



Priestley House Primary Phase

Nurture and Care of the Whole Child

Priestley House, founded in 2000, is the Primary Phase of Batley Grammar School and is named after the 18th century theologian Joseph Priestley – a former pupil of the school and the man credited with discovering oxygen.

We cater for children aged 4 to 11, focusing on an outstanding quality of education for children of all abilities. We provide a caring environment where the emphasis is on hard work, honesty, pride and respect for oneself and for others.

Pupils are stimulated and challenged, expected to be courteous and to have good manners, but above all are made to feel happy and secure.

Our well qualified, dedicated and experienced teaching staff work hard to ensure all children are highly motivated and able to reach their potential in all areas. They are aided in this mission by our small class sizes, which enable us to deliver the invaluable individual attention that every child needs to thrive.

Opportunities in Priestley House

In Priestley House, we offer a wide range of activities outside the classroom. There are clubs in a number of sports including Basketball, Volleyball, Rounders, Lacrosse and Tag Rugby as well as musical activities – especially Singing and the Recorder Group. Pupils can participate in Language, Gardening, Reading and Art and Crafts clubs.

Children are given the chance to go on numerous educational visits, including residential stays. Recent excursions have included a visit to Bamburgh in Northumberland, Stump Cross Caverns, Eden Camp, Saltaire, The Deep in Hull and The Hepworth Gallery. We know that such curricular and extra-curricular experiences create many positive childhood memories for our pupils.

We run Before School Club from 8 a.m. which parents find very helpful (these services incur a charge). An After School Club is run on the school premises by Happy Jays Nursery from 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Parents

We actively encourage parents to be involved in our school and are delighted at the important role they play in Priestley House.

At Batley Grammar School, we are committed to providing continuity of care and education for children and young people aged 4 to 18 in order to maximise their sense of community and well-being. Such continuity is indeed a key feature, with the majority of our Priestley House pupils progressing seamlessly to the Senior School.

“Priestley House is not just about hard work”

“We are all like a family”

Curriculum and Facilities

We encourage our children's learning across the academic range with a wide and balanced curriculum.

Half of all teaching time is dedicated to English, Mathematics and Science, but we also concentrate on other important subjects often sidelined in a child's education. We devote time each week to Art, ICT, Music, Religious Studies, Geography, History, Design & Technology and Physical Education. We also teach a Foreign Language throughout Key Stages 1 and 2.

Pupils of Priestley House benefit from being able to share the specialist facilities of the Senior School, including ICT suites, the sports hall and fields, science laboratories and a fully-equipped stage for school productions. Pupils also have access to individual music lessons across a comprehensive range of instruments.

High quality teaching, small classes and excellent facilities have all brought outstanding results in Key Stage 2 SATs.

"It's great being able to use the huge Sports Hall and all the fields for PE"