Penworthan Priory Post

A Message From The Principal

Dear All,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Christmas and New Year break and to wish you all the very best for a great 2023.

I hope you each had a relaxing time over the festive period and managed to spend some quality time with friends and family.

In my full school assembly on Tuesday morning this week, my primary focus was on the responsibility of each of us to uphold our school aim, our 'Priory Standard' – 'to have the highest expectations of all, from all'.

Why? – 'so that all pupils 'Learn to Succeed' and leave Priory, equipped with the right skills and attitudes to contribute positively to society and go on to further education, employment or training'.

I reminded pupils that this can be achieved, for all, through our value set of repeated habits:

- We are ready to succeed
- We have the right attitude to learning to succeed
- We have the right character and culture (skills and attitudes) to succeed.

We will continue to instil this in school with our pupils over the course of this half term and look forward to your continued backing as parents and guardians to achieve our shared, collective aim for each of your sons and daughters. Parents and guardians of Year 11 in particular, now is the time to support your sons and daughters in putting schoolwork and revision at the top of their priority list. It is important to help our young people get their lifestyle balance right over these coming months, so please plan with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one.

Aside from the academic, I am of course very pleased that we can go ahead again with our latest rewards trips this half term, for pupils who are punctual, take pride in their appearance and come to school day in, day out, trying their very best and working hard. As you know, at Priory, this does not go unrewarded.

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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, 9 January Year 11 English Language Oral Assessments

Thurs, 12 January Mary Poppins' Wrap Meal Salvatores (cast and crew, after school)

Mon, 16 January Rewards Trip - Trafford Centre

Mon, 23 January Year 11 Runshaw College Interviews (in school) Year 10 Faith Day

Fri, 27 January Year 11 NCFE Childcare Exam

Weds, 1 February Year 9 Options & Parents Evening (4pm-8pm)

Fri, 3 February Learning for Life Day 3 (early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm)

Weds, 8 Feb & Fri, 10 Feb Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip Liverpool (two cohorts)

13-17 February Half term



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As such, every pupil continues to have the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, progress, and behaviour in and around school. Importantly, these reward points can not only be achieved in lessons, but equally through involvement in our huge range of activities that are available to our pupils outside of timetabled lesson time, our 'Priory +' activities, be that before or after school, or at breaks and lunch times. In fact, I look forward to hosting a full school assembly in the next week or so, where we will present a great many Bronze 'Priory +' certificates to pupils across all year groups, for their involvement in our package of 'Priory +' activities.

These positive reward points will continue to be consistently and fairly awarded to each pupil's individual total throughout the remainder of this academic year, with any low-level disruption in the classroom being robustly challenged in order that the learning of others continues not to be adversely affected.



Finally, September 2023 is the point at which Priory turns 70 years old! The school first opened its doors to pupils in 1953 on the land that once housed the Priory mansion house, and 70 years on, we continue to proudly serve our local community. We plan to celebrate this, our 70th year, in a variety of ways throughout 2023, so please keep your eye on our various social media platforms for further information on our 70th celebration events and activities that will be taking place throughout the year.

All the very best to all for a positive half term.

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Mr M Eastham, Principal

70th Anniversary Raffle

We're kicking off our 70th year with a spectacular raffle with over a dozen amazing prizes up for grabs. From Amazon vouchers to family days out and chocolate goodies, there's something to entice everyone.

The hamper of goodies is on display at reception and tickets are available to everyone. Tickets are just £1 for a strip and can be purchased via SCOPay or at reception (cash only).

The prize draw will take place at the end of the month and all monies raised will go towards our gardens and outdoor facilities for our current and future generations of pupils.



