

# Penwortham Priory Post



## So after five years we said goodbye to our Year 11s

Emotions were high on Thursday as our Year 11s spent their last day at Priory.

After their final exam in the morning, pupils ventured out into the Priory Gardens for shirt-signing followed by their Celebration Assembly where Mr Eastham, Mrs Cowell and Head of Year 11, Mrs Eastham, handed out numerous - and well deserved - certificates, awards and trophies. Before they headed out of the gates together for the last time as Priory pupils, they giggled and cringed as they watched their farewell presentation with photos of their early school days, memories and things we'll miss about this special year group.

The Year 11s assembled again today for their finale trip to Alton Towers and we look forward to seeing them back at school for their GCSE results on 25 August.

We wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck in their future careers and we thank our parents/guardians for all the help and support you have given to them, and the school, throughout their years with us.

After recent difficult years of uncertainty this year group has shown such strength and resilience. Now they've grown their wings to fly away and follow their dreams, whichever way they've chosen to reach them. Enjoy the summer everyone!

*More photos inside.*

## 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)

### Mon, 27 June

South Ribble Cricket Tournament (Girls) (invitation only)

### Weds, 29 June 2022

Year 9 Mini Master Event at Ormskirk School (invitation only)  
New Pupil & Parent Evening 6pm-7pm (2022 intake)

### Thurs, 30 June

Years 7-10 Rewards Trips

### Mon, 4 July

Year 7 Parents Evening

### Tues, 5 July

Year 10 Newman College sampling day

### Weds, 6 July

Year 11 Prom  
UEFA Women's Euros Trip PM (invitation only)  
Year 8 STEM Challenge Day - Lancaster & Morecambe College (invitation only)

### Thurs, 7 July

New Intake Induction Day  
LUSoM Maths Challenge Event (invitation only)

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# Do you have any out-grown uniform that still has good wear in it?

If you have any unwanted school uniform, including PE kit and ties, that still has good wear left in it then we can pass it on to families who need that little extra support ahead of the new term in September.

With the cost of living affecting everyday finances, there are many struggling families who are anxious about buying school uniforms. To support these families we are collecting donations of second hand school uniforms, particularly ties this year too.

**You can drop pre-loved uniform off at school reception by placing it in the red collection bin in the waiting area.**

Reception is open from 8am to 4pm Monday - Thursday (3.30pm on Fridays). The last day for drop off is Thursday, 21 July at 12 noon.

Any enquiries can be directed to Mrs Swire, Attendance & Family Support Manager, [d.swire@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.swire@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or ask at Reception.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Swire  
Attendance & Family Support



## We're Recruiting!

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Apprentice

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## ICT Support Apprentice

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In this role, you'll work towards your Level 3 Information Communications Technician qualification, delivered by the training team at Baltic Apprenticeships.

Full training and support will be provided by a workplace mentor at Priory and from the training provider however, the desired qualities, skills and knowledge include:

- A committed attitude to work
- Passionate about learning
- Enthusiastic about all things IT
- An understanding of Microsoft and Windows operating systems
- Grade C/Level 4 or equivalent in Maths and English

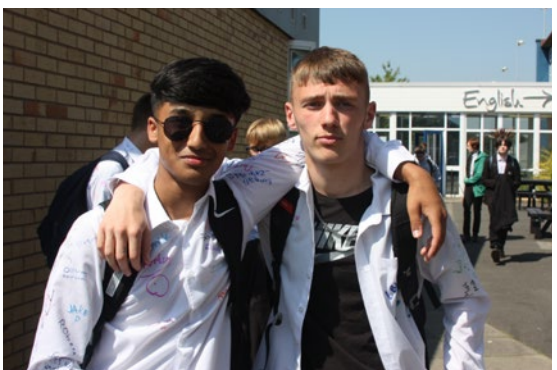
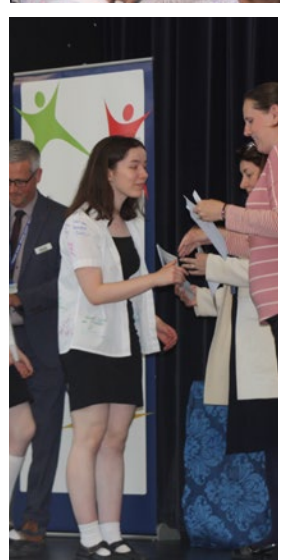
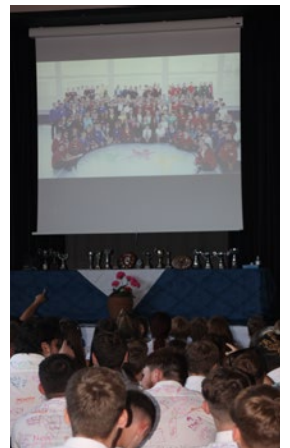
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***"Our lessons come from the journey,  
not the destination"***

