

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Introducing Your 2024-25 Head Prefects

**Our 1974 Head Boy Geoff Rowbotham came back to Priory to welcome in the new Head Prefects and give a few words of advice.**

Oliver, Chittara, Daniel and Navah all underwent a tough application process, including a speech on why they wanted the role, to become Priory's Head Prefects for 2024/5.

Chittara said: "I have always wanted to be a Head Prefect, ever since I was young. I came to Priory in Year 10 and was proud I had the opportunity to be part of the leadership team. I am enthusiastic about it."

Navah said: "It was nerve-racking giving a speech but I applied to build my confidence and giving the speech did this. I was surprised when I was appointed and really happy."

Oliver said: "I applied because I thought it would be an accomplishment but it was terrifying doing the speech! I am looking forward to each event we attend."

Daniel added: "When I gave my speech my main mission was to stand out and not just make a list of achievements as anyone can do that. I want to be mature and responsible and a good role model overall."

Geoff left Priory 50 years ago and went onto work in management at Marks & Spencers and then setting up his own consultancy business working with the NHS.

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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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

**Weds, 18 September**  
Learning for Life Day 1  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

**Thurs, 19 September**  
INSET DAY School Closed  
OPEN EVENING 4pm-8pm

**Fri, 20 Sept - Mon, 23 Sept**  
Year 8 & 9 Paris Trip

**Mon, 23 September**  
Year 11 Preston College assembly

**Weds, 25 Sept - Tues, 1 Oct**  
Book Fair in the library

**Thurs, 26 & Fri, 27 Sept**  
Open Day Tours (booking required)

**Fri, 27 September**  
European Day of Languages Celebration

**Mon, 30 September**  
Year 10 & Year 11 DofE Celebration Evening 5.30pm-6.30pm

**Weds, 2 October**  
Year 11 Revision Event 5.15pm-6.15pm

**Mon, 7 October**  
Year 11 Runshaw College Assembly

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"It doesn't feel like 50 years ago," said Geoff. "I was excited to come back and meet the new senior prefects, to have a chat and share our thoughts and views of the roles.

"I don't think the role has actually changed that much. You still need the same skills to be a Head Prefect and this role will help develop their leadership and team building skills which are so important today on top of academic work.

"They all deserve a big pat on the back."



The Head Prefect team's first task will begin next Thursday evening when, alongside Mr Eastham, they will welcome prospective families for the school's Open Evening.

**ReVISION**

*An Evening Event*  
for Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers.

**Wednesday, 2 October**  
from 5.15pm-6.15pm

The event will start with a short presentation delivered by Vice Principal, Mrs Cowell. Subject leaders will be on hand to offer subject specific revision advice and guidance. They'll also be talking about the specifics of exams within their subjects and what to revise when. Pupils can also pick up a **free copy** of the CGP Guide 'How To Revise for GCSEs'.

Enquiries to Mrs L Cowell via email at [l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.cowell@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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## Year 11 Revision Event - 2 October

On Wednesday, 2 October we invite Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers to join us for our annual 'Revision Event' in school, an evening dedicated to getting those hints and tips for success in the mock exams and next summer's final exams.

We have sent previous communication about how to order revision guides for each subject. Any that are ordered before the deadline will be organised for collection on the evening. Please be aware we will not be selling any on the night.

Subjects that have an exam will be represented at the event and subject leaders will be available to talk to. Pupils will be able to pick up their free copy of the CGP Guide 'How To Revise for GCSEs'. Local colleges will also be in attendance to give advice and guidance about further education choices.

The event starts at 5.15pm with a short presentation by the Vice Principal. We are aware that Preston College is also hosting an open evening on the same night, however they are repeating their event on 2 November if you would like to visit both ours and theirs.

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# Message from the Principal

Dear All

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to write to you at the start of this academic year and welcome you back to school after what I hope has been a safe and relaxing summer break for everyone. A particularly warm welcome to all our new Year 7 pupils and their parents or guardians. We look forward to working alongside you over the coming years as you embark on an exciting and inspiring learning journey with us. We hope that your daughters and sons will be happy here at Priory, feel safe and feel that they belong to our school community.

It was indeed wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school on Tuesday last week after their summer break. The pupils looked refreshed after their time away from school and extremely smart in their uniforms. Pupils have returned to school with real positivity and there has been an excellent learning atmosphere around school. Extra-curricular clubs have re-started and there has been a huge uptake again in the numbers of pupils getting involved in the wider life of the school, which of course will all count towards their 'Priory Plus' Award. What is really pleasing to see is the huge number of Year 7 pupils who are taking the opportunity to try new clubs and activities for the first time. My message to all pupils is to keep attending clubs at lunch and after school wherever possible.

