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Important Dates:



18th November Year 11 Parents' Evening

17th December - Closure for Christmas at 1.30pm

20th December – 3rd January Christmas Closure

Tuesday 4th January **Re-open** Eastival of Litoratu

Festival of Literature and Languages

As part of the Festival of Literature and Language, students in years 7 and 8 read two historical novels connected to the history curriculum. Year 7 students read 'Winter of the Wolves'. This is an exciting story set in 540AD which follows the life of Oslaf, a young Anglo-Saxon who struggles to build a new life after becoming orphaned at the age of 12. Oslaf eventually finds a new tribe who decide to make the hazardous journey across the North Sea to establish a new village in Anglo-Saxon England.

Year 8 students read 'Forbidden Soldier', which is set during the English Civil War. The main character, Hannah, falls in love with an apprentice cabinet maker, Matthew. However, Hannah's strict Puritan father disapproves as he is a Roundhead and Matthew is a Cavalier! The festival provided a fantastic opportunity to read superb historical fiction and really enriched the students' understanding of the topics they have been studying in lessons. Hopefully it has inspired students to read more historical fiction; there are some great books that students can borrow from the library and the history department.







ENGLISH







Artsmark Gold Award Awarded by Arts Council England

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As part of the festival, Year 9 students participated in a mock trial exploring the 1884 case of R v Dudley and Stephens. The defendants were accused of cannibalism after becoming shipwrecked in the Atlantic Ocean. After 19 days at sea, the captain, Thomas Dudley, convinced two other sailors to kill and eat 17 year old Richard Parker, who had been suffering from the effects of malnutrition and dehydration.

Three days later the crew were rescued and brought back to England. On their return they were charged and found guilty of murder, despite public opinion being sympathetic to the famished sailors. The students enjoyed learning about the case and the difference between moral and legal arguments, the importance of the use of evidence in criminal cases, and how to construct a convincing defence and prosecution. Hopefully, it will have inspired Year 9 students to investigate a career in law, as well as sparking an interest in the upcoming mock trial competition to be held in the new year.



Mr Herbert, Associate Assistant Headteacher

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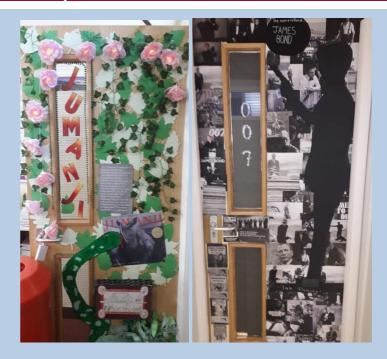
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Festival Doors

As part of our festival activities, each form decorated their form door to reflect a favourite book. The girls really applied themselves to the task. There was a diverse range of books selected and some really creative and imaginative displays which really brightened up the school. A number even included moving parts and flashing lights!

Mr Ward shortlisted 8 doors which were then put to a school vote. The winning doors were a James Bond inspired door by 8EHO and a Jumanji themed door by 7GFO. Both of these forms received bumper breakfast packs as a reward.

Also in the shortlist was the Mr. Men door by 9SHS and The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas display by 8NRH.



Drop Down Day – Crime Writing

We started the festival with our first ever Drop-Down Day. Our normal curriculum was paused and Years 7 to 9 completed an 'Essential Knowledge' session looking at important moments in literature. The students firstly explored a number of famous texts from, 'The War of the Worlds' to 'Animal Farm', before digging deeper to see how many of our everyday phrases and idioms have come from books, including "it's a catch 22", and "the movie ended on a real cliff hanger".

After break, we explored a number of foreign language books which have influenced British culture, including 'Don Quixote', often said to be the first novel and arguably one of the most important turning points in Western Literature. Next, we looked at 'Murders in the Rue Morgue' by Edgar Allan Poe, which along with 'The Moonstone' by Wilkie Collins, are often accredited with creating the rules of detective fiction.

Finally, we explored these rules – eccentric investigator, bumbling police officer, false suspects and the final reveal, through famous examples from Poirot and Miss Marple before giving the girls the opportunity to apply these rules to their own crime short story.

Students who felt their story hit the brief, were invited to submit their entry into our writing competition, which was won by Sophie Wallace in 8NRH for a 'Blooded Knife' and Hattie Clarke in 8EHO with 'Murder in the Maze'. These stories along with 8 other shortlisted thrillers will be shortly made into a booklet which will be available from school.

Mr Ward, Senior Assistant Headteacher







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Science Department

Smash Boom Best



As part of the festival, Year 7 scientists have been looking at how we could debate topics and persuade people to vote for some of our favourite things in life. One key skill in Science is to use evidence and facts to present arguments whilst also looking out for bias and opinions.

The first step was to listen to some podcasts from the 'Smash Boom Best' debate show. This is a debate show for kids and families from the makers of the award-winning podcast, 'Brains On'!

Every episode takes two cool things, smashes them together and lets you decide which is best. What do you prefer – cats or dogs? Chocolate or crisps? Unicorns or mermaids?

Our debaters use facts and passion to make their case and teaches listeners how to defend their own opinions along the way.

