

Penwortham Priory Post



It's 'GOOD' to Finally Celebrate!

At last, we can celebrate our 'Good' all-round grading from our Ofsted inspection in March.

The week after the inspection, we went into lockdown. Covid-19 meant that everyone at Priory couldn't properly celebrate the grading that staff, pupils and the governors worked so hard for.

Now Headteacher Mr Eastham feels we can finally give ourselves a pat on the back – although he does say there is more to come!

"We didn't get the opportunity to celebrate our Ofsted grading as Covid suddenly took up all our attention and school shut down. Now though we can reflect on what was a significant and great outcome for the school and we can now celebrate with pupils and staff."

The quality of education, behaviour of attitudes, personal development and leadership and management were all marked as good, meaning the school has an overall Ofsted grading of 'Good.'

Mr Eastham continued: "What we are especially proud of is that we are at the top end of 'Good.' That's really encouraging for us but we are not going to stop there, we won't get complacent, we will push on to be even better."

Of the report Mr Eastham said: "I am proud to be the headteacher of a firmly good school in all areas of the inspection framework. I am very pleased that inspectors recognised that our pupils are typically happy and feel safe at school. They saw

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Diary Dates

Key Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the new academic year, as well as the following year, are available to view and download from our website?

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

After School Homework Club

Now open 3.10pm-4pm

Year 7 - Mon

Year 8 - Tues

Year 9 & 10 - Thurs

5, 12, 19 Oct

Year 7 Hockey Club

Dates for other year groups to follow.

Fri, 9 Oct

Year 7 Design English

Reward Postcard deadline

Half Term

Mon, 26 Oct to Fri, 30 Oct

Learning for Life Day 2

Mon, 9 Nov

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

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pupils behaving sensibly in lessons and around the school, they said pupils are polite and considerate towards others and that pupils get on well with each other and their teachers.

"I am equally pleased that inspectors recognised our pupil's 'wider personal development', their Character development, as being very important to us as a school too, as well as their academic progress.

"We all remain firmly committed, as always, to providing a quality education for every one of our pupils, and whilst remaining caring, we will continue to be progressive with high academic standards, to ensure we continue being a firmly good school where individual pupils learn to succeed.

"Of course, we will not be complacent following this positive inspection, with Priory continuing to be 'a rapidly improving school' as we move forward from here."

In their report the Ofsted inspectors stated: "Penwortham Priory Academy is a rapidly improving school. Pupils are typically happy and feel safe. We saw pupils behaving sensibly in lessons and around the school.

"Pupils are now learning more than in the past. This is because of the widespread improvements that have been made to the quality of education. Leaders have made sure that the curriculum is ambitious for all pupils, including those with SEND and those who are disadvantaged. This is helping to transform the learning of these pupils.

"Leaders think that pupils' wider personal development is very important. They have planned opportunities carefully to help pupils become healthy, responsible and moral citizens.

Leaders have skilfully overseen the improvements made. The staff are extremely motivated and keen to improve the school further."



Congratulations Mrs Saunders!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of baby Saunders.

ICT & Computer Science teacher, Mrs Saunders, delivered baby Charlie Joel safely into the world on Wednesday morning, 30 September, weighing 10lbs 4oz. Both are well.

Many congratulations from the Priory family.



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We had a special visitor today...

It was too late to publish a full article before this newsletter went to press, however Drama Teacher Miss Howell would be disappointed not to see something of today's excitement in print today.

West End star, **Layton Williams**, spent the day at Priory delivering drama and dance workshops to Year 9, 10 & 11 pupils. The sessions were live streamed from the Assembly Hall to Year 8 who were eagerly watching in the Auditorio. After requisite interviews and photography, Layton toured the school to say a socially distanced 'hello' to the pupils he hadn't yet met in person.

The visit was arranged by Miss Howell last month after Layton got in touch. Priory's drama teacher had taken a group of pupils to London to see him star in, 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'. The pupils were due to attend a workshop with Layton and two other cast members before watching the West End performance but unfortunately things didn't go to plan. So fast-forward almost a year later and, due to a lockdown in theatre land, the workshop is back on - in Penwortham!



Interview and warm up before getting straight into the dance workshop with Year 10.



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In memory of...

