

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Long-Serving Former Food Tech Teacher Returns to Open Priory's New Food Service Outlet

**Priory's Pod has officially opened for pupils and the community.**

The food service Pod is located between the Science Department and the Technology Block and is used by pupils as well as now being open to the public who use the Priory facilities out of school hours.

The Pod was officially opened by former Food Technology teacher Miss Lewis-Lavender who was at Priory from 1980 before she retired in 2019.

Former Head Girl Emma Rooke, who left Priory in 2014, was also invited to cut the ribbon who, under Miss Lewis-Lavender's tutelage, won a number of chef competitions and has gone on to have a successful career in the world of catering.

Also in attendance were trustees, representatives from builders Austin Watson Ltd, staff and pupils.

Vice Principal Mrs Cowell said: "The food service Pod is more than just an outdoor cafeteria - it is a practical solution to enhance our facilities and offers a welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.

"The Pod will provide students and staff with access to delicious hot snacks and drinks throughout the week. But its purpose extends beyond the school day; on evenings and weekends it will also serve members of the public, creating a space where the community can connect and share a little warmth and hospitality.

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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)

### Mon, 20 January

Year 11 mock exams begin (3 weeks)

### Tues, 21 January

Year 10 RE Runshaw College visit AM

### Thurs, 23 January

DofE Silver Award parent meeting 5.45pm - 6.15pm

Year 10 Business & Enterprise pupils Liverpool Road activity (and 24 Jan)

### Weds, 29 January

Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm-7pm IN SCHOOL

### Fri, 31 January

Learning for Life Day 3 Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

### Sat, 1 February

Year 9 Option form opens (online) (closes 22 Feb)

### Tues, 4 February

Cyber Skills & Careers Day Newman College (Year 10 ICT pupils)

### Thurs, 6 February

Trafford Centre Rewards Trip

### 10-14 February

Year 10 work experience

### 17-21 February

Half term closure

# Message from the Principal

Dear All

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Christmas and New Year break and to wish you all the very best for a great 2025.

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

In my year group assemblies at the start of this term, my primary focus was on the responsibility of each of us to uphold our daily mission, our 'Priory Standard' – 'to have the highest expectations of all, from all'.

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

I reminded pupils that this can be achieved, for all, through our three pillars of everyday learning:

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

I reminded pupils that we have high standards because, 'if we let you off, we let you down', and if wrong choices are made in school, then there are of course consequences.

However, I also focussed on how we can reward our pupils more for making the right choices, and as such, here for 2025, all pupils received their new reward card, allowing staff to more easily reward pupils for not only working hard in lessons, but also for their positive contributions around the school every day.

This includes taking the initiative to attend our new 'study boost' break sessions and our 'lunch and learn' sessions, both of which are on every day in all departments for all pupils, as well as our Year 11 'study boost' sessions at the end of each school day. All there for our pupils because we want to help them to do well. We will continue to instil this in school with our pupils



over the course of this term and look forward to your continued backing as parents and guardians to achieve our shared, collective mission for each of your sons and daughters.

Parents and guardians of Year 11 in particular, now is the time to support your sons and daughters in putting schoolwork and revision at the top of their priority list. It is important to help our young people get their lifestyle balance right over these coming months, so please plan with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one. Please ensure therefore, that they fully engage in the extra lessons put on by our staff until 4.10pm throughout the week as per Mr Gee's letter.

Parents and guardians of Year 9, the following weeks will start to see your sons and daughters start the process of choosing their options. Whilst there should always be an element of choice, it is only right that we ensure pupils leave Priory with the best possible suite of qualifications that future employers will look for and will continue to open doors for them in whatever they choose to go on to do beyond Priory. We know therefore, that continuing their studies in the separate sciences as well as choosing to continue studying a modern foreign language, French, is key to this, so many of our pupils will need to consider carefully with us, why they might not choose to continue studying these particular courses as they move into Year 10.

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

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As such, every pupil continues to have the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, progress, and behaviour in and around school. Importantly, these reward points can not only be achieved in lessons, but equally through involvement in our huge range of activities that are available to our pupils outside of timetabled lesson time, our 'Priory+' activities, be that before or after school, at breaks and lunch times or in their evenings and weekends. In fact, I very much enjoyed presenting a great many Bronze and Silver 'Priory+' certificates and star badges to pupils across all year groups, for their involvement in our package of 'Priory+' activities before we finished for Christmas.

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

May I wish everybody all the very best to all for a positive half term.

Mr M Eastham  
Principal



## Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 mock exams begin on Monday and will run for three weeks. Below is the timetable for Week 1 and Week 2.

