

# Penwortham Priory Post

## A Message From The Principal

Dear All,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Easter break. Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a much-deserved rest.

At the start of this summer term, I would just like to say that, despite all we have had to contend with over these past couple of years, and continue to be impacted by still, there continues to be so much to celebrate about Priory. Not least the way in which all our young people have continued to demonstrate those personal attributes in school that are essential for employability and life: Leadership, Organisation, Initiative, Resilience and Communication.

Once again too, we will welcome a full intake of new pupils who will be starting with us in September. We remain proud to be a school where pupils and families choose to come and learn with us, and we will continue to provide the best possible opportunities, facilities and care for those pupils who are fortunate enough to secure a place with us.

Thank you, too, as parents and guardians, for the continued support you provide to your daughters and sons and equally, to the ongoing support you give to us as a school. You may not have noticed what we have achieved together. But we have. We all have risen to a challenge that no generation has ever faced before. We have weathered a storm that has been relentless. We have done everything asked of us, and we have done this first and foremost for our children and young people, for you as parents, for our staff, for our community – for Priory.

I hope that we have an equally successful summer term and that those pupils involved in public exams can be supported to do the very best they can.

On that note, I am sure each of you will join me in offering our very best wishes to our Year 11 pupils who are preparing themselves not only for their forthcoming GCSE exams in school, but preparing them to go on to further education, employment or training once they leave us here at Priory. Until that point, we will continue to support them in whatever way we can over the coming weeks and months to not only ensure they feel supported and prepared for their exams, but equally to ensure their transition from Priory to whatever it is they might move on to, is as good as it can be for them.

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## 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)

**Fri, 29 April**  
INSET - school closed

**Mon, 2 May**  
May Day - school closed

**Tues, 3 May**  
INSET - school closed

**Fri, 13 May**  
This Girl Can Festival  
West View Leisure Centre  
(invitation only)

**Tues, 10 May**  
Year 10 Parents Evening  
(online)

**Thurs, 19 May**  
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**Fri, 20 May**  
Year 7 Cookery Club  
Booking essential (After School)

**Mon, 30 May -  
Fri, 3 June**  
Mid term closure

## Message from the Principal

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As ever, throughout this summer term, our primary focus will continue to be our shared responsibility to uphold our daily school aim, our 'Priory Standard' – 'ensuring the highest expectations of all, from all, so that all pupils learn to succeed and leave Priory, equipped with the right skills and attitudes to help them succeed in life, contribute positively to society and go on to further education, employment or training'.

Every pupil will continue to have the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, behaviour and progress. These positive reward points will continue to be consistently and fairly awarded to each pupil's individual total throughout the remainder of this academic year through their ongoing attendance and effort in lessons. Equally, our behaviour sanctions will continue to be applied in the same way as always.

So, the very best to all for a positive term. Please continue to do all you can at home to support your sons and daughters in putting schoolwork at the top of their priority list. Please do continue to take an active role in their studies, planning with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one.

My continued best wishes to you all,



Mr M Eastham, Headteacher

**Year 11 Pupils will receive their individual exam timetables and revision plans next week.**

Pupils have already been given a master timetable and from this are able to see when and where their exams are.

Copies are also available to download from the school website at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision)



# Temporary Changes To The School Timetable

**Mon, 16 May to Fri, 24 June**

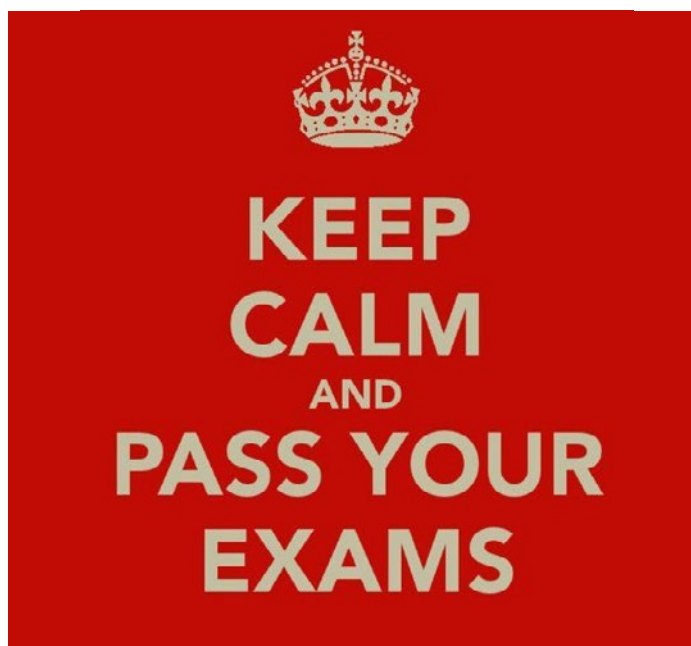
**For the entire exam season - see dates above - we will be changing to an early break and lunch.**

This will avoid disruption during afternoon exams which start at 1.00pm and will enable Year 11s to have their lunch beforehand.

As the early lunch creates just an hour between the end of break and the start of lunch, break has been bought forward too. We will therefore be moving the break back an hour for the exam season.

