

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Priory Addresses Gender Disparity in ICT

Priory's Head of ICT & Computer Science is taking part in a regional project to address gender disparity in ICT and associated careers. Priory has three ICT/Computing female teachers but department head, Mrs Qadri, admits that is unusual and she is trying to do something about it.

The statistics say just 19 per cent of tech roles are females and only 20 per cent of Computer Science GCSE students are female nationally. This indicates the problem starts at a young age so we are working with teens to encourage them to consider tech careers," said Mrs Qadri.

The Lancashire Careers Hub and Lancashire Digital Skills Partnership have secured a research project funded by, and in collaboration with, The Careers and Enterprise Company.

Priory has been identified as one of only eight schools to participate, thanks to our strong track record of delivering Computer Science GCSE.

"The aim of the project is to increase the take-up of Computer Science GCSE among girls through the delivery of high-quality, locally tailored STEM related Careers activities. It will be delivered to Year 8 girls with 30 tracked as part of the project.

"At Priory, we have myself, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Crank delivering ICT/Computing and that is unusual to have three female teachers. Our mission is to make more girls opt for the subject."

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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)

#### **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

#### **Wed, 10 November**

#### **Tues, 16 November**

#### **Thurs, 25 November**

GCSE Geography  
Liverpool Field Trips

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

Flu immunisations

#### **Sat, 20 November**

South Ribble Cross  
Country Championships  
Hutton Grammar School

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

Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1.10pm

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Megan in Year 10 has selected Computer Science GCSE: "It's fun to learn about computers and how they work."

"My mum has got a degree in Computing so I have always been interested. I guess it is male-dominated but that hasn't put me off."

Katie has her future mapped out – she wants to work on the software for aeroplanes at BAE Systems.



"When you go on a website, I am fascinated by the fact someone built that and how they do it. I love aeroplanes and my dad works at BAE so it's my dream to work there, in aerospace."

Year 9s are considering their options and Lucy said: "Computing is cool, it is something I am interested in. I want to learn new things about it and I am considering it as an option."

India said: "It is one of my favourite subjects and I like my teacher, Mrs Saunders. The fact she teaches, and they are all female teachers at Priory, inspires me more to take it as one of my options."

Katie said: "I am more an outdoors type so I haven't yet decided what to take as my options. I am not surprised it is more male dominated but it is something I am thinking about."



## Class of 2021 Celebration Evening & GCSE Certificate Collection



Following the notice that was included in the summer's GCSE results pack regarding the potential Celebration Evening and GCSE certificate collection, we can now confirm our plans.

Sadly, due to the rising Covid cases it is not sensible for us to run an 'in-person' Celebration Evening this year. Unfortunately, this means that for the second year we will recognise the successes of Class of 2021 and give our thanks via a pre-recorded awards presentation led by Mr Eastham.

GCSE certificates are due to arrive in school shortly and when they do, we will be able to confirm a date when these can be collected along with other prizes, certificates and trophies. At the same time we will also issue families with a link to view the virtual celebration event recording for you to watch together in your own time.

Once again, we wish Class of 2021 all the very best as they leave us here at Priory and embark on their bright and exciting futures.

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## Year 11 English Lang/Lit Support Classes

English Literature and Language intervention will be held alternative Thursdays after school - next session 18 November. Please check with your English teacher for the room number.

These sessions offer targeted support for pupils, where required, and pupils can also 'drop in' as they wish. These are not compulsory for all pupils.

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.

Mrs Gidden  
Head of English



We received a thank you from Penwortham Food Bank this week following our delivery of donations last term.

Dear Headteacher,

On behalf of the Churches Together in Penwortham Foodbank, I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to your children, parents and staff for your recent donation.

We have had many donations in the past few weeks from churches and schools. These were very welcome as we do receive fewer donations over the summer, and as you can imagine, demand has been constant.

Please do tell your staff, parents, children and governors how grateful we are for your continued support over the years.

Thank you,  
John Atkins



**Well done everyone! Let's keep this going...**

Donations welcome throughout this half term in preparation for Christmas. Pupils and staff can bring items to SC1 (Mrs Massey's room) on a Monday or Friday before Period 1, at break or lunch.

Mrs Massey  
Science Teacher



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There were sparks flying last night in the Food Technology room when Mrs Cowell invited Year 8s to take part in her after school Bonfire Night-themed cookery club.



