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Preating Bright Futures Prospectus 2018



The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education.

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from the Headteacher

Welcome to 'Team Millfield'. My name is Nicola Regan and I am immensely proud and privileged to have been appointed as the new Headteacher at our fantastic school. I have worked at Millfield since 2009 and have been the Head of English and the Deputy Headteacher here. My experience of our core values (high-quality teaching and learning in a disciplined and caring environment) is at the heart of everything I believe in. I am ambitious for all of our students and I will continue to ensure their outcomes are at the centre of everything we do.

We are a small, oversubscribed school in the heart of the Thornton community. In 2014 we were delighted to win the National Pupil Premium Secondary School of the Year Award. Then, in 2015, Millfield had a prestigious visit from Sir Michael Wilshaw, the Chief of OFSTED. He said it was a 'joy and privilege' to visit us and our pupils are 'delightful'. In 2017 we were incredibly proud of our team as our pupils achieved the best Progress 8 score on the Fylde Coast. This means that our Year 11s made the most progress across eight of their subjects in their final GCSEs. Our motto is 'Creating Bright Futures' and I believe that your child is entitled to an outstanding education, where they can become the very best they can be - in everything they do.

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Millfield is a caring school: all pupils are valued and happiness through personal success is inspired. We strive for all students to become emotionally equipped individuals; reaching their full potential through a personal learning experience and gaining a thirst for life-long learning. We believe in enriching our young people with a wide variety of cultural or sporting experiences. Pupils have been on a lifechanging trip to Auschwitz, they have been skiing in the Alps and we are even running an eleven-day trip to South Africa in 2020.

I have high expectations in our standards of attendance, behaviour, attainment and respect. The Millfield team has a collective belief that with these high expectations, resilience and determination all our pupils will reach their full potential. Millfield is an excellent school, with a team committed to ensuring that children are nurtured, educated and ready to take their next step into the world.

If you would like to visit the school, then feel free to book a tour with me.

Nicola Regan

**HEADTEACHER** 

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Your ongoing focus on raising aspirations has ensured that pupils' outcomes have continued to improve.

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Creating Bright—Hutures

## Introducing our School

Millfield Science and Performing Arts College is a small, family school in the heart of Thornton. We currently have just over 850 pupils on roll and we are one of the smallest schools in the area. We have raised our admission number to 175 for September 2019; this is due to being vastly oversubscribed and listening to the needs of our community.

The school has an excellent academic record, with the vast majority of students continuing their education at local Post-16

It is anticipated that students entering the school will work hard, behave well and take advantage of the many educational opportunities the school has on offer.

Millfield is a **family**, a **team**, and happiness through personal

# Vission Statemer

#### where individuals are valued success is **inspired**. We strive for all students of 'Team Millfield' to become emotionally and academically equipped individuals: reaching their full potential through a personal learning experience. We aim to be a centre of learning excellence; expecting high standards of behaviour, attainment and respect.

Chris Ronan ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHER Sean Bullen EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER Nicola Regan HEADTEACHER

Students' achievement has improved significantly since the last inspection. The proportion of students gaining five or more good GCSEs has risen at a much faster rate than it has nationally.

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In 2016, the progress made by pupils, including disadvantaged pupils, was strong in English, mathematics and science.

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## Our Specialist College Status

Millfield has been a Science and Performing Arts College since 2005. This unique status allows us to get the best from our students: developing their individual talents be they in the world of the arts or science.

Our aim is to use Specialist College status to develop our links with the community. We provide Science and Drama workshops to our local primaries. Our commitment is to work hard on transfer and transition from Year 6 to Year 7.



Science



has good facilities in the Performing Arts, including a Drama Studio and a Television Studio.

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had visits from the authors Cathy Cassidy and Joseph Delaney. We have

a commitment to small English and maths classes, and we have recently

employed new teaching assistants to develop literacy across the school. We also have a literacy coordinator, who ensures that literacy is embedded

in every subject area. For 2018-19 we have signed up for the Lancashire 'We Are Reading" initiative so we have even more exciting plans for the

year ahead to promote reading for enjoyment than ever before!







feel safe and well looked after in school.

