

Penwortham Priory Post



Let the show begin!

This year's Priory show will be.... Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

As you can guess, it's Mary Poppins which will be performed at school early next month.

Lead Teacher of Drama, Miss Howell, said: "It's a bit of a classic, it's got some lovely dance numbers and the pupils have picked up the choreography really quickly.

"They are a dedicated bunch and it's been nice as we have had some new pupils wanting to take to the stage and they are talented. It also means different year groups mix together and they make new friends. We are excited about it!"

Year 10 India was surprised to be given the lead role. "I have appeared in Matilda and Game Over, productions we have put on, but I never expected to get the lead part in this. I was blown away, really buzzing. I have to sing, dance and act but I do that at Create Theatre Academy out of school. We have been rehearsing for two months now and I have seen the costumes so I am excited."

Other leading pupils include Lewis T (Bert), Connie B (Jane), Emily C (Michael), Cyrus B (George) and Holly E (Winifred).



Tues, 6 Dec & Weds, 7 Dec at 7pm

Tickets available via SCOPay from next week. Prices: Adults £7 | Concessions £5



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

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)

Mon, 28 November

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

Fri, 2 December

Year 9 Languages Day
(French) (moved from 25
November)

Tues 6 & Weds 7

December 7pm

Mary Poppins Production

Tues, 13 December

Year 11 Parents evening
(online) (4pm-8pm)

Fri, 16 December

End of Autumn term
(early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm)

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In Remembrance...

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them."*

Last Sunday, Head Prefects Ben and Fatima represented the school at Penwortham's Remembrance service.

After attending St Leonard's church, the pair, accompanied by their Head of Year Mrs Ham, walked to Liverpool Road to take part in the community service at Penwortham's War Memorial. Fatima and Ben were also asked to read the names of some of the fallen before laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

It was a beautiful morning, well attended by the community, and one we were very pleased to be apart of.

So what is Armistice?

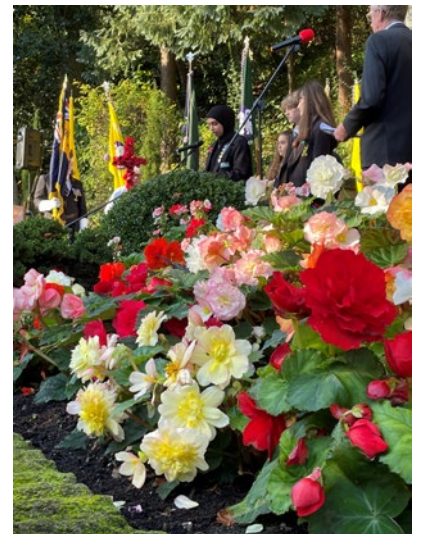
Armistice was an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations. It began at 11am on 11 November 1918.

Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms.

To this day we mark Armistice Day around the United Kingdom with a two minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month – we will remember them.

Mrs Ham
Head of year 11





Important Notice

Year 9 Immunisations

IntraHealth, the schools' immunisation team will be visiting Penwortham Priory Academy in the new year to vaccinate Year 9 pupils for **DTP (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio) and Meningitis ACWY**.



Parents of Year 9 pupils have been emailed details, including the link to the consent form. It is important that you follow the link (also below) and complete the form even if you do not wish your child to have the immunisations - click the **green YES** boxes to consent to the vaccination or the **red NO** boxes if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine. Further information about the immunisation programme can also be accessed via the link.

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/TDIPVACWY/information?Id=138948&Type=TDIPVACWY>

When filling out the form please opt for the YEAR of birth BEFORE the month. If you have made an error or are unsure whether you have already completed a form, please contact IntraHealth on the telephone number below. Please do not attempt to complete another form.



If you experience any difficulties with the link, or have any questions, please contact IntraHealth direct on 0333 358 3397 Option 3 and then Option 1.

Please note that the link will close at midnight on 24 November.

Parking A Polite Notice

We would like to politely ask parents/carers who are dropping off their children in the morning not to linger in the staff car park. This is preventing staff and other parents entering the grounds and causing safety concerns for pupils arriving on foot.

We recognise that this may be only one or two individuals however we appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

*Thank you for
your support.*



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History Pupils Take A Trip Back In Time

Last week the History Department led two trips to Lancaster for Year 7 pupils.