The Year 8 pupils had a fire-cracking time making Chocolate Autumn Bark - melted chocolate studded with dried apple and pieces of toffee popcorn then chilled to set and broken up. Also on the menu were 'Rocket' dogs and Bonfire cupcakes.

Hope you enjoyed taking part: James S, Kaycee M, Ruby E, Paige M, Emma H, Layla H, Jolie T, Mia B, Success I, Dylan N, Xander C.

Mrs Cowell  
Deputy Head & Food Technology Teacher



## Year 9: Do you love cooking and being creative in the kitchen?

Mrs Cowell will be running her next Creative Cookery workshop for Year 9 pupils after school on the lead up to Christmas - where you'll be making festive treats!

The date is to be confirmed so look out in your year group Teams for the announcement.

It's free but there are limited places which will be given to the first 15 pupils who contact Mrs Cowell following the release of the date.



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## We need to get the (snow) ball rolling with this one!



This is one that all pupils can get involved with and each year we always look forward to seeing your amazing creative work.

Jack W in Year 10 has won for the last two years with his outstanding Priory-themed Christmas designs, and Maya P's runner up illustration for 2020 was too good to be left out so we included hers on the inside too!



# COMPETITION Design The School's Christmas Card

Deadline: Monday, 15 November



## The Brief:

### Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2021

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised, win an Amazon voucher and House acclamation:

- Submit an original design **by Monday, 15 November 2021.**
- Designs must be an original **winter or Christmas-themed** painting or drawing **and incorporate a connection to Priory.** Alternatively, you may like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3, and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries can be dropped off at the school office or passed to Head of Art, Mrs Hopes. Make sure your name and class are on the back! Photographs or digital artwork can be emailed to Mrs Yates, Communications Supervisor, at [j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

**The overall winner will receive a £15 Amazon voucher and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 200 people across the county. This is also a House competition.**

Two runners up will receive a £10 and £5 Amazon voucher respectively and we will award achievement points to all entrants who have demonstrated effort.



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# Learning for Life

## Day 2



LEARNING  
FOR LIFE



**Monday,**

**8 November 2021**

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

The topics we cover on these days include areas which will genuinely make a difference to the life choices your children make. We hope that this will mean that they will make positive, well-informed choices which will lead to them becoming happy and well-rounded young people with high aspirations for themselves and others. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

**Students should report to their session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom (Years 7-10) or their designated room in Technology (Year 11) for 8.40am. Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for the earlier finish.**

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

**Year 7** **Self Concept**

Getting to know me. A question of character. Preparing for life after Priory. Under my control. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 8** **Media Literacy and Digital Resilience**

Cyberbullying. Digital Footprint. Internet Safety. Social Networking. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 9** **Diversity and Equality - Gender**

What is gender and gender identity? Binaries. What is 'coming out'? Gender Roles. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 10** **Addiction – Impact**

Addiction risks (to others, self, socially and professionally). Strategies for dealing with addiction. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 11** **Mental and Emotional Health**

In preparation for the exam season: The Link Between Physical and Mental Health. We All Have Mental Health. Myths and Stigma. Ways to Be Happy. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.



Mrs Hopes  
Head of Learning for Life

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We now have the results of the Great Reading Race, which ran the last week of the half term.

**Drum roll please...**

The classes with the most words read w/c 18 October are:

**THE GREAT  
READING  
RACE**



Year 7 (by quite a margin!) are Miss Thornton and Miss Ackers' group **7E3** who banked an astonishing 968,000 words in a week between them!

The winning class in Year 8 is Mrs Webster's **8W2** with 557,000 words

The winning class in Year 9 is Mrs Gidden and Miss Ackers' **9E2** with 786,000 words between them banked.

Head of English, Mrs Gidden, said, *"It's wonderful to see the competitiveness between the classes. The 'race' is never dominated by any particular class so it's really pleasing to see that all of them equally have their chance - so keep on reading!"*

Well done to all who raced. The winning team in each year group will receive milk and cookies in their next AR Reading Hour.

