



Millfield
School

Creating Bright Futures





“ Students and staff feel valued and extremely proud to be part of **‘Team Millfield’**.

Students thrive in the friendly, safe atmosphere and make good progress.”

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“ Your ongoing focus on raising aspirations has ensured that students’ outcomes have continued to improve.”

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Welcome from the

Welcome to **‘Team Millfield’**.

I am immensely proud and privileged to be the Headteacher at our fantastic school. Our core values: consistent high-quality teaching and learning, in a disciplined and caring environment, are at the heart of everything we believe in. We are ambitious for all students and strive to ensure their wellbeing and outcomes are at the centre of everything we do.



Headteacher

“ Your Governors and senior leaders have set out a clear and aspirational vision for all students. ”

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We are a small, vastly oversubscribed school in the heart of the Thornton community. Our school's motto is 'Creating Bright Futures' and we believe that your child is entitled to an outstanding education, where they can become the very best they can be, in everything they do. I have high expectations of all our students and expect excellent attendance, behaviour, attainment, and respect at all times.

The Millfield team has a collective belief that with these high expectations, resilience, and determination, all our students will achieve their full potential. Millfield is an excellent, award-winning school, with an exceptional team who are committed to ensuring all students are nurtured, educated and, when they leave us in Year 11, are fully equipped to take their next confident step into the world.

If you would like to visit Team Millfield, please contact the school and book a tour.

Nicola Regan

HEADTEACHER



The Millfield Way

Our **SMART** Expectations:

Smart in appearance
Manners and respect
Achieve and attend
Resilience
Tolerance

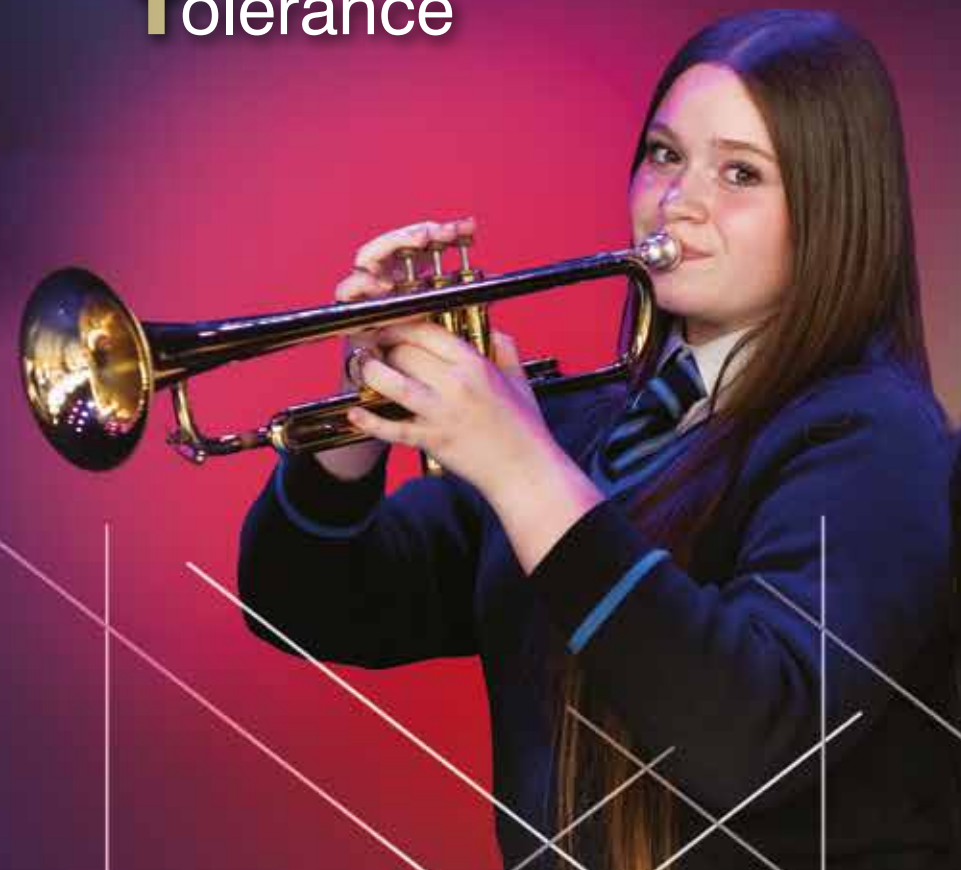


Rewards

We value the importance of rewarding our students for their attainment, effort, attitude, behaviour, and attendance. Additionally, we have a variety of initiatives to motivate and engage our students, including star students, high achievement points, Key Stage 3 graduation, and hot chocolate with the Headteacher on Friday afternoons.

