply to those who are exempt from wearing face coverings for medical reasons. Any family requiring support should contact their child's Head of Year. Staff contact details are available at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list

We will continue to educate and remind our young people of their responsibility in keeping all those that they may come into contact with, both at school and in our local community, safe, and we thank you for your continued support in doing this with your own daughters and sons too.

*Thank you for your support,
Heads of year*



Get Caught Reading

During the last week of each half term, pupils who get 'caught' reading during unstructured time, are in with a chance of winning a £20 Amazon voucher.

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/e 23 October.

Our winners were Rhianne L (Year 10) and Thomas M (Year 7).

'Get Caught Reading' will run again during the last week of the Autumn term but don't wait until then to pick up a book!

Mrs Robinson-Ali

Assistant Head of English



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Rewarding Work For Year 7 Pupils

Lily's bookworm picture won over the judges in the 'Design a Reward Postcard' competition from the English Department.

The Year 7 competition was co-ordinated by English teacher Mrs Webster and pupils had to design a Reward Postcard which will be sent to parents by teachers to recognise pupils in all year groups who have impressed in English lessons.

Lily's design was selected as the winning one and she said: "I am really proud to win. I can't wait to see my design being used."

Runners-up were Layla and Eloise.

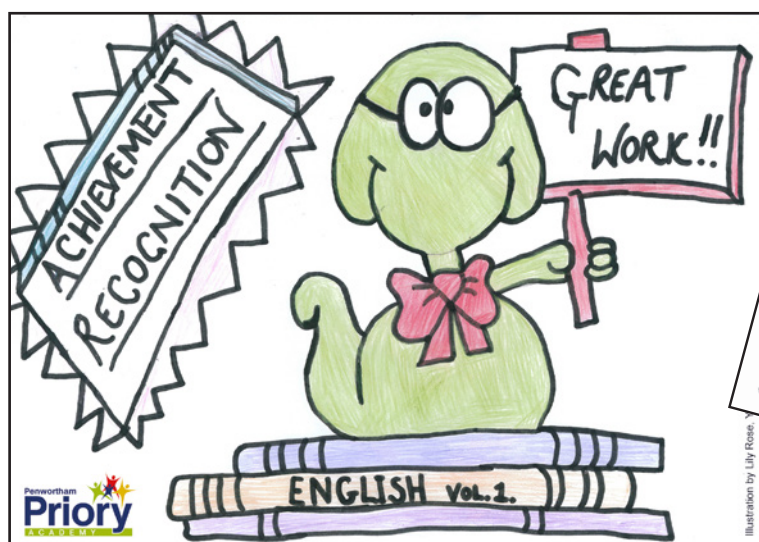
Layla said: "I felt I had done mine wrong, I almost ran out of space, so I didn't think I would be placed. I am pleased."

Eloise said: "I didn't think mine would be in the top three so it's nice to be recognised."

Mrs Webster said: "In the English department, we are always keen to recognise good work so we were excited to see what the students could create for the Reward Postcard competition."

"We had some fantastic entries which really did make it difficult to choose. Congratulations to Lily, Layla and Eloise on their winning designs. We are looking forward to having the postcards printed and in use."

The girls' designs will next be scanned and set as professional artwork before being sent for printing. Once back from the printers, the cards will be used for years to come!



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As the country goes into its second national lockdown, we would like to update you on the following after school activities and interventions.

PE & Sport - All extra-curricular sports activities are suspended until the end of the 4 week lockdown following Government advice. PE lessons in school time will continue as normal.

Astronomy Club - To continue as normal.

Maths - Year 11 interventions will continue every Tuesday until 4pm, including GCSE Further Maths.

English - Year 11 interventions will continue every Thursday - see next page for details.

Geography - Year 11 interventions continue after school every Thursday and Friday until 4pm as per the rota previously advised. Pupils should see Mr Watters for a reminder of their sessions, if required, or parents may email a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Homework Club - Running as normal, please see below for details.



After School Homework Club

Year 7 - Hex 1 on Monday

Year 8 - IELC on Tuesday

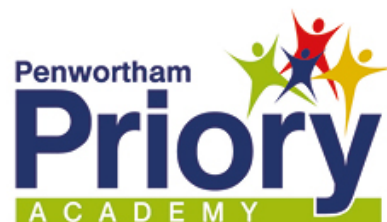
Year 9 - SC6 on Thursday

Year 10 - LEAP 2 on Thursday

All pupils welcome - just turn up!

