

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Everybody's Talking About Layton

The West End came to Penwortham Priory Academy as theatre and TV star Layton Williams hosted an energetic drama and dance workshop for pupils.

The Bad Education actor, from Bury, spent a day at Priory with Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils, all organised by Drama Teacher Miss Howell.

Miss Howell had taken a group of pupils to London last November to see Layton in 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' at the Apollo Theatre. The group were meant to attend a workshop before watching the West End performance but it didn't go to plan – so Layton brought theatre to Priory.

"I never forget anything but I had a really busy week and I forgot the workshop in November, I was on the train," said the 26-year-old.

"I messed up but I did manage to get there and give them something but I wanted to make up for it and so I came here! With the theatres being closed during lockdown I have been delivering workshops and, as I am at my mum's in Bury at the moment, it was easy for me to get here."

Layton wants to inspire the next generation of theatre and television stars and he got the group to do some of the moves from 'Everyone's Talking About Jamie.'

He admitted he got into drama when he was around 11 accidentally.

"I just fell into it really, I did not know what I wanted to do, my cousin was going to drama classes so I went along and loved it.

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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](http://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

### 12, 19 Oct

Year 7 Hockey Club

Dates for other year groups to follow.

### Half Term

Mon, 26 Oct to Fri, 30 Oct

### Christmas Card Design Competition Deadline

Weds, 4 November 2020

### Learning for Life Day 2

Mon, 9 November 2020

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

### Year 9 HPV Vaccinations Catch Up Session

Mon, 16 November 2020

### Year 7 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Mon, 16 November 2020

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## Prem & Priyal Soni Class of 2013 & 2016

Good luck to Prem and Priyal as they open their new jewellery store in Penwortham soon.

It's good to see two of our former pupils demonstrating confidence to set up their own independent business.

We wishing them every success with their new venture.



## Online Catering - Pupil Survey Reminder

**A reminder to all pupils who use the new Online Catering Pre-Order System to complete the survey.** You can find the link for this on Teams or in your school email inbox.

As well as letting us know what you think about the system, you can suggest new lunch and break ideas!

**reminder**



# Year 7 Nasal Flu Vaccination Consent

Parents of Year 7 pupils who would like their child to receive the nasal flu vaccine must complete the consent form online at>>

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=138948&Type=FLU>

The vaccinations will take place in school on Mon, 16 November. The link for online consent will close on Mon, 2 November 2020 at midnight.

If your child has already had the nasal flu vaccine since September 2020 you do not need to do anything.

If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone the Intra Health Immunisation team on 0333 358 3397, option 6.



helps prevent young children getting flu

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"I was creative anyway and this allowed me to channel my craziness into being creative."

"Before each class there was a dance class and I thought 'I can do that' as well and so I did. It was fun and I felt like I had found my place"

He went to the famous Carol Godby Theatre Workshop and then went to an open audition for Billy Elliot with around 4,000 others – and got the part!

"I did Year 7 at school then I left state school and then I went to London, lived in a mansion with others and things have gone from there."

"I was suddenly a star in the West End, then I went into television and then it's grown from there. It's gone so fast as I am doing what I love. It was amazing for me to see my name up in lights on Shaftesbury Avenue."

***"I was on tour but obviously I am not at the moment due to Covid so it's nice to visit schools, have rapport, reach out to people in person and hopefully inspire pupils."***

"I want them to see I am down-to-earth, I am just normal and hopefully they can relate to me."

Pupil Sam thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. The Year 10 said: "I learnt today that dancing is quite cool! I really enjoyed dancing. I came along to see what it was all about and it's been great."

Chanelle said: "The workshop was really good fun, Layton was entertaining."

Kyle said: "I learnt about choreography and I will be practising the moves we learnt. It was inspirational."

Paige added: "It was great learning about choreography and it was interesting hearing about Layton's life."