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

Pictured below: Winning class Year 7E3



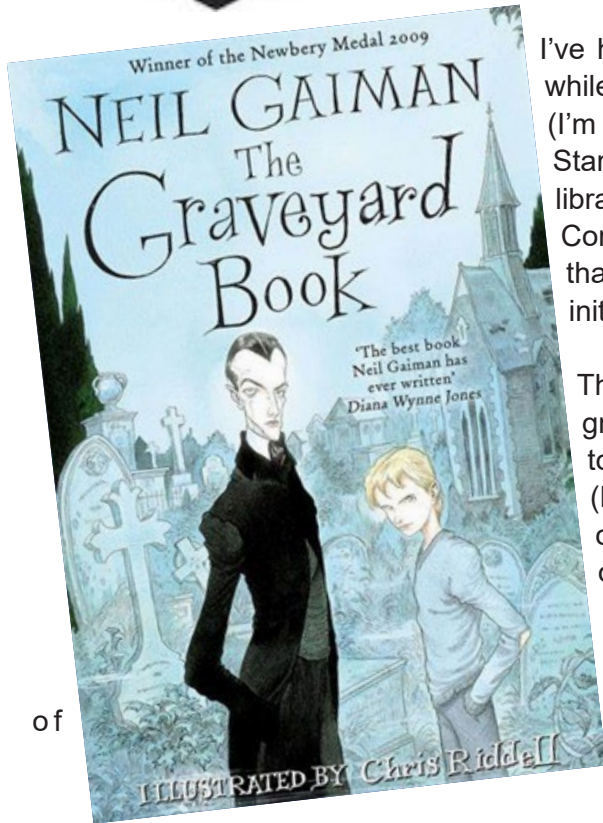
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## Mrs Elliott's Recommended Read

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

This month Humanities and AR teacher, Miss Ackers, has sent in her 'pick'...



I've had this book on my list for a while now as a lover of Neil Gaiman (I'm obsessed with Coraline and Stardust) so when I saw it in the library, I knew I had to read it! Coraline was one of the books that I read in high school and initiated my love for all things spooky.



The plot is based around a boy named Nobody who is left in a graveyard as a baby. The ghosts who inhabit the graveyard decide to raise him and teach him supernatural abilities. However, as Bod (Nobody) grows up, he starts to realise that the reason he was orphaned as a boy was that there is a killer out to get him, and he's on the hunt for Bod again!

This book is spooky, witty, and full of action and will leave you wanting more. It's a super easy read and if you like books with lots of suspense and supernatural elements, then this book is for you.

Miss Ackers  
Humanities Teacher

AR Book Level: 5.0-5.9 (Purple)



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 8 November

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Feelings
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Using debate to improve school work
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Motivating myself
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Working independently
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental Health Part 3



# Did you watch last week's Martin Lewis Money Show?

The episode focussed on financial education for children and young people.

At Priory, financial education is taught during Learning for Life (LfL) lessons and looked at in depth on LfL Day 5 in Year 7 and LfL Day 4 in Year 11.

Parents and pupils can access further information about the Martin Lewis financial education text book or download a copy in a PDF format via the links below>>



[www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2018/11/financial-education-textbooks-funded-by-martin-land-in-english-s/](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2018/11/financial-education-textbooks-funded-by-martin-land-in-english-s/)

Or visit the school's website>> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2021-10-29-martin-lewis-finance-education-text-book](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2021-10-29-martin-lewis-finance-education-text-book)

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## Remembrance at Priory

**Next Thursday, 11 November there will be a minute's silence from 10.30am across the school as we pay our respects to members of the Armed Forces who have fought to protect our liberty.**



As usual, we will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Pupils who wish to donate should bring in a small amount of cash. Prefects will be calling in to Learning for Life lessons with collection boxes across the week.

Pupils will also attend a virtual Remembrance Assembly during their Learning for Life lesson. Mr Taylor has put together two presentations to encourage discussion and reflection. The first is 'Wilfred's Poem'; a short story of Jack and George, two boys who signed up to fight in WW1 with optimism, following their journey through the trenches and ultimate tragedy.

The second is a slideshow of remembrance images, with music, ending with a poignant silence.

### Remembrance Day

On Sunday, 14 November, Priory's Head Prefects, along with Head of Year 11 Mrs Eastham, will also attend a service and lay a wreath at the Penwortham War Memorial on Liverpool Road.





# Year 7 Extra Curricular Clubs Fair

Yesterday Year 7 had the chance to see what's on offer at Priory outside lesson time, at a Club Fair especially for them.

