

Penwortham Priory Post



Artist Returns To Priory To Deliver Workshops

Ten years ago Conlons Construction came to Priory to work on the old G corridor, transforming the Humanities Department and creating the Auditorio. Part of the construction site were 60 peripheral hoarding boards, keeping construction and pupils safely apart. During this period, which coincided with the school's 60th anniversary, it was decided that each board represent a year in the life of the school and different stakeholders in the school would plan and paint a board, with a winning prize for the best awarded.

Conlons were given a board and drew 1953, the year of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and the first year of the school. In an attempt to win the prize, Conlons decided to commission local artist Stephen Astbury to paint a portrait of the Queen. Stephen's painting is now on permanent display in the Humanities building for all to admire.

Lead Teacher of Art & Design, Mrs Hopes, said, *"Stephen recently contacted the school and offered to work with pupils in a watercolour workshop and discuss being an artist as a career."*

A group of Year 9 pupils have attended two, two-hour workshops this week where they have learnt a number of skills. Pupils have revisited Year 7 learning of colour mixing and painting skills. They have learnt how to create washes and how to apply these to copies of Stephen's work. Themes including nature, landscapes and light have been covered.

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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

Mon, 5 & Tues, 6 December

Indoor Athletics Competition (Mon - Boys, Tues - Girls) All Hallows (selected pupils/after school)

Tues 6 & Weds 7 December 7pm

Mary Poppins Production

Tues, 13 December

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

Weds, 14 December

Christmas lunch
Liverpool Road Christmas Markets 6pm-9pm

Fri, 16 December

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

Tues, 3 January

Start of Spring term

Mon, 16 January

Rewards Trip - Trafford Centre

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Year 11 Parents Evening

Tues, 13 December
Booking Now Open

To facilitate these events we use a web-based program called 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

A copy of the letter which was emailed 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. 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, 13 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

Mrs Hane
Head of year

Rewards



Trafford Centre Reward Trip

Monday, 16 January

Letters will be going out next week to pupils who have worked hard, had a good attendance record and have demonstrated the Priory standard over the past term. These pupils are invited on a trip to the Trafford Centre in January.

The cost of the trip is £7.50 which will cover return transport and must be paid by Fri, 16 December via SCOPay.

Pupils will have the opportunity to go shopping, to the cinema or to play crazy golf. Please note, pupils who wish to do an activity on the day, will require additional funds for this.

Pupils will set off after morning registration and will return in time for the school buses. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes that are appropriate for the trip, but they are to remember they will still be expected to represent and uphold the Priory standard.

There will be a range of enrichment activities for those that choose to stay in school.

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Mrs Hopes continued, "*I was delighted to accept the workshop offer as it provides opportunities for our pupils that wouldn't normally be available to them. Learning skills from a professional artist is worthwhile and provides context. I am hoping that the Q&A session with Stephen regarding his career has provided clarity for pupils wishing to proceed into the same creative field. Stephen also asked pupils to bring examples of their own work to the second session, where he discussed their work and provided expert feedback and direction.*"

Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.

Image above right: Stephen with his mural in 2013.



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Mary Poppins

Showing at Priory Next Week

**TICKETS
ON SALE NOW**

Tues, 6 & Weds, 7 December | 7pm-9pm

Tickets are available via SCOPay (card payment only - pupils to collect from school office) or direct from reception (cash only).

Adults £7 | Concessions £5 (child/OAP)



We'll be launching our 70th anniversary raffle at the show with fabulous prizes to be won!

**Tickets £1
per strip**



Winner drawn at the end of January 2023.

Learning Newsletters

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

This next issue looks at 'Safeguarding - Online Safety' - What parents can do to safeguard their child and how to set up parental controls.

