



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday this week, we carried out a whole-school fire drill. I would like to thank all of our students for the way they responded. They followed instructions promptly, moved calmly and sensibly, and demonstrated excellent conduct throughout the exercise. It was pleasing to see how seriously everyone took the drill, and I am incredibly proud of the maturity and responsibility our students showed in helping to ensure the process was completed safely and efficiently.

We also shared with students about our lockdown procedures, during form time, to help them feel confident, informed and prepared should they ever be needed. These conversations were handled in a calm and age-appropriate way, with students responding very positively. We will carry out a lockdown drill later in the year, once we have shared further information with students and families.

Year 7 students have received their CATs reports, along with details of their new timetables which will come into effect next week. Parents/carers have been sent a survey link to share any feedback or questions. We welcome your views and will ensure that all responses receive a follow-up.

Year 11 students will begin their mock examinations in 1 week's time, on Monday 12th October, marking an important milestone on their journey towards their GCSE results next summer. Students should now be revising regularly at home and ensuring they are well organised for the exam period. The timetable for mock exams is included below and Mr Stephenson also writes about Period 6 sessions happening to support their preparations.

We are also looking forward to two of our annual celebration events. The Sports Awards Evening will take place at school on Wednesday 21st October, followed by the Star Awards Evening at The Muni on Wednesday 25th November. Students from all year groups may be invited to receive awards and should feel extremely proud of this achievement. Invitations will start going out soon, and we ask that reply slips are returned as soon as possible to secure places and guest tickets.

As we are now in October, please ensure that your child has a suitable winter coat for school. Students spend time outdoors during break and lunchtime, with both yards having canopies available for shelter in wet weather. A range of indoor spaces also remain accessible, including the Oracle Library, which provides a quiet environment for reading and study. However, many students prefer to spend these social times outside and should be dressed appropriately for the weather. During the winter months, students choosing to wearing skirts should wear tights, and knee-high socks are not part of our uniform policy. Students wearing knee-high socks will be asked to change into tights provided by school. We also recommend that students who feel cold indoors wear the optional school jumper underneath their blazer. If you require any support with uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year, who will be happy to discuss how we can help.

Principal's Awards

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

Lokendra
(7M)

Zaeem
(8P)

Thomas
(9T)

Florence
(10T)

Zaynah
(11P)



J Pilkington
Principal



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 - Jack
R - Amelia
I - James
M - Charles
E - Ted
T - Jaida
HOY - Mia

Year 8

P - Penelope
R - Hamza
I - Logan
M - Emily-Rose
E - Imogen
HOY - Lucas

Year 9

P - Colby
R - Ethan
I - Vadim
M - Jacob
E - Zain
T - Henry
HOY - Andrew

Year 10

P - Sofija
R - Daniel
I - Faith
M - Aaminah
E - Oliver
T - Raees
A - Lily
HOY - Glen

Year 11

P - Demi-Leigh
R - Lena
I - Noah
M - Aleena
E - Elisha
T - Luht
A - Eman
HOY - Scarlett

Primet Positive Focus: Motivated

This week we have been focusing on our core value of being motivated. We set high aspirations and are driven to meet them. We value the importance of working hard to achieve our goals and the rewards gained from reaching them.



In our Attitude to Learning criteria, Motivated looks like a student that: Shows that they have high aspirations and are driven to meet them by:

- Setting challenging targets and working hard to achieve them
- Accepting feedback and responding to this to improve

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.