		Period 1 08:50 to 09:50	Period 2 09:50 to 10:50	Break	Period 3 11:15 to 12:15	Period 4 12:15 to 13:15	Lunch	Period 5 13:50 to 14:50
Week 1 W/C Mon 20th Jan	Monday	Maths Paper 1 (1 Hr 30)	Maths Paper 1 (1 Hr 30)		English Lit (1 Hr 30 mins)	English Lit (1 Hr 30 mins)		History Paper 1 (1 Hr)
	Tuesday	Science Biology (1 Hr 45)	Science Biology (1 Hr 45)					
	Wednesday	Engineering (1 Hr 30 mins)	Engineering (1 Hr 30 mins)		Child Care (1 Hr 30 mins) French Writing (1 Hr)	Child Care (1 Hr 30 mins) French Writing (1 Hr)		
	Thursday	Geography Paper 1 (1Hr 30 mins)	Geography Paper 1 (1Hr 30 mins)		GCSE Further Maths (1 Hr 30 mins) <b>Learning Centre</b>	GCSE Further Maths (1 Hr 30 mins) <b>Learning Centre</b>		
	Friday	Food Tec (1 Hr 45 mins) Computer Science (1 Hr 30 mins)	Food Tec (1 Hr 45 mins) Computer Science (1 Hr 30 mins)		GCSE PE (1 Hr) NCFE Sport (1 Hr 30 mins) Graphics (1 Hr 30 mins) RE (2 Hrs)	GCSE PE (1 Hr) NCFE Sport (1 Hr 30 mins) Graphics (1 Hr 30 mins) RE (2 Hrs)		
Week 2 W/C Mon 27th Jan	Monday	Maths Paper 2 (1 Hr 30)	Maths Paper 2 (1 Hr 30)		Science Chemistry (1 Hr 45)	Science Chemistry (1 Hr 45)		French Listening (1 Hr)
	Tuesday	GCSE Art	GCSE Art					
	Wednesday	English Lit (1 Hr)	English Lit (1 Hr)		History Paper 2 (1 Hr)	History Paper 2 (1 Hr)		
	Thursday	Geography Paper 2 (1Hr 30 mins)	Geography Paper 2 (1Hr 30 mins)		GCSE Astronomy <b>Learning Centre</b>	GCSE Astronomy <b>Learning Centre</b>		
	Friday	LFL Day	LFL Day		LFL Day	LFL Day		

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“As well as convenience, this food service Pod symbolises our commitment to improving the school experience for everyone. It will be a place to pause, refuel, and connect, whether during a busy school day, attending an event or using our sports facilities outside school hours.”

Strategic Estates Development Manager Mr Bolton added: “We had the idea of a Pod and then researched to see which companies offered these types of facilities that could give us the flexibility that we required. We decided upon purchasing the pod unit and equipment from Bournville Catering, who are experts in this field.



“It’s been very popular with pupils and has been set up as a ‘grab and go,’ so pupils can get something to eat on their way to play sports at break or lunch.



Miss Lewis-Lavender said: “I haven’t been back to Priory since I retired so it’s lovely to be invited back and appreciated. It’s nice seeing all the changes



“Street food is popular with the younger generation and then at weekends and evenings the community can get a warm drink and food while they are watching or taking part in sport.

“It will bring revenue back into the school that we can reinvest with more facilities like this.”

Year 11 Emily said: “I like the Pod, it’s accessible and just easier to get something to eat. The Bistro can get over-crowded so this makes it a lot easier, especially if you are heading off to the 3G.”

Year 11 AJ added: “The Pod is great, it eases congestion at the Bistro and it’s really convenient if you are coming from Tech or Art.”

Miss Lewis-Lavender and Miss Rooke then judged a cake decorating competition with Year 11 Jolie crowned the winner.

Jolie said: “I was surprised. I take GCSE Food Tech and we decorated the cakes in our lesson so it took about an hour. Food Tech is my favourite subject.”

since I was here.”

Miss Rooke said: “I am always glad to come back to Priory. There have been such massive changes at the school since I left and it’s exciting to see it as it is.

“To have a facility like this would have been amazing in my school days.

“Lunch and breaks are a massive part of school life. It’s a time to spend with friends, and areas like this will certainly aid that.”

Steve Peters from Austin Watson said: “It took around four-five weeks to build the Pod over summer and these facilities are getting more popular in schools, having nice seating and eating areas which are more like a café than a canteen.”





The cake decorating competition winners were:  
 1st Jolie T (Year 11), 2nd Isla S (Year 7),  
 3rd Abbie S (Year 11)

The cakes that were entered into the competition were later sold at lunchtime and £73 was raised for Derian House Children's Hospice.



Thank you for your support.



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Transition From School Synergy to Arbor

## Arbor Replaced by Synergy and SIMS

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance communication and streamline information for parents, Penwortham Priory Academy has moved its school Management Information System (MIS) from SIMS and Synergy to a new application called Arbor.



### What is Arbor?

Arbor is an application that enables parents and carers to have an immediate overview of many aspects of school life, including behaviour, attendance and communication.

Arbor can be viewed on any device in either a web browser (Parent Portal) or by downloading the Arbor Parent App (you can use both).

Once registered, parents and carers can view information tailored for their child(ren). The behaviour module provides a real time view displaying positive comments and points awarded as well as informing you where aspects of behaviour may be limiting progress.

### When does it come into effect?

This change has been in the planning stages for almost six months culminating with the changeover on Monday, 6 January. Whilst parents can still access Synergy until 31 January data, including attendance data, will no longer be updated on that platform.

### Can pupils have access to Arbor?

Arbor has worked seamlessly in school so far and as a result we are now in a position to release the Pupil App at an earlier opportunity than we had originally planned.

The pupils have been supported during Learning for Life sessions to install the app on their phone and log in. We will continue to assist any pupil who is experiencing difficulty with activating their account. We have also distributed instructions via their year group Microsoft Teams and to parents via email so pupils can log in at home with the support of parents if necessary.

### How can parents access Arbor?

The Parent App for Arbor has now been released. An email and text with step by step instructions has been sent to parents earlier this week. Please check your junk/spam folder if you haven't received it. Instructions can also be downloaded from the school website at>>

[www.priory.lanacs.sch.uk/parents/arbor](http://www.priory.lanacs.sch.uk/parents/arbor)

The set-up process for parents is identical to that of the pupils so they may like to guide parents with its installation where required.