Daniel Appleby

Class of 2002



The family of Daniel Appleby have brought in this year's plaque which will be presented to a pupil for friendship and kindness.

It's been awarded every year since Daniel died in 2017, following a brain haemorrhage linked with diabetes, which he had since he was 11 years old. He attended Priory from 1997-2002.

His dad Mick, mum Julie along with brother Richard, who also attended Priory, came into school. There is also sister Lucy who attended Priory.

Julie said: "We want Daniel to be remembered in places that were close to him and Priory was one.

"He loved school, his illness meant he couldn't always be there but he got a lot from his friends staying in touch with him while he was at home.

"He was inspirational every day, he worked so hard and, while he didn't leave with fantastic qualifications, he left with a work ethic which helped him become an apprentice electrician.



"We present this award every year and it's not for academic success, it's for a pupil who has not let anything hold them back, like Daniel didn't.

"It's for someone who is an inspiration, who gets on with things no matter what they are experiencing in their lives."

Geography teacher, Mr Watters, who taught Daniel, will help to select the pupil who will win this year's award.

He said: "Dan Appleby was one of our most friendly, positive pupils, the life and soul of his year group. He was most popular with peers and staff alike as he was always there to ask if anyone needed help."

"Dan came away to Belgium on one of the many combined Football and WW1 History tours. He was voted 'tourist of the tour' by the whole group, typical of how we all felt about Dan.

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"The Appleby family have remained great friends of Priory. When we were messaged about his passing there were many tears in the staff room. Dan's family have held a number of events to help raise money in his memory. Priory has hosted a very successful family sports challenge day where many of his school pals joined to run and fall over the many varied obstacles.

"The new plaque will be awarded annually to recognise the leaving Year 11 who has promoted the same warmth of positive friendship that Dan did throughout his years at Priory. Dan will always be part of our Priory family. We thank the family for their continued kindness to Priory."

"On a personal note, if we all strive to add one act of kindness every day, we will all keep the memory of Dan Appleby alive every day."

Ed Duckworth Class of 2012



Ed was the 4th official at last night's televised Women's FA Cup semi final match.

Originally due to be played at Wembley earlier in the year, Ed officiated the ladies second semi final match between Manchester City and Arsenal.

Ed's youngest sibling Freya is currently in Year 11, with older sister Rebecca leaving in 2017 and plays for Lancashire ladies cricket team.

The final will be played on Sun, 1 November live on BBC One when both City and Everton will bid to add to their two previous cup triumphs.

Assistant Head & PE Teacher, Mr Gee said:

"We're really proud of Ed. I remember when Priory were playing Lostock Hall High School and we hadn't got a ref. Ed was in Year 11 at the time so he refereed the game, sent off one of his mates and gave Lostock Hall a penalty! We still remind him of that now but he insists to this day it was the right decision. We can't wait to see him refereeing at Football League level."



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We're Recruiting!

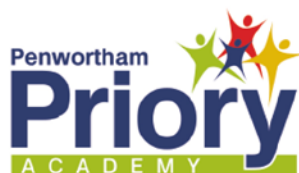
Welfare Assistants

Due to increasing pupil numbers, the school is looking to take on additional Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Cookson, HR & Finance Officer, by post or email, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

Enquiries and applications to j.cookson@priors.lancs.sch.uk

Full details can be found on the school website at >>
www.priors.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies



Welfare Assistants

We are seeking two Welfare Assistants to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	5 hours per week* 1pm to 2pm (occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)
Pay	Grade 1 pt 1 Gross salary £17,842 per annum Pro-rata £2,703



Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidates may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Cookson, Finance & HR Officer for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Cookson, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

j.cookson@priors.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320270 | Crow Hills Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0JE
or visit our website at www.priors.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies

*plus additional hours for staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.

HOMEWORK CLUB

The Learning Support Team can offer help with homework/revision and provide computer access in the rooms after school
3.10pm - 4pm



After School Homework Club

Year 7 - Hex 1 on **Monday**

Year 8 - IELC on **Tuesday**

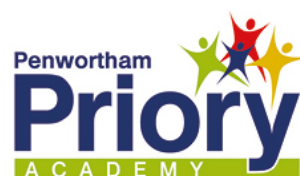
Year 9 - SC6 on **Thursday**

Year 10 - LEAP 2 on **Thursday**

All pupils welcome - just turn up!

