

Penwortham Priory Post

Science Pupils Going For Gold

The first groups of pupils have started to receive their Science badges. These have been awarded for successfully completing twenty Seneca assignments with an average score of at least 70%.

Science badges are linked to Seneca completion and are given through a range of tiers. The yellow badge is the first tier of the department's award programme and is presented to those, across all year groups, who have met the twenty assignment target.



Seneca is an highly engaging online homework and revision platform based on exam board specifications, it uses smart algorithms that help students to remember topics better.

Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Potter said, "Badges are awarded for our basic homework expectation but we are keen to offer acknowledgement to the vast majority of students who complete their homework every week without issue."

Meeting each completed assignments target will allow the badge to be exchanged for the next tier, up to the prestigious gold badge.

Head of Science, Mr Bedford added, "These pupils' Science badges are a worthy addition to what in some cases is already a wide collection!"

Pupils are reminded that Seneca club is runs every Wednesday lunch time in the Nucleus where pupils can use the science laptops to complete their homework, ask for help or resolve any password issues.

This group of Year 7 pupils were amongst those gaining their badge this week: Sophia L, Morsal M, Imogen K, Akemi K, Larna Jayne W, Jacob S, Oliver C, Wez A, Theo L, Ada McM, Holly McC, Dexter H, Marshall T, Joel W, Archie Q.



Key Dates

Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the academic year are available to view and download from our website?

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

Dates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years are available too.

Tues, 12 March

Non-uniform day for Year 7 & 8 only

Fri, 15 March

Year 10 STAR interview techniques assembly

Mon, 18 March

Year 9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations
Year 10 Newman College Assembly

Tues, 26 March

Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

Weds, 27 March

Easter Bingo Evening (Year 7 & Year 8)

27-29 March

London Trip (Year 10 & Year 11 Performing Arts pupils)

Thurs, 28 March

End of Spring Term
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Mon, 15 April

Start of Summer Term

Weds, 24 April

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

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Year 11 Key Dates

We have received several enquiries this week from parents of Year 11 regarding reminders of the Prom and GCSE exam dates.

The last possible date of a GCSE exam is Weds, 26 June and holidays should not be booked before this.

The date for the Prom has been set for Thursday, 4 July at Charnock Farm, Wigan Road, Leyland. Further information, costs and timings for this event will be issued to pupils and parents in the coming weeks via Mrs Bailey, Head of Year 11.



Year 10 Peer Mentors 2023-2024

Our mission:

"To support our peers by Enhancing social competence, Building security within the setting and wider community by realising their worth as social beings, Improving attendance and educational attainment whilst Developing friendship skills in a positive environment."

What is a Peer Mentor?

At Priory we realise that our older pupils are excellent role models for younger pupils and so we have a very successful peer mentoring programme in place.

Our qualified peer mentors will help pupils cope with everyday life and worries at school and will offer guidance on both social and academic areas of school life.

Peer Mentors also act as reading mentors to younger pupils, they are a point of contact within Learning for Life groups for Year 7 and they work alongside the prefects to represent the school at events such as open evenings, performing arts performances and parent evenings.

All Peer Mentors have attended structured training sessions in school with an external trainer where they were given an introduction to mentoring and 'buddying' younger ones.

Each learner participated in activities across five challenges to gain a 10 hours accredited ASDAN certificate. This nationally recognised certificate qualifies their competence in the role.

Where to find us...

Come and have a chat with us at the Peer Mentor Station where we can offer advice and support.

We're here to help!



Lewis A - D5



Lauren C - D3



Christopher C - R6



Oliver E - C3



Umar H - D1



Emma H - R6



Jake L - D4



Charlotte M - D6



Emily P - C2



DaMari S - R3



Kira S - C1



Chittara K-V - D3

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Easter Bingo at Priory

On the evening of Wednesday, 27 March we are holding an Easter Bingo fundraiser for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils and their families.

