

Penwortham Priory Post

Message from the Principal

Dear All

It's a pleasure to welcome you and your children to the start of a new academic year at Penwortham Priory Academy. I hope you enjoyed a safe, restful and enjoyable summer, and that pupils have returned ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead.



I would particularly like to welcome our new Year 7 pupils and their families. We are delighted that you have joined the Priory community and look forward to supporting each child as they begin this important stage of their education. From the outset, our priority is that every pupil feels safe, valued and fully part of school life.

The opening days of term have provided a very positive start. Pupils have returned looking exceptionally smart and have approached their learning with enthusiasm and purpose. This has helped to establish the calm, focused atmosphere we expect across the school. Our extra-curricular programme is also already underway, and it has been especially encouraging to see so many Year 7 pupils taking part. I encourage every pupil to explore the clubs and activities available at lunchtime and after school. These experiences enrich school life, support personal development and contribute towards our Priory Plus Award.

In our first assembly, I spoke to pupils about the privilege and responsibility of belonging to the Priory community. I reinforced our expectations for uniform, equipment, learning, attendance and punctuality. These are not simply routines; they are the foundations of a culture in which every pupil can thrive. Our commitment to Creating the Right Culture to Learn to Succeed is reflected in the Priory Standard: the highest expectations of all, from all. Pupils, staff, parents and trustees each have an important part to play in maintaining that standard.

I also challenged pupils to give their best each day, not only through their academic work, but in their conduct, relationships and contribution to the wider life of the school. Kindness, respect and excellent manners remain central to who we are. Our pupils demonstrate these qualities consistently, and they make a significant contribution to the positive ethos of Priory. Every young person should strive to become the best version of themselves, and it is our shared responsibility as educators and parents to support, encourage and, where needed, challenge them to do so.

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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, 21 September

Learning for Life Day 1
(Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm)

Tuesday, 22 September

INSET Day (school closed)
Open Evening 4pm-8pm

24 & 25 September

Open Days 9am-2pm
(booking essential)

Weds, 30 September

Silver DofE Awards
Presentation Evening
5.30pm-6.30pm

Thurs, 1 October

Bronze DofE Awards
Presentation Evening
5.30pm-6.30pm

Fri, 2 October

European Day of
Languages (Year 7)

Mon, 5 October

Year 7 Settle Factor
Parents Evening (in school)

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As a new year begins, we also reflect with pride on the achievements of last year's Year 11 cohort. Their excellent examination results built further on the successes of previous years and reflected the hard work of pupils, staff and families. More importantly, they leave Priory as knowledgeable, capable and well-rounded young people, ready for the next stage of education, employment or training. We wish them every success for the future.

It has been wonderful to see pupils and staff reconnect and re-engage with school life. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on stage, through fundraising or as part of our wider extra-curricular programme, pupils make Priory the vibrant community it is. We remain firmly committed to helping them grow into confident, capable and responsible young people.

Attendance and punctuality continue to be key priorities. The government's revised system of penalty notices for absence and lateness is now fully established, and we will continue to apply it in line with national guidance. Our central message,

however, is much broader than the issue of fines. Regular attendance and punctual arrival give pupils the best possible opportunity to learn, develop and succeed.

Research consistently indicates that pupils whose attendance falls below 95% are less likely to achieve their full academic and personal potential. It is therefore essential that school and families work closely together to establish strong habits, address concerns promptly and ensure that being in school, on time and ready to learn is the norm for every pupil. This partnership helps prevent pupils from being disadvantaged in comparison with their peers and supports their long-term success.

As we look ahead, please be assured that our commitment to the Priory Standard remains unwavering. Together, we will continue to set high expectations, provide the right support and challenge every pupil to achieve their very best. Anything less would mean letting them down.

With my very best wishes for a successful, rewarding and enjoyable year ahead.

Mr M Eastham
Principal



Don't Forget... School Closures

Mon, 21 September

Learning For Life (Day 1)

School will close at the earlier time of 1.10pm.

School buses have been arranged for this earlier time.

Tues, 22 September

School will be closed due to INSET.

A reminder that it is our Open Evening this day too and pupil volunteers are asked to return for 3pm (Year 11) and 3.30pm (Year 7-10).



ICELAND

OCTOBER 27 PUPIL PARENT EVENING ATTENDANCE

An information evening for
PARENTS / CARERS AND PUPILS
travelling on the **October 2027** visit.

