

# Penwortham Priory Post



## How are you settling in, Year 7?

**Head of Year 7 Mrs Farley says she is 'proud' of the way the Year 7s have settled into life at Priory.**

The pupils have now got used to knowing their way around the school and are thriving in lessons in their first term at secondary school.

Mrs Farley said: "It has been hard for this year group because of Covid-19, pupils needed to get back into a school routine and these Year 7s also had to deal with the fact it was a different school. They are doing really well considering what they have had to put up with in the last 18 months and I am proud of them all.

"Pupils have come to Priory from 52 different primary schools and many were worried about making friends but they have all settled in well. There are some real characters and they have all found their feet!"

Anna H said: "I was worried I wouldn't make any friends but I have made some good ones and I am enjoying all my lessons. My favourite subject is maths."

Daniel H said: "I have settled in easily and it helps because my sister is here so I knew what to expect. The difference between primary school is moving classes but I am getting used to it."

*Continued over...*

## Key Dates

### Diary Dates

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

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

#### **W/c 18 October**

Film Club showing  
Labyrinth in EN1  
See Miss Smith for tickets

#### **Mon, 18 October**

Year 11 Faith Day

#### **Tues, 19 October**

Year 10 Faith Day  
Year 10 Settle Factor  
Evening

#### **Weds, 20 October**

Year 9, 10 & 11 STEAM  
Event (in school)

#### **Mid Term Closure**

Mon 25 October - Fri, 29  
October

#### **Mon, 8 November**

Learning for Life Day 2  
Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1.10pm

#### **W/c 8 & 15 November**

Year 11 Mock Exams

#### **Thurs, 11 November**

Flu immunisations

#### **Fri, 17 December**

Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1.10pm

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Emma M said: "I love science here, it's my favourite subject, because you get to do practicals." Ellis T admitted: "My favourite subject is PE because I get to play football!"

Aaron W said: "My favourite subjects are maths and PE. I have made a lot of new friends. We have a lot of new teachers but I am used to that now."

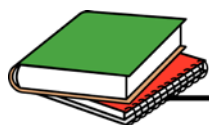
Hannah N added: "It's different to primary school as we have to go to so many different classrooms and they aren't all the same so I can never remember where I sit! I have settled in well though and I always wanted to come to Priory. My favourite subject is maths."



## Year 11 English Intervention Classes

Extra classes for English Literature and Language support will be held alternative Thursdays after school. The next session will be on Thursday, 5 November. Please check with your English teacher for the room number.

Please note that Thursday after school interventions are shared with Humanities on a Week A English / Week B Humanities basis however English may take precedence on Week B where targeted support for an individual is required in that subject.



English

## English Revision Guides (Key Stage 4)

**Did you know GCSE English Literature and Language 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 £4 each.

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

Year 10 will also need their own copy of A Christmas Carol and Macbeth in addition to the revision guide. The guides will be useful for mock exams and, of course, as preparation and support in your child's final years at Priory.

**Please note:** Pupils in Year 11 may already have purchased these revision guides and therefore need take no further action.

Letters have been issued by the English department, however a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters) or pupils can speak with their English teacher.



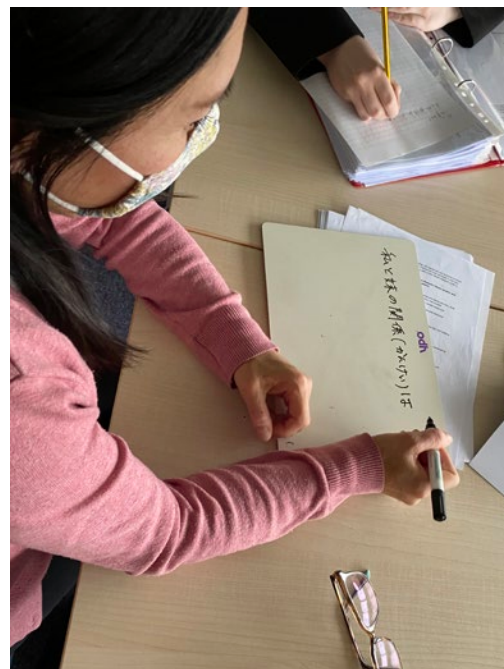
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The Languages department is currently supporting a Year 11 pupil, Hannah Y, through her personal study of GCSE Japanese. Whilst Head of Department, Mrs Scully, is guiding Hannah through the Edexcel specification, unfortunately we don't speak the language!