Pupils were visiting the city as part of their study of Medieval history and, whilst there, they had the opportunity to explore Lancaster Priory and the Castle.

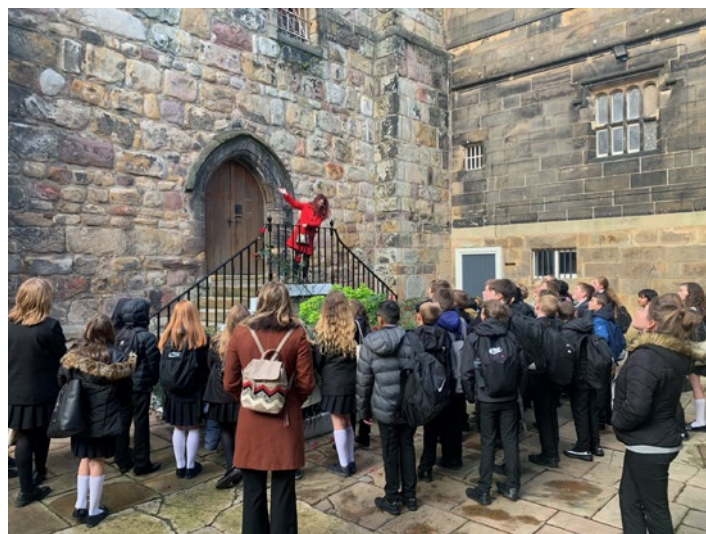
We were fortunate to have Andrew, a superb tour guide at the Priory, where he spoke about its Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Medieval history. He showed us the 14th century choir-stalls which are the second oldest in England - and priceless!

After some free time in the city centre, we then took a whistle-stop tour of the castle. The castle dates from the 1100s and is still a functioning court building although unbelievably, its time as a prison only ended in 2011.

Pupils got to wander the Medieval castle keep and the Victorian prison wing but it was the chance to be locked in an 18th century cell that grabbed their attention the most. Those brave enough to accept the challenge ventured inside the cell, the doors were bolted behind them and the lights turned out, much to everyone's excitement!

It goes without saying that our students were excellent ambassadors for Penwortham Priory Academy, and the History department is already looking forward to our next trip to Quarry Bank Mill with Year 8 pupils in Spring 2023.

Mr Eccles
Lead Teacher
of History



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New Catering System: Apologies

We would like to thank parents and pupils for their patience during our transition to the new catering system, BlueRunner.

In situations like this teething problems can be expected and we had worked behind the scenes with the BlueRunner to mitigate this as much as possible before the system went live. BlueRunner had assured us that everything would run smoothly from launch however have acknowledged there were issues and sincerely apologise to those affected by them.

The main issues seem to have been addressed now but if you are still experiencing difficulties with logins and payments, please let us know by emailing enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk and we will liaise with BlueRunner to resolve them promptly for you.

General information and FAQs about the new catering system are also available on our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-catering-orders

Thank you for your understanding over the past few weeks.



Lost and Forgotten ID Cards

A reminder that 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 that day. This is the same for those that have forgotten or just misplaced their cards. We cannot issue cards to 'borrow'.

Mrs Cookson
Finance Officer



**SPORTS
REPORT**

Good luck to all those taking part in the South Ribble Cross Country Championships at Hutton Grammar on Saturday.

Our best runners from each year group have been selected to compete so it's important that you will be there!

10.00am – Year 10/11 Boys Race
10.15am – Year 10/11 Girls Race
10.30am – Year 8/9 Boys Race
10.40am – Year 8/9 Girls Race
10.50am – Year 7 Boys Race
11.00am – Year 7 Girls Race

Runners are required to arrive readily changed, with warm outer clothing and report to a member of the PE staff at least 15 minutes before their race. Once the race is complete, they may leave the event.



WE'RE HIRING!

Part Time Catering Assistant

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Little or no experience is required.

16.25 hours per week

For further information and to download an application pack, please visit our website at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closing date 28 November at 12 noon



Catering Assistant (part-time)

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	16.25 hours per week 10.15am-2.00pm with 30 minute break
Pay	Grade 2 Point 2 Gross salary £20,441 per annum Actual pro rata salary £7,556 per annum

Experience not essential however candidates must have good customer care skills and standard of hygiene. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

Closing date: Mon, 28 November at 12 noon

Please contact Mrs Barker, Business Manager, or Mrs Titterton, Catering Manager, for enquiries or download an application pack from the school's website at:

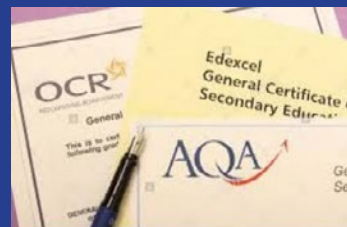
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies
c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320250
j.titterton@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Interviews will be held on 5th and 6th December 2022.



