

Penwortham Priory Post



Penwortham Priory Academy Awarded Funding to Rebuild 3G Pitch

Priory will have a brand new state-of-the-art FA-accredited 3G pitch by August.

With contractors making a start this week, the current 3G pitch, along with the fencing, will be ripped up and it will be replaced by a £650,000 rebuild which conforms to all FA standards.

The majority of it is funded by the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation while the school will contribute £220,000 towards it, which also includes a complete refurbishment of the boys and girls PE changing rooms and the addition of two referee changing rooms.

Assistant Principal Mr Gee said: "The current fencing is 22 years old, with the 3G carpet replaced 12 years ago and this generally only has a shelf life of 10 years. You can see the wear and tear on it.

"The funding has been awarded to enable us to meet growing community demand. This will ensure we have some of the best school football facilities in Lancashire.

"It will transform grassroots football in South Ribble, with the new excellent facilities, and help the massive increase in girls football as well in the area. It's already fully booked and we can use it all year around so it's a big asset to the community. It will be brilliant when it's completed."

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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

Tues, 16 June

Year 10 Runshaw College Taster Day

Thurs, 18 June

Learning for Life Day 5
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Fri, 19 June

Year 10 Preston College Taster Day

Weds, 24 June

Year 7 Parents Evening (online)

25-27 June

London theatre trip

Weds, 1 July

New Parent & Pupil Evening 5.30pm-7pm

Thurs, 2 July

New intake induction day

Tues, 7 July

Year 10 Newman College Taster Day

Weds, 8 July

Year 11 Prom, Bartle Hall

Tues, 14 July

Whole school rewards trip
Alumni coffee morning

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Robert Sullivan, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: “The Football Foundation is working closely with our partners – the Premier League, The FA and Government – to transform the quality of grassroots facilities in England by delivering projects like this across the country.

“Good quality playing facilities have a transformative impact on physical and mental health and play an important role in bringing people together and strengthening local communities.

“This grant award to Penwortham Priory Academy towards developing top of the range 3G facilities is fantastic news for the local community and will help give more people access to a great place to play.”



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Learning for Life

Day 5 Thursday, 18 June



Don't forget, next Thursday is a Learning for Life Day so school will close at 1.10pm.



Students should report to their Session 1 teacher in their designated Learning for Life classroom for the day (which is not necessarily their usual room) for 8.40am. Their timetable will be posted on their year group Teams wall. Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for the earlier finish.

The topics we cover on these days include areas which will genuinely make a difference to the life choices our pupils make. We hope that this will mean that they will make positive, well-informed choices which will lead to them becoming happy and well-rounded young people with high aspirations for themselves and others. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

If pupils are absent on this day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity. Sessions covered on Thursday include:

Year 7 Financial Choices

Financial awareness. Use of money. Debt. Gambling. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 8 Positive Relationships

Media and relationships. Relationships and the law. Different types of relationships. Relationships and self esteem.

Year 9 Sexual Health - Prevent

Contraception safe use. Preventing Pregnancy. What are STIs? Preventing STIs. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 10 Personal Safety

'Wasted Lives' with Lancashire Fire and Rescue assembly and Market Place Stalls. Dangerous Drink/ Drug Driving.

Year 10 Parents/Carers

In view of incidents involving former pupils of our school, we are aware that Thursday's topic may be particularly sensitive and emotive for some pupils in the Year 10 cohort who were impacted by these events. As such, if your child was part of this friendship group, please consider the potential current impact of these activities on your child. If you feel the workshop will be too evocative for them, please will you email Miss Smith at t.smith@priory.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.



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Reaching New Heights: Rewards Day Climbing Wall Experience

Rewards

Pupils were treated to a thrilling climbing wall experience on the last day before the half term break (22 May) as our end-of-term reward.

Those who met the criteria — 95%+ attendance, positive behaviour choices, and consistently demonstrating the Priory Standard — each enjoyed a dedicated hour on the climbing wall.

The mobile unit was set up in the school yard, offering a fun and challenging activity for pupils to enjoy with their peers. A number of pupils impressed staff with their determination, including Year 7 Imogen who showed particular confidence and resilience when taking on the challenge.

Organiser and Calder House Leader, Mrs Massey, said: “It was fantastic to see so many pupils embracing the challenge and supporting one another throughout the session.

“Their positive attitude and willingness to have a go really stood out, and the feedback from the provider about our pupils’ behaviour and enthusiasm was extremely positive.”

“It was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the half term on a high – quite literally!”