The event promises to be lots of fun with prizes to be won, a raffle, refreshments and a tuck shop. Bingo cards will be £1 for a book of 5 games or £5 for 6 books.

The event is free to attend however there is limited capacity. We'd very much like our Year 7 & 8 pupils and their families to join us so if you'd like to come along, please simply reply to the text that has been sent to parents and include the total number of people in your party, or visit our website and complete the short booking form >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2024-03-27-easter-bingo.

Please see poster or visit our website for further details>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2024-02-27-easter-bingo-27-march

Thank you for your support!



Year 7 & 8 Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday, 12th March

In return for wearing your own clothes, please bring an Easter egg or donate £1 and pass it to your form tutor in the morning.

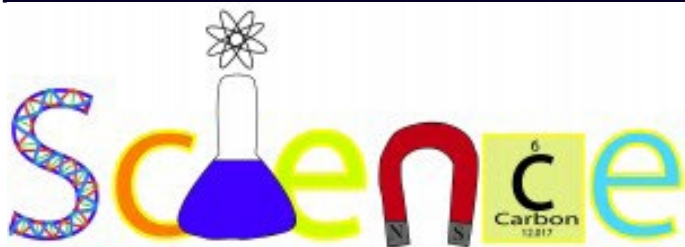
All donations will be used for our Easter Bingo night on Wednesday, 27th March 6pm-7.30pm.

Free Admission | £1 a book | £5 for 6 books | Raffle | Tuck Shop

Book by replying to the text sent to parents or via the school website using the QR code below.



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Chilli Challenge Winners



Here are this week's winners who received their chilli token this morning to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining rooms.

Year 7	Holly McC	R2
Year 8	Georgia R	R6
Year 9	Aaron H	C5
Year 10	Jake L	D4
Year 11	Lewis T	Gr6



British Science Week

Next week all pupils will be taking part in special science lessons to celebrate British Science Week.

In a break from their usual lessons, pupils will be investigating the theme of 'time' and how to accurately measure it.

British Science Week 2024 marks its 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. How many scientific innovations have there been since then? What was life like 30 years ago without smart phones and social media?

The amount of entries was impressive as it more than doubled this week. The leaderboard remains the same but there was some significant gap closing going on between 2nd, 3rd and 4th places:

1st	HODDER	2nd	DOUGLAS
3rd	CALDER	4th	RIBBLE

Don't forget to pick up your next challenge sheet from the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three challenges to complete, each one with an increasing difficulty, and pop your answers in your year group post box.

Mrs Cowell
Vice Principal

English persist list



Address	Doesn't	Rhyme
Aggressive	Embarrassed	Rhythm
Because	Enjambement	Separate
Believe	Hyperbole	Successful
Caesura	Implies	Tension
Colloquial	Mischievous	Unnecessary
Connotation	Necessary	Weather
Definitely	Onomatopoeia	Weird
Disappear	Receive	Whether
Divide	Responsibility	Withhold

Maths persist list



Alternate	Forty	Quadrilateral
Angle	Height	Rhombus
Approximately	Isosceles	Scalene
Chord	Metre	Similar
Circumference	Median	Simultaneous
Column	Ninth	Symmetry
Correlation	Parallel	Tessellation
Discrete	Perimeter	Translation
Enlargement	Perpendicular	Trapezium
Fibonacci	Prism	Triangle

Interhouse Competition

Douglas | **Calder** |
Hodder | **Ribble**



As part of British Science Week, all pupils are invited to enter our

Periodic Table House Competition

Pick up an entry form from your science teacher and make sure to return it to the box in the Nucleus by next Friday, 8 March.

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Mrs Elliott'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 Jess and James...

Two Year 7s have been discussing their latest reading adventures as part of our Cool Reader series.

Jess has been taken into a world of marshmallows and man-eating sharks in 'The 13-Storey Treehouse.'

This is a series of books by Andy and Terry who live in the treehouse which has a giant catapult, an underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine, among other crazy activities.

