



MEADOW PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you with some exciting news about Meadow Park School.

Our school has achieved a great deal in the last 18 months. We have raised our standards and expectations and that has had a real and positive benefit for our students. While we have been focused on our immediate future, we have also been planning for how we support our school to develop for years to come. A key part of this is our Sixth Form. Recruitment to our Sixth Form was paused so that we could stop and consider how we can make our Sixth Form more relevant and more exciting for our students. During this pause we have been listening to what students and employers want and need, and looking at how local Sixth Forms are able to meet that need. What is becoming increasingly clear is that we think we can offer something that is both different and distinct which can evolve for years to come.

This is why I am delighted to introduce the new Meadow Park Business and Innovation Sixth Form Centre:



The key to the offer are the two words in the middle of the title – Business and Innovation. We are going to offer practical courses that take an exciting new look at how we support our students to access their futures. In the first year this will be through courses in: Business; Health and Social Care; and Sport.

From September 2024 we have already been approved by the DFE to offer T-Level in Business and Administration in addition to the subjects above, and further qualifications which we will offer from that point onwards.



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Through our partner schools in the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust, students will also be able to supplement their courses with access to other A Levels and qualifications, giving them a real breadth of opportunity.

The world is changing. We know that many of our students will look to go down routes of apprenticeships and on the job training. The courses that we will be offering will help students stand out to potential employers and get them into the world of work quickly. Some may even choose to start their own businesses.

Our offer will be more than just about courses – it will be about creating an environment that will help give our students the ability to stand out in interviews for being well rounded young people. Our plans include:

- Treating our students as independent young people by giving them access to dedicated newly refurbished study and common rooms
- Supporting students to complete Silver or Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Arranging Year 12 Work Experience Week to help build relationships and connections with employers
- Giving access to our Meadow Park School Careers Advisor and supporting university and employment visits
- Running employability skills workshops, including CV writing; preparation for interview; and communication skills
- Bursaries and volunteering opportunities will also be available
- Completion of individual Extended Project Qualification in an area of their interest

We are now recruiting for September 2023. I shared the news in assembly today with current Year 11 students. Those currently in Year 11 who are interested in applying for a place a Meadow Park Business and Innovation Sixth Form Centre need to complete and return an application form by Friday 12th May 2023. We will then review all applications and confirm places with students.

I believe this is an exciting time for Meadow Park School.

Kind regards

Bernadette Pettman
Headteacher