Visit https://www.smashboom.org/episodes to hear some of the episodes yourself.

Then, we had to decide on the topics we wanted to research and smash together in our debate show. There were some interesting choices made by our students. What did your daughter choose to debate? Once they had decided on their topic they then had time to research and prepare for their debates.

Each debate show was made up of 3 rounds. They first had to make a 'declaration of greatness', where each topic made one persuasive and catchy statement to convince everyone their topic was the best. This was then followed by the 'Micro-round', where each side had 1 minute to shower the listeners with facts about their topic. The final task was called the 'final six', where they had to summarise their topic in 6 statements.

After each section of the debate, the listeners voted and then a tally was counted. In the event of a tie, each group had prepared their 'sudden death' statement. Overall winners were then announced.

Do you know what topic your daughter represented? Did your daughter win her debate? Why not ask them about the facts they gathered? Do you agree with their choice?

After the debates and votes were in, every student then created a newsletter article about their experience. Here are some examples on the next page:

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Smash boom best!

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Spectacular Space vs Enormous Earth!!! This week on Smash boom best there was a debate

about earth and space, the contestants were Rabin and

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During the festival of Literature and Language, all of our Year 8 students investigated how we can recreate the magic of Harry Potter in a Science laboratory.

Year 8 stepped into the world of Harry Potter and... "Alohomora!"... unlocked their magical powers. We created 'Lumos!' wands by burning magnesium, which produced a bright white light when we burned it in oxygen. 'Lumos' is a charm that illuminates the tip of the caster's wand, allowing the caster to see in the dark.

We practiced the art of potion making by creating a colour changing redox reaction, that exploited the dramatic colour changes associated with the various oxidation states of manganese. In Hogwarts, potions lessons took place down in one of the dungeons. It was colder here than up in the main castle, and would have been quite creepy enough without the pickled animals floating in glass jars all around the walls.

We also explored the science of 'Incendio!' flame tests and discovered that different metal ions created different coloured flames. 'Avada Kedavra' is a curse used in Harry Potter which causes instantaneous death. It is accompanied by a flash of green light and a rushing noise.

Year 8 were then given the opportunity to create a newsletter article for the 'Daily Prophet', outlining all of the magical science experiments that they had carried out. Here are some examples of the newsletter articles created by 8pg/Sc5:

Miss Forrest, Science Department



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Year 8 Secret Writing Using Invisible Ink



During the Literature and Language festival, year 8 looked at secret writing using invisible ink. Steganography is at the art of hidden or secret writing. The root 'steganos' is Greek for hidden and the root 'graph' is Greek for write.

The art of secret writing has been used for over 2000 years and has been used to plot conspiracies, in spying or even to write secret love letters.

As part of the lesson, year 8 learnt about the 'lemon juice spies'. In World War 1, several German agents operating in England used lemon juice as a means of communication. The British government had stepped up their censorship of letters in wartime. One English agent, Mabel Beatrice Elliot, flagged letters written by three of these German agents and unmasked them as spies. The German spies were clumsy and when caught, they were found to have lemons and pens with lemon pulp stuck in the nibs in their possessions. In 1915, the British government executed 11 German spies in the Tower of London - four of them had used lemon juice.

Year 8 made secret messages using lemon juice and bicarbonate of soda. By using a chemical indicator made from red cabbage, the lemon juice, which is an acid and the bicarbonate of soda, which is an alkali, were made visible. The indicator turned pink with the lemon juice and yellow with the alkali.

Mrs Goodwill, Science Department

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Asleep for 50 Years!

The Cumbre Vieja volcano on the Spanish island of La Palma has occasionally twitched and rumbled, but no lava has emerged since 1971. That changed at 3:12p.m. local time on September 19th, rising magma tore open several fissures on its west side and an extravagant eruption began.

As part of the Language and Literature festival, Year 9 have been looking at the ongoing eruption in La Palma. They were tasked with reading an article on the volcano and, using some reading strategies, had to make sense of the report and condense it down into more manageable chunks. Using their condensed articles, they had to create their own news report. The reports were extremely well written and had some great emotional hooks to make the reader feel empathy. Some students were even lucky enough to be recorded reading their reports with the BBC Intro! We have some budding news anchors in the future!

To incorporate no pens day, we also made models and collages of different volcanoes. They all look amazing! As it is Science, we have also included some chemicals to allow them to erupt! Some students have chosen Coke and Mentos, whilst others have opted for the elephant's toothpaste reaction! We allowed them to 'erupt' on the school field. Some went off with a bang, erupting metres into the air! The Coke and Mentos weren't as spectacular as first hypothesized. Great work, Year 9!



Mr Dean, Science Department

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Festival of Literature and Languages – Modern Foreign Languages

What a busy first half term it has been for our MFL team with our Language and Literature Festival taking place at the end of the first half term! During the Festival fortnight, our pupils had the opportunity to get involved in lots of wonderful language-based activities including starting our French and German penfriend letters, learning all about German history and the Berlin wall, enjoying some wonderful German and French films and culminating in a spectacular Languages Bake Off on the final day. We also carried out all of the regular activities that take place, such as our Quizlet competitions and quizzes and all the usual fun activities that take place to further our language learning and cultural knowledge.

