

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Skool's Out For Class of 2026

**Last Friday marked an emotional milestone for Year 11 as their time at Priory came to a close.**

This year group began their high school experience in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, transitioning from primary school by swapping induction evenings and taster days for face masks and hand-sanitisers. 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 Chemistry exam and a revision session for Monday's Physics exam, the celebrations began in earnest. Under blustery grey skies, the rain held off for pupils to gather in the Priory Gardens for the tradition of shirt-signing with laughter, sadness and messages of friendship.

The afternoon continued with a Celebration Assembly, led by Mr Eastham and Head of Year Mrs Eastham. 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.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in school on 20 August for their GCSE results, and of course, celebrating in style at the Prom on 8 July.

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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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

**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  
Summer Arts Festival 6.30pm-8.15pm

**Weds, 8 July**

Year 11 Prom, Bartle Hall

**Tues, 14 July**

Whole school rewards trip

**Thurs, 16 July**

Sports Day

**Friday, 17 July**

End of year  
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

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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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# Class Of 2026



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# Head Prefect Honoured with Sam Pegram Character & Culture Award

At last week's Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, Head Prefect Kacper was presented with the Sam Pegram Character & Culture Award, a special recognition given to students who embody kindness, service and commitment to others.

The award is held in memory of former Priory pupil Sam Pegram, who tragically lost his life in 2019 while working as a British aid worker. Sam's legacy continues to inspire students to make a positive difference both within school and in the wider community - something Kacper has demonstrated throughout his time at Priory.

Since Year 9, Kacper has shown a remarkable dedication to helping others. He has been a regular supporter of the RSPCA, raising funds, donating food for animals and even volunteering his time to walk dogs. His commitment to this cause has been consistent, often contributing weekly or fortnightly.

Within school, Kacper has also played an active role in supporting the Priory community. He has volunteered at Open Evenings and Parents Evenings, welcoming prospective pupils and their families and representing the school with maturity and enthusiasm. As a Peer Mentor, he has supported younger students with their learning, wellbeing and personal challenges, offering a friendly and approachable presence when it is needed most.

Beyond school, Kacper has been a dedicated Young Leader with Preston Central Scouts since 2023. In this role, he helps younger members develop valuable life skills such as cooking, camping and first aid, while also working closely with children with special educational needs to build their confidence and social skills. Most recently, Kacper extended his efforts internationally by raising funds for the Polish Red Cross to support communities affected by flooding in his home country of Poland.

Ms Smith, who nominated Kacper for the award, said, "His compassion and desire to help others, both locally and globally, truly set him apart. Throughout his time at Priory, Kacper has consistently demonstrated integrity, empathy and a genuine commitment to helping others. These qualities make him a deserving recipient of the Sam Pegram Character & Culture Award."

Kacper was also awarded with The Wight Trophy for services to the school.

We are incredibly proud of Kacper and all that he has contributed to school life. He leaves Priory not only as an outstanding Head Prefect, but as a role model whose impact will be felt for years to come.



# Moving Up Day Year 9 & 10 Bistro



From next Monday, 22 June, Year 9 pupils will be able to access the Bistro at break and lunch.

The Year 11s have now left us which means the Year 10s can have their spot and the Year 9s take over the Year 10s former stomping ground.



PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY'S

# ANNUAL SUMMER Arts FESTIVAL

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

The logo for Penwortham Priory Academy, featuring a stylized starburst and the text 'Penwortham Priory ACADEMY'.

# Prefect Applications Now Open



Prefect | Head Prefect | Sports Captain | House Captain

Open to Year 10 pupils only | Closes Friday, 26 June.

For how to apply - please check with your Form Tutor or see Mrs Ham.

Applications to be handed to the School Office.



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# Priory Welcomes Back Former Pupils for Work Experience Placement



Last week, Priory was delighted to welcome back former pupil Alfie Whitney, who joined the Technology department for a week of work experience.

Alfie, who left Priory in 2023, is currently studying Graphic Design at Runshaw College and is already setting his sights on a future career in education. His return to school gave him the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience while also inspiring current pupils with his enthusiasm and commitment.

