

Penwortham Priory Post



Class of 2025: The Prom

This year group certainly knew how to celebrate their Penwortham Priory Academy finale in style!

Proms are occasions renowned for their glitz and glamour and this year was no exception, with sharp suits and stunning gowns. The event, held at Bartle Hall, Preston, was the perfect opportunity for the hardworking Year 11s to let their hair down after the exam season and a chance to say goodbye to the staff who have nurtured, challenged and supported them for the past five years.

The pupils arrived in spectacular fashion in vehicles of many shapes and sizes, from trucks and tractors to motorbikes and a cavalcade of sports cars. Our photographer was ready to capture the moment with proud parents watching on.

Awards, put together by both pupils and staff ensued after the buffet meal and it seemed the photo booth was a huge hit (though we'll keep those snaps under wraps for now!). The evening tailed away with some moves on the dance floor and many farewell hugs at the end of a very memorable night.

A huge thank you to Head of Year 11, Mrs Bullock, for making the event so special, and to our pupils for making it truly unforgettable.

It was a fabulously deserved celebration to round off Class of 2025's time at Priory. We look forward to seeing everyone again on GCSE results day Thursday, 21 August.

The photographer's link to the gallery of images taken on the night has now been emailed to Year 11 parents where they can download and share their favourites. Photos taken on the school's iPad can be accessed by pupils on the Year 11 Teams.

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

Weds, 2 July

New pupils & parents evening 5.30-7pm
Year 10 Newman College sampling day

Thurs, 3 July

New intake induction day

Mon, 7 July

Year 10 Peer Mentor training (Session 2 of 2)

Tues, 8 July

Summer Arts Festival 6.30pm

Weds, 9 July

Year 7 Careers Day

Mon, 14 July

Douglas House Reward (climbing wall)

Weds, 16 July

Year 8 National Grid Careers Day

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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Iceland Trip Hoodies

We are pleased to let you know that hoodies for the Iceland residential visit this October are now available to purchase via the school's online payment system, SCOPay, at a cost of £21.50.

Students have already been measured for size, and the hoodies will arrive in school over the summer break. They will be distributed to pupils just before we depart for the trip.

As an additional reminder, any outstanding balance for the trip should be paid in full by Monday, 14 July.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Metcalfe, Head of Humanities, at p.metcalfe@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Bake Sale Monday

DofE pupils will be running a bake sale in the Auditorio on Monday at break and lunch.



Pupils who bring in cakes to sell will receive achievement points and house points. Cakes can be dropped off with Mrs Cauchi in HU2 on Monday morning.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD Thank you for your support.

Chili Challenge Winners

This week's winners are:

Year 7	---
Year 8	Summer D (Miss Gregson) Douglas
Year 9	Aiden M (Mr Mo) Ribble
Year 10	Ezra H (Miss Beesley) 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 like this. Douglas has significantly more entries than the other houses!

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



Summer Arts Festival

Showcase Your Artwork!

We're excited to announce that Penwortham Priory Academy will be holding a Summer Arts Festival on Tuesday, 8 July – a celebration of creativity and talent across the school!

As part of the festival, we'll be putting together a mini exhibition showcasing artwork created at home by Key Stage 3 students.

This is your last chance to share your creativity with the school community, whether it's a 2D piece (drawing, painting, collage, etc.) or a 3D piece (sculpture, model, etc.) – anything goes!

You can choose to have your name displayed with your work, or keep it anonymous if you prefer.

If you'd like to be involved, please bring your artwork to Mrs Shaw in the Technology Department no later than Monday, 30 June.

We can't wait to see what you've been working on – let's celebrate your artistic talents together!

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Japanese Club Bids Sayōnara for the Summer



Every Wednesday lunchtime in MFL1, a group of enthusiastic pupils gathers for our Japanese Club. Open to all year groups, the club offers a relaxed and welcoming space to explore the Japanese language, culture, and even the art of origami.

Led by the wonderfully dedicated Mrs Small, a local Japanese resident who volunteers her time each week, the club has become a firm favourite among pupils for a number of years.

