





Message from Headteacher

I am excited and proud to have the opportunity to introduce our successful and caring school.

We are ambitious for every student and conscious that success is different for each individual. Our mission is to provide all of the young people in our care with high quality learning and exciting experiences. Academic success is crucial, which is why our dedicated and skilled staff work in partnership with students and parents to provide a personalised learning journey for all. Every bit as important as securing high quality qualifications is developing the character and resilience that will stay with our students for life – I am inspired by the achievements of Emmbrook students.

I cherish what is special about this community: our ethos, traditions and pursuit of excellence that have made our students flourish for 60 years. Crucially, I know how to sustain the rapid improvements we have enjoyed, so that The Emmbrook is the truly exceptional school that our students deserve.

As a father, I have always had two rules for my own children: to be kind and try hard. These principles guide my leadership of The Emmbrook. Our FAIR values (Family, Ambition, Integrity and Respect) form the backbone of our community and they are summed

up well via our motto 'learning together, succeeding together' – highlighting that excellence is achieved through cooperation. These values permeate all aspects of our community.

We are a happy, warm, caring school, engaged in a never-ending pursuit of academic excellence. We maintain high standards of personal conduct and offer a broad and rich curriculum. Equally important, in the ever-changing arena that is education in the 21st century, we will continue to evolve and grow, ensuring that our students are equipped for the opportunities and challenges that await. We would be privileged to share that journey with you.

With very best wishes,

Nick McSweeney





At The Emmbrook School, a strong sense of family is cultivated through a supportive transition programme, rigorous safeguarding, enriching trips and a focus on student wellbeing. From guiding students through transitions to prioritising their safety and welfare, the school fosters an environment where every individual feels valued and supported. Enriching trips and a focus on wellbeing further strengthen bonds among students and staff, creating a nurturing community akin to a

caring family unit that is ambitious for all.



"Pupils and parents value the 'family feel' of the school and how welcoming it is."

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Ambition

We are ambitious for our students, our staff and all aspects of school life. Ambition is at the heart of our innovative curriculum, high quality learning and excellent pastoral care. The curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire students, fostering a culture of academic excellence and intellectual curiosity. Assessments provide students with clear benchmarks for progress, encouraging them to strive for continuous improvement and reach their full potential. The interhouse system promotes healthy competition and collaboration, motivating students to excel not only academically but also in extracurricular activities and personal development. Through these initiatives, The **Emmbrook School cultivates ambitious, well-rounded** individuals equipped with the skills and confidence to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

"In lessons pupils are focused on their learning. They benefit from the school's recently developed, thoughtful curriculum planning."

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Integrity

At The Emmbrook School, integrity is central to our ethos. In order for our young people to become successful in their futures, we believe that integrity is a crucial value for each individual to understand and develop.

We have the highest expectations for personal conduct from all members of our community which are achieved by having clear and well understood values reinforced through a well-established system of recognition and rewards. Clear protocols are in place and understood by all to manage the rare occasions when individuals do not rise to our high expectations. We will always work with parents to ensure that all children in the school are able to thrive and succeed. Comprehensive support services ensure equitable access to education for all, fostering inclusivity.





Respect

At The Emmbrook School, respect thrives through student leadership groups, relationship education and character development programs. Through these initiatives, students learn to value diverse perspectives, cultivate empathy and uphold integrity. By empowering student leaders, fostering healthy relationships and emphasising character education, the school creates an environment where mutual respect is fundamental to community life.

"Pupils value the school's sense of 'community and togetherness'."

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