

PROSPECTUS TEMPLARS ACADEMY



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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

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Welcome to Templars Academy

At Templars Academy, we believe in nurturing every child to reach, believe, and achieve — truly being the best that they can be. Our vision is the heartbeat of everything we do, inspiring our community to create an environment where every child feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.

We are proud to uphold our core values of Respect, Equality, Achievement, Compassion, and Honesty. These principles guide our actions, shape our curriculum, and foster a positive and inclusive school culture where children flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our dedicated staff work collaboratively to provide high-quality teaching and learning experiences, ensuring that every child is supported to develop confidence, independence, and a lifelong love of learning. At Templars Academy, we celebrate diversity and strive to cultivate a safe, compassionate, and respectful environment where all children can thrive.

We warmly invite you to explore our school community and discover how we strive to bring our vision to life every day.



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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Welcome to Templars Academy

At Templars Academy, we are committed to fostering success and celebrating every achievement, no matter how big or small. We believe that for children to thrive, they must feel happy and secure in their school environment. Our dedicated staff invest significant time in getting to know each pupil, establishing clear expectations, and delivering an ambitious, progressive and exciting curriculum for all.

We prioritise meaningful learning experiences that equip children with essential life skills. By collaborating closely with our parents and the wider community, we create a strong partnership that enhances our pupils' educational journey.

Located in Witham, Essex, Templars Academy is an expanding two-form entry primary school. As we grow and approach full capacity in our classes, we remain focused on instilling the right learning behaviours and ethos necessary for success. Our friendly and inviting atmosphere ensures that every child feels settled and cared for, allowing them to flourish.

As our pupils prepare to transition to secondary school after Year 6, we want them to reflect on their time at Templars as fulfilling, challenging, and enjoyable. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to create a purposeful and supportive environment, fostering a sense of pride in our school community. For more information about our school, please visit our website, where additional documents and resources are available.



OUR VISION AND VALUES

VISION

At Templars Academy, we inspire our children to reach for the stars, believe in their potential, and achieve excellence in all aspects of their lives. We do this through inclusive, high-quality education and a nurturing school community. We are dedicated to fostering an environment where every child thrives, is encouraged to aspire to their highest academic, personal, and social capabilities, and is empowered to be the best they can be - reaching their full potential



VALUES



RIGHTS



TEACHING AND LEARNING

At Templars Academy, we are dedicated to delivering a curriculum that is both engaging and adaptable to meet the diverse needs of our children. Our approach to teaching is dynamic, encompassing whole-class instruction, group work, and individual learning, with a blend of theoretical and practical experiences. This balanced curriculum ensures that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

We prioritise the teaching of knowledge and skills that are not only relevant but also transferable. It is essential for our children to apply what they have learned across various contexts, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Our curriculum is designed to engage and inspire all pupils delivered through quality-first teaching.

There is a clear progressive curriculum outlining knowledge, skills and vocabulary for each of the National Curriculum subjects. More information regarding what your child will learn can be found on our school website. Our enrichment activities, including trips, guest speakers, and thematic projects, are refreshed annually to enhance the children's learning experience and keeping learning relevant and exciting. .

We are committed to continuous improvement. Through regular monitoring and evaluation, we assess the effectiveness of our curriculum and make necessary adjustments to ensure optimal learning outcomes. Above all, our goal is to foster progress, achievement, and success for every pupil at Templars Academy.



SPORTS

At Templars Academy, we are committed to providing enriching Physical Education (PE) experiences that foster high-quality, transferable skills while promoting health and fitness among our children. Our aim is for every child to find joy in sports, whether by participating in our diverse range of clubs or engaging in competitive events. Recently, we have expanded our involvement in district tournaments, offering our pupils the chance to showcase their talents and teamwork.

We believe that PE should be a positive and inclusive experience, encouraging all pupils to develop a lifelong appreciation for sports and sportsmanship. Our curriculum is designed to introduce children to a variety of sports, including those they may not have encountered before, ensuring that each pupil can explore new interests and skills.

To support this vision, we provide two hours of PE each week, with at least one session led by our specialist sports coach. Our lessons are tailored to accommodate a wide range of abilities and utilise our well-equipped facilities, including our large hall and expansive outdoor spaces, which are shared across our Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Our Sports Coach is also actively engaged with pupils during break times, promoting physical activity and encouraging play.

Swimming lessons are typically conducted in Year 4, ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to develop essential water safety skills and confidence in the water.



ACTIVITIES

At Templars Academy, we are committed to providing a rich array of learning opportunities throughout the school day. Our extracurricular clubs and activities are designed to enhance our students' educational experience, fostering both personal growth and social skills.

