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#### PRIORY FEDERATION OF ACADEMIES TRUST

The Witham Academy is part of The Priory Federation of Academies Trust

The Trust's mission is "To improve the life chances of our students so they become true citizens of the world" through the core values of WISDOM, CURIOSITY, GENEROSITY, COURAGE and PASSION.

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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 are always 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 of Academies Trust.

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. 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.



Mr A Madge Headteacher





## Empowering Intellectual Curiosity

#### Pupils benefit from an inspiring 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.

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.



<sup>66</sup> Pupils are inspired to achieve their full potential through innovative, challenging and enriched learning experiences <sup>99</sup>







#### Innovating, engaging and challenging curriculum

Pupils follow a personalised curriculum that is the most appropriate for their needs.

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. They progress through all the key stages, completing assessments and qualifications at the appropriate stage. Most go on to study in the Sixth Form.





### Championing integrity through valuing success, effort and resilience

We believe that extra-curricular activities are an essential part of the educational experience.



Our specialist facilities give pupils the opportunity to participate in a wide range of pursuits both within and outside the curriculum. Our pupils are, at every phase, strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities as part of their broader educational life. Pupils are able to achieve an understanding of the rich variety of cultures within and beyond the Academy through a well planned cultural programme.



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<sup>66</sup> The Witham Academy inspires and excites pupils to be passionate about learning <sup>99</sup>





#### Improving life chances through continuity, consistency and progress for all

Pupils follow a learning journey that nurtures, inspires and challenges.

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 Early Years Foundation Stage. 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.

Whichever stage you join us, from Early Years 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.



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#### Working with parents and carers

Parents who choose The Priory Witham Academy are committed to supporting pupils and staff in developing a unique educational experience.

We involve parents fully 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.

Communication is maintained throughout the year with parents and carers 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.





# Fostering empathy through mutual respect

The 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 Prefect Team.



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<sup>66</sup> Students are empowered by their sense of responsibility within the Academy community <sup>22</sup>



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