After a call for help on our social media channels, we had a wonderful local lady, Mrs Small, step forward to offer her support, as well as a former pupil, Tebrez Khan (Class of 2013), who has an Hons degree in the subject!



On Wednesday, Mrs Small, a Japanese national currently living in

Penwortham, came in to meet us and practice the written and spoken language with Hannah.



Mrs Scully was in awe of the dedication and work Hannah had produced so far and both ladies were very impressed with her knowledge of Japanese script - hiragana and kanji.

We are grateful to Mrs Small who has offered to spare time over the coming months, leading up to the exam next summer, and help to fulfil this opportunity for Hannah. Hannah eventually wants to work in Japan teaching English as a second language (ESOL) or work as a translator.

Mrs Scully  
Head of Languages

## Year 7, 8 & 9

### Creative Arts Rotations



There will be the usual rotation of classes in Art, Drama and Music **from Monday, 18 October 2021.**

Pupils in Years 7-9 will therefore have lessons and receive homework from their new subject from that date.

The staffing / subjects will be...

Miss Howell  
E1 / W1 - Drama

Mr Taylor  
E2 / W2 - Music

Mrs Hopes  
E3 / W3 - Art

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## Year 10 & 11 Faith Days

### Topic: prejudice and discrimination

**Year 11 - Monday, 18 October | Year 10 - Tuesday, 19 October**

School starts	8.40am
Period 1	Prejudice and Discrimination
Period 2	Hate Crime
Vertical house form groups	As normal
Period 3	Cohesion
Period 4	So what about faith
Period 5	Normal lesson
Period 6	Normal lesson

## Libby Taylor - Class of 2020

**Congratulations to former pupil and synchronised swimmer, Libby who was bursting to get in touch with us this week to share her exciting news.**



It has just been announced that Libby has been selected for Team GB which means she will be competing at the World Championships and Europeans next year! She particularly wanted to thank the PE department for all of their support, saying she "couldn't have done it without you all!"

Libby has been part of the England Age Group training camps in synchronised swimming from the age of 13 and competed in the World Championships in 2019 until Covid halted her training.

Libby is now in her final year at Runshaw College studying business, law, history and PE and is also taking an A-Level sporting diploma in synchronised swimming at Loughborough University, which she was asked to do, as well as an online coaching course.

More to follow!

Image: Taken on GCSE results day August 2020



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**LANCASTER UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS**

Yesterday afternoon Priory's top set Year 11 pupils were invited to a talk about what to expect from life at the new Lancashire University School of Maths (LUSoM).



Head of Maths at Priory, Mr Kenrick said,

*"Pupils in Year 11 had the opportunity to take part in a presentation and question and answer session with the newly formed Lancaster School of Mathematics. The intention of the college is to provide A-Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics to those who love a challenge! The presentation was well attended in the Priory conference suite, and many of our pupils are looking to study at LUSoM next year."*

The specialist maths school, due to open in Preston next September, recruits the brightest and most talented maths pupils from across the county and offers Mathematics teaching at A-Level. It will attract students from all backgrounds, helping to raise aspirations, unlock potential and propel young people on their journey towards successful careers.