## **The Final Lesson**

Today's the day you leave us  
But it seemed so far away,  
When we'd have to say goodbye to you,  
And wish you on your way.  
You are all such special people,  
To know you it's been a pleasure,  
You'll never know how proud we are,  
Your memory we'll treasure.  
Five years you've been with us  
Every lesson, every task,  
And now our part's all over,  
We have one thing to ask:

Promise here today just one last thing,  
Leave your word here with me,  
That you'll dream big and never quit  
When you're gone from Priory...

Take life by the horns, stretch yourself,  
Never shy away from toil,  
Be confident in your own self,  
Don't let your ambition spoil.

Read lots of books and make new friends,  
Travel, laugh, dream too  
Be weird, be kind, be eloquent,  
Be fabulous, be you.

Be inquisitive, be humble, knock on every door,  
Use courage, semicolons,  
And the correct you're versus your.

Five years have been a great success,  
We're so proud that you did it,  
Now your whole life is in front of you,  
Take it, love it, live it.

So a job well done you lovely lot,  
The best Year 11 ever,  
You really are quite extraordinary,  
We'll remember each of you forever.  
You're unique, clever and talented,  
But please don't cry and whine  
You could always come to visit,  
If you ever have the time.

*Written by  
Mrs Gidden and the English Department*



More photos can be found on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PriorySTC](https://www.facebook.com/PriorySTC) and, for Year 11 families that would like to see the farewell presentation, you can access this from the Year 11 Teams page - go to the Files tab and it's pinned to the top. Please 'Open in Desktop App' if you can - sound on!

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# Year 9s Have An Enterprising Way To Get Into The New Business Course

Priory is looking to find the next Steve Jobs or Joe Wicks as they launch their new qualification, **NCFE Level 2 Business and Enterprise**, from September.

It's available for Year 10s and Head of ICT & Computer Science, Mrs Qadri, will be teaching the course.

She has already given the Priory pupils, working in small groups, a taste of what to expect by asking Year 9s to research and produce a presentation or poster on an entrepreneur.

Megan H's group selected Walt Disney. She said: "He was one all three of us already knew something about so we worked together on Walt Disney. We did find out some new facts, such as he moved around a lot when he was younger."

Sam's group selected fitness guru Joe Wicks and admitted: "We knew about him before but he came to everyone's attention during lockdown."



Mrs Qadri said: "*We got them to choose from a list of 20 entrepreneurs and find out about their business, how they started, what they give to charity and so on.*" I think they found it interesting.

"We used to teach the Business and Enterprise qualification a few years ago but then we introduced Computer Science and this took over. However Computer Science has been running for a few years now and we decided to put Business and Enterprise back on the Key Stage 4 curriculum and pupils have shown a great deal of interest in it.

*"It's the equivalent to a Level 2 qualification, it's vocational and is an equivalent to a GCSE."*

*"The course involves looking at entrepreneurial characteristics and business aims and objectives; legal structures, organisational structures and stakeholder engagement; marketing mix and market research; internal and external influences on business; human resource requirement for a business start-up, sources of enterprise funding and business finance and a lot more."*

Year 9 pupil Grace said: "I want to do this qualification as I feel it will help me in the future. I am really excited about starting it."

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# Year 8 Pupil is Racing To The Top!

