



Newsletter 1

Helping
every child
thrive

Welcome to the first Future Citizens Newsletter
of the academic year!

Last week, during assembly time, we introduced all pupils to our new
Future Citizens Programme.

The programme brings together all aspects of our personal development provision under one umbrella: **Future Citizens.** It is designed to help our pupils develop the knowledge, skills, values and experiences they need to become confident, responsible and well-rounded members of their community.

Inside this newsletter you will find a guide to the **Future Citizens Programme,** explaining the different areas it covers and how they contribute to pupils' personal development.



Working together
to help every child thrive.





Building character • Widening opportunity • Shaping futures

Helping every child thrive

Kind
Confident
Responsible
Ready for
the future

At Birchensale Middle School, the Future Citizens Programme helps every pupil develop the knowledge, character, confidence and opportunities they need to succeed in school and beyond.

Education is about more than academic achievement. Through experiences, activities and opportunities, we support children to grow into confident, responsible and compassionate young people who are ready for the future.



BUILD CHARACTER

Resilience, respect, responsibility, kindness and compassion – with positive choices and community contribution.



EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES

Clubs, sport, arts, leadership, cultural experiences and community activities to discover interests and talents.



GET FUTURE-READY

Personal skills, experiences and aspirations that prepare pupils for the next stage of education and later life.

Four connected strands

Together, these strands develop the character, knowledge, skills and experiences pupils need to flourish now and in the future.



BELONG

Citizenship, Health & Safety

Feel respected and included, build positive relationships and thrive safely online and offline.



MOTIVATE

Enrichment, Talents & Cultural Capital

Pupils are inspired to try new things, discover interests and develop their talents.



SUCCEED

Careers, Future Readiness & Life Beyond School

Pupils build the skills, knowledge and aspirations for a bright future.



RESILIENT

Character & Culture

Manage emotions, build confidence, develop resilience and make positive choices.

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What the programme looks like in school



A practical, joined-up offer that supports pupils' wellbeing, belonging, talents, aspirations and readiness for life beyond school.



BELONG

Citizenship, Health & Safety

Included today, stronger together.

Every child is supported to feel respected, valued and included, while learning about relationships, community, rights, responsibilities and wellbeing.

- ✓ PSHE and RSE curriculum
- ✓ Citizenship through assemblies, tutor time and projects
- ✓ British Values, cultural and identity celebration
- ✓ Online safety and Physical Education



MOTIVATE

Enrichment, Talents & Cultural Capital

Explore today, excel tomorrow.

Pupils develop talents and interests through wider experiences that build confidence, motivation, compassion and a sense of belonging.

- ✓ Community engagement projects and enrichment clubs
- ✓ Visits, performances and trips with universal access
- ✓ Arts, literature, music and cultural experiences
- ✓ External workshops and horizons-broadening opportunities



SUCCEED

Careers, Future Readiness & Life Beyond School

Big dreams start here.

Pupils set goals, explore future pathways and raise aspirations, linking wellbeing and personal development with success beyond school.

- ✓ Pupil voice, school leadership and leadership roles
- ✓ Careers programme across year groups
- ✓ Encounters with FE, employers, apprenticeships and workplaces
- ✓ Careers fairs, speakers, transition partnerships, work-related learning and mentoring



RESILIENT

Character & Culture

Stronger today, brighter tomorrow.

Pupils learn to take ownership of their actions, choices and safety, manage emotions, build confidence and face challenges positively.

- ✓ Anti-bullying, safeguarding and pastoral support
- ✓ Mentoring, behaviour coaching and resilience groups
- ✓ Safety themes, attendance support and family engagement.
- ✓ Mental health and emotional regulation within PSHE

How you can support at home



Talk about the opportunities available



Encourage your child to try new things



Support their wellbeing and positive choices



Celebrate their successes big and small

Our commitment

Together, we are preparing every Birchensale pupil to become a successful learner, a responsible citizen and a confident individual – ready to thrive in school, in their community and in life beyond education.



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Working Together

to Develop Our Future Citizens

Helping every child thrive

Our Future Citizens Programme extends beyond individual lessons or activities.

Through assemblies, form time, PSHRE, careers education, extra-curricular opportunities, pupil leadership and experiences across school, we want every pupil to have opportunities to develop their **confidence, character, aspirations and understanding of the wider world.**

We look forward to sharing more of the opportunities, activities and achievements taking place through **Future Citizens** in our next newsletter.



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