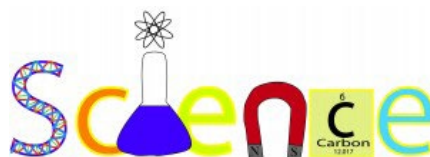


Penwortham Priory Post



British Science Week - Smashing Stereotypes Ahead of Time

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths which takes place 8-17 March. This year, British Science Week marks its 30th anniversary and to celebrate this they have chosen the theme: 'Time'

This week, every pupil in Year 7 and Year 8 has taken part in special Science lessons to explore the theme and to meet one of the aims of the week which is to 'smash stereotypes'.

Assistant Head of Science, Mrs Potter, told us, "In their first lesson, students looked at 'what a scientist actually looks like', and we had a great range of ideas but managed to conclude that a scientist could look like anyone! We also looked at careers that they might not have thought you needed science to do and saw that Science underpins most, if not all careers in some way."

The STEM (Science Technology, Engineering & Maths) practical exercise for British Science Week this year was to design and build a mechanism to accurately measure 10 seconds. There were some excellent solutions to this using either sand and a cup or some very imaginative marble run designs.

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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

Tues, 12 March

Non-uniform day for Year 7 & 8 only

Weds, 13 March

Comic Relief Bake Off Competition & Bake Sale

Fri, 15 March

Year 10 STAR interview techniques assembly

Mon, 18 March

Year 9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations
Year 10 Newman College Assembly

Fri, 22 March

Year 7 & 8 Languages House Competition
Year 10 Faith Day

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

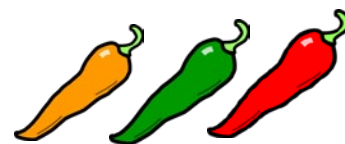


British Science Week *(Continued from front page)*

The closest time across both year groups was measured at 9.91 seconds in Mrs Roberts' Year 8 class but all of the classes have done themselves proud as you can see from the efforts in Mrs Massey's room (see photos). The winners (Year 8 Sophie P, Phoebe P and Maya R) said that they really enjoyed the practical work, especially the testing part where they kept tweaking their designs to improve it.



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	Alyssia H	C2
Year 8	Jacob R	R2
Year 9	Oliver L	H6
Year 10	Emily P	C2
Year 11	Lucas R	Grp6 D



Missing Chillis - We're on the hunt for missing chilli tokens as many have gone missing. If you've got one and don't want to use it then pop it in one of the postboxes so it can make its way back to us.

The leader board has shifted with Calder overtaking Douglas for second spot.

1st	HODDER	2nd	CALDER
3rd	DOUGLAS	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.

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

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Pupils Vote in National Youth Parliament Elections

This week pupils participated in the largest ballot for young people, the Youth Parliament elections.

**Make
Your Mark**

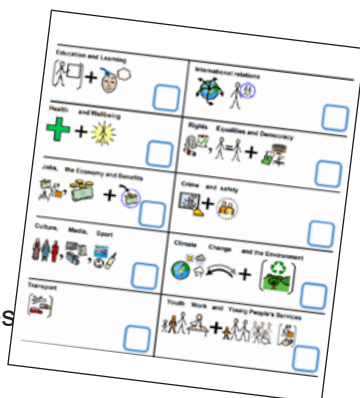
Youth Parliament
MAKING OUR MARK

The UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for 11-18 year olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning.

During Learning for Life lessons, pupils were given a presentation on the work of the Youth Parliament and learned why their vote mattered. Each pupil had one vote to select the topic they are most passionate about and want more national action on. As in adult elections, they had to put a large X in one box only. Voting slips with more than one X were not counted. We even had a real ballot box loaned from South Ribble Borough Council!

613 votes were cast (4 votes blank \ 8 votes void) and the results are as follows:

- 173 votes Jobs, the economy and benefits
- 107 votes Culture, media and sport
- 94 votes Health and wellbeing
- 73 votes Crime and safety
- 37 votes Climate change and the environment
- 34 votes Transport
- 26 votes Rights, equalities and democracy
- 24 votes Youth work and young people's services
- 15 votes Education and learning
- 13 votes International relations



These figures will now be submitted and added to the national totals. The three topics with the most votes nationally will become the newly elected Members of Youth Parliament's campaign theme for their two year term.





Year 7 & Year 8 Class Languages Competition

On Friday, 22 March Year 7 and Year 8 will be taking part in a French inter-house competition in lesson time.

Pupils will be required to put their creativity to the test by creating a model to represent an important aspect of their learning in French.

We need your help with resources!