70th Anniversary Raffle

Individual Prizes To Be Won

£50 Argos Voucher £50 Bangla Fusion Voucher Amazon Vouchers: £150 x 1 | £50 x 2 | £10 x 5 Amazon Echo Dot | Pair of PNE Match Tickets Martin Mere Family Admission Voucher BOGOF Blackpool Pleasure Beach Ticket 3 x Bottles of Wine | Box of Milk Tray Box of Foxes Biscuit Selection Moonpig Mini Hamper

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Year 7 Speak Out At Competition



Last half term, all of Year 7 worked hard to write and deliver a speech on a topic that's important to them. These speeches were then delivered to their class peers where the best were chosen to compete in the grand final on the 14th December 2022.



Assistant Leader of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, said, "Every single pupil performed to the best of their ability in the semi-finals in class. It was a very tricky to judge who would go through to the finals!"

Throughout the process, all pupils demonstrated incredible confidence and resilience. Some were genuinely daunted but overcame their nerves and presented engaging speeches. It was great not just to see the relief, but also the pride the pupils clearly felt in themselves and their achievement.

Our winner was Oliver C who talked

passionately about Rockets. 1st runner up was Jacob R and 2nd runner up was Noah J who spoke about the World Cup.

The finals took place in the Auditorio, which was fantastic after hosting the competition online over the last two years. Because all of the students were there together there was a lively atmosphere and it was a pleasure to see and hear the other Year 7 pupils cheer on and encourage their peers.

The competition was extremely close, as the judges began their deliberations, with some very intense discussions going on before deciding a winner.

For their triumph, Mr Taylor and Mrs Robinson-Ali presented the three winners with their certificates, vouchers and chocolate goodies - winner Oliver also took away the glamorous trophy!

Mrs Robinson-Ali, said, "I have two Year 7 classes and I was bursting with pride as the contestants stood up to perform their speeches. I was blown away by how supportive and encouraging the other Year 7 pupils were and was swept along by the buzz that the Christmas speech competition always creates. It was



difficult to choose a winner, but in the end we all agreed that Oliver's speech was passionate, engaging and included lots of rhetorical devices. The staff and students did an incredible job! I can't wait for next year!"

Well done to all our finalists: Megan B, Oliver C, Tancho T, Jazmn K, Naeem K, Esa B, Noah J, Jacob R, Zara W and Lucy H.



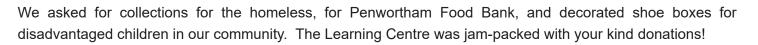


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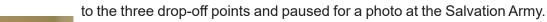
Priory In The Community

Christmas Collections For Kindness

Each December, we launch our collections to support key communities in our local area. We understand that it's a tough time for many families at the moment and so we were amazed by the response to our campaign.



On the last day of term, Mrs Hopes, Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, filled up her car to journey off







Mrs Hopes said,

"Given the economic climate in the run up to Christmas, I was delighted to see the total of donations brought into school. This was yet another example of how Priory pupils care about others, are kind and want to make other people's lives better. All organisations who received items were very grateful for our donations and would be making good use of them over the Christmas period."



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 9 January 2023

Year 7	Spring Term - Theme: 'Expressing myself effectively' What does resilience mean?	
Year 8	Spring Term - Theme: 'Thinking with a clear head' When did I last show initiative?	
Year 9	Spring Term - Theme: 'Adapting my voice' Impact of being offended	
Year 10	Spring Term - Theme: 'Owning my actions' Physical harm	
Year 11	/ear 11 Spring Term - Theme: 'Charting the course' Spotting a gap in the market	













Term Dates

Academic Years 2022-23 and 2023-24

The term dates for the rest of this academic year, along with the next academic year starting September 2023 are available to download via the school website at:

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates



Year 11 Prom Date

We have received several enquiries from eager Year 11 parents and pupils regarding the date for the Prom.

Now that we have the dates for the GCSE exams and national contingency dates, Mrs Ham will be finalising her enquiries with venues over the next couple of weeks.

We are planning for early July and hope to confirm the date by the end of this month.

Once a date is set we will inform pupils and publish an announcement in our usual channels.