“Students enjoy coming to school.”

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Pastoral Student Voice

On joining our team, students are placed in one of our four houses: Bears, Hawks, Rhinos, or Sharks. The wellbeing of our students is paramount, and each student is part of a form group that meets daily for registration with a form tutor. This enables us to nurture our Year 7s, look at topical events happening in the world and, of course, run fun inter-form challenges! The school is committed to helping students achieve success in a caring and supportive environment. The fact that we are small means that students know their teachers and teachers know their students. Every year group has a Progress Leader, who looks after our students' wellbeing and progress.

Our Student Committee, which includes the Senior Student Leadership Team, House Leaders, Ambassadors and Form Representatives, have regular meetings where they discuss aspects of the school they believe they could improve. They act as a voice for all students. As a school that proactively listens to our students, the student committee write a student development plan at the start of each academic year and put their plans into action. The student team are regularly invited to Senior Leadership Team meetings where they propose their ideas and show the impact of their actions throughout the year. The Student Committee have made many improvements over the years including: a new PE kit, an extra seating area for lunch time, more sports and extracurricular activities at lunch time, new rewards initiatives and involvement in charity and community events.



“Students say that they feel safe and well looked after in school.”

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“Students go out of their way to make sure that everybody feels valued and included.”

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“Students are well behaved and hard-working.”

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Teaching & Learning

We ensure all students are stretched and challenged in lessons through high-quality teaching. This leads to high levels of engagement and exceptional progress and outcomes. Our teachers are passionate about the subjects they teach and inspire our students to learn and do well. We have rigorous assessment and monitoring systems in place to ensure all students achieve their potential. We develop independent learners, and we are constantly encouraging our students to have higher-level thinking skills. Students are taught metacognitive skills from Year 7, so they can assess their own learning and make improvements. To extend students' learning outside the classroom numerous workshops and projects run throughout the year. Students also have university encounters, and we are very proud to be part of the journey for a number of exceptional Millfield students who have gone on to study at Oxford and Cambridge.

6 & 7

“ Students experience a rich careers curriculum.”

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“ The school ‘buzzes’ with professional dialogue as teachers learn from each other and share best practice.”

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Home-Learning

Home-learning is an essential part of students' whole learning process. It is a vital aspect of supporting, extending and preparing for the learning that takes place in the classroom. Home-learning can be accessed via Millfield's online learning platform 'Synergy'.

Careers

Through our comprehensive careers strategy, we are fully meeting all the statutory Gatsby Benchmarks for careers education and guidance. We believe our commitment to two weeks of work experience in Year 10, and impartial careers guidance, are vital to help our students progress in the world of work. We have an embedded careers programme from Year 7 to Year 11. Every year we ensure that all our students have an employer encounter where they get to learn about different career pathways. In recognition of our exceptional careers programme, we have been awarded the national careers award: The Quality in Careers Standard. We want our students to be well-qualified, with outstanding results in their examinations; we also want them to be prepared for the world of work!

“ Another feature of highly-effective teaching is the continuous assessment of students' progress throughout the lesson.”

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Key Stage 3

In Years 7, 8 and 9 all students follow a well-planned curriculum that is broad, balanced, exciting, and relevant. The core curriculum - English, maths, science, CPSHE, RSHE, PE, and religious education - is taught alongside the foundation subjects which include modern foreign languages, history, geography, technology, computer science, performing arts, music, and art. The 'Learning Journeys' on our website show what topics and knowledge our students learn over their five years at Millfield.

“Students are very well prepared for their future lives through a broad and relevant curriculum and rich opportunities for additional learning.”

