

Penwortham Priory Post



After Five Years, We Bid Farewell to Priory's Year 11s

Monday marked an emotional milestone as our Year 11 pupils spent their final day together at Priory.

This year group's journey has been unlike any other. They began their high school experience in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, transitioning from primary school during lockdown. Despite the challenges, they've shown remarkable resilience, determination, and growth - qualities that have defined their time with us far more than the circumstances they started in.

Following their morning Physics exam, the celebrations began in earnest at break time. Under glorious sunshine, pupils gathered in the Priory Gardens for the tradition of shirt-signing with laughter, sadness, and messages of friendship.

The day continued with a Celebration Assembly, led by Mr Eastham, Mrs Cowell, and Head of Year Mrs Bullock. Pupils were recognised for their achievements with a host of well-deserved certificates, awards, and trophies. The highlight of the assembly was a nostalgic farewell presentation, featuring photos from their early school days, shared memories, and reflections on what makes this year group so special. There were plenty of giggles - and a few cringes - as pupils looked back on their time at Priory.

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Diary Dates

Key Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the academic year are available to view and download from our website?

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Mon, 23 June
Year 7 Parents Evening (online)

Tues, 24 June
Reward Trips

Weds, 25 June
Year 11 Prom, Bartle Hall

Thurs, 27 June
LUSoM Maths Challenge (team only)

Weds, 2 July
New pupils & parents evening 5.30-7pm
Year 10 Newman College sampling day

Thurs, 3 July
New intake induction day

Tues, 8 July
Summer Arts Festival 6.30pm

Friday, 18 July
End of Summer Term
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

26-27 June/1-2 June/7-8 June
Bronze DofE Expedition

9-11 July
Silver DofE Expedition

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To mark the occasion, every pupil received a small keepsake from Mrs Bullock, including a Class of 2025 keyring handmade by the Technology department, and a card with this inspiring message:

"As you close this chapter and step into the next, remember how far you've come and how much potential you hold. The future is bright, and so are you – so keep dreaming big, working hard, and most importantly, keep shining your unique light wherever you go. Wishing you all the luck, laughter and success in the world. You've got this!"

The pride and emotion were shared by families too. Parents expressed their admiration on our social media:

"To think they started high school in the middle of the Covid-19 era and yet, here they are finishing strong, not defined by how it all began, but by the determination, growth, and positivity they've shown along the way."

"Started in lockdown and gone from strength to strength. Well done all – enjoy your well-deserved summer break."

While some pupils returned for final exams later in the week, we look forward to welcoming everyone back in school on 21 August for their GCSE results, and of course, celebrating in style at the Prom on 25 June.

We wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best in their future endeavours, and extend our heartfelt thanks to parents and guardians for their unwavering support throughout the years.

Now, with wings ready to soar, our pupils leave Priory to follow their dreams wherever those paths may lead.

Enjoy the summer, everyone!



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GCSE Results Day Class of 2025

It's some time off yet, however we would like to inform Year 11 pupils and their parents about the arrangements for GCSE Results Day.

Results Day will take place on Thursday, 21 August, and Class of 2025 are invited to collect their results between 11am and 12 noon from school. Students should go to the main dining room, although if the weather is pleasant, we'll be distributing results outside the main reception.

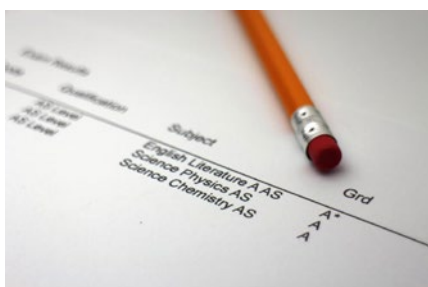
A small number of students will be invited to take part in our publicity on the day. These students should arrive promptly at 11am and see Mrs Yates to collect their results envelopes.

If a student is unable to attend in person or will be away on holiday, they can email Miss Conway, Exams Officer, at g.conway@priory.lancs.sch.uk before the end of the summer term to make alternative arrangements. Please note that written permission is required if someone else is collecting results on a student's behalf.

Any results not collected by 12 noon will be posted second class later that day.

