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## Important Dates:



**21st October**  
**Parent Council Zoom**  
**Meeting**

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30th October**  
**HALF TERM**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Year 11 Parents Evening**

**9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Parent Council Zoom**  
**Meeting**

**10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 9 Parent Evening**

## What to do with your old school uniform!

One of our amazingly talented young ladies, Lily (Year 9) has taken a creative approach to the annual question, 'what to do with her outgrown school uniform?' Rather than throw-away or pass down to a younger sibling or cousin, she has up-cycled her jumper, shirt and PE kit into a rather zazzy blanket! In Lily's words:

*"I have created this blanket using my previous year school uniform, with the help of my mum's new sewing machine. The materials I have used, are; my cherry red jumpers, patches of my school P.E jumpers, as well as bits of the school P.E skort and top. For the border of this blanket, I have included a line of string piping, covered by my school blouse. In the far corner, I have included the school logo, to show how proud I am to be attending this school. It took me the entirety of the summer holidays and but it was worth it – I'm really proud of what I have produced :)".*



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## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



### Bienvenue/Willkommen

Hello my name is Mrs Gill and what a pleasure it has been to start working here as the new Curriculum Leader for Modern Foreign Languages at Penwortham Girls' High School. I am so excited to be starting here and joining a super team in the languages department and I look forward to all the exciting opportunities that lie ahead of us all over the coming months.

Having taught in Lancashire for 17 years, I know what a wonderful school PGHS is and I look forward to immersing you all in the interesting countries of France and Germany. We have lots planned over the next year and despite certain things having to be put on hold, there are still lots of activities and events that can take place that we can all enjoy together to share our love of languages and their cultures. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all my new students over the last five weeks and I am excited to see all the superb work that they can produce over this coming year.

What a busy first few weeks we have had in the languages department! We have spent quite a lot of our time setting all our students up on Quizlet, Duo Lingo and Active Learn. These are such useful apps and websites to use to further your language learning. They will really enhance your language learning and help you to discover the language further and the culture of France and Germany even more. Covid-19 has not dampened our spirits at all as alongside this, we have really hit the ground running and have already celebrated two big events in the languages calendar, European Day of Languages and Tag der Deutschen Einheit.

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*Curriculum Leader for MFL*

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## European Day of Languages.

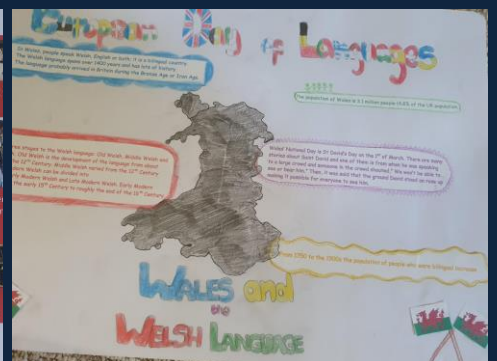
Every year on 26<sup>th</sup> September, the European day of Languages is celebrated and is a day where people in Europe can celebrate all the diverse languages and cultures across the world. It is a day to celebrate all the languages that we can learn and to enjoy listening to and speaking them. This year, we celebrated by greeting our students in a new language and students were able to greet their teacher back in a different language. There were lots of 'Moy Moy' (Finnish), 'Buenos días' (Spanish) and 'Ahóý' (Czech) across the school and pupils also practised these in their MFL lessons. We also had a languages form quiz where forms competed against each other in 30 questions based on different languages and countries. The standard was so high but 11G came out triumphant, followed closely by 9H, 9G, 7H and 10J. Well done!

KS3 had the opportunity to enjoy taking part in the poster competition which again proved to be highly popular and successful. We were inundated with entries to our poster competition and I have genuinely never seen such a high quality of entries in all my years of teaching - deciding on winners was almost impossible. We divided the winners into year groups and our winners and runners up enjoyed receiving their goody boxes of prizes. A huge thank you to everyone that entered, the standard was very high. I have displayed all the work in our hall for all our staff to see. Huge congratulations and special mentions go to:

Year 9: Isla W, Dionne D, Amber R, Soraya D, Elyse F, Lily T

Year 8: Hanya A, Jennifer K, Lojaina A, Caitlin J and Sazan A

Year 7: Hattie C, Elyse F, Natalie U, Angel A, Ruby R, Lucy EW, Rosie Y, Jenna K and Jameelah V



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## Tag der Deutschen Einheit



The day of German Unity is celebrated every year on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and this year we joined our German friends in celebrating by learning about what the day entails and why it is so important to Germany. KS3 spent the day on Friday learning about the events that led to the Berlin wall being built, what effect this had on the nation, how the East Germans felt and what life was like behind the Berlin Wall. We watched films and short video clips and we particularly enjoyed learning about all the ways that the East Germans tried to escape over the Berlin wall. We acted out the scenarios in our classroom, as our teachers divided us up into West and East Berlin and imagined how the German citizens would have felt. As a school, we designed our posters in the form of handprints on blue and yellow paper to depict the artist's impression after the Berlin wall came down. We filled our handprints with famous quotes and German vocabulary to depict the freedom they felt – die Freiheit, die Toleranz, die Gleichheit und die Mauer.

