

3 October 2025



Dear Parent/Guardian

YEAR 10 HISTORY TRIP - THACKRAY MUSEUM OF MEDICINE – NOVEMBER 2025

As part of the GCSE History course, we will soon begin studying our third unit: *Britain: Health and the People*. To support students in their understanding of this topic, we are organising a visit to the Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds.

The museum provides an excellent opportunity for students to engage with the subject beyond the classroom. The visit aligns directly with the GCSE specification, offering a visual and interactive insight into key themes that will be assessed in their final exam. **As such, attendance on this trip is compulsory for all Year 10 GCSE History pupils.**

The museum provides immersive galleries where pupils can explore the history of healthcare to the advances that have shaped the way we look after ourselves, and each other. Pupils will be able to wander through mock grimy streets of Victorian Leeds, watch gruesome operations in an 19th-century operating theatre and visit a seventies-style sexual health clinic. The museum will also enable pupils to chart how well the world responds to crisis, and discover the medical innovations that have changed the world.

The cost of the trip is £26 per student, which includes travel, museum entry, and a medieval surgery workshop designed to bring the topic to life. Pupils will attend the trip on one of the dates below and your child's History teacher will inform them which date their class will be going out on.

- Wednesday, 26 November 2025
- Thursday, 27 November 2025

We will depart from school at 9am and return in time for the school buses. Pupils may wear their own clothes that are appropriate for the trip but they are to remember they are representing the school and therefore must uphold the Priory standard. They will need a packed lunch and may also like to bring a small amount of spending money or bank card if they wish to buy refreshments or visit the gift shop.

There are places allocated for every Year 10 GCSE History pupil to attend this trip. Please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. This replaces the need to complete a reply slip. **The closing date for payment is Friday, 7 November.**

Prior to the trip, please inform the school of any recent updates to emergency contacts and medical conditions we may not already be aware of.

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact me via email at m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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