

# Penwortham Priory Post



## How are you settling in, Year 7?

**Our new Year 7s have adapted to life in Priory easily – and they already have favourite teachers!**

Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley, has been impressed with how quickly the new group have come to terms with secondary school life.

She said: "I'm really impressed by the Year 7s this year. They have come in and taken to secondary school like ducks to water. I think with so many coming to Summer School this year has really helped them to settle in a lot quicker too."

"They have got to grips with the systems and how we work which can be quite overwhelming – particularly for those that come from some of the smaller primary schools - but they've all taken the advice given and asked for help when it's needed and they are getting more and more confident each day. They're really getting stuck into life at Priory and it's great to see!"

Megan B said: "It's been a lot of fun so far, I have made a lot of new friends and there is nothing to be scared about. My favourite teacher is Mr Watters, he taught my mum!"

Catherine C said: "It's been great, I have met a lot of new people."

Alfie C said: "I have settled in quite well, it's nice to walk around the school to lessons as it feels like there is more freedom. My favourite subject is definitely maths. Mr Raynor is a great teacher."

Saachi R said: "I love drama and I am looking forward to taking part in the shows."

Wren T said: "My favourite subject is English, you never know what to expect in class."

Joshua added: "My favourite subject is PE, there is a lot more equipment and grounds

## 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)

**Tues, 18 October**  
Year 10 Parents Evening  
4pm-8pm (online)

**Weds, 19 October**  
Bright Sparx Firework  
Safety online assembly

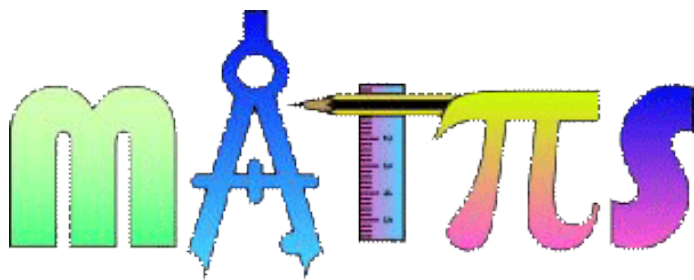
**Weds, 19 & Fri, 21 October**  
**REARRANGED DATES**  
Year 10 (plus some Year 11) GCSE Geography  
Wycoller Field Trip

**24-28 October**  
Half term

**Mon, 31 October**  
Pupils to bring packed lunch. FSM provided.

**Fri, 4 November**  
STEAM Careers Event  
(in school)  
Year 7 Creative Cookery Club after school (booking essential)

**Tues, 8 November & Thurs, 10 November**  
Year 7 Lancaster Castle trip (two cohorts)



LANCASTER UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS



On Monday, the Lancaster University School of Maths (LuSoM) delivered an A-level Maths taster session to Mr Sneddon's top set Year 11 Maths class. They also spoke about what pupils might expect at the college and brought along two of our Class of 2022 pupils who are now studying with them. Great to see you, Jack and James!

Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will now follow this up with enrichment sessions for those interested and put forward a team for the LuSoM maths challenge, which we won last year.

The Lancaster University School of Maths is a sixth form community where talented mathematicians can excel. Based close to Cardinal Newman College in Preston, they will provide an intellectually stimulating and challenging curriculum along with high-quality resources for 16-19 year olds who love maths.

The college welcomed its first intake this year.

Mr Kenrick  
Head of Maths



TEMPEST  
PHOTOGRAPHY



## Year 7, 9 & 11 Parents

For those of you that haven't yet ordered, and wish to do so, this is a reminder that the closing date for free delivery of Tempest photos back to school is Monday, 17 October.

Please order through the Tempest website using your unique link found on your proof or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest direct on 01736 751555 (option 3).

