

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Full STEAM Ahead for Careers Event

Last Friday we welcomed visitors who represented the vast choice of careers in Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths for our STEAM careers event.

Held in the Assembly Hall, classes from all year groups attended to chat with employers, colleges and universities with the aim to inspire and educate pupils about careers in the STEAM sectors.

Organiser and Science teacher Mrs Massey said, "We are passionate about ensuring that pupils are well informed about career options so they can make open minded choices about their future"

"I was really pleased that so many employers and education providers could attend to make this event so beneficial. The pupils were a credit to us, asking great questions, interacting with the activities and collating lots of information. Some were nervous about the prospect of talking to people they didn't know about careers but responded fantastically to the challenge."

Thank you to all our visitors, including local colleges - Runshaw, Preston and Newman, UCLan, Leyland Trucks, Kepak, Nuffield Health, Jemma Oliver Physiotherapy, Natwest, Westinghouse Electric, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, The Institute of Engineering and Fortitude Fitness.



## Key Dates

### Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for this academic year, as well as the following year, 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, 7 - Thurs, 24 November**

Year 11 Mock Exams

**Mon, 14 November**

70th Anniversary time capsule - have your say.  
HU1 Lunch

**Tues, 15 November**

Cyberfirst Schools Empower Event, Blackburn (selected Year 8 girls). AM only

**Sat, 19 November**

South Ribble Cross Country Championships  
Hutton Grammar School (qualifying pupils only)

**Mon, 21 November**

Learning for Life Day 2 (early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm)

**Fri, 25 November**

Year 9 Languages Day (French)

**Mon, 28 November**

Oxford University Talk Period 1 (Year 9-11 Able & Ambitious pupils)

# In Remembrance...

This morning pupils observed a two minutes silence followed by the last post. They also learnt about the meaning of Armistice.

On Sunday, Head Prefects Ben and Fatima will lay a wreath on behalf of the school during Penwortham's Remembrance Day services.

Accompanied by Head of Year 11, Mrs Ham, the pair will attend a service at St Leonard's Church, followed by a walk to the war memorial on Liverpool Road where there will be a two minute's silence.

After the last post, Ben and Fatima will lay the school's wreath in remembrance of those who have served and died for their country. This year, Ben and Fatima have been asked to read out some of the names of the fallen.

"This is a huge honour," said Ben.



## Replacement ID Cards

Lost ID cards can be ordered and paid for via SCOPay for pupils to collect from the school office. Replacements are charged at £1 each which includes the card holder and lanyard.

If a pupil is notifying us that they have lost their card and payment has not been received, then a text will be sent to let parents know.

We aim to replace cards before lunch however where this is not the case, pupils will still be able to purchase from the dining rooms and the catering team will manually process the transaction on the system. This is the same for those that have left their card at home.

Mrs Coolson  
Finance Officer



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# A Real Debate For The Humanities Department

Priory's top debaters have entered a national competition and said it has boosted their knowledge and communication skills.

The ESU's Schools' Mace Competition is extremely competitive, it's the oldest and largest debating competition for schools and is open to Years 7-13, involving around 300 schools from each year group.

History teacher Miss Ackers runs the Debate Club at Priory every Thursday and decided that her dedicated pupils should put their talents into practise.

Miss Ackers said: *"I have been doing the Debate Club for a number of years. I enjoy it and it's part of my subject. A natural progression from the club was to start doing competitions and let the pupils put their debating skills to the test."*

Aisha, Grace, Olivia, India, Millie and George made their debut in the heats on Wednesday against older pupils from Stonyhurst College in Clitheroe.



Miss Ackers said: "They were given a topic: *'Should educational policy be decided by educational staff or politicians'* and we had to argue that it should be decided by politicians. - the tougher side!"

"Three pupils debated while three worked behind the scenes, formulating arguments and giving opposite views to help the team practise."

Olivia said: "The Debate Club is a great opportunity to develop my communication skills and logical knowledge. It helps me practise speaking out which I may need in the future. I enjoyed researching the topic we were given. You go in with one view and then you do actually start thinking the other side is right! It keeps you open-minded and makes you look at something from a different perspective."

Aisha said: "I really enjoy Debate Club. It's challenging, it makes your brain work but most importantly, it's fun."

India added: "It helps with English and trains you to come up with things quickly when you need to."

As we went to press, we are still awaiting the results and feedback however, whatever the outcome, we are extremely proud of the team.