**From 3.10pm
until 4pm**

Starts w/c 21 September



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English

Year 11 English Interventions

These additional classes are held on Thursdays after school until approx 4pm.

Pupils should see their English teacher first although may simply turn up for the session if they wish. For some pupils these interventions will be compulsory if their teacher feels they are struggling with that area of study. Maximum number of pupils is 25 per class.

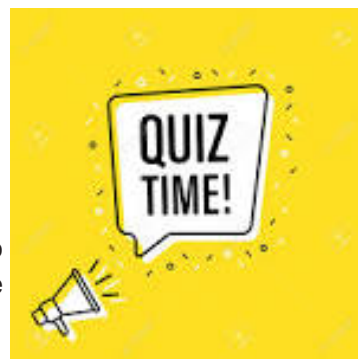
Week	Teacher / Room	Poem
8 October	Mrs Webster EN1	War photographer
	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN4	War photographer
	Mrs Gidden EN3	Remains
15 October	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN2	Ozymandias
	Mrs Webster EN1	Poppies
22 October	Mr Owen EN4	My Last Duchess
	Mrs Gidden EN3	Poppies
	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN2	Ozymandias
5 November	Miss Smith EN1	My Last Duchess
	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN2	London
12 November	Miss Thornton EN4	Storm on the Island
	Miss Smith EN1	Storm on the Island
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Bayonet Charge
19 November	Miss Thornton TBC	Bayonet Charge
	Mrs Elliott	Exposure
26 November	Mrs Gidden EN3	Exposure
	Mrs Webster EN1	Charge of the Light Brigade
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Charge of the Light Brigade

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The Weekly Challenge

These short general knowledge quizzes are set fortnightly as part of Friday's Learning for Life lesson.

Pupils in Year 7-10 are given this as a homework assignment, via MS Teams, to revise for the test at the end of the week. The content of these quizzes will enhance learning across all subjects and widen Year 2 vocabulary.



Here's today's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

1. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
2. Draw a diagram showing the organisation of particles in a solid, a liquid and a gas.
3. How do you find the median?
4. Mo Farah, Olympic Gold medal winner, is famous in which sport?
5. Our Queen, Elizabeth II, came to the throne on what date?
6. Who invented the World Wide Web and when was that?
7. How do you write 'the children' in French?
8. What does 'ingest' mean?
9. Choose and rewrite the correct spelling of the word that means 'without doubt'. Definitely, Definitely, Definateley.
10. What is an algorithm in computing?

Answers on page 9

Word of the Week

Every week teachers will introduce a new word to pupils in their Learning For Life 'Challenge Day' lesson.

Teachers will clearly explain the literacy tip of the week and will reference the Word of the Week in their lessons. Pupils will be challenged about them in curriculum time. Achievement points are awarded for correct use of Word of the Week.

Pupils: Make sure you have checked through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy tip correctly.

Word of the Week:

Construct

Verb
1. To build something – *I constructed my IKEA furniture*
Noun
1. An idea

from Latin *construct*- 'heaped together, built'

Literacy tip of the week...

Prepositions

Prepositions tell us where something is or when it happened (or is happening) – look at the second part of the word **preposition** (the position of something).

e.g. below, above, beyond, next week, tomorrow...

Can you think of five prepositions?

Use prepositions to start your sentences! They are a really engaging way to catch your reader.

Below the horizon, there is a huge mountain...

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

A **synonym** is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word.

So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'

TASK:

Find synonyms for the word:

Looked

Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!

We're very proud of you!

Just a quick note to say that we have been really impressed with:

I am pleased to tell you:

Shared by:

Keep up the good work!

Head of Year

Postcode

Achievement Recognition

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Year 7: Would you like the chance to have your design put in print as the new English reward postcard?

Year 7 are being set the creative challenge of designing a reward postcard for the English department. The winning design will be printed in order to recognise our English superstars.

Here's what you need to know:

- Pupils should create an original English-related design.
- Artwork can be submitted in any 'A' format ie, A3, A4, A5 or A6 but must be a landscape design.
- Text should be clear to read, preferably in black ink.
- Entries should be returned to their English teacher by Fri, 9 October.
- Make sure your name and English class are written on the back.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS
or give us a call on 01772 532109

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2020

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

HAVE YOUR SAY

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 and search 'School Admission Policies'.