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026

5:30PM | APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES

Penwortham Priory Academy

During the session, you will:

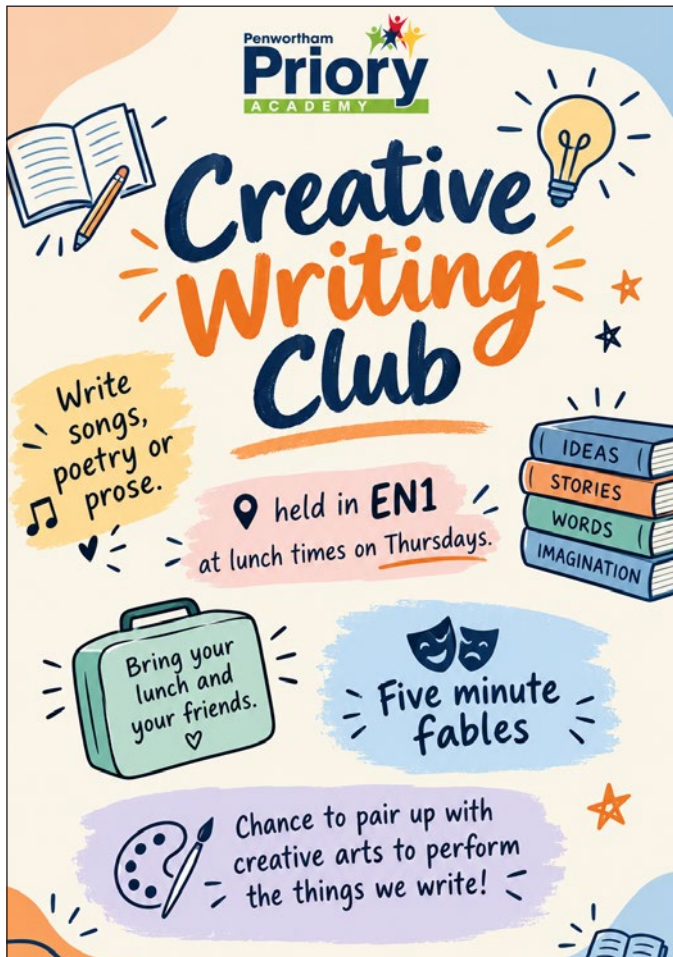
- Receive a detailed overview of the trip itinerary.
- Meet the staff who will be accompanying the students.
- Ask any questions you may have regarding the visit.
- Obtain further updates about key trip aspects such as hotel accommodation, room arrangements, meal provisions, and essential packing items.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTENDANCE SURVEY BY 2ND OCTOBER

Or go to>>
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/h1HM3iH0vd>

We encourage you to attend this evening to ensure you have all the necessary information and support for this exciting opportunity.

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Food Tech Ingredients Fees Now Due (Years 7-9)

reminder

As you may be aware, we operate a system where school organises all the provisions pupils will need for their Food Technology lessons. This enables lessons to run smoothly and takes the pressure off parents to provide specific ingredients. To enable us to do this however, we ask parents to make a contribution towards the cost of practical lessons.

This is a one-off payment per year and covers all the dishes pupils will make, and take home, over the academic year.

Year 7 - £6.50 | Year 8 - £8.00 | Year 9 - £8.50

We make approximately five items throughout each carousel as well as items to taste test in school. Portions made will often serve more than one.

Letters have been emailed to parents of pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 this week and a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Payment should be made via SCOPay. If you need a reminder of your SCOPay login please contact the Finance Officer, Mrs Cookson, by email j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you to those families that have made the payment already.

Miss Levy
Food Technology Teacher

Every

WEDNESDAY

LUNCHTIME

in

EN3

GCSE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE

TIME TRIAL

Devote **15 minutes** of your lunch to improve your GCSE stamina

FOR YEAR 11 PUPILS

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Attendance Matters



Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child making appropriate progress and achieving success.

Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and independent life.

At the end of every term, we hold a prize draw to recognise consistently high attendance.

For the full academic year 2025-26 many pupils achieved 97%+ attendance and names were drawn out of a hat on the last day of term; the four winners of each year group received a £15 Amazon gift voucher.