Mr Gray, who led the LUSoM assembly, said,

*"It was a pleasure to meet students at Penwortham Priory and show what Lancaster University School of Mathematics can offer them. The maths school is designed to cater for the very brightest mathematicians from across Lancashire. I was impressed by how mature and attentive the students at Priory were and we welcome their applications at LUSoM, along with any other students who are studying higher GCSE Maths."*



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**Starting  
After  
Half Term**

**Year 7 & 8**

**Join the Science Club!**

**Starting after half term...**

The science department will be working with STEM ambassadors to deliver an engaging practical science club which will give pupils the chance to develop their scientific skills.

This will include; planning investigations, carrying out practical activities, questioning scientific theories and producing their own hypothesis to investigate.

Pupils will also be given the chance to use these skills to work towards awards, for example Crest awards.

**To sign up pupils just need to let a science teacher know they plan to attend so can make sure we have enough equipment!**

Miss Norraghaeti  
Assistant Head of  
Science

**SCIENCE  
CLUB**

**Starting after half term (04/11)**

**For Year 7 and 8  
students**

**Thursday lunch time  
in Sc2**

**If you have any questions or would like to sign up please  
see one of the Science teachers.**

# Top Attendance Tips for Parents



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



*At Priory we encourage parents to ensure their children are in school and on time. If you are struggling with your child's attendance please contact the school's pastoral team in the first instance, 01772 320250 Opt 1 or email [attendance@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@priory.lancs.sch.uk)*

**Here are some tried and tested tips to ensure good school attendance for your child:**

1. Talk to your child about any concerns they have about returning to school.
2. Talk to your child about how important it is to attend school every day.
3. Help your child to get into a good routine, going to bed and getting up at set times. Ensuring uniform is ready and school bag packed and ready to go.
4. Show an interest in what your child has done at school each day and help them by encouraging them to complete homework on the night it is set etc.
5. If you think your child is trying to avoid school, try to find out why? Ask them, ask their friends, ask their teachers.
6. Unless avoidable, please do not arrange medical or dental appointments during school hours.
7. Talk to your child's teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour and any concerns you may have.
8. Remember that habits are formed early. It is much more difficult to get your child to school regularly if you have let them stay at home 'just this once'.

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# IMPORTANT REMINDER

## Reminder to all pupils: **YOU MUST BE IN SCHOOL FOR 8.40AM**

From Monday ,18 October any pupil arriving to school after 8.40am without good reason will receive an after-school detention that day.



After  
8.40am



## Let Us Know If Your Contact Details Change

We send direct communications to our parents/carers in various ways such as email, text and letters. We may also need to get in touch with you if your child is ill or there is an emergency. It is important, therefore, that the school holds up to date contact information.

If your contact details change, including change of address, you can update us with the necessary information in various ways:

- Email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk
- Send a note or email your child's Head of Year or Form Tutor
- Contact the school office by telephone or in person

In the case of an emergency, parents may need to be contacted urgently. It is important, therefore, that the school has more than one contact name and number for your child and that any changes to these are also advised as soon as they occur.



Mrs Swire  
Inclusion & Family Support Manager

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## Year 9 Pupils Take The Lead For Primary Sport

Priory's Sports Leaders are now ready to take charge of their own games at a number of primary school tournaments being hosted on the Astroturf soon.

The Year 9s have been under the leadership of South Ribble Active Health Team's Dave Hankin who has been coaching them over the past three weeks, firstly in Tag Rugby. Mr Hankin is based in Priory every Wednesday and he has been teaching the Sports Leaders the rules of the games and they will also help with the general organisation of the primary school events.

Mr Hankin said: "As a group they are really enthusiastic. They have been trained in Tag Rugby recently as we have a tournament at the end of half-term but there are also inclusion and dodgeball events happening in the school year. They have all embraced it."

Year 9 Mason said: "I love all sports so this is a good chance to learn about new sports and be involved in tournaments."

South Ribble Borough Council's Active Health team work with partner schools to establish a shared commitment and programme of activities to improve participation opportunities in sport, physical and mental activity.