Mrs Ham Head of year 1

Your Money Matters: Financial Education

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

The 'Your Money Matters' finance textbook, funded by Martin Lewis, has been designed to support young people aged 14–16 and covers topics including spending and saving, borrowing, debt, insurance, student finance and future planning.

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

www.young-enterprise.org.uk/resources/your-moneymatters-financial-education-textbook

The textbook contains facts and information as well as interactive activities and questions for pupils to apply their knowledge.





Top Attendance Tips for Parents

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. When children have a lot of absences, they have gaps in their knowledge. Good, regular and punctual attendance means



doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.



At Priory we encourage parents to ensure their children are in school and on time. If you are struggling with your child's attendance please contact the school's attendance team in the first instance, 01772 320250 Opt 1 or email <u>attendance@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>

Here are some tried and tested tips to ensure good school attendance for your child:

- 1. Talk to your child about any concerns they have about returning to school.
- 2. Talk to your child about how important it is to attend school every day.
- 3. Help your child to get into a good routine, going to bed and getting up at set times, ensuring uniform is ready and school bag packed and ready to go.
- 4. Show an interest in what your child has done at school each day and help them by encouraging them to complete homework on the night it is set etc.
- 5. If you think your child is trying to avoid school, try to find out why? Ask them, ask their friends, ask their teachers.
- 6. Unless avoidable, please do not arrange medical or dental appointments during school hours.
- 7. Talk to your child's teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour and any concerns you may have.
- 8. Remember that habits are formed early. It is much more difficult to get your child to school regularly if you have let them stay at home 'just this once'.





The Space Centre

Autumn Term Attendance

Good attendance means being in school at least 97% of the time and we reward every pupil who meets this target with Achievement Points.

During the whole school assembly on the last day of the Autumn term, before we broke for the Christmas break, the names of pupils who had achieved 97% were entered into a prize draw.

Three names per year group were drawn out randomly by Mrs Swire, Attendance & Family Support Manager, and each received a tub of Cadbury's Heroes.

Year 7

Emily C Harry M Zishan H

Year 8

Sam D Harriet H Kacper Z

Year 9

Aisha I-W Jamie T Tyler Y

Year 10

Martha McA Silas H-R Preston McM

Year 11

Daniel R Jamie E Paige G



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Charity Fundraiser Casio Keyboard For Sale

We have been donated an electronic keyboard with the intention to raise money for The Space Centre, one of our Year Group chosen charities.

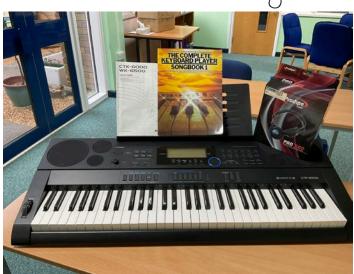
The keyboard is a Casio CTK 6000 and includes: headphones (still in box unused), floor stand, music stand, instructions and a music book.

The keyboard is around 10 years old and has seldom been used.

We are asking for £100, or nearest offer, with all proceeds being donated to The Space Centre, a multisensory environment for those with special needs.

For further information please contact, Mrs Whalley, Learning Support, via email at f.whalley@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Whalkey Learning Support



Year 9 Options Programme



This half term the Year 9 options programme will get underway.

Parents Evening is Weds, 1 February with appointments online via the web-based 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening' system.

Extensive information about the curriculum at Penwortham Priory Academy is available on our website, but to help parents with the options process, you will receive a copy of the options booklet along with your child's Year 9 full report. The booklet and a PowerPoint presentation for parents can also be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-9-options and is available to pupils via Teams.

In order to support pupils with their options choices, teachers will deliver subject specific options talks over the coming weeks. Pupils will also have individual meetings with their Head of Year, Mrs Bullock, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, to discuss the process and receive personalised advice and guidance.

The link to the options application form will go live on Weds, 1 February should be submitted online by Weds, 22 February.