Organised by Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley, the event launched the extra-curricular clubs booklet which gives a concise picture of Priory's clubs, sports and other activities provision.

Lunch and after-school clubs such as art, chess, sports, drama, computing, science and much, much more, as well as sessions for homework and revision - there is something for everyone!

Mrs Farley said, *"The event was really well attended and all pupils seemed excited about what they were signing up for. It was also good to see older pupils speak so enthusiastically about what their clubs had to offer and how they enjoyed being part of them."*

The extra curricular booklet has been emailed to all pupils and parents. A dedicated notice board with a timetable of events, along with club posters, can also be found next to the Sports Hall viewing window. A PDF is also available to download on the school's website at: [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on)



The Learning Support Team can offer help with homework / revision and provide computer access in the LEAP rooms:  
8:00 8:35am | Break | Lunch | After School 3:10 4:15pm

Homework CLUB		
BEFORE SCHOOL		
Come and join us: Every Morning in LEAP 2 Time: 8:00am - 8:35am		
AFTER SCHOOL		
Come and join us: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in LEAP 2 Time: 3:10pm - 4:15pm		
MONDAY		
DEPARTMENT	WHAT	WHEN
Music	Open Sessions (MU1)	Break & Lunch
PE	Badminton (Sports Hall)	Lunch
PE	Badminton (Sports Hall) (Years 7, 8 & 9)	Lunch
PE	Computing Club (HXT)	Lunch
PE	Art & Design Homework Sessions (Years 7, 8 & 9) (TCS)	Lunch
PE	Art & Design Homework Sessions (Years 7, 8 & 9) (TCS)	Lunch
English	Film Club (Months) (All Year Groups) (EN1)	Lunch
Creative Arts	School Production Rehearsals (Assembly Hall)	After School
Art & Design	Art Club (TCS) (Year 10 & 11)	After School
Creative Arts	Creative Outlets Club (Months)	After School
Football	Football Practice (Years 7 & 9)	After School
PE	Netball Practice (Years 7, 8 & 9)	After School
PE	Netball Matchdays (Not weekly)	After School
PE	Home Workout & Fitness Club (All Years)	After School



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Year 9, Owen proudly spoke about what you could have a go at in Computing Club - it's more than just playing games!



Year 9 pupils Millie, George, Preston, India and Lucy will argue that their club is the best - join them for Debate Club on Wednesdays in HU6.

Mrs Swire challenges you to a game of chess every Friday - could you be our next champ?

**LET your Voice Be HEARD**

## Debate Club

**Every Wednesday lunchtime in HU6**  
**Be willing to debate and argue!**

We'll do the classic debates such as abortion, euthanasia, voting at 16 etc and also look at current affairs in the news. Sometimes there will be research to do in preparation for our topic.

All years welcome, the more the merrier. Just turn up! Eat lunch at the club. Starts 15 September.

*Miss Adheers & Mrs Hanu*



## CHESS CLUB

WHEN : Friday lunchtime

WHERE : LEAP 1

BEGINNERS WELCOME

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BRAIN!



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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 upcoming production, Matilda.

### Next week it's all about: Classical European Music...

Classical music is often termed as everything that isn't pop music. In reality it is quite a short period of music history from 1750 - 1810, led by the composers Mozart, Haydn and early work of Beethoven.

This week's music will actually cover some quite old material; Baroque Music - approx. 1580 - 1750, some Classical Music - 1750 - 1810 and some Romantic Music - 1810 - 1900. Additionally there are two American pieces in the form of Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings - recently arranged into a dance track by William Orbit - and George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue from the early 20th century.

Many of these older pieces are very famous and several have had a strong influence on more modern music. For example, JS Bach's Air on a G string of 1731 was adapted by the 1960's group Procul Harum in 'A Whiter Shade of Pale' and the chord sequence in Pachelbel's Canon of 1694 was used by Oasis in 'Don't Look back in Anger'.

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.

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time, whether it's positive,  
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and keep life moving.

[www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)



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## Emma Rooke Class of 2014

**Congratulations to former pupil and local businesswoman, Emma Rooke.**

Emma, who owns The Cow Shed in Penwortham, announced this week that she's made it to the semi finals of the World Young Chef Young Waiter Competition.

