



Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday our Year 10 students did an excellent job of representing themselves and Primet at a Pendle Careers Fair. This event organised by Pendle Council allowed them to meet and interact with a wide range of employers to find out more about the jobs market in our local area. Year 10 interacted positively, asking thoughtful and inquisitive questions. All good experience as they continue to work on their careers education and build up to their own work experience at the end of Year 10, which they should already be on with securing a placement for.

Year 7 have received their CATs reports and information about their new timetables which start from next week. Parents/carers have been sent a text message with a survey link on to fill in with any feedback or questions, and we will ensure all of those are responded to.

In a couple of weeks Year 11 are starting their mock exams. This is an important step in their journey towards those final results next Summer. They should be revising every day at home and making sure they are organised with their timetable. Parents/carers of Year 11 students are invited to our Steps to Success meeting on Monday 6th October, where information about the year ahead will be shared to support you with knowing what is coming up and how best to support your child through this important year.

Coming up we have two of our annual celebration events – Sports Awards evening on Wednesday 22nd October held at school and Star Awards evening on Wednesday 19th November held at The Muni. Students from all year groups could be invited to receive awards at these events and should be very proud of themselves if they have been selected. Letters are being given out for both events currently, and they need to make sure their reply slips are returned as soon as possible to secure their places and guest tickets.

Please can I also remind you to ensure your child has a suitable winter coat. During the day they have break and lunchtime which are both 20mins each of outside time on the yards. Both yards have canopies which students can use if it is raining. Students can access inside spaces, including our library Oracle which is a quiet place for students to read or study. Most students prefer to be outside during these social times, so need to be dressed appropriately as the weather is getting colder. During the winter months students should be wearing tights under their skirts or trousers. Our uniform policy does not include knee socks, and students wearing these will be asked to change into tights which they will be provided with. We also recommend if students feel cold inside school that they wear a school jumper under their blazer. If you need support with uniform, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year to discuss how we can support.

**Mrs Pilkington, Principal**



## Principal's Awards

Awarded to the students in each year group with the highest number of Positive Points and 0 Negative Points each week.



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award  
2022 - 2025

# Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's star students:

## Year 7

P - Mollie  
R - Charlotte  
I - Ruby  
M - Lily  
E - Elijah  
T - Hamza  
A - Skyla

## Year 8

P - Lucy  
R - Aleyna  
I - David  
M - Sienna  
E - Omair  
T - Ali  
A - Dua

## Year 9

P - Korben  
R - Sahar  
I - Faith  
M - Ibrahim  
E - Kiran  
T - Mohammed  
A - Simas

## Year 10

P - Connor  
R - Sirraj  
I - Noah  
M - Leah  
E - Maya  
T - Ieva  
A - Summer

## Year 11

P - Mehrab  
R - Khalil  
I - Eva  
M - Aisla  
E - Jada  
T - Sabiha  
A - Zac

# Primet Positive Focus: Expressive



This week we have been focusing on our core value of Expressive. This represents how we communicate through fluent speech and writing and use creative methods to represent our knowledge and ideas. We value the work of others and what it conveys.

## UNCRC Articles



As part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award, we have been looking at each of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child Articles. There are 54 Articles in total. This week we have been learning about:

- Article 7 - Birth registration, name, nationality, care: Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

## Upcoming Dates

6th October – Year 11 Steps to Success event

13th October – Year 9 Careers trip to Burnley Football Club

13th – 24th October – Year 11 Mock Exams

20th – 22nd – Rewards week events

22nd October – Sports Presentation Evening

24th October – final day before half term, normal finish time at 3.20pm

10th November – return from half term, normal start time at 8.45am

11th November – Remembrance Day

11th November – Year 8 SMASHED performance

19th November – Star Awards Evening at The Muni

26th November – Year 8 Nelson & Colne College workshops

26th November – Interschool Cross Country

2nd December – Flu vaccinations

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

16th December – Year 10 Careers workshops

19th December – Whole School Assembly and final day before holidays, early finish time at 1pm

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month and assemblies this week are focusing on this year's theme: Standing firm with power and pride. We are looking at how this theme links with this week's Primet value of being Expressive. Students have been challenged to think about how it would feel to be without a voice and how they would cope if they were unable to express opinions or fight against something they thought was wrong. We looked at the case study of Rosa Parks, who despite living in segregation era USA found the courage to take a stand against the injustice of the 'Jim Crow Laws'. She was expressive and was able to stand firm with pride and power despite being threatened with imprisonment and her courage led to a country-wide movement for change.



