

# Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
2021



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## Important Dates:



21<sup>st</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> July  
**Festival of Performance  
and the Arts**

25<sup>th</sup> June  
**Year 7 Passport Walk**

29<sup>th</sup> June  
**Year 8 Passport Walk**

1<sup>st</sup> July  
**Sports Day**

5<sup>th</sup> July  
**Year 9 Passport Walk**

8<sup>th</sup> July  
**Year 10 Passport Walk**

13<sup>th</sup> July  
**Year 11 Valedictory  
Dinner**

16<sup>th</sup> July  
**Closure for Summer  
Break**

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July  
**INSET DAYS**

## Lancashire County Council Equality Marks



We are very proud to announce that Penwortham Girls' High School has been awarded two more Equality Marks from Lancashire County Council. We have achieved the Gender Equality badge and the Sexual Orientation Equality badge following a recent visit from the Council. At this visit, Mrs Hall and I were asked to demonstrate all the work that we had done to promote and ensure equality in these areas.

The Lancashire Equality Mark is awarded to schools who ensure that they actively embed Equality throughout all their practice and enable all their students to thrive in a supportive learning community. There are six badges to work towards and we have now achieved five of these badges. We currently have the Race, Religion and Socio-Economic badges in addition to these two new awards.

We had an accreditation visit from the council which was a fantastic opportunity to discuss and share all the different types of events and plans that we have put in place. This ensures that all our students feel able to thrive in our school and to celebrate our diverse community. We were very proud of the feedback we received from the council, who described our approach towards promoting gender equality as 'exemplary'. They mentioned being particularly impressed with how we celebrated 'International Women's Day' as a particular focus, but also said it was evident that equality is something that is promoted across the whole school. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the amazing contributions that everyone across our school community and the wider world, have made to our celebrations. Myself and Mrs Hall were very proud to talk about the interviews with Dame Sue Ion and local MP Katherine Fletcher that were expertly conducted by our Deputy Head Girl, Tegan L. The council were also very impressed with all the work that our Year 10 Respect Council have made throughout this year.



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We are continuously looking for more opportunities to promote equality in our school and to celebrate diversity and unity. Later this term, we will be hosting our 'Unitee' fashion show, which we are looking forward to as another occasion where our students can celebrate the wonderfully diverse world we live in. The fashion show promises to be an exciting and creative event – complete with a special guest judge!

We look forward to now achieving the final Equality badge, which will make us the first school in Lancashire to receive all six awards in the last three years!

*Miss Starkie*

## The Caroline Lowton Kindness Award

The past year has been challenging for all of us in different ways, and during these difficult times it is those individuals who offer kindness and support to others that make a difference.

Our previous school nurse, Caroline Lowton was a very special individual who went the extra mile to support the girls both in school and at home during the lockdown. Sadly, and unexpectedly, she passed away in July last year and her employer, Virgin Care wanted to donate an award to Penwortham Girls' where Caroline did so much of her work.

We want to give the award to a student, who like Caroline, gives kindness and support to others every day. Caroline's trophy will be a fitting memorial for someone who embodies kindness and is also a reminder that small acts of kindness can make a huge difference. This is the first time we have awarded the trophy so this a very special moment.

We asked Year 7 to nominate a pupil who demonstrates kindness daily; kindness which goes unnoticed by many but is truly appreciated by a few. There were over 100 nominations and choosing just one was very difficult. This student really did stand out from the rest, with some truly thoughtful words which we know would have made Caroline smile and therefore, we would like to award the trophy to Chloe W from 7P. Well done, Chloe!



Chloe's friends wrote:

"She has been very kind by helping me throughout the year with different lessons; she has helped me to have fun at breaks and has just been a very kind and fun person to be around. She has also made me laugh and helped me when I have been upset."

"She always makes me laugh when I am down and I know she will always be right by my side if I need a helping hand. She never gives up on me and inspires me to achieve my best. She never leaves me on my own when I need her the most. She makes me laugh and be happy at my best of times and worst of times. This is why she deserves a thank you for all that she has done for me!"

*Mrs Cattnach and Mrs Woodhouse*

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## Class of 2021

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May marked the end of Year 11 for the class of 2021. Although they started the day with a final assessment, the celebrations began at break. It was wonderful to see their embellished shirts ready for signing and so many smiling faces in our farewell events. There was a fantastic atmosphere as we reminisced about past years and looked forward to bright futures. Although Justin Bieber did not make a surprise appearance, the ice cream van made up for it! A special thank you must go to Millie for her divine cakes - spectacular and delicious-enjoyed by students and staff.

Also, many thanks to [www.byparis.co.uk](http://www.byparis.co.uk) for providing the spectacular 2021 balloon displays.