Miss Howell said: "Having Layton Williams come to Priory has been such an exciting opportunity for us. The Arts is growing every year here and there is a genuine passion for it."

"We study 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' on our Drama curriculum so they couldn't wait to meet the real star of the show. We also took a group of students to watch it in London, last year."

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***“Layton worked his magic, giving students a taste of West End choreography and allowing them a peek at just how hard the industry is; it was nice to see the students taking so much from the opportunity.***

“Layton also gave a very important message to all the students, be yourself and make everything you do count. His charisma was infectious and inspired many students, some students now want to be more involved with the Arts and others have been empowered by it.”

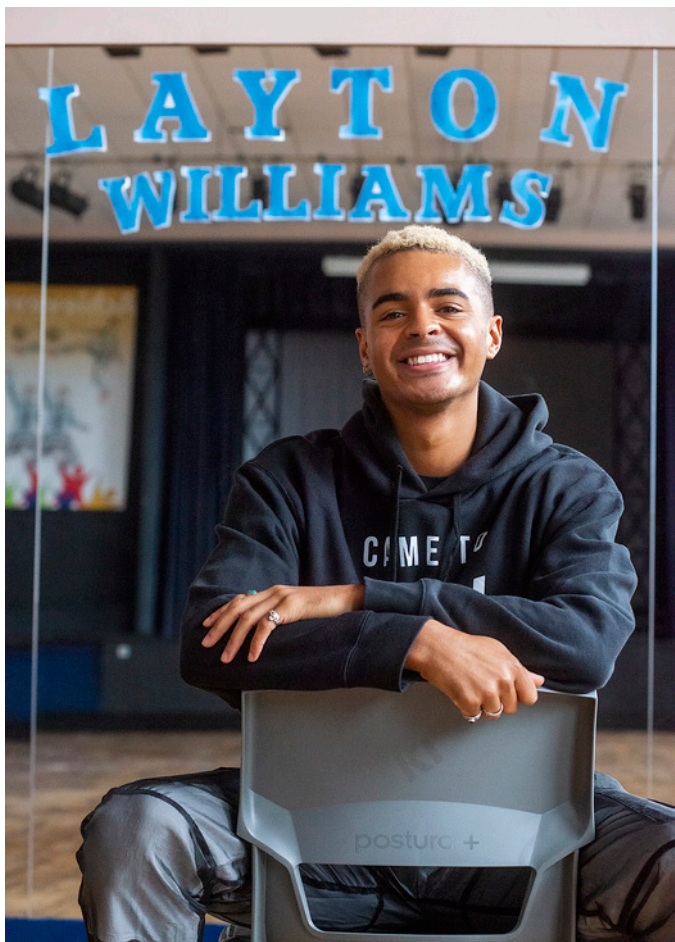
## **The Workshops - What Were They About?**

Layton taught choreography from the songs Work of Art and Don't even know it. It was fast paced, and all students were given a snippet of exactly how fast the industry would expect you to pick it up.

There was intricate footwork as well as arm work.

The students had to understand that not only was the choreography important but that the acting played an extremely important part, as without the acting underpinning it all it was merely just steps without meaning.

When given the opportunity to ask questions, students asked an assortment from 'what it was like to be rejected for roles' to 'how he started his career'. It's essential for the students to experience different industries.



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## Quick Draw Rewards

Each week, teachers will nominate individuals who have particularly impressed them with their effort, attitude and engagement with their learning - giving a brief reason why. Teachers will let all pupils know if they have a nomination. Heads of Year will then draw a name at random from the list, one per year group. The lucky pupils will then be contacted by Miss Thornton to receive their £5 voucher.

Winning pupils have a choice of a £5 Amazon or Love2Shop voucher, both of which can be spent online, or a £5 Costa Coffee voucher.

**Randomly chosen winners from the list of nominees last week were:**

Year 7 - Jake L - Nominated by Mrs Elliott for excellent work in English.