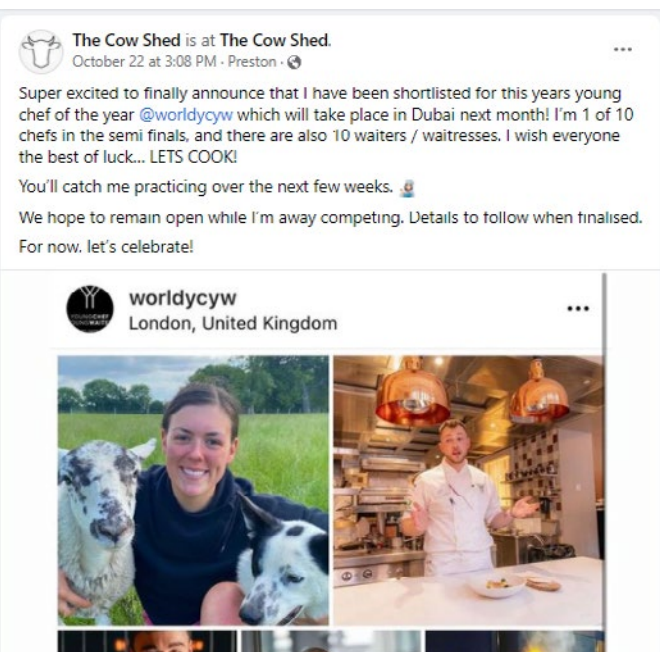
YCYW is a national competition open to all professional waiters and chefs who are 26 years old or under, from any background.

On her Facebook page, Emma, said, *"Super excited to finally announce that I have been shortlisted for this year's Young Chef of the Year @worldycyw which will take place in Dubai next month! I'm 1 of 10 chefs in the semi finals, and there are also 10 waiters / waitresses. I wish everyone the best of luck... LETS COOK!"*

She hopes to keep the business open over the next few weeks whilst she fine tunes her skills so if you're passing then nip in and show her some support.



Emma and Priory's former Food Technology teacher, Miss Lewis-Lavender, who retired in 2019.



All the best of luck from us, Emma. Your former Food Technology teacher, Miss Lewis-Lavender will be proud!

## GCSE Geography Liverpool Field Trip

Year 10 GCSE Geography pupils are invited to attend an intervention and field trip to study several urban sites using two zones within Liverpool. Once the day's fieldwork has been completed, pupils will also have chance to enjoy Liverpool One and the Albert Dock.

The groups attending are:

Wednesday, 10 November	10B1
Tuesday, 16 November	10B2 and 10C1
Thursday, 25 November	10A

Letters have been issued to pupils and a copy can be downloaded from [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)



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# South Ribble Cross Country Championships

**Saturday, 20 November**

Following the inter-house cross country trials last term, the top five finishers from each class have been selected to represent Penwortham Priory Academy in the South Ribble Championships at Hutton Grammar School.



The newsletter of 15 October refers to the top six boy and girl finishers in each year group however the quickest five pupils from each class actually qualify for this event.

**Letters have been given to qualifying pupils by the PE department this week. If you think they may have missed you or you have been absent, please see your PE teacher.**

**If you have your letter then please return the reply slip next week - we need to know either way if you can make it.**

It is important that all our best runners attend this event!

*Miss Beesley, PE Teacher*

## Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term 2)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50</b>	<b>Badminton Key Stage 3</b>  <b>Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)</b>	<b>Basketball</b>  <b>Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)</b>	<b>Indoor Athletics</b>  <b>Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)</b>	<b>Basketball</b>  <b>Table Tennis (Assembly Hall)</b>	<b>Badminton Key Stage 4</b>
<b>After-School 15.15 – 16.15</b>	<b>Year 7 Football Practice (dependent on fixtures)</b>  <b>Year 7-10 Girls Football Practice</b>  <b>Boxing Club (Gym)</b>	<b>Year 8 Football Practice</b>  <b>Year 7-10 Girls Football Tournaments</b>  <b>Badminton Club</b>  <b>Dance Club Key Stage 3 (Hall)</b>	<b>Staff Meetings</b>  <b>Girls Indoor Cricket (Sports Hall)</b>	<b>Trampolining Club (from 25 Nov)</b>  <b>Basketball Club</b>	<b>Year 10 Football Practice</b>

NB In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs being moved locations/cancelled. Netball will restart on Tuesday, 4 January with Year 7-9 matches played on Mondays.

