



All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

February 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making our Golden Anniversary 50th Year Ball such a tremendous success. It was a wonderful evening of celebration, bringing together past and present members of our community to mark this important milestone. My thanks go to the staff, parents, governors, Friends of the School, and pupils who worked so hard behind the scenes to organise such a memorable event. Your generosity of time, effort and support ensured the evening was a fitting tribute to 50 years of our school's history.

On Thursday 12th February, our Year 11 pupils received their Mock GCSE Results. I hope they have taken time to reflect carefully on their outcomes—celebrating their successes and identifying clear next steps where improvements can be made. With only a few weeks remaining before the summer examinations, it is vital that pupils now fully engage with the revision sessions, intervention opportunities available to them. Staff are providing a wealth of support; I encourage every pupil to make the most of it so that they can approach their final examinations with confidence and determination.

As we begin the season of Lent, we are reminded of our calling as a Catholic community to focus on prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Lent offers us a valuable opportunity for reflection, spiritual growth and renewed commitment to living out our faith in our daily actions. Today we mark this journey with our CAFOD Fast Day and Own Clothes Day, supporting the important work of CAFOD in helping communities in need around the world. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. May this season be one of purpose, reflection and continued success for all members of our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper

Headteacher



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION AWARD

Congratulations to the following pupils who were selected to attend the Headteacher's Commendation Award Brunch in recognition of their outstanding efforts in Computing and Technology:

Year 8: Ethan A, Haris Rooney, Finn Mc and Luke Smith

Year 9 : April H, Keira Mc, Dawid and Selasie N

Year 10: Oliver B, Matthew C, Kiitan A and Jack Beetham

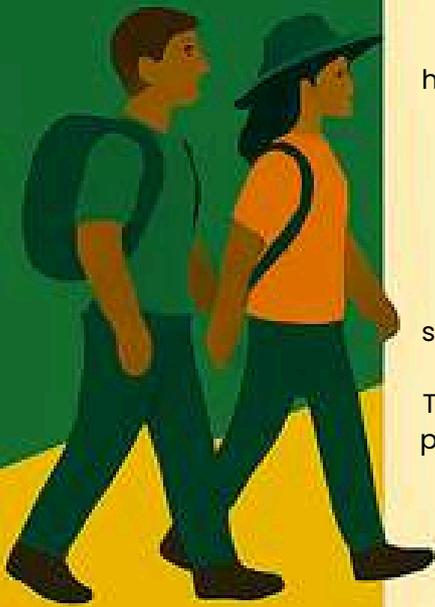
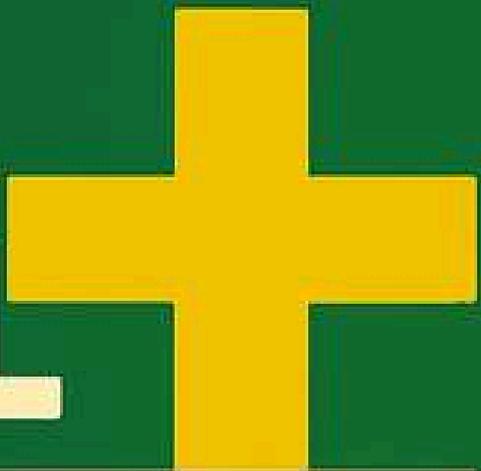
Well done to all students for their hard work and commitment.

Staff Vacancies

We are seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team. Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.
<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/>