Well done to:

Year 7 Jakey C, James D, Emily E, Belle L

Year 8: Andre M-A, Charlotte C, Lucy F, Harry G

Year 9: Kayden C, Henry H, Holly McC, Evie S

Year 10: Elliott W-McB, Oliver C, Harry C, Will D

In addition, all pupils who achieved 100% attendance will each get a certificate during their House assembly later this month.



As a bonus this year, the names of pupils who achieved 100% attendance over the academic year were put into a special prize draw.



One name was randomly selected to win £100!

The winner was - Year 7 Bella E (now in Year 8) who took home a cheque for £100!



Record-Breaking Leaver Conquers the North Channel at Just 16

Well done to Year 11 Leaver, Divya, who became the youngest female in the world to swim across the North Channel on 23 August, completing the crossing in 15 hours 50 minutes at the age of 16yrs 11 months.

Starting in Northern Ireland, she anticipated a 14-15 hour journey however the choppy seas pushed her to add an extra two miles towards the Scottish finishing point.

This is the second of seven channel swims in Divya's journey towards completing her Oceans Seven Challenge whilst inspiring girls through sport and education.

Amongst her family and coaches, Divya also thanks her teachers and friends at Penwortham Priory Academy for their support and encouragement. We are thrilled to say too, that her dedication to swimming didn't hinder her exam success as she collected grade 8 and 9 GCSEs just three days earlier. An incredibly inspiring feat!



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Congratulations: Senior Prefects, Prefects and Sports Captains



The new academic year brings extra roles for many of Priory's Year 11 pupils. Attending school functions, speaking on behalf of the pupils during meetings with the Principal, and generally taking an active role in representing the school, are a large part of being a prefect in any capacity.

As well as these responsibilities, a prefect is expected to be enthusiastic and organised and a positive role model to our school community in terms of attitude, attendance, behaviour, appearance and manners.

Congratulations to all our prefects who have met the highest expectations needed to successfully qualify for the position.

Prefects were announced by Head of Year, Mrs Ham, and presented with their badges and ties by Mr Eastham and Mr Gee in the full school assembly last week.



Senior Prefects

Issy T
Kelsey-Rae D
Reese L
Oliver C
Naeem K

Sports Captains

Solange P
Emily M

Prefects

Freya M
Saachi R
Beth T
Maisie R
Ruth W
Solange P

Noah J
Faye C
Emily C
Eliza G
Sienna M
Emily A
Lilly H

Alexis G
Aiden M
Wren T
Lilly E
Maja P
Phoebe G
Sophie P

Nicole M
Cooper D
Harry M
Ben K
Jack L
Jacob H
Ossian H
Harry B

Alfred A
Daniel McC
Lottie K
Deborah O
Oscar G
Raul L
Junior Y
Keeva D



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PENWORTHAM YOUTH CLUB

RUNNING FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK!

@PENWORTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Kingsfold Dr, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EQ

WINTER TIMETABLE:

Monday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session

Thursday's 6-9pm: Secondary Age Session

Friday's 6-8pm: Primary Age Session

Saturday's 6-8pm: Secondary Age Session

PLAYERS WANTED!

NEW LONGTON ROVERS JFC

U14's TEAM

2026/27 SEASON



FOR PLAYERS GOING INTO YEAR 9 THIS SEPTEMBER



PLAYING IN CHAMPIONSHIP



TRAINING AT LONGTON PLAYING FIELD



FRIENDLY TEAM, GREAT COACHES & FANTASTIC CLUB ENVIRONMENT



A CLUB THAT DEVELOPS PLAYERS & BUILDS CONFIDENCE

INTERESTED? CONTACT THE CLUB OR THE TEAM MANAGER DIRECTLY:

07583 845557

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Open Evening - Tuesday, 22 September

Everyone Welcome | No Prior Booking Required | Starts 4pm - Ends 8pm

The Principal's speech will be at 5pm and repeated at 6pm. Mr Eastham has also recorded his speech and it is available to listen to in your own time and prior to your visit. We also invite you to view our prospectus or take a virtual tour via our website: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/open-evening



Pupil Volunteers Needed

As always, we ask for pupils to volunteer their time to support the event and to help us showcase our school. We particularly encourage Year 7 pupils as they are closest to the Year 5 & 6 pupils that will be visiting us.

Letters are being given out to pupils by their subject teachers with further details. Mrs Ham will also be commandeering Prefects to greet our prospective families and escort them on tours of the school. We are also delighted to welcome back members of Class of 2026 who will be returning to talk to visitors about their experience at Priory.

