

Penwortham Priory Post



Languages Department is Buzzing about Spelling

Year 7 pupils are extending their French vocabulary thanks to a Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Spelling Bee national competition.

The organisers of the MFL Spelling Bee competition have selected 200 words which are the most frequently used and important words in the French language. According to research, a vocabulary of 2000 words is vital for MFL proficiency and accuracy in spelling is equally important as there is emphasis on this in the new GCSE exams.

The first stage of the competition was completed before Christmas with the top three from each class going through to the second stage to be held in school before February half-term.

Finley is one of the pupils who is through to the second stage and said the competition had helped him: "It has helped me learn new French words that I could use if I was in France, it's increased my vocabulary."

Josh said: "If I go abroad, it will help me talk to people and help them understand me if I need help. I have enjoyed learning new words."

Sehr said: "This has exposed me to a new culture and different words and people and how they speak. I have learnt a lot of new vocabulary. I am competitive so I enjoy competitions. I want to go to France and work so this is important to me."

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

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

Mon, 31 January

Year 11 Preston College interviews (in school)

Weds, 2 February

Year 9 DTP & Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations

Year 9 Options & Parents Evening 4pm-8pm

Fri, 4 Feb, Mon, 7 Feb & Tues, 8 Feb

GCSE Geography Field Trips (previously postponed)

Mon, 7 Feb & Tues, 8 Feb

Year 11 National Citizenship Service presentations (in school)

14-18 February

Half term closure

Mon, 28 February

Key Stage 4 English Literature Trip to GCSE Poetry Live, Manchester

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Jessica added: "I would like to work in France as a nanny or teach English to children abroad so this competition has helped me learn a lot more words and it's exciting to go through to the second stage."

Head of MFL Mrs Scully said: "Year 7 have participated really well throughout Stage 1 and engaged brilliantly with 'training' in class and for homework."

"We have some really talented linguists and their recall and knowledge of the French alphabet and required vocabulary is very strong. A huge well done to the winners from each group and good luck for Stage 2."

This was also a school interhouse competition - the winner was Hodder, with Ribble not far behind in second place, followed by Douglas and Calder.

Mrs Scully
Head of Languages

Well done: Junaid Q, Richard J, Sehr A, Josh B, Jessica D, Alan K, Alexa G, Taylor K, Felix D, Finley K, Jad H, Hannah N, Jess L, Jamal C.



The Headteacher's Log Book - *How things have changed!*



Not quite the 'Captain's log' but back in the day the Headteacher at the time, Mr Sumners, kept a journal to record the day's key events. We have recently discovered some of these beautifully scribed logs in our archives and our resident historian, History teacher Mr Eccles, has revelled in them to find 'picks' which we will find amusing to read today. How things have changed!



Wednesday, 28th January 1953:

There was a meeting in my room about school uniform. It was decided to choose Royal Blue and Yellow as school colours and the uniform to consist of a blue cap, blazer, grey suit or dress. When all items of uniform were settled a letter should be sent to parents asking for their co-operation in providing uniform for the children.

Mr Eccles
Lead Teacher of History

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Mrs Cowell proved that food is fun when she invited Year 7 pupils to join her for the Burns Night-themed Cookery Club on Thursday.

Phoebe, Seth, Junior, Aaron and Wiktoria really got into the spirit of the after-school event as they made traditional Scottish cuisine in commemoration of the famous Celtic poet.

Potato cakes and Cranachan - without the whiskey! - were on the menu although we're not sure how much of it actually made it home!



The next event is on Weds, 9 February for Year 8 pupils (see page 4 for details)

Mrs Cowell

Deputy Head & Food Technology Teacher





Year 9 Parents / Options Evening

Weds, 2 February | 4pm-8pm

Parents/Options Evening will be facilitated using the web-based program where parents will have face-to-face appointments with teachers, virtually.

Log-on at >> <https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk> (This is the same link to book appointment slots and to access the event on the evening)

Full instructions on how to use the software, along with copies of all Options resources can be accessed from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings and www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/year-9-options



All options application forms should be submitted online by Mon, 14 February.



Year 8: Do you love cooking and being creative in the kitchen?

Mrs Cowell will be running her next Creative Cookery workshop for Year 8 pupils on **Wednesday, 9 February** from 3.05pm to 4.30pm where you'll be **making pizza in recognition of National Pizza Day!**

It's free but there are limited places which will be given to the first 12 pupils who contact Mrs Cowell via

Teams Chat. If you've got a slot, please let her know any allergies or dietary requirements in advance, and make sure you have organised your safe travel home.



Did you know...



