

Penwortham Priory Post



Year 7s Are Embracing Life at Priory

Priory's new Year 7s have certainly embraced their secondary school life so far!

Our youngest pupils have completed a half-term and are already sure what their favourite lesson is – most opting for PE which is no surprise! – and they are thriving in their co-curricular clubs.

Parker, who went to Middleforth Primary School, said: "It is different to primary school as you have to get to different classes but I know my way now.

"My favourite subject is PE, I am at Preston North End's Academy at Under 12 level so I enjoy sport."

Jess B said: "I moved here from Wigan so I only knew one person. I feel like I have settled in well, I know my way around and I have made tons of new friends.

"I like football and cross country and attend the after school football club. I want to be a vet in the future."

Sophie said: "I had a tricky start as I sprained my ankle the weekend before I started school so I came here on crutches! I have made a lot of new friends and I enjoy PE the best."

Brynco said: "I love French, Mrs Scully is such a good teacher. She plays games

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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

Half Term

27-31 October

Thurs, 6 November

DofE Bronze Award
Celebration Evening

Mon, 10 November

Year 8 Blackpool Zoo Trip

11, 12, 13 November

Year 7 Lancaster Castle
Trips

11, 12, 14 November

GCSE Geography Field
Trips

12 & 27 November

Year 10 Peer Mentor
Training

Mon, 24 November

Learning for Life Day 2
Early lunch followed by
school closure at 1.10pm

Weds, 26 November

Flu immunisations (all
year groups)

26 & 27 November

GCSE History Thackray
Medical Museum Trip
(Year 10)

Fri, 28 November

Make Languages Work
Day (Year 9)

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to help us understand it better.”

Arthur said: “I like French too! I am enjoying Priory. I like Music, Geography and I love History.

“I like that in break times and lunch times you can do so much, from computing, to going to the library and more. There is a lot of choice. I like the 3D Printing Club too.”

Ethan said: “I have been here for over a month now so I have got used to the layout of the school and settled in easily.”

Jessica C said: “I like Drama and PE and enjoy Computers.”

Heather said: “I am in the production of Annie so that’s exciting. I am also in the Pixel Edge Club and 3D Printing Club.

“I enjoy Maths, PE and Drama as well.”

Emily, whose mum is Science teacher Mrs Eastham, said: “I like having my mum here as I can go and see her at the break. I like Food Tech and Maths the most.”

Head of Year 7, Mrs Farley said: “I am so proud! This year group in particular were quite a nervous cohort, but after just two days they wanted to go off on their own! We know it can be so overwhelming, starting a new school, never mind one with 750 pupils in it, but they’re all doing extremely well.

“They’re pro-active, respectful and polite. Yes, there have been a few minor teething problems like forgetting their locker number, or misplacing a PE kit, but they’re using their initiative and getting to grips with everything we have to offer. It’s great at unstructured times, seeing them in the Year 7 area, mixing with friends old and new, there’s some really lovely friendships forming and it’s lovely to see!”

New Menu For Autumn Term 2

Week 1
w/c
3 November

Penwortham Priory Academy

MENU

Autumn Week 1

EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato From £1.35*

Build your perfect spud! Start with our light and fluffy jackets and elevate your experience even further with the many toppings available.

Cheese Panini £1.90

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

Pepperoni Panini £1.90

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

Sandwiches £1.50

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

Pasta Pots £2.00

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

this week's specials

MONDAY

Sausage & Mash £2.30

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

Mac & Cheese £2.30

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

TUESDAY

Butter Chicken Curry £2.30

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

Halloumi Burger £2.30

Greek halloumi patty served on a roll with seasoned wedges and a mixed side salad.

WEDNESDAY

Loaded Chilli Nachos £2.30

Crispy nachos topped with hearty chilli con carne, served with a fresh side salad and finished with a sprinkling of cheese.

Veggie Burrito £2.30

A soft tortilla wrap filled with seasoned vegetables, rice, and beans, served with a crisp side salad and crunchy nachos.

THURSDAY

Hot n Kickin' Burger £2.30

Succulent spicy chicken burger served with delicious waffle fries and a side salad.

Jerk Burger £2.30

Deliciously seasoned Jamaican plant based patty served with delicious waffle fries and a side salad.

Chippy Friday Specials

Chicken Wrap *from £2.00

Crispy southern fried chicken fillet wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.

