



THE MISBOURNE



"The needs of students are at the heart of everything the school does"

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PROSPECTUS

WELCOME

Thank you for showing an interest in The Misbourne.

I joined the school as the Headteacher in 2011 and it is a real pleasure and honour to work alongside so many positive, happy and talented students and staff, all of whom are working together to make our school the best.

We are a close-knit family where we know and encourage each other to always do our best. We work hard to ensure that the educational experience leads to opportunities and success for all, enabling high standards of achievement.

I feel passionate about learning and ensuring that each girl and boy is known as an individual. In this way, our young people can reach their potential in a purposeful, happy and safe environment. The Misbourne is a unique place, preparing our students for tomorrow's world, not only in terms of academic success but also through the social skills and leadership qualities which will enable them to play a full part in the changing global economy of the 21st century.

I am very proud of my students and that they flourish in an atmosphere of mutual respect, which encourages them to succeed with their 'I can do' attitude. They are our future and it is a bright one.

Robert Preston
Headteacher



***"The school is well led and the
Headteacher and all senior
leaders are determined to
ensure the school is one of the
best in the country"***
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VISION



Our vision for the future is ambitious and is to develop tomorrow's leaders today. There are four key components, namely Securing Success, Student Leadership, Staff Leadership and Innovation.

We increasingly live in a global economy in which technology influences the way we live and work. At The Misbourne, we are anticipating the world as it will be when our students enter the workplace. In addition to the best possible academic qualifications, they will also need a range of 'soft skills' for employability, such as decision-making, teamwork, creativity, flexibility, resilience and communication. We are developing these through challenging targets, a wide range of opportunities and an emphasis on ensuring that each student meets her or his potential.

Our aim, therefore, is to be the very best and the school of first choice. Students from The Misbourne will be among the leaders of tomorrow and will play their part in shaping the 21st century.

"Aspirational leadership embeds a culture of ambition which permeates the school"

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LEARNING



We promote academic excellence through a curriculum which is designed to combine the best of our academic tradition with opportunities to develop creative, practical and technological skills. Innovative teaching and the students' positive approach to learning ensure that we achieve very good results and add considerable value to each person's development. We are large enough to offer a wide range of subjects yet small enough to personalise the learning programme for each student.

The chance to excel in academic subjects is balanced by the social, enterprise and leadership skills acquired through our Personal Development Programme, which includes careers guidance.

To us, every student is unique. We achieve excellence in all areas, building on the strengths of each individual. They reach their potential through support and encouragement rather than excessive pressure and it is their determination to succeed that ultimately results in their progress and success.

***"Students are friendly, polite, courteous
and conduct themselves exceptionally
well in lessons and around the school"***

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ACHIEVEMENT



We celebrate success in all its forms. Academic achievement is consistently well above the national average of all secondary schools in the country. The vast majority of our students continue on through the Sixth Form, with many continuing to good universities, including those in the Russell Group, apprenticeships and other career pathways.

Every individual has different strengths, and, just as important as academic success, are achievements in Sport, Drama, Music, Art and in all our extra-curricular activities. This is reflected in the significant number who excel at local, national and international level in many different fields from equestrian through to clay pigeon shooting to poetry.

We give our students the support they need to achieve far beyond their expected levels whether as a leader, a team player, a friend, a sports person or wherever their talents lie.

“Students make good progress across the curriculum as a result of good teaching and support”
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ENRICHMENT



The Misbourne prides itself in the number of enrichment and extra-curricular activities we offer to all year groups.

From school productions such as Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, house competitions, STEM Club science projects, Speak Easy competitions, BOSCH workshops, mathematics challenges, sports clubs, lunchtime concerts, art and photography exhibitions, ski trips, numerous excursions within the UK and abroad, our students have a very packed time during their seven years!

Students across all year groups are members of our very active Student Voice Team where their ideas are communicated into an action plan to further enhance the school. Hence, students are fully involved in their school and help to shape its strategic direction while developing their leadership skills. Students successfully complete the Student Leadership Accreditation.

“Relationships between students and with adults are very positive”
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CARING



We pride ourselves on meeting the physical, social and pastoral needs of each student through guidance exercised by form tutors, heads of year, senior staff and the student welfare officer. In this way, students develop in a supportive environment, acquiring the confidence to take decisions whilst showing respect for others and displaying high standards of behaviour. Each student is regarded as an individual and is known by all their teachers. The staff devote considerable time to students, both in and out of the classroom, promoting high standards of moral principles and values.

We strive hard to ensure that communication both within school and between school and home is positive. Parents receive regular reports on their daughter's/son's progress throughout the year, as well as opportunities to meet with staff.

Through hard work and enjoyment of their time at The Misbourne, our students form long-lasting friendships and are well prepared and equipped with the skills to shape our country in the future.

“The high level of mutual respect between all groups of students and staff contributes well to the mature and harmonious relationships in the school”

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SIXTH FORM



Our Sixth Form is a proven, well established, high achieving centre. We offer a wide range of courses to suit individual talents. Our high quality A Level teaching focuses on developing the skills essential for independent learning within a more adult environment. Small class sizes and individual attention ensure students maximise their academic potential.

Our Sixth Form will develop leadership qualities through a range of exciting and unique activities. Working alongside staff, they also have the opportunity to inspire and develop our younger students through leadership roles within the school.

From the very start of Year 12, students will face personal challenges which stretch their imagination and ensure they unlock their full potential. Rock climbing, high ropes, problem solving, night trekking and abseiling are their first team-building tasks at Trekco, a residential centre in Sussex.

At The Misbourne, students will benefit from personalised advice and guidance on all aspects of Higher Education, apprenticeships and careers. We ensure that they make informed choices and the right decisions about their future.

“The Sixth Form is well established and students achieve well. Good and outstanding teaching, effective support and guidance and an academic curriculum linked to students’ needs and interests lead to them making good progress and being well prepared for the next stage of their education”

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS



Our latest building, dating from 2015, provides eight new state-of-the-art classrooms, a dedicated Sixth Form area and a multi-use dining space. Every student in the school has lessons here. The private study space enables Sixth Formers to enhance their research skills and to foster independent learning, in preparation for Higher and Further Education.

Our next project includes a £3 million sports centre and outdoor games space. This will also be available to the local community outside of school hours.

“All students progress to the next stage in their education, training or employment after they leave school”

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