"It's really entertaining so I am enjoying it," said Jess. "There are 14 in the series and I have 10 at home and I am currently reading the first.



"My favourite author is JK Rowling and the Harry Potter series."

In her spare time Jess attends Bamber Bridge Tennis Centre and takes part in gymnastics. "My favourite discipline is the bar. I have been involved in gymnastics since I was seven. I like competing for my club."

James is a member of Priory's popular Dungeon and Dragons Club but he does find time to read.

"I am currently reading a Beast Quest book. There is a series. It's not bad.

"My favourite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid as it's easy to read.

"I enjoy Food Technology in school as it's a bit different.

"I attend The Dungeon and Dragons Club which is sometimes challenging but I enjoy it.

"In the future I would like to be an oil rig worker or a pilot."



Mrs Elliott English
Teacher and Chief Librarian

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Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MaBaL (Music at Break and Lunch) is music played through the school's loud speaker system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music.

The focus is on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season, a festival or an event in school, such as last term's production, Legally Blonde.

Next week, it's all about: Soul & Motown

One a genre, one a record label from Detroit. Soul music is a genre of African American pop music that led to many later genres, from funk and dance music to hip hop and contemporary R&B. It developed in the USA in the late 1950s from African American church music called 'gospel music'. After slavery ended in 1865, African Americans weren't welcome in the churches of white Americans, so they built their own churches and sang Christian songs with African-American vocal styles and rhythms. They sang joyful, up-tempo gospel songs while clapping and moving to the beat, and they sang slower gospel songs that expressed deep feelings like yearning for God's love.

The most popular style of soul music in the early-60s was Motown's pop soul. In 1959, Motown Records launched in the northern city of Detroit, Michigan. The word comes from a portmanteau of 'Motor' and 'Town' as Detroit was the home of the Ford motor company. The rhythms of Motown songs were familiar for white listeners to hear and dance to by playing tambourine and rhythm guitar on the second and fourth beats of each bar. They also had female singers like Diana Ross and The Supremes use female pop-music voices instead of their natural bluesy voices of such as Etta James.



Some of Motown's best singles include 'You've Really Got a Hold on Me' and 'The Tracks of My Tears' by The Miracles, 'Uptight (Everything's Alright)' by Stevie Wonder and 'I Heard It Through the Grapevine' by Marvin Gaye. Motown's biggest hit was 'I'll Be There by The Jackson 5', featuring an 11-year-old Michael Jackson on lead vocals.



This theme will be running for two weeks whilst the mock exams continue due to air time being a little more intermittent.

Future weeks' theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk or contact via Teams chat.

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music



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Game On For Year 10 Girls Football Team

SPORTS REPORT

REPORT BY MRS BULLOCK, PE TEACHER & HEAD OF YEAR 10.

Before the half term break the Year 10 girls played in the South Ribble 5 a-side indoor football tournament at All Hallows.



The girls got off to a steady start drawing the first game against All Hallows B Team. All the girls grew in confidence and, by the third game, Molly had scored two great goals against All Hallows A to win 2- 0.

We then played against Leyland St Mary's, drawing 1-1 with Alessia scoring a fantastic goal. Our final match was against Penwortham Girls High School where we drew 0-0 with some exceptional defending.

Mrs Bullock's player of the match went to Ruby for excellent communication and goalkeeping skills.

Priory ended up coming in 4th place out of 7 teams. Well done girls, a great team effort!

Team: Alessia S, Olivia S, Molly S, Caitlyn P, Eloise G and Ruby E.



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@lancon_girls

LANCON JUNIOR FC GIRLS

NOW RECRUITING

Our u14s girls team (yrs 8&9)

looking for a few extra players to compliment their determined and committed team.

Training Thursdays matches on Sundays.