Here are some of the wonderful Berlin walls we drew with our handprints to signify freedom.



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## Celebrations

# Quizlet

There are already many reasons to celebrate this first half term in the languages department and not just the European Day of Languages and the Day of German Unity. We have had lots of fun working on our Quizlet flashcard sets. This year we have launched our use of Quizlet to practise and help our students with their vocabulary learning. Quizlet is a fantastic tool to make flashcards and practise vocabulary in a fun way. Just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference to learning and Quizlet makes learning fun. Each week, our classes have vocabulary uploaded and it allows our girls to compete in a tournament to be the quickest at match up but also the most accurate in the quiz. We have also launched our active learn website which gives our students access to reading, listening and vocabulary tasks linked to our schemes of work. If you don't have log-ins for Quizlet and Active Learn, please email [k.gill@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.gill@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk)

Year 7 have enjoyed learning how to greet each other, give their name, age and say where they live. They have also learnt the German alphabet and even taught someone at their home the German alphabet. Lots of family members have enjoyed the teaching you have done, girls! Well done! Some Year 8 girls have started their learning journey in French and are really enjoying learning about greeting people, numbers and talking about family members and have made amazing progress in such a short space of time. Keep up the good work! Huge congratulations and special mentions to our Quizlet Queens, Active Learn winners and hard workers this half term:

### Year 7 German

Sara A	Natalie U
Naadiya A	Mariella M
Claudia B	Eloisa-Mai F
Elizabeth B-R	Florence B
Phoebe B	Florence W
Dayana E	Chloe E
Jess G	Jessica D –
Emily J	Quizlet winner
Harriet M	Elizabeth N -
Eliza S	Quizlet winner
Naomi T	Rosie Y
	Vidhya P

### Year 8 French

India A – Puppet	Neve G
show in French	Heather P
Millie S - Puppet	Lydia R
show in French	Alice W
India A	Libby W
Lola P	Tasneem A
Millie S	Victoria K
Grace S	Jenna K
Saoirse S	Freya M
Molly T	Daisy B
Savo A	Aruhi G
Charlotte R	Gemma H
Martha W	Lily S
Jemima B	Ellie-May T
Charlotte B	Maisie W

### Year 8 German

Jennifer K  
Hanya A  
Elli-Ann S  
Charlotte R  
Lojaina A  
Caitlin J  
Maariyah A  
Libby W  
Jemima B

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## Year 9 French Active Learn Superstars

Elyse F  
Aasiya H  
Emily H  
Amirah P  
Zainab V  
Charlotte B  
Maia F  
Anna K  
Hana M  
Kiera-Leigh R  
Mia S  
Stevie McC  
Megan M  
Louise P-R  
Aminah A  
Emma B  
Esha C  
Evie H  
Sian H  
Maryam M  
Olivia S  
Lola U

## Year 9 German

Dionne D – Quizlet  
winner  
Maia F – Quizlet winner  
Keira-Leigh R – Quizlet  
winner  
Aoifa C – Quizlet winner  
Maarya B  
Freya H  
Bridget CS  
Steph McD  
Bethany G  
Grace K  
Sanuli W  
Lola U  
Olivia S  
Maariyah P  
Aasiyah H

## Year 10 French

Hidayah A  
Aisha B  
Nieve C-M  
Hannah E  
Katie H  
Danya H  
Abby L  
Ayesha M  
Esmé McF-K  
Lucy P  
Sana R  
Zaynab B - Active learn top scorer  
Eloise K-C - Active learn top scorer  
Abby L - Active learn top scorer  
Belle McC - Active learn top scorer  
Esmé McF - Active learn top scorer  
Lucy P - Active learn top scorer  
Sana R - Active learn top scorer

## Year 10 German

Megan W – Quizlet winner  
Carla D – Quizlet winner  
Alice C – Quizlet winner  
Jessica Mc  
Ellie R  
Lois R  
Donalia M  
Eva W  
Zahra N  
Diljeet KS  
Kit WE  
Sarah T  
Freya A  
Nur A  
Fareesha K  
Emily S