Pupils who would like to help should speak with the teacher in the department they would like to support, or their Head of Year.

Please note that school will be closed during the day due to INSET. Pupils are asked to arrive at school for 3pm (prefects) and 3.30pm (all other year groups).



Open Evening

Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Looking forward to seeing you!

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Priory Academy**

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Mr Farron Picks Up More Gardening Accolades at Local 'In Bloom' Event

Before the summer break Penwortham in Bloom held its annual awards presentations.

Competitions were for 'Domestic' categories such as 'Front Garden', 'Pots and Tubs' and 'Hanging Baskets'. There was also an award for 'Local Businesses' and an award for 'Local Schools'.



Mr Farron's hard work paid off, winning Gold for 'School Gardens', Best in Class for 'School Gardens' and also the 'Winner of Winners' Award. Not only did Mr Farron receive certificates, but he also received gift vouchers to buy more plants for the school.

Mr Farron was presented with the awards in a full school assembly on the last day of term, to allow staff and pupils to celebrate his achievements as a school.

Ms Smith, herself a keen gardener, accompanied Mr Farron and his family to the awards on behalf of the school.

Ms Smith said, "We are continually proud of the work Mr Farron does for the school in the

gardens. They are certainly a 'labour of love' as I know from experiencing their upkeep. It was fantastic to meet so many fellow gardeners who appreciated the photographs of our beautiful surroundings.

"We are planning to open the gardens to interested members of the public in the forthcoming term, so that the community can come in and personally view them'.





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Saturday 3rd October
Saturday 21st November
From 10.00am

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■ LIVERPOOL ■ MANCHESTER

The North West centre for land-based & sports education



RUNSHAW COLLEGE

You are invited to our

Open Event

Saturday **26 September** 10am-2pm



runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

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A Sweet Reward for True Friendship

Before the end of the summer term, Humayraa and Sophie (now in Year 8), were treated to a well-deserved ice cream at local favourite, The Cow Shed, in recognition of their commitment to supporting their friend, Imogen.

Earlier this year, the pair began training in sighted guiding to help Imogen, who is partially sighted, navigate school life with greater confidence.

Accompanied by Imogen's Learning Support Assistant, Miss Dixon, the girls enjoyed their treat during the final week of term – a small thank you for the kindness, dedication and friendship they have shown throughout the year.

Their willingness to learn new skills and support a classmate continues to be a wonderful example of the caring and inclusive spirit that makes Priory such a special community.

Pictured: Humayraa and Sophie enjoying their ice cream treat at The Cow Shed



Secondary School Admissions

If you have a child in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place now at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

Before you apply, research the schools in your area, check school websites for up-to-date information about open days/evenings and read the school's most recent Ofsted reports at: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2027 is 23:59 on 31 October.

For guidance on school transport see: www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY
SOUTH**

**Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 31 October 2026

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools





If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.



Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

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Summer School 2026

A Fantastic Start to Life at Priory



On 19th and 20th August, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to Priory for two exciting days of Summer School activities.

The programme provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to meet new friends, build confidence and experience a range of subjects before starting in September.

As well as taking part in a variety of engaging lessons, students were introduced to many aspects of daily life at Priory. Each pupil was allocated a locker and shown how to use it, helping them to feel prepared and organised for the start of the new term. During break and lunchtime, students used the dedicated Year 7 social area, along with the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and the seating area near the Hex. This gave them the opportunity to become familiar with key areas of the school and feel more confident navigating the site.



Music

In Music, students explored pulse and rhythm through a range of whole-class activities designed to develop their understanding of on-beats, off-beats and syncopation, while also learning how to follow a conductor.



They then moved on to learning about triads, three-note chords that form the foundation of much of the music we hear today.

Using keyboards, pupils learned how to build and play these chords before progressing to the famous "four-chord song" progression.

They discovered how countless songs, including Country Roads, Paparazzi and even Auld Lang Syne, are based on the same sequence of chords. Mr Taylor was extremely impressed with the pupils'

enthusiasm, musical ability and thoughtful responses throughout the session.

Drama and Performing Arts

The Performing Arts sessions gave students an insight into Drama and Dance at Priory. Pupils learned choreography from Matilda the Musical's energetic song, Revolting Children, quickly mastering new movements and bringing the performance to life.

They also explored how facial expressions, body language and movement can be used to create realistic characters and tell stories without words.