Berlin Wall and German Reunification Celebrations

During our Language and Literature Festival, we have spent some time looking at the Berlin Wall, which divided Germany and the capital city of Berlin from 1961 – 1989. We learned all about the former East Germany and what it was like to live there. We discussed the reasons for the wall being built, as well as all the creative ways people came up with to escape East Germany. Through all our learning and discussion, we really understood the significance of the wall coming down on 9th November 1989 and the eventual reunification of Germany on 3rd October 1990. To mark our celebrations of the Day of Germany Unity, KS3 created a 'Wall of Hands' by tracing their hands on brightly coloured card and filling them with key German words, bright colours, interesting facts and wonderful drawing. I think you'll agree they make quite the impact! Can you spot your hand in these photos?





German Penpals

We are keen to keep up our links with our partner schools and hope to widen opportunities for our students to communicate with students abroad. Y7 have been writing their first letter of introduction to their German penpals. Y8 have produced lovely postcards and Y9 have written about their role models. Frau Woesner, our contact from Sickingen-Gymnasium has sent us letters from two classes already. Frau Raine's Y7 and Frau Gill's Y8 have been very lucky to receive a letter and are busy responding. We are working on getting all classes matched up with a German class.

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Y8 French Penpals

Y8 French have been busy writing a letter of introduction to their French penpals in Lille. As part of the Oracy Odyssey, some students also gained the 'Talk to entertain' badge for their very entertaining roleplay set in the jungle.



Y9 French Penpals

Last half-term, Y9 French have been learning how to talk about their pets, family, physical descriptions, house and breakfast. As part of the festival, we enjoyed making origami paper houses, ready to send to our French penpals in Lille. This was a fun way to revise and practise our writing skills. We hope our French penpals will proudly display our work in their classroom.

KS4 French

During the festival, Y10 French have had the opportunity to make a video for our French penpals in Lille. They had to talk (in French, bien sûr!) about friendship and explained what being a true friend means to them. Well done, Louise, Charlotte, Stevie, Olivia, Isabel, Sofia, Joudy, Maryam, Beth and Sian for volunteering. We can't wait to see the finished video! Thank you in advance to Mr Owen for the professional editing. Watch this space!

After discovering the fun of pebble painting during Open Evening, we decided that pebbles were the way to go to practise our GCSE questions. The idea is for the students to use these on a regular basis to test each other and keep adding to the collection.

Madame Raine 🞯





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MFL Bake off

The Great MFL Bake Off took place on Friday 22nd October and was definitely, without a doubt, the finale of the Languages and Literature festival! We received over 50 entries and had the delicious task at the last lunch time of half term of tasting the cakes and bakes and finding a winner for the criteria of 'tastes good' and 'looks good'.

Needless to say, there were many willing helpers, including Mr Bretherton, Mrs Russell-Hayes, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Pomeroy, Miss Shahi, Mrs Bennett and all the MFL staff who enjoyed the tasting a bit too much! Miss Gelder won the prize for tasting the most by eating over 10 pieces of cake! What a wonderful afternoon it was to see all the wonderful and inspiring bakes that were made by our very talented pupils. Not just the cakes themselves but the amount of effort that had gone in to designing them and the fun ways that the pupils had depicted the countries.



Here are the winners for each year group:

YEAR 11

First place: Kai N with Turkey.

Runner up: Abi and Jess with Germany.

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<u>YEAR 10</u>

Joint first place: Rebecca S with Germany/Olivia and Louise with Italy

<u>YEAR 9</u>

First place: Emily K with Antartica.

Runner up: Maryam Z with Pakistan.

YEAR 8

First place: Maisy and Sasha with Germany.

Joint Runners up: Ayesha with France and Hattie C with Mexico.

<u>YEAR 7</u>

Joint first place: Emily W with Japan and Holly/Holly/Charlotte with Japan.

Our MFL plans

Coming up, we have lots more fun activities planned for this half term with our Revision Bunting competition being launched soon. This will encourage our girls to look at different revision techniques when learning, retrieving and retaining new vocabulary. Students will be given the opportunity to create their own MFL revision bunting for our Module 2 work. Ask your language teacher for more details this half term and information on how to enter.



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We will also be learning about how our French and German friends celebrate the Christmas festive period. This starts a little earlier in Germany with Nikolaustag on the 6th December. Remember to leave your shoes and slippers outside for treats, girls! Hopefully we will be able to sample some German and French Christmas delicacies too in class. Now that is something we will look forward to!

We will also be attending the German Christmas markets in Manchester and a letter has gone out to interested students this week. We very much look forward to heading to Manchester to experience the cultural wonders at the markets and to sample some French and German traditional food. The language teachers are really looking forward to a great evening of French and German cultural treats.

We will also be launching our MFL Christmas card competition this half term. Hopefully we will see another record amount of entries like in our European Day of Languages competition in September. It is open to everyone to enter and your language teacher will guide you with it. I look forward to seeing them all. Remember that our film club is still running. We are starting our new films next week so if you are keen to come along, make sure you speak to Mrs Gill.