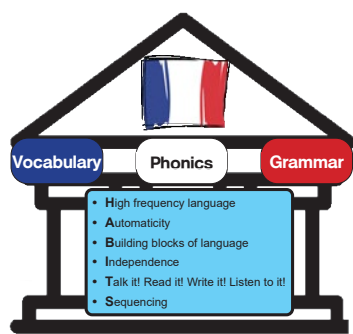
Could your child bring into school any of the following items. They may like to bring these items into school w/c 18 March and keep them in their locker until the event, or alternatively, they can also store them in their form room.

- Small cardboard boxes (small cereal boxes, kitchen foil, cling film boxes)
- Empty plastic bottles (small)
- Empty toilet roll tubes
- Empty kitchen roll tubes
- Anything that could represent pillars



Check back here the following week for the lowdown on what we got up to and who won!

Thank you in advance for your support.



Mrs A Scully
Head of Languages



Comic Relief Bake Off House Competition

Next Wednesday, 13 March, the House Leaders have organised a 'Bake Off' style competition to support Comic Relief.

The challenge is to impress the judges with your baking skills.

Please bring your cakes down to the Food Tech room on Wednesday, and, following on from the judging, there will be a cake sale in the Auditorio to raise funds for Comic Relief.

Comic Relief is on BBC1 on Friday, 15th March.



BAKE UP A STORM

Showstopping and stunning or wonky, weird and wonderful, your brilliant bakes could bring in some serious dough. So set up a stall, stick up some posters and turn your cakes into cash, cash, cash.

Celebrating Ramadan



CULTURE
AT PRIORY

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is one of the most sacred times for Muslims. During this month, Muslims observe a strict daily fast from dawn until sunset. They are not allowed to eat or drink, not even water, during these daylight hours.

In 2024, the first day of fasting starts at sundown on Sunday, 10 March and will end at sundown on Tuesday, 9 April, which is 30 days.



Fasting times this year are between 4.30am and 6:10pm at the beginning of Ramadan, with the fasting times getting longer (especially as the clocks go forward later in the month).

During Ramadan many Muslims go to the mosque and spend several hours praying. In addition to the five daily prayers that are part of the core of Islam, Muslims

recite a special prayer called the Tarawih prayer (night prayer). The last ten nights of Ramadan are especially important and many Muslims will increase in their nightly prayers and devotion.

At the end of Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, a feast that celebrates the breaking of the fast takes place. Gifts are exchanged and friends and families gather for festive meals. Special gifts are also given to the poor.

Photo right, members of Culture Club

On the next page, Umar, Year 10, tells us what life is like for him during Ramadan>>



Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT &
Computing



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What life is like during Ramadan - Umar's story...

Ramadan is an Islamic month when we fast from sunrise till sunset. It's the month of sacrifice, tranquillity, happiness etc...

What I do in a day...

I wake up an hour early before the fasting time begins to start; the fast depending on the timetable we get from the mosque. I eat something like porridge or something that will fulfil me for the day.

After the time starts to fast we go to the mosque for our prayer called Fajr. I go to pray then I come back home and sleep before I need to get up again for school.

During the full day we don't eat or drink anything from sunrise to sunset. People who are fasting can be tired from PE or being out when it's hot outside.

After school we go home and we say our prayers that we have missed during school time, then we rest for a little while and go to the mosque

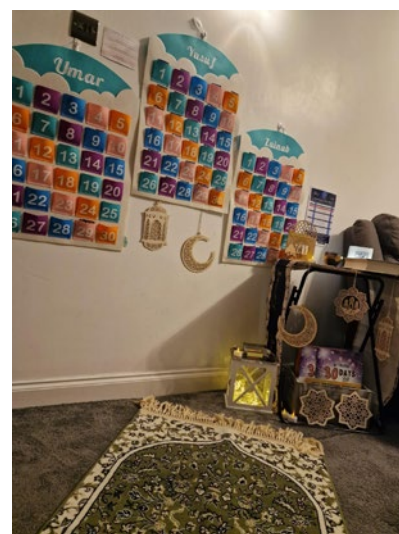
to pray Qur'an and pray our prayers as a congregation.

We break our fast at the mosque when the call to prayer is been given out loud. Our parents start preparing a couple of hours before we break our fast. After breaking our fast at mosque we then go home and eat together.

My favourite food in Ramadan is Samosas, kebabs and many other things. After eating we sit for a bit then go for our last prayers for the day.

During Ramadan we pray something called 'Taraweeh' which is for an hour so we are at mosque until it has been finished. After that, I go home and just do the same thing every day. During the month, we pray as much Qur'an as we can; many people pray the full Qur'an.

Umar (Year 10)



Duke of
Edinburgh
Lesson

Cancellations Next Week

A reminder that after school Duke of Edinburgh lessons are cancelled next week, Tuesday, 12 March (Year 9) and Thursday, 14 March (Year 10).

Mrs Cavchi
Teacher of Humanities



Culture Club

Every Wednesday Lunchtime in Hex 1

Open to all year groups, all cultures!