**The new timetable for the exam season will be:**

Period 1	8.40am - 9.40am
Form	9.40am - 9.50am
Break	9.50am - 10.15am
Period 2	10.15am - 11.15am
Period 3	11.15am - 12.15pm
Lunch	12.15pm - 12.50pm
Period 4	12.50pm - 1.50pm
Period 5	1.50pm - 2.50pm
Period 6	2.50pm - 3.10pm



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# Year 9 Pupil Gets on His Bike for Charity

**Year 9 pupil Lochlan will be using pedal power to raise money for his local RSPCA.**

Lochlan and his dad will cycle 'Coast to Coast' -137 miles from Whitehaven to Sunderland on 12 May.

Lochlan, a regular cyclist, admits it's a huge challenge for him.

"I have been cycling for around 10 years but this will be the furthest I have cycled," said Lochlan.

*"It's a big ride for me and it's a course a lot of cyclists do as it's the shortest coast to coast. It will go through Cumbria, passing through the Lake District and to Teeside. It will be very hilly but we have been training, doing around 70km on Sundays, we usually go around the Guild Wheel."*

"We are doing the course over two days and will be staying in youth hostels in Penrith and Rookhope overnight. It will be really exciting and there will be nice views!

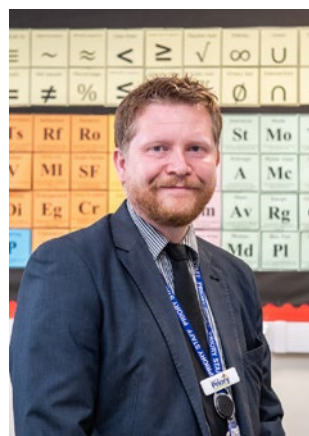
"I wanted to do this for the RSPCA as our local one is based near my Dad's house in Fulwood and they are always fundraising.

"I have two cats with my Mum and two dogs with my Dad so I love animals. I wanted to raise £250 but have already passed that."



If you want to support Lochlan, here's the link to his Just Giving page>>

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lochlan-mark-coast2coast-bike-ride](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lochlan-mark-coast2coast-bike-ride)



**Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will also be cycling the Coast to Coast route next month along with four of his friends.**

Setting off on 28 May, the men will complete the course over three days whilst raising money to support their local hospice, Queenscourt in Southport.

If you'd like to support Mr Kenrick, here's the link to his Just Giving page>>

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coast-to-coast2022](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coast-to-coast2022)

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# A Game Changing Day Out for Priory's Young Sportswomen

Priory's top sporting girls had an unbelievable day at Edge Hill on Tuesday when they attended the university's Game Changer event.

This special event celebrated women in sport and brought together four trailblazing women for a very open panel discussion about their experiences, the current state of play and what they think the future holds for women in elite sport.

The panellists included Dawn Airey (Chair of Women's Super League and Channel 4), Zainab Alema (pioneering Black Muslim rugby player and activist), Sue Smith (England footballer and Sky Sports pundit) and Simone Magill (Northern Ireland footballer). The event was chaired by BBC sports presenter, Giulia Bould.

All the girls had an opportunity to submit questions to the panel and Fatima's and Phoebe's were selected to be asked.

PE teacher, Mrs Bullock, said: "What an inspiration these ladies are for our next generation of women in sport. Edge Hill's hospitality was fantastic and the whole event was an incredible experience for our girls."

Mrs Bullock  
PE Teacher  
Head of year 8



# SPORTS REPORT



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# Year 7 Win at Worden

## SPORTS REPORT

Monday saw the Year 7 boys' football team take on Worden Academy in the last game of the season.

The boys put on an exceptional performance, running out 4-1 winners on the day. The game started with both teams openly attacking, with some great football on display. The opening goal came halfway into the first half, with a corner from Ellis T finding the head of Taylor K who powered home from close range. The second came soon after, with a superb switch of play which found the advancing Aaron H who, with one touch to set himself, powered the ball home to double the lead.

With the half almost at an end, there was just enough time to add a third. Louis H found himself in space on the edge of the box and with a low drive into the far corner made it three.

The second half saw play settle down, with both teams cancelling each other out. However, once again with some wonderful play the Worden defence was unlocked. The ball made its way out to the right and a lovely cross in found Aaran H once again who finished superbly with a volley into the top corner to make it four. There was still time for Worden to grab a goal minutes from the end, but ultimately a superb performance from all involved saw Priory take the points.

**Man of the Match:** A.Holland

**Team:** Eden B, Taylor K, Jad H, Bobby B, Ben T, Felix D, Archie I, Louis H, Harry B, Tom E, Charlie W, Ellis T, Will N, Aaron H,

Mr Cowen  
PE Teacher



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## JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE TASTER SESSIONS

- Try a new sport • Play fun games
- Learn new skills • Make new friends

There are opportunities to get involved at Preston's local Rugby League club, Preston and South Ribble Rabbits!