Please also note that school will close at 12.30pm on Results Day.

We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck and hope they leave Priory with the results they've worked so hard for—and with lasting memories of their time here.



New Catering System Launches 2 July

Important Notice

Don't Forget Your ID Card

We're excited to announce the launch of a new catering system at Priory, going live on Wednesday, 2 July.

Pupils will soon be able to order their drinks, snacks and meals using self-service kiosks before collecting their food at the serving counters.

To use the kiosks, pupils must have their school ID card, which will deduct the cost of their purchases from their lunch account, as it does now. **Without an ID card, pupils will not be able to purchase food once the new system is in place.** A short grace period will be in effect, and staff will be on hand to support pupils with any questions.

We are urging parents to ensure their child has their ID card with them at all times, as this is an essential part of their school uniform. **If a card has been lost or misplaced, a replacement can be ordered via SCOPay for £1, including lanyard, and collected the next day from the School Office.**

As outlined in the Pupil Handbook, ID cards are also used to sign in/out during the school day, and are colour-coded by House. Please help us ensure a smooth transition by checking your child has their card ready.



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Taejuan Helps Launch New Youth Centre in Avenham

Today (20 June), Year 10 pupil Taejuan is taking part in the grand opening of The Foxton Youth and Community Centre in Avenham, a project he has been involved with for over three years.

Taejuan first made headlines in 2023 when, as a Year 9 pupil, he successfully helped secure £2.4 million in government funding for the centre through a bid to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Since then, he has continued to work closely with the team behind the project.

At today's event, Taejuan will be delivering speeches to dignitaries and government representatives, hosting tours of the new facility, and even speaking with the BBC.

Cath Coffey, Senior Youth & Community Manager at the Foxton Centre said, "His involvement is part of his ongoing learning and development, and a testament to his commitment to making a difference in his community."

We look forward to sharing more about this incredible achievement in our next edition.



Wasted Lives: Fire Service Delivers Powerful Road Safety Message



Our Learning For Life day for Year 10 pupils was on the theme of Personal Safety. The day included a presentation by Wasted Lives from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

The Service brought with them a crashed car from a speeding young driver who tragically died at the wheel in East Lancashire. He was going too fast, his car hit a tree and he died instantly.

Mr Taylor, who lead the day, said "Given the tragic news which our school community has had to digest this school year, the day took on particular poignancy for all involved.

"The message was very powerful and brought home to our pupils the fragility of life and the dangers of the roads. We hope the message will be sobering and long lasting for them."



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Mental Health Support on GCSE Results Day

Lancashire Mind's Children and Young People team will be at Priory on GCSE results day to offer support to students.

We know how stressful results day can be for young people and their families and as such the mental health support charity will be in attendance to offer advice or signposting, no matter the results.

The team is happy to speak with students regarding anything wellbeing-related should they wish. It could be they are feeling nervous and anxious about next steps, want more support as they move into a new chapter or simply speak to someone about options!

<https://www.lancashiremind.org.uk/>



Year 10 Geography Field Trip - Monday, 23 June

Consent for Urban Study Required

Parents of Year 10 Geography pupils have been sent a text requesting consent for their son/daughter to attend the Geography Urban Study in Preston on Monday, 23 June.

Please complete the consent form via the link contained in the text message.

Students will walk with staff from school into Preston City Centre, completing surveys along the route to complement their GCSE fieldwork.

Non-uniform should be worn appropriate for Monday's weather (warm and sunny spells) and they should apply sun screen as necessary.

Students will leave school at 9am, and return by 1:15pm in time for lunch. If they so wish, they can bring additional monies to buy lunch in Preston, or a packed lunch.

Enquiries should be emailed to Mr Metcalfe, Head of Humanities, at p.metcalfe@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Chili Challenge Winners

This week's winners are:

Year 7	Oliver L (Mrs Kursitis)	Calder
Year 8	Matthew B (Mrs Potter)	Calder
Year 9	Saachi R (Mr Malloy)	Hodder
Year 10	Leevi W (Mrs Brindle)	Douglas
Year 11	---	

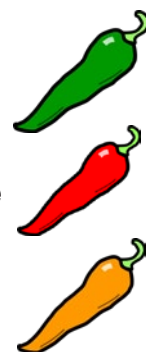
These pupils have now received their chilli tokens to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining room.