Mrs Gill Curriculum Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

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Festival of Literature & Languages

The Geography Department got involved in the festival with a number of activities across the lower school. Some Year 7 classes got the opportunity to map literary locations. We had imaginary maps of Neverland from Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie, maps of the grounds of Hogwarts from the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling and 100 Acre Wood from Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne.

In Year 8, some classes tried their hand at creative writing set in mountain landscapes. These involved peril and survival, but also used techniques such as similes and metaphors to paint a picture of the beauty that these environments possess.

I the total breast day in the Lake District we had been out there for almost 48 hours, we had fosty fingers and tomato red checks. If you are wondering who we are, I am Evellyn a 13 year old girl who loves animals and to explore new exciting places and I was with my fired Jacob who is a 13 year old boy who loves the outdoors and PNE. If you're also wondering why we were in the Lake District it because we were on a mission to find the wasn't just any polar he was the talking polar bear that had been trying to be hunted for years. Don't worry though were his friends we were the ones that taught him how to talk when he was just 8 months old. The only thing we knew was that he was up the magnificent scafell where he felt safe so that was where we were off

<u>Lost in the</u> mountains A pain shuddered through my body. I was almost scared to open my eyes, "summer. Summer. Can you hear us?" I slowly opened my eyes and saw two teenagers standing over me. I recognised them from somewhere but I couldn't place it. I slowly sat up clutching my head. Irrom somewhere out i couldn't place it. I slowly sat up clutching my head. My eyes scanned the horizon, the trees, the mountains, lake, and the plane wreckage. It was all coming back to me. It all flashed before my eyes- all the memories from before. The plane was shaking and shaking and plummeting down. I could hear the screams and the terror within them like

The case of the missing climber

Warmth at last, detective Lilly Jones had just arrived at Brazil to solve her latest case about a missing professional mountain climber. The mountain climber called Will Carter had been missing for 3 days and no one has heard from him. Unfortunately for Lilly, she has no time

to enjoy the sun, she has to solve the case before it is too late. It was quite hard for detective Lilly to work out where will was because she was only given one picture. The picture she had received, was of Will at mount Roraima. Mount Roraima is on the border between Brazil and Venezuela. It has a height of 2810 metres which is really high for Lilly to climb as she has no experience climbing mountains so a friend of Will called Steve who also is an expert at climbing mountains will help her out. Lilly believes that Will struggled to come down the mountain as it is windy and has less oxygen so she thinks that Will has possibly broken a leg and can't come down. Tomorrow early in the morning, she and Steve will climb mount Roraima and try their absolute best to find out more clues along

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One to tie in with the Festival of Lit & Lang; his location inspired one of our great horror classics – Dracula. Email in your answers to g.bowles@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk. Remember – be specific with your guesses!

Mr Bowles, Curriculum Leader for Geography

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Come along and extend your knowledge of our wonderful planet! We used ICT based platforms, games, films, documentaries, model making and much more to extend your Geography knowledge & skills.

There is a programme of activities (see table below), but we are always open to suggestions on tasks too.

Time - lunchtimes on Monday Venue - Rm 39 (or the ICT suites)



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treasure hunt	
European Capital Challenge – collect a map and get	Room 50 – 12:45pm start
learning – Prizes to be won!	
Geo-grids – a challenge against the clock to develop	Room 39 – 12:45pm start
your knowledge of places around the world!	
Christmas Decorations – make your own Xmas tree	Room 39 – 12:45pm start
globe bauble.	
Christmas Quiz! Prizes to be won!	Room 39 – 12:45pm start
	Can you find Carmen Sandiego!? – Google Earth online treasure hunt European Capital Challenge – collect a map and get learning – Prizes to be won! Geo-grids – a challenge against the clock to develop your knowledge of places around the world! Christmas Decorations – make your own Xmas tree globe bauble.

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English Department News

A Tale with a Twist

This term, Year 9 have been studying the topic of 'Crime Scene Investigation' in English. As part of this topic, they spent time exploring stories with a twist, including '*Nightmare in Yellow*' by Fredric Brown and '*Lamb to the Slaughter*' by Roald Dahl. This then resulted in our Year 9 students writing their own 'Tale with a Twist' as part of a national competition that is being hosted by Pearson. Students have until 26th November to upload their story onto the competition website. There will be regional winners ... we will let you know if we have a North-West champion at PGHS!

Mrs Woodhouse



The Grand Debates

During our Language and Literature Festival, school council representatives rose to the challenge of debating the motion "Should Personal Freedoms be restricted to fight climate change?" in front of their year group. To help them prepare for this challenging task, students first met our local MP, Katherine Fletcher. Ms Fletcher is working with Alok Sharma, the chair of COP 26 and was able to provide a unique, first hand insight into the COP 26 conference and the challenges of addressing climate change. Students asked challenging questions and gained an understanding of the complexities facing the delegates at COP 26 and how sensitively the conference had to be handled to secure agreements from countries across the world.