- 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

12th – 23rd Oct – Y11 mock exams

14th Oct – Y7 Streetwise performance

19th Oct – Rewards Week

21st Oct – Y10 Careers Fair trip

21st Oct – Sports Presentation evening

23rd Oct – End of half term, 3.20pm finish

9th Nov – 8.45am Y7-11 return from half term

24th Nov – Y7-Y11 Flu vaccinations

24th Nov – Interschools Cross-Country

25th Nov – Star Awards

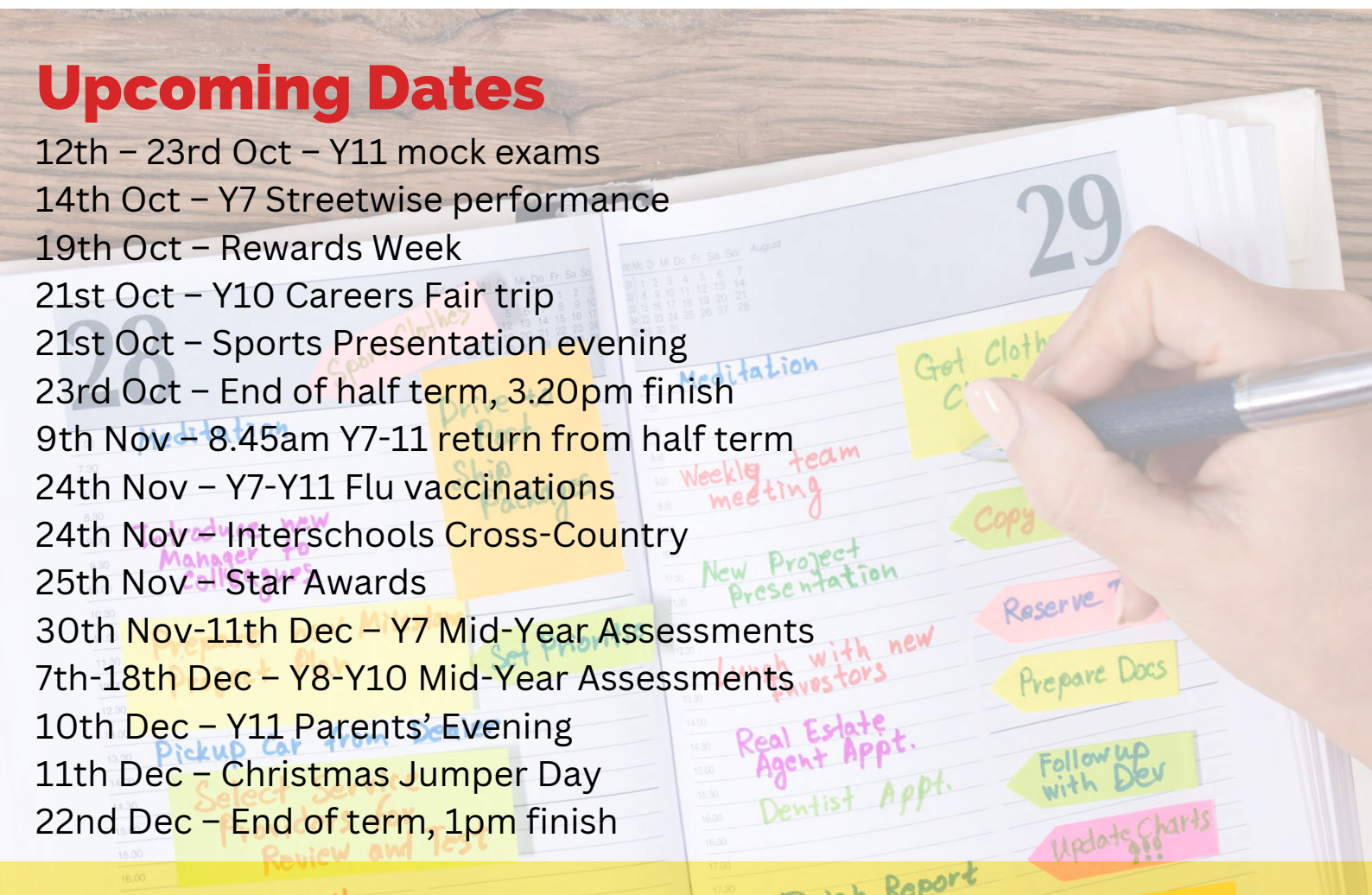
30th Nov-11th Dec – Y7 Mid-Year Assessments

7th-18th Dec – Y8-Y10 Mid-Year Assessments

10th Dec – Y11 Parents' Evening

11th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

22nd Dec – End of term, 1pm finish





"An open culture in which safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and concerns are actively identified, acted upon and managed. As a result, pupils are made safer and feel safe."

**We're pleased Ofsted agree with our success.
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YEAR 6
APPLY NOW FOR
SEPTEMBER 2027
PLACES!**

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Period 6 Sessions

Y11 Students have compulsory period 6 Mon, Tue, Wed each week and there are some additional sessions for selected students.