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

*Mrs Cowell
Vice Principal*

PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY's production of

MARY POPPINS JR

Tuesday, 6 December 7pm
Wednesday, 7 December 7pm
Adults £7
Concession £5

A musical based on the stories of P L Travers and the Walt Disney film

Director
Miss Howell

Music Director
Mr Taylor

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins Jr.* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 mtishows.com

TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Welcome to our monthly Learning Newsletter where we seek to share some of the initiatives and strategies we use in school so you might best support your child in their education, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

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Safeguarding - Online Safety

YouTube

Supervised version experience (Beta)

Managed by you by creating a supervised Google Account. It allows you to choose from three content settings:

- **Explore:** generally suitable for ages 9+
- **Explore More:** generally suitable for viewers ages 13+
- **Most of YouTube:** contains almost all YouTube content (except age restricted content) so it will include sensitive topics that may only be appropriate for older teens.

<https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/>

Posting videos

You should be over 13 years of age to post videos. Talk to your child about posting videos, do they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments?

YouTube Kids

YouTube recommends that YouTube Kids is used for children under the age of 13 as it provides a safer environment and controls (you can select the shows that you would prefer them to watch).

Find out how to set up the parental controls here:
<https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB>

Should I let my child set up a YouTube account?

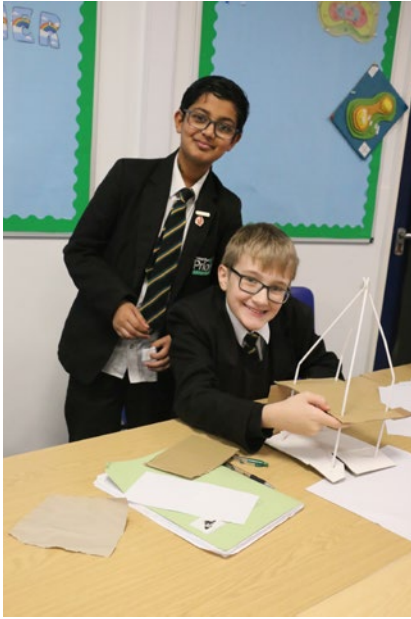
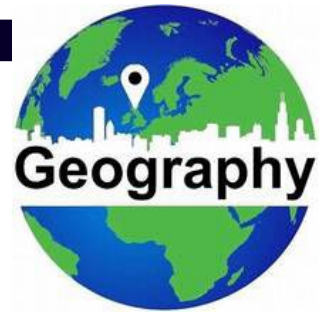
This article features the benefits and risks of using YouTube and their top tips:
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/setting-up-a-youtube-channel>

Learning Newsletter
November / December 2022
Issue Focus: Safeguarding - Online Safety

email: learning@priory.lancs.sch.uk
if you wish to discuss any content in this newsletter

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Earth Shattering Time For Year 8 Geography

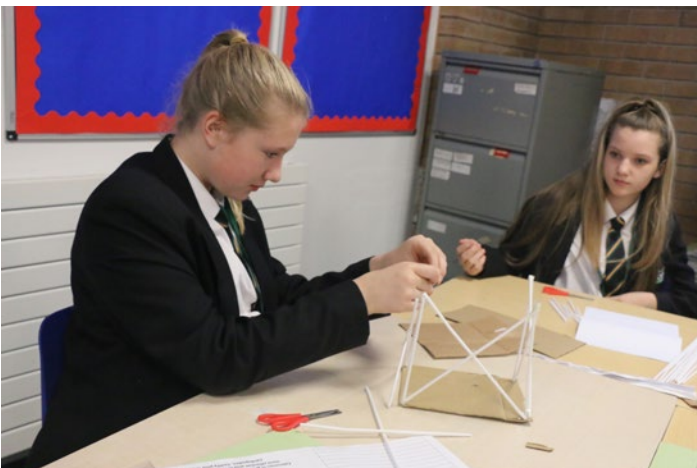


Mrs Kursitis' Year 8 classes have been creating earthquake-proof buildings this week.

Pupils had to plan out their designs before making a start on their building. Once their design was drawn up, they were given a select amount of materials to work with including card, small boxes, paper straws and tape.