### What's on the apps?

Both apps, Pupil and Parent, offer the opportunity to view behaviour points, timetables, attendance data and homework (called Assignments on Arbor). All homework will be listed on Arbor from now on. The Parent App also provides additional features, such as the facility to update contact information, and others will be enabled in the coming months.

We appreciate your understanding and co-operation as we work towards creating a more efficient and effective communication and information system for our school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office, and our team will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gee  
Assistant Principal

# Focus on...



Sravani M from 7E3 is this week's **Linguist Of The Week** for her excellent engagement in lessons.

Mrs Scully added "Sravani is always ready to learn with a great attitude. She has made amazing progress since the start of Year 7."

## LanguageNut of the Week



In the next edition we will include the LanguageNut League.

The top 3 students per year group will be announced, points awarded on Arbor and a departmental certificate presented.

Points will be accumulated for each two week period, giving everyone a fair crack of the 'nut'. The higher the engagement, the higher the points.

*Bonne chance!*



## This week in lessons...

### Les Sept Couleur Magiques

Year 7 pupils have been using their French skills to analyse the poem by Mymi Doinet. They creatively reproduced the poem using only images! Here is an outstanding one from Finn L.



# CAREER CHECK

## Interpreter

Interpreters bridge the gap between parties in a situation. They are commonly visible during public events where people may not always understand the speakers' languages but are very interested in what they have to say!



## Word of the Week

Une chauve-souris  
meaning bat (literally a  
bald mouse)



Mrs Scully, Mrs Bailey & Mr Taylor  
Languages Department



# Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Parent Meeting Thursday, 23 January

Parents of pupils undertaking the DofE Silver Award are invited to attend a meeting in school on Thursday, 23 January at 5.45pm.

This will be an opportunity for DofE Leader, Mrs Cauchi, to discuss expectations and aspects of the expedition, including logistics, as well as for you to ask questions about the Award you may have so far.

For pupils to be able to go on the expedition, at least one parent must attend the meeting. The meeting will last approx. 30 minutes.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs Cauchi via email at [m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

## Period 7 After School Study Boost Sessions (Year 11)

**You will be aware that achieving the best possible grades in the GCSE examinations this summer gives your child the power of choice, at college, on apprenticeships and in employment.**

Therefore, to maximise the GCSE grades and to ensure every pupil achieves their full potential, we will be introducing a Period 7 'study boost' session for Year 11 pupils that runs from 3.10pm to 4.10pm each day.

Each Period 7 'study boost' session will complement and strengthen the curriculum taught in lessons and help further, to best prepare your child for their summer exams.

These Period 7 'study boost' sessions will be compulsory for some of our pupils (parents will be notified by text message if this is the case and then receive a weekly reminder). However, if a teacher feels a pupil is currently making excellent progress, and as such, does not specifically invite them, they may still attend from the outset, and we would strongly encourage them to do so.



We ask for parents' full support and encouragement in ensuring that their Year

11 child attends all sessions as required and fully participates in them; meaning they are hardworking, positive and productive sessions.



An outline of the week's schedule is:

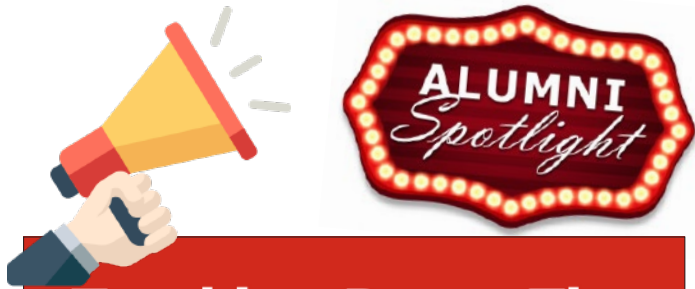
- Monday Science & Option subjects
- Tuesday English & Option subjects
- Wednesday Intervention groups
- Thursday Mathematics & Option subjects
- Friday Option subjects

We must make it clear that these 'study boost' sessions are not optional for those pupils invited each week, as attendance at these will give them a significant amount of additional support to reach their full potential in the exams. As such, we hope that pupils and parents alike can see that this is something further we want to do for our pupils to help them to learn to succeed.

If you would like further information about these sessions or to ask a question, please contact Mr Gee, Assistant Principal, via email [n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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## Tracking Down The

Head Boy/Girl

1975 1985 1995 2005

We'd like to invite you into school for a special occasion.



## Were you, or do you know, the Head Girl or Head Boy from 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 or even 2015?

We know we have many parents and grandparents who are 'past-Priory-pupils' and therefore we're asking for your help.

Each year we aim to track down a couple of these former Head pupils celebrating a milestone anniversary since leaving us (ie, 50, 40, 30 years since etc) and invite them to meet our new quartet of Head Prefects as they take up their role in September.

If this was you, or you are in touch with someone who was, please contact our Alumni Liaison, Mrs Yates, via email [alumni@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Past prefects who have returned for such occasion have thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we're always delighted to reacquaint ourselves with Priory royalty. Fingers crossed we can track them down and keep the tradition going!

*Mrs Yates  
Communications &  
Marketing Manager*

## Trafford Centre Reward Trip

# Rewards

### Thursday, 6 February

Letters have now gone out to pupils who have worked hard, had a good attendance record and have demonstrated the Priory standard over the past term. These pupils are invited on a reward trip to the Trafford Centre on 6 February.

The cost of the trip is £9 which will cover return transport and **must be paid no later than 22 January via SCOPay** where parents will also be asked to complete a consent form. **Please note, late payments will strictly not be accepted.** There are places for every pupil that has been invited.

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

Pupils will set off after morning registration and will return in time for the school buses. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes that are appropriate

for the trip, but they are to remember they will still be expected to represent and uphold the Priory standard.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the rewards trip, they will need to attend school as normal. For those that choose to stay in school, there will be range of enrichment activities available.

It is expected that pupils will continue to meet the Priory standard in the time from the issue of the invitation and the day of the trip. Attendance remains at the discretion of the Head of Year and Pastoral team.



The Trafford Centre

*Mrs Massey  
Science Teacher*

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# Year 8 Become Young Engineers For The Faraday Challenge

**On Monday, 13 January a team of six Year 8 students had the opportunity to become engineers for the day as they took on the IET's Faraday Challenge at Hutton Grammar School, the hosts.**

The IET Faraday Challenge is a national challenge running across the UK for Year 8 students. The challenge days focus on fun, teamwork and transferrable skills, whilst putting projects into a real-world context.



As the day began, students were given a brief to develop and create a prototype for a product which provided them with the opportunity to research, design and discuss solutions for a real-life engineering problem.

ICT & Computing teacher, Miss Gregson, said, "Unfortunately, we're not able to share any content about the brief as the competition is still live and other schools will be participating around the country. However, it was a pleasure to observe our students work together and share ideas for their design."

Students were given a ration of 'Faradays', a currency they could use to spend in the shop, filled with everything a budding engineer could need to construct their prototype. At the end of the day, students presented their idea and prototype as a team. They discussed the target audience and the materials they would use.

Miss Gregson continued, "Despite another team taking home the trophy, our team still performed exceptionally well and I am very proud of them."

All students will receive an Industrial Cadets Challenger Award for completing a hands-on problem solving and critical thinking activity. Industrial Cadets is run by the EDT - Engineering Development Trust - and they work with UK employers



to create a talent pipeline and future skilled workforce, whilst helping young people to develop the skills they need to enter industry with confidence.

Year 8 Imogen enjoyed the day, saying "It was a helpful experience for engineering and a fun way to learn about it and what you can do with such skills."

Zach added, "During the day we have learned how to work as a team and learn how to save money. Working as a team is great for lots of jobs such as working as an engineer, and you learn to work well with the other people alongside you."

Well done Kaif A, Zach C, Dexter J, Imogen K, Lucas S and Joel W.



# Year 9 Immunisations

Important Notice

IntraHealth, the schools' immunisation team will be visiting Penwortham Priory Academy in March to administer the Td/IPV (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations to Year 9 pupils.

Parents of Year 9 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 **green YES** box(es) to consent to the vaccination or the **red NO** box if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine at school. Further information about the immunisation programme can also be accessed via the link.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/f7371a1f>

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 on Friday, 17 January.**





## Youth Voice

Community Education Trust

**Come along to Preston North End Community and Education Trust's new youth club.**

Enjoy social time whilst meeting new people.  
Have your voice heard, get involved and shape future activities in your community.

**Who**  
Open to all 10 to 16-year-olds.

**When**  
Mondays 4pm to 6pm and  
Thursdays 5.30pm to 7pm.

**Where**  
Community Offices, Alan Kelly Stand  
Deepdale, PR16RU.

**Cost**  
Free for all, refreshments provided.

Please scan QR code to sign up



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## COMPUTING CLUB IS CHANGING - HX2

AVAILABLE: MON, WEDS & THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES

- Sign up and work towards your iDEA Award
- Typing Club - learn how to touch type
- Cyber Explorers - putting your Cyber skills to the test

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL (STARTING JANUARY 2025)

- New activity each half term
- January - February half term: Robotics**
- Build a robot arm
- Program a Sphero Robot Ball
- Coming soon... Lego Mindstorm - invent a robot. **Looking for volunteers to help sort out our kit**



Please see or message Miss Gregson to sign up

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# Year 10 Engineering Pupils Enjoy a Careers Morning with Leyland Trucks



With such an iconic business like Leyland Trucks on our doorstep, we couldn't resist the opportunity and accept their invitation to take some of our Year 10 students on a visit to learn more about an automotive engineering business and the apprenticeships on offer for school leavers.

The visit has become an annual event, and it provides an excellent opportunity for the students to visit a locally based, global automotive company who allowed us to see vehicle mass production first hand.

We were lucky enough to be given a factory tour which followed the journey of a variety of DAF trucks from a collection of parts, through various assembly and finishing processes before a completed and roadworthy vehicle rolls off the production line. The company also gave the students an overview of the apprentice opportunities available for them beyond Year 11 within careers ranging from Design Engineering to Production Assembly.

Technology teacher, Mrs Lockwood, said, "This visit was a great experience for our students studying the NCFE Level 1 and Level 2 Engineering qualification to see a working factory first hand. Some of our pupils aspire to taking on an apprenticeship at Leyland Trucks in the future and have family connections to the factory which made the visit even more special."

Leyland Trucks' apprentice applications are due to open at the end of January for current Year 11 students to apply for positions to start in September 2025.

