



FOUNDATION programme

Dream bigger
Aim higher
Go further


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Dream bigger with a Foundation Year

Priestley College aims to give its students the essential skills and qualifications on which to build better futures full of opportunity.

The Foundation Programme is one of the pathways we offer that will allow you to dream bigger, aim higher and go further in education as well as in life.

This route will equip you not only with an academic qualification, but also the technical and employability skills you need to succeed on an apprenticeship, in the workplace or at university.

A Foundation year paves the way for you to study a Level 3 programme such as A-Levels, BTECs or T-Levels – all of which can be taken in your second and third years at Priestley.

It does this by giving you the support and experiences you need to excel at the next level while also allowing you time to carefully plan your next steps after college.

By the end of your Foundation Programme you will have the confidence, skills and aspiration to go further than you might ever have dreamed was possible.

All you have to do now is read on to decide if this pathway is the best one as you embark on an inspiring new chapter at Priestley College.



Aim higher with a 3-Year passport to success

We see a successful Foundation year as a passport to a further two years studying a Level 3 programme such as A-Level, BTEC or T-Level.

After completing three years at Priestley you will be ready for your next challenge in Higher Education or industry depending on what you decide is best.

That is the beauty of the Foundation Programme, it leads to more opportunities at Priestley or beyond.



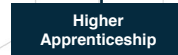
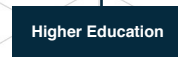
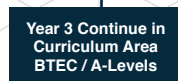
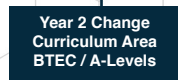
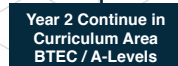
- Develop academic skills
- Improve soft skills
- Enhance employability
- Begin subject speciality
- Assess Level 3 option skills
- Develop English & Maths skills



- Level 3 subject specialism
- Or change subject specialism
- Enhanced academic skills
- Strengthen soft skill development
- Expand employability skill set
- Results for English & Maths



- Preparation for university & UCAS application
- Improve soft skills
- Enhance employability
- Begin subject speciality
- Assess Level 3 suitability





Go further with essential life skills

Success in life does not just depend on qualifications, it is about the skills that will make you a valuable asset to any business once you have secured your academic goals.

Therefore, there is a focus in the Foundation Year on developing the following abilities in order to make you as competitive a candidate for jobs, apprenticeships and university places as any of your peers.



Technical Skills (Relevant to your course)

Specialist skills relating to each Foundation Programme pathway



Study Skills:

Notetaking
Sources of information
I.T skills
Feedback and exam preparation
Literacy and numeracy
Time management
Classroom contributions
Organisation



Employability Skills:

Communication
Interpersonal skills
Problem solving
Initiative and self-motivation
Working under pressure
Professionalism
Team working



Gaining valuable experience

It is hard to put a price on experience, that is why we organise work experience as part of your Foundation year.

Priestley has well-established links in the Cheshire business community and these are growing all the time. That is why we can find the perfect work placement for you whether your interest is Childcare, Sport, Media, IT, Computer Games Art or Business.

As we prepare you for your future you will benefit from:

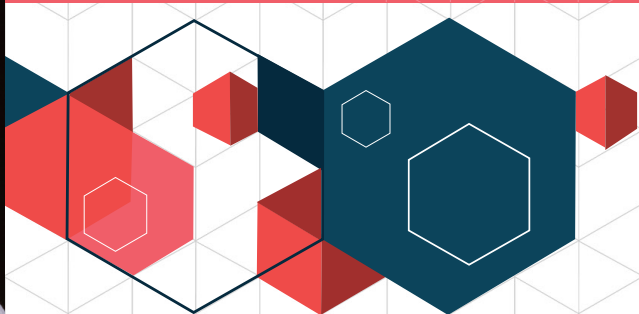


This aspect of the Foundation Programme will help you understand your own values and qualities, more about careers, as well as help you become more assertive and confident.



**Build a
better future
for yourself**

Supporting your every step



It is important to know that you will have support at every turn here at Priestley. From your first term at college when we will hold a Welcome Fayre to help you plan ahead, to regular contact with Progress and Personal Tutors.

There will also be extra support to ensure your English and Maths skills are at the necessary level to ensure you achieve your goals. If you need to resit your GCSEs in these subjects you can do so at Priestley and our pass rates are excellent.

Priestley's Foundation Programme will help you in many ways including:

- Focussing on the skills you need to succeed such as note taking, presenting and working in teams
- Giving you the confidence to speak in groups, express your opinions and think critically
- Developing your ability to proofread and conduct research

Foundation Programme Pathways

Media and Film

An introduction to media products and audiences, potentially leading to the creation of your own radio shows and setting up webcasts. The perfect start towards preparing for a career in the film industry by developing technical skills, working in teams, understanding industry practices and being able to review film productions.

Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings

Secure the knowledge, understanding and skills you need to care for, and educate, children up to 12 years old. You can then progress onto Level 3 qualifications across a number of sectors including early years educator, supporting teaching and learning, as well as children and young people.

