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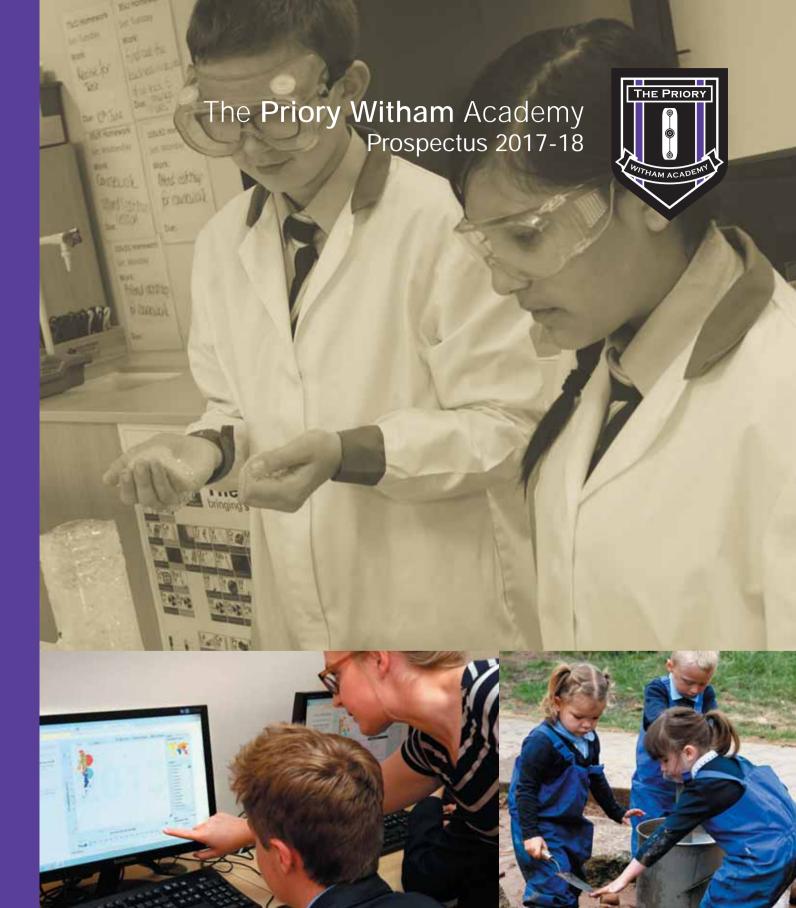
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Welcome to The Priory Witham Academy

We are delighted to welcome you to The Priory Witham Academy where we have excellent educational opportunities for all of our children.

Pupils and families will be impressed by our positive, inclusive and enriched environment for learning and our drive to promote excellence and enjoyment. We have clear and demanding expectations for everyone and our aim is to promote the highest standards of teaching and learning. The Academy has a team of talented and caring staff who are committed to the values and ethos of The Priory Federation.

Each individual is an important part of our family, a family that works together for the benefit of all. We work hard to promote high self-esteem in all individuals, together with a sense of responsibility and community. We expect continuous progress and achievement. We celebrate and value success.

We believe that the most important skills to offer a child are to read, to write and to be numerate. During our teaching we are constantly questioning and evaluating what our pupils accomplish to enable us to build on their strengths and further development. A variety of teaching methods are used involving teaching the whole class, the small group and the individual. We aim to provide your child with continuity, consistency and progression.

We do our very best for every child and young person. We expect our pupils to do their very best and we welcome your help and support in meeting this objective.

Mr A Madge Headteacher







The learning experience

As an all-through Academy, pupils will benefit from a continuous educational experience. The Priory Witham Academy provides stimulating environments to give all pupils and young people the chance of an excellent education. The Academy allows them to build on their learning success, year on year.

At our Family Centre, strong partnerships continue to be forged with the many different key agencies that work alongside the Academy. Services include child and family health, integrated early education and childcare support to help parents into work.

The curriculum consists of National Curriculum and many other important areas of learning including Personal, Social, Health, Moral, and Religious Education. The Priory Witham Academy specialises in Business and Enterprise and Performing Arts.

The focus on Business and Enterprise is designed to further inspire and motivate pupils as they discover the link between learning and future work opportunities.

Working closely with a range of local and national arts and media organisations, we are using state-of-the-art facilities to create work of a high professional standard. We are passionate about creating a culture where the Performing Arts develop the creative and communication skills used in the media and the Arts. Working in partnership with other local schools and groups, we maximise the use of our Performing Arts facilities for the benefit of all pupils and the wider community.

The curriculum for all pupils is broad and enriching. Learning is carefully planned to ensure that progress is made as pupils move through the Academy. Teachers of the individual year groups plan together to ensure a consistent approach.

Pupils follow a personalised curriculum that is the most appropriate for their needs. They progress through all the key stages, completing assessments and qualifications at the appropriate stage. Many go on to study in the Sixth Form.

Being part of the Priory Federation of Academies allows our pupils unsurpassed access to a wide range of A level and vocational courses. The academies work closely together to provide increased flexibility and maximum opportunity for post-16 study.





Working with parents and carers

We expect that parents who choose The Priory Witham Academy will be committed to supporting both pupils and staff in the educational experience.

We aim to involve parents as fully as possible in the education of their children, recognising that their knowledge of, and unique relationship with, their child is invaluable. Opportunities to become involved are many and varied.

We value the close links developed with the families of all our pupils. The work of the Lead Practitioners and Year Directors is fundamental to the success of this policy.

Module Grade Reports are sent home to parents and carers throughout the year to provide important information on the progress that pupils are making. We review the grades of every pupil to ensure that they continue on course to achieve the best possible results. If we feel that this is not happening, we will intervene; and when pupils are working well, we will always celebrate their achievements.



Personal development

Priory Witham Academy pupils develop personal skills that enable them to be successful throughout their lives. Many pupils take up positions of responsibility including membership of the Student Leadership Team, Academy Council and the Prefect Team.

Our pupils are able to achieve an understanding of the rich variety of cultures within and beyond the Academy through a well planned cultural programme.

Our specialist facilities give pupils the opportunity to participate in a wide range of pursuits both within and outside the curriculum. We believe that extra-curricular activities are an essential part of the educational experience. Our pupils are, at every phase, strongly encouraged to participate in these activities as part of their broader educational life.







A continuous educational experience

There are increasing numbers of schools and academies across the country that have recognised the benefits of all-through schooling, where children will spend all their education in one setting. Here at The Priory Witham Academy we have fully embraced these opportunities.

From Early Years and Primary through to Sixth Form, our pupils follow a learning journey that nurtures, inspires and challenges, enabling children to move seamlessly through the key stages. Our all-through setting allows us to understand fully the needs of every child, thereby ensuring that they receive the necessary support and guidance to achieve the very best they can.

The youngest members of our diverse and vibrant learning community can be found in our excellent Day-Care Nursery. This facility is for children from six weeks old. Our onsite Family Centre offers a wide range of support and opportunities for parents and families to become involved with Academy life. We welcome the support of our parents and carers and see them as valuable partners in their children's education.

At The Priory Witham Academy, we are extremely fortunate to be able to teach and learn in a remarkable educational setting. We make full use of our outstanding facilities to give all our learners, Primary and Secondary alike, the best opportunities to succeed.

Whichever stage you join us, from daycare through to apprenticeships we offer after Sixth Form, you will engage in an exciting and fulfilling learning journey and become a valued member of The Priory Witham Academy.