Half Term 1: Building habits and preparing for mocks

Main sessions start in the Hall at 3:20pm

Monday

English (All students unless told otherwise)

For selected students

- Ent & Mkt, Design (after English until 5pm)

Tuesday

Science (All students unless told otherwise)

For selected students

- GCSE PE, Ent & Mkt, Hospitality & Catering (when extended practical), Design, Spanish (after Science until 430pm)

Wednesday

Maths (All students unless told otherwise)

Friday

For selected students

- Child Development, Design, Further Maths



Mr Stephenson
Assistant Principal



Enrichment & PET Pledge:

Last week, during our PD assemblies, we highlighted the wide range of enrichment opportunities available to pupils at Primet. We are committed to ensuring that all our students have access to amazing experiences during their time with us, helping them to create long-lasting memories and make the most of school life.

Pupils were encouraged to think about how taking part in enrichment activities can help them develop valuable skills beyond the classroom, including confidence, leadership, and creativity.



Year 10 pupils were also introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, which will be officially launched at the start of the next half term. The award gives pupils the opportunity to challenge themselves through volunteering, developing a skill, taking part in physical activity, and completing an expedition as part of a team.



Mr Hamlin
Enrichment Coordinator



Subject Spotlight on: Creative Arts

Year 7 have made a fantastic start to life at Primet and have already been busy exploring a range of exciting subjects.

In Music, students have been learning about iconic performer Elvis Presley, investigating the origins of his music and the influence he had on popular culture.

In Food Technology, they have been developing essential knife skills, mastering the bridge cut technique to safely prepare a delicious fruit salad.

Drama lessons have transported students back to Ancient Greece, where they have explored Greek theatre, applied acting techniques to famous myths, and reflected on important character traits and moral lessons.

In Art, students have been discovering the formal elements that form the foundations of great artistic practice, helping them to develop their creative skills and understanding.

Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, Year 7 have been investigating polymers and sustainability, exploring how designers can create innovative products and contribute to a more sustainable future.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination our Year 7 students have shown during their first weeks at school!



Mrs Goldie
Head of Creative Arts
and Technology

Year 11 GCSE Geography fieldtrips

Year 11 GCSE Geography students recently enjoyed a highly successful field trip to Malham, putting their classroom learning into practice in the great outdoors.

The visit provided students with the opportunity to complete important fieldwork for their physical geography enquiry and their paper 3 exam. Working collaboratively, students entered the river to collect a range of primary data, carefully measuring river width, depth, and velocity. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, organisation and resilience while using geographical fieldwork equipment and recording their results accurately. They also spent time in the village of Malham looking at the impact people have on the small village.

The fieldwork allowed students to experience first-hand how geographers investigate river environments and gave them valuable data to analyse and evaluate back in the classroom. Importantly, the day also helped students develop their confidence in the fieldwork skills and enquiry process required as part of their GCSE Geography course.

Our Year 11 students were a credit to the school throughout the visit. They approached the practical activities with enthusiasm and maturity, supported one another, and made the most of the opportunity to learn outside the classroom. And no one fell in!

Well done to all of our Year 11 geographers on a successful and productive day of fieldwork at Malham!



Mrs Kinnane
Lead Practitioner in
Geography

Focus on Year 10

I would like to start with a huge thank you and well done to all of the Year 10 students who volunteered to help at our Open Evening. You represented yourselves, our year group and the school brilliantly and made us very proud. It was fantastic to see so many of you being warm, welcoming, and friendly to all staff and members of the public. Thank you for giving up your time and helping to make the evening such a success!

We are really excited to officially launch our Year 10 residential trip to PGL at Winmarleigh Hall which will take place in the summer term. This is going to be a fantastic opportunity to make memories, and spend some quality time together as a year group before GCSEs start. Just a gentle reminder to return consent and medical forms in to the year team please, and if anyone has any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A special well done to 10I, who have held the title of best attendance in Year 10 from the start of the academic year up until this week, and well done to 10A for overtaking 10I and taking the top spot this week!

As ever, our focus is on getting our Year 10 attendance to 95%. Every lesson matters, everyday counts, and being in school regularly gives you the best opportunity to make progress and achieve the grades you are capable of.