Lead teacher of Drama, Miss Howell said, "It was fantastic to see every student getting involved, supporting one another and embracing the



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challenge. Together, they created a positive and encouraging atmosphere where everyone felt confident to perform and showcase their creativity.”



Wellbeing

Students also took part in a wellbeing session focused on the Five Ways to Wellbeing:

Connect | Be Active | Take Notice | Keep Learning | Give

Through a variety of engaging activities, pupils explored each aspect of wellbeing and learned practical ways to support their mental and emotional health.

One of the most popular activities was a large-scale game of Dobble, which brought out plenty of friendly competition and laughter.

Geography

The Geography Department welcomed students with a lesson centred around the 2026 FIFA World Cup.



Pupils tested their knowledge of national flags and capital cities before using atlases to locate the host nations around the world. Working collaboratively, they developed key geographical skills while exploring a major global event and gaining a flavour of Geography lessons at Priory.

PE and Orienteering



In PE, students took part in an orienteering challenge around the school site.

Working in teams, they followed clues, answered questions

and located different classrooms and key areas across the school.

The activity encouraged teamwork, communication and problem-solving while helping students become familiar with their new surroundings. It was an enjoyable and active way to explore the site, gain confidence in navigating the school and prepare for their first day.

Astronomy

In Astronomy, pupils examined photographs of the partial solar eclipse that took place on 12th August, captured locally in St Annes. They then used their mathematical and scientific skills to create scale models of the Solar System, helping them to understand the immense distances and relative sizes of the planets.



Science

Students thoroughly enjoyed their practical Science session, where they learned how to use microscopes safely and effectively. They were shown how to focus the microscopes and adjust magnification levels before examining a variety of slides, including cells and other fascinating specimens.



This hands-on experience gave pupils a real taste of secondary school science.

A Brilliant Two Days

Summer School provided a fantastic introduction to life at Priory. It helped pupils settle any worries they may have had about starting secondary school while giving them

opportunities to make new friends, develop confidence and experience learning in a range of subjects. Through activities across the curriculum, exploring the school



site, learning new routines and meeting members of staff, students quickly began to feel part of the Priory community.

Mrs Bullock, Summer School Lead, said: "We have been incredibly pleased with the fantastic uptake of pupils attending this year's Summer School and the significant benefits it has brought.



"Over the two days, pupils have settled into life at Priory exceptionally well, building confidence, making new friendships and becoming familiar with the school

environment. Having the opportunity to explore the site, learn where key classrooms are located and enjoy social times, has helped to reduce many of the anxieties that can come with moving to secondary school.

"Summer School provides pupils with the chance to experience school routines, meet members of staff, develop their independence and begin forming positive relationships with their peers before September. By giving students a sense of belonging from the outset, we have seen them grow in confidence, become more comfortable navigating the school and feel genuinely excited about starting their secondary school journey. Watching them embrace every challenge with enthusiasm and positivity has been wonderful, and we are looking forward to seeing them embed as full members of the Priory community."



Mrs Holland, SENCO and Designated Safeguarding Lead, added: "I was delighted to see so many of our new Year 7 pupils taking part in this year's Summer School activities. It provided a wonderful opportunity for them to settle any worries they may have had about starting secondary school while beginning to build friendships and confidence in their new environment.

"The pupils embraced every activity with enthusiasm and engagement and, most importantly, had a great deal of fun along the way."

Year 7 Seneca Independent Learning



During the coming week, the Science department will be sending out invitations for parents to track their child's independent learning in Science which will be set on an application called Seneca.

The first assignment will be set on w/b 14th September and pupils will be given time during lesson to log in and start completing the tasks.

All log in details will be given, and the pupils will make note of them during this lesson. After this, Seneca will be set weekly to be completed as independent learning.

Pupils are welcome to use laptops in the Nucleus at break or lunch times.

For any assistance, please contact Mrs Potter, Assistant Head of Science, at a.potter@priory.lancs.sch.uk

From 3.10 until 4pm

See Mrs Potter in SC6

Year 7 Science club

Starting Tuesday 15th September

Activities include rainbow fizz, edible indicators and testing whether you can cook ice cream!

GCSE Results Day 2026



Class of 2026 leave Penwortham Priory Academy with 'confidence, character and ambition' after impressive GCSE results.

