

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Duke of Edinburgh Pupils Ready To Celebrate Bronze and Silver Awards

The Duke of Edinburgh Award isn't just about hiking and camping; it's also about discovering new skills, building friendships, and seeing your teachers in a whole new light!

"You find out teachers are fun!" That was the verdict from Mrs Cauchi's Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 Bronze Award pupils.

There is obviously much more to the DofE but our current Year 10s are celebrating their Bronze Award as Year 11s await to collect their Silver Award after receiving their Bronze Award in the last school year.

The Bronze Award involves the DofE Participation Award where pupils have to complete three official DofE sections: Volunteering, Physical and Skill. To achieve the actual Bronze Award, pupils also have to complete a two-day expedition, with overnight camping where pupils put up their own tents and cook for themselves, working as a team.

Ben said: "We went to Bibby's Farm at Rivington for our overnight expedition and it was fun. We made great memories playing games at night.

"I volunteered for three months to help with my brother's training at Penwortham Town FC."

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Diary Dates

## Key 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, 22 September**  
Learning for Life Day 1  
(Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm)

**Tuesday, 23 September**  
INSET Day (school closed)  
Open Evening 4pm-8pm

**24-30 September**  
Book fair in the Library

**25 & 26 September**  
Open Days 9am-2pm  
(booking essential)

**Weds, 1 October**  
Year 11 Revision  
Information Evening  
5.15pm-6.15pm

**Mon, 6 October**  
Year 7 Settle Factor  
Parents Evening (in school)  
Year 8-11 Settle Factor  
Parents Evening (form tutors online)

**6-10 October**  
Black History Week

**Weds, 8 October**  
Runshaw College Ai  
Mega Day (Year 11 ICT pupils)

**Weds, 15 October**  
Year 10 GCSE Settle  
Factor Parents Evening  
(online)

**Half Term**  
27-31 October

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Dan said: "I volunteered at Penwortham St Theresa's football club. I enjoyed cooking at our expedition. It was a good time and we found out teachers are fun!"

Wren said: "I volunteered as a Young Leader at the scouts at Middleforth Primary School and I have continued to do that."

"The expedition was fun, it was camping with my friends so I enjoyed it."

Lilly added: "I volunteered at my stepmum's hair salon. I liked swimming in the lake at Bibby's Farm."

The Silver Award is a step further with more outdoor activities.

Year 11's Taylor, Harvey, Aaron, Anna, Hannah and Will were just some of the eighteen participants who took part in this in the last school year.

Mrs Cauchi took the pupils rock climbing in the Lake District and they also went to Whitehough Outdoor Centre in Pendle, walking up Pendle Hill in a practice run, while their actual expedition was in the Lake District.



Harvey said: "It's a nice achievement to receive the DofE Silver Award. The Lake District expedition was fun, I enjoyed playing cards!"

Will said: "The teachers were different on the expedition, they were a lot more fun! I enjoyed rock climbing and learnt a lot of new skills including team work. I also enjoyed playing football with Mr Hunter, he is quite a good goalkeeper!"

Hannah said: "It was great being out with my school friends. The Silver Award is a good achievement for my CV."



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# A strong start to the year.

Start of Term Update From  
The Principal

Dear Parents  
and Carers,

The new academic year has started with energy, optimism, and a strong sense of pride across our school community. It is a joy to walk the corridors and see young people who are proud to be part of our community. Our pupils have returned with enthusiasm, showing kindness, ambition, and respect - qualities that reflect both your support and the values we nurture together.

We're proud of our pupils' excellent attendance, smart presentation, and the pride they take in wearing their uniform, house badges, and awards. These symbols reflect their effort, achievement, and sense of belonging.

Our recent GCSE results, with over 70% achieving grade 4 or above in English and in Maths, highlight our pupils dedication and the strength of our teaching. Our recent Ofsted inspection in March, remaining 'Good' in all four categories, confirmed our continued success across all areas, recognising the quality of learning and the vibrant culture that defines Priory.

What makes our school truly special is the daily spirit of resilience, kindness, and aspiration shown by our pupils and supported by you. Together, we continue to build a school community that values every individual and celebrates success.

Thank you for being part of it.

Mr M Eastham  
Principal



## Parents Evenings Year 7

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

Year 7 parents are invited into school to meet their child's form tutor.

### In School - Monday, 6 October

Appointments are booked through the web-based system 'school cloud'. This can be accessed by following the link below.

This evening will be a short (approx. 5 minutes) meeting with your child's form tutor to check how they have settled into life at Priory and is an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have. Each teacher will have provided the pupil's form tutor with a settle factor grade for their individual subject which will form part of the discussion.

A letter has been emailed to parents and a printed copy has been given to Year 7 to take home which includes instructions on how to book appointments. 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).

The booking process is simple however there is a tutorial video for parents to watch, if needed.

**The link for parents to  
book their slot is now  
open.**



<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, the appointment slot will be five minutes long. Please note that the teacher will need to be strict in keeping with their time slot in order to facilitate all parents.