It has been an honour to be the Head of Year for such a generous, appreciative and resilient year group.



*Mrs Mckeown*





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## Festival of Performance and the Arts

Two weeks to go until **P&A21**! We're pleased and excited to announce our plans for this year's festival of 'Performance and the Arts' - a celebration of ambition, curiosity and resilience.

Mindful of the need to continue to socially distance, we have modified and revised some of our plans to ensure a fun but safe **P&A21**. A diverse programme of activities is planned, from theatre group visits and interform chess, to blue-ribbon events including our annual Passport Walks and Sports Day.

We hope **P&A21** will provide your daughter with the opportunity to explore her creativity and participate in competitive sport. Most of all, we hope that these three weeks of activities will provide an enjoyable end to a challenging year.

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Yr8: Mid-Summers Night's Dream – 17 <sup>th</sup> June  Festival News Teams 	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>  Yr7 Sawley Abbey	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>  Photography masterclass / exhibition (Yr9/10)	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> Years 7 to 9 Orienteering 	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> Year 7 Passport Walk 
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> Creative Arts Exhibition (All Week) 	<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> Quad Mural Year 8 Passport Walk  	<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> Flash Mob Music (anytime, anywhere) 	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> Cheerleading Sports Day (All Years) Athletics, Rounders & Netball  	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> Chess Championship 
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> Year 9 Passport Walk The Grand Debate Yr10  	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> Malawi Non-Uniform Day (Red, Black or Green) Quad Concert Open Mic 	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>  Getting September Ready • Values Displays • Visual Doors	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> Year 10 Passport Walk 	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> Awards Assembly 

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## Music Department – Festival of Performance and the Arts

The Music Department can't wait to get back to performing 'live' music! Whilst we still can't accommodate singing or performing in large groups, we would like to invite as many students as possible to sign up to perform in an 'Open Mic' lunch session and some impromptu music performances. We hope to hold these on the quad, if the British weather allows! If you know you have a budding singer or instrumentalist, singing or performing at home, then please encourage them to sign up to these events using the link on Class Charts. The atmosphere in school when these events take place is usually fantastic, with all pupils supporting each other and even singing along! The girls will be invited to perform their pieces first to either to Mrs Cattnach or Mrs Little so that we can ensure all the material is appropriate and suitable equipment can be organised. We hope as many people can take part as possible and look forward to making music 'live' once more!

*Mrs Cattnach,  
Curriculum Leader for Music*

## GCSE Art and Design Exhibition – Festival of Performance and the Arts

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GCSE Exhibition  
28<sup>th</sup> June  
Art, Craft & Design



THE  
ART  
DEPARTMENT



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June | Private View 3.30pm - 6.00pm |  
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All welcome to attend |



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## Performance, Sport and Health - Festival of Performance and the Arts

The Festival of Performance and the Arts is fast approaching and the PE department are hosting three major events. On Thursday 24th June, Years 7, 8 and 9 will enjoy team building activities to develop effective communication and leadership skills. On Thursday 1st July, we will be hosting our annual Sports Day. This is a day which promises to be action-packed and includes Athletics, Rounders and Netball competitions, as well as our traditional BBQ lunch (more details to follow). On Sports Day, all year groups will start school at 8:45am and finish at 3:00pm following the outline of the day below:

Time	Event			
8:45am - 8:55am	Registration & transportation to the first event			
8:55am – 10:25am	Event 1			
	Year 7: Rounders	Year 8: Netball	Year 9: Athletics	Year 10: Athletics
10:25am – 10:40am	Break			
10:40am – 10:45am	Transportation to second event			
10:45am – 12:15pm	Event 2			
	Year 7: Athletics	Year 8: Athletics	Year 9: Rounders	Year 10: Netball
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch			
1:00pm – 1:10pm	Transportation to next event & Registration			
1:10pm – 3:00pm	Event 3			
	Year 7: Netball	Year 8: Rounders	Year 9: Netball	Year 10: Rounders

We can't wait to see the fantastic performances that we always see on Sports Day. There will be more information sent via your form tutor next week so you can sign up to your chosen activities. Finally, on Thursday 8th July, years 7, 8 and 9 will enjoy an orienteering trail.

Good luck to you all in your Sports Day preparations and may the best form win!