During the first week in assemblies, I spoke to all pupils about what it means to be a pupil at Penwortham Priory Academy. This covered our high expectations in relation to uniform, equipment, learning, attendance and punctuality to lessons and was very much focussed on the culture that we have here at the school and how we must all work together to ensure that we continue to '*Create the right culture to Learn to Succeed*'. That means striving, every day, to achieve our '*Priory Standard*', *the highest expectations of all, from all*, with pupils, staff, parents, and trustees alike, all being part of the 'Priory Team' so each one of our young people can achieve their very best. I asked pupils to reflect on giving their best every day, not only in the classroom but in their relationships with their friends and classmates and in extra-curricular activities. I also reminded them about the importance of kindness towards each other and excellent manners and politeness, something which



I see every day here at school. Every pupil has their part to play every day to be the best they can be, and it is our responsibility as teachers, parents and guardians, to support and challenge them to be just that.

I would also like to take this opportunity to offer my very best wishes and thanks to all those pupils who have now moved on from Priory at the end of the last academic year, secure in the knowledge that they continued to build on the successes of previous years and produced, yet again, some fantastic examination results. These young people are now able to leave Priory, equipped with the right skills and attitudes to help them succeed in life, contribute positively to society, and go on to do what they want to do, whether that be further education, employment or training. We wish them all the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

And so, to the future.

It has been a pleasure to see our pupils and staff interacting and back together again in school.

My thanks to all of you for your continued support of the school and my thanks to all our pupils for the contribution they make to Priory in so many ways, whether that be in the classroom, on the sports pitch, on stage, fundraising or in extra-curricular activities. Priory will continue to be about inspiring children to grow into well rounded young people.

With each child being unique, our responsibility will be to continue to find how to enable each to make strong academic progress, achieve the highest levels of academic attainment, whilst nurturing their all-round personal development.

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As I wrote to you before the summer to outline, attendance at school and punctuality to both school and lessons is a vital aspect of this, and so we make no apologies for ensuring your sons' and daughters' attendance at school remains high throughout the academic year. Whilst a new system of fines for lateness and absences from school has been introduced by the government, which we will follow, the fact remains that pupils who have less than 95% attendance in school do not do as well as their peers, both academically and pastorally, and so we will continue to ensure our pupils are in school and in lessons learning.

At the start of this new academic year then, you can be assured that we will continue to uphold our Priory standard from the outset, ensuring the highest expectations of all, from all.

My very best wishes to everyone for another great academic year.

Mr M Eastham  
Principal

## To ALL Students Returning to School

If you see any of the following:

- another student struggling to make friends
- another student being picked on
- a student who is new, shy, or not with the "in crowd"
- a student who is eating lunch alone

## Be a Leader! Be a Warrior!

Say hi. Smile at them. Ask if you can sit with them. Include them. You never know what that person is facing inside or outside of school.



## School Closed Thursday, 19 September

A reminder that school will be closed next Thursday as we prepare for Open Evening.

Pupils helping out at Open Evening should be in school for 3pm (Year 11) and 3.30pm (Year 7-10) and in full school uniform. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and ensure that a safe passage home is arranged for 8pm.

Letters with full arrangements can be downloaded from >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

# NEXT ISSUE

## NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the Priory Post is out  
Friday, 27 September.

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# Year 7: Peer Mentor Support



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 an accredited ASDAN certificate. This nationally

recognised certificate qualifies their competence in the role.

**YEAR 7:** To help our Year 7s settle into Priory, our Peer Mentors have based themselves in the Year 7 dining room and are on hand to answer any questions that they may have.

The team is eager to support our new intake where they can. Chittara, Lauren, Emily, Geetha and the rest of the Peer Mentor team invite Year 7s to come and have a chat with them at the Peer Mentor Station.



## Coming to Priory Autumn term 2024



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## Food Technology

# Year 11 GCSE Food & Nutrition

Mrs Cowell's first lesson for her Year 11 Food & Nutrition pupils was all about how to prepare prawns and squid.

As you can see from the photos, there were some mixed reactions, but squeamish though some were, everyone had a go!

Mrs Cowell  
Vice Principal &  
Food Technology Teacher



## Mrs Cowell's After School Cookery Club

It was chocolate heaven in the Food Technology room on Thursday night when Year 8 was invited to celebrate International Chocolate Day (which is today, 13 September).



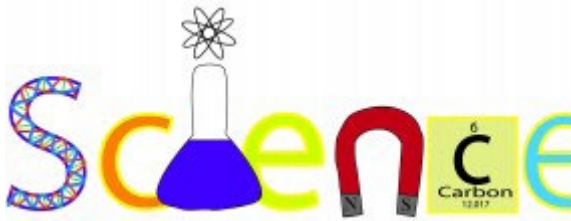
Pupils that went along to the after-school cookery class got to have a go at making a batch of chocolate brownies.

The picture captures the very celebratory mood five of the eleven pupils were in after a successful baking session. Well done Lee, Josh, Henry, Keigan, Joel and the rest of the group.

The Year 8 pupils got to take home a batch of freshly made brownies but we wonder how many actually made it all the way home?