### When

Saturday 30th April and Saturday 14th May 2022

### Where

Withy Grove Park rugby pitch,  
Brindle Road, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6YJ

### Times

Reception to Year 6 - 9am to 10am  
Year 7 and Year 8 - 10am to 11am

### Get in touch to learn more

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## FIXTURE CALENDAR

### May 2022

Monday, 9 May

Year 11 Rounders Tournament @ Priory

Wednesday, 18 May

Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Tournament 1pm-3pm @  
UCLan Sports Arena

### June 2022

Tuesday, 7 June

Year 10 Rounders Tournament @ Priory

Thursday, 9 June

Year 9 Rounders Tournament @ Priory

Monday, 20 June

Year 7 Rounders Tournament @ Priory

Friday, 24 June

Years 7-10 Athletics @ Stanley Park

Monday, 27 June

Year 8 Rounders Tournament @ Priory

### July 2022

Monday, 4 July

Reserve date for Rounders

Please note that these dates are subject to change and more may be added. Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Mr Bullock  
Head of PE & Sport

Do you love  
cooking  
and being  
creative in  
the kitchen?



### Year 7: 12 Places Available

Mrs Cowell will be running her next **Creative Cookery workshop for Year 7** pupils on **Friday, 20 May** from 3.05pm to 4.30pm where you'll be baking Rainbow Cookies!



It's free but there are limited places which will be given to the first 12 Year 7 pupils who contact Mrs Cowell via Teams Chat. Priority will be given to those who have not taken part before.

If you've got a slot, please let her know any allergies or dietary requirements in advance, and make sure you have organised your safe travel home.

Mrs Cowell  
Food  
Technology  
Teacher







# URGENT RECALL: Overdue Library Books

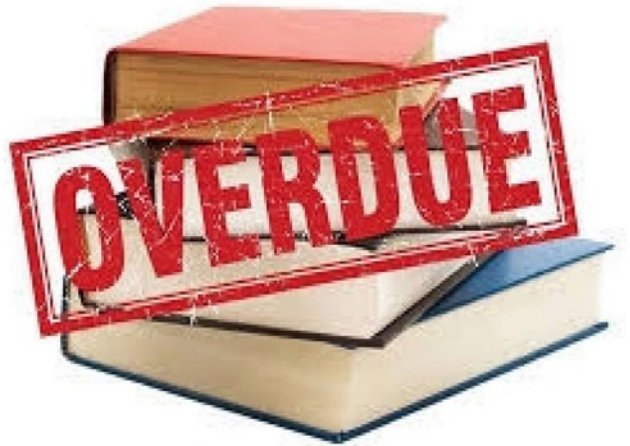
**Please could pupils return their overdue library books.**

We have over 250 books due to be returned and numerous others that are simply 'missing'. Thank you to those that have returned theirs already following our recent amnesty. Please check all your nooks and crannies as we are missing £100s of pounds worth of stock.

**Simply place your books in the amnesty box in the library. No questions asked** and no sanctions will be given - we just want the book back so others can have the pleasure of reading them.

Thank you for your support.

*The English Department*



## Do you have any pre-loved books we could have for our library?

**Classics | Non Fiction | Fiction | Young Adult |**

We're always looking to top up our library. Do you have any books that you are wondering what to do with next? Are they suitable for our young adults? Could we have them?

Our library plays a very important role in promoting the habit of reading for pleasure as well as enriching students' intellectual growth.

Pupils can drop books off at the library, with their English teacher, or parents may leave them at Reception.

Enquiries can be emailed to Mrs Elliott, English Teacher and Chief Librarian at [j.elliott@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.elliott@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

***We would like to publicly thank the Grafton family for their enormously generous donations of books this week.***



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# EnglishDepartment

## Happy Birthday Mr Shakespeare!

Infamously, Shakespeare died on his birthday, 23rd April, which fell on a Saturday this year so we celebrated on Thursday instead.

The greatest writer who ever lived wrote over 40 plays and poems that are still read, studied, watched and performed all over the world today so it was only right we spent a day in homage to 'The Bard'.

The celebrations kicked off with Mr Taylor's MABAL music selections. All the songs were by a Billy, a Bill, a Will or a Williams; from Billy Joel's 'Piano Man' to Robbie Williams' 'Angels' to Will Smith's 'Men in Black' all the songs were by a famous 'Billy' of sorts - giving a nod to the most famous Billy.

Mrs Bailey and Mrs Scully celebrated in MFL by doing a French version of the classic balcony scene from Romeo & Juliet where Juliet famously quotes 'Wherefore art thou Romeo?' or 'Pourquoi est tu Romeo?'

Mrs Cowell celebrated with edible gold on her cakes in Food Tech, paying homage to the Shakespeare quote 'All that glitters is not gold' from The Merchant of Venice.

And, in tribute to all these famous quotes and phrases, Mrs Ham had her RE class design quills, which indeed was the instrument with which Shakespeare wrote all his plays.

Meanwhile in English, classes learnt about why we're still so mad on Shakespeare 400 years after what would have been his 458th birthday and debated how many current authors would still be famous by the year 2522!

In their English lessons, Key Stage 3 insulted each other using fabulously creative Shakespeare inspired nouns and adjectives such as 'Thou foul smelling, shag-bearded clot hole!' and 'You lilly-livered, fancy-mongering lout!' to much amusement. Nobody could 'throw shade' quite like Shakespeare.