Earlier in the week, pupils had spent time learning about the dangers of earthquakes and how countries can predict, prepare and protect themselves in a seismic event.

*Mrs Kursitis
Geography Teacher*



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Lost and Found: Are These Yours?

Over the term we have accumulated many water bottles, trainers, coats and other miscellaneous items. If you can identify any items here, or have lost anything recently, then pupils should take a look in the lost property box in the Pastoral office.

Lost and found property is located in the Pastoral office with the exception of PE kit which is kept by the PE Department. Valuables will be stored securely by the Pastoral office or the Head of Year until their owner can be identified.

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, given to charity or is disposed of after each end of term.

Mr Shipton
Pastoral Manager



Every Wednesday, English Teacher Miss Thornton, will be running a catch up club for pupils who are behind with their Bedrock work.

The club is for Year 8 and 9 pupils who need to catch up with their minimum two 'lessons' a week.

The session will be held in IT2 every Wednesday lunchtime.

Miss Thornton
English Teacher



Bedrock Catch Up Club Years 8 & 9

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Year 8 Girls Support Charity With Their Love of Horses

Year 8 pupils Poppy and Maddie admit they are 'horse-mad' and have been helping out at stables.

Maddie carried out some voluntary work at the World Horse Welfare in Blackpool last year while Poppy helps out at her mum's stables.

Poppy said: "I just do some sweeping the yard and mucking out. I have a horse called Dominoe and I ride him.

"Both mine and Maddie's mums have had horses all their lives so we have been brought up with horses."

Maddie said: "We got a rescue horse called Rocky who was found in a field and he spent some time at the World Horse Welfare which is why I helped out there.

"I mucked out the horses and exercised them as well."

If you want to find out more about this charity and their mission to improve standards and stamp out horse and pony suffering then go to>>

www.worldhorsewelfare.org

or visit them at Penny Farm, Preston New Road, Blackpool, FY4 5JS. Admission is free but you must book online in advance.



WorldHorseWelfare



Year 9 English Competition!

In your **Of Mice and Men** study, you will have seen how unfairly women, particularly Curley's wife, were treated back in the 1930s. History was cruel and unfair to women.

In Dustbowl California, for women like Curley's wife, it's almost as if the suffragette movement never happened.

The movement was started in 1903, and in 1918 women finally won the right to vote in England through years of protests and campaigns. America followed a year later in 1919.

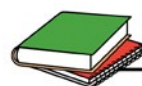
Your task...

Imagine it's 1917 and you're a suffragette. Write and perform a speech or song to perform at a 'Votes for Women' rally OR design a poster or flyer to display at a 'Votes for Women' rally.

To help you, you may wish to research the suffragettes and the women's rights movement.

Hand your entry to your English teacher by the deadline: Friday, 16 December.

House points and rewards galore for the lucky winners!



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More Able & Ambitious

OXFORD
Masterclass

Year 9-11 Pupils Able & Ambitious

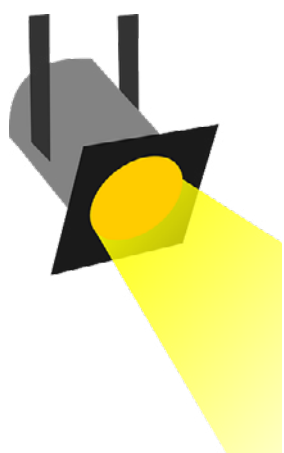
Monday this week saw our first ever visit from the recruitment staff at the University of Oxford to promote the education and extraordinary range of opportunities which studying at Oxford can allow Priory pupils.

Pupils who are identified as our most/more able (top 20% of pupils in Year 9, 10 and 11 based on their SAT scores) alongside other pupils who had shown the ability, ambition and potential to achieve at least a Grade 7 in a specific subject were invited to attend.

There is no typical Oxford student, and no single Oxford experience, and this session was aimed at providing our pupils with the sense of ambition to match their ability, with the self-belief to be whoever they want to be; to feel confident and excited about their future, be that at Oxford, or indeed any other Russell Group university.