The next workshop will be for Year 7 and Mrs Cowell will reveal what they're making and the date very soon. Keep a look out on Teams.

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## Science (All Years)

As we start the new academic year we remind parents that your child has been provided with access to the Seneca platform - [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com). This should be a system they are familiar with and will once again be used for weekly science homework, issued on Mondays and due for the following Monday. This will run weekly throughout the academic year. We will of course monitor completion of this, but please be reminded that parents themselves can also monitor completion by signing up for the 'Parent Link'.

However, this is not all that the platform can be used for; it is also an ideal tool for revision across many of the subjects covered at Priory. To use this, pupils should log in to the site and navigate to the necessary subject course. From there, individual topics can be selected according to what they choose to revise.

If any support is needed with login details, pupils should see Mr Bedford at break or lunch and he will reset the password. If parents need support with the Parent Link, they should email Mr Bedford at [d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child is successful in science and throughout Priory.

Mr D Bedford  
Head of Science



## Food Tech Ingredients Fees - Now Due (Years 7-9)

As you may be aware, we operate a system where school organises all the provisions pupils will need for their Food Technology lessons. This enables lessons to run smoothly and takes the pressure off parents to provide specific ingredients. To enable us to do this however, we ask parents to make a contribution towards the cost of practical lessons.

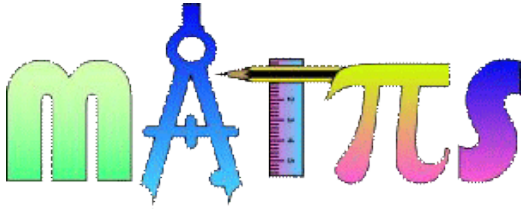
This is a one-off payment and covers all the dishes pupils will make, and take home, over the academic year.

Year 7 - £6.50 | Year 8 - £8.00 | Year 9 - £8.50

Letters have been emailed to parents of pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 last week and a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). Payment should be made via SCOPay. If you need a reminder of your SCOPay login please contact the Finance Officer, Mrs Cookson, by email [j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Thank you to those families that have made the payment already.

Mrs Cowell  
Vice Principal &  
Food Technology Teacher



## Year 11 Maths

The mathematics department will be running its Period 7 extra mathematics lesson for Year 11 every Thursday, until 19 December. Classes will end at 4pm and will be with their usual maths teacher.

Attendance to Period 7 sessions has proven to significantly increase past pupil's GCSE mathematics results. Teachers will monitor attendance each week and inform parents if their child hasn't attended.

We understand that students can have a range of commitments after school but urge them to attend as it will make a significant difference to their final grade.

Mr Kervick  
Head of Mathematics

**PRESTON COLLEGE**

**YEAR 10 & 11**

# OPEN EVENT

**WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 4PM - 7PM**

- > Register for events
- > Apply online
- > Get college updates

**Future Open Events**

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024 10AM - 2PM  
THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025 4PM - 7PM

Visit [www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk) /prestoncollege



## Year 11 English Revision Schedule Half Term One

All sessions take place on a Tuesday in En3: 3.20 - 4pm

Date	Focus
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	The Soldier
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Dulce et Decorum Est
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	A Wife in London
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	The Manhunt
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Mametz Wood
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Comparing Poems

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Results this year are a celebration for all, with outcomes enabling our pupils to open doors to their future opportunities as they move on from Priory. The results of many individuals have shone, with their hard work and commitment rewarded with outstanding grades. The results clearly reflect the effort put in by all involved.



Regardless of results, we recognise our 2024 leavers as precious and unique individuals. Results can only ever be part of a bigger picture. While they provide a platform from which our young people can now embark on the next stage of their lives, they do not define them or their future successes. These outcomes will ensure our students can now leave Priory, equipped with the right skills and attitudes to help them succeed in life, contribute positively to society, and go on to further education, employment or training.

## GCSE Results Day: Their Stories

Congratulations to our students. We all know how hard it's been at times, but also how hard they have worked. They should be very proud. We ask them never to forget the contributions they have made to Priory, whether that be in the classroom, on the sports pitch, on stage, fundraising or in extra-curricular activities. Here's how they got on...



**Preston** celebrated eight Grade 9s – a clean sweep!

Preston will now go onto LUSoM (Lancaster University School of Maths) and has maths as his priority after celebrating a Grade 9 in Maths and Further Maths. He also got a Level 2 Distinction\* in Engineering.

"I am happy. I am delighted with my Maths results but I thought I would get an 8 in English Literature so was delighted with that.

"I want to do something with Maths in the future. Maths is fun and the Further Maths was an extra qualification. It gives me a head start with my A-Levels."

Maths teacher Mr Hunter said: "It's a great achievement for Preston to get a Grade 9. Further Maths is an extra GCSE and it's really tough. We got quite a few with a Grade 5-9 which is brilliant."

Twin sister, **Lily**, has exceeded expectations.