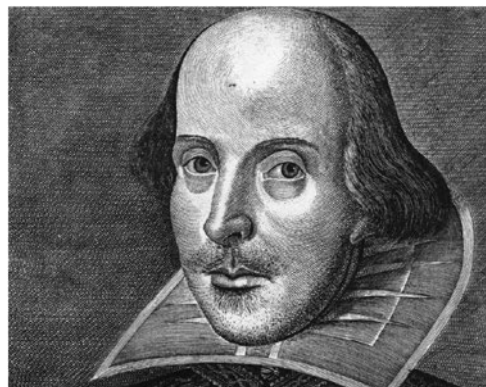
Some of the English staff even dressed up: Mrs Gidden as the conniving and unhinged Lady Macbeth, Miss Nicholls as her 'partner of greatness' and hero of the Scottish tragedy, Macbeth, both covered in 'blood' and looking demented; Mrs Robinson-Ali looking ethereal as Queen of the Fairies, Titania from A Midsummer Night's Dream; Miss Smith as the lovestruck Romeo from Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet and finally, one of the English staff dressed up as 'big Bill' himself, complete with hambone frill but can you figure out which of our staff was dressed as Billy Shakes? It really was remarkably life-like.

Years 9, 10 & 11 were particularly good at guessing who was who as Year 9 and 10 are both studying Shakespeare in class at the moment and Year 11 are reconnecting with their Macbeth study in the run up to their final exams.

Who will the Year 11 'Class of 2522' be sitting their exams on? My guess is it'll still be Shakespeare - an oldie but a goodie!

Happy  
Birthday,  
William!

Mrs Gidden  
Head of English



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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, Ellie...

**Year 10 Ellie is a cheer leader in her spare time and Mrs Gidden is cheering her on as one of her Cool Readers.**

Ellie is currently reading 'Unravel Me' by Tahereh Mafi, the second of a seven-part series.

"It's about a girl who, when she touches people, they die and so people are chasing after her," said Ellie.



"I like a mixture of books, I don't have just one type that I like.

"In school, I enjoy English, I also enjoy Geography as I like travelling.

"In my spare time I train at Stunt and Cheer in Penwortham – it's cheerleading, including stunts.

"It's quite technical and I train every Friday. We do compete in competitions but, due to Covid, we have been restricted recently."

When not cheerleading, Ellie can be found walking her dog Poppy or looking after her cat Bella!

**Ellie's English teacher, Mr Owen, added,** *"Ellie is an incredibly hardworking pupil. Her ability to focus on what she is reading and ask questions about new vocabulary, ideas, and themes stands her in great stead for her GCSE exams, but also for the wider world. She is inquisitive and aware of the world around her; she is a great student."*



Did you guess that Mrs Elliott was behind the mask!

Mrs Gidden  
Head of English

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## Mrs Elliott's Recommended Read

### Vango: Between Sky and Earth by Timothee de Fombelle

This book is a gripping mystery-adventure set in the 1930s interwar period about a character desperately searching for his identity.

Raised by a strange nanny in Sicily, Vango grows up with one friend, a priest Zefiro, who lives in a monastery hidden from sight. On reaching adulthood, Vango decides to follow in Zefiro's steps, but just as he is about to take his holy orders at Notre Dame in Paris, he is falsely accused of a crime and must go on the run.



This is a breathless and highly cinematic story that follows Vango travelling by Zeppelin across Europe from Stromboli to Nazi Germany, from Scotland to the Soviet Union, climbing the rooftops of Paris, crossing the paths of arms traffickers, crooked policemen, Russian spies and even Stalin.

I really enjoyed this book. It is a genuinely gripping read with characters that you root for and a protagonist who you are willing to succeed. Plot and character are revealed little by little like lots of threads that slowly start to weave themselves together until the final climactic end.

If you love mystery and intrigue, then this is definitely for you.

I believe there's a sequel. It's on my 'Must Buy' list.

AR Book ZPD: 5.4

Mrs Elliott  
English Teacher



## Summer School Pupil Volunteers Needed!

Once again, we're delighted to be able to offer a Summer School for our new intake of Year 7 pupils.

**To support the event, this year we are looking for responsible pupils from the current Year 7 and Year 10 to join us for one of the three days, on a voluntary basis.**

The Summer School will be running from Mon, 22 August – Weds, 24 August from 9.30am-2.30pm each day. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided for all the volunteers.

**If you are interested, please see Miss Ackers for a short application form.**



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After receiving lots of nominations, the Science Department has chosen one student from each year group for its ...

## Scientist of the Week

**Year 7** Zach R – Nominated by Miss Hancox and Miss Nouraghaei for his excellent engagement and providing great answers to questions.

**Year 8** Maddie S – Nominated by Miss Deeley for asking great questions to develop her understanding

**Year 9** Harry R – Nominated by Miss Massey for his great start to the new Physics topic, showing excellent maths skills.

**Year 10** Ally R – Nominated by Mr Bedford for consistently showing a great attitude to learning.

**Year 11** Ellie R – Nominated by Mr Cox for consistently showing a good attitude to learning and a positive attitude towards revision.

Certificates and prizes will be handed out after the long weekend.