Class of 2022 GCSE Certificate Collection

Certificates are now available to collect during school hours by either the former pupil or their parent/carer and must be signed for.*



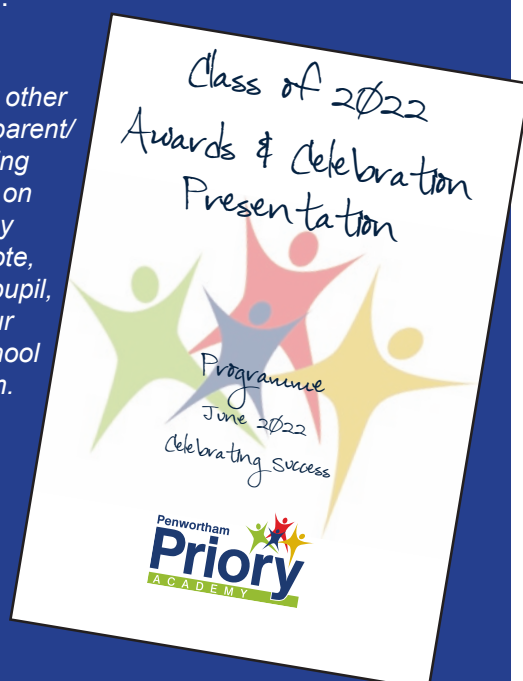
Any trophies, certificates and other prizes not collected during the leaver's celebration event on their last day, as well as the event programme, will be available to take at the same time.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the exam certificates are collected, as they are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout their career and particularly if a path to university is planned.

School is only legally obliged to keep certificates for a 12 month period, after which time they are disposed of. If copies of certificates are needed after that time, pupils will need to contact the appropriate examination board(s) directly and pay to obtain copies. As you will appreciate, these costs can mount up.

***If any person other than the pupil/parent/carer is collecting the certificates on your behalf they must have a note, signed by the pupil, authorising your consent for school to release them.*

School hours
- 8am-4pm
Monday to Thursday
(Friday 3.30pm)



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World Cup Kick Off



FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022

The FIFA World Cup kicks off in Qatar on Sunday and these Year 7s are already excited for England's first match.

As it's an early finish on Monday for our Learning for Life Day, pupils will be able to hurry home to catch the match against Iran.

Come on England!



World Cup Predictor - House Competition

This Sunday sees the start of the 2022 FIFA World Cup and here at Priory we are getting into the competitive spirit too. Staff and pupils have been challenged to try and predict the top two teams in each of the eight groups, the overall winner and the total number of goals in the 64 games. The individual with the best results will win a chocolate hamper.

Mr Raynor will be keeping an eye on the match results as the tournament progresses. He explained, *"We'll be giving 10 points for each correct group stage prediction and 40 points for correctly predicting the World Cup winners. The total goals scored prediction will be used as the tie breaker for those on equal points by the end of the competition. Pupils will also be scoring points for their House team, so we will be looking to see who comes out on top".*

All entries need to be in before 4pm on Sunday as this sees the first match kick off between Qatar and Ecuador.

Entries can be sent to Mr Raynor by email t.raynor@priory.lancs.sch.uk or via Teams for any staff or pupils who missed the chance to fill in a form in school. We will post updates as the competition develops.

Staff Predictions so far for the Winners and Goal totals:

Mr Eastham	Winner Brazil	Goals 146
Mrs Bullock	Winner Argentina	Goals 177
Mr Owen	Winner Brazil	Goals 172
Mr Gee	Winner England	Goals 201
Mrs Roberts	Winner Spain	Goals 167

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Qatar	England	Argentina	France
Ecuador	IR Iran	Saudi Arabia	Australia
Senegal	USA	Mexico	Denmark
Netherlands	Wales	Poland	Tunisia
Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
Spain	Belgium	Brazil	Portugal
Costa Rica	Canada	Serbia	Ghana
Germany	Morocco	Switzerland	Uruguay
Japan	Croatia	Cameroon	Korea Republic

Mr Raynor
Maths Teacher

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Siblings Become Bakers for Charity



Penwortham Priory Academy siblings, Seth and Reese, have raised funds for a charity close to their heart.