Year 8 - Luke B - Nominated by Mrs Lawe for being very helpful in Technology class.

Year 9 - Fatima H - Nominated by Mrs Qadri for excellent class work in Computing.

Year 10 - Kareem M - Nominated by Mrs Elliott for being a great role model.

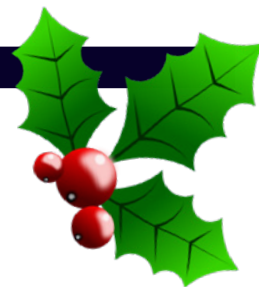
Year 11 - Courtney K-W. Nominated by Mrs Lawe for having a good work ethic in Engineering.



Miss Thornton  
English Teacher and Specialist Leader for Education

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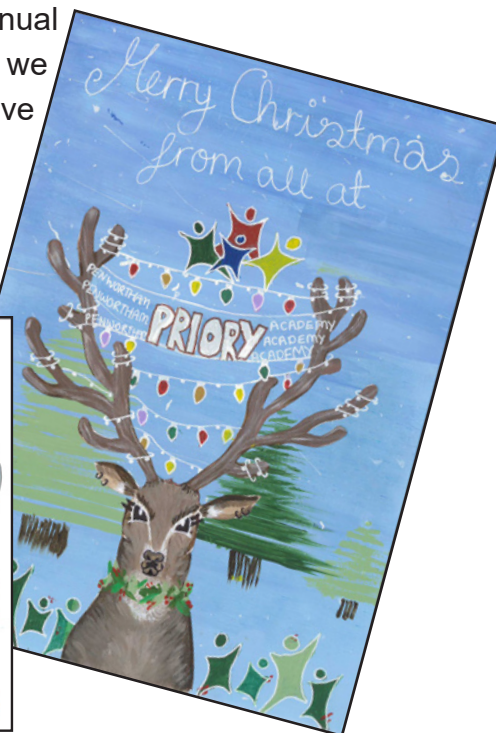
# It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas!



Sorry, but we need to get the (snow)ball rolling with this one. Our annual Christmas card design competition is now open for entries. This is one we all can get involved with and each year we see some amazing creative artwork.

Jack W (now in Year 9) was our winner last year and his artwork was professionally printed for our Christmas card which was sent out to notable people around the county.

The brief is below but if you have any questions, you can contact Art teacher, Mrs Hopes [t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or Mrs Yates, Comms Supervisor, [j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk).



## COMPETITION Design The School's Christmas Card

Deadline: Weds, 4 November



## The Brief:

### Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2020

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised and win an Amazon voucher:

- Submit an original design **by Weds, 4 November 2020.**
- Designs must be an original **winter or Christmas-themed** painting or drawing **and incorporate a connection to Priory.** Alternatively, you may like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3 and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries must be put in a plastic poly-pocket/bag and dropped off with your Period 1 teacher. Make sure your name and form is on the back! Photos can be emailed to Mrs Yates, Communications Supervisor, at [j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

**The overall winner will receive a £15 Amazon voucher and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 300 people across the county.**

Runners up will receive a £10 and £5 Amazon voucher and we will award achievement points to all entrants who have demonstrated effort.



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# Year 10 & 11 Revision Guides and Set Texts To Buy



# English

Letters have been circulated to pupils this week regarding the option to purchase English revision guides through school. A letter with information for Year 11 and Year 10 English Literature set texts was also included.

These letters are also available to download from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). Please note that all payments must now be made via SCOPay as we can no longer accept cash.



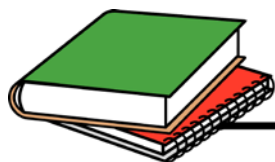
## Year 11 English Interventions

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
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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# English



## Brilliant Beginnings for Year 7 Pupils

Over the last four weeks English teachers have been getting to know our Year 7s.

The teachers were asked to **nominate** those pupils who have really stood out for their **enthusiasm, resilience and hard work**.