**From 3.10pm
until 4pm**

Starts w/c 21 September



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New York Trip May 2021

The trip to New York will go ahead as planned. Only if we are advised by the Government and local education authority not to travel would the trip be cancelled. The full payment for the trip as originally scheduled must be made by 11 January 2021.

reminder



Pupils with a confirmed place should bring their passport into school by next Tuesday, 10 November so we can start the visa application. Please place it in a named envelope adding the label 'New York Trip' and pass to your Head of Year. Passports will be returned to you as soon as possible.

A letter with full details was issued to parents with a confirmed place before the half term break and can also be

downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Mr Watters
Lead Teacher of Geography



Year 11 English Interventions



English

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.

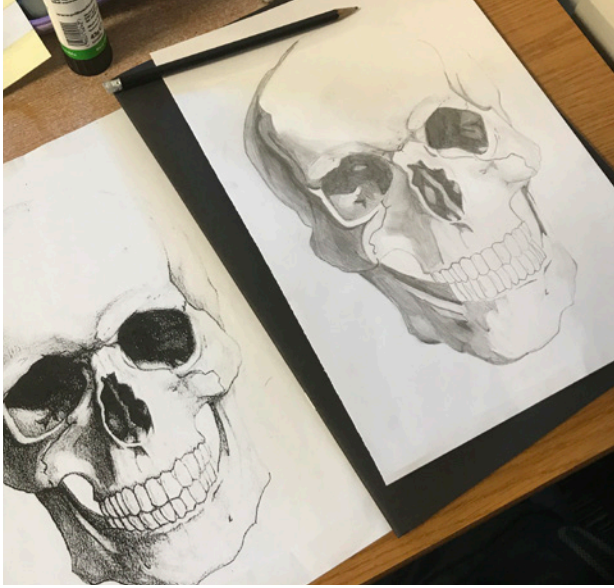
Week	Teacher / Room	Poem
12 November	Miss Thornton EN4	Storm on the Island
	Miss Smith EN1	Storm on the Island
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Bayonet Charge
19 November	Miss Thornton TBC	Bayonet Charge
	Mrs Elliott	Exposure
26 November	Mrs Gidden EN3	Exposure
	Mrs Webster EN1	Charge of the Light Brigade
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Charge of the Light Brigade

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In their Art & Design lessons Year 8 are currently exploring the theme 'Mexican Day of the Dead'. The introduction to which is the accurate drawing of a skull. Pupils are learning how to closely observe and how to apply tonal shading to their pieces, to create realism.

Here's an outstanding pencil drawing from Lily McM (C5).

Mrs Hopes
Lead Teacher of Art



The Great Reading Race

The winners of the class in each year group who read the most words for the week ending Fri, 23 October were:

Year 7	7E3 with 627,000 words banked
Year 8	8E2 with 898,000 words banked
Year 9	9W2 with 353,000 words banked
Year 10	10E1 with 75,000 words banked

Impressive totals given that the race starts on the Monday and is cut off on the Friday - that's some good going to read and bank that many words in a week!



Four lots of milk and cookies are heading towards these classes during their reading slot over the coming weeks.

Pupils will 'race' again at the end of the Autumn term.

Individual word count totals for the whole year so far can be obtained from students' teachers.

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

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The Weekly 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 content of these quizzes will enhance learning across all subjects and widen Year 2 vocabulary.



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

1. Who wrote Wuthering Heights?
2. What is the order of the planets in our solar system?
3. How do you find the mode in Maths?
4. What is the nickname of the England women's national football team?
5. When the Queen dies, who will come to the throne?
6. Who invented non-reflective glass used in computer screens and car windshields?
7. How do you say "Help!" in French?
8. What does 'deplete' mean?
9. Choose and rewrite the correct spelling of the word that means 'nutrition we obtain from meat, eggs, beans, fish, etc'. Protein, Protine, Protien.
10. If you press Ctrl+A on a keyboard, what happens?

Answers on page 11

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 before the half term break were:

- Year 7 - Jake S - Nominated by Miss Thornton for always working hard in English.
Year 8 - Katie H - Nominated by Miss Ackers for excellent effort in History.
Year 9 - Kayla W - Nominated by Mrs Isherwood for a great piece of detective fiction in English.
Year 10 - Harrison B - Nominated by Mr Henshaw for fantastic work in Maths.
Year 11 - Alicia R - Nominated by Mr Eccles for effort and attitude in History.

Miss Thornton
English Teacher and Specialist Leader for Education

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Learning for Life Day 2 Mon, 9 November

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

School buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

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

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

Sessions covered on Monday include:

- Year 7** **Self Concept** - Getting to know me. A question of character. Preparing for life after Priory. Under my control.
- Year 8** **Media Literacy & Digital Resilience** - Cyberbullying. Digital Footprint. Internet Safety. Social Networking.
- Year 9** **Diversity and Equality - Gender** - What is gender and gender identity? Binaries. What is 'coming out'? Gender Roles.
- Year 10** **Addiction - Impact** - Risks (to others, self, socially and professionally.). Strategies for dealing with addiction.
- Year 11** **Mental & Emotional Health** - Mental Health. Rest, sleep and relaxation. How to revise. Writing a CV and personal statement.