Following this information gathering session, students were then trained in how to debate using the British Parliamentary System. Our debates were conducted in exactly the same way as debates are held in the House of Commons. After presenting their ideas, the debate was opened up to the floor and our debating teams had to think persuasively on their feet in order to handle the questions posed to them. At the end of the debate, the audience voted just like in the House of Commons by choosing which door to leave by depending on whether they agreed with the motion (the "Ayes") or disagreed (the "Nos").

Not only did the debates provide our students with the opportunity to discuss one of the most important issues facing our society today, but also gave them an insight into the workings of the House of Commons and how our democracy works. All of the debaters were superb and rose to the challenge of the debates. The results were as follows:

Year 9: Ayes = 74 Nos 73 – an incredibly close and heated debate!

Year 8: Ayes = 42 Nos = 98

Year 7: Ayes = 46 Nos = 102

Miss Snowdon

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Spooky Walk

During the second week of the Festival of Literature and Languages, haunting screams could be heard echoing around the halls of PGHS and mysterious, scary figures were seen lurking in the dinner queue.

No need to be afraid! The school had not fallen victim to a haunting, it was simply the return of the Drama Department's Spooky Walk!

Our amazing team of Drama GCSE students in Year 10 and 11 transformed the drama studio into a terrifying series of scenes, such as a spooky surgery, a wicked wedding and a panic-inducing picnic complete with living dolls! With extra recruits from our school's Drama Club, we created a terrifying walk-though experience, where students would bravely enter the drama studio and encounter all sorts of horrors.

Each year group had the opportunity to brave the Spooky Walk and we had a very positive response from students and teachers alike. We were all so impressed with the dedication and the commitment from all our performers, who truly put their all into every performance!

We are looking forward to being able to put on more exciting productions and events with our Drama Department this year.

Miss Starkie



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William Blake Pastiche Competition

Prior to half term, the students at PGHS were exposed to a plethora of activities as part of our first Language and Literature Festival. One of our events was a William Blake Pastiche Competition. In Year 8, the topic of our curriculum for this term is 'Coming of Age' and as part of this topic we study the 'Songs of Innocence' and the 'Songs of Experience' by William Blake. Inspired by his written word and his artwork, our students set about writing a set of modern-day poems: one to reflect innocence, and its counterpart to reflect experience. As a department, we have been blown away by the quality of work submitted. Each class teacher had the very tricky job of choosing a winner from their class. Our winners of the Year 8 2021 Pastiche Competition are: Saskia H, Katie T, Leah C, Angel A, Ruby C and Vidhya P.



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Mrs Snowdon Curriculum Leader for English

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Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is national Anti-Bullying week and we will be supporting the campaign by celebrating 'Odd Socks' day in school. This will take place on **Monday 15th November** and the girls are invited to wear two different socks, the brighter the better! The rest of your daughter's school uniform should be worn as normal.

We want to take the opportunity for the students and staff to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week positively. This event is aimed at raising awareness of the issue and we are not asking for any donations. We will be holding assemblies and selling wristbands, rulers, and badges during the week to highlight the issue around bullying and its impact.

The national theme this year is 'One Kind Word' and you can get more information on the website below; <u>https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word</u>

If you would like more information as a parent/carer about this issue, then the following link may be useful: <u>https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202021%20-%20Parent%20Pack%20-%20FINAL.pdf</u>

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Hall Deputy Headteacher

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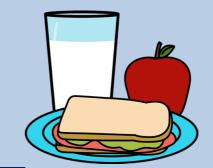


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Lunch Menu

Week Commencing 15th November (Week 1)





Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional Choice Meal Deal	Brunch Pork or Veggie Sausages Free Range Omelette Hash Browns & Baked Beans	Crispy Fish Fillet Burger with Crispy Paprika Potatoes & Mixed Vegetable Medley	Roast of the Day with Traditional Trimmings Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken & Leek Pie with Baby Baked Potatoes Broccoli Florets & Carrots Batons	Crispy Battered Fillet of Fish with Chips & Mushy Peas
Global Choice Meal Deal	Spaghetti Neapolitan with Garlic Dough Balls & Green Leaf Salad	Chicken Tikka Curry with Turmeric Rice & Coriander Naan	BBQ Pork or Veggie Meatball Sub Roll with Cajun Potato Wedges & Mixed Salad	Chilli Beef with Cheesy Nachos & Tomato Salsa	Thai Vegetable Curry with Lemon & Coriander Rice
Vegetarian Choice Meal Deal	Lancashire Butter Pie with Vegetarian Gravy Broccoli Florets & Sliced Beetroot	Spanish Tortilla with Crispy Paprika Potatoes & Mixed Salad	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread & Green Leaf Salad	Cheese & Onion Loaded Potato Skins with Homemade Coleslaw & Mixed Salad	Homemade Margherita Pizza with Chips & Mixed Salad
Meal Deal Sandwich or Baked Potato	Choice of Hot or Cold filled Sandwich or Choice of filled Baked Jacket Potato with Mixed Salad	Choice of Hot or Cold filled Sandwich or Choice of filled Baked Jacket Potato with Mixed Salad	Choice of Hot or Cold filled Sandwich or Choice of filled Baked Jacket Potato with Mixed Salad	Choice of Hot or Cold filled Sandwich or Choice of filled Baked Jacket Potato with Mixed Salad	Choice of Hot or Cold filled Sandwich or Choice of filled Baked Jacket Potato with Mixed Salad
Desserts of the	Apple Pie & Cream	Peach Melba & Raspberry Sauce	Chocolate & Mandarin Sponge & Custard	Jam & Cream Scone	Lemon Drizzle Cake
Desserts of the Day	Chocolate Muffin	Lemon Shortbread	Raspberry Bun	Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack
	Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt				

