

1 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As your child comes to the end of their first year as part of the Penwortham Priory community, we just want to write to you to let you know a few changes occurring as they move into Year 8.

I, Mrs Farley, have thoroughly enjoyed leading the year group through their first year and have been really impressed with them as a year group overcoming some of the challenges that starting high school can bring. As they move into Year 8, Mrs Bullock will take over as their Head of Year and will then take them through until they leave us in Year 11. I will work closely with Mrs Bullock to ensure she is up to date with any necessary information as we begin to phase them into Year 8.

As has been the case this year, if you need to speak to someone regarding your child, your first port of call will still be their form tutor, however, should it be needed, Mrs Bullock's email address is [r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk). A reminder of the form tutors' email addresses is included with this letter.

- **New Catering System and ID Cards**

There has been communication already with regards to the changes to the catering system. Please do check through your prior messages if you have missed this. Pupils should already be coming to school with their lanyards every day, as it is part of their school uniform, however as from tomorrow, 2 July, pupils must all have their lanyards in order to buy any food from the dining room at break and / or lunch. This includes pupils on Free School Meals. Pupils that do not have a lanyard will not be able to order food. Should your child require a lanyard, they should have already informed their form tutor and ordered a new one ready for the new system coming into effect.

- **Transition to Year 8**

As of Monday, 7 July the year group will be known as 'Year 8s' and in order to get them prepared for this, they will migrate to the Year 8 social areas at break and lunch; no longer staying in the Hex/MUGA area. They have been informed of their new area, which is the auditorio and yard. Their year group toilets are the Sports Hall toilets. As of Monday, they will need to ensure they are using this space.

- **Movement in Classes**

As we come to the end of the academic year, there will be some movement within the five classes in the year group. These changes have been made in consultation with teaching staff and taking into consideration the progress of the year group as a whole. The children have been informed that there will be some movement, and that if a child moves class, this is **not** a punishment. Pupils that are being moved will be informed before the end of this week, ready for Monday, 7 July. The new classes will then be trialled before being 'fine-tuned' for September.



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- **Maths & English**

Pupils will also be 'streamed' in Maths and English from Year 8 onwards. The Maths and English Departments are working through the data they have collected throughout Year 7 to assign the pupils to their classes in these subjects. This will take place ready for Year 8, and the change, if any, will be on their timetable on the first day back in September.

A reminder of the form tutors' email addresses, should you require them:

Mr Bullock : [m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk)  
Mrs Butcher : [s.butcher@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.butcher@priory.lancs.sch.uk)  
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Once again, we want to say how much we have appreciated the support you have given your child and us as a school over their first year, and look forward to watching the children develop into confident young adults as they progress through the school.

Kind regards,

Yours faithfully



**Mrs Farley**  
**Head of Year 7**



**Mrs Bullock**  
**Head of Year 8 (Sept 2025)**