**Tyler Y loves getting on his bike – and competes regionally and nationally in BMX competitions.**

The Year 8 trains and rides for Mid Lancs BMX Club in Coppull.

“I started in 2018 just for fun and I have competed ever since,” said Tyler, 12.

“We go all over the UK competing and I get a buzz out of it.

“I train around three times a week and to me, it’s not dangerous although you do have to go fast and deal with obstacles.”

This year, Tyler has started racing in the National BMX Series and has competed in the Male 13 category against riders from

all over the UK.

He has

raced at Cyclopark in Kent, Cumbernauld, Manchester and he tested himself at Peckham recently with the last event in Birmingham in August.

Tyler’s national ranking is 45 and this year it’s about setting himself a target to beat next year although he has already made it to 15th in the North Region.

Tyler is following in the footsteps of former Priory pupil and BMX competitor, Leon Parker-Livesey, who left school last year.

Mum said, “The great thing about BMX-ing is that you get to make friends from all over the UK. Although there is a saying “no mates on the gates!”



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# Healthy School Week

As we are all well aware, none of us function well without the five areas of a healthy lifestyle and our well-being is significantly impacted when we do not address these. Therefore we will be taking part in **Physical Well-Being Week from 27 June - 8 July** to encourage everyone, from pupils, staff and parents, to promote a healthy lifestyle.

We will be teaching pupils about how to keep themselves healthy and thrive now and in the future. We are also asking parents to participate too on each day with encouragement and reminders.



				
<b>Eat Well</b>	<b>Drink Plenty</b>	<b>Sleep Well</b>	<b>Stay Active</b>	<b>Sun Safe</b>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday



**Week 1:** Let's learn and discuss how to do this and why it is important.



Each day next week, Learning for Life lessons will go through the focus for each day, starting with 'Eat Well' on Monday. We will be promoting healthy behaviours, interjecting discussions regarding unhealthy behaviours, and demonstrating healthy behaviour.



**Week 2:** A week of making changes which we will attempt to continue for a healthier future.



In our second week, during Learning for Life classes and form time, we will discuss what we could do for each theme, or what we are doing. Teachers will also discuss what they do and why.



## Healthy School Week

### Drink Plenty - Information

**What is the challenge?**  
Have at least 6-8 unsweetened drinks every day – water is a great choice!

**Why do we need to drink plenty?**

- The body is about 60% water and this is needed for many roles in the body. One role is to control our temperature.
- We lose water when we sweat, breathe and use the toilet, so it is important we drink plenty.
- If we do not drink enough, we can become dehydrated. This can cause headaches, tiredness and make it harder to concentrate.

**Super challenge!**  
Come up with three new flavours of infused water using vegetables, fruit and/or herbs – be creative!

## Healthy School Week

### Sleep Well - Information

**What is the challenge?**  
Get the sleep you need every night – get into a good night bedtime routine!

**Why?**

- Regularly having a lack of sleep can affect your health.
- A lack of sleep can make you at greater risk of getting colds and infections and may also have a negative effect on your mood.
- A lack of sleep can also increase your risk of developing some diseases and can make it harder to communicate, think creatively and remember which are all skills which help us learn.

**Super challenge!**  
Based on the recommended amount of sleep for your age range, write a sleep plan to help you get the sleep you need every night for a week!

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# Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

## Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

They stopped when Covid first hit but now they're back. These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.



## Introducing, Olivia...

**Olivia is reading one book at home and one at school – both totally different!**

The Year 9 is one of Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers.

"I am reading 'Surf Attack' by Alison Hawes in school which is only a thin book. It's about someone attacked by a shark and a dolphin saves him.

"At home I am reading 'Assassination Classroom' by Yusei Matsui, where earth is under threat from a creature which works in a classroom and needs to be assassinated.