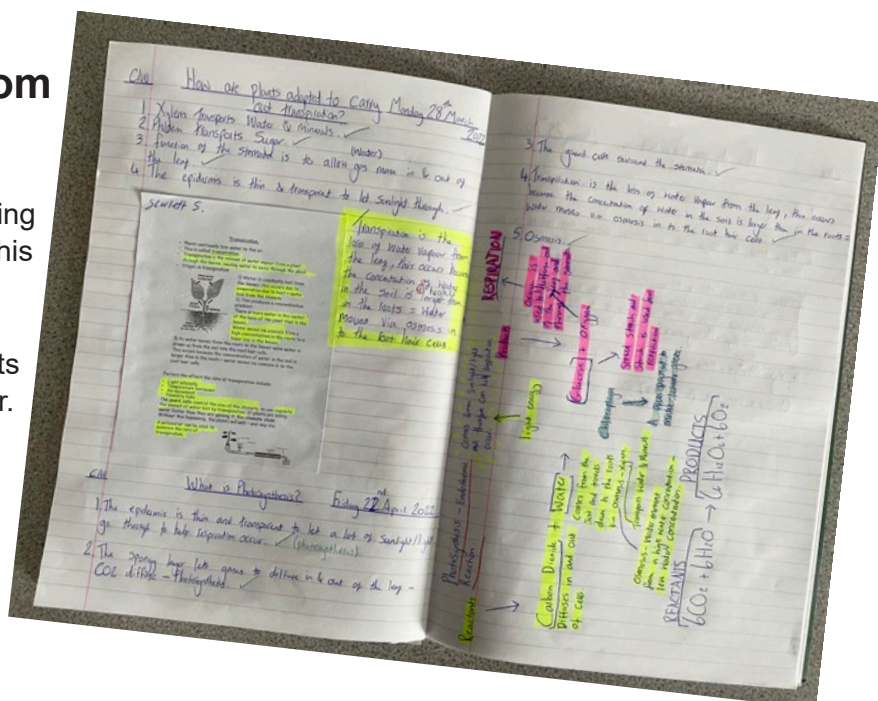
Miss Nouraghaei  
Assistant Head of Science



### The Work Of The Week is from Scarlett S (Year 10).

Scarlett and her class has enjoyed learning about photosynthesis and how to represent this in both a word and symbol equation.

Scarlett has annotated where the reactants come from and what the products are used for.



Miss Nouraghaei  
Assistant Head of Science

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# Focus on...



## MEM RISE

## THE league

Using the language learning website, Memrise, pupils can accrue points as they progress with their French practice. Here are this week's leaders...

7E1 Tommy P

7E3

Thomas H

7W1 Emily A

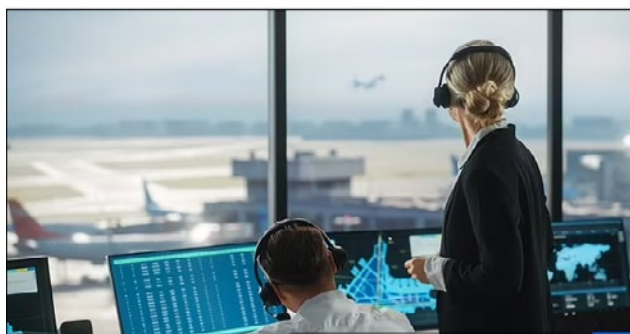
7E2 Kayanila A

7W2 Callum GV

## Air Traffic Controller

## CAREER CHECK

It is obligatory that Air Traffic Controllers speak at least one other foreign language. Usually, this is English for non-English speaking nations, and either French or Spanish (although, usually French), which they will be tested on to make certain that it is correct.



## Word of THE Week

### l'équitation Horse Riding

Anything equestrian in English is related to horse riding and so there is a strong link between the two languages for this one!



## Linguists of The Week

### Reece R - 8E3

Reece's written work has been superb recently, accurate in every way. He always asks if he doesn't understand and I look forward to him achieving a great mark in his assessment next week. (Mr Taylor)

### Josh B - 7E2

Josh is very focused in French and continually works well. He is making excellent progress in all aspects of the language. (Mrs Bailey)

### Emily P - 8E1

Emily is an outstanding linguist and consistent with it. She is eager to learn, listens carefully to new language and enjoys the challenge of new grammar. (Mrs Scully)



Mrs Scully, Mrs Bailey  
& Mr Taylor  
Languages Department

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## This week in their French lessons...



7E1 took part in an 'escape rooms' style lesson. They had to break four codes to help Gustave escape from the Eiffel Tower! These tasks included rebuilding texts, using magnifying glasses to decode small texts, interactive GIMKIT games and talking tents!

They coped brilliantly with the challenge!



## New Family Enrol at Priory

**Priory had the pleasure of enrolling a new family last week.**

Mrs Duck and her brood of 9 ducklings arrived at the school over Easter after hearing about our excellent facilities from previous feathered visitors.

