

St Michael's
Church of England
Middle School



Prospectus



Thank you for your interest in St Michael's Middle School.

St Michael's is part of Wimborne Academy Trust. The Trust provides an outstanding education across first and middle phases, ensuring our children are given a broad and balanced education which prepares them well for success in their future lives. I'm confident we will meet your expectations and more.

Thank you for taking the time to consider one of our schools within Wimborne Academy Trust.

Liz West
CEO - Wimborne Academy Trust
National Leader of Education

“ I like the way teachers really want us to succeed – they do whatever they can to help us. They push us and challenge us. ”

Year 8 Pupil



Welcome to our school



Each child, uniquely made in God's image, merits the best that we can give.



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Our sense of purpose begins with the statement on the left, rooted in the highest possible understanding of young people and all their God-given potential. All that we do flows from this, including our core values of Aspiration, Belief and Creativity: the St Michael's ABC.

Our pupils join St Michael's at a crucial stage of transition from childhood to early adulthood. We support them through this journey in three key ways. Firstly, by inspiring them to aim high in all areas of schooling and personal development. Secondly, we coach pupils to sustain belief in all situations and challenges. Finally, we actively seek ways for all pupils to explore and nurture their creativity.

We hope this brochure gives you an insight into what makes St Michael's special and we would be delighted to meet you and show you the school in more detail.

Ron Jenkinson, M.Ed
Headteacher



Aspiration

The pursuit of academic excellence is at the heart of everything we do.

We have high expectations and our aim is to enable every child to reach their full potential. We do this through:

- Providing a broad and exciting curriculum supported by specialist Middle School facilities and excellent teaching
- Inspiring a love of learning
- Identifying areas of difficulty or opportunities in learning and providing additional support and challenges as needed
- Celebrating talents and successes
- Challenging ourselves through local partnerships and the use of assessment to ensure our standards are as high as possible.

The curriculum at St Michael's is built on the best foundations of excellence in English, Maths and Humanities, but with an enriched specialist Middle School curriculum on offer too.

This includes specialist subjects such as Science in laboratories; Design Technology in workshops and kitchens; Art in a dedicated art workshop and PE in 9 acres of sports fields, gym and our own swimming pool. From Year 5 onwards our pupils benefit from experiencing a wide range of subjects and the opportunity to discover their existing talents, as well as new areas in which they can excel.

We also support every pupil to aspire to the highest standards of personal growth through character development. We rate this element so highly that our reward system is built around celebrating the values and qualities that will enable young people to thrive in whatever path their life takes.

“ A truly amazing school with outstanding leaders and so many opportunities for all students. ”

Year 5 Parent

Belief

We are built on Christian foundations, where everyone is valued and respected regardless of their faith position. Our desire is to build resilience in young people by supporting a self-esteem rooted in their faith in God or by finding the courage from within themselves.

We achieve this through:

- Strong pastoral care and specialist support, including nurture and self-esteem raising programmes
- Daily collective worship and regular visits to church to build a positive image of faith
- A comprehensive reward system that celebrates character
- Providing a safe and secure environment including peer mentors, called 'Year 8 Buddies', for all new Year 5s
- Weekly visiting speakers from the local community
- An active School Council
- Sports leadership programme
- Residential trips which give young people opportunities to grow their confidence by stretching their personal boundaries in a safe environment.



“The teachers are caring and make you feel safe in the school.”

Year 5 Pupil



Creativity

At St Michael's we encourage excellence and innovation – within the classroom and beyond. Creativity is not an optional extra in the modern world, but rather it is a quality which enables us to thrive and adapt in any environment. Our emphasis on creativity not only enhances academic achievement but also ensures that St Michael's pupils are given the opportunities to blossom through the extensive range of creative and sporting activities.

These are just some of the ways we develop creativity in our young people:

- Explicit references to creativity within every curriculum area
- A growth mindset philosophy that encourages bravery in learning and a willingness to make mistakes
- Outstanding musical drama productions
- Music concerts, Orchestra, Djembe Drummers, Ukele Orchestra and a large number of peripatetic music teachers
- A vast range of sporting events and fixtures, including a fun and inclusive 'House Sports' programme
- Art Clubs for beginners and aspiring artists
- Regular visiting artists and theatre companies
- A wide range of extra-curricular clubs beyond sports, including: Computing clubs such as Raspberry Pi; Life Saving in the Pool; and Textiles.



“ St Michael's encourages independence and confidence in our children.

Year 6 Parent

Partnerships

We thrive as an organisation by building strong partnerships. As a Church of England School this starts with our strong links to the Salisbury Diocese and, specifically, St Michael's and All Angels Church, where the incumbent plays a full role in the life of our school.

We are also a founding member of the innovative Wimborne Academy Trust. The Trust provides St Michael's with excellent support to review its performance and share best practice across a network of ambitious schools. Furthermore, we enjoy a strong relationship with Queen Elizabeth Upper School, where the vast majority of our pupils finish their education. We work closely with them to ensure that the curriculum we teach lays a foundation for academic success in their GCSEs and beyond.

Finally, we aim to work with you, the parents, because we recognise that the best results come from working as a team; whether that is through the Parent Teachers Association or by actively seeking feedback through questionnaires or sharing information in the termly parent evenings.



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