Keep it up, Year 10 - there is lots to be proud of already



Mrs Lake
Head of Year 10



Year 11 Timetable For Mocks October 2026

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- EXAM VENUE – SPORTS HALL unless stated otherwise.
- All morning exams will start at 9am and afternoon exams will start at 1:20pm unless stated otherwise
- French and Spanish speaking exams have separate timetable

Week B	Date	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon	12 October	English Literature 2h15			French Listening 50m/1h	
Tues	13 October	Biology Separate 1h45 Biology Combined 1h15			Enterprise & Marketing Component 1 1h15	
Wed	14 October	Maths paper 1 1h30			Child Development 1h15	
Thu	15 October	RS Paper 1&2 1h45			PE 1h30 Health & Fitness 1h30	
Fri	16 October	Chemistry Separate 1h45 Chemistry Combined 1h15			French & Spanish Writing 1h15/1h20	

Week A	Date	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon	19 October	English Language Paper 2 1h45			Spanish Listening 50m/1h	
Tues	20 October	Maths paper 2 1h30			Hospitality 1h30 Design 1h30 Art 2h	
Wed	21 October	History 2h Geography 1h30			Geography for students who also study History 1h30	
Thu	22 October	Physics Separate 1h45 Physics Combined 1h15			French & Spanish Reading 45m/1h	
Fri	23 October	Maths Paper 3 1h30			Creative iMedia 1h30	

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)
- Drinks in cans (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.

Attitude to Learning

This year we have introduced a “Compliant” grade which indicates that a student is following instructions but has not yet taken responsibility for their own learning.

A student’s Attitude to Learning is one of the few things that is completely within the control of the student. We want all students to have an “Outstanding” Attitude to Learning.

A “Compliant” student is not misbehaving and generally makes progress, but they are capable of much more. For any student to do as well as possible, they need to take control of their own learning by reflecting on their progress and then deciding what they will do to improve.



College Open Events 26/27

Summary

College Name	What do they offer?	When?
Nelson and Colne College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Saturday 26th September 2026 – 10.00am-2.00pm</i> <i>Thursday 8th October 2026 – 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Tuesday 10th November 2026 – 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Tuesday 19th January 2027 – 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Thursday 10th June 2027 - 5.30pm-7.30pm</i>
Accrington and Rossendale College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Thursday 1st October 2026 – 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Tuesday 17th November 2026 – 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Thursday 14th January 2027 – 5.30pm-7.30pm</i>
Burnley College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Thursday 24th September 2026 – 5.30pm-8.00pm</i> <i>Wednesday 21st October 2026 – 5.30pm-8.00pm</i> <i>Thursday 17th November 2026 – 5.30pm-8.00pm</i> <i>Tuesday 9th February 2027 – 5.30pm-8.00pm</i> <i>Wednesday 24th March 2027 – 5.30pm-8.00pm</i>
Craven College	Vocational T-Level Apprenticeship	<i>Monday 5th October 2026 – 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Wednesday 18th November 2026 - 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <u><i>Aviation Academy Dates</i></u> <i>Wednesday 7th October 2026 – 6.00pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Thursday 8th October 2026 – 6.00pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Wednesday 14th October 2026 – 6.00pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Wednesday 18th November 2026 - 5.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Wednesday 25th November 2026 – 6.00pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Thursday 26th November 2026 – 6.00pm-7.30pm</i>
Myerscough College	Vocational T-Levels Apprenticeship	<i>Saturday 3rd October 2026 – 10.00am-1.00pm</i> <i>Saturday 21st November 2026 – 10.00am-1.00pm</i> <i>Saturday 6th February 2027 – 10.00am-1.00pm</i> <i>Saturday 17th April 2027 – 10.00am-1.00pm</i>
Training 2000	Apprenticeship	<i>Wednesday 27th January 2027 – 4.30pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Thursday 28th January 2027 – 4.30pm-7.30pm</i>

Autumn Term 1



PE Extra-Curricular Sport (Autumn Term 1 2026)