All abilities are welcome!
Based: Preston/South Ribble

IAN - 07709931777
BEV - 07505302789

Dance CLUB



EVERY THURSDAY LUNCH

IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

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Class of 2006: Jordan North

Jordan Joins Capital Radio to Host Breakfast Show Starting April 2024

Capital announced last week that broadcaster and radio presenter, Jordan North, will become the new host of Capital Radio's flagship Breakfast Show.

Priory's Class of 2006 celebrity returned to Priory in 2018 to deliver an inspirational speech to the outgoing Year 11 pupils. Jordan never forgot his roots and often mentions his favourite teacher (Mrs Crank) in his shows.

Jordan started his DJ radio broadcasting career in Preston, with early stints at Rock FM, and departs from Radio 1 after a decade.

The news was broadcast live on air, where outgoing host Roman Kemp introduced Jordan to the Capital Breakfast audience.



1% Club Answer: Twice

Spotted!

Class of 2019: Mohammed 'Nawwy' Ali

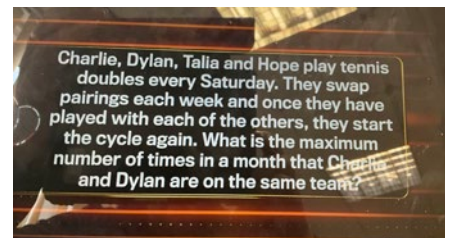
Mohammed was spotted on ITV's Saturday night game show, the 1% Club, where contestants answer questions about logic



and common sense to win £100,000. See episode broadcast 17 February.

Presenter Lee Mack had a jibe at two contestants with famous names, including Mohammed who joked that the boxer was actually his great uncle!

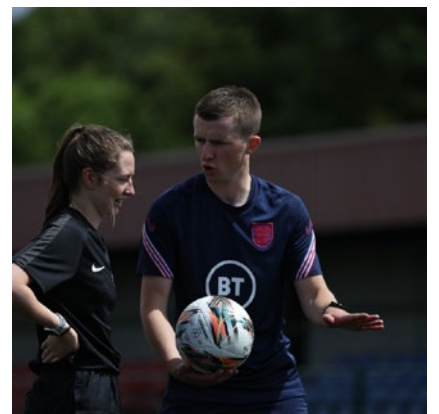
Unfortunately the former Priory pupil, with siblings in Year 9 and Year 11, didn't win the big money although did well, going out at 30% with this question...



(answer below)

Class of 2012: Ed Duckworth

Ed was the referee during the Accrington Stanley v AFC Wimbledon match on Tuesday, 13 February. This is Ed's first year as referee in the English Football League.



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I Love Maths Because...



Head of Maths Mr Sneddon, along with the Maths Department, is running a competition asking pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about their subject.

Pupils are tasked with completing the following sentence, "*I love Maths because...*" and qualifying responses are rewarded with an *I love Maths* badge.

Here's why Year 8 Alfie loves Maths:

Alfie... *because of the specific answers which makes it very simple, this means that there is an exact answer for everything unlike English where everything is abstract.*

Now, It's YOUR Turn...

Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge should simply click the link below (or check your year group Teams) to access the online form and write Mr Sneddon a few sentences explaining why you love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and also featured here in our article.



<https://forms.office.com/e/cAKzEBpP1H>



New TV Display Screens

Pupils and staff may have noticed that we have two new digital TV display screens at Priory where you will find an abundance of news and information.

From Priory Post articles and extra curricular clubs to weekly announcements and important bulletins - the screens will be kept up to date daily.

There is red tickertape scrolling across the bottom of the screen with important messages and reminders for the day, such as trip meetings and exams timings, and it is recommended that pupils check this every day on passing. If they have more time, then take a read of some of the other content as well, including the fun 'Did you know' snippets linking to that week's Music at Break and Lunch (MaBaL). As the weekly newsletter's on there, they may spot themselves too!

The screens can be found in the corridor heading towards the dining room and the other is in the Technology department. Look out for another coming to the Bistro soon.