## Year 11 French

Juwairiyah B  
Katie B  
Jess B  
Sammy C  
Lottie G  
Millie-Sue L  
Rose L  
Erin N  
Eden S  
Ash S  
Lucy W – Active learn top scorer  
Olivia B - Active learn top scorer  
Emily M - Active learn top scorer  
Ash S - Active learn top scorer  
Erin F  
Fay R

## Year 11 German

Poppy J  
Ella H  
Abbie J  
Aaminha M  
Molly B  
Athena C  
Megan S  
Milly M  
Sana M  
Alicia Mc  
Beth S – Active learn top scorer  
Bailey Y – Active learn top scorer  
Sophie C – Active learn top scorer  
Abigail F – Active learn top scorer  
Nabeelah M  
Lily T

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## Plans for the year.

We look forward to next half term where we will be learning all about the cultural events surrounding Christmas in France and Germany. There will be lots of activities to take part in to learn about how the festive period is celebrated in France and Germany. Hopefully we will be able to bake some delicious French and German Christmas bakes – now that is something I shall look forward to! Our girls will also get the opportunity to take part in the bunting competition and design their own revision bunting during the Autumn term. We will also be launching our Year 7 German spelling bee competition, where Year 7s will get the chance to compete in the German spelling competition and see how many German words they can spell in a minute. Could you be the next Spelling Bee champion to take on our local high schools? Hopefully in the spring term, we will have the opportunity to launch our French and German breakfasts and have the chance to start our film club to enjoy some French and German films. Watch this space for more French and German fun!



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## RE Department News



### RE IN THE WORLD THIS WEEK.

#### INTER FAITH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE (11-18<sup>th</sup> October)

The 8 days from the 2nd to the 3rd Sunday in October each year, are kept as an occasion when members of all faiths focus their prayers on world peace.

It was a Christian initiative in 1974 that led to the founding of the Week of Prayer for World Peace. It only took a few years for it to become an interfaith activity. People of all faith traditions or none, are now welcomed.

Each day of the week is given a theme:

<b>Sunday</b>	Celebrating Unity
<b>Monday</b>	Environment and Climate Change
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sharing our resources
<b>Wednesday</b>	Animals and Insects
<b>Thursday</b>	Respect
<b>Friday</b>	Friendship
<b>Saturday</b>	Gratitude
<b>Sunday</b>	Working Together with Courage



*Miss Brooks, Teacher of RE*

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## Virtual Visitor! Year 8 Humanism.

Throughout the term so far, Year 8 have started to explore ultimate questions, such as 'what does it mean to be human?'

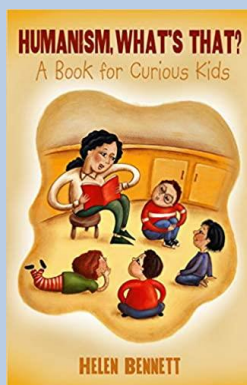
Within the lessons, we have held debates that delved deep into these philosophical questions, but this week Year 8 have had the opportunity to ask a humanist how they may respond to life's ultimate questions. Humanism is a non-religious approach to life that is found throughout time and across the world in many different cultures. Roughly speaking, the word humanist has come to mean someone who:

- trusts to the scientific method when it comes to understanding how the universe works and rejects the idea of the supernatural (and is therefore an atheist or agnostic);
- makes their ethical decisions based on reason, empathy and a concern for human beings and other sentient animals;
- believes in the absence of an afterlife and any discernible purpose to the universe;
- human beings can act to give their own lives, meaning they seeking happiness in this life and help others to do the same.

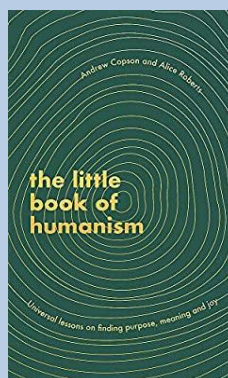
Through the virtual lecture, Year 8s were taught the fundamental beliefs of humanism and discussed how it is similar and different to religions. At the end of the presentation, students were able to ask any questions to Keith, the Humanist representative.

More can be found about Humanism here: <https://humanism.org.uk/humanism/>  
<https://lancashire.humanist.org.uk/>

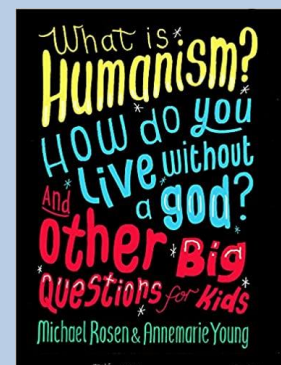
## Wider Reading



**Title:** The Little Book of Humanism:  
Universal lessons on finding  
purpose, meaning and joy  
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**Title:** What is Humanism? How do  
you live without a god? And Other  
Big Questions  
**Author:** Michael Rosen &  
AnneMarie Young

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## Life Skills.