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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:

	 Wednesday 8th September 2021
September 2021	 Wednesday 15th September 2021
	 Wednesday 22nd September 2021
	 Wednesday 29th September 2021
	 Wednesday 6th October 2021
October 2021	 Wednesday 13th October 2021
October 2021	 Wednesday 20th October 2021
	 Wednesday 3rd November 2021
	 Wednesday 10th November 2021
November 2021	 Wednesday 17th November 2021
	 Wednesday 24th November 2021
	 Wednesday 1st December 2021
December 2021	 Wednesday 8th December 2021
	 Wednesday 15thDecember 2021

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

careers@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk

Registered Professional Careers Practitioner/Member





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Head's Breakfast

<u>Vidya P (Year 8)</u>

For creating an outstanding mountain story during the Literature and Language Festival.

Beth A, Charlotte B, Aoifa C, Sian C, Stevie M, Maryam M, Louise P-R, Olivia S, Isabel B, Joudy A, Sofia R (Year 10) Amazing video in French produced during the festival.

Head's Commendations

Macy H, Jenna K, Scarlett G, Angel A, Alesha M R (year 8) Outstanding effort put into the Spirited Arts project showing personal beliefs about the existence of God. The detail and effort put in to the projects was truly outstanding!

Iyla K, Anisha A, Lily S (Year 8) Outstanding effort and creativity put into the Spirited Arts homework.

<u>Chloe E (Year 8)</u> An excellent newsletter article for Harry Potter Science - very creative.

Evelyn W (Year 7) Outstanding effort put into the prayer flag. I was very impressed by the amount of time and thought that had gone into the project.

<u>Hattie C and Amy M (Year 8)</u> Star of the week in German with fantastic efforts all round and super understanding of complex terms.

<u>Libby W and Alice W (Year 9)</u> Fantastic efforts and understanding in German.

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Sports, Clubs & Societies – Year 7

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room* Rm 7 KMG	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA
	Geography society Rm 39 GBO	Choir Rm 11 VLI	Science club Rm 47 GFO	Woodwind group Rm 15 ACA	Chess society Rm 39 BWA
	Cooking society Rm 23 SSC	Athletics Gym KFl	Soroptimists Rm 30 MBR	Badminton Gym MSH	Orchestra Rm 15 ACA
	Computing society Rm 50 JBE	Cross country Courts MSH	Keyboard/Ukulele club Rm 15 ACA	Ultimate frisbee Courts SNA	History society Rm 37 JBR
Енмен	LUNCH BASKETBALL Courts KFI	Brass Group Rm 15 ACA	French and German film society	Hw Club * Rm 35 LVE	Multi-sport Gym KFI
LUNCH		DEBATE club Rm 1 CWO	Rm 26 KGI	Mfl spelling bee Rm 26 CGE	Craft society Rm 1 DEM & RLU
	Product design Rm 36 LGO	MATHS HEGARTY Club Rm 50 RMV/RCA/SHS	Gym RSN		MINDFULNESS CLUB
	BEDROCK CLUB Library CWO & DSN		Circle time * Rm 6 DEM		Rm 6 KMG
			BEDROCK CLUB Library CWO & DSN		
	DRAMA SOCIETY Hall AGA & GST	DANCE CLUB Dance studio SNA	GYMNASTICS Gym MSH	HOCKEY Courts RWO	
AFTER	STEM Rm 34 RFR/PDE/SCH	HANDBALL Courts MSH	FOOTBALL Courts KFI	CRICKET	
SCHOOL	NETBALL Courts SNA, MSH & KFI	BADMINTON Gym KFi	COULD KT		

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Sports, Clubs & Societies – Year 8 YEAR 8 SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY Quiet room Quiet room Quiet room Quiet room* Quiet room ' MORNING Rm 7 AHA Rm 7 AHA Rm 7 AHA Rm 7 KMG Rm 7 AHA athletics Computing society Science club Woodwind group Chess society Rm 50 JBE Rm 47 GFO Rm 15 ACA Rm 39 BWA Gvm KFI Table tennis Cross country Soroptimists Badminton Orchestra Gvm MSH Rm 30 MBR Gym MSH Rm 15 ACA Courts MSH BASKETBALL Circle time * Keyboard/Ukulele club Ultimate frisbee History society Courts KFI Rm 1 NBY Rm 15 ACA Courts SNA Rm 37 JBR Product design Brass Group Hw Club * French and German film Multi-sport Rm 36 LGO LUNCH Rm 15 ACA Rm 35 LVE society Gvm KFI BEDROCK CLUB DEBATE CLUB Rm 26 KGI Craft society Choir Library CWO & DSN Rm 1 CWO Cheer Rm 1 DEM & RLU Rm 15 VLI Gym RSN MATHS HEGARTY Club BOOK CLUB Rm 50 RMV/RCA/SHS BEDROCK CLUB Rm 4 DSN Library CWO & DSN MINDFULNESS CLUB* Rm 6 KMG DRAMA SOCIETY GYMNASTICS DANCE CLUB HOCKEY Hall AGA & GST Dance studio SNA Gym MSH Courts RWO AFTER HANDBALL CRICKET STEM FOOTBALL Rm 34 RFR/PDE/SCH Courts MSH TBC Courts KFI SCHOOL BADMINTON NETRALL Courts SNA, MSH & KFI Gym KFI