If you would like to speak to any other member of staff following this meeting, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found by visiting the link at

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list)

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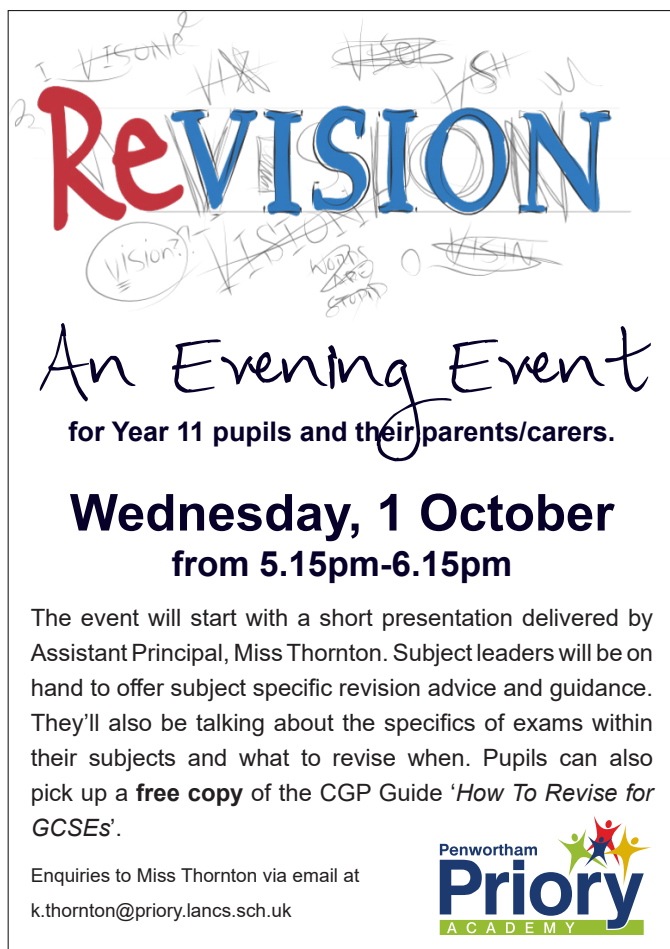
# Year 11 Revision Event - 1st October

On Wednesday, 1 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.

Order forms for Revision Guides should now be back with us and payment made via SCOPay. These will be organised for collection on the evening. Please be aware we will not be selling any revision materials 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 Assistant Principal, Miss Thornton.



The poster features the word 'Revision' in large, stylized letters, with 'Re' in red and 'VISION' in blue. Above it, the word 'VISION' is written in a smaller, handwritten style. Below 'Revision', the text 'An Evening Event' is written in a cursive font, followed by 'for Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers.' in a smaller font. The date and time 'Wednesday, 1 October from 5.15pm-6.15pm' are prominently displayed. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text about the event and a logo for Penwortham Priory Academy.

The event will start with a short presentation delivered by Assistant Principal, Miss Thornton. 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 Miss Thornton via email at [k.thornton@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.thornton@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

**Penwortham Priory Academy**

# Year 11 Runshaw College Applicants

## INTERVIEW DATE

**RUNSHAW**  
COLLEGE

Year 11 pupils who are applying to Runshaw College will be invited into the college this year for their college interviews.

Primarily, this means the college isn't taking pupils out of timetabled classes at the most important time of year and gives the opportunity for them to see the campus.

This is in light of incredible feedback last year about the interview experience within the college setting.

Students will be welcomed at reception, have their interviews in designated 15 minutes timeslots, followed by an opportunity to tour the college campus with parents/guardians who may themselves have questions.

Once pupils apply, they will be emailed the date and time of their interview. Depending on how big the year group is they will be split into sessions/appointments from 4:30pm-8pm.

It will be useful for Year 11 pupils to make a note of their scheduled interview date in advance to ensure they are available along with their parents/guardians if they would like to be present with them.

If a pupil cannot attend on their designated evening, they will be invited in on a date and time that suits them up until July.

**The date for Penwortham Priory Academy is from 4:30pm-8pm on Tuesday, 24th February 2026**

If you have any questions, please contact the college directly or visit them in person at one of their Open Events.

**Saturday, 20 September 10am-2pm**

**Saturday, 15 November 10am-2pm**

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# Celebrating Bronze Success: A Year of DofE Achievements



A REPORT BY MRS CAUCHI | HUMANITIES TEACHER & DofE LEAD

This year marks a proud milestone in our Duke of Edinburgh journey. Since stepping into the role of DofE Lead, I've had the privilege of guiding my second cohort of pupils through the Bronze Award — and what a cohort they've been!

From the very beginning, our pupils have shown incredible commitment. Week after week, they stayed after school for training sessions, learning everything from map reading to tent pitching, all in preparation for their expedition. Their dedication didn't stop there — they embraced the three core areas of the DofE Award with enthusiasm.

**Volunteering:** Pupils gave back to their communities in meaningful ways — dog walking, litter picking, supporting youth groups, and more. Some were so inspired by their experiences that they've chosen to continue volunteering beyond the programme.

**Skills:** From learning new languages to mastering the art of cooking and even knitting, our pupils have broadened their horizons and picked up talents that will stay with them for life.

**Physical:** Whether it was football, netball, or yoga, pupils pushed themselves to improve their fitness and wellbeing — and had fun doing it!