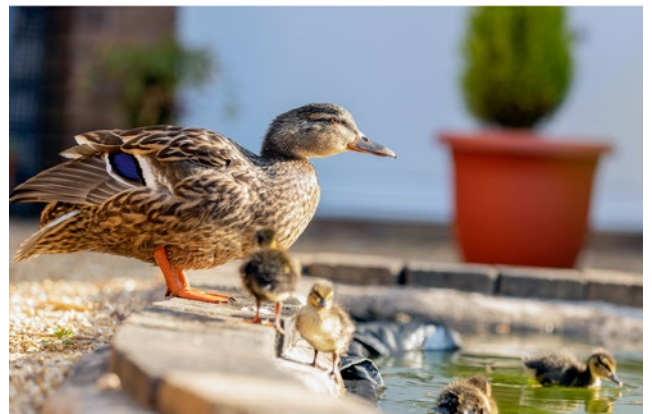
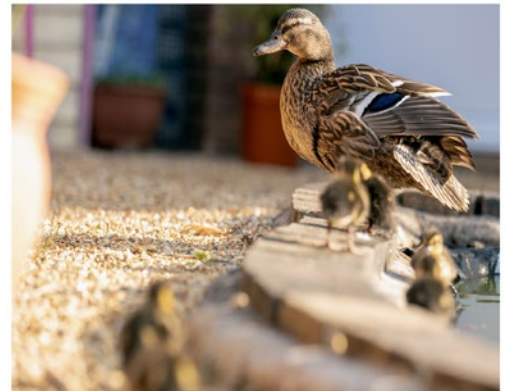
Gardener, Mr Farron, has provided transition support by helping them to settle into the sensory garden with its dedicated pool.

The ducklings have enjoyed their swimming lessons and will move on to flying classes next week.

The ducklings will graduate to the meadows only when they've completed their homework and passed their exams with flying colours!

Pupils and staff have enjoyed observing their progress as they pass through the Key Stage 4 dining room.

Many thanks to our resident wildlife photographer, Mr Eccles, for these stunning shots.



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# Welcome to the Parallel Maths Project!

Be challenged, get curious, do maths.  
Stretch your brain every week.



**parallel**  
by Simon Singh

**Join the Maths Department and sign up to Parallel, a collection of mathematical challenges designed to stretch your brain and make your neurons more squiggly!**

These weekly challenges are interesting, fun and challenging maths that go beyond the classroom: mystery and history, activities and oddities, puzzles and problems.

Sign up and each week, on Thursday, you can access a new Parallelogram for your year group - random mysteries of mathematics. Be prepared to encounter all sorts of weird ideas, including some questions that have nothing to do with mathematics. Each Parallelogram should take just 15 minutes to complete each.

As soon as you hit the SUBMIT button, you will be able to see the answers as well as your score. It doesn't really matter what score you get, because the main thing is that you think hard about the problems... and then examine the solution sheet to learn from your mistakes.

Mathematics!

may not teach us how to  
add love or minus hate.  
But it gives us every  
reason to hope that  
every problem has a  
SOLUTION...

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Interested pupils of any year group should contact Mr Kenrick, Head of Maths via Teams Chat or email at [p.kenrick@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:p.kenrick@priory.lancs.sch.uk) for the joining code. Pupils can then login to the site each Thursday for a new challenge.

To find out more, go to >>

<https://parallel.org.uk/introduction>

Mr Kenrick  
Head of Maths

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## 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.

## Next week and the week after, it's all about: The 1990s

There may be still some members of staff able to remember this dim and distant decade. I have been told it is a period of epoch-defining anthems and dance floor-emptying divas.

The decade began with President Gorbachev in the Kremlin and ended with a Nokia 3310 in your hand.

The early years of the 1990s began with a surge in popularity for music genres like techno. Groups like Technotronic entered the charts with big hits like 'Pump Up the Jam' and 'Get Up (Before the Night is Over)'. Similarly, the hip-hop music scene achieved popularity with artists like MC Hammer, Tone Loc, and Vanilla Ice.

The late-1990s saw the introduction of the highly commercialised and over-produced bubblegum pop groups and stars; groups and singers like the Spice Girls, All Saints, NSync, the Backstreet Boys. The genre was characterised by the use of autotune, a focus on appearance and fashion, choreography and repetitive lyrics.

Rappers representing different styles and regions saw massive mainstream and critical success. Examples include Tupac, Notorious B.I.G., Queen Latifah and Snoop Dogg. College rock was less grungy than heavy metal. These bands were often played at student radio stations. Some of the most well-known examples of college rock include R.E.M., Smashing Pumpkins, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Radiohead. Many of these bands would go on to experience massive mainstream success, becoming some of the most popular rock bands in the world.

**Future weeks' theme suggestions are 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.**



**Did you guess? This week's staff top 10, day by day, was...**

Monday - Mrs Cowell  
Tuesday - Mr Sneddon  
Wednesday - Mrs Hopes  
Thursday, today - Keep guessing!

Mr Taylor  
Lead Teacher of Music

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**EXTRA! EXTRA!**



## Equality & Diversity Club

Don't forget, this popular lunchtime club has now moved to Monday lunch times.

Miss Nicholls  
English Teacher

## Equality and Diversity club is back at Priory!

ALL year groups can now attend!



E&D club is a safe space for EVERYONE to come and have open discussions about what we can do to promote equality and diversity.

Please meet in Miss Nicholls' classroom  
(EN6)

Now **EVERY** Monday lunchtime!

## Learning Newsletters

Every month we put together a newsletter for parents where we seek to share some of the initiatives and strategies we use in school so you might best support your child at home, in order to benefit them and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

This next issue looks at 'Revision' - How parents can help, and resources for Year 11 pupils in particular.