Principal, Mr Eastham said: "We are immensely proud of the achievements of our Year 11 students as we celebrate not only a strong set of GCSE results, but also the success of a year group who have embraced every opportunity available to them.

"These excellent GCSE results reflect years of hard work, determination and resilience, supported every step of the way by their families and our dedicated staff.

"Whilst we celebrate the impressive academic outcomes they have achieved today, we are equally proud of the remarkable young people they have become.



"They leave Priory with the confidence, character and ambition to thrive in the next stage of their education and beyond and we're excited to see them go on to make a positive difference in the world.

Their Stories

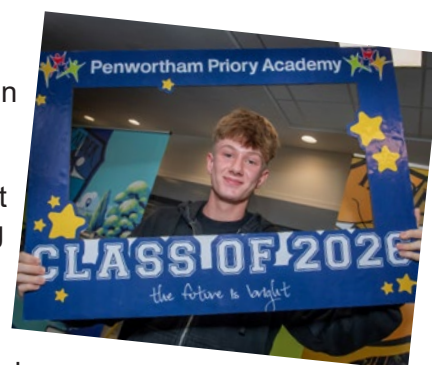
Josh achieved five Grade 9s and an 8 as well as a Level 2* Distinction in Engineering and Health & Fitness.



"I am actually in shock. I don't think I have stopped shaking since I opened my results.

"I have to admit, despite having a great teacher, I didn't enjoy English Literature and I have got a 9 which is a massive shock.

"I want to go to Runshaw College to study Maths, Engineering and Accounting. Hopefully I will do a degree apprenticeship at Rolls Royce, or somewhere similar."



Kayal celebrated a Grade 9 in English Literature along with five Grade 8s and a 7 among her results.

"I am really pleased as I didn't sleep last night. I think it's a relief as well. I expected a Grade 7 in Maths and I got an 8 so that was good. The 9 in English Literature was also unexpected.

"I am going to Newman College to study Maths, Biology and Chemistry as I want to do something in Medicine."



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Junaid was celebrating a 9-9 in Science as well as a Grade 9 in Maths among his impressive results.

**GCSE
RESULTS**



"I am really happy with my Science as I wasn't expecting 9s. In Maths, I got an 8 in my mock so to get a 9 in the exam is great."

"I want to go to Runshaw College to study Maths, Computer Science and Accounting and do a degree apprenticeship maybe."

Lucy thought she had totally 'messed up' her History examination so she was shocked to achieve a Grade 9 among her fantastic results.

She also achieved 9s in English Language and Literature, 3 Grade 8s and a Grade 7 as well as a Level 2 Distinction in Child Development.

"After the exam, I thought it was bad and I was sure I would get a Grade 6 maximum so a 9 is a big shock!"

"I have a choice to make as I may go to Runshaw College and do History, Sociology and Childcare or I may do a T-Level in Childcare. I have some big decisions!"

Sehr said she cried after one of her English Literature examinations as she believed she had done so badly. Instead she achieved a Grade 9 to go with four Grade 8 and three Grade 7s.

"I cried after my first English Literature exam as I just thought I had messed it up! I can't believe I got a 9."

"I was so nervous last night as I only slept for four hours!"

"I want to go to Newman College to study Criminology, Psychology and Law. I want to be a Forensic Psychologist."

Dev admitted he was 'pleasantly surprised' by his results.

"I got two Grade 9s and two Grade 8s among my results. I want to go to Newman College to study Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Engineering. I know it's a lot but I am confident I can do it."

"I worked hard and I was happy to get a Grade 8 in Further Maths."

Oliver said: "I am most proud of my history grade."

He expected a Grade 5 or 6 but achieved a 7 among his results, which included an 8 in Maths and 7s in Science. He also achieved a Level 2 Distinction in Engineering.



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"I am going to Runshaw College to study Engineering, Maths and maybe Politics. I have done better than I expected."

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Richard achieved a 9-8 in Combined Science which he was delighted with.

"I expected a 7-7 in Science so I am happy with that. I want to go to Newman College to study Computer Science, Maths and Geography. I am just happy to pass everything."

Best friends, Jessica, Wictoria and Freya were all thrilled to receive their Grade 9s in French with Head of Languages, Mrs Scully.

Jessica celebrated five Grade 9s, and two Grade 8s among her superb results.

She said: "I am happy with it all. I think I am most happy with my Further Maths result as I got a Grade 5 and I am happy I passed."