Well done to the following pupils: Harry C, Alex E, Rhema A-M, Jake S, Joe T, Leon A, Jack McF, Mason McK, Dylan M, Jake O, Lucas R, Harry R, Cameron S, Finlay W.





## Priory Scores A Hat-Trick for County Football

Penwortham Priory Academy are celebrating a hat-trick of county call-ups.

Year 11 Jake B and Year 9 Mason McK have been called up to Lancashire for the first time while Year 11 Jazmin A has been made the captain of Lancashire Under 16s this season.



Jake, 15, is a right back and unusually is not at an Academy – believed to be the only player in the Lancashire Under 16 squad who isn't at a professional football club.

"Priory put me forward for trials which were in Blackburn and I had to miss the second one due to Covid but got an email to say I had made the squad which I think is 22 players," said Jake.

"I am very honoured to be selected. I think I am the only player not to be at an Academy.

"My dream is to be picked up by a professional club and be a professional footballer."

Mason, 13, is at AFC Fylde Academy and plays for Euxton Villa. The striker has been selected for the Lancashire Under 14s squad.

"I went for the first trial at Blackburn and they cut it down to 32 and then a final trial and I made the final 19. I have been at Fylde for a year and I really enjoy it. I am fast, I have a good shot and I like scoring goals!"

Jazmin has been a regular for Lancashire and has played from Under 14 level. She helped her county win the ESFA Under 16 Girls Inter County Final against Middlesex in September.

The 15-year-old, who is at Blackburn Rovers, has now been made captain of the Under 16 side for this season.

"The coach took me to one side at our first training session this season and told me and it's a huge honour. Hopefully I will be lifting some trophies this season!"

Head of PE & Sport, Mr Bullock said: ***"It's unbelievable to have three county players in school. It's amazing for Jake to be a non-Academy player and get in the squad as well, that's unusual and it's superb for him."***





Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

# Year 10 Parents Evenings

In view of Covid-19, it isn't sensible to hold our consultation evenings in school as we usually do.

To facilitate the events we will therefore hold these face-to-face appointments virtually, using a web-based program - 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

Copies of the letter to Year 10 parents, along with full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link

<https://vimeo.com/473882995>

The link for Year 10 parents to book their slot is now open.

**The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:**

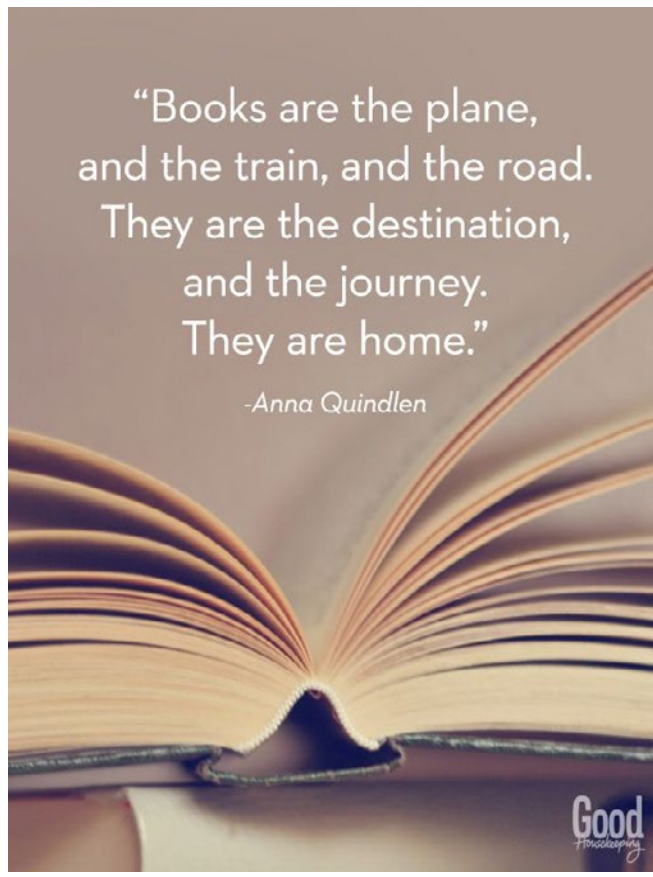
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To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be five minutes long. The appointments automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via the link below.