While the sessions are informal and fun, Mrs Small's passion for her native country has inspired some pupils to take their interest further - one former student even achieved a GCSE in Japanese, and two current Year 10 pupils are preparing to sit the exam next summer.

This week marked the final session of the summer term, as Mrs Small prepares to travel back to Japan to visit her family. To show their appreciation, the group, along with Head of Languages Mrs Scully, presented her with a card and flowers as a heartfelt thank you for her commitment and kindness.



Japanese Club will return in the autumn term, and all pupils are welcome to join. Whether you're curious about the language, love origami, or just want to try something new - come along and give it a go.



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Year 10 Business Pupils Finding An Enterprising Way For Charity Fundraising

Our Year 10 Business & Enterprise pupils are currently taking part in the Derian House £50 Junior Business Challenge, a fantastic initiative that encourages young people to develop their entrepreneurial skills while raising vital funds for Derian House.

The overall aim of this challenge is to grow the original £50, which the charity loans to us, into a larger sum. All proceeds from the events taking place will go directly to Derian House, helping them continue their invaluable work supporting children and families across our region.

Our Business pupils have been split into six groups where each group has come up with fundraising ideas and created a business plan to raise money for Derian House.

Taking part in this event will support students in gaining practical experience in being confident and presenting their ideas to a senior decision maker; organising an event to gain a profit (for donating to Derian House); organising finances; networking and negotiating whilst considering external factors such as the school day, litter, safeguarding themselves and their audience; developing a marketing strategy and being ready to adapt if things go wrong – working through any challenges. They have all put their plans before Principal Mr Eastham, who has approved them.

Shreya said: "My group is organising a house non-uniform day and it's £1 to do it. We are also going to see if we can get some donations from Tesco and sell things on the day."



Alan said: "Our plan is to sell confectionery and we have chosen Sports Day as we think



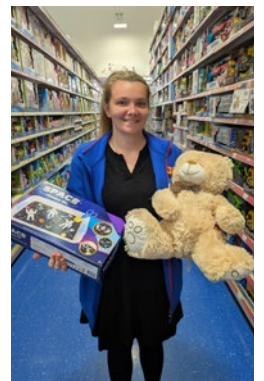
that's the day when most people will be in one place and will want to buy treats and so we will be able to sell more."

Darcey said: "Our idea is a bake sale and each of our group is baking something to sell. We are also going to host a 'guess how many sweets in a jar' and 'guess the name of the teddy' activities. We learnt about Derian House when they came in to give us a talk and we all know it's a very good cause to raise money for."

Steven said: "We are organising a charity football game which will be held on Monday, 7 July after school – school football team v non-school football team – and also a penalty shoot-out where we are hoping to get the teachers involved."

Charlie said: "We are going to do a car wash and wash the staff's cars on the last week of school."

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Zain added: "I am used to cleaning cars at home so I think I can do a good job! I have enjoyed GCSE Business, I want to

be a top business entrepreneur!"

Archie said: "My group is going to have a raffle. We have been around the local businesses and asked for donations."

Lewis added: "The Derian House talk was interesting and it inspired us as a group to try and raise as much as we can."



As a school we feel very privileged to have such great relationships with local businesses in the area. We have received some fantastic donations to use as raffle prizes - more on this will be posted in our newsletter, social media and Year Group Teams. Alongside these donations, Halfords has donated items to support our car wash and Smyths has donated the teddy which will feature in the 'guess the name of the teddy' activity.

SCOPay is now live to purchase raffle tickets, non-uniform day contributions and facepainting. There is also a permission slip (see SCOPay) which must be completed by parents if pupils would like their face painted on Sports Day.



Alongside the events on the poster opposite, students are also hosting a staff car wash on the last week with Halfords donating the equipment. We also have a group hosting a Year 10 charity football match on Monday, 7 July after school.

May we thank all families in advance for your support towards our pupil's business challenge and the work they are doing to raise money for Derian House



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Derian House Fundraising Week

derian house
children's hospice

Monday 14th July - Friday 18th July (last week of school)

Monday: Auditorio
Buy Raffle Tickets
How many sweets in a jar?
Can you name the teddy?