Veggie Chicken Wrap £2.00

Crispy southern fried no chick strips wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.
*Add golden chips to your wrap for an additional 30p

Steak pudding £2.30

Tender steak encased in suet pastry, served piping hot with golden chips for a classic, 'Chippy Friday' feeling.

Deserts

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits £0.70

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit £0.90

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

Popcorn £0.70

Fresh sweet and salty popcorn

Jelly £0.70

A variety of flavours available.

VEGETARIAN

GLUTEN FREE

HALAL

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Priory Pupils Depart for Icelandic Adventure of a Lifetime



On Thursday morning, a group of excited Priory pupils boarded the coach to Manchester Airport, ready to begin their five-day educational trip to Iceland.

Led by Mr Metcalfe and the Humanities department, the trip promises a packed itinerary exploring Iceland's awe-inspiring landscapes, geothermal wonders, and rich cultural heritage.

The visit is closely linked to the Geography curriculum and offers pupils a unique opportunity to experience learning beyond the classroom from waterfalls and volcanoes to glaciers and geysers.

We'll be sharing updates throughout the trip, courtesy of Mrs Cauchi, so be sure to follow our social media channels to keep up with their adventures.

We wish the group a safe journey and a truly unforgettable experience!



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House Spirit Shines in First Half-Term Update



On Wednesday afternoon, pupils gathered in their House groups: Douglas, Calder, Hodder and Ribble for the first House assemblies of the academic year, held during Learning for Life sessions.

House Leaders celebrated pupil achievements by awarding postcards and certificates across a range of subject areas, recognising those who have gone above and beyond in their effort and attitude.



The assemblies also served as a chance to build excitement for upcoming House competitions and activities taking place after half term. Pupils were reminded to get involved in our annual competition to design the school's Christmas card, and other creative and sporting challenges on the horizon.

A highlight of the assemblies was the unveiling of the current House Medal Table, which reflects results from Sports Day, Cross Country, the Chilli Challenge and the House Leader Water Relay. The competition is already heating up, and pupils are encouraged to keep earning points for their House!

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
Hodder	5	2	2	
Douglas	3	3	3	
Calder	1	3	5	
Ribble	1	1	7	

NEXT ISSUE

**NO NEWSLETTER THE FIRST WEEK
AFTER THE HALF TERM BREAK**

The next issue of the Priory Post is out
Friday, 14 November

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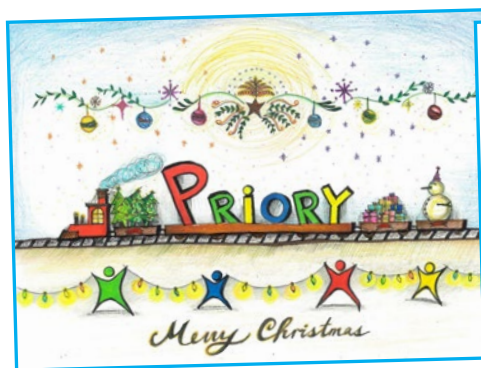
It's early but we need to get the (snow)ball rolling!



This is one competition that all pupils can get involved with and each year we always look forward to seeing their amazing creative designs.

Last year we chose Year 9 Imogen's entry as our winning design and Year 11 Jessica's artwork was too good to be left out so we included hers on the back of the card too. In fact, as Jessica has been a winner on more than one occasion, we've asked her to be one of this year's judges! Lead Teacher of Art, Mrs Shaw, will be heading up the judging panel once again alongside Mr Eastham and Communications & Marketing Manager, Mrs Yates.

So, when you're wondering what to do over the half term break, why not get your creative juices flowing and design the school's Christmas card for 2025 - there's Amazon vouchers and chocolate goodies up for grabs.



COMPETITION

Design Priory's Christmas Card for 2025

Deadline: Monday, 10 November

Merry Christmas

2025

What you need to do...

Get creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2025

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised, win an Amazon voucher and House acclamation:

- Submit an original design **by Monday, 10 November 2025.**
- Designs must be an original **winter or Christmas-themed** painting or drawing **and incorporate a connection to Priory.** Alternatively, you may like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself that can be used for the design.
- Artwork must be in A4 or A3 and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries can be dropped off at the school office or left with Mrs Shaw. Make sure you've written your name and class on the back! Photographs or digital artwork can be emailed to Mrs Shaw at L.Shaw@priory.lancs.sch.uk or sent via Teams.

The overall winner will receive a £15 Amazon voucher and we'll turn your design into the school's Christmas card.