Year 9 Parents/Options Evening Weds, 1 February | 4pm-8pm



Parents/Options Evening will be facilitated online using the web-based program where parents will have face-to-face appointments with teachers, virtually.



Appointment bookings are now live.

The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows: <u>https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/</u>

Please book appointments to see your child's English, Maths and Science teacher and then only those staff who teach a subject your child is interested in choosing as part of the options process.

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.

A copy of the letter which was emailed to Year 9 parents can be downloaded from the school website <u>www.</u> <u>priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters</u>. Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments using the parents evening software can be accessed from the school website at >> <u>www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings</u>

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Head of year 9

Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery Year 7

Thursday, 12 January (Limited Places Available Per Session)

Here's your first opportunity of the new year to come and join in some making and baking fun after school....

Next Thursday, Year 7 pupils are invited to come and work in pairs to make Mexican quesadillas. The workshop __________ is FREE and all ingredients are provided but there are only 16 places.



A quesadilla is a Mexican dish consisting of a tortilla that is filled with cheese, vegetables and sometimes meats, spices, and other fillings, and then cooked on a griddle or stove. Traditionally, a corn tortilla is used, but it can also be made with a flour tortilla.

Pupils who would like a place should 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 12 January at 3.10pm. It is essential that pupils make arrangements to be picked up at 4.15pm and bring a lunch box to take their quesadillas home in.

Eco Committee

Priory's Eco Committee is looking for a budding news reporter to write a monthly article for them.

The young reporter will be writing about the projects the committee runs and the article will be published

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in the school's newsletter and website.

The young reporter doesn't need to attend the committee's meetings regularly or have a particular interest in the environment, but must have a passion and flare for writing. This would be a good opportunity to gain early career experience and you will receive support in journalism from the school.

Please get in contact with Mrs Massey, Science Teacher, via Teams if you are interested. Mrs Massey Science Teacher



Food Technology Teacher \$ Vice Principal

Mrs Jowell





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, Rhea...

Talented Rhea enjoys reading but also has a love of textiles.

The Year 9 pupil has just started 'Holes' by Louis Sachar which was made into a Walt Disney film in 2003.



It's about a boy who was sent to a correctional boot camp in a desert after being falsely accused of theft and explores issues of racism, homelessness, illiteracy and arranged marriage.

"I am interested to read this," said Rhea. "I generally like books on love and fantasy.

"My favourite authors are Colleen Hoover, whose books are love stories with some danger, and David Walliams as his books are just funny.

"My favourite subjects in school are history and maths, I enjoy them both."

On Saturdays, Rhea attends a Fashion and Illustration course at UCLAN. "At the moment we have to design a dress using a famous artist and put your own twist on it.

"I chose Vincent van Gogh and his painting 'Starry Nights'. It's something I enjoy but I am not sure how far I want to take it."

Rhea's English Teacher, Miss Nicholls added, "Rhea has always been an enthusiastic reader (now turned librarian!) and has filled in at least three reading logs, front and back!

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Her Accelerated Reader word count is well into the thousands and continues to grow. Rhea is always on the hunt for a new books and when she isn't doing that, she's making sure that the library is spic and span!"

Mrs Ginhen Head of English

Year 7 & 8 Pupils Are Leading The Way



Priory's Lead Learners are taking their roles seriously under the watchful eye of Assistant Head of Maths, Mr Henshaw.

Teachers nominated Lead Learners from Years 7 and 8 not necessarily for their academic achievements but primarily for their resilience, behaviour and helpfulness.

Mr Henshaw said: "The job of the Lead Learners is ultimately to try and promote good classroom behaviour and we identified which pupils embody this by getting teachers to nominate pupils.