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Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

# Year 11 Parents Evening

Tues, 14 December  
**Booking Now Open**

**SPORTS  
REPORT**



In view of Covid-19, it isn't sensible to hold our consultation evenings in school as we usually do. To facilitate the event we will therefore hold these face-to-face appointments virtually, using a web-based program - 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

Copies of the letter to Year 11 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 11 parents to book their slot for Tues, 14 December is now open.**

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

<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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

## November 2021

### Tuesday, 9 November

Year 7/8 7-a-side girls football @ Balshaws  
Year 7 & 8 Bikeability Level 3  
Year 7 Boys Football v Balshaws @ Priory

### Thursday, 11 November

Year 10 Boys Football v LSM @ Priory

### Monday, 15 November

Year 11 Netball Tournament @ Priory  
Year 9 Boys Lancashire Cup Football v St Augustine's @ Priory

### Tuesday, 16 November

Year 9/10/11 7-a-side girls football @ Balshaws  
Year 11 Boys Football v Leyland St. Marys @ Priory

### Saturday, 20 November

All years boys and girls Cross Country @ Hutton

### Monday, 22 November

Year 11 Netball Tournament @ Priory  
Year 11 Boys Football @ Balshaws  
Year 10 Boys Football @ Priory

### Tuesday, 23 November

Year 7 Boys Football v Leyland St Marys @ Priory

### Thursday 25 November

Year 10 Boys Football @ Balshaws

### Monday, 29 November

Year 7/8 Girls Indoor Athletics @ Lostock Hall  
Year 7 & 11 Boys Football @ Priory (3G)

### Tuesday, 30 November

Year 7/8 Boys Indoor Athletics @ Lostock Hall

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

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## LEADERBOARD



### This week's Bedrock leaders are:

#### Points (overall)

Abigail M	9E3	1231
Layla H	8W3	961
Jake L	8W2	944

#### Points (this week)

Emily P	8E2	324
Abigail M	9E3	278
Jake L	8W2	241

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

**Parade** - public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event. display (someone or something) while marching or moving around a place.

**Unscathed** without suffering any injury, damage, or harm. *"I came through all those perils unscathed"*

**Astute** - having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage. *"an astute businessman"*

**Al fresco** - done or eaten in the open air. *"in the unlikely event of some sunshine you can even dine al fresco"*



Some fantastic scores on Bedrock which incorporate the last week of half term and the holidays. A huge congratulations to Emily who has moved rapidly up the overall leaderboard to second place. Well done to Jake and Layla who are hot on the trail for the top spots too!

There has been lots of AR quizzing going on over half term. Well done everyone who has been busy reading! All students should have now quizzed on at least one book. A special mention to Junaid, Kayalnila and Jessica in Year 7 and Daniel in Year 10 who have all scored huge word counts with over 400,000 each. Wow!!



## 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

Junaid Q	7E1	469,364
Kayalnila	7E2	450,687
Jessica D	7E3	417,041

#### Year 8

Emily P	8E2	238,341
Dylan N	8E3	110,213
Geetha R	8W1	156,225

#### Year 9

Emily C	9W2	367,248
Preston McM	9E2	191,035
Daniel W-B	9W1	126,601

#### Year 10

Grace Lily T	10W5	408,792
Ceri D	10W2	232,144
Daniel R	10W4	207,112

Mrs Webster

Acting Assistant Head of English

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# FILMCLUB

Smith and have a parent/guardian sign it ready to show on the Monday at lunch time to gain entry to the film. There are only 30 tickets available so come quickly!

November's screening will run from Monday, 22 to Thurs, 25 November - Hidden Figures.

Pupils must collect a ticket from Miss

Miss Smith  
English Teacher



## NOVEMBER SCREENING

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November Lunchtimes  
Collect your ticket from Ms Smith in EN1.

*Limited availability!*

HIDDEN FIGURES (2017): Three female African-American mathematicians play a pivotal role in astronaut John Glenn's launch into orbit. Meanwhile, they also have to deal with racial and gender discrimination at work.