All of the students have started the academic year in Life Skills with a reflection on their experiences and thoughts about lockdown. KS3 students are now looking at some of the content that they would have covered in the spring and summer term last year before moving on. KS4 are having weekly form time sessions.

Here are the reflections from some of the Life Skills staff, as well as snippets of the work that KS3 students have been doing since our return in September:

'In Life Skills, the girls have been learning numerous aspects that can help them deal with important day to day situations, both in and outside school, as well as guiding them to understand how to approach potentially challenging aspects in the future.

Students engage with thought provoking tasks and classroom debates so all opinions and views can be expressed. Current topics include 'Friendships', 'Relationships', 'Feelings', 'Thoughts' and 'Behaviours', as well as Sex Education elements. These are all essential factors that students learn to a deeper and more confident level, hopefully leading to a better understanding and safer choices.'

*Miss H Owen.*

'I am enjoying their Life Skills lessons and are contributing to all the new skills and values effectively. They have explored the 'Friendships' and 'Relationships' topics and are now working on 'Healthy Lifestyle and Balanced Diet'. They are very dedicated to all class tasks and paired work. Year 8 and 9 are currently exploring ideas on different relationships and friendships including intimate relationships. All students have developed effective communication skills including assertiveness, active listening and the valuing of others' feelings. They have also explored a range of positive and negative thoughts, feelings and behaviours which can impact their life.'

*Ms M Shahi.*

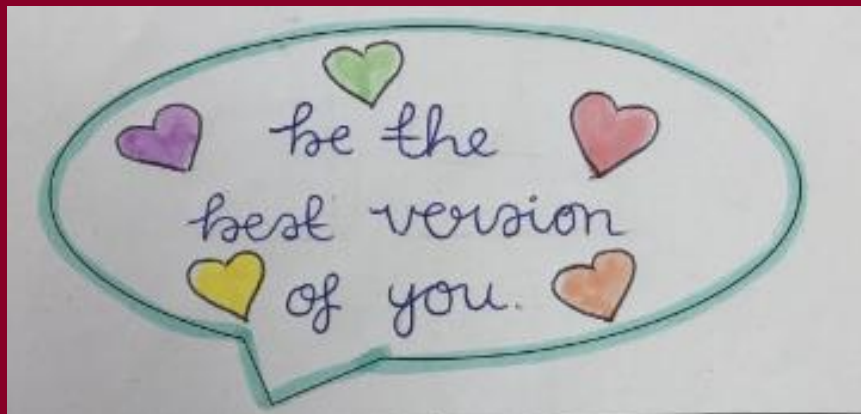
'In Year 7 Life Skills, we initially thought about how we have overcome difficulties and obstacles.

We have had some great discussions about all the fantastic achievements that we have accomplished.

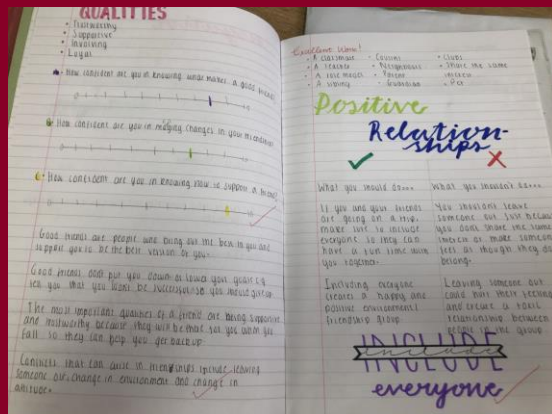
We have also thought about the things that we hope to achieve in the future and how we will achieve these ambitions.

Each student has created their own trophy which tells us some of the things that we are most proud of achieving.'

*Mr J Bretherton.*



*Mrs Cahill,  
Life Skills Co-ordinator*



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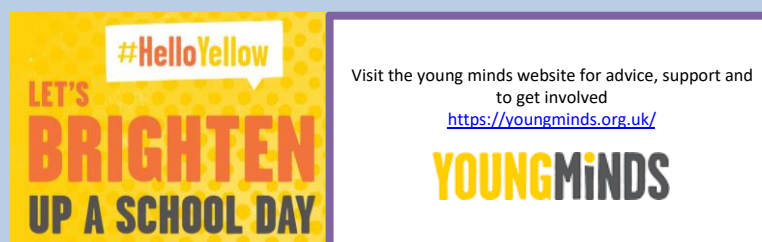
We're saying **#HelloYellow** in our school to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

We know that it is a difficult time and it can be hard to feel positive but you're not alone. By coming together, we can remind ourselves of this, share positive moments and be there for one another.