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LENT APPEAL



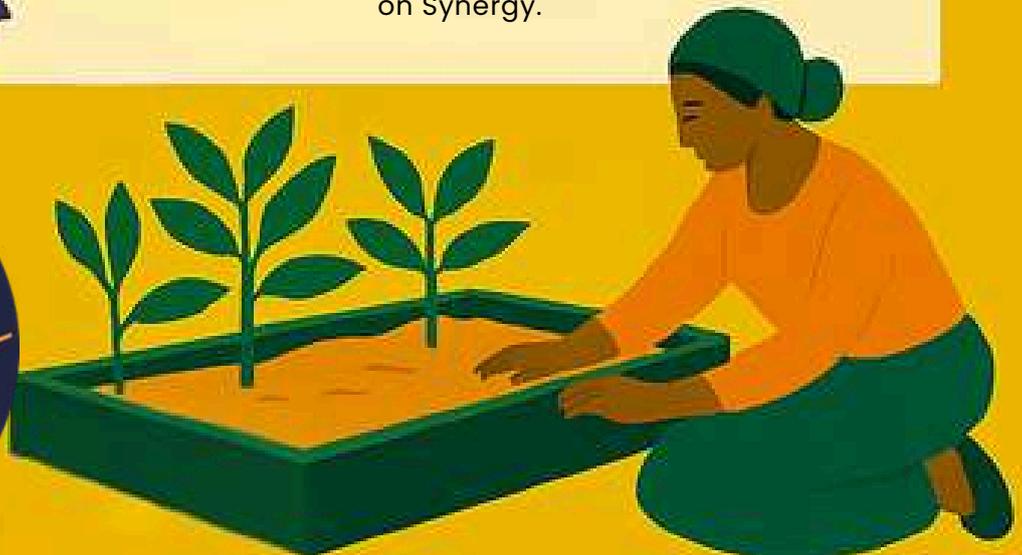
During Lent, we are taking part in activities to raise money for our global Catholic charity, CAFOD – the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. Assemblies in school this week have highlighted the importance of sharing what we have with others through acts of charity.

We have had a great start to our Lent Appeal, with the annual CAFOD Fast Day and Non-Uniform Day taking place on Friday 27th February. Individual pupil donations have already raised vital funds for CAFOD. There was a limited menu in the dining rooms at break and lunchtime, allowing pupils to stand in solidarity with those less fortunate and with communities facing poverty around the world.

This Lent, all donations made to CAFOD are being doubled by its partners, which is a wonderful incentive to raise as much money as possible as a school community. CAFOD is currently promoting the use of floating gardens in Bangladesh, which enable flood-affected communities to grow vital crops for food and income. A donation of £48 could help 10 farmers to build and maintain their own floating gardens. CAFOD is also highlighting the effects of climate change in developing nations, where extreme flooding is leading to the loss of crops and livestock.

One of the ways pupils can contribute to the Lent Appeal is by taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. CAFOD is encouraging pupils, families, parishes and communities to walk 200km in 40 days during Lent. Pupils have received sponsor forms this week to help them work towards this target. Once sponsorship has been collected, it can be donated via the All Hallows CAFOD Big Lent Walk page. The link to this donation page has been shared on Synergy.

THE
BIG
LENT
WALK



A Journey of Faith and Reflection: Savio House Year 9 Retreat

At the end of January, 40 Year 9 pupils took part in our annual retreat to Savio House Salesian Retreat Centre, set in the beautiful Cheshire countryside. The retreat ran from Monday to Wednesday, giving pupils valuable time away from everyday routines to reflect, grow and strengthen relationships. The sign at the entrance, 'Savio House – a place to be', perfectly captured the welcoming and reflective spirit of the experience.

Pupils received a warm welcome from the Savio House retreat team, who led a range of engaging icebreaker, trust and team-building activities. There was also time to enjoy the excellent facilities, including the games room and 4G football pitch. Small group sessions formed a key part of the retreat, with pupils guided in thoughtful discussions based on the theme of 'water'. These sessions encouraged reflection on faith, relationships and personal identity, helping pupils to consider their own strengths, challenges and hopes.

After lunch on the first day, pupils enjoyed a countryside walk to the well-known viewpoint, White Nancy, offering impressive views over Bollington and the surrounding area. Later, they took part in a 'well drawing' activity, reflecting on aspects of their lives such as school, family and faith, and thinking carefully about both positive and challenging experiences. Each evening concluded with journal writing and the traditional Salesian 'Goodnight', including prayer, reflection and a blessing.

The second day focused on reconciliation and renewal. Pupils had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the chapel before working together to plan and lead a vibrant Mass, contributing through drama, dance, artwork, prayers and music.

The retreat concluded with a closing liturgy and time for pupils to affirm one another by writing positive messages in their journals. It was a truly memorable and enriching Catholic experience for all involved, leaving many pupils feeling inspired, supported and already looking forward to returning.



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50th

Anniversary Ball



During half term, our school community gathered for a truly special occasion – the 50th Anniversary Ball of All Hallows Catholic High School. Held at the iconic home of Preston North End, the evening was a wonderful celebration of 50 Years of Faith, Learning and Community.