Two runners up will receive a £10 and £5 Amazon voucher respectively. All entrants who have demonstrated effort will receive achievement points and House points as this is also a House competition. We may also throw in some selection boxes too.



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Lancashire Cup Win For Priory's Year 10 Footballers

**SPORTS
REPORT**

MATCH REPORT BY MR RAYNOR

Priory vs Hutton - Wednesday

Penwortham Priory made the short trip down the A59 to play at Hutton Grammar School on Wednesday in the first round of the Lancashire Cup.

Priory made a quick start with Theo H striking a low shot into the bottom corner to go 1-0 up. Despite creating several other chances and having a lot of the ball Priory were unable to add to the scoreline before the break.

At half-time, Mr Raynor stressed the importance of not sitting back, and within a few minutes of the restart, centre-back Dan M scored from a corner to put Priory 2-0 up. This seemed to spur Hutton on and a deflected shot rolled into the corner to close the deficit to 2-1.



Priory needed a response and found it through an excellent driving run from Adam B, who tucked a neat finish away to restore the two goal lead. As the game opened up, chances came at both ends with keeper Will D making some important saves.

With Hutton pushing to claw back another goal, Priory launched another counter attack and after good work in midfield by Josh M, the ball arrived at the feet of Theo H to fire home his second and Priory's fourth of the match. The delight and relief of the team and the travelling supporters was probably heard back at Priory!

Despite a late consolation goal from Hutton making it 4-2, Priory move into the second round.

Maths teacher and team coach, Mr Raynor, was delighted with the team spirit, saying, *"Everyone played their part in a fantastic team performance, including a couple of players who stepped into new positions. The effort and determination of every player lead to an important victory over our local neighbours."*

After half term the team will visit St John Fisher & Thomas More RC High School in Colne for the second round fixture.

Team>> Will D, Dan McC, Adam B, Thomas T, Jack L, Josh M, Zishan H, Excellence I, Finn T, Alfred A, Alex H, Ossian H, Jacob H, Connor S, Matthew S, Theo H.

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League Win For Priory's Year 7 Footballers

SPORTS REPORT

Priory vs All Hallows - Monday

Year 7 got their South Ribble football league underway with a fantastic 3-2 over All Hallows on Monday.

Priory took the lead two minutes after half time through Vass and two further goals followed in quick succession from Briscoe and a 20 yard screamer from Parkinson. Priory looked to be heading for a comfortable victory but All Hallows fought back scoring two goals to equalise. This led to a nervous last ten minutes but Priory's defence stood firm to see us home for a deserved victory.

Priory now play Lostock Hall, Wellfield and Browndedge after the half term break.

Team: J Bannister, P Briscoe, A Hyd, L Oldham, J Parkinson, T Perrett, E San, M Stack, F Sumner, A Vass.



A Baby Girl for Miss Gregson



Congratulations to ICT & Computing Teacher, Miss Gregson, who gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl on Sunday, 19 October.

Baby Poppy Celia Mary weighed 7lb 2oz. Both mum and baby are doing well.



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Year 9 Pupils Tune into GCHQ Careers in Languages Webinar



On Tuesday, around 40 of our Year 9 pupils took part in a fascinating virtual seminar hosted by GCHQ, the UK's intelligence, cyber and security agency.

The one-hour session introduced pupils to the vital role languages play in national security and intelligence work, offering a unique insight into careers as Language Analysts.

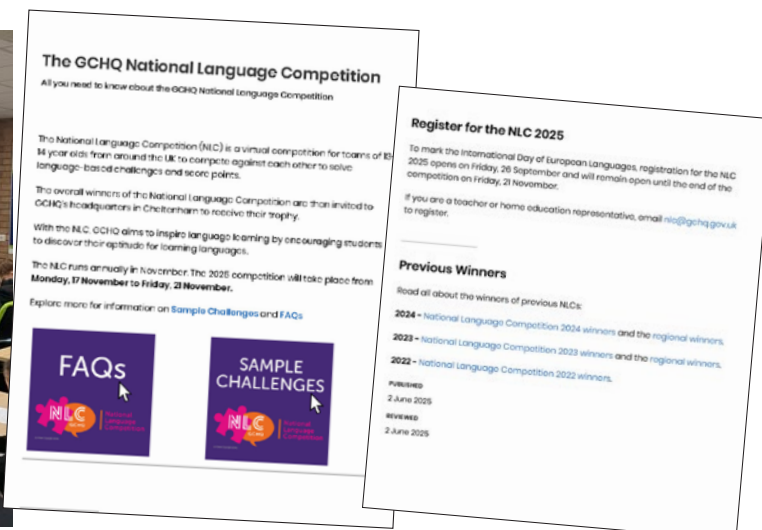
During the seminar, pupils explored the importance of language skills in real-world scenarios, including a challenge in French where they decoded and translated a text message. The session concluded with a Q&A, giving pupils the chance to ask questions and learn more about the exciting opportunities available in the field.

