

basilpaterson secondary



Middle School

Tutorial College



Independent school for ages 14-16



Academic Courses for 16+

Teaching for the Individual

Since 1929

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Admissions

Basil Paterson: Teaching for the Individual

At Basil Paterson, we treat all our students as individuals, encouraging everyone to take charge of their learning and achievement. Working in partnership with students and families we create a personalised timetable designed to meet the needs of the learner. Our experienced and highly qualified teaching staff work hard to ensure that each student receives a high level of academic support and is able to set ambitious but achievable goals. This might entail getting into the university of their choice, achieving exam success or even broadening their horizons with a completely new subject.

We believe in enabling our learners to set high expectations for themselves and to meet their aspirations, striving to create a learning experience where students are challenged as well as supported. We pride ourselves on our high level of pastoral care and integrated guidance system which means that our students are supported every step of the way.

For students aged 14-16 we have our Middle School located at 65 Queen Street. The Middle School opened in 2012 and is a coeducational day school for pupils studying SQA National 4s and 5s. Next door at 66 Queen Street, we have the Tutorial College which offers a range of subjects and qualifications for students aged 16 and over.

Why we are unique

Small class sizes

Maintaining small class sizes is at the heart of our teaching and learning approach. We find this impacts positively on our learners both in terms of their academic achievement and development as effective contributors and responsible citizens.

Personalised 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.

Rigorous but modern curriculum

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.

Community centred

A key and valued benefit of our small size is our close-knit school community. Every manager and teacher knows every student at Basil Paterson well, ensuring greater support with academic progression and personal development.



Teaching of the highest standard coupled with a caring culture makes this a truly outstanding school.

Karen - Parent



Our Vision and Values



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

Positivity

We treat all our learners well, forming positive and supportive relationships. We are committed to instilling positive values in all learners which they can carry 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 our learners 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 shaped around each student's abilities, needs and personal circumstances.

The Middle School

At Basil Paterson Middle School we feel that when pupils are content with who they are and where they are learning, then great things can be achieved. We provide a safe and nurturing environment for pupils aged 14-16 to study towards the first crucial exams of their learning careers.

We recognise that all pupils are different and that people are suited to different learning environments. We offer a small, friendly school where we accommodate the needs of each of our pupils, regardless of ability or academic background.

We have deliberately chosen to keep our class sizes small as we feel that personalised teaching can have an extremely positive impact on all pupils. We pride ourselves on truly knowing and understanding each and every one of our pupils. This knowledge informs every aspect of our teaching and fosters a comfortable learning environment conducive to academic development.

Academic Curriculum

We offer a wide range of subject choices. These have been specifically selected to broaden our pupils' horizons. A full timetable includes six SQA National 5 subjects and five non-exam core subjects.

SQA National 5 subjects include: English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Classical Studies, Geography, History, French, Spanish and Art.

Middle School core subjects: Art, Citizenship, Crest Science Award, Health and Wellbeing, Life Skills, Physical Education and RME.

Middle School – Example Timetable

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
08.50 - 9.00	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
09.00 - 10.00	Core Art	Maths	Biology	History	History
10.00 - 11.00	History	Media	Maths	History	Media
11.00 - 11.15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.15 - 12.15	Biology	Media	Maths	Media	Health & Wellbeing
12.15 - 13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.00 - 14.00	English	English	Life Skills	English	English
14.00 - 15.00	Spanish	Spanish	P.E	Spanish	Spanish
15.00 - 16.00	Maths	Biology	P.E	Citizenship	Biology

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I love the small size of the school! The school has helped me to learn and develop. My favourite thing about the school is its size and its warm, friendly nature.

Scott - Student

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The Middle School



Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is an integral part of our school and we pride ourselves on truly understanding our pupils. There is always a member of staff available to discuss any problems pupils may have and offer guidance and advice. We are open and friendly and promote an atmosphere of respect and self-respect throughout the school.

The small classes at Basil Paterson allow for a high degree of personalisation which makes it possible to address the specific educational needs of every learner.

We have a strong English Language support department which provides crucial language support to all non-native speakers of English.

Career Guidance

All pupils receive 1:1 careers guidance sessions at the school. These are delivered by an expert to motivate and inspire students, while empowering and equipping them to make independent and informed decisions. Skills Development and Interview Skills Workshops are held at the school and our work experience programme supports our pupils further to prepare them for the world of work.

Bursary

Basil Paterson Middle School offers financial assistance in the form of means tested bursaries. Eligibility is presently defined as gross joint income of no more than £55,000 per annum. Bursary awards are subject to a full financial assessment.

The Tutorial College

The Tutorial College specialises in academic qualifications for students aged 16 and over, offering a direct pathway to further and higher education. Our students come from a wide variety of different schools and backgrounds. Some will have studied National 5s or Highers, others GCSEs. Part of what makes the Tutorial College unique is that we have the flexibility to accommodate both English and Scottish exam boards in the same location.

Whether it be Maths, English, Art, Chemistry, Philosophy or Psychology, the Tutorial College offers a diverse and accessible curriculum. Students can tailor their subject choices to suit their own unique requirements. Flexibility allows us to address each learner’s needs directly, ensuring that they succeed in getting to where they want to be.

Careers guidance and support with college and UCAS applications is available to all our full time students to ensure they are on track and have the right combination of subjects.

