



Our Vision, Values and Aims

ABOUT US

Basil Paterson Middle school is a small, local, independent school for boys and girls aged between 14-16. We provide a rigorous academic curriculum with a strong focus on examination success and are committed to the development of our pupils both as learners and as individuals

By offering learners an individualised programme, which allows for personalisation, choice and flexibility, we enable our pupils to overcome the barriers and challenges they may have faced in their learning careers to date.

We have a strong pastoral care function which is delivered by the senior management team as well as by the teachers themselves. As a small community we all play a role in guiding our learners through their education and put their well being at the forefront of everything we do.

Central to our educational ethos is the belief that the more time your child spends with their teacher, the better they will achieve. We are committed to providing small class sizes across our year groups. At our school, your child will never be in a class with more than 11 other learners.

We pride ourselves in creating an inclusive and respectful environment which is open to all. We strive for our learners to leave us as positive, well-rounded, confident young people, ready to make the next step forward in their lives.

OUR VISION

We want to positively transform the lives of young people and help them reach their potential by providing a nurturing academic environment, a flexible personalised teaching approach, a modern curriculum and small class sizes.

OUR VALUES

As a school we share the following values:

Positivity

We treat all our pupils well, forming positive and supportive relationships. We are committed to engendering positive values in all learners which they can take with them into wider society.

Potential

We believe that all young people have the ability to achieve great things. Whatever the starting point of a learner we encourage everyone to strive for success and push the limits of their learning to fulfil their potential.

Ambition

We challenge learners to achieve success through clear goal setting and encourage pupils to work outside their comfort zone to reach these goals.

Respect

We have a culture of achievement and respect in which pupils are supported to overcome barriers, problem solve and help others.

Integrity

In all our interactions with parents and pupils we are honest. We act with integrity and transparency.

Flexibility

We offer an approach to learning which is adaptable and can be moulded around the learners' abilities, needs and personal circumstances.

OUR AIMS

- Maintain and build positive pupil / teacher relationships and maximise each young person's academic and social development
- Inspire our students through an innovative curriculum and the skill of our teachers
- Enable our students to set high expectations for themselves, and to achieve these heights
- Provide individual support in all subjects through class sizes of no more than 12 pupil
- Provide a flexible educational experience, which meets the needs of individuals in a welcoming, safe and supportive community
- Promote awareness of others, understanding and mutual respect.

WHY ARE WE UNIQUE?

Flexible approach to the timetable

At our school we recognise that fixed timetables can limit the ability of a school to adapt to its pupils changing needs. Basil Paterson has adopted a flexible approach to our timetable which means we are able to respond to our pupils needs by building in additional tuition and support when required.

Small class sizes

Maintaining small class sizes is at the heart of our teaching and learning approach. Allowing pupils to spend more time with their teacher, building meaningful relationships, impacts positively on our learners both in terms of their academic achievement and development as effective contributors and responsible citizens.

Individualised teaching

As a result of small class sizes our teachers are able to offer personalised learning programmes which are tailored specifically to the needs and strengths of our learners. Each lesson is planned at the level of individual pupils, accommodating their learning styles, strengths and interests.

Rigorous but modern curriculum

We offer SQA National 5 qualifications across all core subjects. Our courses are both traditional and modern, allowing learners to experience a broad secondary education, equipping them with both academic knowledge and key core skills. This allows them to successfully make the next steps into further/ higher education or the world of work.

Transition

For pupils wishing to stay on at the end of S4, the Middle School provides a pathway to post 16 education. Basil Paterson Tutorial College provides a range of qualifications for S5 and S6 pupils from both the English and Scottish exam boards. The college is conveniently located next door to the Middle School.

Community centred

A key and valued benefit of our small size is our close-knit school community. Every Manager and teacher knows every pupil in our school well, ensuring greater control over academic progression and personal development.

Integrated guidance structure

Rather than having a separate guidance structure and procedures we believe that all our teachers and staff should be responsible for the well being of our learners. Every teacher your child works with is able to offer guidance and support as a key role in your child's education.