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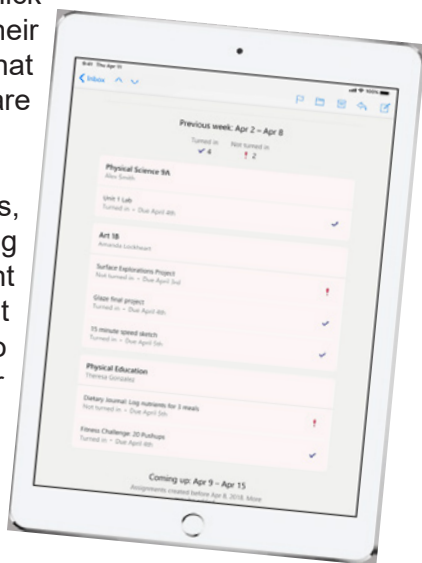
# Microsoft Teams

## Parents: Homework Weekly Updates

As our school continues the Digital Transformation journey, please do remember that parents and guardians now receive Teams email updates regarding homework that has been set for students. This information will arrive via email automatically in the form of a Weekly Digest Bulletin.

The weekly digest is an informative weekly update regarding any homework that has been set for your son or daughter via the Assignments platform in Microsoft Teams. The digest also indicates whether or not homework has been submitted and alerts you to any upcoming homework that has been scheduled. We are hoping that this will be a useful tool in supporting our students to continue their out of school learning, and also provide you as parents and guardians an insight into the work completed. Students need to be reminded to ensure that they click the submit button on their assignment to ensure that submission deadlines are met.

In the coming months, Microsoft Teams is hoping to engage in a Parent Access platform that allows parents to log into Microsoft Teams at their own convenience and check for homework set. Watch this space!



Mr Metcalfe  
Head of Humanities &  
Lead Practitioner for Digital Transformation

## Open Event

Saturday  
12 November  
10am-2pm



**At Preston College's Open Event** you can speak to course tutors, specialist support staff, advisers and learners about the experience you'll get as a Preston College learner. You'll also have the chance to explore their industry standard facilities, apprenticeships and learning opportunities including T-Levels and scholarships. Keep up-to-date through their social media channels for your chance to win £20 Amazon vouchers at the event in their Golden Ticket competition. **Register now!**

[www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event-november2022/](http://www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event-november2022/)

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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**

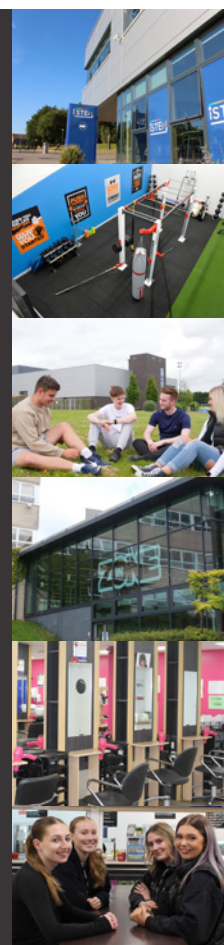
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
4-7pm**

**VISIT**

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

- > Register for events
- > Apply online
- > Get college updates

/prestoncollege



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## Coming Very Soon To Priory:

A new and improved system for catering online ordering and payment at the point of sale.

We will be moving to a new catering system with effect from Tuesday, 1 November.

Details will be issued before the half term break.



# Homework

CLUB



## BEFORE SCHOOL

Come and join us:  
Every Morning in LEAP 2  
Time: 8.00am- 8.30am

## AFTER SCHOOL

Come and join us:  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
in LEAP 2  
Time: 3.10pm-4.10pm

Just turn up!

All year groups welcome  
Use of the computers  
Support available

Also open every  
break and lunch





# Year 9 Shake It Up in Food Technology

Pupils had to be careful not to 'shake it up' when making their Shakshuka at Thursday's after school cookery club.

The Arabian tomato and egg dish proved a success with the Year 9s who liked the spices and exotic nature of the meal.

Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, said, "All pupils went home with a hearty portion although some dishes may not have made it home as they were so eager to try it that it possibly got eaten on the bus!"

**What is Shakshuka?** The word means 'mix-up' in Arabic and is found on many breakfast menus. It uses mostly store cupboard ingredients such as tinned tomatoes, chilli and eggs.



