



# MEDDEN

SCHOOL



# ASPIRATION EXCELLENCE ACHIEVE

## Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Meden School.

At Meden we believe that all of our young people deserve the best standard of education. We believe that the culture of success we create in our school encourages students to strive for achievement through hard work, determination and ambition.

Choosing the right secondary school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent or carer. We feel we have fundamental role to play in supporting you throughout this process, and we would

welcome all prospective families and students into school, during the school day, to experience all of what Meden has to offer.

I feel privileged to be the Head Teacher at Meden School and truly intend to make a positive difference to the school and community of Warsop, ensuring school is a caring and ambitious environment we can all be proud of.

**Jim Smith**

Head of School



# Ethos

## Mission Statement

To create a caring school with high levels of aspiration for all our pupils. Ultimately they will fulfil their potential and go on to lead successful adult lives.

## Aims

Our aim is to build a school that truly encapsulates "Work Hard Be Kind" and where pupils:

- **Have high aspirations of themselves the school and the community**
- **Strive for excellence in every aspect of their school life**
- **Have ambition and achieve well**

## Values

We believe in:

- **Raising aspirations**
- **Being ambitious**
- **Hard work**
- **Being empathetic to everyone**
- **Being determined to be the best you can be**
- **Being tolerant**
- **Being resilient and not giving up**
- **An excellent attitude to learning**
- **A high standard of behaviour**



*“Students show respect for adults and for each other. In lessons, students work well together, listening to each other’s views and challenging each other in ways that help them develop their knowledge and understanding.”*

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## Promoting British Values

We agree with the Department for Education’s five-part definition of Fundamental British Values:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

At the school students will encounter these principles throughout everyday school life. The importance of these values in our modern and diverse community is recognised across all curriculum areas. Our PSHCE curriculum in particular delivers opportunities for students to learn about and reflect upon these British Values.

## Pastoral Care

Meden is justifiably proud of its excellent pastoral reputation. The year group system provides your child with the support, guidance and care they need whilst nurturing friendships and developing a strong sense of community.

Form Tutors play an active role in ensuring that students are happy, well-supported and fully engaged in school life. Tutors also serve as the first point of contact between school and home.

As your child develops through Meden School, their progress and well-being will be closely monitored, ensuring that students are recognised and rewarded when they succeed and supported when things are more challenging.

Meden is a very caring community and the health, happiness and well-being of students underpins our overall ethos and philosophy.



*“Pupils’ Attitudes to Learning are extremely positive and they want to do well. They say they feel safe, listened to and know who to turn to if they have concerns.”*

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## Curriculum

Our school curriculum aims to inspire and challenge all learners and prepare them for the future.

The school's aim is to develop a coherent curriculum that builds on young people's experiences in the primary phase and that helps all young people to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

It will transcend class barriers and widen students' horizons and aspirations by developing our key student principles of character and academic aptitude.

Through our curriculum we aim to:

- **Have both high levels of aspiration and high levels of support**
- **Ensure it is academically rigorous and it will engage and enthuse our children**
- **Tailor its designed to make it individual and personal to our children's needs**
- **Promote and develop both cultural and social capital**

*“The achievement culture engendered by the Head Teacher and senior leaders supports teachers in setting aspirational targets for students’ progress.”*

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## Achievement

At Meden School, we believe that examination success allows our students to make the very most of their lives and student achievement is at the very heart of everything we do.

We have developed a curriculum designed to challenge and engage students, offering them the very best preparation for examination success and the skills and confidence required to make full use of those qualifications.

Exciting, engaging and inspiring lessons lie at the centre of our curriculum and as a school, we constantly strive to provide your child with the very best educational experience.

Extra curricular activities offer a further opportunity for your child to develop the skills and understanding needed to succeed throughout their lives. A broad range of sporting, artistic and academic courses are on offer, allowing students to fully explore and develop their potential. We have a range of support services that will ensure your child’s success, whatever their individual educational needs.

Examination results provide a good indication of how well a school is serving its students. Meden School has a sustained track record of continuous improvement, but to fully serve our community we will continue to strive for outstanding achievement for all.





*“I had the opportunity to take part in the school production. I really enjoyed working with pupils from different year groups. Being involved in the show really helped to build my confidence.”*

**Year 8 pupil**

## Enrichment

Meden School offers a comprehensive programme of extracurricular activities enabling students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Enrichment activities are a compulsory element of the timetable.

We have access to excellent sports facilities and students enjoy activities including football, hockey, netball, rugby, cross-country, tennis and athletics. Meden students regularly compete at county level and our sports teams have a strong tradition of success.

The Performing Arts take a leading role in school life

with regular drama productions, allowing all students to fully explore their creativity. Community is very much at the heart of Meden School and in partnership with several local organisations and committees, students are encouraged to take part in regular community projects including environmental clean ups, residential home visits and town centre improvements.

In addition we run a wide range of trips and visits, which include residential and international opportunities. In recent years, Meden students have travelled as far afield as France and Taiwan.

*“I was so nervous about starting secondary school, but I didn't need to worry...Meden is great! I like my tutor, she really looks after me. Everyone is really friendly, even the Year 11s!”*

**Year 7 pupil**

## Transition

We understand that the transition from Primary to Secondary education can be both an exciting and a challenging process for both pupils and parents.

Our transition arrangements are carefully planned to ensure that students are ready for a successful and enjoyable Year 7. Arrangements start in Year 5 and build up to a full school visit in the summer term of Year 6. A full programme of activities is offered to all primary schools throughout Year 6.

If you have any questions regarding transition, at any stage of the process, please do not hesitate to ask. Staff are always available to answer questions at the various events or you can e-mail the school at any time.

Meden School is increasingly popular and has become the school of first choice for students from a wide range of primary schools. As well as visiting our linked primary schools, we welcome visits to the school from prospective parents and students during the school day. If you would like to arrange a visit or if you have any questions, please contact the school by phone or e-mail. We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to Meden School.



### Step One: Summer Term, Year 5

The Head of School and a member of the Leadership Team meet prospective parents at their child's current primary school. A short talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

### Step Two: Autumn Term, Year 6

Pupils and parents are invited to an open evening to look around Meden School and meet members of staff in all the teaching departments.

### Step Three: Spring Term, Year 6

Data will be collected from the primary feeder schools to help arrange admissions.

### Step Four: Summer Term, Year 6

A member of the Pastoral Team and the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator will visit primary schools to talk to students and staff.

### Step Five: Summer Term, Year 6

Year 6 pupils will visit Meden School with their classmates for 'Taster Days' to allow them to familiarise themselves with the school. Pupils with Special Educational Needs may have additional visits.





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