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## The School Day

Students arrive at school for 8.25am. Action is taken against those who are late without reason. The school operates a five-lesson day, with each lesson running for 60 minutes. The total amount of teaching time is 25 hours per week, excluding time for break periods, registration and house/year group assemblies. Lesson times are as

Registration/Assembly 08.25 - 08.4508.45 - 09.45Lesson 1 Lesson 2 09.45 - 10.4510.45 - 11.05Break 11.05 - 12.05Lesson 3 12.05 - 13.05 Lesson 4 13.05 - 13.50 **Lunch Break** 13.50 - 14.50 Lesson 5



Recently the school was the first in Lancashire to receive a ROQA award that recognised our commitment to work-related learning. We believe work experience (in Year 10) and impartial careers guidance is vital to help our students progress into the real world. We want our

> well-qualified, with great results in their examinations. We also want them to be prepared for the world of work!

## School Library: our Independent Learning Centre

The Independent Learning Centre offers a pleasant working and leisure environment for pupils to use during the school day. It has something for everyone, whatever your tastes, hobbies or interests. The ILC is open at break lunchtime and after school.

#### Here are just some of the things on offer in the ILC:

- A wide range of up to date fiction, including eBooks to borrow and read on your phone or device.
- A 'Quick Reads' section
- A large selection of subject specific non-fiction to help with research and homework.
- A large ICT section providing access to online
- A selection of young adult books for older readers.
- A collection of graphic novels
- Mind-boggling cross curricular games
- 'First News': a children's newspaper subscription.

ILC: World Book Day



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

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## Our Pastoral Team

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.

Millfield's House Intervention Managers (HIMS), lead their own House and provide support for all pupils:

> **Bears Miss Cullen Hawks Mrs Murphy Rhinos Mr Carter Sharks Mrs Doran**

The wellbeing of our students is of paramount concern and each student is part of a Form Group that meets daily for registration with a Form Tutor. As a general rule, parents/ carers are asked to contact their child's Form Tutor or Head of House for all matters concerning school work and progress. However, the Student Welfare Manager, Mrs Prescott or the Acting Deputy Headteacher, Mr Grayston, are also available.

As a school that encourages listening to our pupil voice we want students to take part in as many discussions as possible. Two recent examples would be PE kit design and the new form group structure from September 2018. Our Student Leadership Team are even invited to Senior Leader Meetings, to ensure we are listening to pupils' ideas and suggestions about how we can make Millfield even better.





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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# Every Child Matters at Millfield

# ECONOMIC UNDERSTANDING

Ready to be financially aware as a young adult.

# POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTING

Given every opportunity to be involved in their learning.

## SAFE

Working in a safe, disciplined and well-organised environment.

## **HEALTHY**

Encouraged to develop physically, emotionally and mentally.

# **ENJOYING & ACHIEVING**

Learning will be fun and academic standards will be high.



#### Tillie-An Davenport Baines Endowed



Millfield has a really good Ofsted report and also has amazing opportunities for all of the students here. I think it's more than a 'team'. it's a family. All of the teachers here are so trustworthy and reliable, and all of the pupils here are so welcoming.

#### **Ethan Broddle** Manor Beach



I've spent an entire year at Millfield and it's amazing. I chose Millfield because it's a great all-round school. I enjoy it here because the teachers are friendly and the lessons are

#### Ruby Farrell Norbreck



I love being at **Team Millfield** – there are lots of trips and lots of sporting activities. I came to Millfield because it's the best school in the county, and the Year 11s did well in their GCSEs. And I think if they've done well then I will do even

#### Grace Green Stannah



I chose Millfield because I'd heard brilliant comments about it and when I came to view the school I was amazed by all of the activities. The teachers are so kind and helpful and if you had any issues they will support you. When my brother was doing his GCSEs he told me about all of the revision that the teachers set helped him a lot with his exams. Millfield will settle you in to a lovely environment that you will love.

#### Kieron Legate Norbreck



I chose Millfield because when I came on Open Evening the atmosphere of the school felt like a family. You can participate in so many sport activities like: football, basketball, rugby, netball, and there are performing arts clubs on after school. I would recommend coming to Millfield because the teachers are all so helpful and you can really depend on them.

#### **Libby Walmsley** Baines Endowed



I chose Millfield because I know it will lead me into a great career. The lessons are planned for all types of people. The English department always has trips you can go on and they encourage you to read and write to your full potential. The maths department is always challenging you to be your best. The science department always do lots of exciting experiments.