## Are you following us?



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# Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery

Limited Places Available Per Session



## Year 7

Friday, 4 November

Here's your first opportunity to come and join in some making and baking fun....



On Friday, 4 November you are invited to come and make some **Greek cheese pies called Spanakopita** - mmmm cheesy!

The workshop is FREE and all ingredients are provided but there is only 15 places.

To sign up, send Mrs Cowell a message on Teams chat. If you get one of the places, just turn up to the food classroom in the Technology block on 4 November at 3.10pm. It is essential that you make arrangements to be picked up at 4.30pm and bring a lidded box (big tin or lunchbox) to take your pies home in.



## Year 8

Thursday, 10 November

It's British Pudding Day at the beginning of November (9th to be precise) and to celebrate, Mrs Cowell is offering a FREE workshop for 12 pupils to make six **sticky toffee cupcakes** each to take home.

British pudding traces its origins to 1305 where the word 'pudding' was derived from the Middle English word 'poding,' which meant a 'meat-filled animal stomach.'

*What is the difference between pudding and cake?*



*A cake is always something sweet served that is eaten with a fork. However, a pudding can be sweet or savoury and is usually eaten with a spoon.*

The session is free but there are only 12 places up for grabs which will be given to the first Year 8 pupils who contact Mrs Cowell via Teams Chat.

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



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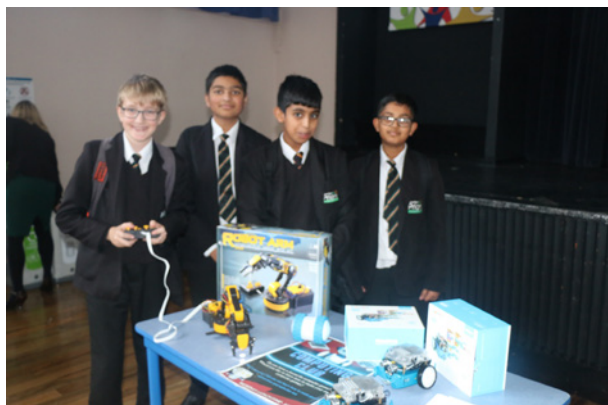
# Extra Curricular Clubs Fair

On Monday, pupils had the opportunity to check out what's on offer at Priory beyond lesson time.



Organised by Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley, the event provided a picture of Priory's clubs, sports and other activities provision. All departments attended to showcase their lunch and after-school clubs - from art, chess, sports, drama, ICT, culture, science and much, much more. And, along with homework club, there is something for everyone!

At the event, pupils could talk to the staff and current club members to see what they can do to enhance their personal development whilst having fun and making new friends.



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."*

Pop down to the Art room in the Technology block for some mindfulness colouring and origami workshops or use some of the art resources to complete your class work.



Year 7 William was super keen for you to join him in the Culture Hub every Wednesday in MFL1.

There's a multitude of sports to have a go at with activities changing every half term. Keep up to date with the timetable to find out what appeals to you.



Mrs Kursitis will be linking up with Eco Club for some of her projects. Pop along and see how you can boost your Geography knowledge.



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## Equality and Diversity club

In EN1 every Monday lunchtime starting from 26th September.

Come along to help promote equality and diversity at Priory!

We talk about LGBTQ+ related issues, disability equality, racial and religious equality, and so much more!

Pride is for everyone!



At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to our pupils' lives and can create a positive effect in school, at home and in the community in which they live.

Opportunities provided not only allow pupils to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**



Megan and Lily are promoting all things Eco and the club's first project starts Mondays after half term - upcycling clothes. Turn your ideas into something useful, learn how to sew, and make do and mend!



## Debate Club

Every Thursday 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.

Miss Ackers

Miss Ackers, Mrs Ham and these Year 10 pupils will argue that their club is the best - join them for Debate Club every Thursday in HU6.