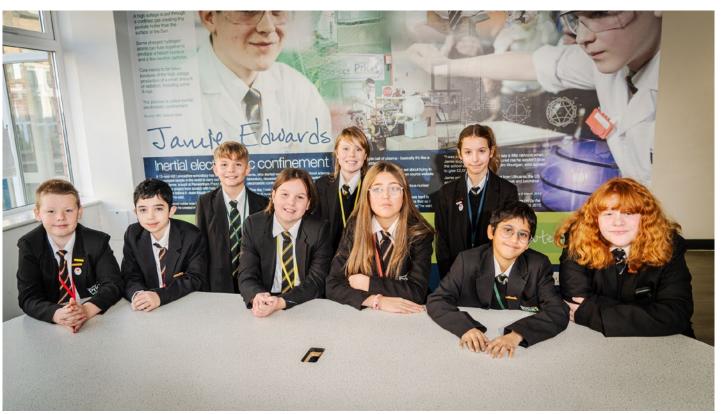
"They aren't always the brainiest pupils but are the ones who are resilient, who never give up and who are role models in terms of their behaviour which other pupils can aspire to.

"Their purpose is to promote a sense of belonging within school; celebrate a wider range of abilities rather than just high attainers and to give pupils someone to emulate in terms of behaviour, attendance and resilience.

"We want to celebrate their behaviour so they have a badge and we will have a get together where they will receive donuts!"

The job description of a Lead Learner is: will turn up to lesson on time and ready to learn; may wish to have additional classroom responsibilities; will model resilience and other qualities of great behaviour for learning; will not always be a high attainer in every subject but will always be willing to try; and will be a great ambassador and custodian of the badge.

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Year 7 & 8 Pupils Are Leading The Way



Here's what we said:

Year 7 Esa was described as: 'Engages in every lesson, has a great personality and wants to do well.' He said: "I am proud to be a Lead Learner, it's been explained what I have to do and I am happy."

Year 7 Thomas was described as: 'Hardworking, willing to help and supportive of other pupils.' Thomas said: "I am always willing to help, I will offer a helping hand when needed with giving out books or with school work."

Year 7 Jacob is described as 'very hard working and resilient.'

"I have read two million words on Accelerated Reader and I also like maths and recently got 20 out of 20 on a test. I hope I am a good role model."

Year 8 Callum has a 'positive approach to every lesson.' He said: "I like to help out."

Year 8 Kiera 'likes to get involved with class discussions and is a role model.' She said: "I do have strong opinions and I do like to speak out if I feel strongly about it. I was surprised when I was told I was a Lead Learner but happy as well."

Year 7: Alex H, David F, Esa B, Isabel B-S, Jacob R, Jessica J, Phoebe G, Sophie P, Thomas E, Lily E. **Year 8**: Callum G-V, Charlie W, Ellis T, Harry B, Kacper Z, Keira H, Taejuan S, Toby H, Alex G.





Year 7 History Competition

Get saving your recycling as Humanities teacher, Miss Ackers, has launched a competition for Year 7 pupils to make a model Motte and Bailey Castle.

There are much sought after History pin badges up for grabs and you've got until the end of the month to get creative!

Models can be taken to HU6 before school or during break and lunch.

Miss Achers Humanities Teacher

YEAR 7 HISTORY COMPETITION

YOUR TASK:

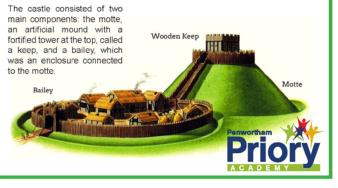
To make a Motte and Bailey Castle at home. It can be small, big, made of wood, cardboard, even cake (yum!) or anything you can find but it must be assembled and not just a design.

DEADLINE: Entries to Miss Ackers in HU6 by Friday, 27 January 2023.

YOUR REWARD: There are History pin badges up for grabs for anyone who impresses Miss Ackers.

What is a Motte and Bailey Castle?

The Normans brought with them new forms of military architecture, among the most important of which was the motte and bailey castle.





Half Term Careers Event in Sport



The practical session will be based around technical and tactical skills and small sided games.

The session will take place on either the 3G pitch or inside the High Performance Centre Futsal pitch.