"I was shocked I got a Grade 9 in chemistry. I got a seven in my mock so I was pleased with that. I got a Grade 9 in Art which was amazing as I took it on my own, I had my own classroom and worked with Miss Smith.

"I want to go to Newman College and study Biology, Art, Maths and German. It will be weird being separated from Preston for the first time but the colleges are next door to each other!"

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Miss Smith said about Lily's Art: "Despite the Art & Design GCSE course being discontinued, Lily wanted to take it as an extra subject as she wanted to do Art at A-Level.

"I gave up my time and she came to me every Friday and camped in my office. The moderator praised her work, her imagination and how she used materials. It was really personal because she had taken it on her own so it was special. To achieve a 9 is superb."

We feel proud, as adults in the school, to have been a part of these young peoples' lives, their achievements and, based on their individual abilities and resilience, proud of the unique accomplishments each of them has made.

**Sam** got what he expected – 7 Grade 9s and one Grade 8 as well as a Level 2 Distinction\* in Engineering.

"I kind of expected what I got although I expected an 8 in English and I got a 9 so I was surprised at that.

"I want to go to Newman College and study Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Biology. I want to do something with medicine."



**Issac** was delighted with a Grade 8 in Maths – as that's what he wants to do in the future. "I needed a high score so am happy with an 8 as I want to do Maths at university."

Issac achieved seven GCSEs and a Level 2 Distinction in Engineering. "I aim to do Maths, Further Maths, Economics and Physics either at LUSoM or Newman College.

"In the future, I want to do Maths or finance. I like maths as there is an answer – in English there are a number of interpretations! I like STEM."

**Madison** has her sights set on business. She got six GCSEs, Grades 8 and 7, and a Level 2 Distinction in Business & Enterprise and Digital Information Technology.



"I aim to go to Newman College and study A-Levels in Business and Economics and a BTEC in Law."

**Emmie** is also keeping her options open.

"I am going to go to Newman College to study Graphic Design, Sociology and French. I like Graphic Design and want a career in that but I am also good at French so we shall see.

Emmie achieved seven GCSEs – with four 9s and three 8s – as well as a Level 2 Distinction in Graphic Design.

"I am really proud."



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# GCSE RESULTS

Head Prefect, **Alex**, celebrated nine GCSEs – with three Grade 9s and the rest 8s and 7s.

“I want to go to Newman College and study Maths, Physics and PE. I like sport but I'm not sure what I want to do in the future.”

**Lucas** achieved two Grade 9s in Science and then five 8s among his results, which included a Level 2 Distinction in Digital Information Technology.

“I want to go to Newman as well and do Graphic Design, French and Biology.”



**Megan** admitted she was amazed by her results after collecting four Grade 9s and one Grade 8, 7 and 6 as well as a Level 2 Distinction\* in Engineering and a Level 2 Distinction in Graphic Design.

“I was so worried about my maths as I felt I had messed up the first paper so to get a 7 means it all came together!”

“I want to go to Newman College to study Maths, Physics and Computer Science and perhaps go down the engineering route in the future.”

**Lucy** achieved a 9 in English Language as well as three 8s and two 7s, with a Level 2 Distinction in Graphic Design and a Level 2 Merit in Business & Enterprise.

“I am happy with my English Literature, getting a Grade 7 as I thought I would only get a 5. I want to go to Newman and do Psychology, Modern History and English Language.”

Lucy is pictured opposite with her Class of 2022 sister, Emily.

Performer **Lewis** is attending a specialist new college - the Blackpool Theatre Collective.

It's a performing arts college and Lewis is one of 18 who have secured a place in its first year.



“It's been started by two guys from London and I decided to go for this as they have opportunities and connections in singing, dancing and acting. There were 15 spots initially but I think there are 18 of us ready to start our first year.



“I got the grades I needed and did better in Science than I expected. I am pretty flexible about what I want to do in the future so I will see where it takes me.”

Lewis was a Head Prefect at Priory and has also been in almost all the school productions during his time at Priory. He is pictured below with his former Form Tutor, Mr Watters.

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# GCSE RESULTS

Cyrus has secured an apprenticeship at Enigma Industrial Services.

"It involves scaffolding and is linked to Manchester College so I got what I needed in my results. I have been there for three weeks and I am enjoying it!"



Principal, Mr Eastham, said "We feel proud, as adults in the school, to have been a part of these young people's lives, their achievements and, based on their individual abilities and resilience, proud of the unique accomplishments each of them has made.

"On behalf of all the staff here at Priory, I just want to say thank you to our young people. Thank you too, to our parents, and guardians, for their continued support of us as a school in their child's time with us. You are all exceptional, inspiring and talented young people, and we couldn't be prouder of you. Congratulations again on your achievements and our very best wishes for what I'm sure will be your bright and exciting futures."



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# Extra Curricular Activities

Priory's co-curricular clubs, activities, House competitions and events are just starting to launch so look out for details on the year group Teams, our social media and upcoming newsletters.