Mrs Scully, Head of Languages at Priory, said: *"This was a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to see how languages can be used in meaningful and exciting careers. It really opened their eyes to the possibilities beyond the classroom and sparked a lot of interest in the subject."*



Following the seminar, pupils have been invited to take part in the GCHQ National Language Competition, which runs from Monday 17 to Friday 21 November. The virtual competition challenges teams of 13-14 year olds across the UK to solve language-based puzzles and score points, with the overall winners receiving a trophy at GCHQ's headquarters in Cheltenham. Any Year 9 pupils interested in forming a team should speak to Mrs Scully or Mrs Bailey as soon as possible.

Fancy a crack at a challenge? You will find a selection of sample challenges from previous years' competitions here>> www.gchq.gov.uk/information/national-language-competition-sample-challenges



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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.

THIS WEEK'S
WINNING HOUSE IS >>



Year 7 **Joshua P** (Miss Burbidge)

Year 8 **Logan M** (Mrs Lockwood)

Year 9 **Areesha I-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.

LEADING THE BOARD >>

This is also an interhouse competition and the leaders will be those with the most individual entries each week.

There'll be an interhouse prize at the end of the year!



The Year Leaderboard has moved slightly this week with Calder and Ribble swapping positions. Hodder still leads the way.

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

Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. There

GET INVOLVED!

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.



Year 10 Work Experience Placements

After the half term break, we will be issuing Year 10 pupils with all the information they require regarding our work experience programme.

However, to get ahead, parents/pupils may want to use the break to explore opportunities with employers who are willing to offer a one week placement from Monday, 2nd February to Friday, 6th February.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Mrs Eastham via email at v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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Year 11 RE & Geography Liverpool Co-Curricular Trip

10 December

We have organised an exciting co-curricular educational trip to Liverpool for Year 11 pupils studying GCSE Geography and Religious Education (RE).



This trip is designed to enrich pupils' classroom learning through real-world experiences and will take place on Wednesday, 10 December.

Purpose of the Trip - RE

RE students will have the opportunity to visit the magnificent Liverpool Cathedral, where they will explore its architecture, history and spiritual significance. This visit will support their understanding of places of worship and religious expression, key components of the RE curriculum, led by Mrs Ham.

Purpose of the Trip - Geography

Geography students will explore Liverpool One and the Albert Docks, two areas that exemplify sustainable urban regeneration. These locations are directly linked to the Changing Cities topic in the GCSE Geography syllabus and complement the work undertaken in class for their Liverpool case study. Students will observe first-hand how Liverpool has transformed its urban landscape through sustainable planning and development.

We will depart by coach at 9am and return around 5pm. Pupils may wear their own clothing. There will be the opportunity to purchase lunch at Liverpool One or pupils may bring a packed lunch.

The cost of the trip is £14. Payment for the trip should be made through our cashless online system, SCOPay where you will also be asked to provide parental consent.

Letters have been given out to pupils this week and a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at > www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Please note that there are a limited number of places, allocated on a first come, first served basis. The closing date is Monday, 10 November, however this will close earlier if places are filled.

If you have any questions, please contact Geography teacher, Mrs Kursitis, via email at I.kursitis@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

