

Batley Grammar School, Kirklees, West Yorkshire.

This is an existing fee-paying school with excellent results, based in an area of West Yorkshire where there is some deprivation. It was established in 1612, and will offer an 'all-through' education, for four to 18 year olds. As a Free School, it can not retain selection of pupils, and its admissions policy will comply with the statutory admissions code.

The school plans to have a specialism in mathematics. No other local secondary school currently has this.

Batley Grammar wants to develop and continue its current model of a multi-cultural, co-educational establishment, with pupils of wide academic ability from diverse social backgrounds. As a Free School, Batley will add more than 300 quality, new places for local children whose parents cannot afford the current fees.

Head teacher Brigid Tullie said:

"As a school which 'fosters self-confidence and self-discipline in individuals who treat each other with respect and courtesy' (ISI, 2010), Batley Grammar School is a strong brand and has firm foundations on which it will build a Free School.

"We will continue to focus on academic excellence and intend to fully maintain the traditional ethos, values and strong discipline, combining these with a contemporary education, fit for purpose in the 21st century."

Notes

Phase

All through school, age 4 -18.

Eventual capacity

700

Opening date

5 September 2011

Permanent school address

Batley Grammar School
Carlinghow Hill
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