Miss Ackers  
Humanities Teacher

**POSTPONED**

## Whole School Sponsored Walk Postponement



**It was with great regret that we were forced to postpone our 70th Anniversary Sponsored Walk which was scheduled to take place today, 11 November.**

We have been so unlucky to experience such heavy rain over the past fortnight. The pathway of the Ribble walk is very muddy, and in parts under water, making some of the 2km stretch too dangerous for hundreds of pupils and staff to use.

Pupils, parents and staff have been amazing in helping us raise several thousands of pounds in sponsorship already. We are so proud of the pupils and how the momentum for sponsorship has really gained a significant pace since the half term break.

There are many individual parents who have been fantastic, taking sponsor sheets to work, parents walking around their local communities asking for sponsors. Thank you so much for your efforts, we send our thanks out to you.

The pupils in Mr Watters' form, H4, have sacrificed some of their time to go round the school encouraging groups. A quick thanks also goes to Miss Ackers' Learning for Life group who went from the proverbial 'zeros to heroes' with their fundraising over the previous weekend.

We will publish current sponsorship totals for each Learning for Life group and year group later next week.

There are many individuals who deserve praise for their outstanding contribution to date and this will be celebrated in a full school assembly.

**We have now postponed the walk until Spring as it will take a couple of consecutively drier weeks to make the route safe and then, of course, we head into winter. We will inform pupils and parents when a new date has been set.**

The Assembly Hall has served us very well for the past 70 years and pupils' fundraising efforts so far will go a long way to developing it for school and community use.

We look forward to celebrating completing the walk in the Spring, collecting in the remaining sponsorships, and handing out individual and collective prizes.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support,

*Mr Watters  
Lead Teacher of Geography  
Event Organiser*



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# Year 7 Cookery Club

Last Friday after school, Year 7 had their first opportunity to join in some making and baking fun when Food Technology teacher Mrs Cowell invited them to have a go at making Greek cheese pies called Spanakopita.

## What is Spanakopita?

This is an authentic Greek savoury spinach and cheese pie featuring layers of crispy, flaky pastry and a rich spinach and feta cheese filling. This is usually served warm for an impressive but easy to make vegetarian main meal.

Mrs Cowell said, "Apart from expanding their cultural experiences, the pupils learnt how to handle the delicate filo pastry. It's so thin you can see your hand through it. When cooked it's really crispy and is a good alternative to heavier, more traditional pastries like shortcrust as it's a lot lower in saturated fat."

"Adding spinach to the pies ensured that they were high in iron, something that teenagers need more of in their diet than at other times of life."



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# Year 8 Cookery Club

It was British Pudding Day this week and to celebrate, Mrs Cowell opened up the Food Technology classroom after school on Thursday for Year 8 pupils to make six **sticky toffee cupcakes** each to take home.



As well as making these delicious treats, Mrs Cowell also let them in on



her mum's secret family recipe for toffee sauce which was used to top the cakes alongside toffee popcorn.

We wonder how many of them actually made it home!



## Lost and Found



Lost and found property is located in the Pastoral office with the exception of PE kit which is kept with the PE Department.

We cannot over-emphasise the importance of marking all property with your child's name, including ties and equipment. All unclaimed lost property is put into the uniform bank or is disposed of regularly after each half term.

Valuables will be kept securely by the Pastoral office or the Head of Year until their owner can be identified.

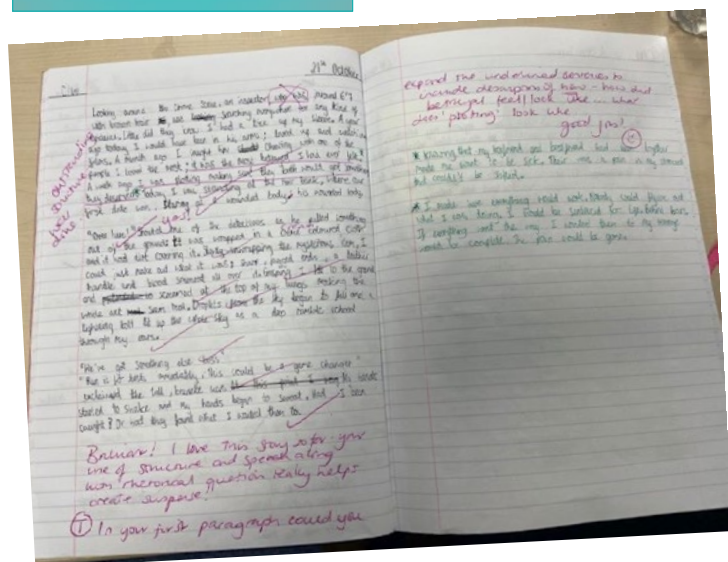
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# English Scholars of the Week

Every week, the English department looks for its 'Scholar of the Week'. To get nominated by a staff member is pretty prestigious given we see everyone in school for 5 hours a week!