## CHESS CLUB

WHEN : Friday lunchtime  
WHERE : LEAP 1

BEGINNERS WELCOME

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND YOUR BRAIN!



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



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# Year 11 Science Intervention Sessions

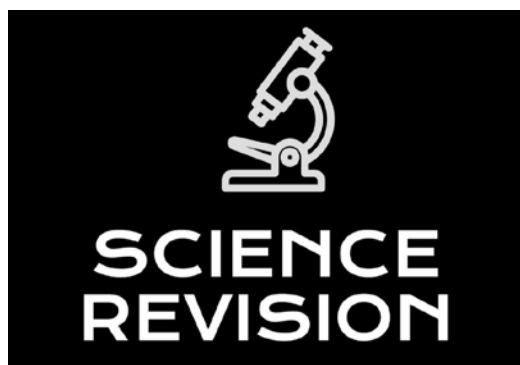
A reminder to all Year 11 pupils and parents that science intervention takes place after school on Mondays from 3:15pm until approximately 4:00pm.

There are posters around the Science department advertising the relevant rooms and members of staff.

Last year our Year 11 students achieved an excellent set of results, and it was no surprise that those who most frequently attended intervention tended to outperform their peers.

By starting revision with us, this Monday and every Monday after school, pupils will build up an additional 20+ hours of learning for the summer exams.

Mr Bedford  
Head of Science



## GCSE Science Revision Guides (Year 10 & 11)



These guides are on offer to Key Stage 4 pupils and letters have been given out this week by Science teachers. We have chosen the Oxford

Revise series as their guides include far more embedded opportunities for practice - from quizzing to exam style questions - as well as a more structured presentation of content.

### Combined Science Higher Tier | Combined Science Foundation Tier | Separate Science (set of three)

Payment must be made in advanced through your online SCOPay account. Please remember to purchase the relevant **one** of the above choices.

If your child is not sure which guide they need, please direct them to ask their teacher before purchase or contact Mr Bedford, Head of Science, by e-mail at [d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk). Please note that these are the same books offered for purchase during the spring term last year which cover the full course so if Year 11 pupils already have them, there is no need to purchase these again.

A copy of the letter can also be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

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Next week is **Recycling Week** and it is the ideal time for our **Eco Committee** to organise their first school event.

During their Learning for Life lessons next week, pupils will share ideas for recycling and reducing waste. We are also asking all pupils and staff to pledge to:



1. Bring their own reusable drinks bottle or reuse the bottles bought in school. Fill up at the water fountains.
2. Reduce the amount of paper they use. Can you use scrap paper? Think before you copy.
3. Ensure they are correctly using the recycling bins around school.

In addition, each department will be given a box to collect waste paper and the one with the least paper at the end of the project will win a prize.



Are you interested in fashion, textiles or learning a new skill?