The event brought together past and present staff, pupils, families and friends of the school, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere filled with memories, laughter and pride. It was a chance not only to celebrate how far our school has come over the past five decades, but also to reflect on the strong values and strong sense of community that continue to define All Hallows today.

We were especially delighted to welcome former Headteachers Mr Flynn and Mr Riding, whose dedication and leadership have played an important role in the school's journey. It was lovely to see them reconnecting with colleagues and former pupils, sharing stories and celebrating the school's achievements.

A very special thank you must go to Mrs Finn and our wonderful PTFA, whose hard work and dedication made the evening such a success. From the planning and organisation to the thoughtful details on the night, their commitment ensured it was a truly memorable occasion enjoyed by all.

It was a lovely evening and a fitting way to mark this important milestone. As we celebrate 50 years of All Hallows, we look forward with excitement and hope to the future, continuing to build on the strong foundations laid over the past half century. Here's to the next 50 years!



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Year 10 Pupils Explore Future Careers at Cyber Skills Day

Thirty-nine Year 10 pupils recently attended an inspiring Cyber Skills and Careers Day at Cardinal Newman College as part of the Lancashire Cyber Festival Education Week 2026.

The day provided pupils with an exciting opportunity to experience the fast-growing world of cyber and technology first-hand. Through a series of interactive and practical activities, they developed a deeper understanding of the skills and personal qualities required for careers in cyber security and related industries.

Pupils also explored the various education and training pathways available to them, helping them to see how their current studies can lead to rewarding future careers. The event highlighted Lancashire's growing reputation as a centre for cyber innovation, particularly with the establishment of the National Cyber Force Headquarters in the county – a significant development for the region.

The visit was a valuable and motivating experience, encouraging pupils to think ambitiously about their futures within STEM and the expanding cyber sector.



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A Busy Start to 2026 for STEM

It has been a very busy start to 2026 in STEM, with our robotics teams working incredibly hard and representing the school at competitions across the country.

Our VEX robotics teams have already competed in five events since the start of the year – travelling to Manchester twice, Chorley, Gateshead and an exciting event hosted by BAE Systems. Each event has given students the opportunity to test their robots and improve their designs against strong competition.

Behind the scenes, students have put in countless hours building, refining, coding, rebuilding and testing their robots. Work has taken place during breaktimes, lunchtimes, after school and over numerous weekends, showing an exceptional level of dedication and teamwork.

Across the five competitions our teams have achieved some fantastic success and brought home a number of trophies. Team Dave, our Year 8 team, won both a Teamwork Trophy and a Skills Trophy, an excellent achievement for such a young team. Team Gorlock also added another Skills Trophy to the one they won before Christmas, continuing their strong run of performances. The teams have also had the opportunity to meet and work with pupils from all over the country during these events. They have even met 1 or two special guests along the way including Sir Lyndsey Hoyle at the Chorley event.

We are especially proud that Team Gorlock have successfully qualified for the National Championships at International Centre Telford on Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd March. The event will feature over 60 teams, with the top two teams qualifying for the World Championships in St. Louis. We wish Team Gorlock the very best of luck as they prepare for this exciting challenge!

Students have shown real commitment to the competition season. Many of the events take place at weekends, and for the recent competition in Gateshead two teams even set off at 5am on a Saturday morning to make the journey in time.

As the season draws to a close, All Hallows would like to thank our STEM ambassador Lorraine Houghton for her tireless work and commitment to robotics at All Hallows and around Lancashire. We would also like to congratulate April Houghton for winning Cadet of the month for her contribution to robotics at the Chorley cadets this season.

If any local businesses would like to sponsor one of our robotics teams, we would love to hear from you. The VEX Robotics UK and World Championship events are streamed live on YouTube and watched by hundreds of thousands of viewers worldwide. Major organisations including Google, NASA, and Tesla, Inc. support and sponsor these events, making this a fantastic opportunity to showcase local support for STEM education. Please get in touch via email if you would like to sponsor one of our robots djo@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk

We look forward to sharing more successes in VEX next year!