*Mrs Naylor*

*Curriculum Leader for Performance, Sport & Health*



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## Lili's Charity Triumph

Lili has played football her whole life and was recently selected to be a 'Miss Kick' ambassador. Miss Kick is a brand that promote girls' football and they aim to make young girls who are involved in the sport, feel supported in their training and part of a community. Ever since becoming an ambassador, Lili has thrived through the supportive community that Miss Kick offers and has helped her to grow in confidence. Steph Houghton is the England Women's captain and unfortunately, her husband is battling Motor Neurone disease. She is an inspiration to Lili and the other Miss Kick ambassadors and so they wanted to do something to help the charity that is not only close to her heart but close the community's hearts too. The ambassadors also decided to choose two other charities, which are 'MacMillan' and 'Dementia Matters'. They called the event 'Miss Kick March Miles', where the ambassadors had to run/walk/cycle as many miles as they possibly could throughout the month of March.

The total distance travelled was 6084.63km, with Lili contributing a fantastic 400km to the total. Miss Kick ambassadors also raised an amazing £1317 which will be distributed equally amongst the charities! Well done, Lili! You are an inspiration for many girls in sport and you should be very proud of yourself.





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## Summer Hockey Camp

### 3 Day Lancashire Hockey Camp!

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 9am – 4pm.
- Westholme School, Blackburn, BB2 6QU.
- £30 per day, per player.
- All genders, ages 8 to 17 years, all abilities.
- 4 GK spaces, limited outfield spaces.

To book email: [horsfieldhockey@hotmail.com](mailto:horsfieldhockey@hotmail.com) or visit  
[www.horsfieldhockey.co.uk](http://www.horsfieldhockey.co.uk)

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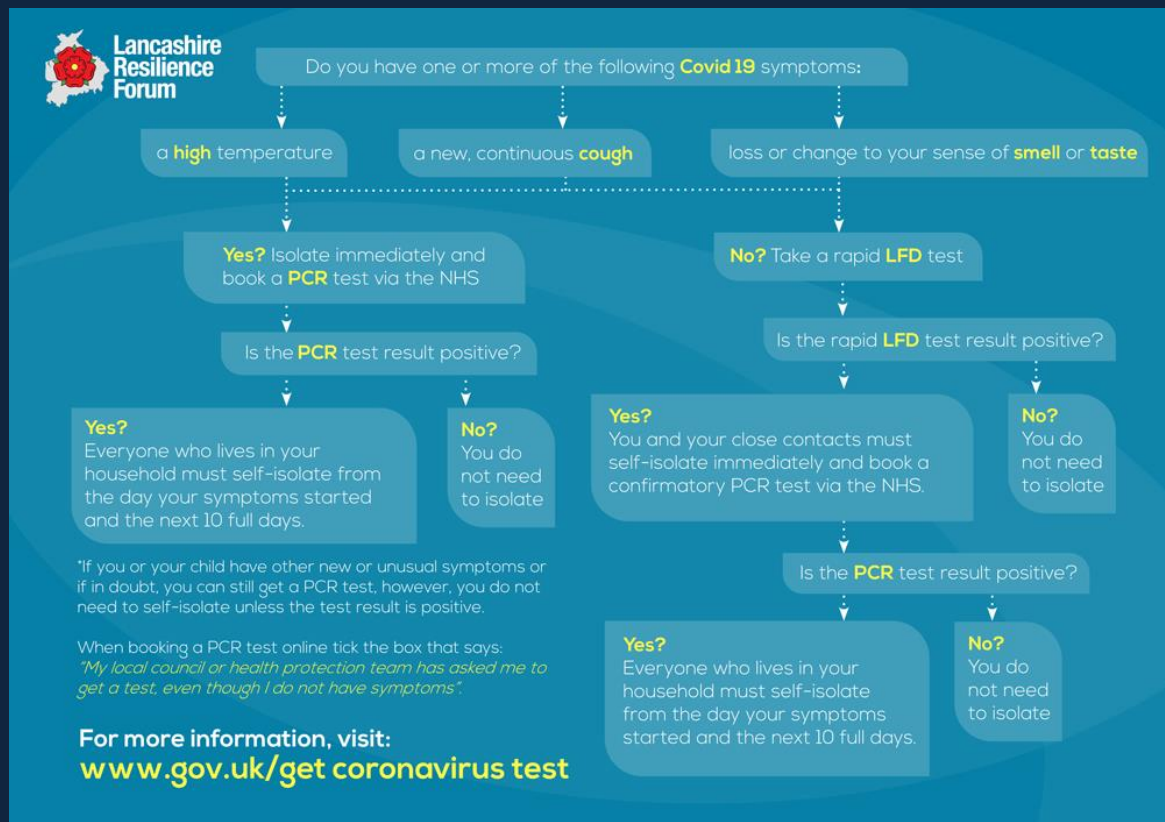


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## Covid Testing Guidance



As you may be aware, South Ribble has been designated as an area of "enhanced response" due to the rise in cases of Covid-19 in Lancashire and across the North West, driven by the variant first identified in India, now known as Delta.