Computer Arts

Earn a BTEC Level 2 in Art & Design skills while through an HPQ build a digital world or complete a certification exam in Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator. Take on a live brief with a big company or magazine so that you can demonstrate your skills in a real-life scenario.





Foundation Programme Pathways

Health and Social Care

The perfect start to a career in this area as you work towards an OCR Diploma. Additional qualifications could include a Certificate in Mental Health Awareness and everything from manual handling to food hygiene. This pathway includes time in the workplace where you will develop vital skills, knowledge and experience.

Public Services

Cover topics such as the role and work of the Public Services as well as the responsibility of protecting communities. There will also be the opportunity to secure an Extended Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community, as well as a Level 2 in First Aid.

Applied Science

Study key scientific principles that are vital for scientists and citizens of the future. Develop these principles in applied and vocational contexts, leading to an understanding of how they are applied in practice. An additional option could be an HPQ to develop your skills in referencing and formal, extended scientific prose.

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Priestley and you will
not be disappointed**

Foundation Programme Pathways

IT

Explore the online world, technology systems and digital animation on your way to this Level 2 Certificate. Learn about computer hardware, digital audio and graphics. This flexible option could lead to studying our T-Level in years 2 and 3 as you build towards a career in the industry.

Business and Travel

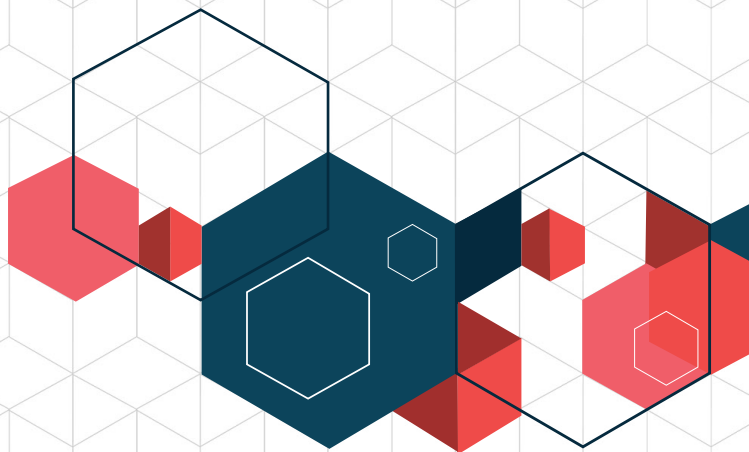
By the end of your BTEC Level 2 you will have a grounding in a range of areas including Enterprise in the Business World, Finance for Business and the Principles of Marketing. Other specialist projects and/or additional modules will develop your industry-related expertise and enhance your academic and employability skills.

Sport

This Level 2 Certificate can lead to other sports courses and additional qualifications such as in First Aid, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, umpiring qualifications and the TQUK Level 1 Award in Volunteering. You will benefit from our partnerships with Warrington Wolves, Warrington Schools Partnership, Livewire and Active Soccer.

Art & Design

Explore and develop your ideas and produce final outcomes in a project at the end of the year. Experience projects in graphics, textiles, fine art and 3D design.





Your Programme Extras

Alongside your core Foundation Programme you will also be able to take one or more of the following to ensure you make the most of your time at Priestley:

English / Maths Pre-GCSE

If you obtain less than a Grade 3 or you need further support to develop your confidence and skills in English and Maths, we offer one-year Functional Skills Level 1 or Level 2 courses.

English / Maths up to GCSE

Any student who does not have a GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and / or Maths will have to work towards achieving that level whilst some students with a Grade 4 could choose to improve their mark to Grade 5 or above.

For those with a Grade 3 this will mean taking a one-year, re-sit programme whilst those with less than a Grade 3 will be able to take a pre-GCSE course.





The Higher Project Qualification (HPQ)

Many students who already have a GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and/or maths will take the HPQ. This course will develop your study and research skills based around a personal project of your own choice.

Work Experience Placement and Work-Related Learning

Students taking a Foundation Programme will be able to take part in a wide range of work-related learning activities including visits from employers, talks from visiting speakers, work experience and study trips. Some Foundation courses also offer a more structured and regular work placement option.

GCSE Science (subject to demand)

Suitable for those who have achieved a GCSE Grade 4 in core science or separate science. Topics include; nerves and hormones, evolution, metals and their uses, changes in the earth and its atmosphere, generating electricity. You will also carry out practical work in the form of a controlled assessment, which will count towards your final exam grade. There will be three exams at the end of the year – one in each of Chemistry, Physics and Biology. This course would allow you to progress onto our T-Level Science programme.

I just wanted thank you for the support Oliver has received at Priestley over the past three years. Very quickly Chris Seaton and the team understood Oli and helped to develop and restore his self confidence. After his first year with you he achieved his GCSE English and Maths. Today we have collected his BTEC triple distinction in Public Services and in September he is heading off to Edge Hill University.

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