We offer a diverse range of clubs that cater to various interests, with offerings changing throughout the academic year. Some of the exciting clubs available during the 2025-26 school year include:

- Performing Arts Club
- Netball Club
- Funky Fingers (Creative Arts)
- Yoga Club
- Art and Animation Club

Our dedicated teachers and support staff generously volunteer their time before and after school, as well as during lunchtimes, to run clubs. Their commitment ensures that every child has the opportunity to engage in enriching activities beyond the classroom.

We are pleased to inform parents that there is currently no charge for your child to attend any of our after-school clubs. This commitment reflects our belief in providing equal access to all students, allowing them to explore their interests and talents without financial barriers.



ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

At Templars Academy, we are dedicated to supporting each child on their unique learning journey, empowering them to reach their full potential. We understand that every child learns differently and may encounter specific challenges along the way. Our goal is to adapt our teaching methods both within and beyond the classroom to effectively break down barriers to learning.

Inclusive Support for All Learners

We recognise that some children have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) that require tailored support. In our classrooms, we provide appropriate scaffolding and additional resources to ensure that all children can engage with the curriculum effectively. Our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) is available to offer guidance and support, and we encourage open communication with parents and guardians regarding any concerns.

Nurturing High Ability Pupils

For pupils who demonstrate a high level of ability, whether broadly across the curriculum or in specific areas, we are committed to providing challenges that foster their talents and encourage them to excel. We believe in nurturing the strengths of every child, ensuring that they have the opportunity to succeed at every level.

At Templars Academy, we strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment where all children can thrive.



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



At Templars Academy, our Nursery is an integral part of our school community. From their very first day, Nursery children experience a sense of belonging, wearing the school uniform and participating in whole-school events. Our dedicated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) team collaborates closely to ensure a seamless transition to Reception, fostering a supportive environment where children can thrive.

We are committed to providing every learning opportunity to cultivate strong, independent learners who have a passion for learning and effective communication skills. Our curriculum is tailored to meet the diverse needs of our pupils, incorporating both child-led and adult-led activities. This approach enables our children to make meaningful connections that will benefit them throughout their lives.

In Reception, children continue to develop a wide range of skills across the curriculum while remaining fully integrated into the whole school community. They participate in assemblies, lunchtime activities, and other school-wide events, reinforcing their connection to Templars Academy.

Our pupils learn through a balanced mix of indoor and outdoor play, structured lessons led by teachers, and small group work. We emphasise the development of physical skills essential for later learning. Our goal is to provide the most effective learning opportunities possible. We place great importance on stories, language, and phonics, as we believe that a strong vocabulary empowers our pupils to express themselves confidently in both spoken and written forms.

All EYFS pupils are entitled to free school meals, as are those in Year 1 and Year 2. Additionally, they receive nutritious snacks throughout the day. Our pupils also benefit from lessons taught by our specialist teachers, including Physical Education (PE), enhancing their overall learning experience.

We offer a comprehensive induction process that starts in the Summer term. This process includes visits for both children and their parents to the school and Reception classrooms, as well as dedicated time for face-to-face meetings. We aim to ensure that both children and parents feel confident and excited about the transition to full-time education.

UNIFORM

At Templars Academy, we believe that wearing a school uniform fosters a sense of community and pride among our students. Therefore, it is our policy that all children wear the designated school uniform while attending school and during any school-related activities outside of regular school hours. For most trips, students are expected to wear their school uniform unless otherwise specified.

All items of school uniform featuring the school logo can be purchased from 'Personalise,' a local retailer located at 24 Crittall Road, Witham, CM8 3DR. For inquiries, you can reach them at 01376 521020 or visit their website at www.personalise-uk.co.uk. Additionally, some uniform items without the school logo are available at larger retail stores.

PLEASE LABEL ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM.

UNIFORM

- GREY OR BLACK PINAFORE DRESS/SKIRT OR TROUSERS
- SHORT GREY OR BLACK TROUSERS (SUMMER ONLY)
- DRESS IN BURGUNDY/MAROON AND WHITE GINGHAM OR STRIPES (SUMMER)
- WHITE SHIRT / BLOUSE (A POLO SHIRT FOR RECEPTION AND KS1)
- BURGUNDY/MAROON SWEATSHIRT, JUMPER OR CARDIGAN WITH OR WITHOUT SCHOOL LOGO
- BURGUNDY/MAROON FLEECE WITH OR WITHOUT SCHOOL LOGO (OPTIONAL)
- SCHOOL TIE 'MAROON DOUBLE STRIPE TIE' (FROM PERSONALISE) - YEARS 3 - 6 ONLY
- BLACK, WHITE OR GREY SOCKS/ TIGHTS
- PLAIN BLACK SHOES (NO LOGOS, BRIGHT COLOURS OR SPARKLY BITS), NO HIGH HEELS, WEDGES OR PLATFORM SHOES
- WARM COAT (WINTER)
- SCARF, HAT, GLOVES (WINTER)
- HAT OR BASEBALL CAP (ESSENTIAL FOR SUN PROTECTION)