This is a great opportunity for Year 11 to find out more about Myerscough College, it's facilities and to meet some of the football staff. There will be an opportunity for parents/guardians and applicants to ask any questions about the football programme.

For more information and to book, go to>>

www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/ football-taster-event/

Year 11 Science Intervention Sessions

Mondays After School

Here is the planned schedule for science intervention, every Monday after school. Pupils should check the posters in the Nucleus for more details on which member of staff they should go to.

Mr Bedford Head of science

Science+ Intervention

Date	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
9/1	Cell structure, cell division, microscopes	Atomic Structure inc isotopes	Energy
16/1 Transport in cells (inc osmosis prac)		Quantitative chemistry	Atoms
23/1	Digestive system, enzymes	Ionic bonding	Nuclear radiation
30/1	Heart, cancer, health	Covalent bonding	Electricity – circuits
6/2	Respiration	Metallic bonding	Electricity – mains
		Half Term	
20/2	Plant organs and photosynthesis	Atomic models/timeline	Specific heat capacity
27/2	Communicable diseases and defences	Electrolysis	Motion (speed, velocity, acceleration)
6/3	Vaccines and medicinal drugs	Energy Changes	Forces
13/3	Nervous system	Quantitative chemistry	Waves
20/3	Endocrine system (hormones)	Required practical 6 mark Qs	Magnetism
27/3	Ecosystems – biotic and abiotic, interdependence, etc.	Electrolysis	Required practical <u>6 mark</u> Qs



Introduction to Learning Disability Nursing

Creating Careers: A Step Ahead

Thursday 19th January 2023

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Ages 14+, North West England

Teachers, parents and carers are welcome

Sign up <u>here</u>



creating careers

Join us live to:

- Learn more about learning
- disability nursingDiscover how you can kick start
- your own career
 Ask direct questions to current professionals.

Attending this webinar will count towards one of your required tasks in Creating Careers: A Step Ahead, Module Two.

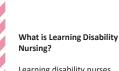
To register, go to>>

https://nhscareersnw.co.uk/ event/learning-disability-nursing-webinar-part-of-creating-careers-a-step-ahead-programme/









Learning disability nurses provide specialist healthcare and support to people with a learning disability, as well as their families and staff teams, to help them live a fulfilling life.

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Apprenticeships in Childcare at Ashbridge

For Year 11 pupils wishing to pursue a career in early years education, Ashbridge Independent School and Nursery group are looking for 2023 leavers to join their accredited apprenticeship scheme. The scheme will allow you to earn while you learn and kick start your career in childcare.

The apprenticeship, run in conjunction with Runshaw College, comes with a guaranteed permanent job upon successful completion at one of their four nurseries in Hutton, Cottam, Walton-le-Dale and Bilsborrow.

Applications for the apprenticeship scheme are now open, with interviews taking place during February half-term. Deadline 3 February 2023.

For a job description and application please go to:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_loN8w5d5tsgQ6nJGvi-SAIOOSEpjX8?usp=sharing



Nurseries located near Penwortham, Preston City Centre, Cottam and Bilsborrow

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- Protected off the job training and expert tuition provided
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The UK sea trade is expected to double in the next 20 years and there is a clear need for a highly skilled workforce across navigation and engineering



disciplines. A career at sea with the Merchant Navy is a rich, rewarding experience with numerous opportunities to progress, develop valuable skills and see the world, whilst being paid to do so.

Fleetwood Nautical Campus at Blackpool & The Fylde College has been successfully training officers for over 130 years. **They're holding their next open day on Saturday, 21 January 2023.**

- Talk to current cadets about their experiences
- Talk to lecturers about what you will learn, how, where and when
- Find out more about our enrichment activities, student support, associations and student life in general
- Take a tour of the campus including their bridge and engine simulators, marine engineering centre, environmental pool and halls of residence

For more information and to register>>

https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/maritime-open-event-21-january-2023-1030-1430