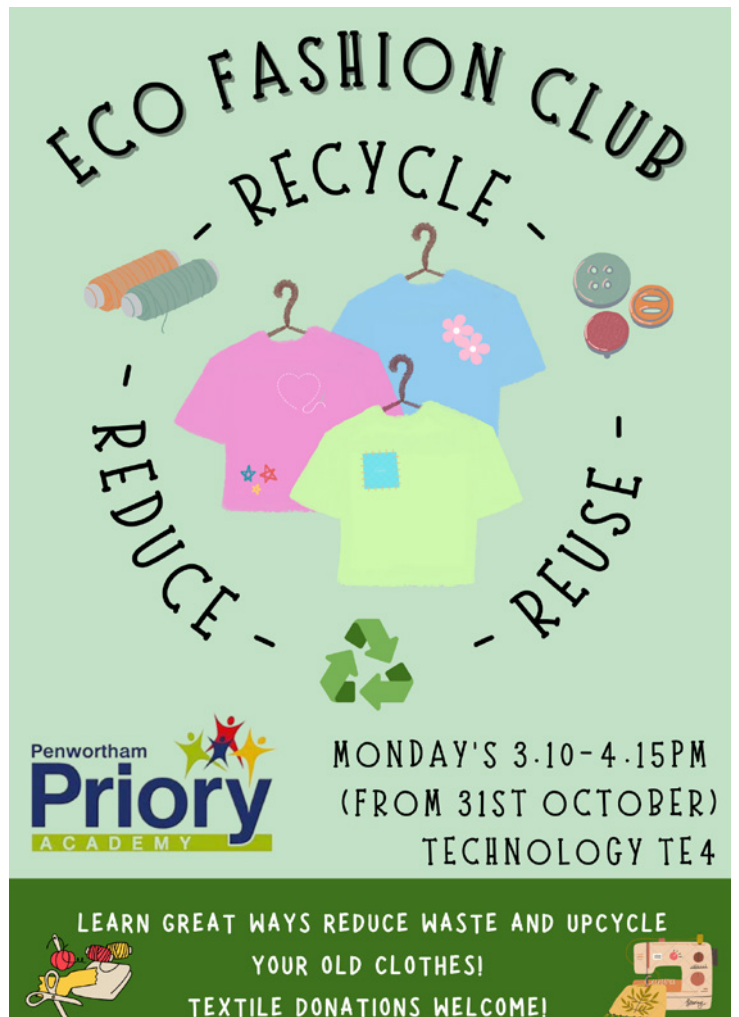
We are inviting you to spend time with us and other students altering or fixing clothes to create something new and fabulous.

**As part of Recycling Week we are launching a new club to recycle and repurpose old clothes.**

**Eco Fashion Club** will begin after half term from Mon, 31 October in Tech 4 until 4.15pm (see poster opposite). It will run every Monday until Christmas.

Pupils can repurpose old clothes into something new with guidance from the teachers.

Places are limited so if pupils want to get involved they should message Mrs Massey or Mrs Lockwood via Teams or see them in person. If anyone has any old clothes that could be repurposed, please bring them in!



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## Year 7 Lancaster Castle Trip 8 / 10 November

The History department is inviting Year 7 on a trip to Lancaster Castle and Lancaster Priory. Pupils will go out on either of two dates - Tues, 8 November or Thurs, 10 November - due to limited availability to tour the castle and priory.

Pupils will spend the day exploring the castle and priory with the aim to learn about their history and the importance of religion in the Middle Ages.

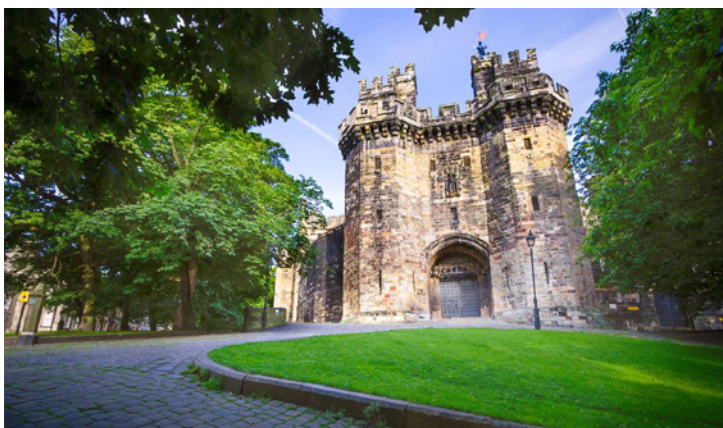
The cost of the trip is £6 including return transport.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. This replaces the need to complete a reply slip.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**The closing date is Thursday, 20 October 2022.**

Mr Eccles  
Lead Teacher of History



## Geography Club



Do you want to improve your geography country and capital cities knowledge? Come along and learn with us - Wednesday lunch HU7



Date	Geography
12 <sup>th</sup> October	UK and Europe
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Europe
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	North America
9 <sup>th</sup> November	The USA
16 <sup>th</sup> November	South America
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Africa
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Asia
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Oceania
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Geography Christmas Quiz

## National Recycling Week

From 17th October to 24th October

How you can help:



Reuse plastic bottles



Separate Waste



Use the recycling bins



Turn off unused electronics



Use reusable products



Pick up your litter



Reuse scrap paper



Be sustainable



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## Mrs Elliott's Recommended Read

### 'I Capture The Castle' by Dodie Smith

Through six turbulent months of 1934, 17-year-old Cassandra Mortmain keeps a journal, filling three notebooks with sharply funny yet poignant entries about her home, a ruined Suffolk castle, and her eccentric and penniless family. By the time the last diary shuts, there have been great changes in the Mortmain household, not the least of which is that Cassandra is deeply, hopelessly, in love.