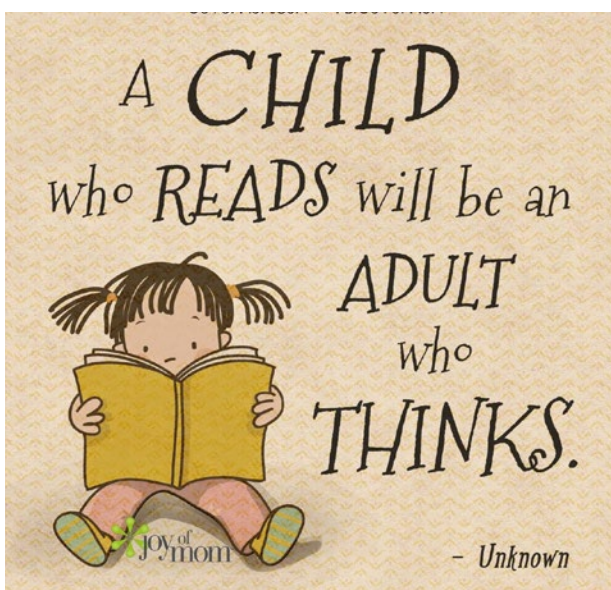
"I like to read a variety of books.

"My favourite subject is English as I like learning new words and new things.

"At home, I like to go to the park, read or help my mum with cooking. I also watch Netflix."

## Olivia's English teacher, Mrs Elliott added,

*"Olivia is a really hard worker in English and rarely needs nudging to grab her reading book out of her bag. Her interest in reading is definitely being reflected in her work in class. Keep it up Olivia!"*



Mrs Gidden  
Head of English

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# Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable

Week commencing 27 June

Exams will be held in the sports hall under exam conditions.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date : 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Date : 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Date : 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Date : 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Date : 1 <sup>st</sup> July
P3/4 - Maths (1.30)	P3/4 - English (1.45)	Year 11 GCSE Contingency Day	All Years Trips	P1/2 – Physics (1.15/1.45) P3/4 – Geography (1.30)



**Congratulations to Dylan P in Year 10** who was at the GB Taekwondo training centre in Manchester last weekend and went on to pass his 3rd Dan grading.

Excellent news, Dylan, and we'll be catching up with you for a full story soon!

If you would like to share your achievements and successes with us, please contact your child's form tutor or Communications Manager, Mrs Yates [j.yates@Priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@Priory.lancs.sch.uk)



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 27 June**

Year 7	Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' Introduction to mental health
Year 8	Summer Term - Theme: 'Committed to Growth' Personal growth - Part 1
Year 9	Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' Solution-based and problem-based thinking
Year 10	Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning my Decisions' Recharge
Year 11	Summer Term - Theme: 'Finishing with Pride' ---

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# Extra Curricular: Debate Club

Debate Club, led by Miss Ackers, meets every Wednesday lunchtime in HU6 where pupils get to put forward their arguments. The group consider it important that the rest of the school gets to know what they're discussing and hear about their achievements.

Here's what was discussed this week, written by Daniel R, Year 10:

## Should Shakespeare still be taught in schools?

*At debate club this week we had a great and very tough topic to talk about; 'should Shakespeare still be taught in schools?'.*

*We battled the point that 'no, it shouldn't' against Mrs Gidden, with arguments raised such as that the language was too difficult and made us struggle to understand the story but also that Shakespeare was ahead of his time and a lot of the points that he raised are still relevant today.*

*In the end we had 13 people voting to keep teaching it, and 4 who were in the middle."*

Daniel R, year 10



## This week's winner...

### Congratulations to 'Ms K'!

By taking part in our lottery, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. Tickets are only £1 and there is a guaranteed cash winner for one of our supporters each week plus the chance to win £25,000 in the national jackpot!

**Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - only £1 each.**

You can choose to set up a direct debit, a recurring card payment or a one-off payment by card (the minimum term for this is 5 weeks at £5). If you're able to take part, please visit our 'Your School Lottery' page to purchase your tickets >>

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Saturday  
25 June

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# National Picnic Week Competition

National Picnic Week is an annual event in the UK held in the last week in June every year since 2010 and celebrates everything there is about the great tradition of picnicking.

This year, Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, invited pupils to enter two inter-house competitions. Pupils had the option to bake a set of six scones or design a new sandwich.