Tuesday: Auditorio
Bake Sale
Raffle, Jar & Teddy tickets

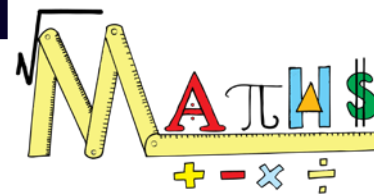
Wednesday:
House Staff vs Students Penalties

Sports Day
House Face Paints
Derian House Confectionary Stall
Winners of raffle, jar & teddy announced

Friday
House Non-Uniform Day
Bake Sale



Calculated Success for Priory at Maths College



Four top Priory pupils celebrated winning a tough maths competition at LUSoM (Lancashire University School of Mathematics) on Thursday.



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Head of Maths Mr Kenrick selected a team of four Year 7 and 8 pupils who had excelled in the recent UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, run by the UK Maths Trust.

Zach, who was the Best in School at the recent UKMT competition, alongside Kayden, Adam and Dexter all spent the morning at LUSoM taking part in solving maths puzzles and problems.

There were 13 schools from across Lancashire competing for the top prize - with Priory pupils celebrating first place.

Zach said: "It was similar to the UKMT Challenge. There was a lot of problem solving. We were happy to win as a team."



They each won a goody bag full of items like calculators, a puzzle game and more.

Mr Kenrick said: "It was a hard competition but we were delighted to come first.

"It was good to go to LUSoM. We had a Year 12 looking after us. He told us all about LUSoM, how they have a drop down curriculum to do puzzles one day, all about the different modules and also opportunities at BAE Systems and Dyson.

"He talked really positively about the college and it is the best college for maths around here so to win the competition there means a lot."

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Reward Trip Day

A Wild Day Out at Blackpool Zoo



On Tuesday, 24 June, a group of our well-deserving pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out at Blackpool Zoo as part of this year's Rewards Trips.

These trips were organised to recognise pupils who have consistently demonstrated excellent behaviour, strong attendance, and upheld the Priory standard throughout the academic year.

The zoo trip was one of three options offered, alongside visits to the Trafford Centre and Blackpool Pleasure Beach. With limited places available, the lucky few who chose the zoo were treated to a day filled with fascinating creatures.

Travelling by school minibus, the group arrived ready to explore. One of the highlights of the day - captured in a cracking photo - was when a particularly cheeky rainbow lorikeet decided to perch on Vice Principal Mrs Cowell's head during a feeding session!



These trips were not only a reward but also a chance for pupils to relax, bond with friends, and enjoy a memorable experience outside the classroom. A big thank you to the staff who accompanied the trips, and those who organised enrichment activities for pupils who chose to stay in school, and of course, to Mrs Massey for co-ordinating the whole day - no mean feat!

We look forward to seeing even more pupils earning their place on next year's adventures!



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Year 10 Pupils Take First Steps To Qualify As Peer Mentors



Last week, a second cohort of Year 10 pupils began their first of two workshops to qualify as Peer Mentors.

To become a Peer Mentor pupils must attend two full day training sessions in school with external trainer, Mr Tahir Mahmood, where they are given an introduction to mentoring and 'buddying' younger ones.

Peer mentoring can support children and young people by:

- Enhancing social competence,
- Building security within the setting and wider community by realising their worth as social beings,
- Improving attendance and educational attainment whilst
- Developing friendship skills in a positive environment.



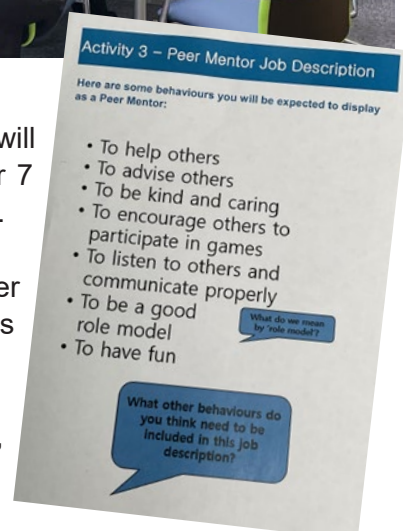
During the sessions pupils will develop their listening and team working skills, they will discuss scenarios that they could come across and how they can manage them effectively. Among other tasks, pupils participate in role plays and communication challenges across five strands to gain a 10 hour ASDAN accredited certificate. They also bag themselves a £25 gift voucher as a reward.