We will be busy over the next few weeks preparing for Culture Week taking place after Easter.. Join us!

Mrs Qadri
Head of ICT & Computing

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ECO Club is on the Hunt for Batteries

We are back again with our battery collection. We want to recycle as many batteries as possible. Last year we recycled over 1500 batteries!

Put your used batteries in the box in the Nucleus. There will be a prize for the form that recycles the most batteries and points for winning House too.

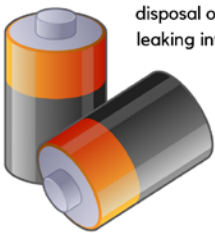
Thank you to Year 10 Chittara, for designing this poster on behalf of ECO Club.

More information below or see Mrs Massey if you have any questions.



BATTERIES RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Batteries are composed of harmful chemicals like lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium, and mercury. Improper disposal of batteries can result in these chemicals leaking into the ground, leading to soil and water pollution.



Over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year in the UK, with only one-third collected and recycled.

If you have wasted batteries come and drop them in the battery recycle bin in the nucleus. there will be a book so don't forget to register your name, class and the number of batteries you have recycled. The house that recycles the most batteries will receive house points. **This challenge starts from the 11th to the 25th of March.**

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL the form that recycles the most batteries receives a surprise gift!



So let's make the world a better place one battery at a time!

Year 10 Trip Thackray Medical Museum 1 July 2024

We are excited to be able to offer Year 10 GCSE History pupils a limited number of places to the Thackray Museum of Medicine, Leeds, on Monday, 1 July. This trip will be highly beneficial to these pupils as the museum and workshop will cover key aspects of their Medicine topic, providing valuable information to aid their understanding.

The museum provides immersive galleries where pupils can explore the history of healthcare to the advances that have shaped the way we look after ourselves, and each other. Pupils will be able to wander through mock grimy streets of Victorian Leeds, watch gruesome operations in an 19th-century operating theatre and visit a seventies-style sexual health clinic. The museum will also enable pupils to chart how well the world responds to crisis, and discover the medical innovations that have changed the world.

The price will be £23 and includes return transport.

A copy of the letter that has been issued to pupils this week can also be downloaded from the school website at >>



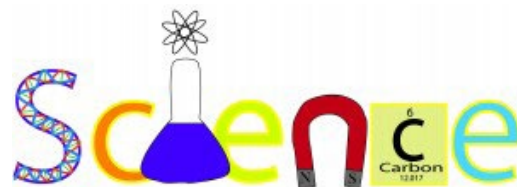
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

The closing date for payment is 25 March and places are offered on a first come, first served.



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From Primary to Priory: Inspiring our next Scientists



Last Monday, Priory's senior science teachers were invited to deliver an assembly at Penwortham Primary School on their school value of 'reflection', through the lens of science.

Mr Bedford and Mrs Potter took the opportunity to inspire some future scientists, as well as future Priory pupils. Mr Bedford recalled the story of Sir Isaac Newton and his reflections on why the apples from his tree always fell to the ground, leading to the revolutionary theory of gravity. Mrs Potter recounted the story of

Archimedes reflecting on how he could assess the purity of the king's crown before his famous "eureka!" moment.

We received some great feedback from our neighbouring school and the Headteacher Miss Penarski commented, "Thanks to Mr Bedford and Mrs Potter for coming over and delivering a great assembly on Reflection. Our pupils found it very interesting to hear the stories and were talking positively about both science and Priory in the days that followed."



NHS Careers Event - 3 May

We are able to take a small number of Year 9 and Year 10 pupils to this NHS careers event during the school day. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Mrs Massey as soon as possible. Details opposite >>

The event runs to 6pm so some pupils may prefer to attend after school with the parents/carers.



NHS CAREERS EVENT!!!

NHS
Lancashire Teaching
Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

This is your chance to speak
with staff members from
multiple departments
including:

Location: EDUCATION
CENTRE 1, ROYAL
PRESTON HOSPITAL,
PR2 9HT

Physiotherapists, Midwives,
Finance, Estates and many
more!!!

Friday 3rd
May
10am-6pm



for more information please email us at:
WIDENING.PARTICIPATION@LTHTR.NHS.UK



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Easter Bingo at Priory Year 7 & Year 8

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 is free to attend however there is limited capacity. 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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2024-03-27-easter-bingo) www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/events/2024-03-27-easter-bingo.



Please see poster below 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!

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 

**Celebrate National Social
Prescriber Day
Thursday 14th March, with
Preston and South Ribble PCN.
Come along to one of our activities.**

Join us for a walk around
Brickcroft nature reserve for
'Lunch time Legs'
Meet at **12noon** outside the
Visitor Centre.