Mrs Cowell, was pleased with the entries that came in on Wednesday and judged Anna H in Year 7 as her winner. Anna won on 'flavour' and takes home an Amazon voucher. In second place was Year 8's Jane W whose scones Mrs Cowell said had a 'fantastic appearance'. In third was Year 7's Wiktoria C with her 'great all rounder' scones.



Congratulations and commiserations to all the worthy contestants.

The scones were sold at lunchtime and the £15 raised will be donated to the Year 7's nominated charity, BabyBeat.

**National Picnic Week**  
18th-26th June

Food Technology Teacher, Mrs Cowell, is inviting pupils to enter two inter-house competitions.

**COMPETITION TIME**

**Bake a set of six fruit scones**

You'll be judged on:

- Flavour
- Appearance
- Texture
- Equal size

They are to be labelled with the entrant's name and year group and brought to the Food Tech room at breaktime on Mon, 20 June. They'll be judged by Mrs Cowell and the leftovers will be offered for sale at lunchtime with butter and jam available. All proceeds will go to the charity of the year group that the winner belongs to.

**Design a new sandwich**

You'll be judged on:

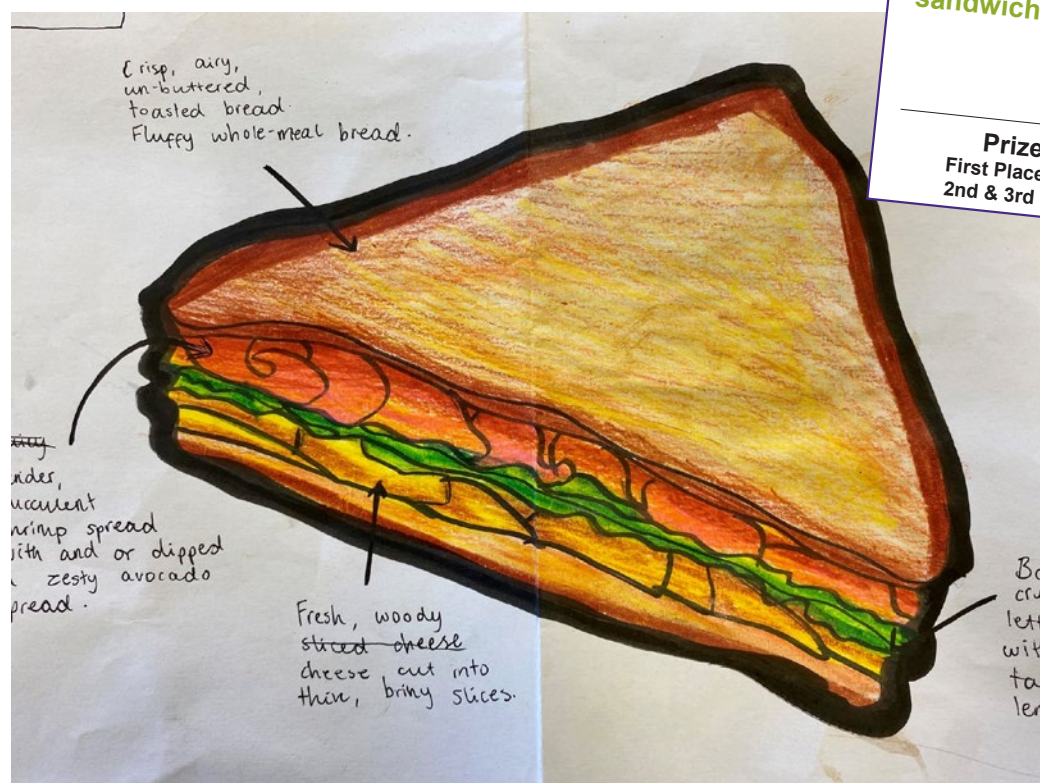
- Originality - ie. Something that exists in the everyday won't win!
- Health properties - We'll be looking at the nutrition provided
- Drawn and coloured neatly on A4 paper (Entrant's name and year group clearly visible)
- Each ingredient labelled and described using tier two language

Designs to be handed in on Wednesday, 22 June before school or at breaktime at the Food Tech room. Winners will be notified via Teams and the winning designs promoted in the newsletter.