The expeditions, which took place around Rivington throughout June, were a testament to the pupils' resilience, teamwork, and spirit. They navigated unfamiliar terrain, carried their own gear, and cooked their own meals (with varying degrees of success!). Some discovered that pasta takes a lot longer to cook than expected, while others impressed us with full-blown meals.

One of the most refreshing aspects of the expeditions was the absence of mobile phones. Instead of scrolling, pupils played manhunt under the stars, chatted in their pyjamas, and bonded in ways we rarely get to see. Their only lifeline to the outside world? A trusty brick phone. Watching them try to turn it on — and send a text — was comedy gold.

Every single pupil worked incredibly hard to earn their Bronze Award, and we couldn't be prouder. To celebrate their achievements, we'll be hosting a special celebration evening on Thursday, 6 November — a chance to reflect, applaud, and maybe even relive a few of those expedition stories.

Congratulations to all our Bronze Award achievers - you've done yourselves, and your school, proud.



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# From “Never Again” to Making History: Pupils Take on Silver DofE



A REPORT BY MRS CAUCHI | HUMANITIES TEACHER & DofE LEAD

At the end of their Bronze expedition in 2024, many pupils swore they'd never do DofE again. Fast forward a year, and not only did they return, they made history. For the first time at Priory, we had a cohort of pupils take on the challenge of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

A determined group of Year 10 pupils (now in Year 11) chose to continue their journey, pushing themselves further and embracing everything Silver had to offer.

Over the past year, we've shared unforgettable experiences — from scaling the crags of the Lake District during a rock climbing day, to enjoying free chips from a generous local pub on a practice walk. There's been crate stacking, manhunt during the practice expedition, ice cream and paddling at Bolton Abbey, and of course, the final expedition itself in the stunning Lake District.

The Silver Award is no easy feat. It demands more time, more commitment, and more resilience — and our pupils rose to the challenge. Whether it was navigating tough terrain, cooking meals in the wild, or simply keeping spirits high when the walks became tough, they showed grit, teamwork, and a brilliant sense of humour throughout.

All that remains now is their final presentation to their assessors — the last step before officially receiving their Silver Award. To mark their achievement, we'll be celebrating with a well-earned meal out and a special rewards celebration event.

And who knows? Once they've recovered from the blisters, maybe one or two will be brave enough to take on Gold in the years to come!



Mrs Cauchi  
Humanities Teacher &  
DofE Lead

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# Introducing DofE For Year 9

Humanities teacher Mrs Cauchi has launched Priory's new-look Duke of Edinburgh scheme to our current Year 9s.



This year all Year 9s will undertake some kind of outdoor award – whether it's the Priory Outdoor Award, the DofE Participation Award or the DofE Bronze Award.

**The Priory Outdoor Award** will be in three drop-down days in school and will involve volunteering activities such as litter picking and food bank deliveries, and core expedition skills such as map reading and route planning.

**The DoE Participation Award** is where pupils complete three DofE sections: Volunteering, Physical and Skills. These are done in pupils' own time and completed through clubs, community involvement or personal hobbies.

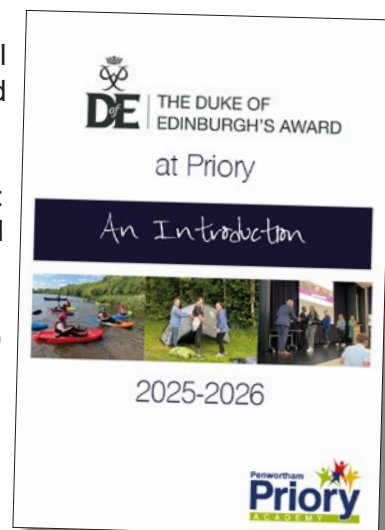
**The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award** is where pupils complete the first two and then undertake a two-day expedition, where pupils walk for six hours each day with overnight camping, and activities such as kayaking or raft building.

Mrs Cauchi: "We have tried to make it more inclusive so every pupil can come away with something.

"The Priory Outdoor Award will be done in school time so it overcomes barriers for pupils who may not be able to take part in the sessions after-school, due to other commitments.

"All these awards push pupils out of their comfort zones and they also see teachers in a different perspective which can help their learning in school.

"It allows them to enjoy different activities, try new things and come away with a qualification which is looked on positively on their CV.



*"We want as many pupils as possible to complete the full DofE Bronze Award, the expedition is tough but it is also extremely rewarding. Just talking to the pupils who have done it, they speak about the memories they have made, the skills they have picked up and the fun they had, and that makes it all worth it."*



<b>BRONZE</b>	
<b>Volunteering 3 months</b>	<i>PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.</i>
<b>Physical 3 months</b>	
<b>Skills 3 months</b>	



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# Enterprise with Heart: Pupils Raise £1,478 for Derian House

Priory's Business & Enterprise pupils raised almost £1,500 for Derian House – enough to support their Sibling Support group for three months.

Whilst in Year 10, the pupils took part in the Derian House £50 Junior Business Challenge, where they had to turn £50 into as much money as they could through fundraising efforts in a week at the end of last term.

One group, Dev, Charlie, Ciello and Zain, and their helpers, worked tirelessly washing staff's - and some visitors' - cars throughout the week.