Pupils who stand out in their effort, attitude to learning or presentation will make the cut. Then, the team choose the very best piece of work and photograph it.



**Aliya M (Year 9)**

Her work is always well presented, she engages beautifully in lessons and her work is exciting and interesting to read!

Miss Sweetthrust  
English Teacher



## Crochet Club - Starting Monday

Thanks to some very kind donations of wool, Miss Dixon and Miss Atkinson can now start their crochet club.



Join them on Mondays at Break or Lunch in LEAP.

All abilities and year groups welcome - just turn up!

Miss Dixon  
Learning Support



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## PICK OF THE MONTH

# Miss Ackers' Recommended Read

The Inheritance Games - Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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



Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why - or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.



To receive her inheritance, Avery must move into the sprawling, secret passage-filled Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's touch - and his love of puzzles, riddles and codes. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive.

This book is one of my favourite Young Adult books. The final book of the trilogy has just come out and it's the next on my 'to be read' list! It's twisty and leaves you wanting more, there's always a riddle to be solved and Barnes manages to surprise me

every time. A must read!

ZPD: 4.7 (Red)

Miss Ackers

Humanities Teacher

## CyberFirst Schools Empower Event

Selected Year 8 girls have been invited to attend the CyberFirst Schools North West Empower event in Blackburn next Tuesday, 15 November.

This morning event is designed to transform the way that girls think about careers in computing and challenge the under-representation of women in tech careers.

The event will include immersive and inspiring activities led by some of the leading tech organisations from around the world.

Head of ICT, Mrs Qadri, said, "*The goal of these Empower events is to reach girls at a pivotal moment in their education to change their perspectives on computing and to inspire the next generation of cyber-professionals.*"

**PLEASE NOTE:** Girls who have been invited to attend the event must be in school by 8.15am on Tuesday in order for the group to leave in time to arrive at Ewood Park at 9am.



Mrs Qadri

Head of ICT & Computer Science

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# Alumni: Class of 1997

## Jemma Oliver



**Former Priory pupil Jemma Oliver has travelled the world but is now giving back to the community of Penwortham.**

Jemma left Priory in 1997 but returned for our Career's Fair last week where she talked about her work as a Physiotherapist.

Jemma, now 42, has worked internationally with elite teams, helping GB athletes in athletics, volleyball, bobsleigh and more and was involved in the London Olympics in 2012 as well as the Glasgow and Gold Coast Commonwealth Games with Team England. She has now set up a Physiotherapy practice in Penwortham, at Galloways in Howick.



*"It was nice to return to Priory for the Career's Fair," said Jemma. "I stayed in touch with the Head, Mr Eastham, so I have been back a few times but not for six or seven years and it has changed a lot."*

"I guess you would say I was a bit of a geek at school, I was a prefect and sports captain, and I threw myself into everything. I have fond memories of my time at Priory so it's nice to give something back."

Jemma admits that it wasn't always her dream to be a Physiotherapist: "When I was at school, I wanted to be a PE teacher. I went to college but was always more into science subjects, so I took that route. I did a Sports & Exercise Science degree at Leeds Met, then I went onto study Physiotherapy at Sheffield Hallam before doing a Masters in Sports Injury Management."

"I worked hard, and it was a dream to travel around the world and work in sport. I have got to say though it was also very tough at times and when you are a therapist, you can occasionally look after everyone else before yourself. This led to some anxiety and mental health issues which I now talk freely about to help others learn more about well-being and mental health."

"I came back to Penwortham from living in London to be near family and friends and base my new clinic where I grew up. I don't take a traditional 'physio clinic approach' as I believe it should be more about wellbeing and a chilled-out environment. I take my dog, I have pictures and plants, I want it to be as relaxing and non-clinical as possible."

"I want to use the skills I learnt travelling the world for the everyday person and the local community. My idea is to keep it simple, I treat pain, injuries, look at lifestyles and use what I have learnt about well-being to help the whole person."

Jemma also has an Associate Lecturer role at Manchester Met, writes a blog about mental health and encourages people to be open, as well as talking about her travels and of course her time at Priory on other stages.

*"I jumped at the chance to come back to Priory and talk about my career and opportunities within my field. If you want to be a Physio you potentially need to have A-Levels but there are other pathways into working as a clinical therapist including Sports Therapy, Sports Rehab and Soft Tissue Massage work. A lot of children do not know about all the opportunities out there in this field, so it was great to engage with them."*

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# Pupils Speak Out at Regional Competition



**Three Priory Year 10 pupils will take to the stage as part of an annual Rotary Club Speaking Competition.**

Grace D is the chairperson, Olivia B is the key note speaker and Aisha B will give the vote of thanks, with Lucy B and India P as back-up for the team. The group have chosen to speak on the topic of 'Race Discrimination'.



The Rotary Youth Speaks Competition is a well-established competition organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. After the hiatus since Covid halted it in 2019 and the district heats will take place at Balshaw's High School next Tuesday, 15 November.

This competition offers the pupils the chance to speak on a public platform and the opportunity of learning and practising high standards of expression and presentation.

Head of English Mrs Gidden has been working with Assistant Head of English Mrs Robinson-Ali to get the team ready for the competition.



"They chose the topic themselves and have been doing such a lot of research from black people being used in medical tests to George Floyd and the current day," said Mrs Gidden.

"They have come up with such a well-written piece and I am proud of how hard they have worked."

Grace said: "I enjoyed doing the research, looking through articles although some were really horrible to read about."

Olivia said: "We want to draw attention to Race Discrimination and this is one way of doing it. There is a lot people do not see and we want to highlight this in our speech. It's such an important topic."

A very proud Mrs Robinson-Ali, added, "They've been working extremely hard and no matter the outcome, we are proud of them for using their voices."

*Good luck!*

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# Year 8 Have Designs on Their Books For Competition

Year 8 Chloe R was 'puntastic' as she won our annual Design a Bookmark competition!

"This year's theme was 'reading puns' and the entries were of an extremely high standard" said Assistant Head of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, who led the competition.

There were over 50 entries which were narrowed down to six. Chloe's was a Pinocchio-inspired design and was voted as the favourite by Years 7-9.

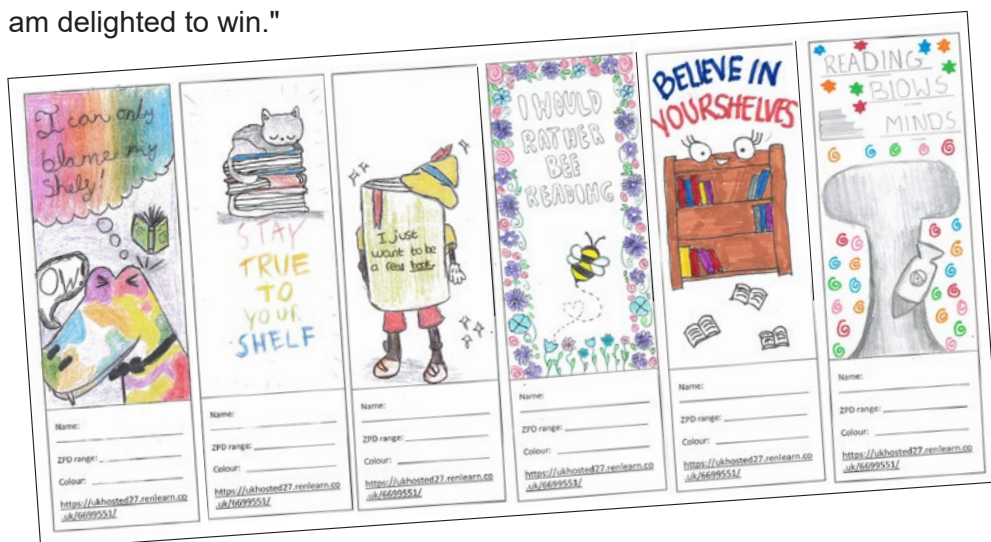
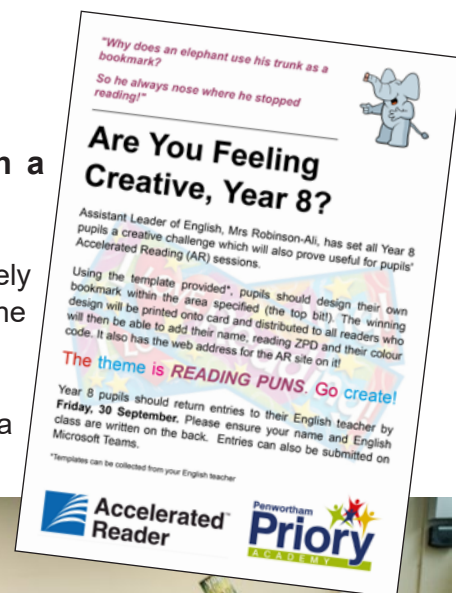
Using the template provided, pupils had to design their bookmark within the area specified. The six finalists' designs were printed onto card and distributed to all readers.

Key Stage 3 pupils now have their own school bookmark where they can note their Accelerated Reader (AR) codes for the year.

Chloe said: "I wanted to do something connected with a film and it didn't take me too long. Art is one of my favourite subjects so I am delighted to win."

Runners-up were Sehr A, Shreya P, Evie C, Anna H, Finlay K with honourable mentions to Yusuf Y and Harriet H.

Mrs Robinson-Ali  
Assistant Head of  
English



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Mrs Cowell's After School

# Creative Cookery

Limited Places Available

## Year 9

### Monday, 12 December

This time it's a 'trip to Germany' for gingerbread house biscuits.



It's a free event and everything is provided for you although you'll need to bring a box/tin/tub to take your biscuits home in.

There are only 15 places up for grabs which will be given to the first Year 9 pupils who contact Mrs Cowell via Teams Chat (pupils who've not attended before will be given priority).

If you've got a slot, just head to the Food Tech room after school finishes. Please let Mrs Cowell know in advance if you have any allergies or dietary requirements, and make sure you have organised your safe travel home for 4.30pm.

Mrs Cowell

Food Technology Teacher  
and Vice Principal



Fifteen pupils are invited to join Mrs Cowell to make and decorate these festive treats. We'll bake gingerbread and then refine our piping skills with icing. Once iced, we'll load them with lots of sweets. They make fantastic gifts but they might not make it that far!



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future

On the curriculum w/c 14 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

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# 70th Anniversary Time Capsule - Have your say in what should go in it!

Penwortham Priory Academy will be celebrating its 70th birthday next year and, as part of our celebrations, we'll be burying a time capsule outside the Humanities building.

History teacher, Mr Eccles, would like pupils' say on what we should put in the time capsule. Pupils who would like to get involved should see Mr Eccles in HU1 next Monday, 14 November at lunch.

Former pupils are welcome to get in touch with Mr Eccles direct by emailing [a.eccles@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.eccles@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



## Time Capsule

Mr Eccles  
Lead Teacher of History

**PRESTON  
COLLEGE**

**YEAR 10 & 11  
OPEN EVENTS**

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

### DATES & TIMES

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
10am-2pm**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
4-7pm**

**VISIT  
[www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk)**

- > Register for events
- > Apply online
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## ALL YEARS

# HOCKEY THURSDAY

## 3:15-4:15



**SHINPADS AND GUMSHIELDS  
ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

Penwortham  
**Priory**  
ACADEMY



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# FREE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE TASTER SESSION



**LEARN NEW SKILLS  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS**



**TRY A NEW SPORT  
PLAY FUN GAMES**

**10-11 AM SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER**

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**ASK FOR: JO BENTHAM - CLUB SECRETARY**

We're halfway through the Rugby League World Cup and England made it through the semi-final last week to face Samoa this weekend.

Could one of our pupils be a rugby league star of the future? There's only one way to find out.

Following the success of their taster sessions in the summer, Leyland Warriors Rugby Club are holding another **FREE** taster session this **Saturday, 12 November, between 10am and 11am.**

See opposite for all the details. <<

This is open to all pupils interested in giving rugby a try, but particularly Years 7 to 10.

The club is always looking for new players and this is a great opportunity to be part of a team and make new friends.



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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50	Badminton	Basketball	Badminton	KS3 Development Club	Basketball
After-School 15.15 – 16.15	Year 7 & 8 Football Practice (dependent on fixtures) Year 7 – 11 Netball	Badminton/Table Tennis Club Girls Football Practice	Staff Meetings KS4 Badminton Club	Cricket Club Basketball Club Rugby Club Hockey Club Primary School – Young Leaders	

NB In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs being moved locations / cancelled. (KS3 Years 7, 8 & 9 / KS4 Years 10-11)

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