**Prizes To Be Won**

First Place: Amazon Vouchers  
2nd & 3rd Place: Sweet Treats

**Priorities**



Well done to Jessica D in Year 7 with her shrimp spread, avocado, cheese and lemon dressed lettuce creation on wholemeal toasted bread.

Jessica takes home a £5 Amazon voucher and some sweets for her fantastic effort.





## Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MABAL is music played through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music.

The focus is on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school, such as the production.

## After half term it's all about: Cover Versions

Following the summer vibe of Caribbean Music this week, now we are heading for shorter days, long nights and Christmas shopping, it is time for cover versions. This playlist contains songs in pairs – the original immediately followed by a cover.

The term 'cover' goes back decades when cover version originally described a rival version of a tune recorded to compete with the recently released (original) version. Before the mid-20th century, the notion of an original version of a popular tune would have seemed slightly odd – the production of musical entertainment was seen as a live event performed by as many artists as possible rather than an original and then cover artists recording in later years. Musicians now play what they call 'cover versions' - the reworking, updating, or interpretation - of songs as a tribute to the original performer or group.

It is very interesting to compare an original to a cover and clearly personal preference as to which is best. Barry Manilow's 'Could it be Magic?' original sounds so different from the Take That cover version. Speaking subjectively, Bob Dylan's original 'Make you feel my Love' far outstrips Adele's cover in atmosphere and musicianship whereas in my opinion, Miley Cyrus's high energy cover of 'Girls just wanna have fun' is a much more enjoyable listen compared with Cyndi Lauper's original. I managed Miley's 15 times on repeat driving in this morning just to make sure!

Tribute acts are performers who make a living by recreating the music of one particular artist or band. Bands such as Björn Again, Led Zepagain, The Fab Four, Australian Pink Floyd Show and the Iron Maidens are dedicated to playing the music of ABBA, Led Zeppelin, The Beatles, Pink Floyd, and Iron Maiden respectively. Dozens of Beatles tribute bands have formed and an entire sub-industry has formed around Elvis impersonation. Dread Zeppelin performs reggae versions of the Zeppelin catalogue.

'Yesterday' by the Beatles, originally composed in 1965 is the most covered song of all time and this playlist contains the original then the Frank Sinatra version.

Future weeks' theme suggestions are very much welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email [a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or contact via Teams.



Mr Taylor  
Lead Teacher of Music

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# 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 situation. 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  
Attendance & Family  
Support Manager



# Arts Evening

Weds, 13 July from 7pm

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## LEADERBOARD



### Bedrock classes in the spotlight:

#### 8E3

Phoebe A-W	25 points
Success I	24 points
Ethan H	23 points

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

**Affliction** - a cause of pain or harm. *"a crippling affliction of the nervous system"*

**Homicide** - the killing of one person by another. *"he was charged with homicide"*

**Intensify** - become or make more intense. *"the dispute began to intensify"*

#### 9E3

Abbie Caitlin H	36 points
Oli H	33 points
Grace E	25 points



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

**Capacity** - the maximum amount that something can contain. *"the capacity of the freezer is 1.1 cubic feet"*

**Esteem** - respect and admiration. *"he was held in high esteem by colleagues"*

**Subordinate** - lower in rank or position. *"his subordinate officers."*

8E3 and 9E3 were in the spotlight this week – well done to those who did their Bedrock and scored the most points for their classes, particularly to Phoebe and Abbie who scored top for their classes.

Congratulations to those who continued to read and quiz this week, banking those words on their way to becoming word millionaires. A special well done to Sher, Emily, Emmie and Holly who read and quizzed on the most words in their year group.



## 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)

### This week's overall leaders:

#### Year 7

Sehr A	7E2	221,678
Jessica D	7E3	206,465
Zach M	7E3	156,471

#### Year 8

Emily P	8E2	101,564
Niamh P	8W1	76,263
Geetha R	8W1	73,089

#### Year 9

Emmie P	9E1	150,461
Preston McM	9E2	115,545
Aisha B	9W1	95,981

#### Year 9

Holly E	10W5	103,029
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Mrs Robinson

Assistant Head of English

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