

Welcome to **Priory School**



Priory School is one of the first special academies in England dedicated to the education of young people with complex moderate learning difficulties.



There are 130 young people at the school between the ages of 9 to 18 years.

Priory is the only special academy in West Suffolk for young people with complex moderate learning difficulties with residential provision for some students. Priory School is mainly funded by the Department for Education.



Every child matters

We are a caring community which enables our young people to make the best use of their many talents. Every child has individual special needs and these are addressed through the specialist guidance of our staff and the hard work of our young people.



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Our Curriculum

Our students are taught in increasingly practical ways and assessed through functional skills. We follow a broad and balanced curriculum. For younger students it is mainly a primary model where they are based with the class teacher for most lessons.

For students aged 11 and upwards they follow a secondary model where they move rooms to be taught by subject specialists.

Our Facilities

We have many specialist teaching areas and resources. The library has stimulated further improvement in reading levels throughout the school and there are separate outdoor play areas for younger students and older ones.



Things OFSTED say about us.

"Pupils make outstanding progress in English and mathematics because these subjects are taught exceptionally well.

Teaching is outstanding because teachers plan work at the correct level of challenge for each pupil." *See OFSTED report for more*

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6th Form

Started in September 2013 the Priory 6th form offers some students the chance to gain greater independence and qualifications before moving on. We continue to work with colleges in the area and with independent advice from the Youth Support Service we seek to find the best possible post 16 place for our students.

Transition

We work closely with Youth Support Services, local further education providers and community partners to ensure that young people in our care feel confident about their first steps beyond Priory School. The transition process begins in Year 9 and is an integral part of our school review processes for the young people.

Residential provision

We have an outstanding residential department with planned places for 24 weekly boarders. Many day students access the after school activities. We provide a 24 hour curriculum to extend students' learning and provide opportunities for intensive social skills development and independent living.



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Extended Schools

The school runs a termly programme of after school clubs including 'Kids can cook', 'Active 8', 'Go-ride', 'Key Stage 4 socials' and 'Film club'. All these clubs are very popular and well-attended.

Conference facilities

New buildings at school have enabled us to develop a meeting and conference room and excellent ICT training facilities. The new equipment benefits all our students as well as extending our links into the local community and offering a service to others.

14-19 Skills Centre

Local schools, West Suffolk College, businesses and community organisations use the new centre to broaden the vocational training opportunities for pupils with special needs through out the West Suffolk area.

Would like to know more?

Please look at our website, or contact us with any questions.