They said: "We washed 21 staff cars and worked on it each day over a week. They were really impressed with our ability!"

"Halfords donated the car shampoo, sponges and other essential resources. It was fun."

Sienna and Keira organised a non-uniform day.

"I am enjoying the Business course and I enjoyed organising this. We went around to different classrooms collecting £1 from all the pupils."

Archie, Ellis and Lewis organised a raffle.

"We got prizes from local shops who were extremely generous. We also walked around school getting pupils to guess the name of a teddy bear which Smyths had donated. We also sold sweets.

"It was a good experience as we learnt how to make

a profit and also it felt good to do something for charity."

Noah and Alan sold sweets and drinks on sports day.

"It was a good day to do it and we sold out. Tesco and some other shops donated the goods. We set up in one spot and we were busy."

There was also a bake sale, staff v pupil penalty shoot-out and face painting.

Ann-Marie Fishwick, Derian's Community Fundraiser said: "It's absolutely fantastic. They have done such a good job and their passion has shone through with the donations.

"This is enough money to support our Sibling Support group for three months which is amazing, giving them much-needed days out and more."

Business & Enterprise teacher, Miss Gregson, said: "We would like to thank the entire school community for participating and contributing both physically and financially to our Derian House fundraising week. We are exceptionally proud of our Year 11 Business group whom have raised a final total of: £1478.51."



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# Learning for Life



## Day 1

**Monday, 22 September**

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

Pupils should report to their Session 1 teacher in their designated Learning for Life classroom for the day (which is not necessarily their form room) for 8.40am. The day plan with rooming is published on their year group Teams for their reference. Form tutors will also notify pupils in advance.

**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 Monday 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** **Media Literacy and Digital Resilience - 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** **Diversity and Equality (Gender) - Media and Relationships, Relationships and the Law, Different Types of Relationships,**

Pupils will learn about Gender and Gender Identity and Binaries for awareness. They will learn about 'coming out' and being supportive. They will learn about gender roles. Within all of this they will learn about legislation in the adult world.

**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

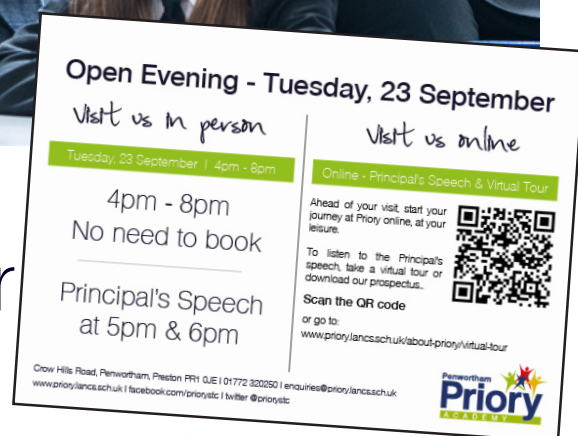
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Open Evening  
23 September  
4pm-8pm



Looking Forward To  
Seeing You...

Tuesday, 23 September



## School Closed Tuesday, 23 September

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

Pupils who have offered to volunteer 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 something to eat 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, 3 October

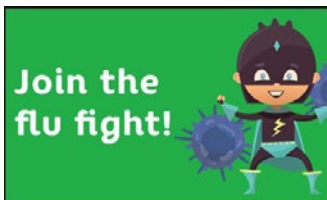
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# Flu Vaccinations (Nasal/All Pupils)

All pupils are eligible for the flu vaccine which will take place in school.

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school this year, parents/carers should check their emails to access and complete the online consent form. If you would like to decline, or your child has already had the flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, please complete the red 'No' part of the form via the same link.



Also included with the link is the NHS leaflet for you to read if you wish to know more about the vaccination.

The link will close on 26 October. The vaccinations will take place in school on 26 November.

If you have any enquiries, please telephone the IntraHealth Lancashire Immunisation Team direct on 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 1.

## House Event Water Relay

Due to the weather, the Water Relay will now take place on Wednesday (24th) at lunch, on the yard - spectators welcome!



Your House Leader needs you! No skill required, just the ability to transfer water from one end of the course to the other - without dropping any and in the fastest time possible. Will Douglas be knocked off the top spot after last year?

See your Form Tutor or House Leader (Mrs Cauchi, Mrs Massey, Mr Raynor, Mr Owen) if you want to get involved.



# Y7 SCIENCE CLUB

Three circular icons: a chemistry flask with a blue liquid, a green cylinder with a blue liquid, and a robot with a heart rate monitor.

Take part in a range of fun science activities from making hovercrafts to rainbow fizz!

A ball-and-stick molecular model of a complex organic molecule.

Every  
Tuesday  
3.10-4pm

See Mrs Potter in Science 6 for more information

# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2026 and living in Lancashire?

**Closing date: 31 October 2025**

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

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

A square QR code.

A small icon of a bus.

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.

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# Peer Mentor Support For Year 7



**Priory's friendly and approachable Year 11 Peer Mentors are based in the Year 7 dining area at break and lunch and are ready to help.**

Phoebe, Freya, Kayalnila, Jessica, Harry and others underwent training earlier this year as Year 10s and are willing and ready to assist any of the new intake who need them.