# Focus on Creative Arts

As we welcome back the existing students to school, we also welcome our new cohort of Year 7 students. It has been wonderful to meet so many of our enthusiastic Year 7 students and to see their first weeks in Creative Arts. Students have been exploring Health and Safety in both Food Technology and Design Technology, to prepare them for the practical projects coming up. In Art they've been looking at the formal elements and have started to create some fantastic artwork using these techniques.

We have also welcomed the new option groups of Year 10 students. They have started their option choices in the Creative Arts subjects and have really hit the ground running. It has been wonderful to drop in to lessons and see them working hard on their first creative projects.

In Drama the performance group have been looking at Verbatim Theatre and applying skills and techniques to a play. Whilst students that have chosen production roles have explored the role of a costume designer, developed their ideas and constructed a mask.



This week we are celebrating National Poetry Day and as a department we have lots of fun activities planned. In Art students are working on creating Poem Art. Focusing on the words used in Greek Mythology and how that can be translated through imagery.

In Drama students have looked at a wide selection of poems set around the theme 'Play' and have created some fantastic performance material using choral speaking and movement.

In Music students have looked at poetry through Music, creating their own poems. It has been wonderful to see students combining physical techniques gained in Drama to their Music performances.



Mrs Goldie, Head of Creative Arts



# Focus on Year 10

We've had a brilliant start to the academic year in Year 10, and I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic effort and attitude your children have shown in these opening weeks.

Year 10 have set the standards high! Following our rehearsal and practice week, we have shown that can be the absolute best at everything.

One of the highlights so far has been the consistently high number of positive behaviour points across our year group. In fact, last week 95% of all behaviour logs were positive, which is an outstanding achievement and a real testament to the focus, maturity, and commitment our students are bringing into their GCSE year. They are clearly taking the step up seriously, and it's wonderful to see so many of them being recognised for their hard work and positive attitude in lessons.

While behaviour has started on a high, we know that strong attendance is equally crucial to success. Our current attendance is just below where we'd like it to be, and we are encouraging all students and families to help us reach our target of at least 95% weekly attendance. Every day in school counts – especially in a vital GCSE preparation year – and we're here to support in any way we can to help students maintain excellent attendance.

As well as all the academic bits our students have also experienced an array of wider curricular too! Our Year 10 girls' netball team have been smashing their games and bringing back the wins! Our Peer Mentoring Training group have been incredible with their programme, and we now look forward to our Reading Leaders taking a step into leadership with supporting our younger students. We are excited to see our students progress in all areas!

Please do reach out if you have any concerns or need support and thank you as always for your continued partnership. We are definitely #ProudtobePrimet in Year 10 and hope you are too!

Ms Faraz, Head of Year 10



## Year 11 information meeting – Monday 6th October, 4pm

All parents/carers of Year 11 students are invited to our Steps to Success meeting this Monday. We hope you will take this opportunity to join us to support your Year 11 child and to work with us to get the best possible outcomes for your child. As with our usual parents' evenings, we would like you to attend with your child, and your child should attend in full school uniform. Parking will be available at the front of the Academy, with additional parking available on the Senior Yard (near the PE block) from after 3.45pm. Please do not arrive before this time to allow students to leave school safely at the end of the school day.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with everything you need to know about how to support your child through their final year at Colne Primet Academy. The meeting will start at 4pm in the main hall and will consist of a short presentation about key dates, key information (including the Mock timetable) and revision resources, followed by the opportunity for you to ask questions. This is not a normal Parents' Evening where subject teachers meet parents but there will still be the opportunity to meet staff or to arrange further meetings.

We hope you will attend this important event with your child as they undertake the final phase of their education at Colne Primet Academy. Please complete the Microsoft form: <https://forms.office.com/e/gyasH8mxcd> online or email [enquiries@colneprimet.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@colneprimet.co.uk) to confirm you will be attending. If you are unable to attend on this evening, the information will be available on our website after the event.

Mr Farmer, Assistant Principal; Mrs Lake, Head of Year and Mr Stephenson, Assistant Principal

# Personal Development

This week in Personal Development students have been looking at:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Skills and being resilient	Self-awareness and self-management	Good Sleep and Screen time.	GCSE Pod / PD and success / Barclays life skills registration	Sleep, mental energy and stress management

Next week they will focus on:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Introduction to Study Skills	Careers – Values and goal setting	Health Surveys and Independent learning	Introduction to Work Experience	Exams and the Journey of an exam paper

20 Year 11 students attended the first of The MEGA Hub technology enrichment programme workshops and Nelson and Colne College last week. The programme is designed to extend the school timetable, and the various workshops combine Cyber, E-Sports, and emerging technologies to incentivise engagement and positively impact academic performance and post-18 pathways. There will be 4 further Mega Hub events taking place this year, with students from Year 7 –10 having an opportunity to take part. Well done to Annyah, Olivia and Aqsa for winning the presentation challenge with an innovative app idea and confident pitch.