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World Book Day | 7 March

Priory prides itself on developing confident readers to ensure that all our pupils are able to participate in reading for pleasure. We have a library stocked with great reads for the pupils and pupil librarians happy to make recommendations and offer advice. We have also invested in reading software which is already making a difference to not just pupils' reading skills, but also to their desire to read for pleasure.

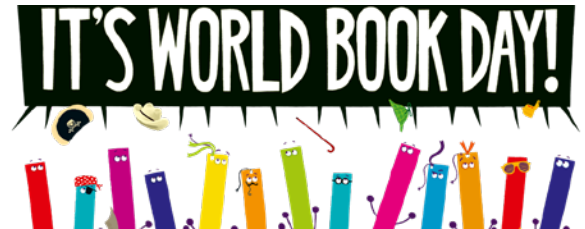
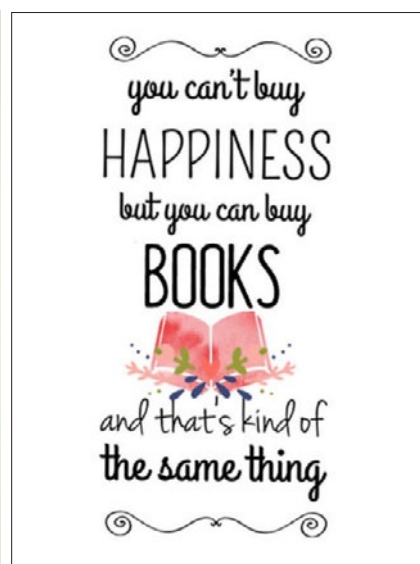
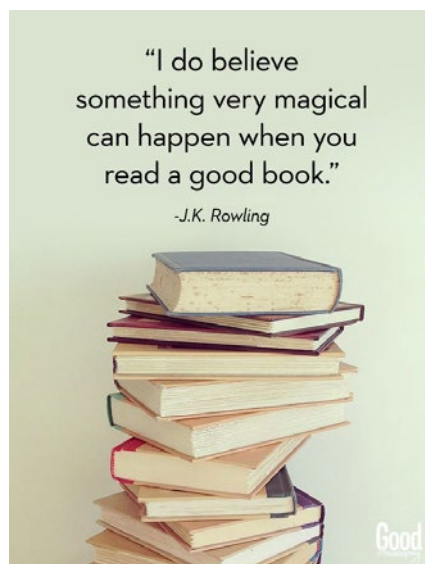
World Book Day takes place on the 7th March. Staff will be sharing their own reading experiences during lessons and quizzes will bring a bit of fun to the day, but we'd also like to re-affirm with parents and carers why we value reading so highly.

1. Children who own a book are three times more likely to read above age expected level.
2. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.
3. Reading for pleasure is one of the most important predictors of test scores at age 16, regardless of background.
4. There is a strong correlation between regular reading for pleasure and mental wellbeing
5. Reading improves a child's empathy skills

Source: World Book Day website

Here's just some of the antics we got up to last year...

Mrs Elliott English
Teacher and Chief Librarian





Engineering The Future for Year 10 Pupils

The Technology department were recently able to secure a fantastic 'hands-on' learning experience for 25 of our Year 10 Engineering students at Preston College.

The college created a range of bespoke sessions for pupils to sample life in the Engineering department, delivered by experienced college staff. The visit focused on Aeronautical, Automotive and General Engineering which gave Priory pupils the opportunity to explore new areas of engineering from a different learning perspective and enhance their current subject knowledge.

Technology Teacher, Mrs Lockwood, who accompanied the pupils, said "All the students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and found the visit inspiring and informative, helping to inform their career choices for the future."

Mrs Lockwood
Technology Teacher



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Year 8 Immunisations (HPV)

Important Notice

IntraHealth, the schools' immunisation team will be visiting Penwortham Priory Academy on 24 April to administer the HPV vaccine to Year 8 pupils.