Classes in the Tutorial College are taught between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. The timetable will vary depending on the number of subjects chosen.

Sample Timetable (5 Highers)

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
09.00 - 10.30	Higher Biology	Higher Maths	Higher Biology	Higher Psychology	Higher Chemistry
10.45 - 12:15	Higher Maths	Self-Study	Self-Study	Higher Maths	Self-Study
13:00 - 14:30	Higher English	Higher English	Higher Psychology	Self-Study	Higher Chemistry
14:45 - 15:45	Self-Study	Higher Psychology	Higher English	Higher Biology	Higher Maths
16:00 - 17:00	Higher Chemistry	Self-Study	Self-Study	Self-Study	

Self-Study

In addition to taught classes, all students are expected to carry out Self-Study in the college. The timetable for Self-Study periods is agreed at our student induction. Self-Study tasks are issued by teachers and are closely related to targets and feedback given from assessments.



Basil Paterson has been exactly the right place for our son and it has been such a blessing to see him regain his enjoyment of learning.

Fiona - Parent



The Tutorial College



Scottish Qualifications

SQA National 5s, Highers and Advanced Highers

Subjects include: English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, French, Italian, Spanish, Art, Business Management and Computing.

English Board Qualifications

Edexcel IGCSEs

Edexcel, OCR & AQA GCSEs and A Levels

Subjects include: English Literature, Maths/Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History, French, Italian and Spanish.

All courses have a minimum number of hours per week and are taught in classes of no more than six students.

Support for applications to Further or Higher Education

Basil Paterson offers a full programme of support for students seeking to apply for further study.

The Academic Manager acts as UCAS advisor for the college and provides a range of workshops, 1:1 meetings and feedback for students to support their application.

Facilities

There are two dedicated study rooms available to all students, ICT facilities and a student common room. Wi-fi is available throughout the building and printing facilities are available on the ground floor. There are no on-site catering facilities and pupils may either bring a packed lunch or go to one of the nearby shops and cafés. Lunch and snacks may be consumed in the common room. Water is available throughout the building and there is a hot drinks machine in the common room. Student lockers are available to all full time students.

Social and Cultural Programme

Our courses run alongside a varied social and cultural programme, which provides an opportunity for students to meet both international and local students in a relaxed and informal setting. We offer at least four activities per week. The majority of activities are free of charge, with a small supplement for certain activities.

Easter Revision



Our popular Easter Revision courses have been running for many years, helping students from all over the UK prepare for their Summer exams. Exam tuition is available in a variety of subjects for both English and Scottish exam board subjects. We run a two-week Easter Revision programme offering small group classes and 1:1 tuition in a range of subjects.

How our tuition can help

Easter Revision courses are delivered by our experienced teaching staff, who know what it takes to excel in exams. We offer a personal approach which allows us to focus on the areas which matter most to each student. Our dedicated Easter Revision Coordinator is available to create a bespoke timetable for each student to ensure they get the support they need. Each class is designed to focus on exam preparation and to help students interpret and answer exam questions accurately.

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Attending the Easter Revision Course last year gave me a good insight into what parts of the subjects I needed to work on. The teachers helped me with these particular areas and also the course in general. They took great interest in everything that I and my other classmates had to say and also made the revision a lot more fun.

Laura - Student

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Basil Paterson has long-standing experience hosting major examinations and we are one of the few centres in Scotland where external candidates can sit exams. We are an approved centre for AQA, Edexcel, OCR and SQA examination boards.

Examinations we offer

GCSEs, IGCSEs, A Levels

The Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT)

University of Oxford Admissions Tests including: HAT, MAT, MLAT, OLAT, STEP and TSA

SQA National 5 Maths, Higher Maths and examination resits.

Exam candidates should contact the centre directly to confirm whether their subject and examination is available to external candidates.

Registration for Examinations

Registration forms can be found on our website www.basilpatersonstutorial.co.uk or requested directly from the college. Our dedicated Examinations coordinator is available to answer any questions regarding examinations at the college and provide guidance with applications.

English Examinations

If you have taken any public examinations in the last few years then you will have a UCI (Unique Candidate Identifier) number. It can be found on any statement of results or examination certificate you have. If you do not have a UCI number, we will generate one for you.

Scottish Examinations

If you have taken any Scottish examinations, you will have a Scottish Candidate Number (SCN). Your SCN number is displayed directly under your name on your certificates. If you do not have an SCN number, we will generate one for you.

Admissions



Prospective parents, guardians and students are welcome to contact Basil Paterson Secondary at any time to arrange a visit and meet us.

Middle School admissions criteria:

- The pupil is of appropriate age and sufficient maturity
- The school is able to provide the appropriate level of additional support if this has been identified
- Dialogue with former school and access to school records
- Non-native speakers of English must be able to demonstrate that their English is at a sufficient level to access the curriculum

Tutorial College admissions criteria:

- The learner is of appropriate age and sufficient maturity
- The college is able to provide the appropriate level of additional support if this has been identified
- Access to information on previous studies and results achieved
- Non-native speakers of English must have IELTS 5.5 in all skills

International Students:

Basil Paterson welcomes international students and has a strong background in supporting international students with their studies. Applicants whose first language is not English may be asked to sit a written and spoken assessment to ascertain whether their English is at a sufficient level for accessing the curriculum.

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