GET INVOLVED!

Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box.

The leaderboard remains the same however, we're seeing high entries from Calder...

Douglas	1st	Ribble	2nd
Calder	3rd	Hodder	4th



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Learning Never Stops: Mr Oakes Earns Distinction in ICT Apprenticeship

Mr Oakes has shown that even when you are employed at Priory, you carry on learning!

Mr Oakes came to Priory as an ICT Technician two years ago and has just passed his Level 3 Information Communication Technology Support Technician Apprenticeship, with distinction.

Mr Oakes, who is from Oldham, said: "I have always been into computers although I did like art as well. In Year 6, I was given a prize for being a 'computer know-it-all!'"

"At that time, there was one computer for around 30 pupils and it's a lot different now.

"I was working in a small primary school as an IT Technician where everything was self-taught. I was a one-man band, and I had no formal training.

"I saw a job at Priory advertised as an ICT Technician, had my interview and I was given the job in November 2023.

"Strategic Estates Development Manager Mr Bolton wanted to push me to achieve more formal training, so I started a government-backed Apprenticeship qualification while working at Priory.



"My background when I came to Priory was in working on Apple-based systems, so I had to learn about the Microsoft platform in a secondary school environment, on the job.

"Essentially, I am a firefighter for the IT Department. If anything goes wrong at Priory, I am the first line support and I'm physically there to sort it out. I also work and manage the digital signage system around the school.

"There is never a dull day and that's in a good way, it's always different and I could never go back to a desk job. "We work closely with Lostock Hall Academy, we work together on IT, and it means it's busy all the time. I am hoping to do more qualifications and it's great that Priory is supporting me."

Mr Bolton said: "When Mr Oakes came for the interview, we knew he would fit in personality-wise and it was just about enhancing his PC skills for our environment.

"We put him on an Apprenticeship course and used the Apprenticeship Levy to fund his training to give help with more formal qualifications in IT Support.

"His final project was to improve the Wi-Fi in the English classrooms for the laptops there which he was successful with, and he has qualified with distinction.

"He has also used his creative skills to digitally enhance the logo for the House badges which we are all proud of. He is a big addition to the IT Support Department and to Priory, supporting the school and students in a variety of ways."

PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY'S

ANNUAL
SUMMER
Arts
FESTIVAL

DANCING | SINGING | MUSIC | ACTING | ART

TUESDAY 8TH JULY 2025

PERFORMANCES START AT 6:30PM

Tickets available through SCOPay or on the door.

Refreshments available

(All tickets include one free drink)

£6 Adults

£4 Concessions

Under 5s Free

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Year 7s Shine in Design Technology Challenge



As part of the Year 7 Technology rotation, students are challenged to complete a Product Design task.

This term, pupils have been designing and making a functional and aesthetically pleasing torch based on their research of different cultures of the world.

Design Technology teacher, Mrs Lockwood, said, "I've been impressed by the efforts of my recent classes as they toil tirelessly in the workshop to modify and shape their pieces of acrylic to recreate their design based on a culture of their choosing."

Students have been getting in good habits of donning personal protective equipment (PPE) of goggles and aprons. They have also been learning about the importance of Health and Safety in the workshop while using tools such as junior hacksaws, vices and files.



Once the hard graft with the hand tools is complete, the class build a small circuit of a coin battery and LED to finish the torch. They then evaluate their practical work and learn more about the materials and components involved in the project.

Alongside the Product Design unit, Year 7s also complete Graphic Design and Food Preparation & Nutrition as part of their Technology rotation.



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Year 9 Pupils Commended for Attempt to Save Injured Bird



Four Year 9 pupils tried to save a bird's life after finding it with a damaged leg on the school's fields.

Freya, who has parrots at home, said: "I saw it on the field with what looked like a damaged leg and I alerted a teacher. They said to leave it and see if it was still there the next day as it might fly off.



"We went back the day after and it was still there and its leg was bleeding.