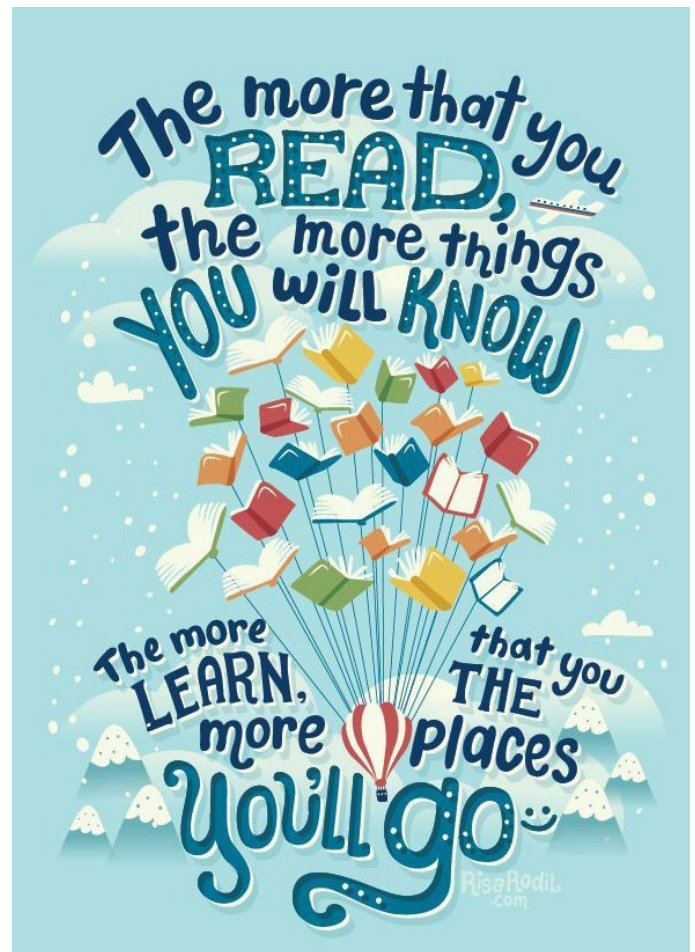
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Pupils Take Time Out To Enjoy Their Rewards

Thursday marked our first half-term rewards activities day.

During Periods 5 and 6, pupils who qualified for the reward were invited to take part in a range of exciting in-school activities, including Film & Popcorn, Darts & Table Tennis, Football on the 3G pitch, and two fantastic workshops in Dance and Drama delivered by Preston College.

The atmosphere was full of enthusiasm with pupils enjoying the chance to relax, have fun, and try something new alongside their peers.

Mrs Massey, who coordinates the rewards programme at Priory said: "It's been wonderful to see our pupils recognised for their efforts and enjoying the activities. These events are a great way to celebrate positive choices and encourage a strong school ethos. I'm incredibly proud of how well they've started the year."

We'd also like to extend a massive thank you to Preston College for leading the Dance and Drama workshops - their input added a professional and engaging touch to the day.

PRESTON
COLLEGE

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Massey for the time, effort and meticulous planning that went into organising the rewards afternoon. Without her dedication, these fantastic events simply wouldn't happen.

Well done to all pupils who qualified. We look forward to celebrating even more achievements at the end of term with a range of trips and activities!



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Year 11 College MEGA Day Inspires Futures in Digital and Technology



On Wednesday 8 October, a group of enthusiastic Year 11 students took part in an exciting MEGA Day at Runshaw College, designed to ignite interest in the fast-growing digital and technology sectors.

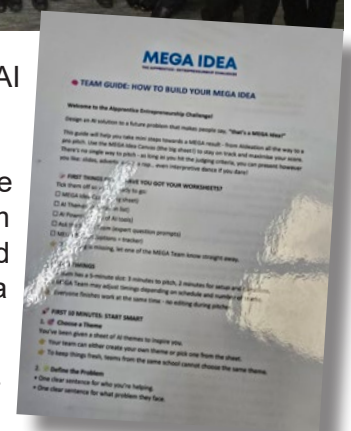
The event was delivered by the award-winning IN4 Group, in partnership with Lancashire County Council, and offered students a unique opportunity to explore future-focused careers in a hands-on, engaging environment.

The MEGA Day was fully funded with our students arriving ready to dive into the world of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and digital innovation.

The day began with a warm welcome and a guided tour of the college's impressive facilities, giving students a glimpse into the opportunities available for further study and career development. This was followed by an introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI), where students learned how AI is transforming industries and reshaping the future of work.

Working in teams, students were challenged to become AI Entrepreneurs for the day. Their task? To design an innovative AI-powered solution to a real-world problem set by industry professionals. Through a mix of ideation, digital tool integration, and collaborative thinking, students developed their ideas and prepared to pitch them in a high-energy Dragon's Den-style showdown.

The day also featured a fun Kahoot quiz to reinforce key AI concepts, and plenty of



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time for teamwork and creativity. In the final session, students presented their pitches to a panel of business, education, and local representatives, showcasing their enterprise, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Awards were given to celebrate outstanding ideas and teamwork, and students returned to school buzzing with inspiration and new knowledge.