If you were nominated...well done! You're a star.

The following pupils have 'begun brilliantly' in English.

P Marsh  
M Bristow  
A-M Higgins  
D McCall  
T Moorby  
M Grimwood  
L Howarth  
A Marshall

O Edwards  
S Ikponmwemhi  
T Reed  
P Aubrey-Williams  
R Edmonds  
J Fitzsimmons  
J Leach  
I Harrington

A Clark  
T Carmody  
K Wright  
C Potts  
A Pinder  
R Coldham  
S Tolley  
K Smith

A Dewhurst  
K Chauhan  
J Bradbury  
J Whitehead  
J Laidlow



Nominated pupils will receive a certificate. Well done again for your excellent work ethic and attitude so far at Priory.

The English department remains committed to rewarding its pupils - more chances to win soon!

Mrs Gidden - Head of English



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 12 October

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' An introduction to 'My Life'.
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Structure of a debate.
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Difference - Managing and leading.
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' From set backs to success.
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental health part 1.

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# IT'S OKAY

- \* TO MAKE MISTAKES
- \* TO HAVE BAD DAYS
- \* TO BE LESS THAN PERFECT
- \* TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU
- \* TO BE YOURSELF.

**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](http://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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'School Admission Policies'.

**Lancashire**  
County Council
 

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

# Word THE of the Week

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

## Word of the Week:

### Commitment

**Noun**

1. an agreement or pledge to do something in the future - a *commitment* to improve conditions at the prison
2. the state or an instance of being obligated or emotionally *impelled* ~a *commitment* to a cause

Borrowed from Latin *committere* - to bring together, join, compare

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.

## Literacy tip of the week...

### Semi-colons

It can link two complete sentences and join them to make one sentence. The semi-colon can be used instead of a connective/conjunction to join the sentences.

Example 1: The door swung open and a masked figure strode in Could become... The door swung open; a masked figure strode in

Example 2: She was very tired because she had worked late the night before. Could become... She was very tired; she had worked late the night before.

So long as the second 'sentence' after the semi-colon links back to the first 'sentence', it is correct.

### Can you put the semi-colons in the right place?

The rabbit had been sadly neglected it was in an awful state.

John opened the drawer it was empty.

The wedding invitations have all been sent out two hundred guests are expected.

## 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:

**Angry**

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

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# Free online courses to raise your confidence and put you ahead of the game

Your  
Game  
Plan

Your Game Plan is a free online short course platform which pupils can use to help them stand out from the crowd whilst gaining certificates for their Record of Achievement. Put together by industry leaders, the courses explore personal skills, employability skills, career confidence, mental well-being and practical advantage.

Pupils can find the registration link and brief Information about this platform on their year group team on MS Teams. If this interests you, you can register and then investigate the courses for yourself:

<https://yourgameplan.co.uk/register/>

The platform also provides lots of careers advice. So, Year 10 & 11 pupils - if you don't know what you want to do in the future - this might help!

<https://yourgameplan.co.uk/courses/>

Examples of courses available include:

- Public speaking
- How to talk to anyone, anytime, anywhere
- Presentation skills
- How to improve your mental health
- Dealing with stress and anxiety
- How to write an effective CV
- Email etiquette
- Negotiation skills
- Interviewing skills
- How to programme your mind for success
- Conflict in the workplace
- Dealing with difficult people and situations
- Constructive feedback
- Assertiveness
- Reducing stress (techniques to relax)
- English grammar - improve your English

Mrs Hopes - Head of  
Learning for Life

## YOURGAMEPLAN: FREE ONLINE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS COURSES

Your  
Game  
Plan

YourGamePlan is a free online learning platform designed to help young people transition from school to the workplace, and widen their understanding of the career opportunities available to them. YourGamePlan's courses are devised to aid students' journeys from career planning, application and interview, and key skills and behaviours which are vital for the workplace. YourGamePlan currently have a total of 27 courses spanning the following categories:

- Career Planning
- Application and Interview
- Introduction to Industries
- Behaviours for the Workplace
- Skills for the Workplace (i.e. Negotiation Skills and Public Speaking)
- Improving your Mental Health and Lifestyle



All of YourGamePlan's course are CPD-certified and each course a student complete will be added to the websites built in CV-builder.

