

Penwortham Priory Post



Head Prefects of the Past Return to Welcome Priory's New Pupil Leadership

Our Senior Prefects were inaugurated into their roles by the Head Girl from 1986 Vanessa Cole and Deputy Head Boy from 2006 Jon Wallings.

Issy, Kelsey-Rae, Reese, Oliver and Naeem were selected following hustings at the end of the summer term.

They impressed with their presentations in front of Mr Eastham, Mr Gee, Mrs Ham and the rest of the Year 11s where they explained why they wanted to be a Senior Prefect and the changes they would make. They were given their distinct tie and pin badge at their first assembly this term.

Issy said: "I wanted to be a Senior Prefect as I want to help the younger pupils in school. It was scary speaking in front of everyone but I was really pleased when I was told in assembly that I was one of the five."

Kelsey-Rae said: "I want to help the younger year groups. If they have any concerns, I want to try and fix them."

Oliver said: "I want to help Priory now but also in the future, I want to make a lasting impact and make changes which will benefit all pupils."

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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)

29, 30 September
2, 5, 8 October
Year 11 GCSE
Geography Wycoller Trip

Fri, 2 October
European Day of Languages (Year 7)

Mon, 5 October
Year 7 Settle Factor
Parents Evening (in school)

Mon, 12 October
(Date change)
Bronze DofE Awards
Presentation Evening
5.30pm-6.15pm
Silver DofE Awards
Presentation Evening
6.30pm-7.15pm

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"One of my ideas was to make Sports Captains and House Captains more visible then if there are issues in these areas, pupils know to go to them. I want to help to improve the school."

Naeem said: "I also want to make a difference and make changes which will impact Year 7s now and beyond. I was really happy to be chosen as it is an important role."

Reese added: "I want to make sure everyone feels included and no one feels left out in school. It's exciting to be chosen and it is an honour. It's a big role in school."

Head Girl of 1986 Vanessa has been back to Priory already as all her four children attended the school. But she was delighted to have a guided tour and a more relaxed visit to her former school.

"I wish I was still at school!" she said. "I enjoyed my time at Priory, how the form teachers encouraged you and, after going to a small primary school, it was an eye-opener."

"I loved English and Geology at Priory. I didn't really like PE but Miss Slater always encouraged me."



"It has always been a bit weird watching teachers who taught me, teaching my children too! They didn't look any different."

"I have gone on to work in a number of roles around domestic violence while I have also had three hair salons! I also completed a degree aged 40, majoring in Social Policy and minoring in Health Studies."

Jon was Deputy Head Boy in 2006, in the same year as radio star and TV presenter Jordan North.

"I think I was Deputy Head Boy for my comedic value! The Head Boy was really into sports."

"It's been strange coming back, it's the first time, and the school has been transformed. There are so many open doors for children nowadays that perhaps we didn't have."

"There are still some of the teachers here who taught me and that's a credit to the school as it shows how much they like it."

"I used to sit with Jordan North in a few of my classes and he hasn't changed. He has always been true to himself."

"At Priory, I did a vocational qualification in Travel & Tourism and that served me well as I worked as cabin crew and I am now a railway controller."

"I also was manager at Lava & Ignite for a while and I had many good nights with Jordan there!"

The prefects will meet with Principal, Mr Eastham once a month for a catch up and discussion. Before that though, they look forward to meeting prospective families as they join us for our open evening on Tuesday, 22 September.



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Learning for Life



DON'T
FORGET !

Day 1

Monday, 21 September



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

Pupils should report to their Session 1 teacher in their designated Learning for Life classroom for the day (which is not necessarily their form room) for 8.40am. The day plan with rooming is published on their year group Teams for their reference. Form tutors will also notify pupils in advance.

Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for the earlier finish time.

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 Monday include:

Year 7 **Healthy Lifestyles**

The importance of Physical Activity and a Balanced Diet. Strategies for maintaining personal hygiene, including oral health, and prevention of infection. The influence of the media. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 8 **Mind Development**

Pupils will learn about mental health. How to maintain positive mental health and recognising mental health concerns. Pupils will learn about sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 9 **Diversity and Equality (Gender)**

Pupils will learn about Equality, Diversity and Legalities. Gender roles. Breaking down harmful stereotypes (to include misogyny).

Year 10 **Unhealthy Relationships**

Forming and maintaining respectful relationships. Abusive relationship characteristics. End of relationships including the effects of change, including loss, separation, divorce and bereavement. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 11 **My Money - Understanding and Managing Debt, Money and Work**

In preparation for leaving Priory pupils will gain an understanding of finances in the adult world and will learn about work-related finance such as tax and pensions. They will also learn about debt and how to avoid and deal with it.

Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner for Personal Development

Performing Arts Residential Trip London Places Still Available

We have 20 remaining places for the Performing Arts trip to London from 9-11 March 2027, open to students in Year 7-10.

This is always a hugely popular and memorable trip, and we are thrilled to be offering it again.

This fantastic experience will include two West End shows, industry-led workshops, iconic London landmarks and two nights hotel stay. Please see the image opposite for further details about what is planned. The cost will be approximately £569 per person.

To attend, please make a £75 deposit payment via SCOPay by 30 September where you will also be asked to provide consent.

Letters with further details have been emailed to parents and a copy can also be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. If you have any questions, please contact the Lead Teacher of Drama, Miss Howell at f.howell@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

LONDON TRIP 2027
09th-11th March

THEATRE
During our time in London we will be going to see two West-End performances.

LANDMARKS
During our time in London we will be visiting and passing many iconic London landmarks.

HOSPITALITY
Accommodation during our time in London will be a hotel, the cost of breakfast and evening meals is included in the price.

WORKSHOPS
A workshop has been arranged with leading experts in the industry to work with and ask questions.

Penwortham Priory Academy
MENU
Autumn Week 1

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

VEGETARIAN GLUTEN FREE HALAL

this week's specials

MONDAY

Chicken Kiev with Curly Fries
Succulent chicken kiev oozing with melted garlic butter served with perfectly seasoned golden curly fries.
£2.50

Veggie Kiev with Curly Fries
Crispy vegetable kiev filled with garlic and cheese and served with golden curly fries.
£2.50

TUESDAY

Butter Chicken Curry
Tender chicken in a rich and creamy butter curry sauce served with fluffy boiled rice and warm naan bread.
£2.50

Veggie Chow Mein Noodles
Stir-fried noodles with seasoned vegetables in a savoury sauce, cooked to perfection and full of flavour.
£2.50

WEDNESDAY

Savoury Mince & Mash
Rich and hearty savoury mince served with fluffy mashed potato and a golden Yorkshire pudding.
£2.50

Halloumi Burger
Grilled halloumi burger served in a soft bun with crispy hash brown bites on the side.
£2.50

THURSDAY

Pulled Pork Barn
Tender pulled pork served in a soft barn and accompanied by a crunchy packet of crisps.
£2.50

Macaroni Cheese
Creamy macaroni pasta in a rich cheese sauce served with warm, crispy garlic bread.
£2.50

Chippy Friday Specials

Chicken Wrap
Crispy southern fried chicken fillet wrapped in a soft tortilla, packed with fresh salad.
£2.10

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 30p

Steak Pudding & Chips
Tender steak in a golden suet pudding served with crispy chips and your choice of gravy or curry sauce.
£2.50

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.
£0.75

Jelly
A variety of flavours available.
Vegan option available.
£0.80

Week 1
21 September

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

Peer Mentor Support For Year 7



The first task of our Year 11 Peer Mentors is to be available in the Year 7 recreation area around the Hex to ensure they are settling into Priory.

As Year 10s, our Peer Mentors underwent an ASDAN Peer Mentoring training programme over two-days, helping to support young people through mentoring and 'buddying'. They are now putting into practice.

Jacob, who has set up a rota to make sure the Year 7 area is always covered at break and lunch, said: "I have been in the Hex and have been asked a few things by Year 7s but it is mostly by my sister and her friends! I am there to help though."

Ruth said: "I became a Peer Mentor because I wanted to help younger pupils, especially if they are feeling vulnerable. It's also good to have on my CV."

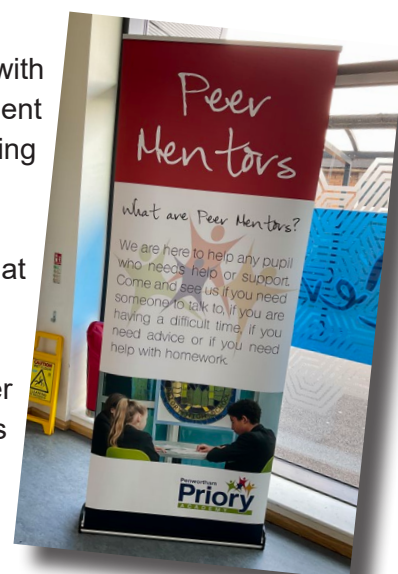
Megan said: "I want to support children to make sure they don't feel alone. You can help everyone who needs it by just letting them talk."

Deborah added: "I want to be a children's doctor so this will help me while also allowing me to care for our younger pupils."

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith, presented them all with their pin badges. She said: "At Priory we realise that our older pupils are excellent role models for younger pupils and so we have a very successful peer mentoring programme in place."

"Our qualified Peer Mentors will help pupils cope with everyday life and worries at school and will offer guidance on both social and academic areas of school life."

"It's 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."