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 9 November

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' What are harmful actions.
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Social Media part 1
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' What is respect?
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Performance.
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' The echo chamber.

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ON THE DAY

Year Group Timetables Monday, 9 November

Timetables will be emailed to pupils and also available on MS Teams; hard copies will be posted at various points around the school.

Learning for Life Day 2 – Years 7 to 10



	Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4	
	8.50 – 9.35	9.35 – 10.20	Break	10.45 – 11.25	11.25 – 12.15	Lunch
Year 7 Self concept	Getting to know me	A question of character		Preparing for life after Priory	Under my control	
Year 8 Media Literacy and Digital Resilience	Cyberbullying	Digital Footprint		Internet Safety	Social Networking	
Year 9 Diversity and Equality - Gender	What is gender and gender identity?	Binaries		What is ‘coming out’?	Gender Roles	
Year 10 Addiction – Impact	Risks (to others, self, socially and professionally.)			Strategies for dealing with addiction		

Learning for Life Day 2 – Year 11



Mental and Emotional Health						
Team Leader – Mrs Gidden						
	Session 1	Session 2	Break	Session 3	Session 4	Lunch
	8.50 – 9.35	9.35 – 10.20		10.45 – 11.25	11.25 – 12.15	
11Group1	Writing a CV and personal statement Tech Centre - AG	Mental Health T3- PK		Rest, sleep and relaxation Tech 4 KT	How to revise T1 DC	
11Group2	How to revise T1 DC	Writing a CV and personal statement Tech Centre - AG		Mental Health T3- PK	Rest, sleep and relaxation Tech 4 KT	
11Group3	Rest, sleep and relaxation Tech 4 KT	How to revise T1 DC		Writing a CV and personal statement Tech Centre - AG	Mental Health T3- PK	
11Group4	Mental Health T3- PK	Rest, sleep and relaxation Tech 4 KT		How to revise T1 DC	Writing a CV and personal statement Tech Centre - AG	

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Word of the Week

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

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.

Word of the Week:

Transmission

noun

1. an act or process of **transmitting**, spreading, or passing along. E.g the transmission of a disease

Etymology:

based on Latin *transmission*.



Literacy tip of the week...

Proper nouns

The names of people and places.

They need capital letters at the start!

Billy **W**eaver
Tesco
McDonalds
Priory

Write a list of 10 proper nouns, all with capital letters to start them.

Be careful in your own work and double check that you used a capital letter for proper nouns!

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

A synonym is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word.

So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'

TASK:

Find synonyms for the word:

Pretty

Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!

Answers to this week's Friday Challenge.

1. Emily Bronte.
2. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto.
3. The mode is the value that appears most often in a set of data.
4. Three Lionesses or The Lionesses.
5. Prince Charles is the successor to Queen Elizabeth.
6. Katharine Blodgett – also the first woman to receive a Ph.D in physics
7. Aidez-moi!
8. Use up the supply or resources of / diminish in number or quantity.
9. Protein.
10. All text is selected in the document you're using.



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Please contact them for further details or message them via their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/toponeuniforms

Priory uniform can also be purchased from Justs, Penwortham and Smart School Wear, Preston.



Gregson Lane Junior FC Team Mates Wanted!

Training and matches are currently suspended but will be ready to go again once November's national lockdown is over. If interested please still get in touch with either Damien or Mark for more information.

Damien 07736 383193 | Mark 07733 151528

www.gregsonlanejfc.com

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

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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.

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.

There are four dates scheduled for these parent/carers sessions:

Tues, 24 November

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/for-parents-and-carers-kooth-session-a-tickets-127456699419

Thurs, 3 December

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/for-parents-and-carers-kooth-session-b-tickets-127465030337

Mon, 7 December

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/for-parents-and-carers-kooth-session-c-tickets-127465746479

Wed, 16 December

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/for-parents-and-carers-kooth-session-d-tickets-127466460615

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

Come And Explore Kooth With Us

The following virtual sessions will provide you with:

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

To attend please register on any one of the following links:

[For Parents and Carers: Kooth Session A](#)

Tuesday 24th November @ 18:00-19:30

[For Parents and Carers: Kooth Session B](#)

Thursday 3rd December @ 18:00-19:30

[For Parents and Carers: Kooth Session C](#)

Monday 7th December @ 18:00-19:30

[For Parents and Carers: Kooth Session D](#)

Wednesday 16th December @ 18:00-19:30



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