THE PRIORY ACADEMY
LSST

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 Aptitude Assessment 2026

As a specialist Academy for Technology, The Priory Academy LSST will admit up to 24 places, 10% of our cohort, into Year 7 based on an aptitude for technology. Parents who wish to seek a place at the Academy for their child based on aptitude for technology are asked to present their child for an Aptitude Assessment when their child is in Year 6.

Our Aptitude Assessments for Year 6 children will be held on:

- Saturday 26th September 2026 at 9.00am
- Saturday 3rd October 2026 at 9.00am

The same assessment will be available on both Saturdays, so you will only need to attend **one** assessment. The focus of the assessment is technology-related, non-verbal reasoning and spatial awareness questions. The assessment lasts one hour and cannot be taken more than once.

The assessment will take place in the New Hall which will be signposted from the parking area accessible only from our Cross O'Cliff Hill entrance (What3words: https://w3w.co/garlic.ecologist.hiking). **Please do not use the entrance from Newark Road as you will not be able to enter the site**.

The aptitude places should be considered as one possible route into the Academy. Only 24 of our 240 places are offered in this way, so it is not the only route to successfully gaining a place.

If you would like your child to complete the Aptitude Assessment, please complete the online application form by **Friday 18th September 2026.** We are only able to accommodate 240 children each morning and this will be based on a first come, first served basis. The link to the application form can be found on the Admissions section of our website, which can be accessed here.

If your child is unable to attend either of the dates, is unwell or unable to attend on the day of the test, please contact the Academy in order to make alternative arrangements.

Please see a list of Frequently Asked Questions and answers below which provides additional information about the process. If you wish to discuss any of the details regarding the Aptitude Assessment, please contact Mrs A Thatcher or Mrs J Staniland on 01522 889977 or attend our Open Evening on Thursday 1st October 2026, 6pm-8pm.

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We would stress that this process does not constitute an application to the Academy and parents/carers must also complete a Common Application Form from the Local Authority in the county in which they live. Full details of our Admissions Policy are published on the Academy's website and in the Going to Secondary School in Lincolnshire online booklet.

Refreshments and breakfast will be available in the Sixth Form Common Room for parents/carers who wish to wait for their children taking the Assessment. Payment is by card only, please.

We look forward to receiving your application and meeting you on one of the assessment dates.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Thatcher
Senior Leader – Admissions

Aptitude Assessment
Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I would like my child to take the Aptitude Assessment?
You must complete the online Aptitude Assessment Application Form, the link to which can be found in the attached letter or via our website under School Information: Admissions.

Does my child have to take the Aptitude Assessment?
No. You can apply for an allocated place by completing the Local Authority's Common Application Form, but in that case your application will be considered only for the allocated places and not for one of the 24 aptitude places.

Will the fact that my child does not take the Aptitude Assessment have any bearing on the allocated places?
No. Allocated places are given using the Academy's published Admissions Arrangements.

If I apply for an allocated place and am not successful, can my child then take the Aptitude Assessment?
No. If you wish to apply for a place based on aptitude, you must take one of the assessment opportunities at one of the stated or mutually agreed times, prior to 31st October.

Will the result of the Aptitude Assessment be made available to parents/carers?
Parents/carers will be notified by email, before October half-term 2026, whether their child has met the minimum standard for consideration for an aptitude place. However, this is not an indication of whether or not your child has a place.

What does the Minimum Standard mean?
The Academy is required to set a minimum standard that must be reached before a child's score can be considered for an aptitude place.

Will I be able to see my child's completed test paper?
No, it is not possible to release test papers. The Academy is required to protect the security of the test, the integrity of the process and future fairness.

If I apply for a place based on aptitude, do I still have to fill in the LA's Common Application Form?
Yes. You must complete the LA's Common Application Form. Taking the Aptitude Assessment is not in itself an application.

When will I know whether my application has been successful?
The Local Authority will contact all parents/carers to offer school places on 1st March 2027. Communication from The Priory Academy LSST will follow.

What happens if my child is unsuccessful in gaining a place either by allocation or the Aptitude Assessment route?
You may appeal directly to an Independent Appeal Panel. The details of how to appeal will be sent to you from The Priory Academy LSST in March and the Appeal hearings will be held in May.

What if the published Aptitude Assessment dates are not suitable?
Please contact the Academy to make alternative arrangements.

What if my child is injured or unwell on the date of the Aptitude Assessment?
Do not start the assessment. Please contact the Academy to make alternative arrangements.

What form does the Aptitude Assessment take?
The Aptitude Assessment paper will last approximately one hour. The paper will test for an aptitude in technology. No preparation is required prior to taking the assessment.

Does my child need to bring anything with them?
We would advise that a small bottle of water with a sports cap is taken into the test, but this is not essential. All equipment will be provided.

Does my child need to wear their primary school uniform?
No – please wear something in which they feel comfortable.