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM	STAFF
Monday	Lunchtime	Year 7 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	CJO / MGU
	After School	Football trials (year 7 & 8) Netball (year 7 & 8)	Sports Hall / Grass Field Yard	LHM/CJO EDR KDO
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Year 8 Football / Benchball Year 7 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	KDO / LHM CJO / EDR
	After School	Football (years 9-11) Netball (years 9-11)	Sports Hall / Grass Field Yard	LHM/CJO EDR/KDO
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Year 9 Football / Benchball Year 8 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	EDR / CJO KDO / LHM
	After School	Boys' Basketball 7-9 Dance	Sports Hall GYM	CJO EDR
Thursday	Lunchtime	Year 10 Football / Benchball Year 8 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	LHM / CJO KDO / EDR
	After School	STAFF MEETINGS	STAFF MEETINGS	STAFF MEETINGS
Friday	Lunchtime	Year 11 Football / Benchball	Sports Hall	KDO/CJO
	After School	Basketball 10-11	Sports Hall	LHM

New PE Extracurricular Sports – Autumn Term 1

We're excited to launch our new range of PE extracurricular clubs for Autumn Term 1! Students can now take part in a variety of lunchtime and after-school activities, including football, benchball, netball and basketball.

It's a great opportunity to stay active, have fun, and develop new skills – so get involved and give something new a try!



Autumn Term 1

Extra-Curricular Program – Autumn 1 (2026)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime				Maths Club and homework help 12.20 -1pm (T12)	
After-school 3.20pm	Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle) Board Games Club 3.20 - 4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle) Performance Club 3.20-4.15 Miss Smalley (F13, HALL)	Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle) Performance Club 3.20-4.15 Mrs Goldie (F13, HALL) Art Club 3.20-4pm Mrs Olive F43	Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle) Music Club 3.20 – 4.20pm Mr Husband (Music) Maths Club and homework help 3.20-4pm (T12)	Brain Games 3.20 - 4.00 pm Casey S T (Casey's Office) Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)	Reading, Homework, AR Quizzing, Exchanging books, Chess 3.20 -4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle) Board Games Club 3.20 - 4.15pm Ms Dawson Lib1 (Oracle)

Autumn Term 1 Extracurricular Programme

We are pleased to share details of our Autumn Term 1 extracurricular programme, which offers a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs designed to enrich students' learning and personal development. Opportunities available this half term include Homework Club, Performance Club, Art Club and Maths Club, alongside many other activities.

We encourage all students to review the full programme and take advantage of the clubs and support available.



WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!

Please bring your special bear!

Join us for a fun-filled family adventure inspired by the much-loved story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

WE CAN'T
GO OVER IT

WE CAN'T
GO UNDER IT

OH NO!

WE'VE GOT TO
GO THROUGH IT!



-  Explore the outdoors
-  Bring your favourite teddy bear
-  Fun activities and play
-  All the family is welcome



TUESDAY
20TH OCTOBER

1:00PM – 3:00PM

at

BRIERFIELD
FAMILY HUB



WEDNESDAY
21ST OCTOBER

1:00PM – 3:00PM

at

VICTORIA PARK,
NELSON



FRIDAY
23RD OCTOBER

10:30AM – 12:30PM

at

ALKINCOATS PARK,
COLNE



Family Hub

Stronger families, brighter futures

"We're going on a bear hunt, we're
going to catch a big one!"

Come along for stories, outdoor adventures,
and family fun. Don't forget to bring
your special bear!

ALL THE
FAMILY IS
WELCOME!



SPOOKY FAMILY BINGO

 Thursday 29th October

 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

 Brierfield Family Hub,
Tunstall Square,
Brierfield, BB9 5GZ



Fancy dress
welcome!



DISCO

**Ages
0-11**

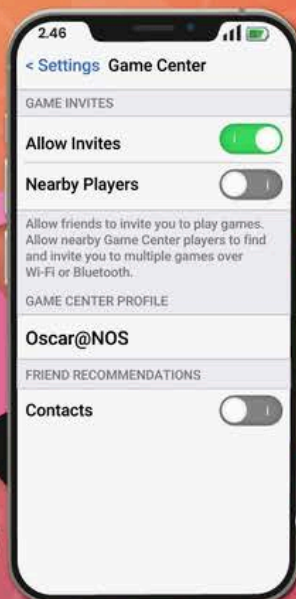
**FREE!
NO NEED
TO BOOK**

**Tuesday 27th October
1pm - 3pm
Nelson Family Hub/The Zone
Leeds Road, BB9 8EL**

**Wear Your
Brightest
Clothes!**

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)