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith said, "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."

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.

Phoebe said: "I became a Peer Mentor as I want to help younger pupils. I struggled myself at times and I needed help so I am glad I am in a position to help others."



Freya said: "I was the only girl from my primary school when I came to Priory so I want to make sure I help everyone settle in quickly."

Jessica said: "It can be scary making the move, this is a lot bigger than primary school, so it's good if we can help the new pupils."

Harry said: "I want to guide people on the right path."

The Year 11s will be in the Year 7 dining area on a rota and admitted most of the questions so far have been about directing the new pupils around school but they are available for any queries or problems from Year 7- so come and have a chat with them at the Peer Mentor Station!

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# Priory Pupils Head Back to Primary School To Unveil Donated Sculptures

Three of our Year 7 pupils — Alyx, Imogen and Alba — returned to their former primary school, Whitefield, this week to celebrate a wonderful achievement that began before they joined Priory.

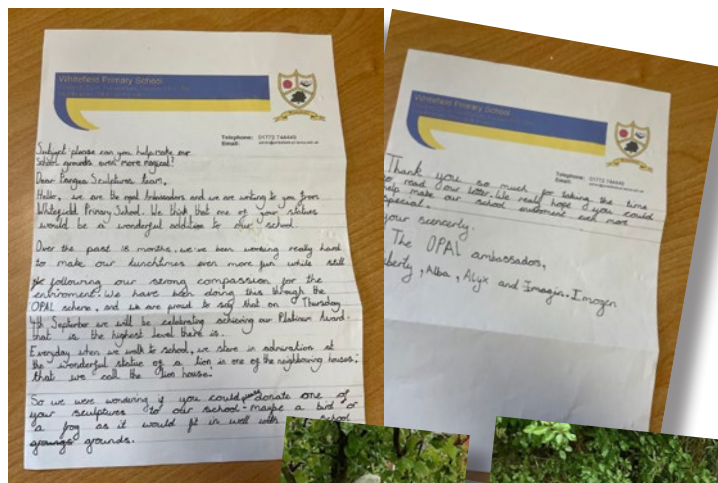
As Year 6 Opal ambassadors, the girls wrote to Pangea Metal Sculptures to request a donation for Whitefield's environment zone — hoping to bring a sense of awe and wonder to the space. Their thoughtful letter was met with generosity, and Pangea kindly donated two stunning sculptures: a drumming frog and an owl.

To mark the occasion, Alyx, Imogen and Alba were invited back to Whitefield to help unveil the sculptures and place them in the garden.

The primary school added, "The children at Whitefield are thrilled with the new additions and are already thinking of names for their new animal friends."

We're incredibly proud of Alyx, Imogen and Alba for their creativity, initiative and community spirit. Well done!

The girls would make ideal members of Mrs Massey's Eco Club!





## Next Open Event

**Saturday 20 September 10am-2pm**

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

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# Lois Walks in Memory of Her Dad to Help Bereaved Children



**Year 8 Lois has been walking in memory of her dad Ray to raise money for Child Bereavement UK.**

Lois lost her dad suddenly in 2021 when she was eight and decided she wanted to do something in his memory.

June is a difficult month as it was her dad's birthday and it's also Father's Day.

"I decided to walk 127km in July as 127 children in the UK lose a parent each day.

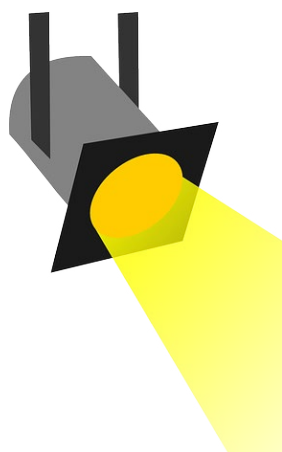
"I had fundraised for Cash for Kids a while ago but I decided to do something that was more personal to me and chose Child Bereavement UK.



"I had a tracker on my phone and my friends walked laps of Priory with me. I was amazed to raise £380 which was more than I hoped for.

"This will help people who are struggling living without their parent as it is hard.

"My dad used to take me to watch Preston North End and we used to go to the park together."



## Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it?

If this is you, please get in touch with your child's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at:

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

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# Year 7 Springs into Success at Trampoline Debut



**Heather was jumping for joy after her first ever trampoline competition earlier this month.**

The Year 7 competes as a gymnast at the City of Preston Gymnastic Club but, after talking to her coach, decided to have a go at the Urban Hawaiian Invitational 2025 Trampolining competition.

“I only had three weeks of training and I was up against people who had been training for trampolining all the time,” she said.

“There was a set routine and the ‘vol’ – a voluntary routine. I finished third in the set routine, fourth in the vol and third overall so I was happy.



“I want to carry on with gymnastics but I might look into doing more trampolining in the future.”

# Year 7 Reaches The Top For Charity Event

**Eric has been reaching for the top in his charity fundraiser for Baby Beat.**

Year 7 Eric entered the NHS Big Climb with his mum, who works at the Royal Preston Hospital where the event took place earlier this month.

Eric was initially part of the children’s team but the adult’s team needed a bit of help so Eric was on hand to assist his mum too!