P.E UNIFORM

- PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT (NO LOGOS)
- PLAIN BLACK OR NAVY SHORTS (NO LOGOS OR MARKINGS)
- PLAIN BLACK PLIMSOLLS
- TRACKSUIT IN A DARK COLOUR WITH NO LOGOS FOR OUTDOOR PE IN WINTER (EG. BLACK, NAVY OR DARK GREY)
- PLAIN BLACK TRAINERS FOR OUTDOOR PE (NO LOGOS, MARKINGS)

(CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR P.E. KITS ON THE DAYS THAT THEY HAVE P.E.)



UNIFORM



At Templars Academy, we believe that a smart and consistent uniform fosters a sense of belonging and pride within our school community. To ensure that all students adhere to our dress code, please review the following guidelines:

- Logos: Only official Templars Academy logos are permitted on all uniform items, including PE kits and shoes/trainers.
- PE Kit: Children come to school in their P.E. kit on the day(s) that they have P.E. lessons.

School Tie

- Only children in KS2 (Years 3 – 6) are expected to wear a school tie.

Hair Styles

- Pupils should avoid extreme hairstyles and excessive hair accessories. Long hair must be tied back and kept off the face during all lessons.
- While we cannot detail every possible variation of dress and hairstyles, the Headteacher, in consultation with the Trustees, reserves the right to address any styles that do not align with our general dress code.

Jewellery

- Only small stud or hoop earrings are permitted. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear jewellery or watches during physical education lessons, in accordance with County Policy.
- Students with pierced ears must be able to remove their earrings independently for all physical activities. Taping over piercings is not allowed.
- For students with newly pierced ears, we recommend scheduling the piercing at the beginning of the Summer holidays, allowing six weeks for healing before participating in PE lessons.
- No other forms of body piercing are permitted.

Naming Personal Items

- To help us keep track of personal belongings, all uniform and personal items must be clearly named.

Thank you for your cooperation in upholding our uniform policy, which contributes to a positive and respectful school environment.

SCHOOL MEALS

At Templars Academy, we take pride in our on-site kitchen, which provides delicious and nutritious meals tailored to meet the needs of our children. We are committed to ensuring that all dietary requirements, including allergies, are carefully catered for.

Universal Free School Meals

All children in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2) are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, ensuring they receive a healthy meal every day. Children in our Nursery can also enjoy school dinners for a nominal fee of £2.40 per day.

Payment and Ordering

We offer a rotating selection of three menus each week. For children in Key Stage 2, meals are available at a cost of £2.40 per day, which can be conveniently paid online through the ParentMail app. Children can order their school dinner on the day itself; they simply need to inform their class teacher during registration.

Packed Lunches

If your child prefers not to have a hot school dinner, they are welcome to bring a healthy packed lunch. Please remember that chocolate, sweets, and fizzy drinks are not permitted in lunch boxes. Additionally, we are a nut-free school, so kindly ensure that no nut-related items are included in your child's packed lunch.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 receive a complimentary healthy snack at break time, which consists of a piece of fruit or a vegetable, such as carrot sticks.

For children in Key Stage 2, we encourage them to bring their own healthy snacks for break time. Acceptable options include a piece of fruit or vegetable, cheese and crackers, or breadsticks. Please note that cereal bars, crisps, and cakes are not allowed.

Free School Meals Eligibility

To check your eligibility for free school meals, please visit www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards.



WRAP AROUND CARE

We understand the importance of supporting families with flexible childcare options. Our Breakfast Club runs from 7:30 am until the start of the school day, offering a welcoming environment where children can enjoy a healthy start with activities, toast, juice, and cereal for just £3.75 per session.

Our After-School Club operates from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, providing a safe, engaging space for children to unwind and participate in a range of activities. Parents can choose between two sessions: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at £6.75 per session or 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at £13.50 per session. Both clubs are designed to foster enjoyment, social development, and a positive atmosphere beyond the school day.



GET IN TOUCH

Thank you for taking the time to explore our prospectus and consider Templars Academy as a potential home for your child. We are genuinely excited about the opportunity to welcome you into our vibrant community, where every child is encouraged to thrive and reach their fullest potential.

At Templars Academy, we believe in fostering a nurturing environment that inspires curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning. Our dedicated staff, innovative curriculum, and supportive atmosphere ensure that each child feels valued and empowered to achieve their aspirations.

We look forward to partnering with you on this exciting educational journey!

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