Year 8 Seth has dyspraxia, a condition which affects movement and co-ordination. His sister Reese, who is in Year 7, decided to sell 'treat box' cakes over October half-term to raise money for the Dyspraxia Foundation.



**DYSPRAXIA
FOUNDATION**
Incorporating Developmental
Co-ordination Disorder (DCD)

Seth said: "I have dyspraxia which makes things in life a little bit more hard work but I always try my best."

Reese continued: "It means his brain doesn't function like everyone else's. We wanted to fundraise and we have always baked. My mum has always made us amazing cakes for our birthdays and she bakes a lot of cakes for charity so it's something we have always done."

"We sent messages to family and friends that we had cakes for sale and we raised £160."



Seth added:

"This is important to me, it affects so many people and many do not talk about it as you can be rejected by friends."

"I don't like talking about it but it's important to raise awareness and my sister helps me do that and she talks about it which is great because I love her!"



What is Dyspraxia?

Dyspraxia is a surprisingly common condition affecting movement and coordination in children and adults. It affects all areas of life, making it difficult for people to carry out activities that others take for granted.

Each person's experience of dyspraxia is different and will be affected by a person's age, the opportunities they have had to learn skills, environmental demands and the support/understanding shown by people around them.

There are, however, some common signs of dyspraxia affecting movement (difficulty coordinating large and small body movements), organisation and planning (organising themselves, their equipment and their thoughts), and speech and language (difficulty keeping up with conversations).

For more information, visit the Dyspraxia Foundation website at <https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/>

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Year 7 Gymnastics Success

SPORTS REPORT

A huge well done to Millie D who competed in the English Gymnastics Championships on Saturday.

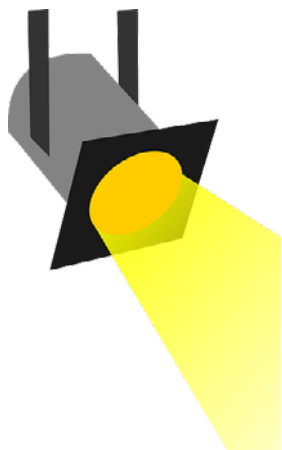
The Year 7 pupil travelled down to New College, Leicester, where she dazzled the judges in the beam, floor, bar and vault to gain a Bronze overall in the Jim Moss Women's Artistic Championships.

The English Gymnastics Gold, Silver and Bronze Championships has been running since 2013. Now in its 9th year, the event hosts gymnasts from all over the country to offer a level of National Gymnastics just below the main English Senior Championships.

Mum said, *"This is the first time Millie has competed at the English Championships. She was up against 40 gymnasts from 16 clubs in the bronze intermediate category and placed bronze overall. We are thrilled for her."*



PE teacher, Mrs Bullock added, *"Millie is unbelievable! It is amazing to see that she medalled - she certainly deserved it"*.



Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is you, please get in touch with your child's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at: j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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Learning for Life

Day 2



Monday, 21 November 2022

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

Students should report to their session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom for 8.40am. Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

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 Monday include:

Year 7 **Healthy Body** - Getting to know me. A question of character. Preparing for life after Priory. Under my control.

Year 8 **Media Literacy and Digital Resilience** - Cyberbullying. Digital Footprint. Internet Safety. Social Networking.

Year 9 **Relationships** - What is gender and gender identity? Binaries. What is 'coming out'? Gender Roles.

Year 10 **Unhealthy Relationships** - Risks (to others, self, socially and professionally). Strategies for dealing with addiction.

Year 11 **Preparing for Exam Season** - Health and well-being in the run up to exams. Personal and social responsibility. Cosmetics and aesthetics.



Mrs Hopes
Lead Practitioner for Personal Development



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 21 November

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' What are harmful actions?
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Social media part 1
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' What is respect?
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Performance
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' The echo chamber

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Year 7 Speaking Competition

it's back!

It's the final of the speech competition on Weds, 14 December and already the Year 7 pupils are preparing for the annual event.

Over the next few weeks, the year group will write and deliver a speech on a topic that's important to them. These speeches are then delivered to their class peers where the best are chosen to compete in the final.



