

Daniel Appleby - Class of 2002

The parents of Daniel Appleby, who sadly passed away in 2017, have dedicated an award to Priory in his memory. Each year, the Friendship Award will be presented to the pupil who has shown to be the best ambassador for friendship, kindness and support either in school, during extra curricular activities or on a trip. They will also receive a £25 gift voucher from the family.

His mum, Julie said: "We were proud of Daniel every single day. Despite his own problems he would do anything to help anybody. Daniel had diabetes, but he lived life to the full and enjoyed travel and exciting activities. He was an electrician and we used to call him 'our bright spark'.

At a presentation evening following the annual Belgium trip the Friendship trophy was awarded to Year 11 pupil, Ben Rooke. A poignant award as older siblings of the Rooke family attended Priory alongside Daniel.

Geography teacher, Mr Watters, is pictured with Daniel's father, Mick. Mr Watters, who taught Daniel, dedicated the Belgium trip to his memory.

"Daniel was an ex-pupil who went on the Belgium trip in his time at Priory," said Mr Watters. "He was friendly and gave a lot to Priory. We brought back some poppy seeds from the trip for our gardener Mr Farron to plant in the Priory gardens, in his memory."



Daniel died following a brain haemorrhage linked with diabetes, which he had since he was 11 years old. His family held an It's a Knockout Roadshow at school in the summer with all money raised going towards Preston and Chorley Junior Diabetic Support Group.