Lancashire County Council

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

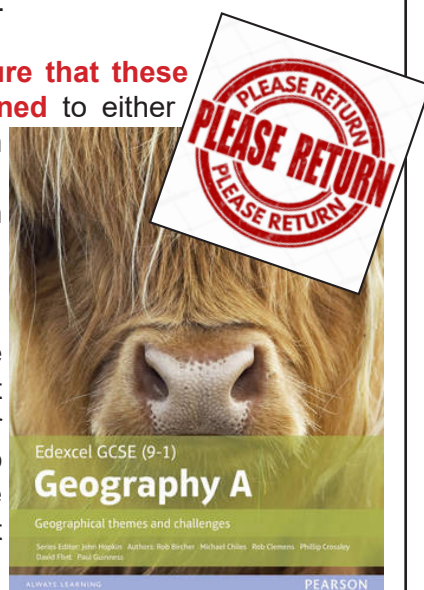


Attention Year 11 Geography Pupils

We hope you found the use of the Edexcel A text book a great support during lockdown.

Please could you now ensure that these GCSE text books are returned to either Mr Watters or Mr Metcalfe in your next Geography lesson. All students were issued with a text book before lockdown commenced.

If you think you have lost the book, then please contact your Geography teacher immediately as we need to sign all books back in. There may be a charge for lost text books.



Answers to this week's Friday Challenge.

- Leonardo da Vinci
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/z2wmxnb/revision/4>
- Place the numbers you are given in value order and find the middle number
- Long distance running.
- 6th February 1952
- Sir Tim Berners-Lee invented it in the 1980s
- Les enfants
- Take food, drink or another substance, into the body by swallowing it or absorbing it
- Definitely.
- A set of instructions or rules given to a computer to make it calculate an answer to a problem.

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**Year 7 Physical Education Department
Extra-Curricular Timetable
(28th September - 23rd October 2020)**

**SPORTS
REPORT**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break – 10.50-11.15	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)
Lunch – 13.15 – 13.50	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)	Netball/ Football (MUGA)
After-School 15.00 – 16.15	Mixed Hockey (3G)	Mixed Football (3G) Mixed Dance (Gym)- starts 6 th October	Staff Meeting	Girls Netball (MUGA)	

MARTIAL ARTS

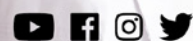
Every Monday at Priory Academy

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£5 per class

Juniors, 6-7pm (5-12yrs)
Seniors, 7.15-8.15pm (12yrs+)

We teach traditional **Japanese Ju Jitsu**, which is the martial art of self defence. Ju Jitsu classes instil teamwork, promote self confidence, encourage discipline and are most of all, fun!

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0800 688 9963 or nicky@ensomartialarts.co.uk



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Myerscough College Virtual Open Day

The next advice morning will run as a virtual event on, Saturday, 10 October.

www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on

The format of the Advice Mornings on Sat, 7 November and Sat, 5 December are to be confirmed. The college is considering if it can hold events physically at the campus. The college is also running pre-booked campus tours over the half term break - please contact Priory's careers adviser, Mrs Khan, if you would like to book on.



Myerscough College

Online Course Advice Morning

10.00am-12.30pm



**Saturday
10th October**

The North West centre for land-based & sports education

www.myerscough.ac.uk  @myerscoughcoll  MyerscoughColl



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future.

On the curriculum w/c 5 October

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' Pushing yourself to the limits
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Recognising difference as a good thing
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' How to handle receiving feedback
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Organising 'things' and organising myself
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Organising with clear communication

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**Runshaw College Open Event Thurs,
8 October 3.30pm-7.30pm**

Register at www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

“ Choose a job you love, and you will never
have to work a day in your life. ”