Ms Smith, Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, said, "In September we will have a Peer Mentor station in the Hex and they will be there for our new Year 7 pupils whilst they are finding their feet and have questions about our procedures.

"It is great that these pupils want to give up their own time to support our younger pupils. Not only does this course boost their motivation and confidence but makes the perfect addition to a college application or CV too."

The second and final session will take place on 7 July. Well done to Phoebe W, Eleanor R, Noah W, Yusuf K, Haniya A.



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Late Admissions Accepted After Appeal*



Unfortunately one parent hadn't heard the news that our admissions have now closed and we are over-subscribed for our 2025 intake.

Earlier this week, a determined duck and her fluffy entourage of nine ducklings attempted to enrol at Priory - clearly impressed by our reputation for outstanding facilities and pastoral care!

After a brief (and very cute) attempt to waddle through the front doors, they were sent on their way. However, Mother Duck wasn't having any of it and has taken refuge in the Mediterranean Garden until we receive her appeal.

While we can't offer them a timetable or a locker, we're happy to welcome them as honorary members of our school community. Their arrival has certainly added a splash of joy and we'll be keeping a close eye on their progress as they settle into their temporary waterside accommodation.

It's not every day you get a reminder of how lucky we are to work in such a beautiful, nature-rich environment, but this little family certainly made sure we didn't forget!

**policy applies to cute ducklings only*



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Year 10 Pupil Celebrates the Opening of Preston's New Youth Centre

Last week, we shared the news that Year 10 pupil, Taejuan, would be helping to launch the brand-new Foxton Youth & Community Centre in Avenham, a project he has been passionately involved with for over three years. We're now pleased to report that the centre officially opened its doors on Friday 20 June, with Taejuan playing a key role in the celebrations.

The opening event welcomed guests including local dignitaries, community leaders, and representatives from the Department for Culture, Media & Sport. Taejuan, alongside other young people who helped shape the project, gave speeches, led tours, and shared the story of how the centre came to life - from the successful £2.4 million funding bid to the design and development of the new space.

Taejuan said: "It was brilliant showing the MP, the Mayor and people from the BBC and media around.

"I was very proud of it all and being a part of it. We were there for hours but it was exciting."

The new facility, located on Knowsley Street in Preston, replaces the original 1969 building and has been designed with young people at its heart. It features a kitchen, wellbeing and gaming rooms, a rooftop terrace, and a multi-purpose hall - all chosen and shaped by the youth forum Taejuan is part of. He also contributed to a video campaign early in the project, highlighting the need for a modern, inclusive space for young people in the area.

"We are now open to the public and it's nice to see the children come in. I have been volunteering with them and it's great when they come inside and see all the new facilities. We have attracted a lot of new people.

"My favourite parts of it are the gaming room, where we have an X-Box and a Playstation, and the sports hall, although it's bit smaller than Priory's!"

Taejuan's involvement has been described as "a testament to his commitment to making a difference in his community," and we couldn't be prouder of his achievements.

We look forward to seeing how Taejuan continues to inspire others through his dedication.

***Photos courtesy of Blog Preston*



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Celebrating Eid al-Adha with Sweet Treats and Shared Culture



On Friday, 13 June a group of 30 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a vibrant celebration to mark Eid al-Adha, one of the most significant festivals in the Islamic calendar.

Organised by Mrs Karodia, the event aimed to foster cultural awareness and understanding, promote inclusivity, and community spirit among pupils of all backgrounds.

The celebration took place at Cube Desserts in Preston, where pupils enjoyed a delicious meal and dessert. The evening was filled with fun games, laughter, and the chance to learn more about the traditions and meaning behind Eid al-Adha.

Eid al-Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, commemorates the devotion of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) and is a time for prayer, charity, and festive gatherings. The event provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to explore these themes in a relaxed and joyful setting.