Head of ICT & Computing, Mrs Qadri, said, "The MEGA Day not only helped raise aspirations but also equipped our students with valuable digital skills and insights into exciting career pathways in technology and innovation.

"I'm incredibly proud of Year 11 for their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork throughout the day. Events like these play a vital role in helping young people make informed decisions about their futures, and we look forward to seeing where their digital journeys take them next!"



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Year 11 Historians Explore the Gruesome Past at Thackray Medical Museum



REPORT BY MRS CAUCHI, HUMANITIES TEACHER

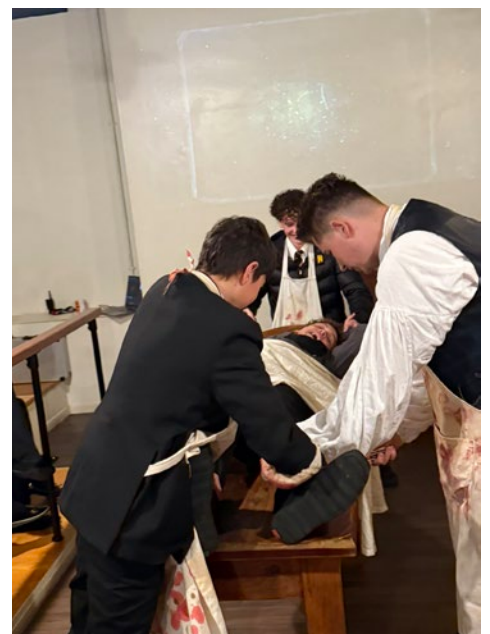
Our Year 11 GCSE History students recently enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds, where they explored the fascinating and often gruesome history of healthcare.

The museum offers immersive galleries that chart the evolution of medicine; from grimy Victorian streets to modern-day medical breakthroughs. Pupils wandered through mock alleyways of 19th-century Leeds, visited a seventies-style sexual health clinic, and discovered how the world responds to medical crises. They also had the chance to witness the innovations that have shaped how we care for ourselves and each other.

A highlight of the visit was a hands-on workshop on the History of Surgery, where pupils stepped back in time to experience a Victorian operating theatre. Leevi F-W, Oli W, and Ellis T took on their roles with enthusiasm and skill - Leevi as the screaming patient, and Ellis and Oli as the trusted surgeons. The quick 30-second surgery vividly demonstrated the horrors of medical practice in the Victorian era, complete with the unforgettable smell of rotting flesh and barbecue to add to the realism. It's safe to say this is an experience they won't forget in a hurry!



The museum was excellent and the trip tied in perfectly with the GCSE curriculum unit - Britain: Health and the People. As pupils now reach the end of their Medicine Through Time topic, this visit provided a valuable and engaging summary of key ideas. We encourage all students to continue reviewing this material as we begin our final topic: Elizabethan England.



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Celebrating Black History Month Through Food



Last Friday, our school came together to celebrate Black History Month with a vibrant and meaningful food sale.

Students and staff enjoyed a delicious array of traditional African and Caribbean treats, including Chin Chin, Mandazi, Puffs, and Cupcakes adorned with toppers featuring iconic Black figures from history and culture.



The event was not only a celebration of heritage and identity but

also a fundraiser for a vital cause. We're proud to share that we raised over £100 for Black Minds Matter, a charity dedicated to supporting the mental health of Black individuals and communities.

Before the end of break, Culture Club leader & Head of ICT Mrs Qadri, managed to gather the team of helpers together for a photo with our BHM flag too!

Celebrating Black History Month Through Learning for Life Assemblies

Alongside the food sale, throughout the week, Head Prefects Tarela and Hiyilie delivered assemblies during



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Learning for Life sessions to pupils across years 7-10.



Commencing with Martin Luther King Jr's captivating quote *"The time is always right to do what is right"*, Tarela went on to outline the history of Black History Month. Pupils were asked to have a go at identifying the ethnicity of well-known celebrities such as Zendaya and Idris Elba before notable Black figures were highlighted for their achievements and the impact they have made on the world.

Well done girls, for your engaging and educational presentations.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, baked, bought, listened and supported. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped make our celebrations of Black people and their culture a joyful success!



School is now
closed for the
half term
break:

27-31 October

We hope everyone enjoys their week off and
we'll see you back in school on

Monday, 3 November.



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