**Adults, come along to LSCft Wellness &
Recovery Taster session 3:15-5pm
Priory Lane Community Centre
Penwortham PR1 0AR booking essential
via www.eventbrite.co.uk**

**Children, join Barnardos Lancashire Link
separate Children's Activity session
3:15-5pm Priory Lane Community Centre
Penwortham PR1 0AR**



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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Four Houses 'Connect' For Games Challenge

The latest 'just for fun' House event took place on Thursday lunchtime in the Nucleus.

Mrs Massey challenged players to win at Connect 4. Some great battles took place with several staff vs pupils matches. Points were awarded for each person taking part and extra points for winning players.

Mr Raynor's Ribble team won Gold overall, with Calder in second for the Silver.

Results:

- 1st **Ribble** (Gold)
- 2nd **Calder** (Silver)
- 3rd **Hodder** (Bronze)
- 4th **Douglas** (Bronze)



Lancashire County Council School Bus Service Survey

Bus Routes 574 Much Hoole and 719 Longton

Does your child currently use a school bus service contracted by Lancashire County Council to serve our school?

If so please could you spare a few minutes to undertake a short survey to help the council understand what you may want from the service in the future.

Lancashire County Council is committed to providing the best services they can to the people of Lancashire, and so they are reviewing the school bus services that they provide. This includes:

- How they issue passes, season tickets and take fares.
- How they communicate with students and their parents/carers.
- How they calculate the cost of travel (season ticket prices and fares).
- How they manage and monitor demand for transport services.



To help them make things better, they would like you to let them know what you think by answering some questions.

The survey is open from 21 February and 28 March and the results will help the county council better understand service user needs and wants.

You can access the survey via the link here >>
[School Transport Review Survey](#)

*School Transport Team
Lancashire County Council*

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 Theo and Loki...

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

Theo has his sights on being an engineer or a pilot but he makes sure he finds time to read.

Theo is reading 'Five Night's at Freddy's' which began as a video game series and is now a book.

"I like it, it's challenging and it's dark but not too dark. I want to finish it.

"I like horror books as the tension builds up and you don't know what is going to happen.

"My favourite subject at school is Computing. My dad uses computers for work at BAE and it's fun.

"I also attend the STEM Club at school which is every Tuesday and I have learnt a lot there."



Like many others in his year group, Loki is reading the popular book 'Five Night's at Freddy's' which is a spin off from a video game series.

"I am quite a fan of it," said Loki. "I like horror as it can be spine chilling. The games are a lot more frightening than the book.

"I don't have favourite books as I will read anything and usually I finish them.

"I like most subjects at school and I enjoy the Dungeons and Dragons Club as it's fun and it's a good social experience.

"In the future I would like to do something with engineering."



Mrs Elliott English
Teacher and Chief Librarian

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Prom

St Catherine's Prom Dress Event

16 & 17 March 2024

Say YES to the prom dress at St Catherine's upcoming prom shopping weekend from 10am-4pm at the hospice in Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, PR5 5XU.

There is a large selection of dresses, shoes and bags all at a very reasonable price, pre-loved and brand new but most importantly in very good condition. Lots of styles, sizes and colours to choose from, and prices to suit every budget.

There will be dressing rooms and no appointments are needed.



Say Yes!
TO THE PROM DRESS



SAT 16TH MARCH & SUN 17TH MARCH
FROM 10AM TO 4PM
THE GARDEN ROOM, ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE
LOSTOCK HALL, LOSTOCK LANE, PRESTON PR5 5XU

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 512166

Penwortham Priory Academy
Presents



A verbatim play by Mark Whceller | Commissioned by Alderbrook School

Tuesday 30th April
Wednesday 1st May

All Tickets £7

Age 12+

Directed by Miss Howell



Dance CLUB



EVERY THURSDAY
LUNCH

IN THE
ASSEMBLY HALL

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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.



This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Mr E'!

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!

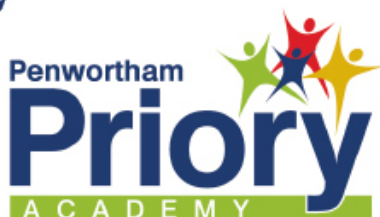
Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - only £1 each.

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
9 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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College Open Mornings

These events are for Year 9, 10 and 11 and there's additional information at www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/course-advice-morning-preston-centre-march/



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

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

Information about transport routes, financial support and accommodation (at the Preston centre) is available here:

www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/

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?
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E studentservices@preston.ac.uk
W www.preston.ac.uk/bursary

PRESTON COLLEGE

#LET GIRLS PLAY

ALL GIRLS WELCOME TO
PLAY IN A FOOTBALL MATCH
AT 1.30 ON FRIDAY 8TH
MARCH ON THE MUGA

Full story in
next week's
issue!

Learn to succeed