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list)

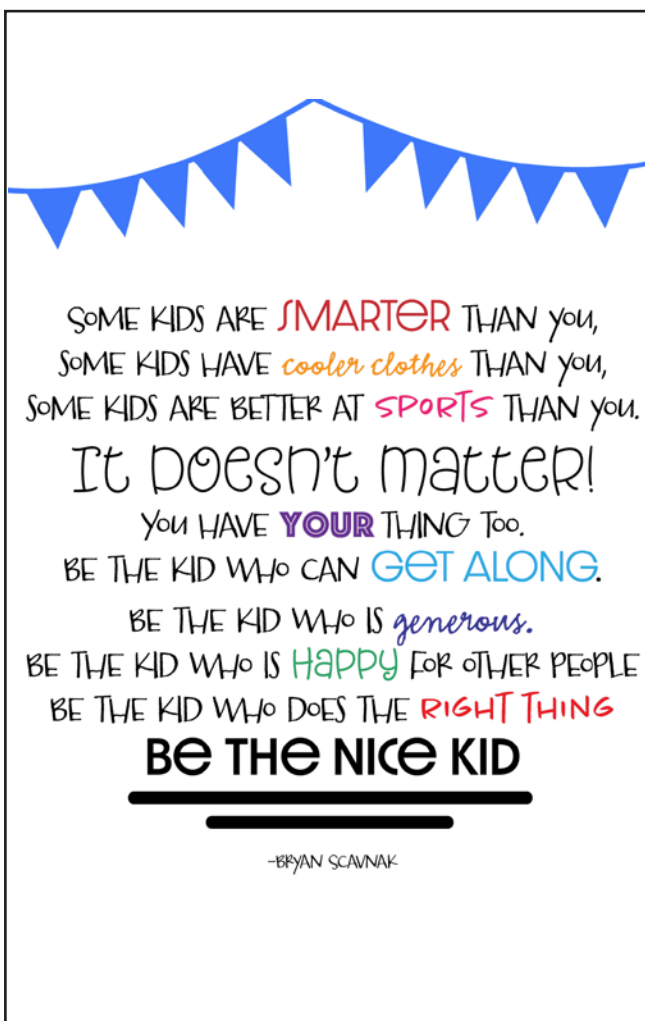
Mr Gee  
Assistant Headteacher



"Books are the plane,  
and the train, and the road.  
They are the destination,  
and the journey.  
They are home."

-Anna Quindlen

Good  
Homeschooling



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# Inter-House Cross Country

The overall results are:

**Girls positions - Winner Douglas | Boy positions - Winner Ribble | Overall - Winner Ribble**

This year pupils had to compete just within their own lessons of West and East band as we wanted to minimize disruption to other classes. The results were combined for each band and on the opposite page we show the top three positions for both girls and boys in order of their times, plus the names of the 4th, 5th and 6th positions, for each year group.



Overall best time for girls and boys were...

Year 9: Lily McM - 8.57mins (Calder)

Year 10: Charlie C - 6.54mins (Calder)

PE Teacher, Miss Beesley said, *"All pupils had to complete two full laps of the course, and a fantastic effort was displayed by pupils from all age groups. Pupils who came within the top six of their year group will have the opportunity to represent Priory in the annual South Ribble Cross Country Championships taking place in November at Hutton Grammar School. Information will be given to these pupils after the half term break".*



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 15 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 18 October**

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Introduction to 'My Life'
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Structure of a debate
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Difference - Managing and Leading
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' From setbacks to success
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental Health Part 1