This year, it is more important than ever to look after our mental health.

Saturday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. To mark this occasion, on Friday 9th October, students and staff were invited to wear yellow accessories to raise awareness for mental health and show compassion for each other.

A huge thank you to all students and staff for your support in taking part in this Young Minds #HelloYellow campaign. You really did brighten up the school day!



## TEMPEST PHOTOS.

Please could all money and orders for Year 7 photos be returned to school by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Parents/Carers can still order photos after this date but will have to order direct with Tempest, where there will be an added postage charge. Thank you.

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## Head's Commendations

### Grace B, Alicia S (Year 7)

An excellent UK relief map, Grace. Well done! (Geography)

### Hana M (Year 9)

An excellent formative assessment from Hana- all working out clearly shown and achieved 100%! Well done! (Maths)

### Beth P, Lucy P and Sophie W (Year 10)

Heads Commendation awarded by Miss G Morris in Room 53 (COVID).

### Kaitlyn C and Natalie U (Year 7)

For an amazing 3D relief map of the British Isles. (Geography)

### Natalie U (Year 7)

Fantastic entry into the European Day of Languages competition. Lots of research and understanding of your chosen country. Well done!

### Hattie C (Year 7)

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### Dionne D (Year 9)

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### Tilly P (Year 9)

An outstanding piece of work produced for the GEO-STAR task 'Goldilocks zone'.

### Rosie Y (Year 7)

Your relief map of Wales is awesome, Rosie! Appropriate use of colours to add a cartography technique too. Great work, well done - geotastic! (Geography)

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## Covid Response

Please note, our 'September 2020' webpage has now been re-named as 'Covid Response'. This can be found from the main navigation bar on our website. A tab within this page is 'useful home learning information'.



**If your child has:**  
**a high temperature**  
**a new, continuous cough, or**  
**a loss of, or change in, sense of**  
**smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of**  
**coronavirus**

**Book a test**

**If your child has:**  
**a runny nose, is sneezing or**  
**feeling unwell**  
**But they don't have:**  
**a high temperature**  
**a new, continuous cough, or**  
**a loss of, or change in,**  
**sense of smell or taste**

**These are**  
**not normally symptoms of**  
**coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial**  
**111 or see your GP**

Please visit our Attendance Policy Appendix on our school '**Covid Response**' webpage for Attendance information.

<http://www.penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk/september-2020-opening/6093207.html>

## Polite Notice

### Car Parking



Please be considerate to resident's properties if parking on Hill Road when collecting/dropping off students. Many thanks.

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**SCHOOL  
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SECONDARY**

**SOUTH**

Do you have a child starting secondary school  
in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?

**APPLY NOW!**

**WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS**

or give us a call on 01772 532109

**CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2020**

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

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY**

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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'School Admission Policies'.

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## OPEN EVENTS

### DATES & TIMES

Wednesday 7th October 2020 (Virtual)  
4.00pm – 7.00pm



Thursday 8th October 2020 (Virtual)  
4.00pm – 7.00pm

Saturday 7th November 2020  
10.00am – 2.00pm

Thursday 28th January 2021  
4.00pm – 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th March 2021  
4.00pm – 7.00pm

**APPLY NOW**  
[preston.ac.uk/apply](https://preston.ac.uk/apply)

  [prestoncollege](https://www.instagram.com/prestoncollege)

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**RUNSHAW COLLEGE**

**You** are invited to our **Autumn Open Events:**

**Thursday 8 October, 3.30-7.30pm**

**Tuesday 17 November, 3.30-7.30pm**

- You** will benefit from our Ofsted Outstanding teachers, facilities & additional opportunities
- You** will enjoy a beautiful & safe campus
- You** will have your very own Progress Mentor to inspire you and look after your wellbeing
- You** will have a heavily subsidised college bus service
- You** will have the time of your life

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Please note that places are limited & these are **Registration Only Events:**

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

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Cardinal Newman College also have Virtual Open Events. Please visit the website  
<https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events/>

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## Virtual Rainbow Run 2020!



**Get your rainbow colours on and run, walk,  
cycle or scoot in support of our hospital  
charity, any day & distance between**

**Monday 5th and Sunday 25th October!**

Whether it be a 1k Rainbow Toddle for families with young children to  
a full marathon, the distance is completely up to you, so you can set  
your own personal challenge!

For more information and to sign up visit:

**[www.lthcharity.org.uk](http://www.lthcharity.org.uk)**

Or call us on: **01772 528500**

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