“We had to climb a climbing wall as many times we could as a team over 30 minutes,” said Eric.

“I climbed the wall 25 times altogether for both teams as my mum’s team needed a bit of help and they won with 122 climbs.

“My sister and I raised £133 by ourselves and overall the event raised over £4500.”

Baby Beat raises money to support sick and premature babies and their families.



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# Enjoy Learning Music?

KTB Music provides private peripatetic music tuition in school for voice and instruments.

If pupils want to take up learning or carry on from primary school then they can here at Priory.



**Lessons available in**

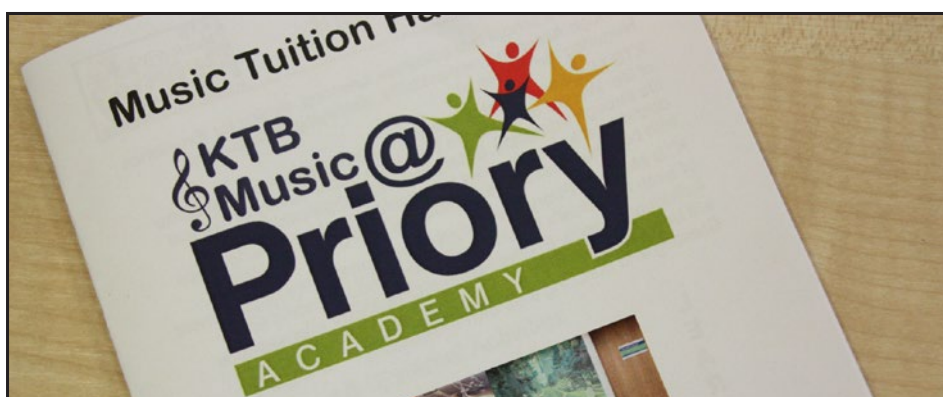
**Singing | Piano | Woodwind (Sax, Flute, Clarinet) | Drums | Guitar**

Alongside learning a new skill there are many benefits to learning a musical instrument:

- Improving memory skills
- Improving co-ordination skills
- Improving maths skills
- Improving reading and comprehension skills
- Developing responsibility
- Knowledge of culture and history
- Enhancing a sense of creativity
- Learning how to express yourself and your emotions
- Developing your academic profile
- As a way of relaxing
- Developing self-discipline
- Developing self-confidence
- Risk-taking
- Teamwork

Pupils will come out of a timetabled lesson on a rota basis. Lessons are £7.50 for 15 minutes and take place in the recording studio just off the Auditorio.

For more information, pupils can see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, in MU1. Parents may contact either KTB Music direct (see advert) or email Mr Taylor at [a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk).



**Sign up for music lessons now!**

## PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION AT PRIORY

If you are interested in taking up an instrument, learning to sing or carry on your lessons from primary school, get in touch with KTB Music or go to the school website to find out more. Pupils can also see Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music at Priory, for a chat and information booklet.

If you haven't got an instrument of your own, don't worry - just sign up now to join the likes of Ed Sheeran and Olivia Rodrigo, they all started at the beginning!

*We are looking forward to meeting you!*

Lessons are £7.50 per 15 minute slot. Pupils are mostly taught on a one-to-one basis at school, in school time, and are timetabled on a rotation basis to minimise the disruption of class work. Pupils can study to gain exam grades, to play in concerts or simply for pleasure.

**KTBMusicAtPriory@outlook.com**

**[www.ktbmusic.co.uk](http://www.ktbmusic.co.uk)**

**[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/personal-developmentwider-opportunities](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/personal-developmentwider-opportunities)**



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# Pole Position! Year 7 Pupil Crowned British Karting Champion



**Speedy Riley has just been crowned British Champion in the 2025 British Kart Championship.**

The Championship is the highest level competitors can race at and is governed by Motorsport UK and requires a Race License in order to compete.

Riley is following in some very big footsteps, with the likes of Lewis Hamilton and Lando Norris, having all previously competed in the British Kart Championships!

Year 7 Riley has been go-karting for three years and now competes all over the UK and will be competing in Europe at some point next year.

He started his motorsport journey at the arrive-and-drive track near Euxton, going on from there to start owner-driver kart racing at Hooton Park Circuit near Liverpool.



From there he branched out to race in the Teesside Sprint Series in the Northeast before entering The Kart Championship and the British Kart Championships last year, where he finished 7th overall in both Championships in 2024, winning the Most Improved Driver of 2024 award at The Kart Championships awards night.

In 2025, Riley competed in three National Championships - The British Kart Championships, Super One Series and The Kart Championships. It's been a very successful year for him, becoming the Super One Series Champion as well as British Champion. He narrowly missed out winning The Kart Championship too!

Officially, it means Riley is now ranked number one in the UK in the Honda Cadet class, a class which regularly sees up to 34 karts racing on track at speeds in excess of 60mph.

"I am very proud," said Riley.

Riley charts his racing life on Instagram and you can follow his progress at

@rileyebakemoreracing



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# Chilli Challenge Winners

The Chilli Challenge was introduced for pupils to have some fun whilst practicing their literacy and numeracy - key life skills - and reward them for doing so. It is also an opportunity for pupils to gain points for their House by entering.