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GCSE RESULTS DAY

Arrangements For The Collection of GCSE Results for Class of 2026

Results will be available for collection on Thursday, 20 August, between 10.30am and 11.30am.

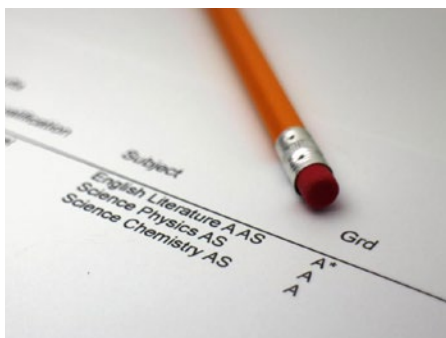
Students should go to the Assembly Hall to collect their results. If the weather is pleasant, however, we will distribute results outside the main reception.

Students who have been invited to take part in our publicity should arrive promptly at 10:30am and see Mrs Yates to collect their results envelopes.

If a pupil is unable to collect their results in person, or you will be on holiday, they must speak to the Exams Officer Miss Conway, in the Business & Finance Office, before they leave or email her 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 uncollected results will be posted second class later that day. Please also note that school will close at 12 noon on Results Day.

We will email parents with reminders of these details near to the event. In the meantime, we wish every student in the Class of 2026 the very best of luck and hope they leave Priory with both the results they deserve and fond memories of their time with us.



Year 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday, 24 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 three 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.

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

Mrs Farley, Head of year 7

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Don't forget parents' evening!

Year 10 Pupils Praised for Outstanding Support



Following April's successful MEGA Drop-Down Day, eight of our Year 10 pupils have received personal letters of praise from the event organisers in recognition of their outstanding contribution.

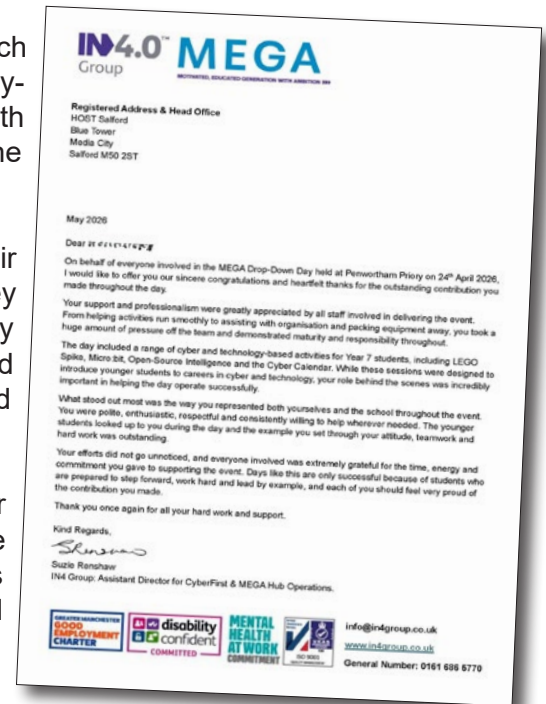
The pupils played a key role in supporting the delivery of the day, which saw Year 7 students take part in a range of cyber and technology-based activities. From helping sessions run smoothly to assisting with organisation and equipment, their efforts were invaluable behind the scenes.

In the letter, organisers from IN4 Group praised the pupils for their professionalism, maturity and willingness to help, highlighting how they "took a huge amount of pressure off the team" and ensured the day ran successfully. They also commended the way the pupils represented both themselves and the school, noting their polite, enthusiastic and respectful approach throughout.

The pupils were recognised as excellent role models, with younger students looking up to them during the event. Their teamwork, positive attitude and commitment did not go unnoticed, and the organisers expressed their sincere gratitude for the time and energy they dedicated to supporting the day.

Head of ICT & Computer Science, Mrs Qadri, said, "I am incredibly proud of the Year 10s who demonstrated exactly what it means to lead by example and make a positive difference within our school community."

Well done to Junior Y, Oscar G, Solange P, Bethany T, Sienna M, Alfie C, Declan W, Cooper D.



Year 11 Newman College Applicants



As we are an Associate Partner School of Newman College, Year 11 conditional offer holders receive priority enrolment booking. This is a reminder to book your online enrolment appointment for GCSE Results Day or the following day (20 & 21 August). Pupils should check their emails for more details and the booking link.



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PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY'S

ANNUAL
SUMMER
Arts
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DANCING | SINGING | MUSIC | ACTING | ART

TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026

PERFORMANCES START AT 6:30PM

Tickets available through SCOPay or on the door.
Refreshments available

£6 Adults
£4 Concessions
Under 5s Free

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Year 7 Pupils Train to Support Visually Impaired Classmate

Two Year 7s have gone above and beyond to ensure they can support their friend Imogen.