"We identified it as an Oystercatcher and Lily caught it. We took it inside and it was alert; it looked like it was just its leg that was hurt.

"As I know a bit about birds, I was able to give it some water while we called the nearby vets.

"While we were waiting we called it 'Mark', no idea why as we don't know whether it's a boy or a girl!"

Mr Oakes took it to Ribble Vets at the end of Crookings Lane and said: "The vets were really concerned for the Oystercatcher's injuries and said it looked like it had some form of string or netting wrapped around its feet. They promised to take good care of Mark.



"A bit later, they rang to inform me that Mark had a broken leg, and both of his feet were extremely damaged and painful for him.

"Due to the extent of his injuries, the vet made the difficult decision to put Mark to sleep.

"They were very thankful to the girls for bringing Mark to their attention and said that while this outcome is sad, they did a great service to the bird by saving him from a potential predator attack while he was in this condition.

"They also said, whether they had acted earlier or not, the outcome would have been the same."

Ribble Vets were grateful to Penwortham Priory Academy for promoting a caring attitude with our pupils.

All four girls involved will receive recognition for the efforts through the Priory+ Award Citizenship strand and have received positive behaviour points through Arbor.

Well done, Freya B, Lily E, Amelia L and Lily H.



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Pupils Step Into the Past to Shape the Future of Architecture



Last Friday Ms Smith and Mrs Lockwood took a group of pupils to County Hall in Preston. The aim of the visit was to inspire future architects through viewing Victorian, Edwardian and 1970's architecture and interior design features.



On the visit pupils learnt about County Hall's place in the Georgian area of Fishergate and its 1903 extension built in keeping with the original 1878 building which is further into Pitt Street.

Pupils saw one of the original prison cell doors from when Lancashire Constabulary was based there. Pupils were in awe of the Council chamber's opulent features including the stained glass windows moved from the original chambers. Pupils were given access to the main stained glass window in County Hall which members of the public rarely see. The traditional elements were contrasted by the Christ Church development from the 1970s with its marble staircase, chapel features and external door handles. Staff and pupils were impressed with the internal chapel doors which depicted Lancashire's architectural features and visual elements. Ms Smith and Mrs Lockwood marvelled at the resin-encased bugs and grains within the carvings of the elaborate doors.



Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith said, "We were delighted that County Hall had agreed to our visit on this particular theme rather than as a visit regarding its function within Lancashire. Vanessa Carthy and her Learning & Development team enjoyed the visit which was a first for them. Vanessa's team hopes to enthuse more young people to work for Lancashire County Council in the future and this trip allows youngsters to feel more familiar with the environment. Vanessa was so impressed with our young people that she has offered further visits in the future".



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Theatre Trip - Six The Musical Wednesday, 4 February 2026

The Drama and History department have teamed together to organise a trip to see Six the Musical. We are pleased to be able to offer 80 places for the theatre trip, at the Liverpool Empire Theatre on 4 February 2026.

Winner of the Tony Award for 'Best Original Score' and 'Best Costume Design', double winner of the Whatsonstage Award for 'Best West End Show' and a Gold-Disk winning album, this sell-out Tudor take-off has 'an incredibly strong and powerful message' (The Australian).

From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII take to the mic to tell their tales, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an 80-minute celebration of 21st century girl power. These Queens may have green sleeves but their lipstick is rebellious red.

The price will be £39.00 including the ticket and return transport. The group will travel by coach and leave school at around 15.45pm. We expect to return to Priory approximately 8:45pm.

Letters have been given out to pupils this week and a copy can be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

The closing date for places is 18 July 2025 when a £10 non-refundable deposit is required to secure the ticket, however, this will close earlier if places are filled. Payment must then be made in full by 18 December 2025. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make the required payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent.

Any queries can be directed to Miss Howell via email at f.howell@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday, 23 June
(online)

Booking Now Open

To facilitate these events we use a web-based program called 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

The link to book your slot is now live and a letter has been sent to Year 7 parents via email.

Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings

In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link>> <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:

<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be four minutes long. The appointments automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. Please note, a small number of pupils' teachers teach more than one Year 7 group so appointments for Art, Music, Drama, PE, Technology and Computing will fill up quickly meaning it may not be possible to speak to every teacher.