## 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.

## 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) **EVERY** Friday lunchtime!

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COLLEGE**

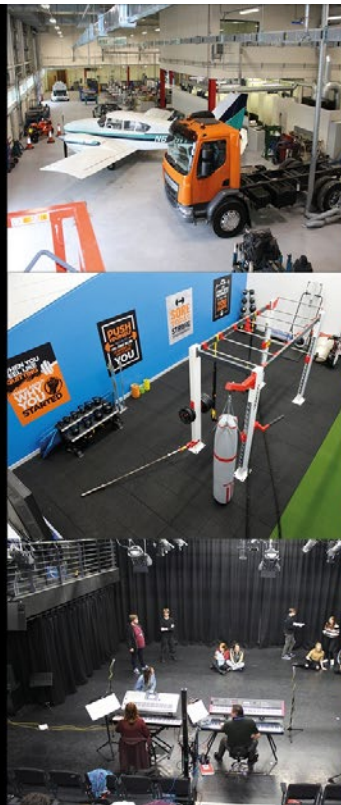
## **YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENTS**

**VISIT OUR CAMPUS.  
SPEAK TO TUTORS.  
SEE THE FACILITIES.**

### **DATES & TIMES**

**Saturday 6th November, 10am-2pm**

**Wednesday 9th March, 4-7pm**



**VISIT**  
**[www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk)**  
> Register for events  
> Apply online  
> Get college updates

## **Preston College & Myerscough College This Saturday**

Links to register: Preston College [www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event](http://www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event) |

Myerscough College : [www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/course-advice-morning-preston-centre-nov-21/](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/course-advice-morning-preston-centre-nov-21/)



**Myerscough  
College**  
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

**Course Advice Morning Dates**  
**Saturday 2 October**  
**Saturday 6 November**  
**Saturday 4 December**  
**10.00am - 12.30pm**  
Come along and meet the staff, tour the campus  
and find out more about the College!

**The North-West centre for land-based,  
sport, engineering and science education**  
Register your place now at [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)



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## InvestIN Launch Manchester Programmes

Parents are invited to join InvestIN for a free careers information and networking event

# INVESTIN

InvestIN deliver immersive career experience programmes for students aged 12-18 in over 28 industries. This year, they are bringing their most popular programmes to Manchester so that more students can benefit from an invaluable hands-on experience of their dream career.

There are 'in person' weekend programmes, which start from January 2022, in their five most popular industries: Medicine, Law, Investment Banking, Psychology or Engineering. Participants gain unique insight through simulations, seminars, Q&As with industry leaders and personalised career coaching.

Find out more about the company and it's programmes at: <https://investin.org/> and <https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career>

To launch these programmes InvestIN are holding a free-of-charge event for parents at the University of Manchester at 6pm-7.30pm on Tues, 16 November. The evening will aim to provide information about these opportunities and offer tailored careers advice. You'll also discover the skills top employers are looking for and the key steps students can take to maximise their potential. To register [here](#).



## Free Online Careers Summit

Hosted by GT Scholars



The Careers Summit starts Saturday, 6 November from 9:30am to 3:00pm, and is open to all parents and young people aged 13-18. You do not have to attend the whole day - just choose which sessions you would like to attend.

At the virtual event, you can meet professionals from a range of universities and corporate organisations such as PWC, University of Oxford, BT, JP Morgan, EY, BRIT insurance and Blackrock bank. This event provides young people with an idea of the careers that are in high demand and how they can start to develop their own career pathway. You'll get access to a series of online workshops and masterclasses where you can learn from professionals, connect with universities and discover how to choose a career pathway that works for you!

There will also be a live Q & A session with the panel of speakers of each session.

Tickets must be booked online at:

<https://careersummit.gtscholars.org/> (or see QR code>>)

A poster for the GT Scholars Online Careers Day event. It features a background image of two young women. The text includes: 'GT SCHOLARS ONLINE CAREERS DAY', 'SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2021', '9:30 AM - 3:00 PM', a QR code, 'Open to Parents and Young People aged 13 to 18', and the website 'https://careersummit.gtscholars.org'. At the bottom, there are three sections: 'CONNECT' (Learn from university admissions teams, meet professionals from diverse backgrounds &amp; discover careers in high demand), 'DISCOVER' (Join us online to connect with HR professionals, learn about scholarships, bursaries &amp; various opportunities available to you), and 'CREATE' (Find out about universities &amp; apprenticeship schemes, how to create an outstanding CV and map out your career pathway). It is sponsored by BRIT.

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