Year 7 **Madison S** (Miss Burbidge)

Year 8 **Loui M** (Mrs Elliott)

Year 9 **Alice W** (Mr Taylor)

Year 10 ----

Year 11 ----

These pupils have now received their chilli tokens. A reminder that winners are to take their chilli disk to Mrs Cookson in the Business & Finance Office for their catering accounts to be credited to claim their free snack of choice from the dining room.

**GET INVOLVED!**

**Pupils:** Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three

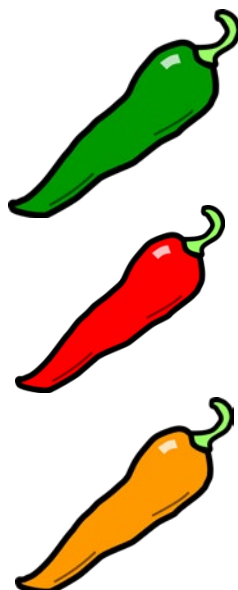
challenges to complete on the sheet, each one with an increasing difficulty. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box. Winners are randomly drawn from those with the correct answers each Thursday, one per year group.

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 in terms of valid entries as of Week 2 is the same as last week:**

**1st Hodder | 2nd Calder |**

**3rd Douglas | 4th Ribble |**



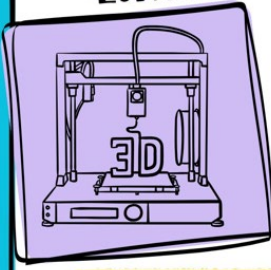

# 3D PRINTING CLUB

Design and print your own 3D creations

**FRIDAYS**  
HEX1  
LUNCHTIME

How does a 3D printer work?

No need to register – Just turn up



## Army Basic Training & Job Role Information Day

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025**, Reserve Centre, Kimberley Barracks, PR1 6PR.

Arrive between 1000 and 1145 (at a time that suits you) bring family and friends.

Parking will be at the entrance or inside the centre (pull up at the gate).

A great opportunity to look at the kit and equipment you could use during basic training. Also speak to Artillery and Logistics soldiers about their job roles. Your recruiting staff will be present and you can receive a full application update face to face. Or how and when to apply in the future if not done so already.



You are invited as an Army applicant, family and friends are also welcome.

If a student in years 10 and 11 or FE education, you are welcome to attend.

It will run from 1000 through to a 1245 finish. You will be there for roughly an hour.

15-minute presentation each hour about basic training and the following stands to visit.

Map Reading  
First Aid  
Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear  
Weapon Systems  
Personal Kit and Equipment  
RA and RLC specialist role recruiters  
Application Progress Check

If in the application process reply by email to your recruiter. All others phone to give your name, with the number of people attending to book your place. Any questions please get in touch.

Tel – **01772 20 30 30**

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# Mrs Lockwood's After School Creative Cookery

Limited Places Available Per  
Session



**reminder**

## Year 7 Pupils Only Tuesday, 30 Sept Apple & Cinnamon Muffins

With Autumn setting in, Food Technology teacher Mrs Lockwood, is inviting Year 7 pupils to make some apple and cinnamon muffins with her.

Apple muffins are simple yet delicious, made with fresh apples, self-raising flour, and cinnamon spice. The muffins are moist, lightly sweetened with a fluffy texture, making them ideal for breakfast, a snack or dessert. They are quick and easy to make, and the combination of apples and cinnamon creates a comforting, autumnal flavour that's hard to resist!



*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 Lockwood via Teams Chat or in person.

If you get one of the places (she'll let you know), just turn up to the food classroom in the Technology block at 3.10pm.

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

Make sure you have organised your safe travel home for 4.15pm and bring a lidded tin, tub or lunchbox to take your cookery home in.

## 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 Lockwood  
Food Technology Teacher*

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# Extra Curricular Activities

Priory's co-curricular clubs, activities, House competitions and events are launching so look out for details on your year group Teams and in the 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.

## Eco Committee Friday Lunch Sc1



Are you interested in making a positive impact on our school and local environment.

- We meet regularly to discuss issues concerning the school environment
- Run initiatives e.g. competitions, art projects, community projects.
- We will appoint a chair, secretary, along with other roles such as communication director and primary/community liaison.
- All year groups welcome.

See Mrs Massey (Sc 1) for more details (or message on Teams).



## Come along and join the Eco Committee.

- All year groups welcome.
- Friday lunch Sc1 – bring your lunch.
- Earn your Eco Committee badge by attending once a half term.

Develop your LORIC skills in:

- Leadership
- Organisation
- Resilience
- Initiative
- Communication

## PiXL Edge Club

Complete 10 activities and claim your certificate

Meets each Thursday Lunchtime  
in Mr Raynor's room MA2

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## Course Advice Morning



The North West centre for land-based, sport, engineering and science education

Download our 2026 School Leaver Prospectus

**Saturday 4th October 2025**  
**Saturday 15th November 2025**

CENTRES ACROSS  
THE NORTH WEST

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LIVERPOOL • MANCHESTER

[www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)

**Myerscough College Course Advice Mornings will run at each of their Preston, Liverpool, Manchester and Warrington centres on Saturday, 4 October and Saturday, 15 November.**



**Myerscough College**

Myerscough has a choice of courses covering a wide range of land-based subjects (from Agriculture and Equestrian Studies to Motorsports and Veterinary Nursing.) Also offered are Sports Coaching and Performance routes across Football, Rugby, Cricket, Golf and Basketball.