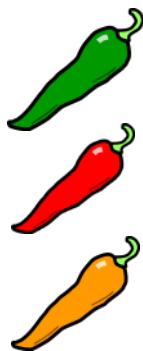
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Mrs Lockwood  
Teacher of Technology

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# Chili Challenge Winners



## This week's winners

Unfortunately it's was a slow week for Years 9-11 so Mrs Cowell has selected two winners for Year 7 & 8.

- Year 7 Niall M (Mrs Elliott) **Ribble**
- Year 7 Sophie L (Mrs Kursitis) **Hodder**
- Year 8 Theo L (Mr Eccles) **Ribble**
- Year 8 Kayden C (Mr Taylor) **Hodder**

## Our Winners w/c 20 January

- Year 7 Marshal H (Mrs Elliott) **Douglas**
- Year 8 Dexter J (Mr Taylor) **Douglas**
- Year 9 Alex B (Mr Momoniat) **Ribble**
- Year 10 Leevi W (Mrs Lawe) **Douglas**
- Year 11 Jake L (Mr Metcalfe) **Douglas**

## The final winners of 2024 were:

- Year 7 Alegria A-M (Mrs Lockwood) **Douglas**
- Year 8 Dylan C (Mr Eccles) **Ribble**
- Year 9 Solange P (Mr Owen) **Douglas**
- Year 10 Evie C (Miss Beesley) **Douglas**
- Year 11 Jayden H (Mrs Shaw) **Calder**

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

**GET INVOLVED!**

Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box.

Don't forget to ensure your name, form and House is clearly written on the sheet to enable your entry to count. Only one entry per pupil can be accepted.

**Douglas has taken the lead since the last update...**

- Douglas** 1st
- Ribble** 2nd
- Calder** 3rd
- Hodder** 4th

Mrs Cowell  
Vice Principal

# Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery



Limited Places Available Per Session

## Year 8 Pupils Only Tuesday, 21 January

Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, is inviting Year 8 pupils to make Cranachan with her. As it's Burns night on 25 January, you'll be making this Scottish dish which is made from cream, raspberries and toasted oats. It traditionally has whisky in it, but we won't be putting in ours!



Burns Night is celebrated every year in honour of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. It is traditionally celebrated with a dinner consisting of haggis, neeps, and tatties - more commonly known as turnips and potatoes. Read more>>



[www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3g2jr02718o](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3g2jr02718o)

*If you want to take part...*

The workshops are free but there are only 12 places up for grabs which will be given to the first pupils to contact Mrs Cowell via Teams Chat or in person.

If you get one of the places (she'll let you know), just turn up to the Food Tech room at 3.10pm.

All ingredients are provided. Please let Mrs Cowell know in advance if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

Make sure you have organised your safe travel home for 4.30pm and bring a lidded tin, tub or lunchbox to take your cookery home in.

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# Year 7 Pupils Line Up Their Models To Impress Geography Teachers



Pupils have once again got creative for the annual Geography Contours Competition.

Year 7 was given a project to create a 3D contour model of a landscape, combining creativity and hands-on learning. Guided by their geography teachers, each class explored the intricacies of topographic maps and translated them into physical form.

Using layers of cardboard, foam and other craft materials, pupils had carefully cut and stacked pieces to replicate the natural contours of hills, valleys, and plateaus.

The finished models will be displayed in the Humanities department, serving as a testament to the pupils' hard work and a resource for future lessons.

Geography teacher, Mr Momoniat said, "This project was set as a creative step in making geography lessons interactive and memorable for the pupils".

He added, "First place Sophie L used wood and polystyrene to create a model featuring a stunning waterfall, inspired by the book Kensuke's Kingdom. She told me she enjoyed the hands-on process of building it herself."



Meanwhile, second place Lois J worked with wood to highlight the contrast between 2D and 3D representations. Her motivation came from earning a 'Geography' pin badge and support from her mum. She credits her enthusiasm to the inspiration provided by Mr Momoniat.

In third place, Amelie Rose T crafted her model from plastic, showcasing intricate map keys. Her idea stemmed from Disneyland's Big Thunder Mountain ride, with a sweet reward of chocolate making the experience fun too!

All three pupils take home a much sought-after Geography badge, a box of chocolates and winner, Sophie was also awarded with an Amazon voucher.

## Class Winners



7E1: Emeli P, Oliver H

7E2: Hugh H, Freya B, Harry T,

7E3: Adam H, Zara Q, Tilly S

7W1: Josh W, Lewis B, Niall M

7W2: Kristian K, Logan M, Arthur P

Overall: Sophie L, Lois J, Amelie Rose T

[Take a look at their amazing work on the next page>>](#)

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# Year 7 Pupil On Target For Football Success



Year 7 Alegria has already had quite a football career as he looks to make it big in the football world.

Centre back Alegria is the captain of Priory's successful Year 7 team who won the South Ribble Schools Sport Premier League after they won all their matches last term.

He is also signed up to Championship side Blackpool FC's Academy.

Alegria said: "I used to live in London and was at Tottenham, Chelsea and Arsenal's Academy.

"We moved to Preston and I was at Liverpool until Under 9 level but was released.

"I then had a trial with Blackpool and have been there since Under 10s – I am now Under 12s.

"It is nerve-racking each year waiting to see if you have a new contract but I want to be a professional footballer.



"I have enjoyed being Priory's captain, telling people what to do! We have had a good season so far. I have scored a few goals."