For the majority of activities taking place, there is no need to book, simply turn up. Lunch clubs will also allow pupils to eat their packed lunch or 'take away' food from the dining rooms during the session.



## Japanese Club

Every Wednesday lunch time in MFL2.

All welcome.

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LIMITED SPACES

# TEXTILES CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY  
3.10PM-4PM

MATERIALS PROVIDED

ROOM;  
T4  
TECHNOLOGY

BEGINNERS WELCOME

Contact Mrs.Lockwood in Technology to secure a place for Autumn Half Term

## Textiles club is back

By popular demand, Textile Club is running every Tuesday after school. Places are limited so please see Mrs Lockwood in the Technology Department, or go along Tuesday to secure a place.

Textiles Club is open to all year groups if you want to learn a new skill. Students and staff are also welcome to come along with their own sewing, crochet or knitting projects and work independently in T4 on Tuesdays until 4pm.



D of E students who want to complete Textiles as part of their skills activity are welcome. Equally anyone interested in volunteering at Textiles club to help others on a weekly basis can also contact Mrs Lockwood with a view to becoming a regular volunteer.



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# Chili Challenge Winners

It's time to reveal the first winners of the Chilli Challenge of the academic year 2024-25.

- Year 7 Alex P (Mrs Butcher)
- Year 8 Sandra B (Mr Eccles)
- Year 9 Catherine C (Mr Walker)
- Year 10 No entries
- Year 11 No entries

These pupils have now received their chilli tokens to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining room.

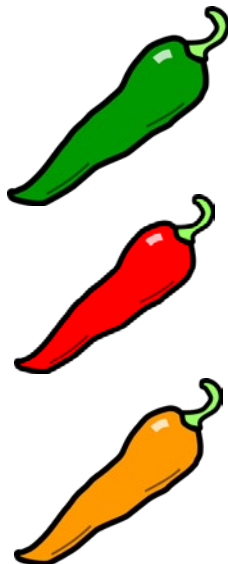
**Pupils:** Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three challenges to complete on the sheet, each one with an increasing difficulty. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box. Winners are randomly drawn from those with the correct answers each Thursday, one per year group.

**GET INVOLVED!**

This is also an interhouse competition and the leaders will be those with the most individual entries. There'll be an interhouse prize at the end of the year.

The leaderboard is just warming up so at the moment it's game on between our four Houses:

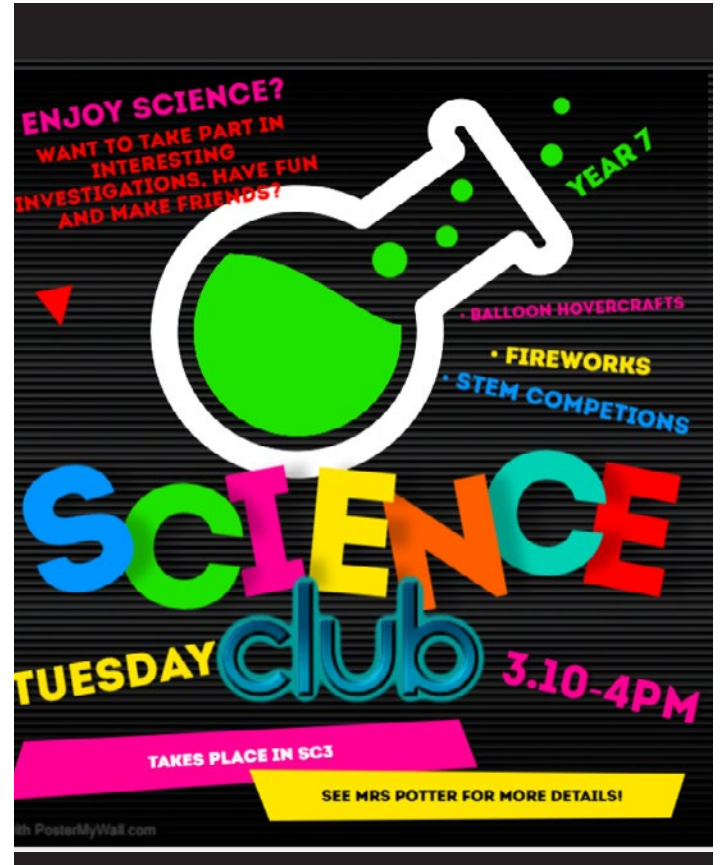
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Mrs Cowell  
Vice Principal



## Year 7 Science Club After School in Sc3 Tuesdays Until 4pm



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# Learning for Life



## Day 1

## Wednesday, 18 September

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

Pupils should report to their Session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom for 8.40am unless their normal room is in The Hex or Technology block. Pupils should double-check their designated classroom on the timetable which will be published on the Year Group Teams.

**Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for the earlier finish time.**

If pupils are absent on this day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity. Sessions covered on Wednesday include:



**Year 7** **Healthy Body - Physical Activity, Balanced Diet, Personal Health, The Media**

Importance of physical activity and a balanced diet. Strategies for maintaining personal hygiene, including oral health, and prevention of infection. The influence of the media. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 8** **Healthy Mind - All Mixed Up, Healthy or Unhealthy...You Decide, Balanced is Good, Sanity**

The importance of, and strategies for, maintaining a balance between school, work, leisure, exercise, and online activities. Ways of assessing and reducing risk in relation to well-being. Strategies to manage mental changes that are a typical part of growing up. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 9** **Relationships - Media and Relationships, Relationships and the Law, Different Types of Relationships, Relationships and Self Esteem**

The different types of relationship. What a committed relationship is and legalities. Positive relationship qualities. The media and its portrayal of relationships. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 10** **Unhealthy Relationships - Relationship Abuse, What to do when relationships go wrong**

Forming and maintaining respectful relationships. Abusive relationship characteristics. End of relationships including the effects of change, including loss, separation, divorce and bereavement. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

**Year 11** **My Money - Understanding and Managing Debt, Money and Work**

In preparation for leaving Priory pupils will gain an understanding of finances in the adult world and will learn about work related finance such as tax and pensions, they will also learn about debt and how to avoid and deal with it.

Ms Smith  
Lead Practitioner for  
Personal Development

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# Summer School



## How did Summer School go then?

Over 120 excited new Year 7's joined our superb summer school staff over three days, between 19th-21st August. This year's theme focused on the 'Olympics'. All students were divided into teams of 11 countries and the cohort sampled a range of activities over the three days.

**Monday** explored 'getting to know you' activities, a superb Olympic baking session delivered by Vice Principal, Mrs Cowell, an informative history session by Mrs Cauchi and an Olympics quiz run by Mrs Willis, Family Support Manager and Summer School lead.

**Tuesday** saw Mr Bullock and Mrs Bullock deliver a full day allowing students to sample a range of sports. From athletics, racket sports, basketball and cricket. We were so proud of every student and the effort and determination they put into trying new activities.

**Our final day** - The 'closing ceremony' allowed students to participate in a fun and exciting science practical where they had the opportunity to make their very own slime. Students participated in 'school navigation' sessions where they were able to explore the school as a whole and attempt to break the code. Compass Bloom, a mental health charity, completed a session with all the cohort to break the transition 'myths'. This is a service that works closely with the school and further sessions will become available to all year groups throughout the year. Before the end of the day, and celebration assembly, students sampled an exciting session with our Geography teacher, Mr Momoniat.

*Mrs Willis said, "The students were a pleasure to work with and have made amazing first impressions. We look forward to getting to know them."*



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# Extra Curricular: Astronomy Club is Recruiting Year 9 Pupils for Optional GCSE



The Science Department is once again reaching for the stars as it looks to sign up Year 9s to start their Astronomy GCSE course.

Science technician, Mr Evans, teaches the GCSE Astronomy course which will run every Tuesday after school for the new Year 9 group. (Year 10 will continue their lessons on Thursday as previous)

**Astronomy Club is an optional extra curricular subject that is open to Year 9 pupils who continue through to Year 10, when they may opt to take a GCSE.**

Introductory letters are available from the Science department or can be downloaded from the school website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters).

Classes will run after school until 4.10pm during term time.

Pupils will study a range of topics including:  
Cosmology | Stellar evolution | Exploring starlight | Planetary motion and gravity

Mr Evans said: "There is coursework and an exam and, I will be honest, it is quite tough – a few people start it and drop out. It is an enjoyable course to teach though and a lot of pupils thoroughly enjoy it."

Year 10 Freya said: "I wanted to do an extra GCSE and I find Astronomy interesting. I knew it would be hard, there is a lot of maths and there is quite a lot of information you learn which you don't learn in science. Doing a GCSE a year early is good practise for Year 11."

Year 11 Thomas said: "I took Astronomy as it's an extra GCSE and I found space interesting, how insignificant but unique we are! It is difficult but I have managed to stay with it. I would say to a Year 9 if you are smart enough, go for it."



Places are limited.

Enquiries can be directed to Mr Evans, Science Technician,

[j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

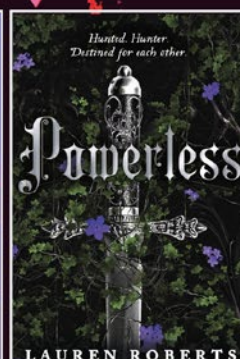
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SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

# COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

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## The Book Fair is Back at Priory From 25 September

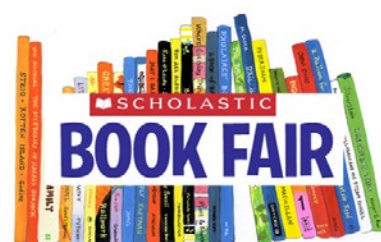
It's with us in the library until 2nd October so make sure you join us for this celebration of reading!