April's issue has been emailed to parents this week however all past issues can be downloaded from the school website at >>> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters) (below our weekly newsletters - please scroll down)

Mrs Corwell  
Vice Principal



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## Bedrock classes in the spotlight:

### 8E3

Isaac D	50 points
Imogen H	44 points
Maisie G	34 points

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

**Habitat** - the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism. *"wild chimps in their natural habitat"*

**Refuge** - the state of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or difficulty. *"he was forced to take refuge in the French embassy"*

**Vindictive** - having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge. *"the criticism was both vindictive and personalised."*



### 9E3

Dylan C	53 points
Zofia G	47 points
Isaac L	37 points

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

**Sublime** - of very great excellence or beauty *"Mozart's sublime piano concertos."*

**Forfeit** - lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrong-doing. *"those unable to meet their taxes were liable to forfeit their estates"*

**Gingerly** - in a careful or cautious manner. *"The injured boy sat down very gingerly."*

Well done to those in 8E3 and 9E3 who did their Bedrock over the Easter holiday and scored lots of points! Isaac, Imogen, Maisie, Dylan, Zofia and Isaac.

A big well done to those who continued to read and quiz over the holidays, bagging themselves words and edging them closer to becoming millionaires. Particularly to Jessica, Emily and Martha who read the most words in their year groups!

Please note, these figures are as at Wednesday, 20 April.



# 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

Jessica D	7E3	301,751
Sehr A	7E2	179,874
Junaid Q	7E1	174,073

### Year 8

Emily P	8E2	171,788
Keshav C	8W1	146,558
Thomas M	8W2	118,755

### Year 9

Martha McA	9W2	118,933
Thomas P	9E2	67,173
Lexie P	9E2	6,176

Mrs Robinson  
Assistant Head of English

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# Digital Healthy Schools



Just to remind you that the school continues to take part in the 'Digital Healthy Schools', an initiative designed to educate our pupils on responsibly using mobile technology to help them manage their health.



As you know, our country is facing big challenges to the healthcare system. Yet, many of the long-term illnesses that impact so many lives and cost so much to treat are entirely preventable.

It has been shown by healthcare professionals that mobile technology is an effective way for patients to manage their conditions and for people to maintain and improve their health. Despite this, mobile Health (mHealth), which can include everything from step counters and stress busting apps to personal diabetes monitoring and skin cancer diagnosis tools, is a relatively unknown area for many people. It requires more awareness, and we need more help navigating the options available.

The Digitally Healthy Schools platform provides an unmatched education in mHealth. Your child has been made aware of the platform via Teams and email and how the mHealth platform can be used for the benefit of themselves, their friends and their families. It will help them find the best and, importantly, safest apps available to them.

<https://penworthamprioryacademy-lancs.digitalhealthyschools.co.uk/>

In the next few weeks, we hope your child will use the platform, using the link they have been given to download any app. You too can benefit from what they are learning!

Mrs Hopes  
Head of Learning for Life



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 2 May

Year 7	Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' How do I react when something goes wrong?
Year 8	Summer Term - Theme: 'Committed to Growth' Approaching challenges in an organised way.
Year 9	Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' Confidence
Year 10	Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning my Decisions' Why do employers want leadership skills?
Year 11	Summer Term - Theme: 'Finishing with Pride' ---

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**Physical Education Department  
Extra-Curricular Weekly Timetable  
w/c 2 May**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.45	INSET	INSET	Key Stage 3 Table tennis	Basketball	Key Stage 4 Basketball/ Badminton
After-School 15.10 – 16.10	INSET	INSET	Basketball	Cricket Club (Sports Hall)  Boys Rugby Year 7/8/9  Year 9/10 Rounders	

**Physical Education Department  
Extra-Curricular Weekly Timetable  
w/c 9 May**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.45	Badminton Key Stage 3	Basketball	Key Stage 3 Table tennis	Basketball	Key Stage 4 Basketball/ Badminton
After-School 15.10 – 16.10	Year 11 Rounders Tournament  Table tennis  Volleyball	Athletics	Basketball	Cricket Club (Sports Hall)  Boys Rugby Year 7/8/9  Year 9/10 Rounders	

**NB** In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs being moved locations.

# Careers Advice at Priory



Careers Adviser, Mrs Khan, is in school one day a week, predominantly on Thursdays this half term (a full list of dates that she is available is included below).



Pupils can meet with Mrs Khan for...

- 1:1 careers guidance meetings throughout the day on an appointment system.
- Drop in sessions in the morning from 8.00am to 8.40am and lunch

Mrs Khan is a qualified careers practitioner working for over 25 years with young people and adults offering impartial careers, education, information and advice and guidance (CEIAG) on careers that suit their likes and abilities. She is very passionate about helping individuals achieve their ultimate aspiration by advising them on their options and routes to take. Pupils may wish to meet with Mrs Khan to discuss the various post 16 career pathways on offer at colleges, with employers through apprenticeship or training programmes, life at university and degree courses, or signposting for potential work experience.