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Materials Roadshow sponsored by BAE Systems, RAF and Royal Navy

We were thrilled to welcome a STEM Theatre Roadshow to school on Monday 9th February. The group are able to visit schools and deliver engaging STEM-based theatre performances thanks to generous sponsorship from BAE Systems, the Royal Air Force, and the Royal Navy. The performances were delivered to all of Year 7 and Year 8 and were packed with insightful information about materials and how they are used in the world around us. The show brilliantly combined education with entertainment, helping pupils to explore complex scientific ideas in an accessible, creative and memorable way. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were fully engaged throughout. Many commented on how interesting and interactive the performance was, and how it helped them to better understand how materials are developed and used in real-life situations, from Formula 1 cars to the world of flight and even podcasts! It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and curiosity sparked across both year groups. We were delighted to be able to provide this opportunity for our students and are incredibly grateful to everyone involved in making it happen. We would absolutely love to welcome the team back again in the future for another inspiring visit.



Success at the Northern Zone Trampoline Championships



Congratulations to Sophie T in Year 7, who proudly represented All Hallows at the 2025–2026 Northern Zone Trampoline Championships, held at King's School in Macclesfield.

Competing in the highly competitive Year 7–9 Elite category, Sophie achieved an impressive 10th place out of 21 competitors – an outstanding accomplishment, particularly as she is only in Year 7. We are incredibly proud of Sophie's achievement and the dedication she has shown to her sport. A huge thank you also goes to Sophie's parents for their support in taking her to the competition. Well done, Sophie – a fantastic achievement!

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The End of an Era for Our Year 11 Netball Team

This month marked the end of an incredible chapter for our Year 11 netball team (missing Eva), as they played their final South Ribble League match against Balshaws – and what a way to finish! The team secured an outstanding 26–8 victory, ending their league journey on a real high.

Player of the Match was awarded to Amarah, whose shooting was truly on point and played a key role in the team's success. It has been an absolute pleasure for Mrs Preston to coach this talented group of pupils over the past five years. It is rare for a team to remain together throughout their entire school journey, but this squad has shown unwavering commitment to both netball and the school. Even more remarkably, they have remained unbeaten over the whole five years – an extraordinary achievement.

Every match has been a joy to watch, and the team should be immensely proud of everything they have accomplished.



Under 13's Sisters in Sport Secure National Final Spot!

What a fantastic way to end the half term! Congratulations to these nine superstars from Years 7 and 8, who faced Bedford Girls' School in today's semi-final and emerged as 29–15 winners.

It was the best game we have seen the girls play – the most competitive by far! Every player stepped up, giving their absolute best, and the staff who came to watch were amazed by the standard of play. It was truly incredible to watch.

Player of the Match awards went to Izzy K for her outstanding defence and Emily A for her brilliant performance in attack.

Next stop: Loughborough University on 12th March for the National Finals – here we come! WHAT A TEAM!



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South Ribble League Fixtures Completed



Celebrating Commitment, Teamwork and Determination

Well done to all of our netball teams who successfully completed their South Ribble League fixtures towards the end of last half term. The girls have shown great commitment, teamwork and determination throughout the league campaign. We now look forward to finishing the netball season in style with the South Ribble District Tournaments, which will be held at All Hallows this half term.

Best of luck to all of our teams as they prepare for the final stage of the season!

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Year 7 Girls' Football Team Shine in Chilly Conditions

Well done to our Year 7 girls' football team (with Phoebe S missing from the team photo due to injury) who played Priory on Thursday 5th February in extremely cold and windy conditions – as the photo certainly shows!

Despite the challenging weather, the girls delivered their strongest performance to date. With Kayla and Emily making their debut for the team, the squad showed great determination and teamwork throughout the match.

A special congratulations goes to Kayla, who scored both goals on her debut to secure a fantastic win for the team. A thoroughly deserved Player of the Match award – well done, Kayla!

An excellent team effort all round – we are very proud of you all!



Jess W: Lancashire and North West Gymnastics Champion!



A huge congratulations to Jess W in Year 7, who competed for her gymnastics club, Garstang School of Gymnastics, in Wigan on Sunday 15th February. Jess was crowned Lancashire and North West Champion at Development 3 – an incredible achievement!

All of Jess's effort, perseverance, and passion for gymnastics has clearly paid off. Well done, Jess – a fantastic accomplishment!

Grace D Selected for Lancashire Girls' Under 12's Cricket Pathway

Congratulations to Grace D in Year 7, who has been selected for the Lancashire Cricket Girls' Under-12s pathway this year – a fantastic achievement. This is a wonderful opportunity for Grace to further develop her skills and represent cricket at county level. We are incredibly proud of her hard work and dedication. Well done, Grace – we look forward to following your progress!



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Podium Finish for U15 Girls at District Competition

Well done to our under 15 girls' indoor cricket team, who finished an impressive third place in today's South Ribble and Chorley Indoor Cricket Competition, held at All Hallows.

A special mention must go to our five fantastic young cricket leaders, who confidently umpired all of the matches, working alongside Lancashire Cricket staff. Their leadership and maturity were outstanding.

An excellent achievement all round – well done to everyone involved!

Under 15 girls' Indoor Cricket Team



Cricket Leaders



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Outstanding Performances at Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to all of our students who proudly represented South Ribble at the 2026 Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships. It was a fantastic day of competition, with our school being the highest represented in the district – a real achievement and a testament to the commitment and enthusiasm of our runners.

The standard of racing was extremely high, and every pupil who took part showed focus, perseverance and excellent sportsmanship throughout their events. We are especially proud to announce that five of our athletes have now been selected to travel to Sefton Park to represent Lancashire in the English Schools Cross Country Championships – an outstanding accomplishment.

A special mention must go to Ellie B and Millie W, who both delivered exceptional performances to secure podium finishes, taking 1st and 3rd place respectively. An incredible result and thoroughly deserved.

Well done to all the pupils who competed: Jack T, Josh Pike, Jack M, Sam B, Oliver B, Elsie Mc, Theo N, Harley B, Isaac M, Ellie B, Millie W and Scarlett W. You have all represented the school with pride, and we wish our qualifiers the very best of luck in the next stage of the competition.



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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

23rd Feb – 2nd April

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING SPRING TERM

Overview

PD is a vital part of our curriculum that supports students' wellbeing, character and future aspirations. This term Year 9 students will explore careers, Year 8 will focus on online safety and Years 7, 10 and 11 will develop an understanding on physical and mental wellbeing.

Year 8

Students will learn about what cybercrime is and why it happens. They will learn how online use can impact sleep, how to stay safe from online grooming and how to manage online stress and fear of missing out. They will also learn basic, age-appropriate information about HPV.

Year 10

Students will learn about self-image and how to feel positive and confident about themselves. They will learn how to look after their health through self-examination and understand the importance of blood and organ donation.

Year 7

Students will learn how to feel healthy inside and out, build confidence, understand their thoughts and feelings, and look after their physical and mental wellbeing. They will learn ways to manage worry and how to use social media safely and positively.

Year 9

Students will learn how to make informed decisions about what to study at KS4, understand their skills and strengths, and take control of their future career journey.

Year 11

Students will learn about birth control and sexually transmitted infections in an age appropriate way, understand the impact of pornography and develop a strong sense of self-worth.

LESSON TITLES

Year 7

- Healthy inside and out*
- Unhelpful Thoughts
- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Worry
- Social Media

Year 8

- *Causes of Cybercrime.*
- *Effects of Cybercrime*
- *Effects on sleep online use*
- *Online Grooming*
- *Online stress and FOMO*
- *HPV*

Year 9: Delivered using Unifrog

- Decision making
- Taking control of your career journey
- Working and earning
- What is the labour market?
- What comes after school
- What are my skills

Year 10

- *Self Image**
- *Health promotion and self-examination*
- *Blood and organ donation*
- *Addiction**

Year 11

- *Birth Control**
- *Pornography**
- *Self-Worth**
- *STI's**
- *Eating Disorders**
- *Managing stress and anxiety*

*Lessons taught using TenTen

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Helpful Websites

Childnet - Online Safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

YoungMinds - Children's Mental Health

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Anna Freud Family Wellbeing

<https://www.1decision.co.uk/resources/parent-carer-zone>

Unifrog -

<https://www.unifrog.org/parent>

NHS Sexual Health

<https://www.yoursexualhealthmatters.org.uk/sexual-health-and-wellbeing/advice-parents-and-carers>

Questions to ask

How do you feel about yourself and the things you're good at?