Imogen is partially sighted, she was registered blind when born but can see a little.

When she started at Priory, she met up with Humayraa and Sophie and they have both started training in sighted guiding so they can better support Imogen. Their training is with Imogen's VI teacher, Mr Manley, a Habitation Specialist.

Learning Support Assistant, Miss Dixon, who supports Imogen in school said: "Humayraa and Sophie are amazing. They have taken it on board really well and have concentrated on what they are being told – although it's fun as well."

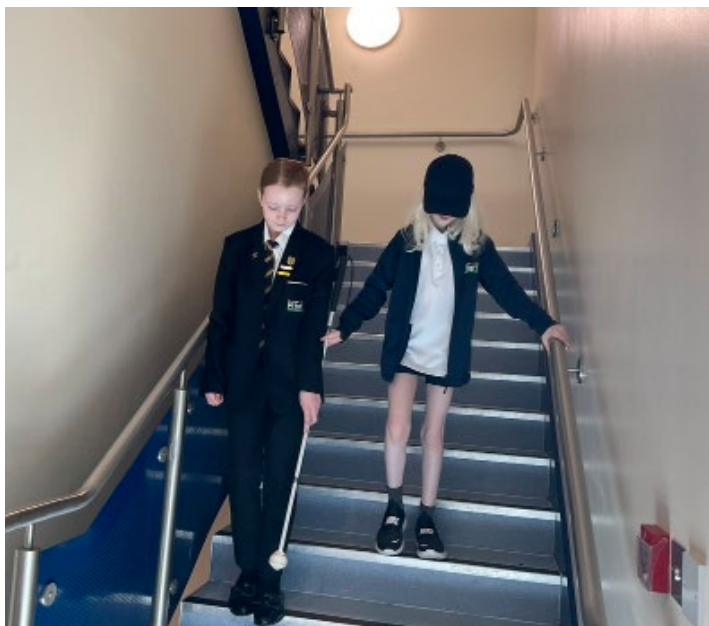


"It's an ongoing training programme and they have had one lesson so far."

"It's supporting Imogen should she get into difficulty and recognising what could cause this such as it being busy, dark or rough underfoot. It's to help her physically."

Sophie said: "I have learnt a lot, it's just a nice thing to do."

Imogen's mum said: "I think this is wonderful and a real example of true friendship and solidarity."



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Priory Pupils Perform at Penwortham Live



Priory pupils helped to ensure Penwortham Live was rocking!

The live music festival, organised by South Ribble Council, took place in May and featured performances across multiple venues, celebrating local talent.

Year 8 Morgan is a regular performer at events and sang and played his guitar in a 45-minute section.

"I have played at Longton and Chorley Live so I am used to playing in front of an audience. I play the Stone Roses and Gerry Cinnamon, music like that.

"I have been playing the guitar since I was five and have had music lessons with KTB Music for around two years. I would like to build a career on it. I got into performing through Open Mic nights. My friends think it's pretty cool."



Year 9 Imogen's performance was one-time only.

She said: "I have had singing lessons since Christmas and wanted to perform but I won't do it again. I sang 'Take Me Out' and four other songs.

"While I enjoy singing, I want to play bass and I would prefer to be more in the background. I am part of 'The Rock Project' out of school."

Year 9 Erin is also part of the 'The Rock Project.' "I sang with the group at Penwortham Live. I enjoy performing so it was good. I do have lessons and I would like to take my singing further."

Year 8 Ruby took to the stage and performed 'Hopelessly devoted to you.' "I have been having singing lessons for a while and have performed in front of an audience a couple of times. I am part of the Pauline Quirk Academy."

Photo credit: Central Radio Community Photographer David Beech



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Half-Term Adventure Boosts Well-Being and Confidence



Year 7, Alyx, made the most of the half-term break by embracing the outdoors and trying something new to Preston. She completed a cycle of the Guild Wheel - a fantastic 21-mile route around Preston - before heading to explore The Vault Youth Zone, a newly opened space designed to inspire and support young people.

Cycling the Guild Wheel was no small achievement but Alyx's visit to The Vault offered a different kind of adventure. While there, she took part in a cookery session before tackling the climbing wall.

Experiences like these highlight how making positive choices can support both mental and physical health, while also building confidence and resilience.