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

Additional information at: [www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on)

Information about transport routes, financial support and accommodation (at the Preston centre) is available here: [www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/)

Penwortham Priory Academy

## MENU

Week 1

### EVERY DAY

#### Jacket Potato

Homemade jacket potato served with one filling of your choice.

\*Additional fillings 40p

#### Cheese Panini

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese, pressed to melted perfection.

#### Pepperoni Panini

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese and pepperoni, pressed to melted perfection.

#### Sandwiches

A selection of handmade sandwiches, baguettes and wraps, packed with fresh fillings.

Vegetarian options available.

#### Pasta Pots

A selection of pasta pots that are bursting with flavour are available.

Vegetarian options available.

Halal | Vegetarian | Gluten Free



### THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

#### MONDAY

##### Spicy Chicken Burger

Succulent spicy chicken burger served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.

##### Jerk Burger

Deliciously seasoned Jamaican plant based patty served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.

#### TUESDAY

##### Sausage & Mash

Sizzling sausages served on a bed of mash with beans or gravy.

##### Mac & Cheese

Deliciously cheesy, macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and a side salad.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Butter Chicken Curry

Diced chicken breast smothered in curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.

##### Onion Bhaji Burger

Crispy onion bhaji patty served with a fresh mixed salad, mint yoghurt and a mini corn on the cob.

#### THURSDAY

##### Bolognese Pasta Bake

Delicious, homemade bolognese pasta bake served with garlic bread and side salad.

##### Vegetable Burrito

Flavourful, spiced vegetables and saffron rice served with nachos and a side salad.



### 'CHIPPY FRIDAY' SPECIAL

Week 1  
w/c 22 Sept

#### Veggie Wrap

Crispy veggie wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

#### Chicken Wrap

Southern Fried Chicken wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

#### Battered Cod & Chips

Crispy battered fish on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.



### DESSERTS

#### Assorted Cakes and Biscuits

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

#### Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit

A selection of freshly prepared fruit pots and fresh whole fruit available.

#### Popcorn

Fresh popcorn

#### Jelly Squeeze

A variety of flavours available.



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# GYMNASTICS LESSONS

at South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre



Give your child the change to build strength, confidence and coordination with our gymnastics courses for children age 3-16. Led by our qualified instructors, our lessons follow the National Gymnastics Awards Programme, ensuring a structured and rewarding course.

Your child will develop fundamental skills that enhance flexibility, balance and agility. Whether they're beginners or have experience, our supportive environment helps every child thrive. Contact us to arrange a trial session!



Pay by Direct Debit and your child can also enjoy free general swimming sessions.

 [southribbleleisure.com](http://southribbleleisure.com)

## Children's Lessons at South Ribble Leisure



South Ribble Leisure Centres have places available on their affordable junior lessons programme – swimming, gymnastics, tennis & football.

Looking for fun, affordable activities to keep your children active, confident and learning new skills? We've got you covered!

### Swimming Lessons

Leyland, Bamber Bridge & Penwortham Leisure Centres  
Following the Swim England Learn to Swim programme (Stages 1–7 and beyond). Perfect for beginners through to advanced swimmers.

### Gymnastics Lessons

South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre  
From age 3+ up to advanced level, following the National Gymnastics Awards programme. Children can build balance, flexibility and strength and even take part in competitions!

### Tennis Lessons

South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre  
Following the LTA Junior Programme. Kids can learn skills, boost confidence and enter competitions.

### Football Lessons

Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre  
For ages 7–11, football coaching develops technical skills in a fun and friendly environment.

Sign up now from £27.70 per month and give your child the chance to shine with South Ribble Leisure!

Find out more: <https://southribbleleisure.com/>

# TENNIS LESSONS

at South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre



Let your child discover the joy of Tennis! Whether your child is new to the sport or wanting to play more, our Lawn Tennis Association qualified coaches will raise their game in no time.

Playing tennis keeps children fit, sharpens their coordination and builds endurance. Beyond physical gains, tennis teaches teamwork, sportsmanship, quick decision making and improves wellbeing. With friends and fun on the court, it's a winning combination!

Contact us to arrange a trial session. For children aged 3+



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## FOOTBALL LESSONS

at Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre



Football lessons help your child improve their teamwork, give them the opportunity to build their technical skills, improve their co-ordination and concentration and most importantly they show your child how fun it is to get involved with the sport.

Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre runs football lessons suitable for age 7 to 11. Contact us to arrange a trial session!



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## SWIMMING LESSONS

at Leyland Leisure Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre and Penwortham Leisure Centre



Build your child's confidence in the water while having fun, with our Swim School. We offer affordable lessons, so that every child can learn this essential life skill.

Our fully qualified swimming teachers work to the Swim England, 'Learn to Swim' Framework. Simply contact your local centre to enquire.



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