Over the years our annual Book Fair has proven a huge hit with the students of Priory. From pens and posters to a variety of books from different genres, there really is something for everyone. The fair will be with us, in the library, for just one week so please ensure you purchase what you want before the fair leaves!

The easiest way to buy books is with cash although parents can also go to the Scholastic website to pay online for books at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1329466> and pupils can then collect their order from the library the next day quoting your payment reference.

**The more the students spend, the more books we can earn for our school library so it really is a win, win!**

See Mrs Elliott in EN4 for any enquiries. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Browse the titles that are coming to Priory...

Browse the range of gripping, moving and thought-provoking novels from the very best authors, ideal for young adult readers.

Click on the link below...

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt>

Take a **closer** look!



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## Browse The Library Online

LibreSoft is the school library's online management system. Pupils can use the link below to browse the library's stock catalogue to see what is available as well as what is out on loan. It can be searched by genre, title or author, or by using keywords.

Pupils can log into their accounts to check what they have on loan and submit reviews on the books they've read.

Use the link below to access LibreSoft.

<https://apps.libresoft.co.uk/8884135-j3ojn21yajtxpa7vo4sh-ppa/>



## CLASS OF 2018 Josh Traynor

**Josh, who left Priory six years ago with high ambitions, has won the pool U23 World Championships.**

The World Eightball Pool Federation (WEPF) Championships were held at Blackpool in June. Josh came away with two titles – the Under 23s World Champion and the Under 23s England Team World Champion.

Josh competed as a team of four to take away the England team world champions title.

He then went on to play in the singles events which tested him at the 'very



highest level', winning his last 32 matches. Josh played against 'one of the best players in the world' who played 'almost perfect' pool – Karl Sutton.



Josh said: "I was absolutely made up to get that far and play a player like Karl deep into the tournament."

He added: "It has been an ambition and dream of mine ever since I picked up a cue. I sacrificed a lot to achieve this and it really does show that if you put your mind to something and have the right support and people around you then you can be successful."

Back in 2018 Josh said he put a lot of his success down to his time at Priory as Principal Mr Eastham gave him time off to practice and attend tournaments.

"They were really good with me, they let me have days off and supported my dream. I really appreciated it all," said Josh.



# Mobile Phone Policy

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.
- 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.

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## 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 Senior Leadership Team (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 SLT.
- 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.

# Open Evening - Thursday, 19 September

Everyone welcome | No prior booking required | Starts 4pm - Ends 8pm

The Principal's speech will be at 5pm and repeated at 6pm. Mr Eastham has recorded his speech and it is available to listen to in your own time and prior to your visit. We also invite you to view our prospectus or take a virtual tour (available soon) at your leisure via our website: [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour)

## Pupil Volunteers Required

As always, we ask for pupils to volunteer their time to support us at the event and showcase their school. We particularly encourage Year 7 pupils to support this event as they are closest to the Year 5 & 6 pupils that will be visiting us.



Letters are being given to pupils by their subject teachers with further details. Mrs Bullock and Mrs Eastham will also be commandeering their Prefects and Year 10s respectively to greet our prospective families and take them on tours of the school. This year some of our Year 11 leavers will be returning talk to visitors about their Priory journey.

Pupils who would like to help should speak with the teacher in the department they would like to support or their Head of Year. **Please note that school will be closed during the day due to INSET.**



Looking Forward To

Seeing You...

Thursday, 19 September



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**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

### School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE  
31 OCTOBER 2024**

#### School transport



Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.



**Lancashire**  
County Council



[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)



## Secondary School Admissions

If you have a child in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place now at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place)

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

Before you apply, research the schools in your area, check school websites for up-to-date information about open days/evening and read the school's most recent Ofsted reports at: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2025 is 23:59 on 31 October 2024.

For guidance on school transport see:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport)

You are invited to our  
**OPEN EVENTS**

2024/25

Saturday **21st** September, **10.00am – 2.00pm**

Saturday **16th** November, **10.00am – 2.00pm**

Wednesday **5th** March, **4.00pm – 8.00pm**

[runshaw.ac.uk/openevent](http://runshaw.ac.uk/openevent)

RUNSHAW COLLEGE



**OPEN DAY**

**SAT  
05  
OCT**

**10AM - 1PM**

[CARDINALNEWMAN.AC.UK](http://CARDINALNEWMAN.AC.UK)

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# Self-Care September 2024

SUNDAY

1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

MONDAY

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are

TUESDAY

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love



WEDNESDAY

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing



THURSDAY

5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents



FRIDAY

6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans



SATURDAY

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn



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# COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

Saturday 5th October  
Saturday 16th November  
Starts 10.00am

School Leavers | University Degrees | Apprenticeships



CENTRES IN PRESTON, BLACKBURN, LIVERPOOL AND WARRINGTON

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# Hot Food Menu

## Fresh home cooked meals and snacks available daily.

We have a three-week rolling menu which will be displayed around school, on our website and in the newsletter.