*I loved this book! The narrator, Cassandra, is a hugely likeable character who is refreshingly honest with the reader about her feelings on just about everything. I think I liked the fact that this novel transported me back to a time where life just seemed somewhat simpler (although not necessarily easier). If you're looking to time travel to a quieter time, then this is certainly one to read.*

**AR Book ZPD: 5.9 (Purple)**

Mrs Elliott  
English Teacher

## Year 11 English Intervention

To achieve the very best results, Year 11 pupils are invited to attend English intervention sessions on Thursdays after school.

Each week, there will be several sessions running and pupils will sign up via their teacher for each session depending which topic is on offer. They can 'pick and mix' and attend other teachers' intervention sessions each week.

These sessions have been running since early September but we are now reminding you in order to support you to support your child. Sessions will run until 4.15pm.



Mrs Gidden  
Head of English

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# English Department



## Our Bedrock Blasters

As many parents and carers will know, Bedrock is a staple English Language homework that is completed online at home once weekly with a view to boosting our Key Stage 3 learners' vocabulary. It runs exclusively in Years 8 and 9 only.

All Year 8 & 9 learners are expected to complete two online 'lessons' a week but those who go over and above and make good progress will feature in our 'Bedrock Blasters' weekly.

### Most progress this week

Emma B	9E1	500%
Keep blasting, Emma!		
Owen H	9W2	250%
Charlie N	9W2	250%



### Most points this week

Amelia O	8E1	88
Yaseen W	8W2	87
Alexander P	9W2	84

### Most topic completion this week

Eve F	9W2	1
Emma B	9E1	1
Jane W	9E1	1

### Did you know:

Weekends don't mean a reading pit stop! AR quizzes can be taken whenever a learner finishes a book!

Please encourage racers to read at home with your support and as long as the quiz is taken independently then that is fine. Quizzing software can be found via the website and following the links to 'Accelerated Reader'. [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/reading](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/reading)



## Our AR Racers

Mrs Gidden's eyes have been caught by the following racers as they whizzed by her this week:

### Year 7

Oliver C passing a quiz with 100% this week  
Sarah H finishing not one but two books this week! Vrrrooom!!

William D finishing and passing with a score of 100%  
Go William!

Merdi A-M finishing and passing with 100%  
Phoebe G - 100% on a quiz



Mrs Gidden can smell the burning rubber on our reading racetrack this week. With some Year 7 classes already on a million words +. We're going to have to build a longer track! Bruuuummmm!

### Year 8 Race Extraordinaires:

Charlie McC 100% on his book 'My Headteacher is a Vampire Rat!'

Ellis T banking words with his non fiction book about football stadiums!

Evie C zoomed past having finished her book, 'Fan Girl', and nabbing 100% on that quiz. Well done.

### Year 9

Tyler F 100% on Percy Jackson!

Jane W passing three quizzes this week - that will change a few things for Jane's team on the track!

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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.