As part of our careers programme we are now working to make sure that every pupil in Year 9 has the opportunity to visit a local university by the end of this academic year.

Mr Taylor
Able & Ambitious Lead



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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Year 7 Pupils Enjoy a Creative Escape in English



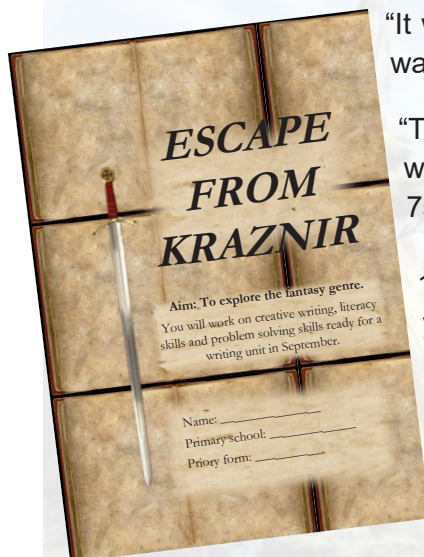
A large number of Year 7s have been granted warrior status by Head of English Mrs Gidden after completing 'The Legends of Kraznir' project.

Mrs Gidden's explained: "The Times Education Supplement ran this scheme around 30 years ago and I revamped it around ten years ago for the 21st Century, using one of my friends as an illustrator."

"We launch it on Taster Day and ask pupils to do it over summer and then, when they come into Priory, they continue working on it as part of their creative writing unit."

"In primary school, English tends to be quite technical so this was about creative writing and firing the imaginations of the pupils. It's pure fantasy!"

"There are four staple characters in everyone's story but the pupils had to invent their lead character, decide which weapons they would have and which magical powers."



"It was centred around stopping the peaceful country of Slinsil being conquered by warlike Kraznir."

"The entries were absolutely superb and I have to give a special mention to Oliver K, who has a stunning way of writing and his imagery was amazing. We hope the Year 7s gain inspiration from it and take it all the way through school."

19 pupils especially impressed their teachers, out of a 150 year group, and they were given certificates.

One of the 'warriors' Elliott said: "I liked it as you got to use your imagination and made your own lead character."

Alfie said: "It was fantasy and really interesting. You had to come up with a number of words to explain events, such as crossing a river and make sure nothing went wrong!"

Jazmin said: "It was creative and I liked it as you got to decide your own destiny."

Logan added: "I liked how you could create your own characters and kill off those you did not like!"

James added: "I like the fantasy genre a lot."



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Community

Collections for Kindness



It's that time of year where we collect for three areas in our local community. These have also been the focus of our assemblies this half term:

The Homeless | The Local Food Bank | Local Children

We are encouraging pupils to bring in items for the collections in readiness for Christmas. If pupils are able to support these collections, donations should be taken to the Learning Centre (Miss Smethurst's room) either before school or during Form, once the register has been taken.



Miss Smethurst has arranged areas in her room for each group and her Form pupils will help to manage the donations. Pupils contributing to any of these causes will receive credit for the Priory Plus Award as 'Future Citizens'. Below are suggested lists for each collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

Homeless

- Mammoth XXL full body wipes.
- Sanitary Items (tampons and sanitary towels)
- New socks – always useful in all seasons.
- New underwear – homeless people always need new underwear but they'll rarely ask for it.
- Hats, gloves, scarves, sunglasses, caps.
- Kit with scissors – so they can sew up any holes in any of the clothes they have.
- Shoe inners – so they can put fresh soles in their shoes, this will protect their feet, help with walking, insulate their shoes and cover any holes.
- Ziplock freezer bags – to protect belongings, money and things they need to keep dry when they are in the outdoors. They sometimes put them on their feet inside their shoes to protect their feet from wet weather.
- Hair ties and head bands – both homeless men and women are not able to afford to get their hair cut, and if often grows very long, hair ties will be much appreciated by those with longer locks, and they also help to tie up bags and trousers around ankles in cold weather.
- Unused gift cards – especially for shops that sell clothing and underwear
- Dry shampoo – to freshen up the hair
- Sweets, snacks and cordial concentrate – to brighten up their life a little
- Toiletries for the homeless centres - toothbrushes, bars of wrapped soap, combs or hairbrushes, flannels, lip balm, nail clippers and file, deodorant.