We would encourage all pupils to take a look at what The Vault Youth Zone has to offer. With a wide range of activities and welcoming facilities, it is a brilliant place to learn new skills, meet friends and challenge yourself in a supportive environment.



www.vaultyouthzone.org



Well done to Alyx for an inspiring half-term; a fantastic example of how to stay active, positive and adventurous!

Running for a Cause: Year 8 Pupil Takes on Pretty Muddy 5K

Last weekend, Year 8 Max showed remarkable determination when he took part in the Preston Pretty Muddy 5K Race for Life on Saturday, 6 June.

He completed the challenge in memory of his grandad, who recently passed away following a battle with prostate cancer. Despite dealing with his loss, Max chose to honour his grandad in a positive and inspiring way, by raising both funds and awareness for Cancer Research.

Throwing himself into the event with enthusiasm, he tackled the muddy obstacles with a smile and a great sense of fun throughout.

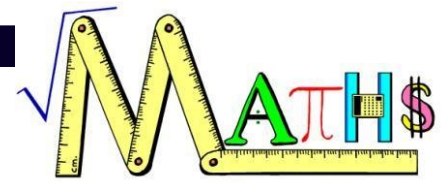
Thanks to his efforts, Max raised an impressive £230 for Cancer Research. Even more inspiring is his commitment to continue making a difference, as he is already thinking of new ideas to support the cause.

Head of Year 8, Mrs Bullock said, "We are incredibly proud of Max for his resilience, compassion and determination to create something positive from a difficult time. What a fantastic achievement!"



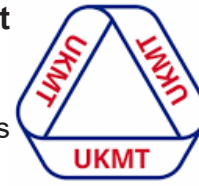
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Maths Success Adds Up for Priory Pupils



Year 8 Rosie says her favourite subject is Food Technology but it didn't stop her celebrating Maths success.

Rosie took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge for Years 7 and 8. It's a national multiple-choice competition and 95 Priory pupils had a go.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Rosie was Best in School with a score of 84 and admitted: "I didn't expect that at all. I felt like I guessed at a lot of it so I was shocked when I had the highest score."

"I do enjoy Maths but my favourite subject is Food Tech. I want to be a primary school teacher so Maths will help."

Emma was the best in Year 7 with 80 points.

She said: "I was surprised as it was tricky but it was a good challenge."

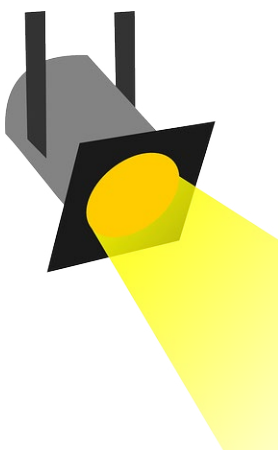
These two will take part in the second round of the Junior Maths Challenge, the Junior Kangaroo.



Other pupils collected certificates for achieving Silver in the challenge.

Millie said: "It was pressure doing it and it was hard."

Heather added: "I enjoyed it – it was a good challenge."



Pupils In The Spotlight

Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or anything else? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? These make great stories to inspire others.

If this is you, please get in touch with your son/daughter's form tutor / head of year or contact the Communications Manager, Mrs Yates, via email at:

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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British Army Careers Newsletter



This newsletter shares helpful updates, resources, and opportunities from the British Army to support young people as they explore career options and build skills.

LGBTQ+ Voices – ready-to-use lesson and assembly materials to support inclusive conversations, but useful to read for parents and pupils

World Music Day (21 June) – great opportunity to share Army music pathways with interested students

New Parent Podcast – real family experiences to help build confidence

Access this online at <https://jobs.army.mod.uk/base/base-newsletters/>





Penwortham Primary

Pre-School OPEN DAY

Friday 25th June

from 1.30pm

Penwortham TEDDY BEARS picnic

with Penny the bear

Come and see our wonderful setting!
Funded places available • 30hrs and 15hrs available • Wrap around care



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Penwortham Priory Academy

MENU

Spring Week 2

EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato From £1.35

Build your perfect spud! Start with our light and fluffy jackets and elevate your experience even further with the many toppings available.

Cheese Panini £1.90

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

Pepperoni Panini £1.90

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 £2.00

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

this week's specials

MONDAY

Mexican Burrito £2.30

Delicious mexican spiced beef served burrito style with a steamed corn on the cob.

Halloumi Burger £2.30

Deliciously crispy halloumi burger served on a bun with a steamed corn on the cob.

TUESDAY

Butter Chicken Curry £2.30

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

Butter Veggie Curry £2.30

Deliciously roasted vegetables smothered in butter curry sauce and served with rice and naan bread.