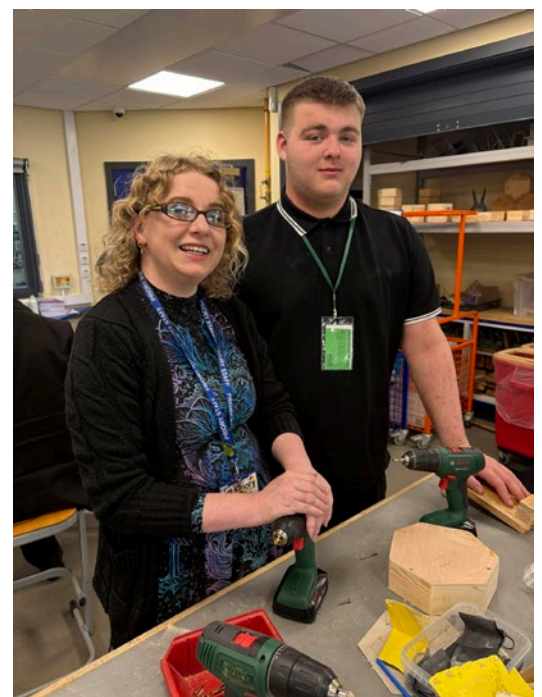
During his placement, Alfie proved to be a fantastic addition to the department. He quickly settled into school life and approached every task with energy and professionalism. Over the course of the week, he supported students across a range of subject areas, including Food Technology, Art and Engineering, offering guidance and encouragement in lessons.

Alfie also played a key role behind the scenes, helping to enhance classroom display boards, assisting with maintenance checks alongside the Technology team, and working with the IT support staff on a variety of technical tasks. His willingness to turn his hand to anything - from supporting learning to helping declutter and organise - made a real difference to the department.

Staff were particularly impressed by Alfie's positive attitude and readiness to get involved in all aspects of school life. His experience at Priory clearly continues to influence his ambitions, and it was a pleasure to see him giving back to the school community.

Alongside Alfie, Priory also welcomed Class of 2024, Owen Beck, into school last week. Owen is studying BTec Computing and spent time working with the IT team as part of his work experience placement through Runshaw College.

It is always fantastic to see former students returning to develop their skills and contribute to school life. We are incredibly proud of our past pupils and look forward to seeing what the future holds for them.



# Year 7 Parents Evening

Don't forget 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](http://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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list)

Mrs Farley, Head of year 7

## We're Recruiting!

Level 2

# Teaching Assistant

Closing date: Thursday, 2 July

## Teaching Assistant

**WE'RE HIRING!**

We are seeking to appoint a committed individual to join our Learning Support department.

Temporary contract pending a funding review  
1 September 2026 until 31 August 2027

Monday to Friday term time only plus INSET  
31 hours per week | 8.30am - 3.10pm

We are looking to appoint a Level 2 Teaching Assistant (TA2) to support learning, monitor pupil progress and provide feedback to the class teacher as well as establish supportive and constructive relationships with both pupils and parents/carers. The role will involve providing short term cover for classes when the teacher is unexpectedly unavailable.

This role may also be suitable for a newly qualified teacher who has not yet secured a teaching post for September and is seeking to gain further classroom experience.

For further information and an application pack please visit >>

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies)

Enquiries can be directed to Mrs A Holland, SENCo, via email at [a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Closing Date: 12 noon Thursday, 2 July 2026

Interviews: Thursday, 9 July 2026

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS clearance. It is an offence to apply for the role if barred from engaging in regulated activity.

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# GCSE Art Pupils Experience University Life Through Printmaking



REPORT BY MRS SHAW, LEAD TEACHER OF ART



**A group of our talented Year 10 GCSE Art students recently enjoyed an exciting and inspiring visit to the University of Lancashire as part of a three-workshop programme designed to enrich their artistic skills and experiences.**

The first workshop focused on printmaking and was delivered within the ArtLab, a contemporary print studio based in the University's historic Victoria Building. Students were introduced to a range of professional printmaking techniques and gained valuable insight into how artists and designers use print processes within the creative industries.



As part of the visit, students were given an exclusive tour of the University's specialist printmaking department. They explored a fascinating collection of historic printing presses, including one remarkable press that had been salvaged from a local farm and lovingly restored. Students were also able to see how a large-scale layered screen-printing machine operates, providing a unique glimpse into the professional processes used to create complex multi-coloured prints.

Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to experiment with both lino relief printing and screen printing. Using professional equipment and guidance from university staff, they produced a variety of creative outcomes that will contribute directly to their GCSE Art portfolio.



One of the highlights of the day was screen printing a unique design onto a canvas tote bag, which students then personalised further using coloured pens to create vibrant patterns and decorative details. They also

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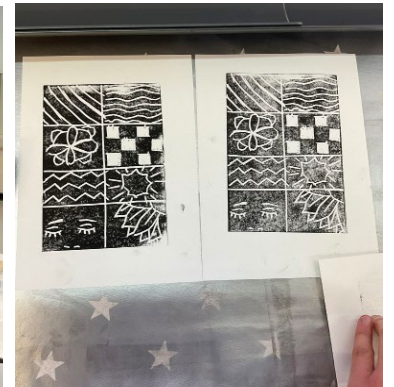
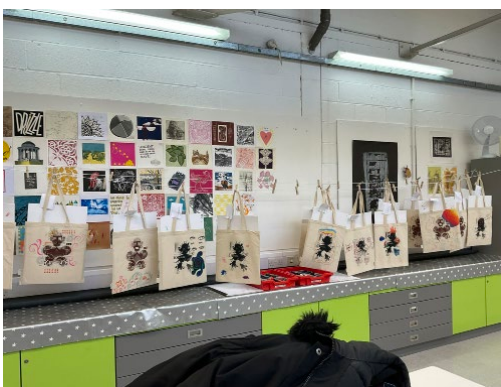
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explored lino printing, designing and carving imagery linked to their own individual GCSE portfolio themes.