Year 7 Pupil Donates Hair and Raises Over £500 for Children with Cancer



Kind-hearted Year 7 Lily had an amazing 11 inches cut off her hair inspired by her primary school friend.

Lily's close friend was diagnosed with a brain tumour and is currently undergoing chemotherapy at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

She will lose her hair and this made Lily think about what she could do to help.

"I had long hair, it was all the way down my back, and so I decided to have mine cut and raise funds for 'Giving Hair and Hope to children with cancer.'"

"I raised £520 and gave my hair to the Little Princess Trust so they can use it to make wigs.

"I am proud I have done it although I am not sure if I like it shorter – I did it for a good reason though. I am going to grow it and do it again."



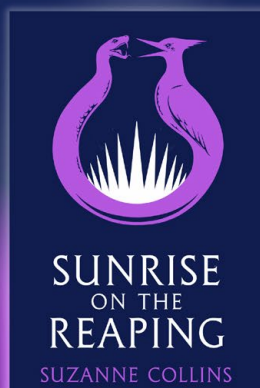
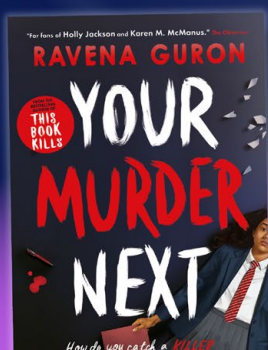
it's back!

The book fair is back for one week only! Visit the library from next Wednesday, 23 September

SCHOLASTIC  **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

FIND YOUR NEXT
FAVOURITE READ
AT THE BOOK FAIR

and earn
FREE BOOKS
for our school*



Cash
or card
payment
accepted

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions.

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Year 11 Geography Field Trip Wycoller Beck

The Geography department will be running the first of the two compulsory GCSE fieldwork trips on the following dates.

Tuesday, 29 September | Wednesday, 30 September
Friday, 2 October | Monday, 5 October | Thursday, 8 October

Students will apply their River Landscapes unit to the practical element of the course and carry out a river study to test set hypotheses. This will take place along the Wycoller Beck, Wycoller.

The main aims of the visit are to support students in the study of a river landscape first-hand and allow each student to develop skills in measuring, observing and recording how river characteristics change along the long profile of a river. Students will set their own hypotheses, record their own results and then write the report in class which will support their Paper 3 GCSE examination whilst bolstering knowledge to support the River Landscape topic in Paper 1.

Students will be travelling with pre-determined groups divided across the five days. Geography teachers will inform them which one of the five dates their classes will be going out on.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of the trip to cover fuel, printing and equipment. Parents of Year 11 GCSE Geography pupils should log onto SCOPay to consent that they are happy for their child to take part. Payment can be made at the same time. **Please do this no later than Thursday, 24 September.**

A letter with further details has been emailed to parents of Year 11 GCSE Geography pupils this week and a copy can be downloaded from the school website at >>

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



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We're looking for committed, enthusiastic players to join our U14s squad for next season! Whether your child wants a fresh start, more development, or a new challenge, we'd love to hear from you.

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- ✓ Player-focused training sessions
- ✓ Positive, inclusive team culture
- ✓ Focus on confidence, fun & development

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS:

- 👕 U14s (Year 9)
- 🤝 Committed & reliable
- 😊 Positive attitude
- 👥 Team player
- ★ Willingness to learn

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

GET IN TOUCH
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 BAC/EE JFC, South Meadow Lane,
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SPACES AVAILABLE! DON'T MISS OUT!

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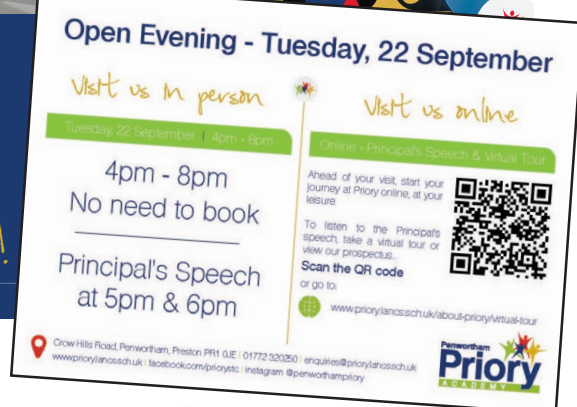
Open Evening
22 September
4pm-8pm



Open Evening

Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Looking forward to seeing you!



Diary Dates

School Closed Tuesday, 22 September

A reminder that school will be closed next Tuesday as we prepare for Open Evening.

Pupils who have offered to volunteer at Open Evening should be in school for 3pm (Year 11) and 3.30pm (Year 7-10) and in full school uniform. Don't forget to bring something to eat and ensure that a safe passage home is arranged for 8pm.