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## GIRLS

HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	T O T A L POINTS	OVERALL POSITON
CALDER	50	68	51	100	116	385	3
DOUGLAS	28	103	65	121	44	361	1
HODDER	41	155	55	166	83	500	4
RIBBLE	81	71	51	80	93	376	2

## BOYS

HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	T O T A L POINTS	OVERALL POSITON
CALDER	380	248	188	273	360	1449	4
DOUGLAS	269	222	236	355	154	1236	2
HODDER	382	342	191	251	139	1305	3
RIBBLE	267	109	97	233	360	1066	1

## OVERALL

HOUSE	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	T O T A L POINTS	OVERALL POSITON
CALDER	430	316	239	373	476	1834	4
DOUGLAS	297	325	301	476	198	1597	2
HODDER	423	497	246	417	222	1805	3
RIBBLE	348	180	148	313	453	1442	1

YEAR	Girls	Time	Boys	Time
7	Harriet H	10.54	Archie I	8.10
7	Hiylie T	11.05	Taylor K	8.12
7	Sky S	12.00	Aaron H	8.16
Qualified: Lily-May G, Emily O, Emma M,   Felix D, Aaron W, Eden B				
8	Jane W	9.36	Max B	8.08
8	Kira S	10.50	Alex T	8.05
8	Abby S	12.02	Lewis W	9.09
Qualified: Ellie S, Elise B, Lauren C   Zane H, Declan W, Tom M				
9	Lily McM	8.57	Jerome F	8.10
9	Martha McA	10.14	Isaac L	8.15
9	Liela H	10.48	Cyrus B	8.26
Qualified: Macie T, Anais McM, Shannon K   Joe T, Akram R, Ellis K				
10	Abbie T	11.40	Charlie C	6.54
10	Lexi R	12.03	Jack G	6.55
10	Ellie W	12.07	Jack T	7.10
Qualified: Bryanny A-W, Sara T, Emily R   Connor M, Josh F, Archie M,				
11	Rhianne L	9.12	Ben R	7.07
11	Josie M	10.35	Seb C	7.45
11	Katie B	11.20	Alex P	8.05
Qualified: Ruby E, Abbie M, Emily B   Kieran I-T, Bradley M, Brandon F				



## LEADERBOARD



### This week's Bedrock leaders are:

#### Points (overall)

Abigail M	9E3	775
Layla H	8W3	610
Jake L	8W2	562

#### Points (this week)

Emily P	8E2	156
Abigail M	9E3	151
Alessia S	8W2	114

### This week pupils were learning these words ...

**Plethora** - a large or excessive amount of something.  
*"a plethora of committees and subcommittees"*

**Florescence** - the process of flowering or developing richly and fully. *"the great florescence of classical poetry, music, and drama"*

**Eradicate** - destroy completely; put an end to. *"this disease has been eradicated from the world"*

**Yield** - produce or provide (a natural, agricultural, or industrial product). *"the land yields grapes and tobacco"*



It's lovely to see some new names on the Bedrock leaderboard this week - well done to Emily and Alessia for getting top spots for overall points for the week. Emily has also featured on the Year 8 leaderboard for AR too - a double whammy, brilliant!

The Year 7 AR weekly word counts are HUGE this week! Wesley banked 647,001 words and Junaid 574,515 - wow!!! Keep up the good work everyone.



## LEADERBOARD



## Accelerated Reader™

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

Wesley M	7W2	647,001
Junaid Q	7E1	574,515
James C	7E1	323,980

#### Year 8

Xander C	8E3	127,859
Kayleigh I	8W3	169,441
Emily P	8E2	126,541

#### Year 9

Thomas P	9E2	125,350
Megan H	9E3	101,564
Leila M	9E2	101,493

#### Year 10

Holly W	10W5	184,95
Connor M	10W6	101,182
Scarlett A	10W5	99,750

Mrs Webster

Acting Assistant Head of English

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