Year 7 Geography contour competition - class winners



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## A Huge Thanks! Christmas Fundraising Days

As part of the school's character, culture and community responsibilities, you may recall that we took part in two fundraising days in December.



**We are extremely pleased to announce that the Christmas Jumper Day and House Colour Day meant that pupils and staff raised a massive £575 in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice.**

On 12 December, pupils were able to swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper, and then got to wear something in their House colour on the last day of term. Leading up to the fundraising days, pupils also learned about the work the hospice undertakes to support seriously ill babies, children and young people across the North West.

We will be presenting a cheque to Derian House later this month. Thank you for your support!



Ms Smith  
Lead Practitioner  
for Personal  
Development



**HOUSE COLOURS DAY**

## End of Autumn Term Entertainers

It seems so long since now but we just had to mention the wonderful singers who entertained the whole school during the end of term assembly.

Three courageous pupils stood up to sing solo in front of the everyone as we gathered together for the last time before the Christmas break.

The sports hall was looking bright and cheerful as pupils wore their House colour of either red, blue, yellow or green in return for donating £1 towards Derian House Children's Hospice.

Well done to Year 7 Charlie P, Year 10 Molly C and Year 9 Noah J.





Diary Dates

# PROM

## Year 11 Prom

The date has been set so it's time to start booking the hair appointments and shopping for that elusive evening wear.

**Wednesday, 25 June**

Bartle Hall Hotel, Lea Lane, Preston PR4 0HA.

A letter has been issued to parents (2 December) with further information and also includes details of the Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip, Leavers Hoodies and Leavers Book. A copy can be downloaded from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

Deadline for payment is 3 March.



**Say YES to the prom dress**

**Our prom dress pop-up shop is back.**

Featuring quality pre-loved dresses in a range of styles and sizes. We've got price points to suit every pocket and no appointment needed. Pop along and try on all of your favourites. Say yes to the dress and support your local hospice.

**The Garden Room, St Catherine's Hospice PR5 5XU**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 10 am to 4 pm**

For further details, call our team on **01772 695299**

Shop to Support **St Catherine's hospice care**

## Year 8 Quarry Bank Mill Trip

**Tuesday, 25 February**

The Humanities department would like to invite Year 8 pupils on a trip to Quarry Bank Mill, Wilmslow, on Tuesday, 25 February.

We will depart from school at 8.50am and spend the day exploring the cotton mill with its heritage machinery, the Greg family home, the Apprentice House, and its picturesque surroundings. The aim of the trip is to learn about Industrial Britain and, at Quarry Bank, pupils will experience the very different worlds of owner and workers who lived and worked there.

The cost of the trip is £24 including return transport. Pupils will need to be in full school uniform and should bring a coat. Pupils will also need a packed lunch. We will return in time for the school buses.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. This replaces the need to complete a reply slip. Please note that there are only 80 places available which are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The closing date is Monday, 3 February however, this will close earlier if places are filled.

Mrs Cavchi  
History Teacher



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# Iceland Trip Parent & Pupil Information Meeting 26 February 5.30pm

Pupils who will be going to Iceland, and their parents, are invited to attend an Information Evening regarding the trip which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 23 October to Monday, 27 October 2025. The evening will provide essential updates and further details about the trip.



**The Information Evening will be held at Penwortham Priory Academy on Wednesday, 26 February, starting at 5:30pm and lasting approximately 45 minutes.**

During the session, there will be the opportunity to:

- Receive a detailed overview of the trip itinerary.
- Meet the staff who will be accompanying the students, including Mr Metcalf, Mrs Cauchi, Mr Eccles, Mr Eastham, Mrs Ham, and Mrs Kursitis.
- Ask any questions you may have regarding the visit.
- Obtain further updates about key trip aspects such as hotel accommodation, room arrangements, meal provisions, and essential packing items.

We encourage parents and pupils involved to attend this evening to ensure you have all the necessary information and support for this exciting educational opportunity.

To assist us in planning for the evening, please complete the reply slip on the letter\* given to pupils and ask them to return it to Mr Metcalfe in the Humanities Office by Friday, 24 January.

\*Also available to download from [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

## School Nursing At Priory

The school nurse is in school once a month and is based in the reception meeting room. Pupils can see Mrs Willis or any other member of the Pastoral team if they would like to make an appointment, alternatively drop-ins are also accepted. Notices will be added to Year Group Teams announcing the upcoming date.

**Virtual Groups**  
We offer virtual groups for families in Lancashire. You can access 'live' timetabled sessions or watch pre-recorded ones in your own time. For more information see our website.

**Get in touch**  
You will receive information about the School Nursing Service via your child's school or you can contact us using the information provided below:

Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families Service (LHYPPFS)  
t: 0300 247 0040  
w: [lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk](http://lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk)

Scan this code to contact us via Chat Health, for anonymous advice Mon-Fri 9-5

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Care Group

Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families Service (LHYPPFS)

**School Nursing**  
Information on the School nursing service in Lancashire\*

\*Not including Blackpool, Blackburn & Darwen



**About Us**  
School Nurses are Registered Nurses who have a graduate level qualification in public health and the health needs of school-aged children & young people. Their fundamental role is to improve children and young people's health and wellbeing.

School Nurses are responsible for delivering the Department of Health recommended Healthy Child Programme (HCP) 5-19. This includes promoting the health, wellbeing and protection of all children and young people of school age (up to 19 years old), working with education colleagues and the wider multi-agency team and helping to improve public health outcomes for children, young people and families. School Nurses are also responsible for delivering the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) in reception and Year 6 and the Health Needs Assessments (HNA) in reception, year 6 and Year 9.