Letters with full arrangements can be downloaded from >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

Inset Day
.. school closed to
pupils

NEXT ISSUE

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

The next edition of the Priory Post is out
Friday, 2 October

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Fantasy Premier League: Pupils vs Staff!



We are excited to relaunch our new Fantasy Premier League (FPL) competition, where pupils and staff can compete against one another throughout the football season.

Fantasy Premier League is a free online game in which participants create a virtual team of Premier League players and score points based on those players' real-life performances each week. As well as being great fun, the game encourages strategic thinking, planning, decision-making and friendly competition.

How to Join

SIGN UP

- Download the Fantasy Premier League app (or visit the FPL website).
- Create an account.
- Select "Join a League".
- Enter our school league code: i74zs6.

FPL Lunch Club - Tuesdays in EN7

Alongside the league, we will be running an FPL Lunch Club every Tuesday lunchtime in Mr Owen's classroom (EN7).

The club is an informal opportunity for football fans to discuss the latest Premier League action and share ideas on transfers and team selection, all whilst getting to know other pupils who enjoy football and fantasy sports.

Pupils are welcome to bring their lunch and join the conversation, whether they are experienced FPL managers or completely new to the game.

The focus of the club is on enjoyment, community, strategic thinking and healthy competition, and we hope it will become a fun way for pupils and staff to connect through a shared interest in football.

THINK YOU KNOW PREMIER LEAGUE? PROVE IT.

JOIN OUR FPL LEAGUE!

COMPETE AGAINST YOUR FRIENDS AND STAFF TO WIN THE MOST POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON!

PUPILS vs STAFF
WHO WILL COME OUT ON TOP?

HOW TO JOIN

- 1 **DOWNLOAD** THE OFFICIAL FPL APP
- 2 **SIGN UP** OR LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT
- 3 **SELECT** "JOIN A LEAGUE"
- 4 **ENTER THE LEAGUE CODE:** **i74zs6**

PICK. PLAN. COMPETE.
CAN YOU BE CROWNED OUR FPL CHAMPION?

★ GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY! ★

LOVE FOOTBALL? LOVE FPL? JOIN OUR FPL LUNCH CLUB!

BRING YOUR LUNCH.
TALK FPL. SHARE IDEAS. ENJOY FOOTBALL.

ALL WELCOME!
FPL FANS OF ALL LEVELS

EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

MR OWEN'S CLASSROOM, EN7

A CHANCE TO TALK FOOTBALL WITH FELLOW FANS!

WHAT WE'LL DO

- LIVE UPDATES ON PUPIL AND STAFF TEAMS
- IDEAS ABOUT FREE TRANSFERS
- CHIP USAGE ADVICE
- PLANNING FOR GAMEWEEKS AHEAD

NOT IN THE LEAGUE YET? JOIN HERE! → LEAGUE CODE: i74zs6

PICK. PLAN. COMPETE. TOGETHER.

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YEAR 10 & 11

**PRESTON
COLLEGE**

OPEN EVENTS



Wednesday 30 September 2026 4pm - 7pm

Saturday 7 November 2026 10am - 1pm

Thursday 4 March 2027 4pm - 7pm

www.preston.ac.uk/fe-open-events

SEE FACILITIES MEET STUDENTS & STAFF EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Enrolment 2026

**PRESTON
COLLEGE**

This year, Preston College announced it had seen its highest number of enrolments for over 10 years and a number of courses were oversubscribed.

In light of this, the college has embedded an application deadline of 1st April 2027. Students who uploaded GCSE results past the enrolment deadline this year unfortunately are now currently on waiting lists.

All Construction-based courses, Automotive, Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy and Engineering-based courses are all oversubscribed and students interested in these areas are encouraged to apply early.

The college this year will be investing £4 million into the Construction and Built Environment buildings which will enable the opportunity for growth. Alongside this, there will also be £1 million spent on their Automotive provision.

Prospectuses are expected to arrive in school over the next few weeks and students can pick up a copy in the Bistro.

Open event registration www.preston.ac.uk/september

Myerscough College Course Advice Mornings

Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 21st November

Additional information at

www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/

There's a choice of subjects, covering a wide range of land-based industries (from Agriculture and Equestrian Studies to Motorsports and Veterinary Nursing). There's also a choice of Sports Coaching and Performance routes - across Football, Rugby, Cricket, Golf and Basketball.

There are options at a range of levels within each subject, from bespoke Foundation Learning courses through to Level 3 Diploma suites and dedicated T-Level routes; ideal for progression to university. Plus Apprenticeship opportunities in most subjects!

Information about transport routes, financial support and accommodation is available here: www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/



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Course Advice Mornings



**Saturday 3rd October 2026
Saturday 21st November 2026
Saturday 6th February 2027**

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THE NORTH WEST

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