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Sports, Clubs & Societies – Year 9

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room* Rm 7 KMG	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA
LUNCH	Table tennis Gym MSH BASKETBALL Courts KFI Circle time * Rm 6 LDA Product design Rm 36 LGO BEDROCK CLUB Library CWO & DSN	athletics Gym KFI Cross country Courts MSH Brass Group Rm 15 ACA DEBATE CLUB Rm 1 CWO MATHS HEGARTY Club Rm 50 RMV/RCA/SHS	Soroptimists Rm 30 MBR Keyboard/Ukulele club Rm 15 ACA French and German film society Rm 26 KGI BEDROCK CLUB Library CWO & DSN	Woodwind group Rm 15 ACA Badminton Gym MSH Ultimate frisbee Courts SNA Hw Club * Rm 35 LVE Choir Rm 15 VLI ANIME SOCIETY Rm 53 GMO	Chess society Rm 39 BWA Orchestra Rm 15 ACA History society Rm 37 JBR Multi-sport Gym KFI DANCE Dance Studio SNA BOOK CLUB Rm 4 DSN MINDFULNESS CLUB* Rm 6 KMG
AFTER School	DRAMA SOCIETY Hall AGA & GST STEM Rm 34 RFR/PDE/SCH NETBALL Courts SNA, MSH & KFI	HANDBALL Courts MSH BADMINTON Gym KFI	GYMNASTICS Gym MSH Cooking society Rm 23 SSC TEAM CHEER Hall RSN FOOTBALL Courts KFI	HOCKEY Courts RWO CRICKET TBC	

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Sports, Clubs & Societies – Year 10 YEAR 10 SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES TUESDAY MONDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY Quiet room ' Quiet room * Quiet room * Quiet room* Quiet room * MORNING Rm 7 AHA Rm 7 AHA Rm 7 AHA Rm 7 KMG Rm 7 AHA Table tennis athletics Soroptimists Woodwind group Chess society Gym MSH Gym KFI Rm 30 MBR Rm 15 ACA Rm 39 BWA BASKETBALL Cross country Keyboard/Ukulele club Badminton Orchestra Courts KFI Courts MSH Rm 15 ACA Gym MSH Rm 15 ACA Product design Brass Group Ultimate frisbee French and German film Multi-sport Rm 36 LGO Rm 15 ACA society Courts SNA Gym KFI Rm 26 KGI BEDROCK CLUB DEBATE CLUB Choir DANCE LUNCH Library CWO & DSN Rm 1 CWO Hw Club * Rm 15 VLI Dance Studio SNA Rm 35 SPK Study room* MATHS HEGARTY Club ANIME SOCIETY Study room* Rm 11 SIB & LRI Rm 50 RMV/RCA/SHS Rm 53 GMO BEDROCK CLUB Rm 11 SIB & LRI Library CWO & DSN Poet laureate MINDFULNESS CLUB* Rm 5 GST Rm 6 KMG DRAMA SOCIETY HANDBALL GYMNASTICS MUSIC STUDIO TIME Ks4 PHOTOGRAPHY society Hall AGA & GST Courts MSH Gym MSH Music studio MOW Rm 53 GMO BADMINTON HOCKEY STEM Ks4 Art society AFTER Rm 34 RFR/PDE/SCH Gym KFI Rm 52 LGE Courts RWO CRICKET NETRALL TEXTILES. TEAM CHEER SCHOOL Courts SNA, MSH & KFI Rm 34 RFR TBC Hall RSN Product design FOOTBALL Rm 36 LGO Courts KFI

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Sports, Clubs & Societies – Year 11