Year 10 are now looking forward to their own futures with the opportunity to meet various local employers this week at Colne Municipal Hall. They will also now need to start looking at ideas for their Work Experience fortnight which will commence 22nd June 2026.

Year 9 will be completing a Health Needs survey in their PD sessions next week. The surveys provide information about the health needs of our students. This will enable individual health needs to be addressed with the school nurse. The survey also provides a 'snapshot' of the health and well-being of young people across Lancashire to help direct support and services into the right areas.



Mrs Bielby, Head of Personal Development

# Year 10 Careers Day



# JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS

**A LEVEL  
OPEN  
EVENT**

**SAT, 20 SEPT**  
10.00am to 2.00pm

**YEAR 11  
OPEN  
EVENT**

**WED, 15 OCT**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**YEAR 11  
OPEN  
EVENT**

**TUE, 11 NOV**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**CAREERS  
OPEN  
EVENT**

**THU, 5 FEB**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**YEAR 7, 8,  
9, 10 & 11  
EVENT**

**THU, 23 APR**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**NEW  
STUDENT  
DAY**

**THU, 25 JUN**  
All Day

**GCSE  
RESULTS  
DAY**

**THU, 20 AUG**  
All Day

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# JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS

**YEAR 11  
OPEN  
EVENT**

**TUE, 30 SEPT**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**YEAR 11  
OPEN  
EVENT**

**WED, 22 OCT**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**CAREERS  
OPEN  
EVENT**

**TUE, 3 FEB**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**YEAR 7, 8,  
9, 10 & 11  
EVENT**

**TUE, 28 APR**  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**NEW  
STUDENT  
DAY**

**FRI, 26 JUN**  
All Day

**GCSE  
RESULTS  
DAY**

**THU, 20 AUG**  
All Day

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Sixth Form Centre

# OPEN EVENING

**September**  
Wed 17

**October**  
Thurs 2

**November**  
Tues 18

**2026  
February**  
Tues 10

5.30pm to 8.30pm

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Our memberships provide great value for money for 4-16 year olds who want to access Pendle Leisure Trust's gyms, swimming pools and classes on a regular basis.

**Junior (8-13yrs)  
Membership**

£ **13.99**

monthly

Great value for money for anyone aged 8-13 who wants to access Pendle Leisure Trust's facilities on a regular basis

**Teens (14-15yrs)  
Membership**

£ **18.99**

monthly

An excellent, affordable option for 14-15-year-olds who want regular access to Pendle Leisure Trust's facilities.

# Expectations Reminder: Banned Items

Any item that is deemed dangerous or inappropriate to be brought into school will be confiscated from students, and sanctions may also be given. All our decisions are made based on students being in a work mode with no social agenda to detract from the core purpose of school life which is to work hard, learn and make progress.

However, there are other items which are not always as obvious to be inappropriate for school which are listed below. These items are not allowed to be brought into school and students must not have them in their bags or pockets even if not in use.

- Aerosols of any type – these are normally deodorants and body sprays. Students wanting to bring this must bring roll on cream deodorants.
- Glass bottles or containers – including perfume/body spray bottles
- Chewing Gum
- Energy drinks (any type)
- Carbonated 'fizzy' drinks (any type)
- Make-up, nail varnish, hair products and any other similar items

The definition of inappropriate items for school is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.

# Checking your child's attendance and punctuality on ClassCharts

Selecting this tab will present you with a table of your child's **attendance** data for the past 31 days.

To change the displayed timeframe of attendance records, click on the **Date** button and select the date range of your choice.