### Autumn Term - September To December 2024

#### Week 1

##### Monday

Butter chicken curry with rice and naan

**GF** **H**

Vegetable lasagne with garlic bread **V**

##### Tuesday

Brunch **GF** (**V** option)

Cheese and broccoli pasta with garlic bread **V**

##### Wednesday

Chicken tikka pasty with wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Veggie sausage with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

**GF** ciabatta pizza served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

##### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**

Onion bhaji burger on folded naan with salad and yoghurt & mint sauce, served with diced potatoes and beans or peas **V**  
**GF**

##### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V** **GF** | Steak pudding

All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

#### Week 2

##### Monday

Mexican chicken burrito served with nachos **GF**

Tomato and red pepper pasta served with garlic bread **V** **GF**

##### Tuesday

Beef lasagne with garlic bread

Jamaican jerk vegan burger served with diced potatoes and bean or peas **V** **GF**

##### Wednesday

Popcorn chicken served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **H**

Cheese and tomato calzone pizza with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

**GF** ciabatta pizza served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

##### Thursday

Chicken tikka kebab on a folded naan with salad & sauce, served with sweet potato fries and beans or sweetcorn **H** **GF**

Mushroom and broccoli sweet chilli stir fry **V** **GF**

##### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V** **GF** | Sausage **H**

All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

#### Week 3

##### Monday

Sausage and mash with beans or peas

Macaroni cheese with garlic bread **V**

##### Tuesday

Homemade meat and potato pie with veg and gravy

Vegetable burrito with nachos **V** **GF**

##### Wednesday

Spicy chicken burger with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **H**

Vegan sausage roll with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

**GF** ciabatta pizza served with wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**

##### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF**

Cheese and onion pasty served with diced potatoes and beans or peas **V**

##### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V** **GF** | Beefburger

All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Chicken wraps<sup>+</sup>, jacket potatoes and paninis with various fillings available every day.



<sup>+</sup> Chicken Wraps With New Chicken Flavours **H**

Southern Fried Chicken Every Day | All Served With Salad and Sauce.

Monday - Jerk | Tuesday - Maple & Sweet Chilli | Wednesday - Jerk

Thursday - Maple & Sweet Chilli | Friday - Southern Fried Chicken only

Sandwich Fillings:

Tuna, Ham, Cheese

SPECIAL:

Chicken & Chorizo



**V** = Vegetarian **H** = Hot **GF** = Gluten Free **GF\*** = Gluten Free Option Available - See Below

Where there is a **gluten free option available**, pupils will need to pre-order either via email to enquiries@priority.lincs.sch.uk or by speaking to the catering team before Bam on the day it is required (staff can pre-order GF options online).







- GROUP MUSIC LESSONS
- PLAY IN A BAND EACH WEEK!
- PERFORM AT OUR ANNUAL GIG
- AGES 7 -11 / 11-18
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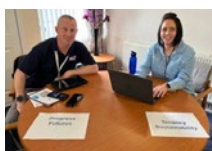


The Rock Project offers tuition in vocals, electric guitar, bass guitar and drums. They provide a place for teenage musicians to meet like minded teenagers and further develop their talent. Students get 60 mins tuition each week and 45 minutes playing together as a group/band. There is also an opportunity to perform a live gig every year at one of Preston's iconic live music venues. Free taster sessions are offered.

Sessions at Our Lady & St Edwards Parish Centre, Fulwood, every Tuesday from 18:10 – 20:10 and at Penwortham Methodist Church every Thursday from 18:15 - 20:15.

More information at [www.therockproject.com](http://www.therockproject.com) or via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/therockprojectpreston](http://www.facebook.com/therockprojectpreston)

## Join our Community Hub in Kingsfold



**Date** Friday 13 September 2024  
**Time** 10am to 2pm  
**Location** Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, PR1 9EQ

Chat to us about:

- Your housing application
- Repairs and maintenance
- Neighbourhood issues
- Cost of living and benefits support
- Employment, education or training opportunities with Progress Futures

Win a prize when you spin the wheel.

Refreshments, arts and crafts available.

Access the food bank 9.30am until 12pm.

Look out for the South Ribble Together Roadshow Bus from 11am to 2pm.

For Progress Housing Group tenants.  
Call us on 0333 320 4555,  
email [enquiries@progressgroup.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@progressgroup.org.uk)  
[www.progressgroup.org.uk](http://www.progressgroup.org.uk)



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### COULD YOU BE A "FOOD CHAMPION?"



The Larder are running a FREE course which covers:

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- practical cookery & food safety
- accessing fresh local produce
- promoting positive healthy messages about food



### INTERESTED?

Drop in for a brew & more information:  
**25th September 2-5pm at Kingsfold Community Centre, PR1 9EQ**



Contact Kay - 07718901813  
or email [info@larder.org.uk](mailto:info@larder.org.uk)



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