We know that this variant is more transmissible than previous strains. New data is also emerging that suggests that people infected with the Delta variant – which is now thought to be the dominant strain in the UK – may be at greater risk of being admitted to hospital compared to the Alpha variant, which originated in Kent, although further data is needed to have more confidence in that finding. Public Health England is currently working hard to understand the Delta variant better.

At present, we have been given no further guidance about what we, as a school, need to do in order to support the work of the local authority to reduce the spread of the virus. As you know, we have continued with the use of face coverings in school. We would also like to encourage all students to continue with their twice weekly lateral flow tests - this will help support our efforts to protect our school community and reduce transmission of the virus by detecting asymptomatic cases.

Once we receive any further information about any action the school needs to take, we will be in touch.

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## Science Garden Area

So, the change in weather has finally brought a massive growth spurt to our little garden area.

The gladioli are growing taller each day. We even have some edible flowers in the guise of the orange nasturtiums.

The carrot tubes have feathery fronds peeping out and the potato pot is growing rapidly too.

Over in the pea frame, they are climbing steadily towards the top.

We can also finally put all our geranium cuttings out.

I just need to remember to water them all every day, while we are having this great weather!



Mr Turner  
Science Technician

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## Head's Commendations



### Elizabeth B-R (Year 7)

Superb speaking with a beautiful German accent. Highly accurate German writing with the use of less common vocabulary. Fantastisch!

### Neve H (Year 7)

Superb speaking with a beautiful German accent. Highly accurate German writing with the use of less common vocabulary. Fantastisch!

### Maisie W (Year 8)

Fantastic displacement disco comic strip of a displacement reaction. (Science)



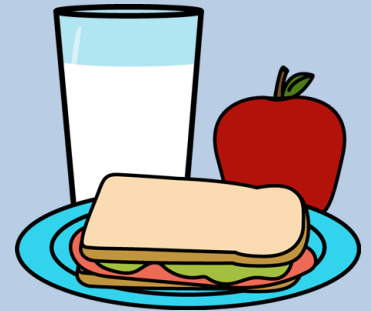
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## Lunch Menu

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June



### Monday

Pork sausage or Quorn sausage served with mash and veg.

### Tuesday

Beef/Quorn Chilli served with rice and nachos

### Wednesday

Macaroni cheese or pasta bolognaise served with garlic bread,

### Thursday

Chicken curry or Quorn curry served with rice and naan.

### Friday

Fish/pizza served with chips, peas and beans

Freshly made sandwiches from £1.00

Hot Sandwich selection from £1.85

Cold drinks from 45p

Homemade cookies and cakes from 40p

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## PGHS PE After-School Clubs

Starting W/B 12<sup>th</sup> April!

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Year 7	Year 10 & 11	Year 9	Year 8

Year 7, 8 and 9 practices will start at 3:00pm and finish at 4:30pm. Y10 and 11 will start at 3:20pm and finish at 4:30pm.



You will be given a choice of a wide range of different activities each week. The sports will be different every session so you can experience a variety of different activities.



Please bring trainers with you and you may also bring a pair of dark coloured plain tracksuit bottoms, this is optional.



## PGHS PE After-School Clubs

The most popular sports from the list below will be available each week. Popularity will change from one week to the next to cater for all students.



If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs Naylor. [s.naylor@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.naylor@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk)

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Do you need  
**careers**  
advice?

## Independent Careers Adviser

*Shamim Khan*

Available for 1:1 Careers Appointments & Drop In sessions in  
The Careers Room (Situated first floor next to the ICT Suite)

### Drop In sessions Times:

Morning : 8.30am to 9.10am  
Lunchtime : 12.30pm to 1.20pm

### Careers Adviser Dates:

March 2021	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
April 2021	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May 2021	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
June 2021	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021 Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
July 2021	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

If you would like a 1:1 appointment, please email:

[careers@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:careers@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk)

Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member





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## Pathways to... Healthcare & Nursing Apprenticeships Virtual Event

An opportunity to help you reach your full potential  
Begin a fulfilling and attractive career in nursing

**Wednesday 16th June 2021**

**Main Event: 4.00pm to 6.00pm**

**Parent/Guardian Q&A: 6.00pm to 6.45pm**

Would you like to...

- learn more about pathways into Healthcare & Nursing Apprenticeships within Health & Social Care?
- hear from organisations offering Healthcare & Nursing Apprenticeship pathways and how to access them?
- interact with current and former Healthcare & Nursing Apprentices and learn from their experiences?

Please click on the Eventbrite link to register: