

# Priory Press

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# Editor's Letter

Catherine Booth



Hello all,

This week, the House Rowing Competition has taken place. Students from all year groups and houses have had the opportunity to participate in the event, with the aim being to travel the distance from our school, Priory LSST, to the other secondary establishments within the trust. For more information and updates on the house total, please see your emails from Miss Tunnard and Miss Harrison.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of January, students in Year 9 had their Meningitis and Teenage Booster Vaccinations. For many, this was a stressful and worrying time but all students behaved in an exemplary manner, reassuring their nervous peers. The year group handled the situation maturely and took the vaccinations seriously.

Drama students have been participating in a workshop over the course of the week with an acting director and producer, who was previously a pupil at the Priory. The class found the workshop engaging and interesting, building confidence and teamwork skills. The workshop was based around the modern trend of 'vlogging' and the effect that it has upon us.

Have a brilliant week and enjoy the articles!

Catherine 😊



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# The Priory Academy LSST presents...



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## *Oliver!*

*7th and 8th of February 7.15pm*  
*Tickets on sale at Student Reception £4*

*OLIVER!*  
*Music, Lyrics and Book by Lionel Bart.*  
*Produced for the Broadway stage by David Merrick and Donald Albery*  
*By arrangement with MusicScape and Stage Musical's Limited of New York*





# Film of the Week

James Ghest



## Coco

Coco is Disney Pixar's latest animated film, following Cars 3 from summer of last year. It follows a young Mexican boy with a passion for music who accidentally ends up in the Land of the Dead, and, with the help of his deceased great-great-grandfather, must return to the living world. The events are centred around the famous Mexican festival, 'The Day of the Dead', in which people celebrate those who have died.

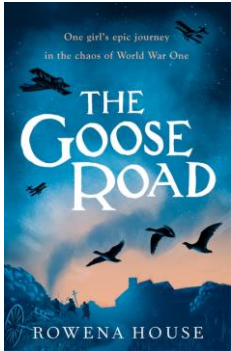
It stars an all-Latino voice cast of Anthony Gonzalez, Gael García Bernal, Benjamin Bratt, Alanna Ubach, Renée Victor, Ana Ofelia Murguía, and Edward James Olmos, being the world's first film with a nine digit budget to feature one. It is directed by Lee Unkrich and Adrian Molina.

Coco has received vastly positive reviews, with 97% on Rotten Tomatoes, and an 81 on metacritic. The film has been praised for its touching story about the nature of family and death, its original songs, its animation, and its depiction of Mexican culture. It has picked up the nomination for Best Animated Picture at the 90<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards, and it won the Golden Globe late last year.



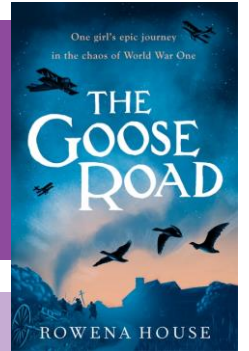
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# Book of the Week

Ariana Gopee and Daniella Taylor



## *The Goose Road*

This week's book of the week is *The Goose Road*!

It is about a fourteen-year-old girl named Angelique Lacroix and the story is set in the first World War.

In 1916, she discovers her father's death on the frontline. When soldiers are fighting at war, Angelique has her own battles to brawl. She's left in charge of the family farm and determined to keep it running; at least until her older brother returns from battle. Yet she doesn't know that she will have to begin a long, hard and tiring journey across France, escorted by a flock of resplendent geese.



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# Riddle of the Week

Ariana Gopee and Daniella Taylor

**R: Which is heavier, a ton of feathers or a ton of bricks?**

**A: Neither, they both weigh the same**



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# Year 9 News

Lucy Carmouche

## What's been going on in Year 9?

All of Year 9 have had to endure a time consuming, painful, nerve wracking and not to mention boring vaccination. This was to reduce the chance of us catching Meningitis and the other was a general booster. Whether you had them both at the same time or one at once was up to you but I'm sure we can all agree that it was built up more than needs be. After all we all survived, well done for that Y9. These vaccinations are extremely important and I would recommend reading or at minimum taking a glance at the leaflets those nurses gave you as well as handing them to your parents . We should be very thankful we are in a situation where we are lucky enough to reduce the likelihood of diseases.

There are plenty of house events to be having a go at and for more information please look and try to find them in your endless amounts of e-mails.

Drama students have had a wonderful time focusing on the idea of story telling in a workshop that was ran by Claire, who is an ex-pupil of the Priory and her close peer Grace. The Students have also been contributing towards one of Claire's shows about vloggers which she puts her own spin on.



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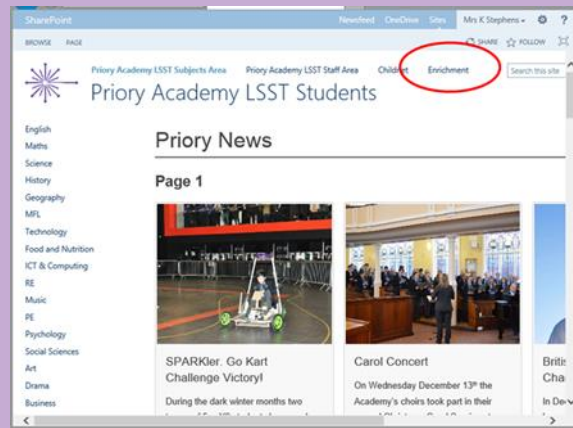
# Peer Listening

Elena Newbrook

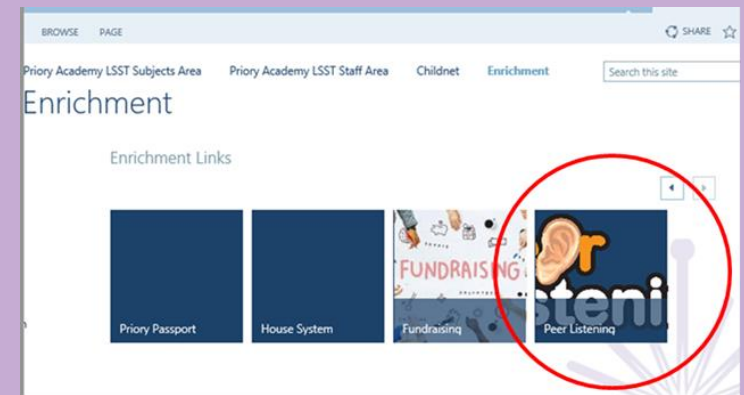
## Peer Listening

A group of older students have come together with the help of Mrs Stephens, to form the Peer Listening team. They look online and in person at R1 at lunchtime. They listen to concerns you may have and problems and try their hardest to solve or help with your problem. The peer listening team will always listen even if you think your concern is embarrassing or tiny. Their link on SharePoint is a folder called Peer Listening; the guide below shows you how to reach it. Don't leave something locked up inside of you talk to these amazing people for help with nearly every little problem!

**Step 1:**  
**Click on**  
**Enrichment**



**Step 2:**  
**Click on Peer Listening**



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# Technology Breakdown

Alastair Niclair



## Two Self-Driving Cars Involved in Accidents

A Tesla Model S and a Chevrolet Bolt have both been involved in car accidents (but not at the same time). The Tesla Model S was in its self driving cruise mode when it slammed into the back of a parked fire engine that had responded to a scene. The Tesla crumpled on impact. The Chevrolet Volt was more serious however, as it hit a motorcyclist which was changing lanes. The biker was trying to go through a closing gap when he was hit off. He has decided to sue General Motors but they say that he was at fault.

## Richard Branson Invests in Hyperloop One

Hyperloop One is a new idea for transport which involves a pod travelling through a low air pressure tube. During a test in the Nevada desert, it reached speeds of 310kph (192mph). Virgin Group suggested that the system could eventually make the trip from London to Edinburgh in 50 minutes.



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# Animal of the Week

Alastair Niclair



K is for...

## Kudu



The kudu is a sub-species of antelope that is found inhabiting mixed shrub woodland, and savanna plains in eastern and southern Africa. The kudu relies heavily on dense thickets where it can escape to and hide in if it feels threatened.



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# History This Week

Alastair Niclair

**1793**

Louis XVI, King of France is executed at the guillotine in Paris, following his conviction for treason.

**1901**

Victoria, the longest reigning monarch in British history, dies aged 81 after 64 years as queen.

**1965**

British statesman and national hero Winston Churchill dies aged 90 and is honoured with a state funeral.

BBC History On This Day Site: [bbc.in/2qgarl7](http://bbc.in/2qgarl7)



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# Year 7 News

Matthew Godfrey



## Module 3

It's another new module, lots of new challenges, but don't worry - it's a small one. However, it's going to be jam-packed with fun events and new opportunities. Everyone in Year 7 has a new Tech subject, and it's been a while since we were set in Maths.

If you've listened in assemblies and read your emails, you would have heard about the 'Peer-Listening' program. If you want to find out more, read the specific slide.

Recently, the Fitness Suite has hosted a rowing challenge where students will have to row (on the rowing machines) the equivalent to another Priory Academy in distance. It took place last Tuesday and Thursday. Well done to all participants.

Also, the '*Oliver!*' team have been working hard to get their performance perfect as the run up to the play has begun. For some of the year 7s, this might have been their first 'professional' performance. Tickets are now on sale from Student Reception, price £4.



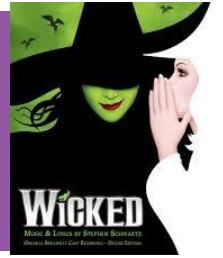
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# Young Writers Competition

Amelia Sackley



## National Writing Contest

For anyone who is interested in becoming a writer one day, this could be your big chance! Enter the national writing competition for a chance to tickets to the new show 'Wicked' in London.

There are three categories in age, for fiction the 11-14, the 15-17 and the 18-25; if there are some older people that would like to do an essay on a subject then there is the group of 15-25.

There is a limit on 750 words, any subject and all subjects are welcome.

The deadline is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

So if you want the chance to win the tickets to see 'Wicked' I suggest you start writing!



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# Local News

Eve Lockey

## Homeless By The Sea

Recently, multiple people without homes have found themselves being asked to tell their stories, which they gladly did.

A lot of homeless people want others to realise that it's not always easy to get a job and that they can't just demand one. Many of the homeless have had a job but made poor decisions or lost their jobs due to economic reasons.

The stories of these people are unique and they open up your mind more and help to think about the real world. So far the homeless people have their friends and family on their sides and due to random acts of kindness they occasionally find themselves with a hot meal or drink and somewhere to sleep.

It truly is strange how these people have to live and nobody should have to live like that.

These stories help to show that you should think carefully about things you do and to think outside of the box.



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