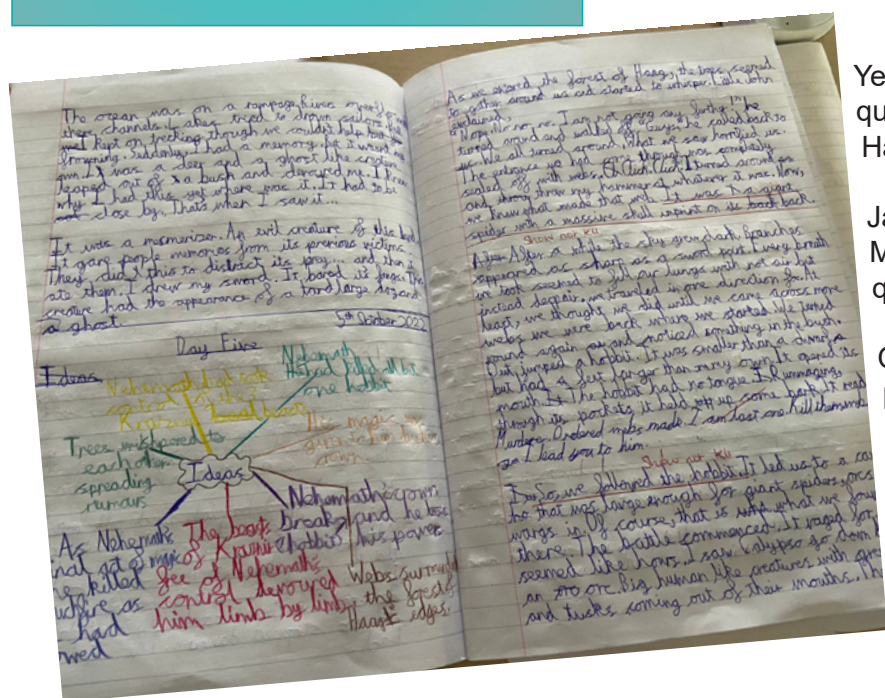
### Jacob R (Year 7)

Year 7 have been finishing their transition quest deep in Kraznir's terrifying 'Forest of Haag'.

Jacob's work was chosen by his teacher, Miss Smethurst, for his fantastic writing quality.

Our scholars will receive achievement points as well as department recognition.

Miss Smethurst  
English Teacher



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 17 October

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Pushing yourself to the limits
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Recognising difference as a good thing
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' How to handle receiving feedback
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Organising 'things' and organising myself
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Organisation and curricular studies

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# Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

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

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, Fatima...

### Fatima has taken the advice from one of her friends on her next book to read!

Year 9 Fatima says she is looking forward to what she hopes is a page-turner in 'They Both Die At The End' by Adam Silvera.

"My friend Ebony and I decided to swap our favourite books. She gave me this which I am excited about reading and I gave her 'Verity' by Colleen Hoover as that is a really good book.



"Colleen Hoover is my favourite author. Her books are thrillers, they have romance and can be sad but I like reading her books.

"She wrote 'It Ends With Us' which is quite a tough read about a girl whose dad is abusive to her mum but her mum never leaves him and the girl (Lily) can't understand why.

"Then, when she is older, she gets into an abusive relationship and she realises she is her mum."

Fatima's favourite subject is English, she says Priory has 'very good English teachers,' and she wants to be a psychologist for her future career.

"I like exploring how people feel and talking to them."

**Fatima's English teacher, Mrs Robinson-Ali added,** *"Fatima is a keen reader and I love that she and Ebony have set up a little 'book club' between them! We have just finished reading An Inspector Calls in English and Fatima always wanted to play one of the key parts, or the character with the most lines, and she read with enthusiasm and great expression. It's a pleasure to see a young person so invested in reading and in their English lessons. Keep up the great work, Fatima!"*

Mrs Gidden  
Head of English

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# Don't Forget Our School Lottery!

Next Draw  
Sat, 15 October  
and every Saturday

The school's 'Your School Lottery' is part of the Gatherwell Ltd lottery group which was established with a core value of being an ethical lottery provider to help schools facing growing financial pressure.

By taking part, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. There is a guaranteed cash winner for the school each week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

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

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

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For further details and FAQs please see below or visit our website at:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/school-lottery](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/school-lottery)

Good Luck!

## This week's winner...

**Congratulations to 'Mrs D'!**

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

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- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

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- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

Next Draw  
Saturday  
15 October

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and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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