

About Millthorpe

Millthorpe School is a consistently oversubscribed 11-16 Ofsted rated 'Good' comprehensive school with over 1080 students on roll. We are fortunate to be located close to the city walls in beautiful, historic York and our community largely consists of students from our local catchment area.

At Millthorpe, we are fortunate to have students who are aspirational, hard-working and resilient whilst also demonstrating compassion and a strong sense of community; our parents are highly supportive and want their children to succeed. Our staff are determined to ensure that every student has the opportunity to fulfil their potential; they are a highly effective team that work collaboratively and support each other. All colleagues strive to ensure that every student and staff member can 'be the best that they can be.'

Mission and Motto

Millthorpe Mission Statement

To be the best that we can be.

Respectful. Responsible. Ready.

Respectful – we are a uniquely warm and inclusive community that is built on relationships of mutual respect and kindness. We recognise and embrace individuality and diversity. We insist on treating each other with dignity and respect and we work hard to ensure that everyone has the right to learn and to feel safe at all times. We understand the importance of happiness in our community and that everyone needs to feel cared for in order **to be the best that we can be.**

Responsible – the school is responsible for knowing all of our students and designing a broad and balanced curriculum, taught by specialists, that reflects the different needs of our learners. We work together to support our own success and that of others to achieve our aspirational goals. We promote gold standard learning, having high expectations for all by encouraging them to think and work hard. We know that being responsive to support and feedback enables us to become successful. We understand how important it is to be healthy physically and mentally. We strive to be resilient in the face of adversity and challenge and know that we have to be responsible **to be the best that we can be.**

Ready – we work together with staff, students and parents to ensure that we are always creative thinkers ready and able to learn. Students are ready for life beyond school through an extensive personal development programme and enrichment opportunities. We ensure that we are well organised, prepared and we are motivated to become successful. We recognise that this will involve perseverance and we

understand that failure is part of our journey to success. We understand that we need to be engaged, motivated and aspirational **to be the best that we can be.**

Millthorpe Vision Statement for 2026

Our school will ensure:

- All our students achieve excellent results in all subjects, that are consistently above similar schools nationally, and this enables them to succeed and to move onto the most appropriate next stage of their education; we balance the need for breadth, choice and some students have tailored curriculums to meet their specific needs.
- Students receive consistently high quality learning experiences across the whole school; these have been planned carefully to take account of all students' different academic, cultural and social experiences culminating in all students being actively engaged in the learning
- Relationships across the school are excellent; all members of our community treat each other with dignity and respect and this is evident through very low numbers of low level disruption in lessons and very low numbers of exclusions. Behaviour, attendance and punctuality is excellent across all student groups.
- Students understand about, and can articulate, the importance of emotional and physical wellbeing and are equipped with a variety of strategies to deal with uncertainty, adversity and personal circumstances; they are confident to seek support from school and parents/carers if they need it.
- Students are equipped for the challenges of a radically changing world and workforce: they understand the value of failure in the journey to success; they are critical thinkers who are prepared to take risks in their learning and they are creative, flexible and persevere in the face of challenge.
- Students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to be a powerful student body whose voice is represented through a highly effective student leadership team and school council; they aspire to be successful and are proud of their achievements and they are recognised publically for their contributions
- That the school remains at the heart of the community and continues to grow to meet the needs of the community: parents agree that they continue to recommend Millthorpe to other parents and they feel well informed and listened to; the school has excellent relationships with alumni and the wider community and the school provides facilities that are enhancing the community as a whole.