The workshop not only allowed students to develop new technical skills but also gave them a valuable first-hand experience of studying Art at university level. Students thoroughly enjoyed working in a professional studio environment, meeting experts in the field, and gaining an insight into the exciting opportunities available within higher education and the creative arts sector.

It was a fantastic day of experimentation and discovery, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, maturity and artistic talent our students demonstrated throughout the visit. The experience has already provided valuable inspiration and practical work for their portfolios, and we look forward to sharing updates from the next two workshops in the newsletter in the coming weeks.



# Year 10 Engage in Hard-Hitting Road Safety Day



Our Learning For Life day for Year 10 pupils yesterday was on the theme of Personal Road Safety and this included a presentation by Wasted Lives from Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service plus colleagues from Lancashire County Council.

The visitors 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. Additionally this year there was input about the law relating to the growth of e-bikes and e-scooters along with reaction tests for pupils with goggles imitating the effects of alcohol on a driver's reactions.

We are pleased to report a note of praise passed from the lead deliverer, Clare Burscough from Lancashire Fire & Rescue. She has described the Year 10's behaviour as "A1 and Impeccable." As Clare travels to schools throughout Lancashire she experiences a multitude of settings so it was lovely to hear her feedback that our Year 10 cohort stood out so positively.

Mr Taylor, who lead the day, said "As a school community, we continue to mourn former pupils who have lost their lives recently so the day was again poignant, bringing 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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## Transformation Begins: Inside Week One of Our 3G Pitch Project

Following last week's announcement of our exciting 3G pitch redevelopment, we'll be publishing photos here as we track the project's progress from start to finish.

Work is now well underway, with significant early changes already visible. Over the past week, contractors have completed the removal of the remaining perimeter fencing, and the old 3G grass carpet has been fully lifted and taken off site, marking a major step in preparing the area for its full rebuild.

These early stages may look dramatic, but they are an essential part of transforming our existing pitch into a modern, FA-accredited facility that will benefit both our pupils and the wider community for years to come.



# NEXT ISSUE

**NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK**

**The next issue will be out Friday, 3 July 2026**

*Thank you for your support.*

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**Penwortham Primary**  
*Pre-School*  
**OPEN DAY**  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

  
**ASPIRE**

  
**BELONG**

  
**CARE**

  
**DISCOVER**

Call the office on **01772 743321**  
 or email [bursar@penwortham-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@penwortham-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

**Come and Join Our Girls cricket team**  







**TO FIND OUT MORE...**  


**OR CONTACT THE WOMEN'S TEAM**  
**CAPTAIN SARA BOWLER**  
[SARABOWLER123@YAHOO.CO.UK](mailto:SARABOWLER123@YAHOO.CO.UK)

**When?**  
Tuesday | 6-8pm

**Where?**  
Middleforth Green,  
Leyland Road,  
PRI 9QE

**Why?**  
Fun | Fitness | Friendships

**Age 12+**

**Penwortham Priory Academy**  
**MENU**  
 Spring Week 3

**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**

**Cumberland Wheel** £2.30

Hearty Cumberland sausage wheel served with crispy hash brown bites for the perfect comfort-food combo.

**Veggie Sausage** £2.30

Sizzling veggie sausage served with crispy hash brown bites for the perfect comfort-food combo.

**TUESDAY**

**Shawarma Chicken Kebab** £2.30

Tender shawarma chicken kebab served with a sweet, buttery corn on the cob for a vibrant, flavour-packed meal.

**Onion Bhaji Kebab** £2.30

Homemade onion bhaji kebab served with a sweet, buttery corn on the cob for a vibrant, flavour-packed meal.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Popcorn Chicken** £2.30

Crispy, flavour filled popcorn chicken served with golden skin-on wedges.

**Veggie Burger** £2.30

Deliciously crispy veggie burger served with golden skin-on wedges.

**THURSDAY**

**BBQ Pulled Pork Barm** £2.30

Smoky BBQ pulled pork served in a soft barm, paired with a crunchy side of crisps for the perfect hearty bite.

**Cheese & Broccoli Pasta** £2.30

Creamy cheese and broccoli pasta served with warm, golden garlic bread for a comforting, flavourful meal.

*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**

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 Fish Fingers** £2.30

Crispy jumbo fish fingers, served piping hot with golden chips and peas or beans and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or gravy.

**Week 3**  
w/c  
**22 June**

*Deserts*

**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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