To sign up as a student use the following link:  
<https://yourgameplan.co.uk/for-students/>

For any questions feel free to contact Emma:  
[emma@yourgameplan.co.uk](mailto:emma@yourgameplan.co.uk)

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# Year 11 Parents

A guide to supporting your child to know ...

## What's Next?

This parents' guide provides you with the information you need to help your teenage children make the right choices to create successful futures after GCSE.

The digital booklet is designed to inform, involve and guide parental support. It includes the most up to date information on topics such as apprenticeships, universities and CV and personal statement techniques.

A copy was emailed to parents this week and can be downloaded from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG)



**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@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Full details can be found on the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies](http://www.priory.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@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk) | 01772 320270 | Crow Hills Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0JE  
or visit our website at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies)

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

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# Myerscough College Virtual Open Day

The next advice morning will run as a virtual event **tomorrow, 10 October**.

[www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-october/](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-october/)

Virtual open evenings will also run on **Tues, 20 October** and **Tues, 17 November** 7pm – 8pm. 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.

## Campus Tours

The college's Schools Liaison Team are also holding (subject to ongoing national Covid restrictions) campus tours during the week of half term w/c 26 October. They are giving families the opportunity to book onto slots with the Schools Liaison Co-ordinator throughout the day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This will be on a first come, first served basis and can only accommodate three sets of (one parent and one child) 6 people in total per tour session.



The poster features the Myerscough College logo on the left, which includes a green circle with a yellow border and a stylized plant. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Myerscough College' in a large, dark font, followed by 'Online Course Advice Morning' in a bold, dark font, and '10.00am-12.30pm' in a smaller font. On the right side of the poster is a computer monitor with a red screen displaying 'Saturday 10th October' in white text. Below the monitor, the text 'The North West centre for land-based & sports education' is written in a dark font. At the bottom of the poster, the website 'www.myerscough.ac.uk' is listed next to a Twitter icon and the handle '@myerscoughcoll', followed by a Facebook icon and the name 'MyerscoughColl'.

**If you wish to book a campus tour**, please email Priory's careers adviser, Mrs Khan [s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk), or pupils can speak with their Head of Year, Mrs Eastham [v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch.uk). Time slots are for 10am-11am | 11.30am-12.30pm | 1.30pm-2.30pm. Please advise your preferred dates/times.



## Saturday, 10 October 10am - 1pm

Reminder for those that have already booked on to the college's first Open Event of the year. Please note, the registration deadline has now passed.

To be kept informed of future events, register on their website at

[www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events/](http://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events/)

Future open events:

Sat, 14 November 2020

Sat, 6 February 2021



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# Virtual Open Event

## The Pupils - In their own words

This time of year is when we welcome prospective families to experience Penwortham Priory Academy for themselves. A guided tour with our prefects enables you to meet pupils as you journey through all the departments. This, along with our Head Prefects' speeches, plays a big part in aiding high school choices.

As we can't open our doors this year, Head Prefects Louis, Tilly, Lillie and Tom, have recorded their personal message explaining why Priory was their first choice school and what we have to offer. You can view this here <https://youtu.be/iEPDw7VpwuU>

If you would like to watch our virtual tour, have a look into our lessons or watch the Headteacher's speech at your leisure, go to >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour).

We invite prospective families to contact us with your questions either by telephone or by emailing us at [enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk). Parents of children with additional needs may like to contact SENCo, Mrs Holland, to discuss your child's needs and what we can offer for them at Priory. [a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto: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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour)



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