If you would like to contact a member of staff, please feel free to email them direct. A full email list can be found via our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list



Building Futures: Students Explore Construction Careers with Tyson



Last week we continued our collaboration with Tyson Construction in inspiring future construction industry careers.

Ms Smith and Mrs Lockwood took 15 young people, who attended the previous week's Tyson talk to the building site at Quinn Street, Leyland. Pupils were able to see the footings of homes and the incoming services, tarmac roads and parking being laid, main drain lines being laid and staff facilities such as the canteen and site office.



Ms Smith said, "It was good for pupils to see paper plans in their actual real life form. Pupils learnt a lot about site considerations, how things were constructed and other interesting building facts. Pupils were keen to see the canteen, but were disappointed it was not as good as theirs in school and one pupil was disappointed there was no tuck shop! Questions regarding pay and interesting finds on digging were posed amongst the flurry of expected and unexpected questions."

Philip Helm, Business Development Director at Tyson Construction has since contacted the school and said "I just wanted to say how impressed I was throughout. The school visit was really well organised and the pupils were engaged, well-behaved and asked some fantastic questions — both in the classroom and during the site visit. Their enthusiasm was brilliant to see".

Ms Smith plans to take the same pupils again in September to see the site rise from the ground and hopefully again in future months to completion.



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MENU

Week 1



EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato

Homemade jacket potato served with one filling of your choice.

*Additional fillings 40p



From £1.35*

Cheese Panini

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese, pressed to melted perfection.



£1.85

Pepperoni Panini

Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese and pepperoni, pressed to melted perfection.



£1.85

Sandwiches

A selection of handmade sandwiches, baguettes and wraps, packed with fresh fillings.

Vegetarian options available.



£1.50

Pasta Pots

A selection of pasta pots that are bursting with flavour are available.

Vegetarian options available.



£1.95

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THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

MONDAY

Spicy Chicken Burger

Succulent spicy chicken burger served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.



£2.15

Jerk Burger

Deliciously seasoned Jamaican plant based patty served with seasoned wedges and a side salad.



£2.15

TUESDAY

Sausage & Mash

Sizzling sausages served on a bed of mash with beans or gravy.



£2.15

Mac & Cheese

Deliciously cheesy, macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and a side salad.



£2.15

WEDNESDAY

Butter Chicken Curry

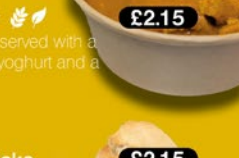
Diced chicken breast smothered in curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.



£2.15

Onion Bhaji Burger

Crispy onion bhaji patty served with a fresh mixed salad, mint yoghurt and a mini corn on the cob.



£2.15

THURSDAY

Bolognese Pasta Bake

Delicious, homemade bolognese pasta bake served with garlic bread and side salad.



£2.15

Vegetable Burrito

Flavourful, spiced vegetables and saffron rice served with nachos and a side salad.



£2.15

'CHIPPY FRIDAY' SPECIALS

Week 1
w/c 23 June

Veggie Wrap

Crispy veggie wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

£2.15



Chicken Wrap

Southern Fried Chicken wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

£2.15

Battered Cod & Chips

Crispy battered fish on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.



£2.15

DESSERTS

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

£0.60

Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit

A selection of freshly prepared fruit pots and fresh whole fruit available.

£0.80

Popcorn

Fresh popcorn

£0.65

Jelly Squeeze

A variety of flavours available.

£0.70



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PARK HALL
HOTEL & RESIDENCES

Thursday 26th June 2025

In aid of Rainbow Hub

Park Hall Hotel, Park Hall Road, Charnock Richard, Preston, PR7 5LP

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £8 includes a welcome drink

Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information email: fundraising@rainbowhub.org -
tel: 01704 823276 - visit: <https://www.rainbowhub.org/event/fashion-show/>

Break Time registration 2025/26- Reopening 13th June 2025

Lancashire
County Council



Opens Friday 13th June 2025 -
Sunday 13th July 2025



*You only need to apply if you are a new member or have not already applied for 2025/26

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT:

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