#### Lydia Stuttard Royles Brook



Since I joined Millfield I have improved massively in my lessons. At Millfield the classes are smaller, and the work you do is at a good learning pace. At Millfield there is always something new and exciting to do.

#### Adam Cowan Anchorsholme



I chose Millfield because it is a brilliant school. You get to participate in a lot of in and after school events. It also has a fantastic Ofsted Report. There is zero tolerance with poor behaviour. When you are on your first day/week it is ok to be lost we will all help you around because we are 'Team Millfield.

#### Natasha Stenton Carelton Green



Millfield might be small but it's perfectly formed and that's what makes it a family. Because it's small it gives you the perfect opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. The teachers are super-helpful.

- T Teachers are helpful
- E Everyone is a part of a team
- A Amazing results
- M Millfield is a family

#### **Tomas Turner** Baines Endowed



I chose Team Millfield because they focus on the success that you make and how to help you with any mistakes. The teachers will always try their best to help you. If I were you I'd join Team Millfield and become part of our big, happy family.

#### Alix Brooke-Farmer Royles Brook



At Millfield there is always lots to do. Lunchtimes are filled with fun things like football or cheerleading. In summer the field is open and there is also a Year 7 only yard, you can even play football before form. Millfield is an amazing

#### Jessica Lee Norbreck



I chose Millfield because it feels like a big. happy family and there is success for all. You can trust the teachers because they are so helpful and kind. I really enjoy the clubs like rounders, basketball and dance. Millfield also stood out because of the amazing opportunities for trips. You don't want to miss out!

# RHINOS

#### **Henry Neil** Holy Family



Millfield is a big, happy family and we all help each other if we are struggling. Also if you have any struggles or problems you can tell your form tutor, head of house, or go to pupil support and everything will be sorted out. I love all of the opportunities I've been given, such as going to Manchester United's football stadium and in 2020 I'm going to South Africa - which is unimaginable!

#### Lilv Whitworth Manor Beach



When I first started at Millfield it was a lot like moving house because it had a massive family atmosphere and I could easily find my way around. You might think that the older students will make you feel nervous but they never failed to help me. The teachers are very supportive and always encourage you to try your best, and challenge you out of your comfort zone.

#### Stuart Hadgraft Larkholme



When I came to Millfield the teachers and the pupils inspired me to come out of my shell and show who I really am. I have confidence and now I am the real me. Millfield has made my life better.

#### Halle Boal Charles Saer



Millfield is not just a school, it's a family. I chose Millfield because of the reputation it has, and when I looked around the teachers were so nice. At first I was terrified because I was the only person from my primary school, but after the first week I had made loads of new friends.

#### Ryan Dean Thornton



Millfield sports teams are so fun chose Millfield because people told me how good it is Look out for one another Look forward to school everyday Feel safe in school I now know that Millfield is the best school in the area Everybody helps each other Love being at school Day in day out, you will have fun.

#### **Evie Travis** Stannah



Our school may be smaller than others but that means we can all be a team together. The teachers are always there for you if you need help, and they always challenge you with different lessons. Millfield gets great grades and has successful students. When I first came to Millfield I was quite shy, now I'm not afraid of the challenges I am faced with.

#### Hannah Fish Sacred Heart



The reason I chose Millfield is because I wanted a career in science or drama. But since I joined Millfield I have realised I like much more than just these subjects. I think the reason I like my subjects so much is because the teachers are so nice and approachable. They are firm but fair, which is always good. All the older students are really kind and will always help you.

#### Ciaran Boucher Stannah



I chose Millfield because the behaviour is good and so are the GCSE results. In my first year here I have settled in nicely and made some new friends. I have also done well in learning new topics too. The teachers at Millfield are nice and supportive and I feel like I can talk to anybody if I have a problem. It feels like we are one big happy family and I would advise you to come here.

#### Rebekah Horsley Stannah



I chose Milfliedl because it's a team and a family. I like the teachers and staff because they challenge me and help me to improve with everything I do. I love art and since the start of Millfield the art teachers have helped me to get better and taught me to keep trying even when I fail.

#### Will Brown Chaucer



I chose Millfield because it has great facilities and an amazing science department. It has been awarded the national pupil premium award, so it has spectacular staff and good pupils - all of this makes a fantastic learning environment.