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Key Stage 4

Year 10 and 11 students study the core National Curriculum subjects: English language and literature, mathematics, science, RE, CPSHE, RSHE and PE. In Year 9, students are given bespoke guidance, from the Deputy Headteacher, before they carefully choose options that inspire them. This gives them the best opportunity for personal success. As with the Key Stage 3 curriculum, Key Stage 4 is designed to enable every student to achieve their full potential, regardless of academic ability. Students in Years 10 and 11 spend their form time in core subject forms, providing them with an extra 100 minutes of additional tuition to benefit their grades.

Learning Support

At Millfield, we believe that every student is unique, and we are committed to helping each individual reach their potential. We use inclusive teaching strategies in lessons to support all students including those with additional needs. The school curriculum is ambitious, accessible and adapted as needed to meet the needs of students with SEND. Our aim is for SEND students to achieve exceptionally well and be prepared for the next part of their education as well as for their adult lives.

Reading School

Millfield aims to be a 'Reading School', ensuring all our students have a love of reading through a range of exciting literacy events that run throughout the year. These include World Book Day and visits from leading authors. We have academic reading weeks with every department and our students read and discuss a range of texts during form time. We buy all Year 6 students who are coming to Millfield an exciting book they can read over the summer holidays.

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Transition

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We work exceptionally hard to give our Year 7 students a smooth and positive transition into secondary school life. We want all our students to have the opportunity to flourish, develop new friendships and grow in confidence during the five years they are with us.

Welcome Evening

Our Year 6 Welcome Evening is an invaluable evening that gives parents and carers the opportunity to listen to presentations from the Headteacher and other key staff involved with transition. It is an opportunity for students to get to know their form tutor and Progress Lead, and to ask any questions. Students also get to meet our fantastic transition ambassadors.

Welcome Day

Welcome Day begins with an assembly and then our new students follow a timetable of activities and have a variety of lessons throughout the day. Students spend time getting used to their new school environment, meeting teachers, participating in a question-and-answer session with Year 7 students, trying out the lunch system and getting to meet new friends. In the afternoon, students finish the day with team-building activities.

Support

Year 7 have an allocated yard that is for their use only. This ensures they can enjoy break time in a quieter environment, whilst continuing to form new friendships. Year 7 students also have an earlier lunch break.

Oscar Thursfield THORNTON

The teachers at Millfield are very supportive and great at teaching their lessons. Making friends is easy and the teachers are nice.

Amy Cortinas STANAH

When I first joined Millfield it was daunting but the staff are so welcoming and it is an amazing school. The opportunities and extracurricular clubs we are offered are great.

Millie Underwood STANAH

Millfield is an exceptional school offering a vast array of opportunities in a school environment that is safe and secure.

Jake West ROYLES BROOK

My time at Millfield has gone really well. I found my way around quickly and there were always people around to help. Millfield is really good because the teachers have really high standards.



Sam Reynolds
ANCHORSHOLME

My first year at Millfield has been exceptional. The lessons are fun and engaging and the food is terrific. Every teacher provides enough challenge to get you learning whilst providing the support you need so that no one is left behind.

Sophia Green
ANCHORSHOLME

I love Millfield, and especially PE because it's fun and every week, we learn something new. I'm happy to be at a good, supportive school and I have enjoyed going to the clubs.

Emily Kenyon
CARLETON GREEN

My time in Year 7 at Millfield has been amazing. I have made so many new friends and it honestly feels like being part of a big family. Year 7 at Millfield had been a memory I will never forget.

Isla Watson
BAINES ENDOWED

Millfield is an exciting place with endless opportunities. Joining Millfield is not only joining a new school but a family. The staff are encouraging and welcoming. I feel included, challenged and proud of my school. You will have an amazing time here.

Ana Grigore
ST JOHN'S

Moving to secondary school can be scary, but there is absolutely no need to worry. At Millfield everyone is kind to you and there are hundreds of clubs you can join. I definitely recommend coming to Millfield

Dylan Craven
STANAH

I felt worried when I first started at Millfield but teachers and students made me feel welcomed. There is an abundance of exciting clubs and opportunities that you will be able to take part in.

Ava Taylor
THORNTON

Millfield is a fun and supportive school; staff are always ready to help you with any worries and lessons are enjoyable.

“Students care about one another.”

