

Hi Tim,

Chris Plumbley – 1957 to 1962.

I'm sure we have never met, but after talking to Abu regarding the planned visit to Priory Boys, I took a long look at the PBS web page and it's possible I'm one of the pupils in the attached photo (back row, third from left).

I spent much of my working life off the Island, but upon completing GCSE and RSA exams I gained an apprenticeship with Saunders Roe / British Hovercraft. After completing the apprentice scheme I was offered full-time employment at the Test Tanks, where I eventually ran the No 1 test tank. In 1973 left the island with 3 other guys (not ex Priory Boys) in a self equipped transit van to drive to Australia. Arrived in Australia in late '73, eventually worked for a mining company as mechanical engineer.

Returned to the Island in 1982 to eventually move to Aberdeen where I worked for Britoil (merged with BP). After 9 years in Scotland moved South to employment with BG Group with various Project Management roles. Work with BG Group took me on extended assignments to the Russian Artic oil fields and eventually to Kazakhstan where I spent 8 years as Operations Manager in what was then the worlds largest Condensate Oil Field.

Returned to the Island some 11+ years ago when I retired.

Really looking forward to the school visit and hopefully to remember and recognise a few "old" friends.

Best regards,  
Chris