#### **Elle Armstrong** Northfold



I chose Millfield because I heard lots of good things about the school, including the good grades pupils get here. One of the other main reasons is because of all of the sports clubs after school. I think that I made a good decision coming to Millfield and wouldn't change my mind if I had to choose again.

#### Ellie Spencer Larkholme



- M Makes me feel special.
- I Impeccable school.
- L Lots of opportunities
- L Lots of helpful teachers.
- F Fantastic places to visit on trips.
- I I feel like I've improved (a lot!).
- E Excellent education. L - Lots of new friends.
- D Dedicated more than ever!



# Children

The school has a fantastic pastoral team who are committed to looking after every single child. The team deliver regular assemblies on topical issues that may affect our young people in this ever-changing world. All staff at school are fully trained in child protection and safeguarding and show a duty of care to all children. We have two mentors and a life coach who give children support when they most need it.

coming to school. OFSTED 2017

## Caring for All High-Ability Pupils

Here at Millfield we have a dedicated team of high ability coordinators who ensure pupils are challenged in lessons; encouraged to achieve top grades; provided with opportunities outside the classroom to further develop their skills and informed about top academic institutes. Every year a series of trips, competitions and extracurricular master classes take place. Highlights from this year's master classes include a cross-curricular bake-off - 'Le Meilleur Patissier', an introduction to architecture, Mandarin and a course in how to play lacrosse.

Every year we work with other institutions to raise pupils' academic aspirations. Millfield students had opportunities to ask a specialist about Russel Group Universities during a session to year 9 and 10 students and pupils found out about how to prepare in advance in order to make their applications for these universities stand out. Year 11 Millfield students attended an Oxbridge evening.

Key Stage 3 pupils, who were identified as having a keen interest in English and history, had the opportunity to participate in residential trips to Stratford-Upon-Avon and York to explore Britain's rich cultural heritage. Pupils met a poet in residence at Shakespeare's Birthplace, composed a poem at Shakespeare's desk, saw a medieval archery display and learnt how to fire a trebuchet at Warwick Castle.

We are constantly trying to develop higher-level thinking skills with our students, for example our Year 7 pupils participate in a 'Stretch and Challenge' project where they work as a group to research and present their findings on topics ranging from scientific developments to ethical issues.

## PSHE and Resilience

Pupils study Personal, Social, Health and Economic lessons that provides them with an in-depth look into aspects of life not normally covered by the traditional curriculum. By teaching our pupils to stay safe and healthy, and by building self-esteem, resilience and empathy, we tackle barriers to learning, raise aspirations, and improve the life chances of all our pupils. The skills and attributes developed through PSHE are shown to increase academic attainment and attendance rates. It also develops the knowledge, skills and attributes pupils need to manage many of the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities they will face as they grow up and in adulthood.

Millfield considers the needs of all its students to be important. Extra help is provided through in-class support, withdrawal, and assistance from external agencies for students with special educational needs. Student Progress Plans (SPP), one page profiles and provision maps are produced for all students who require additional support; this enables us to monitor progress and keep staff and parents/carers informed of particular requirements. These plans are reviewed termly. The school's policy on Special Educational Needs is available for inspection by parents/carers on our website.

## Local Primary Schools: Strong Links

Millfield has developed strong links with our local primary schools. Many pupils from our local primaries have already visited us for some fun and educational experiences. These have included: The Top of the Wyre Quiz (which Northfold have won for the second year in a row!); the Egg-Lander Day (did your egg survive the drop?); pond-dipping with the science department and M-factor (it's like the X-Factor but better!)

In addition, we have also taken a team of Millfield Science leaders into primary schools to lead a project on investigating edible water as a means of cutting down on disposable plastic bottle usage in the future, and a project on analysing fossil 'poo' to determine the diet of past civilisations.

We have also provided equipment and advice to help local primary schools to develop and deliver lessons on electricity, rocks and chemical reactions. Here at team Millfield we will continue to try to enthuse and inspire the scientists and engineers of the future.

### Transition: Year 6 to Year 7

There is a close partnership between Millfield Science and Performing Arts College and its neighbouring primary schools. Towards the end of each summer term Year 6 pupils who are coming to Millfield in September spend a full day in school. New students attend sample lessons, meet staff, have lunch in our canteen and familiarise themselves with their new school. A meeting of new parents/carers and students is also held during the summer supported in their learning and are encouraged to reach their full potentiall.