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA	Quiet room* Rm 7 KMG	Quiet room * Rm 7 AHA
	Table tennis Gym MSH BASKETBALL	athletics Gym KFI Cross country	Soroptimists Rm 30 MBR Keyboard/Ukulele club	Woodwind group Rm 15 ACA Badminton	Chess society Rm 39 BWA Orchestra
	Courts KFI	Courts MSH	Rm 15 ACA	Gym MSH	Rm 15 ACA
	Product design Rm 36 LGO	Brass Group Rm 15 ACA	French and German film society	Ultimate frisbee Courts SNA	Multi-sport Gym KFI
BEDROCK CLUB Library CWO & DSN	DEBATE CLUB Rm 1 CWO	Rm 26 KGI Hw Club *	Choir Rm 15 VLI	Study room* Rm 11 SIB & LRI	
LUNCH	Study room* Rm 11 SIB & LRI	MATHS HEGARTY Club Rm 50 RMV/RCA/SHS	Rm 35 SPK GCSE Dance Dance Studio SNA	ANIME SOCIETY Rm 53 GMO	MINDFULNESS CLUB* Rm 6 KMG
			BEDROCK CLUB Library CWO & DSN		
	DRAMA SOCIETY Hall AGA & GST	HANDBALL Courts MSH	GYMNASTICS Gym MSH	MUSIC STUDIO TIME Music studio MOW	Ks4 PHOTOGRAPHY socie Rm 53 GMO
AFTER	STEM Rm 34 RFR/PDE/SCH	BADMINTON Gym KFI	Ks4 Art society Rm 52 GMO	HOCKEY Courts RWO	
SCHOOL	NETBALL Courts SNA, MSH & KFI	TEXTILES Rm 34 RFR	FOOTBALL Courts KFI	CRICKET TBC	

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Aspiring Engineers

WHEN:	Saturday 6th November for 6 weeks*
Or	Saturday 5th February for 6 weeks⁺
TIME:	9am - 12pm
COST:	£10 per person contribution to cover the cost of materials

You'll get an insight into the different areas of engineering using our machinery and other equipment. We'll cover:

- Milling
- Turning
- Fitting
- Sheetmetal / welding
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- **CNC** machining

Aspiring Automotive Technicians

WHEN:	Saturday 6th November for 6 weeks*
Or	Saturday 5th February for 6 weeks⁺
TIME:	9am - 12pm
COST:	£10 per person contribution to cover the cost of materials

You'll get an insight into the different areas of the motor industry in our large automotive training centre. We'll cover:

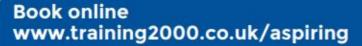
- Paint spraying cars
- Body repair
- Car and HGV engines
- Carrying our simple car checks

Interview and C.V **Skills sessions**

WHEN: 7th, 9th or 10th February 2022 TIME:

4pm - 5pm

*Dates Session 1: Nov 2021: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Dec 2021: 4th and 11th. *Dates session 2: Feb 2022: 5th 12th 19th 26th March 2022: 5th and 12th







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Apprentice Recruitment Evenings

Our apprentices are our future so we invest in theirs

We offer comprehensive, high-quality training with support from people passionate about nurturing talent and developing skills, paid-for quality qualifications and hands-on experience in world-class projects and products.

We have a variety of apprenticeships for you across our business.

BAE Systems Apprenticeships UK Virtual Early Careers Recruitment Events

To find out more about our exciting apprenticeship opportunities, please select the relevant scheme and date (below) and register your details via the link.

Welcome to BAE Systems	Date @ Time of Event	(Nov)	Date & Time of Even	nt (Dec)	
An introduction to the Business	15th November 2021	19:45 - 20:45	2nd December 2021	18:30 - 19:30	
Apprentice Scheme Level 3 Advanced Supply Chain	Dote & Time of Event 16th November 2021	18:30 - 19:30	9th December 2021	19:45 - 20:45	
Level 3 Advanced Business + Level 5 Human Resources (HR) Consultant Partner	16th November 2021	19:45 - 20:45	9th December 2021	18:30 - 19:30	
Level 6 Aerospace Software Development Engineer (Degree) Apprenticeship (EDAS)	18th November 2021	18:30 - 19:30	6th December 2021	19:45 - 20:45	
Level 6 Aerospace Engineering Development Engineer (Degree) Apprenticeship (EDAS)	18th November 2021	19:45 - 20:45	7th December 2021	18:30 - 19:30	
Level 6 Digital Technology Solutions (DTS) NEW	18th November 2021	18:30 - 19:30	7th December 2021	19:45 - 20:45	
Level 3 Advanced Engineering Technician	22nd November 2021	19:45 - 20:45	13th December 2021	18:30 - 19:30	
Level 3 Advanced Engineering Craft	22nd November 2021	18:30 - 19:30	13th December 2021	19:45 - 20:45	
Level 6 Project Manager (Integrated Degree)	22nd November 2021	18:30 - 19:30	14th December 2021	19:45 - 20:45	
Level 4 Advanced Engineering Manufacturing Technician	23rd November 2021	18:30 - 19:30	7th December 2021	19:45 - 20:45	
Level 3 Advanced Aircraft Maintenance (Humberside) + Level 3 Advanced Engineering Technician (Brough)	23rd November 2021	19:45 - 20:45	6th December 2021	18:30 - 19:30	
Level 7 Finance Higher	25th November 2021	19:45 - 20:45	14th December 2021	18:30 - 19:30	
Level 6 Project Control Degree	25th November 2021	19:45 - 20:45	13th December 2021	18:30 - 19:30	

Please note: you must register a place in order to attend the Career Events. Our apprentice application window opens on the 1st November 2021 until the 28th February 2022. You can apply online at: www.baesystems.com/apprenticeships or use the QR Code here.