How do you know if a website, video, or social media post is safe or trustworthy?

What careers or jobs sound interesting to you?

What helps you feel calm when you're anxious or upset?

DON'T MISS THIS!

FEBRUARY

Year 9 DTP/ACWY Immunisations

MARCH

Healthy Lifestyle Week

TENTEN

Access TenTen Parent Portal:

You can access the parent portal to view the RSHE TenTen lessons for each year using the log in details below:

Username: all-hallows-pr1
Password: fruit-cake



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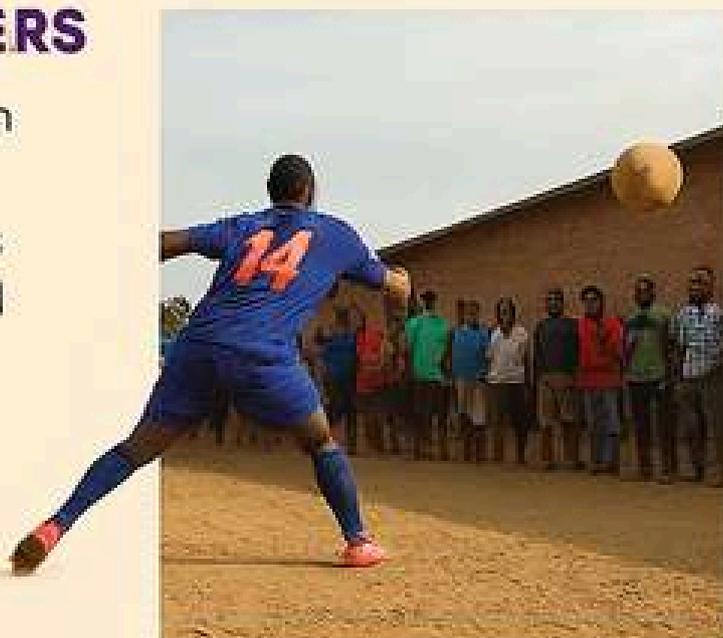
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NEW WINTER OPENING TIMES

RUNNING FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK!

@PENWORTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our youth club at Kingsfold will be running four nights a week this winter! Young people can enjoy a safe, fun space, make friends, and take part in exciting activities.

WINTER CLUB TIMETABLE:
 Monday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session
 Thursday's 6-9pm: Secondary Age Session
 Friday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session
 Saturday's 6-8pm: Secondary Age Session

STARTING 29TH SEPTEMBER
Kingsfold Dr, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EQ

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Qualified coaches
- A supportive, active environment
- Community initiatives
- Activities that build teamwork
- Confidence-building exercises
- Opportunities for skill development
- Fun, engaging games for all abilities

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POWAR Programme; January to March 2026

POWAR is the youth voice forum for young people with SEND, aged 11-25, in Lancashire. POWAR provides a space for young people to explore issues related to them and to challenge and advocate on the services they receive.

We are here to make changes across Lancashire - to improve services for young people with SEND and to have fun!

Where, when, and what time

POWAR East: Burnley Central Family Hub and the Zone,
Whittam Street, Burnley, BB11 1LW.
Tuesdays
20th January,
3rd February, 17th February
3rd March, 17th March, 31st March
From: 18:00 - 20:00

POWAR Central: Ribbleson Family Hub,
Ribbleson Hall Drive, Preston, PR2 6EE.
Thursday
Weekly from 8th January onwards
From: 18:00 - 20:00

POWAR North: Whitecross Neighbourhood Centre (Mill 14),
Quarry Road, Lancaster, LA1 3SE.
Friday
16th January, 30th January,
13th February, 27th February,
13th March, 27th March
From: 18:00 - 20:00

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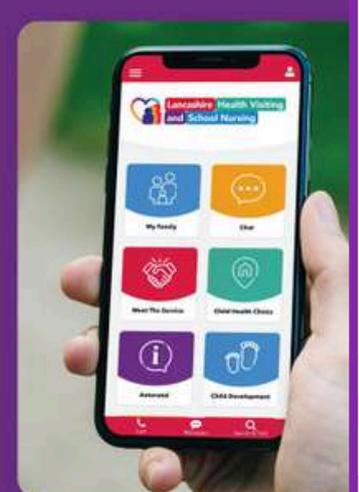




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