- The original pizza was a dish created by the Romans out of placenta bread that was covered in various layers of herbs, sauce and cheese.
- The largest pizza was made in Rome, Italy on 13 December 2012. The pizza measured 13,580.28 square feet.
- Kelvin Medina of the Philippines achieved the world record for the fastest time to eat a 12 inch pizza on 12 April 2015. He took only 23.62 seconds to devour it.
- Nobody knows how the word pizza originated: The word 'Pizza' was first documented around 997 AD in Gaeta, Italy. After that the name started to spread to different parts of central and southern Italy.
- The Japanese put mayonnaise on their pizza!
- There is a mathematical theorem named after pizza: It's called the Pizza theorem, it states the equality of two areas that arise when one partitions a disk in a certain way.

PRIORY'S NEXT PRODUCTION:
Dates to be announced soon



Game Over by Mark Wheeler

**A hard-hitting piece of verbatim theatre.
Where real lives are seen, real words are
spoken, and real lives changed.**

GAME OVER is an utterly compelling piece of verbatim theatre with significant contemporary messages to deliver. It educates young people on how to keep safe online and to recognise the signs of grooming and exploitation in an engaging and creative way.

Game Over tells the harrowing true story of teenager Breck Bednar, who was groomed over the internet and brutally murdered on 17th February 2014 by a supposed 'friend' that he met online.

Lead Teacher for Drama, Miss Howell, said:
"Our students are excited to be able to bring a different style of theatre to the community and to be able to send a message that is vitally important in today's society."

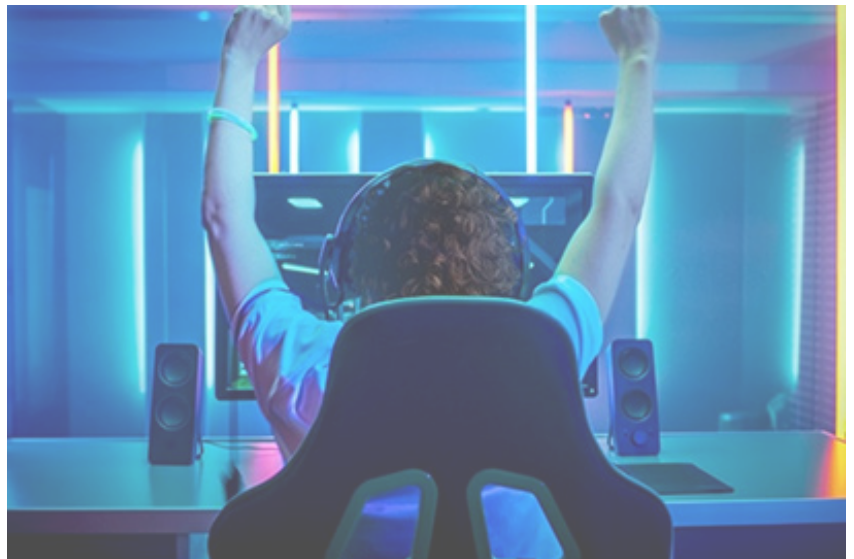
Many of our children spend time online via gaming or social media and it is important as role models that we educate them of the dangers and recognising the signs of grooming."

Who was Breck Bednar and what's his story?

For background on the true story of Game Over, please visit the link below. Please note that this is not suitable for children below the age of 15.

<https://youtu.be/alwl6roEmK0>

Miss Howell
Lead Teacher for Drama



Penwortham Priory Academy

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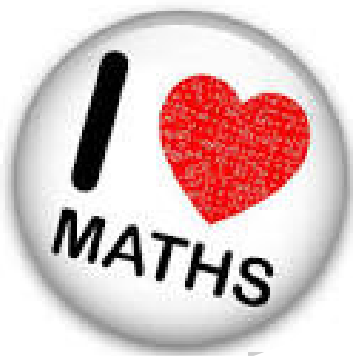
Game Over

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Mark Wheeler

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Assistant Head of Maths Mr Henshaw, along with the Maths Department, ran a competition asking Year 7 pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about the subject. **Pupils were tasked with completing the following sentence, "I love Maths because..."**