Mrs Khan can be found in the Careers Office opposite the Pastoral Office and will hold meetings with pupils in the pastoral meeting room next door. Parents and pupils can email her at : [s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

**Do you need careers advice?**

**Independent Careers Adviser**  
**Shamim Khan**

Available for 1:1 Careers Appointments  
& Drop In sessions in  
The Careers Room (Situating opposite the Pastoral Office)

**Drop In sessions Times:**  
Morning : 8.00am to 8.50am  
Lunchtime : 1.15pm to 1.50pm

**Independent Careers Adviser Dates:**

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022</li> <li>• Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>• Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>• Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>• Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> </ul>

If you would like a 1:1 appointment, please email  
[s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk)  
Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member

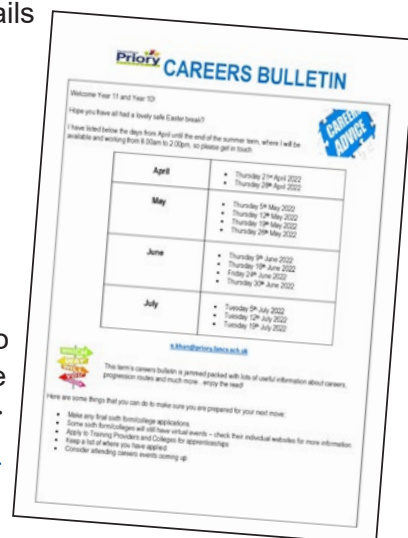
## Year 10 & 11 Careers Bulletin

The summer term's careers bulletin was circulated last week to all Key Stage 4 pupils and their parents.

Put together by Mrs Khan, the bulletin is full of useful information for Year 10 & 11 pupils as they start to think about their next steps after high school, including:

- Apps to help with career choices
- College contact details
- Search for an apprenticeship
- Work experience opportunities
- Labour market information
- Upcoming events

This document can also be downloaded from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG)



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# We are collecting items to be donated to the Ukraine Appeal

Miss Beesley and Mrs Willis are collecting items to be sent to families whose lives have been turned upside down due to the war against Russia.

Any donation however big or small will be greatly appreciated. All items will be taken to MCR Therapies Clinic at Sharoe Green Park, Preston, which is a local drop off point.

Please bring any items down the PE office where they will be placed into a labelled box.

The list of items that are required are as follows:

- Tea/coffee
- Chocolate (normal, no praline or fancy boxes)
- Toiletries
- Disinfectants
- Wound dressings, Band Aids, bandages
- Nappies
- Dry food, cans / tins
- Formulas for babies

*Thank you for your support!*



## HR Support Apprenticeship

### About Leyland Trucks

Leyland Trucks is the UK's largest commercial vehicle manufacturing business and produces over 16,500 trucks per year from its state-of-the-art facility in Lancashire.

The company is a division of the American corporation PACCAR Inc., which is a global technology leader in the design, manufacture and customer support of high-quality light-, medium- and heavy-duty trucks under the Kenworth, Peterbilt and DAF nameplates. PACCAR also designs and manufactures advanced powertrains, provides financial services and information technology, and distributes truck parts related to its principal business.

Since Leyland Trucks was acquired by PACCAR in 1998, it has become the group's established centre for light and medium truck design, development and manufacture.

Having the right people in the right place, with the right skills, at the right time is essential to our business success and our apprenticeship schemes help ensure we continue to provide market leading product to DAF customers in the UK and around the world.

### What We Are Looking For

To apply, you need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (A\* - C) including Maths and English.

With a keen, demonstrable interest in HR and Business you will be eager to learn and be able to adapt to a changing environment. With the ability to use your own initiative, you will take co-responsibility for your development within the business and help shape your future career.

### HR Support Apprenticeship

Supporting over 1,000 employees at our site in Leyland, you will undertake various activities within the HR function as you progress towards your Level 3 qualification in HR Support, underpinned by a CIPD qualification.

This 2 year scheme will provide you with practical experience of HR at Leyland Trucks, with involvement in HR benefits and systems, supporting HR administration, recruitment activities, and training and development.

As this apprenticeship develops you will expand your knowledge and understanding of employment law, company policies and practices, and business in general as you progress towards a career in HR.

### Benefits

A competitive starting salary of £15,429 rising during each year of the scheme; 33 days of holiday (which includes statutory holidays); a pension scheme and medical support schemes.



### Application Process

Apprentice application forms can be downloaded via the website: [www.leylandtrucks.co.uk/en-gb/working-at-leyland-trucks/vacancies](http://www.leylandtrucks.co.uk/en-gb/working-at-leyland-trucks/vacancies) and emailed to: [Leyland.jobs@PACCAR.com](mailto:Leyland.jobs@PACCAR.com)

Closing date - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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21 May at UCLan

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<https://nyalitfest.wordpress.com/programme/>



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# Don't Forget!

A reminder that school will be closed tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday.

Friday, 29 April - INSET Day 4

Monday, 2 May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday, 3 May - INSET Day 5

Normal services resume from  
Weds, 4 May.



## Eid Mubarak to all our families who will be celebrating!

Eid will be celebrated by Muslims over the extended weekend, most likely on Monday, depending on the moon sighting. Eid is a celebration after fasting for 30 days in Ramadan.

Eid al-Fitr, is the earlier of the two official holidays celebrated within Islam. The religious holiday is celebrated by Muslims worldwide because it marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan.

# NEXT ISSUE

Due to the short weeks, the next  
issue will be out...

## Friday, 13 May

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