"I thought I had messed up my French written exam so to get a 9 is amazing."

"I want to go to Newman College to study English, Philosophy and Art. I want to be a writer or something with Art."

Freya achieved a Grade 9 in French and four Grade 8s among her impressive results.

"I am happy with my French, I want to study that at A-Level along with Biology and Chemistry at Newman College. I worked really hard."

"I want to do something with Medicine in the future."

Wictoria was happy with her results.

"I thought I would get a 6 in English Literature and I got a 9. I was totally surprised by that. I achieved two Grade 9s, a Grade 8, a Grade 7 and four Grade 6s – I was one mark off a 9 in Geography too!"

"I want to go to Newman College to study Psychology, Sociology and Maths."



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Taylor was absolutely over the moon with his results, as he goes onto Runshaw College to study a T-Level in Design Engineering.



"I was amazed I got an 8 in French as I was predicted a 6 so I am very happy with that.

"A 6-6 in Science is also great as well as two Grade 5s in English, as that is what I needed. I also got a Distinction* in PE and Engineering so overall I got what I wanted."

Celebrating the Class of 2026

We're delighted to celebrate the accomplishments of our Year 11 students as they receive their GCSE results and bring to a close an important chapter of their education at Priory.

These outcomes represent far more than a set of examination grades. They reflect five years of learning, determination and personal growth, during which students have embraced challenges, developed new skills and created lasting memories.



This year's cohort has achieved some outstanding results across a wide range of subjects, demonstrating both academic excellence and a willingness to strive for their very best. We are particularly pleased to see so many students achieving outcomes that will enable them to pursue their chosen destinations with confidence.

However, what makes this group truly special cannot be measured by examination results alone. Throughout their time at Priory, they have made a significant contribution to the life of the school through their involvement in sport, the performing arts, student leadership, charitable initiatives and the many enrichment opportunities available to them.

At Priory, we believe education is about preparing young people for life as well as qualifications. As this cohort leaves us, they do so as articulate, ambitious and thoughtful individuals who have much to offer their communities and the wider world.

Whether progressing to sixth form, college, apprenticeships or employment, we are confident with these results, that they have the foundations, character and aspirations needed to make a success of the opportunities ahead.

We thank our students and their families for being such an important part of our Priory community and look forward to following their future achievements with immense pride. We wish them every success as they begin the next stage of their journey.



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Sports Day 2026 – What a Day!



Despite the heat, our pupils threw themselves into Sports Day with incredible enthusiasm, determination and House spirit. From the moment the House colours went on in Douglas, Hodder, Calder and Ribble, the energy across the field was high!

The atmosphere was buzzing all day long, with fabulous music keeping spirits moving and an unforgettable impromptu whole-school dance-a-thon bringing everyone together at the end of the day.

A huge thank you to our amazing PE Department for organising another fantastic event, and to our brilliant commentator, Mr Taylor, who kept us entertained and informed throughout the competition. Special mention must also go to our ever-popular (and slightly cheeky!) mascot, Pedro the Puffin, who was never far from the action.

Sports Day wasn't just about what happened on the track. Pupils also enjoyed fundraising games, a tuck shop and House colours face painting, helping to make it a fun-filled day for everyone.

And finally, congratulations to Douglas House, our worthy overall champions!

Well done to all our pupils and staff for making the day such a memorable celebration of teamwork, effort and school spirit.







The Priory+ Awards



In the last week of the summer term, Mr Eastham presented badges and certificates to pupils who had achieved the next stage in the Priory+ Awards.

Almost 130 pupils achieved this recognition during the Summer term and on Friday, 17 July, those that chose to be personally presented by the Principal got to receive their rewards (pupils who opted out of this have their certificates and badges presented to them by their Head of Year), and we were delighted to see the queue into Mr Eastham's office stretched right down the corridor!

Priory+ aims to encourage and reward pupils for working on their own Personal Development. At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes

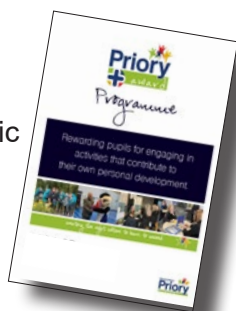
to making a positive difference to pupils' lives. The opportunities provided not only allow them to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

Our activities fit into five overarching strands, which supplement our Character and Culture Personal Development sessions in Learning for Life. There are five strands:

Culture & Heritage | **Future Citizens** | **Health & Well-Being** | **Skill Builders** | **Bright Futures**

Priory+ Brochure

The brochure is currently being reviewed for the 2026-27 academic year. We will email parents a digital copy and send a printed copy home with Year 7 pupils in due course.