The School Health Team also includes: Community Staff Nurses and Healthy Family Support Workers (HFSW) who play an integral role in the delivery of the service.

The School Health Team usually sees children at school or college but may occasionally see them in the home or other community settings.

The school nursing service has two teams for service delivery.

**Universal Reach Team:**  
This team will deliver a universal service to all children and young people with a focus on public health interventions and assessment of health needs. This includes a named link school nurse to each school/college, delivery of the School Health Needs Assessment process and the National Child Measurement Programme in line with the Healthy Child Programme.

**Specialist Services Team:**  
This team will be responsible for providing support to the most vulnerable children and young people. Although not directly linked to individual schools, the practitioners will work closely with staff in the relevant schools/colleges for which these children and young people attend. The team will attend identified Child Protection, Child in Need meetings, undertaking individual health assessments and providing identified packages of care.

The School Health Team works together with other agencies and as part of a wider interdisciplinary team to support the health and wellbeing of school-aged children.

You will be sent information about NCMP and HNA when this takes place.



# The Priority+ Awards



Before the Christmas break, Mr Eastham presented badges and certificates to pupils who had achieved the next stage in the Priority+ Awards.

Almost 450 pupils achieved this recognition during the Autumn term and on Thursday, 19 December, those that chose to be personally presented by the Principal got to receive their rewards. Pupils who have opted out of this have their certificates and badges presented to them by their Head of Year.

Priority+ was introduced to encourage and reward pupils for working on their own Personal Development. At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to pupils' lives. The opportunities provided not only allow them to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

Our activities fit into five overarching strands, which supplement our Character and Culture Personal Development sessions in Learning for Life. There are five strands:



**Culture & Heritage** | **Future Citizens** | **Health & Well-Being** | **Skill Builders** | **Bright Futures**



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# Priory+ Brochure

In the Autumn term we emailed parents a digital copy of the Priory+ Personal Development brochure and sent a printed copy home with Year 7 pupils. If you would like a reminder of what the award means and how our pupils achieve it, please visit our website where you can download a copy >>

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/what-s-on)



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## Personal Development at Priory

# The Priory+ Award



Our Personal Development Award Programme aims to encourage pupils to engage in a wide range of activities, both in and out of school, that contribute further to their own personal development, and rewards them for doing so.

Personal Development is important for everyone at every life stage. It is important as it empowers us to grow, adapt and lead more fulfilling lives. It helps us develop valuable skills, self-awareness, and resilience, which can positively impact various aspects of our lives, from relationships to career success and overall well-being.

### Rewards

Priory+ is rewarded with a star badge, certificates for pupil's Record of Achievement and Achievement Points towards trips.

### Criteria

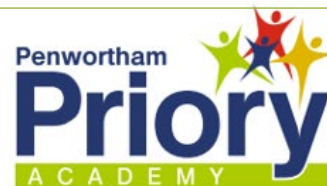
Pupils will achieve a star when they: Complete one activity from each of the five strands (see below), in each term. One activity must be a co-curricular club/activity/group from the timetable provided.

### Awards Achieved Autumn Term

Bronze 1 Award	182
Bronze 2 Award	77
Bronze 3 Award	65
Silver 1 Award	53
Silver 2 Award	20
Silver 2 Award	20
Gold 1 Award	14
Gold 2 Award	5
Gold 3 Award	4
Platinum Award	4
Total	444

## Priory+ Award Activities

Awarded for achievements in Personal Development



Culture and Heritage	Future Citizen	Health and Wellbeing	Skills Builder	Bright Futures
<p><b>Visit to a:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Castle</li> <li>➢ Religious building</li> <li>➢ Museum</li> <li>➢ Art gallery</li> <li>➢ Theatre</li> <li>➢ Musical event</li> <li>➢ Dance event</li> <li>➢ Sporting event</li> <li>➢ Heritage site or building</li> </ul> <p><b>Participate in or watch:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Competition</li> <li>➢ Religious event</li> <li>➢ Cultural event</li> <li>➢ Creative art event</li> <li>➢ Join Culture Club</li> <li>➢ Learn about an aspect of another culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Give money to charity</li> <li>➢ Put items in a charity bag</li> <li>➢ Donate to a food bank</li> <li>➢ Donate to the homeless</li> <li>➢ Help organise a community or school event</li> <li>➢ Volunteer to help someone</li> <li>➢ Speak in public about an issue – Inc. assembly</li> </ul> <p><b>Participate in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ an election or vote</li> <li>➢ a community event or festival</li> </ul>	<p><b>Participate in an activity that keeps you physically fit and well:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Participate in a sport</li> <li>➢ Ride your bike</li> <li>➢ Go for a walk or jog</li> <li>➢ Create an eating and drinking plan</li> <li>➢ Sleep the recommended time</li> </ul> <p><b>Participate in an activity that keeps you mentally and emotionally well:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Meditate</li> <li>➢ Mindful activities</li> <li>➢ Get organised</li> <li>➢ Create a positivity book</li> <li>➢ Plan your future</li> <li>➢ Manage your money</li> <li>➢ Pray</li> </ul>	<p><b>Continue or learn a new:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Skill</li> <li>➢ Craft</li> <li>➢ Language</li> </ul> <p><b>Develop employment skills such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Leadership</li> <li>➢ Organisation</li> <li>➢ Resilience</li> <li>➢ Initiative</li> <li>➢ Communication</li> <li>➢ Presentation</li> <li>➢ Teamwork</li> <li>➢ Problem solving</li> </ul> <p>Join a club or an activity in school which develops a skill.</p>	<p><b>Research:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ KS4 options, further or higher education</li> <li>➢ Apprenticeships</li> <li>➢ T Levels</li> <li>➢ Colleges and universities</li> <li>➢ Careers and jobs</li> <li>➢ Visit a careers fair or expo</li> <li>➢ Practice writing CVs and application forms</li> <li>➢ Regularly volunteer in and out of school as work experience</li> <li>➢ Careers interview</li> <li>➢ Year 10 work experience</li> <li>➢ Part time job</li> <li>➢ Working with an adult</li> </ul>