Parents of Year 8 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 **pink YES** box to consent to the vaccination or the **red NO** box 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://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/0eb25eb1>

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, have any questions or your child's health changes, please contact IntraHealth direct on 03333 583 397 Option 2 and then Option 1.



Please note that the link will close at midnight tonight (Friday, 1 March).

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms W'!

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!

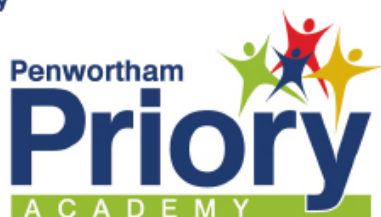
Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - only £1 each.

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 >>

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy



Next Draw
Saturday
2 March



1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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Easter Bingo

at Penwortham Priory Academy

Wednesday, 27th March

Doors open at 6pm ~ Eyes down at 6.15pm

Evening closes at 7.30pm approx.

We invite Year 7 & 8 pupils and their families to join us for a cracking evening of bingo fun.

Egg-cellent prizes to be won!

Free Admission | £1 a book | £5 for six books

Refreshments | Tuck Shop | Raffle

Book your place by replying to the text sent to parents or via the school website using the QR code below.



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Penwortham Priory Academy
Presents



A verbatim play by Mark Wheeler | Commissioned by Alderbrook School

Tuesday 30th April
Wednesday 1st May

All Tickets £7

Age 12+

Directed by Miss Howell



Intro to Sociology

Just what is it all about?

Tuesdays | Breaktime | HU6

An introduction and discussion on what Sociology actually is, where it can take you and a taster of some of the course modules. Open to all year groups.

Bring a snack and find out more! **Starts 5 March.**

Miss Roach & Mrs Hane



Year 10s Introduced To Volunteering at Assembly

ROYAL
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Last Wednesday, Priory welcomed Alison Coates of the Royal Voluntary Service to talk about the benefits of volunteering.

Alison is a platinum champion for the RVS and spoke to Year 10 pupils in an assembly on the subject of giving up your time to help others.

The volunteering charity supports the NHS and people in need in every corner of Britain. Their volunteers work with healthcare teams and in communities providing practical help and emotional support when people are struggling to cope. There are other sources dedicated to helping people find volunteering opportunities and Alison spoke about how to look for these too.

Pupils learnt about why volunteering could be for them.

- Meeting new people and connecting with the community
- Learn new skills
- Improve your wellbeing
- Make a difference
- Give something back

A leaflet is available with further information about volunteering and this, as well as links, will be added to the Year 10 Teams. If anyone would like to explore any ideas they have for volunteering then they can speak with Ms Smith, Lead Practitioner for Personal Development.

www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk



Learning Newsletters

Every half term 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 '**Reading**' with an introduction to BorrowBox (Lancashire County Council's free digital library service) and Reading Plus (a new reading programme for Year 7, 8 & 9)

This half term's issue has been emailed to parents last week however all past issues can be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters

(see Learning Newsletters tab)

Mrs Cowell
Vice Principal

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YEAR 10 & 11: Update From Preston College

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Next Open Event - Thursday, 7th March 4-7pm.

Important changes regarding courses / curriculum for students starting in September 2024:

Aeronautical Engineering – Unfortunately this pathway of Engineering will no longer be offered. The college has been unable to recruit staff for 18 months to deliver this course and do not want to be in a position in September where new learners enrol on programmes without a subject specific practitioner. Learners who have had offers and applied for this course have been notified via a letter to their home address. The college will liaise with them directly regarding new course choices. There are alternatives of [T Level Engineering](#) or BTEC [Level 3 Engineering](#) for these applicants.

Electrical and Plumbing Apprenticeships - The college has ended its partnership with JTL for both Electrical and Plumbing apprenticeships, and has announced that it is offering both these apprenticeship pathways from September 2024. Being impartial, they recommend all applicants to apply for both JTL and Preston College to give the best opportunity of gaining employment. The college website and application form are currently being updated.