**OFSTED 2017 Parent View** 



## Admission Arrangements for September 2019

Governors have set the admission number for the school at 175. This has been increased from 160 as we are so popular. The Local Authority may also allocate places to a small number of children for exceptional reasons. Any remaining places will be offered on the basis of the distance of the individual's home from the school. Lancashire County Council oversees the admission

Parents/carers are encouraged to make Millfield Science and Performing Arts College their first choice on application forms. It is the most oversubscribed school in Wyre and North Blackpool

The school is at present smaller than most local high schools, thus offering we feel, a more personalised feeling to the education for individual children

**Millfield** has been oversubscribed for the last nine years

# Millfield's Family

of Alumnae



The academic foundations, together with the supportive atmosphere Etty will be going into her final year of midwifery training created by all staff members, helped contribute to the girls achieving their personal milestones in education and working life.

Phoebe and Freya both attained a first class honours degree from the University of Leeds in psychology and law respectively. After completing a PGCE Phoebe is now a primary school teacher and Freya is on a management training scheme in London.

Romy has been working as a hospital doctor and will shortly begin her training to become a registrar

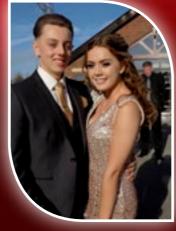
after achieving a psychology degree at the University of Sheffield, and our youngest Caoimhe will be completing a study abroad term in Canada as part of her politics and philosophy degree at the University of Liverpool.

A heartfelt thanks is to be extended to the whole Millfield team who encouraged the girls throughout their school years and who create an atmosphere that supports every child to achieve their personal goals. Thank you.





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# Pupil Premium Award NATIONAL WINNER

Millfield won the NATIONAL PUPIL PREMIUM AWARD for 2014. The award is for the academic performance of all students, especially those on Free School Meals. We won the North West Regional Award in 2013 and again in 2014. This is one of the most prestigious awards in education, Millfield won out of 3100 schools. Mr. Kilmurray, Mrs. Davey and Mr. Bullen are pictured with Nick Clegg.

Millfield was the only secondary school in the North West to have students videoed in our T.V. studio as part of an OFSTED best practice study into The Pupil Premium process.

## Debating Team

A team of Year 9 Millfield students participated in Blackpool Sixth's 'Excellence Academy' and fought off competition from seven other local schools to finish in 1st place! They took part in a series of workshops including: medical science; ethics; biochemistry; history and politics and the sessions finished with a challenging debate



# Millfield Winners

Year 7 Girls' Football Team

After coming second in the Fylde Coast competition, the girls then entered the Lancashire Cup and for the first time in the school's history, the girls' football team reached the quarter final of the English School's Cup. The girls were excellent throughout the knock out stages of the cup. We hope the girls will go even further next year!





# of Edinburgh Award

At Millfield, we are entering the fifth year of the bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and the numbers keep increasing! This takes place currently in year 10, however, I am looking at expanding and training more staff to lead so we can offer Bronze in year 9 and the Silver Award in year 10. The students take part in volunteering, physical and skilled activities in their own time and then in April I lead them on the Expedition Phase of the award.

This comprises of two weekends of camping, cooking, field craft, hiking, navigational and leadership skill building which is highly sought after in today's modern world of employment. The first weekend will be instructional and led by myself and the second weekend the students are assessed for their competency in the outdoors.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you out there in the field!

### Sir Michael Wilshaw **CHIEF OF OFSTED**

Sir Michael Wilshaw only visited one secondary school in the North West in 2015 - **MILLFIELD!** 



It was a joy and privilege to visit Millfield Science and Performing Arts College, and the children were delightful.

SIR MICHAEL WILSHAW CHIFF OF OFSTED



# Fantastic Results!

We are by far the most improved secondary school on the Fylde Coast. Our 2018 GCSE results are even better than 2017's results. In 2018 pupils sat the more stringent GCSEs and excelled; yet again we are incredibly proud of our pupils and everyone at Team Millfield. We continue to create bright futures for all our pupils.

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I have very
high expectations of
all pupils at Millfield
and want them to be
the very best they can
be.

Mrs Nicola Regan

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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# Open Evening

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