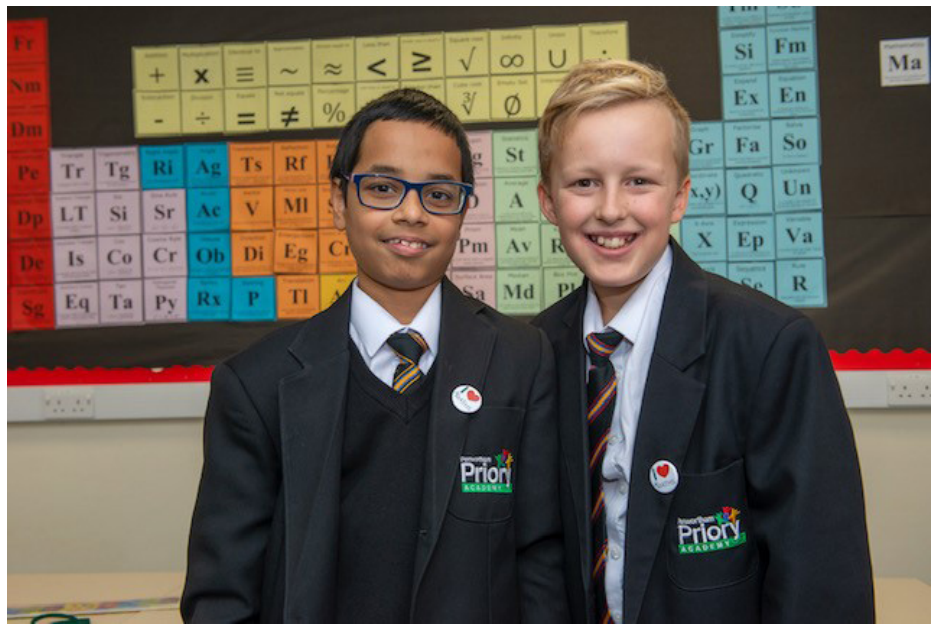
Here's why Yaseen and Eden love Maths:

Yaseen..

I love Maths because it helps me learn new stuff. It's fun when you do starter questions - it helps your brain get back on track. When you get questions wrong on the worksheets, it helps you improve for next time.

Eden...

I love Maths because I think that I am very good and I enjoy it when I get a very difficult question correct. Maths is by far my favourite lesson because although I am very good at it, when I finish the sheet, Mr Scott will give me a very challenging question to take my time on. That is why I LOVE maths.



Following last week's ICT Code Breaking Competition article, we said we'd include some of the pupils' codebreakers in the newsletter over the coming weeks so you can have a go yourself - **Here's a Pig Pen cipher from Emily (Year 8). Answer on page 8.**



A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I
J	K	L
M	N	O
P	Q	R

S
T
U
V

W
X
Y
Z

PIG PEN CYPHER?

Q What are digital natives' favourite puddings.

Q >V H J > / J F O / K Z R F > J L /
 O J > F A O V / E J A E < F F > O /
 F < K K F O J V ?

A L F Z K U L O / J O / F J V F U O F
 F L / F F



Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MABAL is music played through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music.

The focus is on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school, such as the production.

Next week it's all about: *The Music of France*

The country of *égalité, fraternité, liberté*, wine, Citroëns and les gilets jaunes; most of this music is the embodiment of the Gallic shrug.

The history of French music is long and illustrious. France, of course, has long been known for its exquisite taste in cuisine and fashion and is world-famous for its luxury perfumes and for inventing high heels. Likewise, music has always been an integral part of French culture, although the genres of music have changed over the years.



The diversity of French music can be attributed to the fact that it has incorporated sounds and beats from many other countries and people. It is not unusual to hear American, Asian, Latin American, or African influences when you listen to French music.



Early French music was holy tunes from the Roman Catholic Church. It wasn't long before French musicians began to compose ballads and songs about love. The 19th century stands out as the romantic era in French music due to both the songs and the many romantic

theatre shows produced during this period.

By far, the most iconic romantic French singer is the legendary Edith Piaf, whose 1945 ballad, "La vie en rose," won a Grammy Hall of Fame Award in 1998. She became famous as an entertainer in France even before the Second World War, however after the war her music began to spread internationally, in a similar way to Dame Vera Lynn in England.



Future weeks' theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk or contact via Teams.

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

Last week we met up with five of our sporting stars - Oliver, Umar, Phoebe, Martha & Jack - whose dedication and hard slog is getting the results they deserve. Here's Oliver's story...

Oliver is making his mark as a squash player and now wants to share his knowledge!

Year 8 Oliver has been playing squash for a while, getting into it through his brother and playing at first at Penwortham Leisure Centre.

He moved onto Leyland Leisure Centre before he registered with Preston Grasshoppers Squash Club.

"I started to realise I was quite good when I was playing against my dad and I was winning loads of points against him!" said Oliver.

He has since represented Lancashire at Under 13, 14 and 15 level and plays in adult league at Grasshoppers, a ladder league, where he has overcome a lot of players who are older than him, reaching League 6 of their 7 divisions.



"I enjoy squash because it's competitive and fast.