BTEC Level 2 in eSports – The college has been successful in gaining a £1.5 million investment that will transform the ground floor of its VPA building into a new digital suite. Work has started and will be finished for this September. The college is therefore delighted to be able to offer Level 2 eSports. This will also be an option for current Year 10s at their taster days throughout June/July. Course information will be added to the website in due course.

Bursary and enrolment accounts – See next page for information about the scheme which will open at the beginning

of April. This will also be sent out via email to all applicants. Enrolment this year will again be online where students upload their GCSE results to the college portal. Some students get invited into college after GCSE results day, especially lower level learners and also students that require a DBS to be undertaken. Over the Easter period enrolment accounts will be issued to all applicants and they will be on hand to support them with accepting their place.

Success at Noda awards (national body that represents amateur theatre). Preston College has been successful in picking up two awards at NODA. It won Best Youth Drama (39 steps) and Best Youth Musical (Mary Poppins). It is extremely proud of its staff and students in being recognised for their outstanding work.

Interviews – In total they have interviewed pupils in 27 schools across Lancashire and have offered places to a record number. Applications for September 2024 are nearly 400 up on this time last year. While they do their best to accommodate all learners, it's important to reiterate to students that if they have missed their college interview and still want a place they must rebook by emailing applications@preston.ac.uk

YEAR 10 & 11 SEE FACILITIES MEET LEARNERS & STAFF EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 7 MARCH 4PM - 7PM

scan to register

www.preston.ac.uk/march24

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EnglishDepartment

Year 10 English Literature and Language Revision Guides

In Year 11, pupils will sit GCSEs in both English Literature and English Language. To support their learning, which involves the close study of several texts, we have secured a limited stock of revision guides.

Year 10 will be shown the range of guides that we have as there are a collection of 'mind map' style guides along with traditional revision guides. These cover the key areas of the texts studied at GCSE as well as practical advice on how to approach exam questions.

We highly recommend purchasing these in Year 10 as, due to the volume of texts that pupils need to know, the sooner that they can be in the habit of revising 'little and often', the better.

Each pupil in Year 10 will study: Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol and the Poetry Anthology.

The guides available are:

Macbeth (CGP and Mind Map Booklet)
An Inspector Calls (CGP and Mind Map Booklet)
A Christmas Carol (CGP and Mind Map Booklet)
Eduqas Anthology (CGP)
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Handbook (CGP)

Payment must be made in advance through your online SCOPay account before the guides can be released to pupils (please allow for a delay in notification from the finance department).

Should parents have any questions, please ask your child to speak with their English teacher or contact them directly via email.

A copy of the letter that has been emailed to parents this week can be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Ms S Beswick
Head of English



PRESTON COLLEGE

BURSARY APPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COLLEGE

OPEN IN APRIL!



BURSARY APPLICATIONS

OPEN IN APRIL!

The Preston College bursary can cover the costs of your bus pass, college meals and other costs such as kit/equipment and uniforms.

WHAT IS A BURSARY?

A bursary is financial support that you receive to help you attend college.

The amount of bursary you are awarded is based on household circumstances, so you will need to provide evidence as part of your application.

DON'T DELAY!

At peak times, applications can take three to four weeks to process. Help us process your application by completing all the sections on the application form and uploading recent evidence of your household income. We can't process your application without it!

FIND OUT MORE, CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY AND APPLY

NEED MORE HELP?

CONTACT STUDENT SERVICES
T 01772 225556
E studentservices@preston.ac.uk
W www.preston.ac.uk/bursary

PRESTON COLLEGE



YEAR 10 & 11

OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 7 MARCH 4PM - 7PM

At our Open Event you can speak to our course tutors, specialist support staff, advisors and learners about the experience you'll get as a Preston College learner. You'll also have the chance to explore our industry standard facilities, Apprenticeships and learning opportunities including T-Levels and Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Receive a number of benefits, including £1,000 (over two years), a travel pass, gym membership and more!

CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Find out more about our exclusive partnership with Preston North End Community and Education Trust.

SPECIALIST ACADEMIES

Find out more about Specialist Academies in Musical Theatre, Acting and Dance.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Meet the Apprenticeship team and learn about how you start your career and study for a qualification when you leave school.

SEND

Talk to our SEND team to find out about the support available.

FACILITIES

See the iSTEM Centre, Construction Skills Centre, Hairdressing Salon, Theatre, Dance Studios, Sports Centre and more!

STUDENT SERVICES

Talk to our Student Services team about bursaries and bus passes.

Keep up to date through our social media channels for your chance to **WIN £20 AMAZON VOUCHERS** at the event in our Golden Ticket competition.

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House Points Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Hodder	8	4	8
Calder	5	8	7
Ribble	4	5	11
Douglas	4	4	12

Well done to the following houses for the previous events

Chilli Challenge 20/1 – Hodder – GOLD!
 MaBaL Music Challenge – Ribble – GOLD!
 Health Food Relay – Ribble – GOLD!
 Chilli Challenge 2/2 – Hodder – GOLD!
 Pancake Flipping – Hodder – GOLD!
 Chilli Challenge 9/2 – Hodder – GOLD!



Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

TUESDAY



5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

WEDNESDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

THURSDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

SATURDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

SUNDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



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Mobile Phone Policy

Following the guidance released last week by the Department for Education which states: *'Mobile phones will be banned in schools across England under new guidance issued to teachers'*, we would like to remind everyone about our procedures in relation to mobile phones.

We of course understand that parents may wish their child to carry a mobile phone for their personal safety, so as a school, we take a sensible and practical approach with this in mind.

Whilst mobile phones can be brought into school, to minimise any detrimental impact they may have on our core purpose of 'Learning to Succeed', every day, the following applies once pupils enter the school grounds:

- Mobile phones must be 'off and out of sight', always.
- They should not be seen on the school site at any time.
- All pupils have a locker, so we advise them to store phones securely in their locker at the start of the day.
- If not in their locker, then they should be kept in their bags, but they must be 'off and out of sight', always.
- The only exception is that they may be used in the school reception area after 3:20pm to contact parents regarding travel arrangements, with the permission of a member of staff.
- If your daughter or son needs to contact home for any reason during the school day, they should go to either the school reception or the Pastoral office, at either break or lunchtime, and we will allow them to use a school phone.
- To support us in implementing our procedures, we would ask that if you need to contact your daughter or son during the school day, that you ring the school and a message will be passed on to your daughter or son by a member of staff.
- If you require a response to the message from your daughter or son, a member of staff will allow them to use a school phone to call you.

reminder

- Pupils who bring mobile phones into school do so entirely at their own risk.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from their use.

Consequences:

- Any pupil seen by a member of staff with a mobile phone will have the device confiscated by that member of staff for it not being 'off and out of sight'.
- Mobile phones confiscated by a member of staff at breaks or lunch time, will be taken to the Pastoral office, where they will be named and locked away securely until the end of the day.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated by a member of staff during a lesson, a member of the Pastoral Team or SLT will come to the lesson to collect the mobile phone and take it to the Pastoral office for secure storage.
- Confiscated mobile phones may be collected by the pupil, from the Pastoral Office, at the end of the day, and they will be issued with an SLT After School Detention.
- If any pupil refuses to give any member of staff their mobile phone for it not being 'off and out of sight', the pupils' parent/guardian will be contacted, and the pupil will be sent home.
- The following morning, the parent/guardian will need to come into school with their daughter or son to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Persistent flouting of the mobile phone rules will result in inclusion in our isolation and reflection room.
- As such, a pupil who persistently has their mobile phone confiscated will result in the device being placed in the school safe until a parent or guardian is able to come to school to collect the device and speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



Remember,

'Off and out of sight' always!

Thank you in advance for your support in relation to this.

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