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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.

### Spring Term - January to March 2025

#### Week 1

##### Monday

Toad in the hole with mash and beans or peas

Vegetable pasta bake with garlic bread **V GF\***

##### Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread **GF\***

Halloumi burger with diced potatoes and beans or peas **V GF\***

##### Wednesday

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

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

##### Thursday

Turkey, stuffing and gravy hoagie with crisps

Vegetable curry with rice and naan **V GF**

##### Friday

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

All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

#### Week 2

##### Monday

Sweet and sour chicken and rice **H GF**

Macaroni cheese with garlic bread **V**

##### Tuesday

Savoury mince, mash and Yorkshire pudding **GF\***

Vegetable samosa rolls served with rice and curry sauce **V**

##### Wednesday

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

Creamy veg lattice, spicy wedges, beans or sweetcorn **V**

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

##### Thursday

Roast dinner **GF\***

Cheese pie with potatoes and veg **V**

##### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V GF\*** | Steak and kidney pudding with gravy

All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

#### Week 3

##### Monday

Butter chicken curry with rice and naan **H GF**

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

##### Tuesday

Cottage pie with veg and gravy **GF\***

Vegetarian toad in the hole with mash and veg **V**

##### Wednesday

BBQ pulled pork and salad wrap with spicy wedges and beans or peas

Vegan sausage roll with spicy wedges and beans or peas **V**

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

##### Thursday

Chicken breast topped with BBQ sauce and cheese with new potatoes and beans or sweetcorn **H GF**

Vegetarian quiche with new potatoes and beans or sweetcorn **V**

##### Friday

Fish | Pizza **V GF\*** | Sausage

All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

### Chicken wraps\*, jacket potatoes and paninis with various fillings available every day.



#### \*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** = Halal **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@priors.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@priors.lancs.sch.uk) or by speaking to the catering team before 9am on the day it is required (staff can pre-order GF options online).



# Preston College Open Day and Year 11 Applications

Thursday, 6 March 4pm-7pm

Applications for September 2025 are already considerably high, and therefore Preston College is encouraging all students to apply before the 1st June deadline.

In previous years students could apply right up until results day, however late applicants are now unlikely to get places within areas such as Construction, Automotive and Hair & Beauty. All these courses are now oversubscribed.

The college has one more open event on Thursday, 6th March - see poster opposite. Due to high visitor numbers at previous events, please register via the QR code or go direct to their website >>

[www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event-march-2025/](http://www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event-march-2025/)



**PRESTON COLLEGE**

YEAR 10 & 11

# OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 4PM - 7PM



scan to register

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Join us for a specialist session designed to support students considering a career in home building

Early Careers Support Session for Parents, Carers, Teachers and Students.

- Hear from Regional Apprentice Manager, Ian MacDonald about the opportunities, training and support for apprentices at Persimmon Homes
- Gain top tips and advice from an apprentice on programme
- Put your questions to the team

Tuesday 3rd December 2024,  
6pm - 6.30pm

Register



Monday 27th January 2025,  
6pm - 6.30pm

Register



Ben Allen  
Carpentry Apprentice



Ian MacDonald  
Regional Apprentice  
Manager



# Year 10 & 11 Free Creative Arts & ICT Taster Sessions Feb Half Term

Following the success of last years half term sessions, Preston College is pleased to announce its Visual Performing Arts Department is running morning taster workshops for Year 10s and 11s in - Media Film and Photography, Games and Graphics, Art and Design and ICT during the February half term break.

The email addresses to book your place are on the individual posters below.



**FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY TASTER WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Media, Film & Photography.

The session will hands on and practical using industry standard software and equipment and is ideal for anybody looking for a career in TV, Film, Photography and Journalism.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email  
[lfenton@preston.ac.uk](mailto:lfenton@preston.ac.uk)

   
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**GAMES & GRAPHICS TASTER WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Games & Graphics.

The session will be based around 3D modelling in Maya where you will be introduced to aspects such as building, texturing, lighting and rendering.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email  
[sroberts@preston.ac.uk](mailto:sroberts@preston.ac.uk)

   
**PRESTONCOLLEGE CREATIVEARTS**



**INFORMATION CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY TASTER WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in ICT

This will be a practical session based around Cyber Security

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email  
[mpatel@preston.ac.uk](mailto:mpatel@preston.ac.uk)

   
**PRESTONCOLLEGE CREATIVEARTS**



**ART & DESIGN TASTER WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Art & Design.

The session is intended to develop your creative print making skills. It will be hands on and cover a number of different forms of print.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email  
[dheyes@preston.ac.uk](mailto:dheyes@preston.ac.uk)

   
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