



Millthorpe
School

ISSP Policy

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York Independent State School Partnership

ISSP is a partnership, not a programme, and parents/carers should be aware that an invitation to one event does not automatically guarantee invitations to other events.

Invitations to all events will be reviewed on an annual basis at the beginning of each academic year.

Astronomy GCSE

ISSP recruits at the end of year 9 to start in year 10. There is an application process and we are asked to promote it to students who are excelling in maths and/or those with a very specific interest in space. We have a small number of places on this course (which varies each year due to the availability of teaching staff). Please note that acceptance on this course is via a short test set by ISSP and not all students who are invited will be offered a place.

Latin GCSE

ISSP recruits at the end of year 8 to start in year 9. There is an application process and we are asked to promote it to all students in Year 8. We have a small number of places on this course (which varies each year due to the availability of teaching staff). Please note that acceptance on this course is via a short test set by ISSP and not all students who are invited will be offered a place.

Year 7 Breakthrough Event

We offer this to the top 10 performing students (this is data driven and where students have been identified as excelling in 5 or more subjects across the school) who receive Pupil Premium. If any of these students decline the offer, we work down through the list until, where possible, all 10 places are filled. This is an ISSP request.

Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 Masterclasses

Year 7/8 Masterclasses and Year 9/10 Masterclasses, the places on each are offered to the top achieving students in the Year group. This is data driven and where students have been identified as excelling in 5 or more subjects across the school. Where they decline the offer, we work down the list until the places are filled. ISSP works on a first-come, first-served basis and will close entry to the classes when they are full.

Year 7/8 Lecture series

In year 7, this is offered to the students who have attended the Breakthrough Event and who will be offered a Masterclass. It will also be offered to students who are excelling in 4 or more subjects across the school, but who won't receive an invitation to a masterclass. For Year 8, this is offered to students who may have been on an ISSP Masterclass the previous year, but who weren't offered one this year and students who are excelling in 4 or more subjects across the school, but who won't receive an invitation to a masterclass. ISSP works on a first-come, first-served basis and will close entry to the lectures when they are full.

Summer Schools

This will be offered to anyone who has **attended** an ISSP event that academic year. Should spaces be left, this will be opened up to students who have been invited to an ISSP event during the same academic year and then to any students who have attended ISSP events before but were not included in invites that academic year. Finally, if places are still available, these will be advertised via appropriate departments within the school. ISSP works on a first-come, first-served basis and will close entry to the Summer Schools when they are full.

Business and Enterprise

This will be offered to the top achieving PP students in Year 10, specifically those students who are excelling in the most subjects. There are 4 places available. If any of these students decline the offer, we work down through the list until, where possible, all 4 places are filled.

Maths Excellence Club

This will be offered to the top achieving Year 8 students in maths. There are 2 places available. If any of these students decline the offer, we work down through the list until, where possible, both places are filled.

Invitations to additional events

Any invites to additional events, not listed above, and delivered by ISSP will be based on academic performance and will identify those students who are excelling in 5 or more subjects in that particular year group. ISSP may additionally add their own requirements to the selection process which may impact on Millthorpe's recruitment process.