Food bank

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Long life fruit juice



Local children

Decorated shoe boxes (for any age). These will go to the food bank.

- Cuddly toys
- Deflated football and pump
- A musical instrument
- Dolls
- Toy cars
- Small toys - yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles, slinky
- Stationery - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators
- Colouring books and picture books
- Hair accessories, jewellery sets





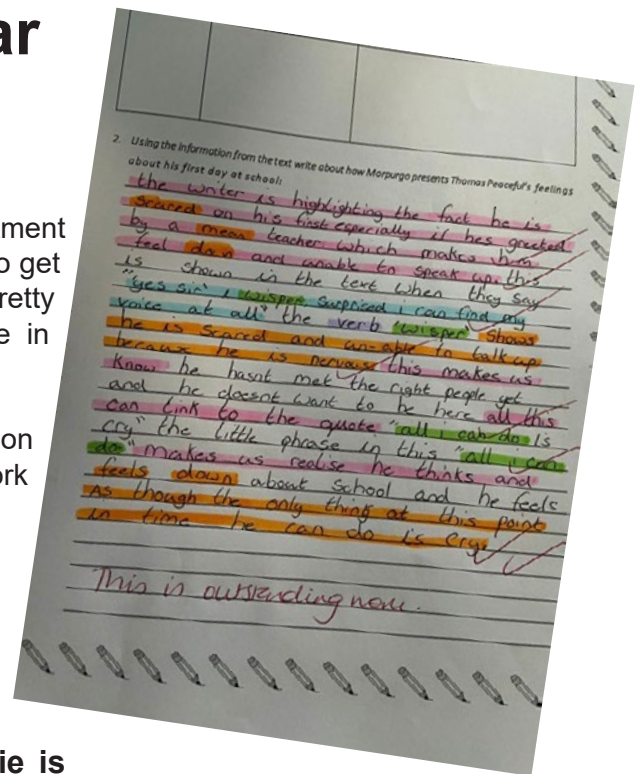
English Scholar of the Week

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 five 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.

Ellie T (Year 7)

Ellie's shown she has really understood the text in this piece of work and used judicious reference to the text to back up her clear and well thought out points. Ellie is able to clearly see which elements of the question she has covered through her excellent use of colour, proving that not only is she excelling in the topic but also in her ability to learn and correct her work. Superb work Ellie!



Miss Sweetthurst
English Teacher

you are invited to the



PENWORTHAM
TOWN COUNCIL

Christmas MARKETS

Kingsfold
Pope Lane & Hawksbury Drive
Mon 5th Dec | 6 - 9pm

Middleforth
Sports and Social Club
Sun 11th Dec | 12 - 4pm

Penwortham
Liverpool Road
Wed 14th Dec | 6 - 9pm

Year 11 Childcare Talk

Careers in Health & Social Care

Yesterday, Preston College visited Priory to deliver a session with the Year 11 Childcare group.

The session, delivered by Nicoleen Campbell from the college, tied in with both revision work which the pupils are doing in order to prepare for their official exam in January but also give them an insight into potential careers within the Health and Social Care sector which they could go on to study in their post 16 provision.

Childcare teacher, Mrs Holland said, "*The students were really engaged in the session and it opened their eyes to how many possible careers they could work towards with a Level 3 qualification in Health and Social Care including, doctors, nurses, therapists, physios, social workers, midwives, teachers and many more.*"

This was a really valuable session both from a subject and future careers perspective. Nicoleen will return to deliver her session to the current Year 10 cohort in the summer term.