– Confucius

Penwortham Priory's Careers Bulletin

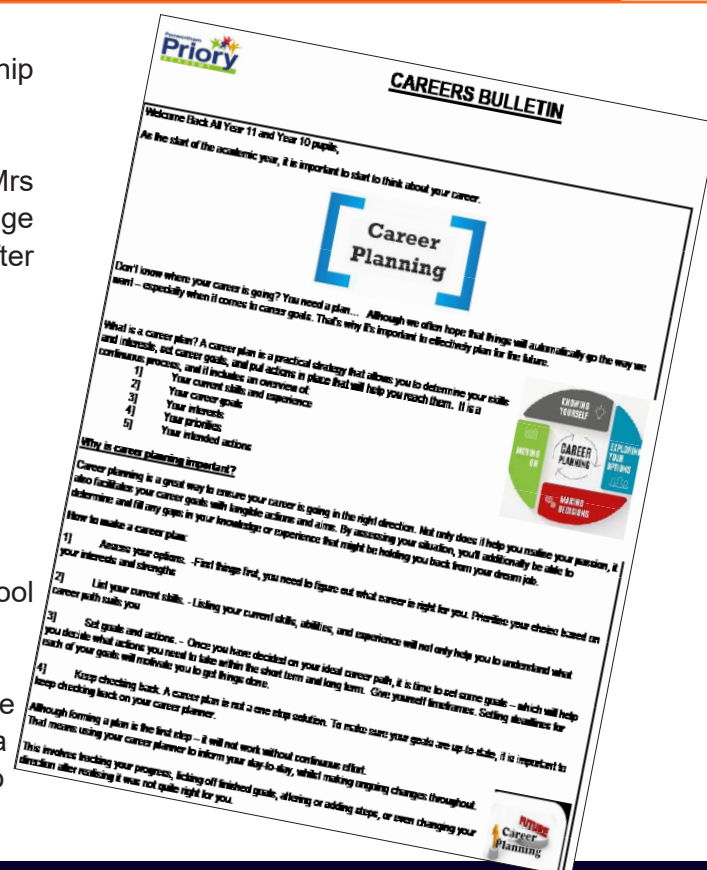
The autumn term's careers bulletin has been sent out this week to all Year 10 and 11 pupils and their parents. Year 11 also received details of local post-16 open events and apprenticeship opportunities.

Put together by Priory's independent Careers Adviser, Mrs Khan, the bulletin is full of useful guidance for Key Stage 4 pupils as they start thinking about their next steps after high school:

- How to make a career plan
- Career planning tools and websites
- College and Sixth Form details
- Apprenticeship providers
- Work experience opportunities

This document can also be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG

The dates that Mrs Khan is in school (mainly Fridays) are also noted in the bulletin. Mrs Khan is contactable via email at s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk or pupils can also request an appointment via their Head of Year.



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Their first virtual Open Event will be taking place on

Saturday, 10 October
10am -1pm

**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

To be kept informed of how the event will run, register on their website at

www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events/

Additional open events:

Sat, 14 November 2020

Sat, 6 February 2021



SCHOOL LEAVER OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 7th October 2020 (Virtual)
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 8th October 2020 (Virtual)
4.00pm - 7.00pm

**REGISTER FOR OUR VIRTUAL
OPEN EVENTS NOW**
preston.ac.uk/virtual-open-event

Saturday 7th November 2020
10.00am - 2.00pm

Thursday 28th January 2021
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th March 2021
4.00 - 7.00pm

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Virtual Open Event

The Headteacher's Speech

This time of year is when we welcome prospective families to experience Penwortham Priory Academy for themselves. The Headteacher's Speech is an integral part of our open events.

As we can't open our doors this year, we have produced a virtual tour and, if you have a spare 10 minutes, you might like to listen to Mr Eastham as he explains why Priory should be the first choice school for your son/daughter.



To view Priory's virtual tour or Headteacher's Speech at your leisure go to >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour. You can also view the Headteacher's Speech here >> <https://youtu.be/BayV6PGrdtk>

We invite prospective families to contact us with your questions either by telephone or by emailing us at enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Children with Additional Needs

Parents of children with additional needs can email SENCo, Mrs Holland, to arrange a 15 minute Zoom meeting to discuss your child's needs and what we can offer for them at Priory. a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Virtual Open Evening

Start your journey at Priory
with our online tour

Sadly, we know that Open Evenings are very unlikely to go ahead this year. So instead, please join Headteacher Mr Eastham as he takes you on a virtual tour of Penwortham Priory Academy.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour



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