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Extracurricular

“The many extracurricular activities give students excellent opportunities to develop their talents, be creative and achieve acclaim.”

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There are many exciting performing arts events running throughout the year, including spectacular school productions, dance competitions, performance evenings, talent shows, and the Celebration of English. We also host an outstanding Celebration of Music show at the Winter Gardens, where we are joined by many of our local primary and secondary schools for a fantastic evening of music and dance. The Duke of Edinburgh Award (bronze and silver) is also on offer to help students develop skills for life. Other extracurricular activities include STEAM club, choir, chess club, environmental team, MFL club and many more.



“Students are polite, courteous and welcoming.”

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“ Students
pay attention and
work hard in their
lessons.”
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“ Teachers
go the extra
mile for you.”
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Sporting Excellence

We provide our students with a wide range of opportunities to find a sport they enjoy and can excel in. The school has teams in football, basketball, netball, handball, athletics, and rounders. Coaching and teaching takes place during and after school in all these sports. All members of the PE staff have appropriate coaching qualifications. Exciting inter-house competitions also take place.

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My son came from a small primary school to Millfield, and we were apprehensive about the transition into a big high school. In the first week my son was coming home excited and inspired about mixing with the older children, the variety of topics offered, and appeared ready for the challenge of a new start with these new opportunities. The transition was supported by the staff, and the older pupils were welcoming and kind.

The teachers know the students well, and they are rewarded for their successes, supported with their challenges, and respected for their uniqueness. Millfield is a fantastic school with fantastic communication.

Picking the right high school is such an important task and can feel quite daunting. I can put my hand on my heart and say, Millfield was the right choice. My son is thriving socially and academically. He is encouraged to develop, he is nurtured, and I feel he is being gradually prepared for the exciting next steps that growing up from a child into a young adult entail.

Thank you Team Millfield!

MRS CARTER

“ Students feel happy and safe at school.”

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Choosing the right high school for your child is such a daunting prospect. Will they be happy? Will they thrive? Will it be the right fit? I had all these usual worries but since my daughter arrived at Millfield she has settled really well. She has made new friends, experienced extra clubs, pushed herself out of her comfort zone and become more confident than I have ever known her. It's been beautiful to watch her grow as a person and academically. Millfield has been the making of her and we look forward to many more happy years as part of the Millfield family.

MRS LEE

Our PTFA is an inclusive association and always welcome new members and ideas for fundraising. It is a great way to get involved with the school and our community whilst raising money at the same time.

PTFA

Parent Testimonials

Since our daughter started Millfield in September 2025, we have nothing but praise for the school. Through the pastoral support offered, curriculum delivered and opportunities made available, we have seen her grow into a confident and mature individual in a short space of time. Choosing Millfield for our daughter was the best decision we could have made for her.

MRS EWART

Choosing a secondary school for your child is one of the most difficult decisions as a parent. Will they thrive? Will they make new friends? Will they reach their full potential? Millfield's Open Evening put my mind at complete rest. It stood out compared to other schools visited due to its bright and colourful artwork, friendly teaching staff and happy polite students. My child is now part of the student leadership team!

MRS WATSON

As parents, we could not be happier with our daughter's first year at Millfield. From the very beginning, she settled quickly and has embraced school life with enthusiasm and confidence.

She has made many wonderful friendships and genuinely loves being part of the Millfield community. It has been fantastic to see how happy and comfortable she feels, both inside and outside the classroom.

Academically, she has thrived and enjoys all her subjects, approaching each day with curiosity and positivity. We have seen her grow enormously in confidence, independence and maturity over the course of the year.

Most importantly, she is happy, engaged and excited about school every day, which as parents is exactly what we hoped for. Her first year at Millfield has been an incredibly positive experience, and we are excited to see her continue to grow and flourish in the years ahead.

MRS KENYON



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Fantastic GCSE Results!

“The careers information, advice, and guidance that students receive sets them up well for their next steps in further education, training, or employment.”

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We are incredibly proud of our GCSE results which are testament to our hardworking team of staff and students. We continue to create bright futures for all our students.

“The improvements have been brought about by an uncompromising drive to raise standards and improve teaching. There is highly successful leadership at all levels, including governance.”

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