In the meantime, if you would like to know what the award means and how our pupils achieve it, please visit our website >>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/personal-development/wider-opportunities



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NEW

Ham Priory Academy MENU Autumn Week 3

EVERY DAY

Jacket Potato

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



From £1.45

Cheese Panini

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



£2.10

Pepperoni Panini

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



£2.10

Sandwiches

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

Vegetarian options available.



from £1.55

Pasta Pots

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

Vegetarian options available.



£2.10

this week's specials

MONDAY

Bangers & Mash

Succulent sausages served with creamy mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and rich gravy.

£2.50

Veggie Sausage & Mash

Succulent veggie sausages served with creamy mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and rich gravy.

£2.50

TUESDAY

Fajita Chicken & Savoury Rice

Tender fajita-seasoned chicken served on a bed of deliciously flavourful savoury rice.

£2.50

Veggie Spring Rolls

Crispy vegetable spring rolls served with fluffy rice and a rich, aromatic curry sauce.

£2.50

WEDNESDAY

Popcorn Chicken

Tender, crispy popcorn chicken served with golden seasoned wedges and a salad on the side.

£2.50

Tomato Pasta

Pasta coated in a rich tomato sauce and served with warm, crispy garlic bread.

£2.50

THURSDAY

Roast Dinner

A traditional roast dinner served with tender meat, seasonal vegetables and rich gravy.

£2.50

Vegetable Lattice

A golden, flaky vegetable lattice filled with a savoury vegetable medley, served with fresh seasonal vegetables.

£2.50

Chippy Friday Specials



Chicken Wrap

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.

*from £2.10

*Add golden chips to your wrap for an additional 50p

Beef Burger

A juicy beef burger served in a soft brioche bun with golden crispy chips and a choice of 'chip shop curry' or 'gravy'.

£2.50

Week 3
14 September

Deserts

Assorted Cakes and Biscuits

A selection of homemade cakes and biscuits to choose from.

£0.70

Fruit Pot/Fresh Fruit

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

£0.90

Popcorn

Fresh sweet and salty popcorn.

£0.70

Jelly

A variety of flavours available. Vegan option available.

£0.70

*PRICES ARE CORRECT AS OF SEPTEMBER 2026 AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



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Supporting YOU to support your Young Person with their Mental Health, Wellbeing & Neurodevelopmental Needs.

Monday 7 September **ONLINE DROP-IN (Teams) 6pm - 7pm**
Talk to others, receive support, signposting & guidance.
Email niki@keycharity.org.uk to join

Tuesday 8 September **LEYLAND The BASE on Broadfield 9:30-11am**
PATH & NEU WAY - Parent/Carer Peer Support for Neurodevelopmental Needs
PR25 2GD

Tuesday 15 September **INSPIRE CHORLEY 9:30-11am**
with SENDIAS, Lancashire Parent Carer Forum & Chorley Children and Family Wellbeing
PR7 1BS

Monday 28 September **CLAYTON GREEN LIBRARY 9:30 - 11am**
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PARENT & CARER WORKSHOPS

With Primary Mental Health Worker - CAMHS

Free workshops supporting children & young people's mental health

Thursday 1 October

Understanding and Supporting Anxiety



09:30am - 12pm
*refreshments from 9am

A supportive session helping parents and carers understand anxiety in children and young people and build confidence in supporting them at home.

The Base on Broadfield, 97-99 Bannister Drive, Leyland, PR25 2GD

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For Parents and Carers

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- Peer support by sharing personal experiences and practical strategies that have helped you cope
- Provide emotional support and reduce feelings of isolation by connecting with other people facing similar challenges
- An opportunity to increase knowledge and awareness around eating disorders
- Build resilience by exploring self care and stress management tools and strategies

Details

- Our lady St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9UE
- The last Thursday of every month starting Thursday 24th September 2020 (excluding December), 6pm - 8pm
- Please confirm attendance prior to sessions by contacting email below
- lancashirecarersed@outlook.com This inbox is checked weekly

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Hutton Village Hall
Moor Lane, Hutton PR4 5SE

Wednesday 23rd
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7:30pm
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