"To play you have to be agile, be good at stretching, be fast and quick-thinking.

"I train three times a week and I play a tournament around every month and I compete on my own and as a member of a team.

"I will be doing some coaching training soon as I enjoy it so much, I want to give something back."

13 year old, Oliver also plays football and enjoys maths, English and French at school.

Code breaker answer: Crumble and Raspberry Pi

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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

They stopped when Covid first hit but now they're back. These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.

Introducing, Jessica...

Jessica has to be an ultra Cool Reader as she has read over two million words since she first came to Priory in September!



That's an amazing 41 books and Year 7 Jessica has set herself a target of 100 books before the end of the school year.

She is currently reading *Second Form at St Clare's* by Enid Blyton, first published in 1944!

"I like Enid Blyton's style of writing, her word choices, and I like reading about boarding school and what everyone got up to. It's really entertaining.

"I also like author Jacqueline Wilson, who created Tracy Beaker.

"I have read over two millions words but I do read every opportunity I get.

"English is my favourite subject and I would like to be an author."

In between her reading, Jessica does find time to do other activities, mainly gymnastics.

"I am a member of South Ribble Gymnastics Club and have been for four years. I go every Thursday for two hours and I like learning new tricks."

Mrs Gidden added, "Jessica's an utter delight and extremely dedicated. I'm sure she'll make a fine writer."

WOW!

Since we met with Jessica for this article, she has contributed massively to her word count, which now stands at 4,933,535 words!

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

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What's the best thing you've learnt this week?

Every week, Miss Thornton, ventures out of the classroom to chat with our pupils and find out what they've really enjoyed the most about their learning this week.

Here's what they said:

Year 10 pupil, speaking about his Drama lesson with Miss Beesley...

"I'm really enjoying the musical we are studying at the moment. It's called 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' and its about a gay 16 year old boy who wants to become a drag queen. I like it because its about wanting to be who you want to be without the judgement of others".

Year 10 pupil, speaking about his Geography lesson with Mr Metcalfe...

"30% of people in Mumbai live in poor quality housing and have a poor quality of life. It's due to urbanisation and then people having to move into the area called Dharavi".

Year 10 speaking about his Learning for Life lesson with Miss Howell...

"I've learnt that if you drink 10 litres of water constantly you would actually drown your insides and damage your body. I also learnt how important fibre is for your body. It was really good to know this because I've been getting fitter going to boxing and the gym and I've lost 3 and half stone".

Two Year 7 pupils speaking about their History lesson with Miss Ackers...

"We've been playing games about the Peasants' Revolt. We have to be peasants and make decisions about what we would do and then you get points or lose points if you make the right or wrong decisions. The Peasants' Revolt started when they didn't want to pay Poll Tax anymore. It was King Richard II who started it because he wanted more money. It was really bad because if you were married both of you had to pay 12 pence each and that was a lot of money."



Miss Thornton
Lead Practitioner for
Teaching & Learning



Year 7, 8 & 9

Creative Arts Rotations

There will be the usual rotation of classes in Art, Drama and Music from Monday, 7 February.

Pupils in Years 7-9 will therefore have lessons and receive homework from their new subject from that date.

The staffing / subjects will be...

Mrs Hopes
E2 / W2 - Art

Miss Howell
E3 / W3 - Drama

Mr Taylor
E1 / W1 - Music

CHARITY & COMMUNITY

As part of our Personal Development of pupils, it is important we develop young people who empathise with others, are kind and think of others who are in need of help and support.



FOR LEARNING FOR LIFE

Fundraising for charities will be a focus in the forthcoming months, with pupils devising fundraising ideas, leading, organising and implementing strategies towards summer donations



Five local charities have been chosen and staff and pupils voted for a top five national charities, suggested by any contributor in the school. These top five local and national charities were entered into a draw and each Head of Year drew out the charities their year group will focus on.

The results were as follows:

Year	Local	National
7	Baby Beat	NSPCC
8	Derian House	Dogs Trust
9	Galloways	Young Minds
10	The Space Centre	Mind
11	St Catherine's Hospice	MacMillan

In the next round of Year Group Council meetings, form representatives will decide on fundraising ideas and start fundraising activities.

Mrs Hopes

Head of Learning for Life

Our first event will be a **Bake Sale on Thursday, 10 February** in each year group area, with the money going to our local charities. Details for parent and pupil bakers will be shared in the next couple of weeks.



Thursday marked **Holocaust Memorial Day**, a day that is commemorated all around the world in memory of those who not only lost their lives during the Holocaust perpetrated by the Nazis, but in genocides since 1945.