Assistant Head of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, commented, "Pupils will have time to prepare their speeches in their English lessons and at home. The competition can be quite a daunting challenge for some but we are always genuinely amazed by their confidence and resilience. They take real pride in what they want to talk about."

All Year 7 pupils will get to watch the finalists who will each receive a certificate, plus there are prizes for the three winners.

(Photo shows last year's winner, Corbyn, who spoke passionately about Sir Alex Ferguson).

Mrs Robinson-Ali
Assistant Head of English

POEMS FOR THE PLANET COMPETITION

Greenpeace is holding a nature/environmental poetry competition to celebrate the beauty of nature and National Poetry Day on the 6th of December.

HOW DO I ENTER?



- 1 Write a poem of no more than 400 words.
- 2 Your poem must follow the theme.
- 3 Hand in your submission to Mrs Massey by 28/11/22



More information at

www.greenpeace.org.uk/resources/poems-planet-competition/

Each half term the Eco Committee will be organising an activity to raise the profile of all things environmental.



This half term they have introduced a poetry competition being run by Greenpeace.

www.greenpeace.org.uk/resources/poems-planet-competition

Entries should be submitted to Mrs Massey by Mon, 28 November. Poems will be judged and the winning poem(s) will receive a prize and be entered into the national competition.

Thank you to Megan H, Year 10, who has designed the poster (shown opposite) to promote the competition.

Finally, thank you to all departments for taking part in the recycling week initiative before half term. The winning department was English and a box of biscuits is on its way to them. The Eco Committee will continue with the waste paper campaign going forward.

Mrs Massey
Science Teacher

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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, Brad...

Year 9 Brad loves horror stories and is currently embroiled in **Bram Stoker's Dracula**, which also features other stories by the author.



Unlike many of his class mates, Brad enjoys novels from the past.

"I like the way they are written, it's old English and I think it's a lot more descriptive than today's books," said Brad.

"I like horror stories, they are my favourite types of books. I like horror films as well, I never need to hide behind a cushion!

"It's also good reading a book like this with a lot of stories within it as I don't have to swap my book every few weeks."

Brad's favourite subjects at school are English or Science.

"I like to write stories at home, mostly horror, and I enjoy reading.

"I want to be either an author or a marine biologist."

Mrs Gidden added, "Brad is a great reader and a keen story writer. His recent 'Who Dunnit' story was compelling and linguistically very well crafted. I always say, those who read well, write well, and Brad is a perfect example of this and I'm excited to see what he comes up with in future work!"

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

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Community & Voluntary

Nominate a resident of Penwortham for a Christmas Card of Kindness.

This was brought in by Dylan N, Year 9, whose mum works at Marylands Nursery, Pope Lane.

If you want to spread the kindness and make someone's day, please email your nomination to:

marylands@hotmail.co.uk



Focus Groups Participants Needed
Do you have a child aged 0-5?

Lancashire County Council invites you to share your opinions and knowledge around experiences of Health Visiting Services

Focus groups will last for 90 minutes on

Date: Wednesday 14 December 2022
Time: 9.30am – 11am
Venue: Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EQ

participation is completely voluntary

Participants will receive a £25 shopping voucher to show you that we value your time and knowledge



To register your interest in taking part please text on 07860715430 or email hajra.sardar@lancashire.gov.uk

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**Myerscough
College**

Open Days

Sat, 19 November | Sat, 4 February | Sat, 18 March

At Myerscough College there's a choice of more than 30 different subjects, covering a wide range of land-based subjects (from Agriculture and Equestrian Studies to Motorsports and Veterinary Nursing). There's also a choice of Sports Coaching and Performance routes - across Football, Rugby, Cricket, Golf and Basketball.

There are options at a range of levels within each subject, from bespoke Foundation Learning courses through to Level 3 Diploma suites and dedicated T-Level routes. Plus Apprenticeship opportunities in most subjects.

Information about transport routes, financial support and accommodation (at their Preston centre) is available here:
<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/>

For more information and to register go to>>
www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on



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ALL YEARS

HOCKEY THURSDAY

3:15-4:15



**SHINPADS AND GUMSHIELDS
ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**



WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES IN HEX 1

A club designed to help you have some FUN and meet new friends while learning about diverse cultures from around the world.

Games Music Food
Traditions Art Customs
Dance Fashion



Committed to promoting awareness and appreciation of diverse ethnic cultures.

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