Mrs Holland
Childcare Teacher & SENCo



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 5 December

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' The power of our words
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Cyberbullying
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Breaking down language
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' The labour market
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Career pathways



Crochet Club

Crochet Club is getting busier each week and it's wonderful to see this traditional crafts being passed on to the next generation.

Miss Dixon, who organised the club alongside Miss Atkinson, said, "There are plenty of beginners and crochet is not as easy as it looks. It may take time to get everyone trained up, but we are going to post some links to videos on Teams to help them learn the basics over the Christmas period."

"Pupils have told us what they want to make – some of these are rather ambitious but we will endeavour to help them learn these skills. We aim to crochet scarves, hats and blankets for local homeless charities and women's refuges."



We have had some great donations and welcome any more contributions of wool and hooks (4.0 and 4.5 preferably).



All pupils are welcome to join the group, every Monday break and lunch in LEAP2, to learn a new skill and make new friends. No equipment needed, just turn up!

Miss Dixon & Miss Atkinson
Learning Support



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Year 9 Pupils Extend Their Love of Maths

Last Wednesday, a group of top set Year 9 Maths pupils visited the Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSoM).

The enrichment session was part of the college's outreach programme called 'Extend'. During the visit, pupils learned about Game Theory and the hidden maths behind popular games including Monopoly, Deal or No Deal and Naughts & Crosses.

Assistant Head of Maths, Mr Henshaw, who accompanied the pupils said, "*The event helped our pupils to think about how we can use probability and Game Theory in order to have an advantage over opponents in games like these!*"

The programme was designed for high-ability Key Stage 3 and 4 students who have a passion and interest for mathematics and want to go beyond their normal lessons. These sessions cover material which is not on the GCSE syllabus and will show pupils some of the incredible uses that mathematics can have once it is taken to a higher level."

Thomas M really enjoyed the LUSoM activity saying, "*It was very engaging. They used our interests in winning games but using maths. It was really interesting and I will go again next term.*"

Menna Y added, "*It was quite a unique and thoughtful experience where it used an aspect that is not usually taught or shown at school to encourage people to come next term and I am definitely one of them!*"



It's been a busy month for the ICT & Computer Science department with three exciting enrichment events for our pupils. From a **3D Design workshop** at Runshaw College for our Year 10s to **STEM career talks** for Year 9s. This week we highlight the **CyberFirst Empower** event promoting STEM careers for Year 8 girls.



On 15 November, Head of Department Mrs Qadri, invited over 40 enthusiastic Year 8 girls to Ewood Park, Blackburn for a CyberFirst Empower event. The event was designed to transform the way that girls think about careers in computing and challenge the under-representation of women in tech careers.

The half day trip included immersive and inspiring activities led by some of the leading tech organisations from around the world. Pupils could hear from inspirational women leaders in STEM and explore the latest innovations in areas including AI, cyber security, data science and robotics



Mrs Qadri added, *"The goal of these Empower events was 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."*

The girls thoroughly made the most out of the event:

Grace P said, *"All the activities were really fun and creative"*.



Alex G said, *"I am very happy to have had the opportunity to attend this trip, it was so fun and interesting to see all of the different things that we can do with technology. The staff were lovely and I felt like I learnt a lot."*

Holly P said, *"All the activities were very enjoyable and the staff were very positive and didn't let anyone give up"*.

Victoria C-C said, *"I'm so glad I got the opportunity to go on this trip, I loved the activities and the staff were very friendly"*.



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Christmas Lunch

Menu

Wednesday, 14th December

Served in the Dining Room (all year groups)

Roast Turkey

or

Creamy Vegetable Lattice

Both served with all the trimmings

£2.15

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Mince Pie or Festive Shortbreads

60p

Served in the Bistro (all year groups)

Chicken Wraps

Paninis

Jacket Potatoes

Cold food online ordering options as normal. Break served as normal.

Two Course Meal only £2.75