27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. Every year on this day Holocaust Memorial Day takes place and challenges hatred and persecution in the world today.

**NEVER FORGET
NEVER AGAIN**

Holocaust Memorial Day
27 January



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

The two videos below were shared with pupils during **Learning for Life** yesterday to inform them of the day's events and why it is important that we learn the lessons of the past.

Video 1 – What is Holocaust Memorial Day?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCYAFWiZfRg>

Video 2 – Holocaust Memorial Day – the big picture

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwjXehls8zs>

Mr Eccles

Lead Teacher of History

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Lancashire
Music Hub



“SHOWSTOPPERS” CHOIR

PRESTON MUSIC CENTRE

FULWOOD ACADEMY, BLACK BULL LANE, PR2 9YR

THURSDAYS 4 – 4.45PM

Singing is a wonderful thing. It makes you smile and feel good!

If you are 11 – 16 years old, why not come along and join us after school on Thursdays. No experience is required. We sing a wide variety of songs – pop, film/tv, musical theatre, acapella and original songs, and perform at Music Centre concerts as well as around Preston.

See: www.lancashiremusic.co.uk/site/make-music/preston-music-centre-2/ for more details or email Nicky Donnelly the choir vocal coach: nwdonnelly@btinternet.com

Alternatively contact the Head of Preston Music Centre, Chris Cull on 07708 296910 christopher.cull@lancashire.gov.uk.



Join the Showstoppers Choir at Preston Music Centre

Thursdays 4pm-4.45pm

If you enjoy singing and want to do more, this is where to come!

Run by professional vocalist, Nicky Donnelly, the choir welcomes allcomers with an exciting mix of pop, rock, film and theatre pieces.

Preston Music Centre meets 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and, as well as Showstopper Choir, offers tuition from specialist teachers for just about every instrument and ensembles for brass, woodwind and strings.

Further information>>

www.lancashiremusic.co.uk/site/make-music/preston-music-centre-2/



Lancashire
Music Hub



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

On the curriculum w/c 31 January

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 15 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

Year 7	Spring Term - Theme: 'Expressing Myself Effectively' What are acts of kindness?
Year 8	Spring Term - Theme: 'Thinking With a Clear Head' Routes to work
Year 9	Spring Term - Theme: 'Adapting my voice' Content and rhetoric
Year 10	Spring Term - Theme: 'Owning my actions' Helping 'them' groups at risk of harm
Year 11	Spring Term - Theme: 'Charting the course' Apprenticeships

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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM VIRTUAL CAREERS INSIGHTS PROGRAMME

A wide range of healthcare professionals will be delivering live sessions each day from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

Join us during February Half-Term break for 3 days of Virtual Careers Insights into Health and Social Care careers.

You can use this opportunity to enhance your CV, ask questions to healthcare professionals and gain insights into the vast array of careers available.

Suitable for 14+

This programme is being delivered virtually

[Register for this event!](#)

Dates:
 Monday 14th February 2022
 Tuesday 15th February 2022
 Wednesday 16th February 2022
 9.00am to 3.30pm

Professions Featured

Orthoptist	Ambulance Service
Pathology	Careers in Social Care
Speech & Language	Podiatry
Pharmacy	Occupational Therapy
Paediatric Physiotherapy	Adult Nursing

And More...

Anyone can register on our platform. We have lots to offer, from virtual work experiences, opportunities, case studies and careers advice. Visit us at www.nhscareersnw.co.uk

These sessions can be put on a UCAS form as work experience!

Follow us on Twitter! @HLSCareers @ELHTCareers @BCTCareers @ApprenticeLSCFT @ELHT_DERI @LancsHealthAcad

This event aims to highlight the different NHS careers and will be hosted virtually during February half term.



Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February 2022
9.00am to 3.30pm

Whatever your skills, qualifications or interests, there is a career for you with the NHS. You could work directly with patients, in hospitals, within an ambulance service, or in the community. Explore the many different opportunities in more than 350 different careers whether you want to work directly with patients or in non-patient facing roles such as digital, IT or engineering.

Pupils will need to sign up to the NHS careers platform in order to gain access to the programme.

Widening Participation
 LIFE Chorley & South Ribble Hospital – The Health Academy
 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Register at >>

<https://nhscareersnw.co.uk/virtual-events/>



Preston College has two upcoming open events:

Mon, 21 Feb 4-7pm (Virtual)

Weds, 9 March 4-7pm (Onsite)

For info and to book>>

www.preston.ac.uk/news-and-events/college-calendar/

YEAR 10 & 11 VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 4-7PM

VISIT WWW.PRESTON.AC.UK



YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENT

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 4-7PM

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