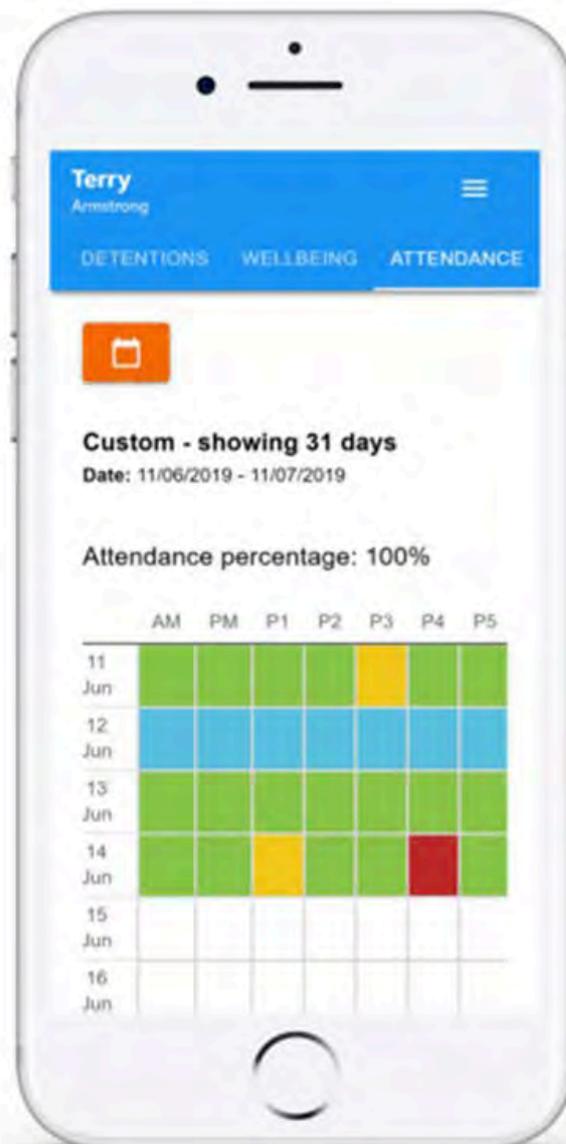
Attendance records fall under four categories: **Present**, **Late**, **Authorised absence** and **Unauthorised absence**.

**Present:** Your child attended the lesson.

**Late:** Your child was late to the lesson.

**Authorised absence:** Your child did not attend the lesson, but had a valid reason for doing so.

**Unauthorised absence:** Your child did not attend the lesson and did not have a valid reason to do so.



# Extra-curricular timetables



## PE Extra-Curricular Sport (Autumn Term 1 2025)



DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM	STAFF
Monday	Lunchtime	Year 7 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	LHM/CJO
	After School	Football trials (year 7 & 8) Netball (year 7 & 8)	All weather pitch	LHM/CJO
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Year 8 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	KDO/LHM
	After School	Football (years 9-11) Netball (years 9-11)	Field Netball	LHM/CJO EDR/KDO
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Year 9 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	EDR / CJO
	After School	Boys' Basketball all years Girls' football – all years Girls' rugby – all years	Sports Hall	CJO/LHM EDR KDO
Thursday	Lunchtime	Year 10 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	LHM/EDR
	After School	STAFF MEETINGS	STAFF MEETINGS	STAFF MEETINGS
Friday	Lunchtime	Year 11 Benchball	Sports Hall	KDO/CJO
	After School	Badminton all years	Sports Hall	CTH

### Extra-Curricular Timetable – Autumn 1 (2025)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime				Maths Club and homework help 12.20 -1pm (T12)	
After-school 3.20pm	<p>Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)</p> <p>Board Games Club 3.20 - 4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)</p> <p>Year 7 Science Club 3.20- 4.15pm Miss Flegg (M11 Science)</p> <p>Student Support* 3.20 - 4.15pm Casey S T (Cabin, Quad)</p> <p>Performance Club 3.20-4.15 Mr Husband and Miss Smalley (F13, HALL)</p> <p>*This is tailored to the students' needs and interests.</p>	<p>Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)</p> <p>Performance Club 3.20-4.15 Mr Husband and Miss Smalley (F13, HALL)</p>	<p>Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)</p> <p>Music Club 3.20 – 4.20pm Mr Husband (Music)</p> <p>Maths Club and homework help 3.20-4pm (T12)</p>	<p>Student Support* 3.20 - 4.15pm Casey S T (Cabin, Quad)</p> <p>Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)</p> <p>Free Film Screenings 3.20 - 4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle) See posters for details of dates and times</p>	<p>Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)</p> <p>Board Games Club 3.20 - 4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)</p>

# Action for Happiness Monthly Calendar

Optimistic October 2025

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

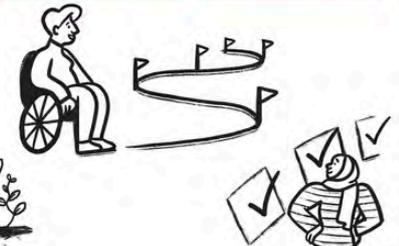
22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

### VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

### SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

### LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

### MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

### BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

### Meet Our Expert

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