WEDNESDAY

Hot 'n' Kicking Burger £2.30

Deliciously spicy chicken burger served with seasoned curly fries and a fresh side salad.

Pomodoro Pasta £2.30

Classic pomodoro pasta tossed in a rich tomato sauce, served with warm, buttery garlic bread.

THURSDAY


Chinese Chicken & Savoury Rice £2.30

Succulent diced chicken breast expertly seasoned and served with savoury rice.

Veggie Katsu Spring Rolls £2.30


Deliciously spicy spring rolls served on a bed of rice, smothered in katsu curry sauce.

Chippy Friday specials



Chicken Wrap *from £2.00

Crispy southern fried chicken fillet wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.



Veggie Chicken Wrap £2.30

Crispy southern fried no chick strips wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.
*Add golden chips to your wrap for an additional 30p.

Jumbo Sausage & Chips £2.30


A jumbo sausage on a bed of chips, served with peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.

**Week 2
w/c
15 June**

Desserts

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits £0.70

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.



Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit £0.90

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

Popcorn £0.70

Fresh sweet and salty popcorn.

Jelly £0.70

A variety of flavours available.
Vegan option available.

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Priory Pupils Explore the World of IT and Business at Manchester Airport



REPORT BY MRS QADRI, HEAD OF ICT & COMPUTER SCIENCE



Year 10 GCSE Computer Science, BTEC Digital IT and Business students embarked on an educational trip to the Manchester Airport Runway Visitor Centre. This unique experience provided our students with invaluable insights into the intricate workings of one of the UK's busiest airports. The day began with an engaging talk about the sophisticated IT systems that keep Manchester Airport

running smoothly. Our Computer Science students were fascinated by the advanced technology used to manage flight operations, passenger information, and security protocols. The presentation highlighted the importance of IT in ensuring efficiency and safety in airport operations, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among our budding tech experts.

In the meantime, Business & Enterprise students were treated to an informative session on how Manchester Airport operates as a business. They learned about the various revenue streams, including passenger services, retail, and cargo operations. The discussion also covered strategic planning, marketing, and customer service, providing a comprehensive overview of the airport's business model. This session was particularly enlightening, as it demonstrated the real-world application of business concepts studied in class.

Tour of Terminal 2

The highlight of the trip was the guided tour of Manchester Airport's Terminal 2. Students had the opportunity to see firsthand the bustling environment of an international airport terminal. They observed the check-in counters, security checkpoints, and



boarding gates, gaining a deeper understanding of the passenger journey from arrival to departure.

Adding to the excitement, students had the chance to watch numerous planes land and take off at the Runway Visitor Centre. The sight of planes soaring into the sky and touching down on the runway left a lasting impression on everyone. Students used flight radar apps to track the aircraft, enhancing their understanding of flight paths and air traffic control.



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The trip to Manchester Airport was not only educational but also inspiring. Many expressed newfound interest in pursuing careers in these fields, motivated by the real-world applications they observed.

Year 10 Brooklyn said, "I study Business and ICT so it was good to see both the technical and the business side of the airport."

"I enjoyed learning all about the aircrafts and watching them take off. I also liked looking at the inside of an aircraft and sitting there for a talk and having the opportunity to visit in the cockpit. We also managed to go in and see the British Airways Concorde too at the Runway Visitor Centre."



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Double Success as Priory is Shortlisted for Two National School Food Awards



Huge congratulations to Mrs Barker, Mr Bolton and our catering team led by Mrs Morley and Mrs Billings, who have been shortlisted for two of The School Food People Awards for Excellence.

The awards aim to recognise individuals and teams that have made a 'real difference' to school food and education catering.

Strategic Business Development Manager, Mrs Barker, and Strategic Estates Development Manager Mr Bolton have been shortlisted for the Nan Berger Memorial Award, which recognises exemplary work in innovation, accreditation and collaboration.



The Penwortham Priory Academy catering team has also been named finalists for the Secondary School Catering Team Award, recognising their dedication to improving students' lunchtimes.

Together, these achievements are a real testament to the fresh thinking and positive changes the school team has made by developing self-service school lunchtimes, which deliver a smoother, more enjoyable dining experience for students and staff alike.

The team will attend The School Food People Awards for Excellence in Birmingham on the evening of Wednesday, 8th July, along with all the finalists from across the school food community, where the winners will be revealed.

Congratulations to each of them on this well-deserved achievement and good luck!

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue will be out Friday, 19 June 2026

Thank you for your support.

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