Mrs Karodia said, "The pupils embraced the spirit of the occasion, engaging in conversations, asking questions, and building friendships across different year groups and faiths. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, reflecting the inclusive values our school strives to uphold."

"A heartfelt thank you to all the pupils and staff who participated, making the evening a truly memorable occasion!"

A big thank you to Mrs Karodia for organising such a meaningful and memorable evening. Events like these help us grow not only in knowledge but also strengthen our community and appreciation for the diverse world we live in.



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The great big School Uniform pop up shop and advice services 2025

Donations
Please donate unwanted uniform at the Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH. Donations will only be accepted between 21 July to 25 July 2025. Donations should be clean and in good condition.

Year-round service
The shop will mark the launch of our year-round school uniform service. This means you can access school uniform donations throughout the year when you need it most.

For all queries contact:
communities@southribble.gov.uk

If you would like to access the application form please contact
householdsupportfund@southribble.gov.uk

Opening Times
The pop-up shop will be open at the Civic Centre on the following dates:
Sunday 3 August - 10am-3pm
Monday 4 August - 10am-3pm
Tuesday 5 August - 10am-3pm
Wednesday 6 August - 10am-3pm
Thursday 7 August - 10am-3pm
Bags will not be provided, please bring your own



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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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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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PFA PENWORTHAM FOOTBALL ACADEMY

FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP

MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH & TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST 2025

9AM - 3PM (WITH WRAP-AROUND AVAILABLE)

Join us on the PFA Football Camp at Penwortham Priory Academy.

With a daily price of £20 a day, £75 for 4 days or £85 for 5 days.

- ✓ Skill Development Practices
- ✓ Ability-Set Tournaments
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- ✓ Fun-Filled, Active Days!!

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MENU

Week 2

EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato **From £1.35***
Homemade jacket potato served with one filling of your choice.
*Additional fillings +40p

Cheese Panini **£1.85**
Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese, pressed to melted perfection.

Pepperoni Panini **£1.85**
Soft panini roll stuffed with cheese and pepperoni, pressed to melted perfection.

Sandwiches **£1.50**
A selection of handmade sandwiches, baguettes and wraps, packed with fresh fillings.
Vegetarian options available.

Pasta Pots **£1.95**
A selection of pasta pots that are bursting with flavour are available.
Vegetarian options available.

Halal **Vegetarian** **Gluten Free**

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

MONDAY

All Day Breakfast **£2.15**
A fully loaded all day breakfast with bacon, sausage, hash browns, omelette and a side of beans.

Veggie All Day Breakfast **£2.15**
A fully loaded all day breakfast with veggie sausage, hash browns, omelette and a side of beans.

TUESDAY

Meat & Potato Pie **£2.15**
Homemade meat and potato pie served with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and gravy.

Cheese and Onion Pie **£2.15**
Homemade cheese and onion pie served with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and gravy.

WEDNESDAY

Katsu Chicken Curry **£2.15**
Delightfully crispy breaded chicken breast, smothered in katsu curry sauce and served on a bed of rice.

Veggie Katsu Curry **£2.15**
Delightfully crispy vegetable spring rolls, smothered in katsu curry sauce and served on a bed of rice.

THURSDAY

Peri-Peri Chicken **£2.15**
Succulent chicken pieces marinated to peri-peri-fecton served with savoury rice.

Mascarpone Pasta **£2.15**
Tomato and mascarpone pasta baked to perfection and served with garlic bread and a fresh side salad.

'CHIPPY FRIDAY' SPECIALS

Week 2 w/c 30 June

Veggie Wrap **£2.15**
Crispy veggie wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

Chicken Wrap **£2.15**
Southern Fried Chicken wrap served with chips, mixed salad and coleslaw.

Beef Burger **£2.15**
Beef burger seated in a brioche roll. Served with chips and a choice of peas, beans or 'chip shop curry' sauce.

DESSERTS

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits **£0.60**
A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit **£0.80**
A selection of freshly prepared fruit pots and fresh whole fruit available.

Popcorn **£0.65**
Fresh popcorn

Jelly Squeeze **£0.70**
A variety of flavours available.

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