

FULNECK
SCHOOL

WHOLE SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

2023-2024

BE KIND – WORK HARD – BE USEFUL – GO WELL

ESTABLISHED IN 1753, FULNECK SCHOOL HAS BEEN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR 270 YEARS

GOLF COURSE

Fulneck golf course is available for our students to use all year round.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Historic school building overlooking Fulneck Valley.

BOARDING HOUSES

Well- appointed boarding houses at the heart of the school.

PRE-SCHOOL

Brand new state of the art setting for children from 3 years upwards.

PRIVATE PLAYING FIELDS

50 acres of maintained private land, including tennis courts, football pitches, cricket field and play areas.

FITNESS CENTRE

private fitness suite available for students to use during and after school.

SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Modern centre of learning dedicated entirely to Sixth Form.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Central hub for early years and Primary School.





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A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We are truly a caring School, characterised by small class sizes, excellent relationships with families, and a belief that within every pupil there is brilliance.

A **vibrant** School, of exceptional teachers who have excellent subject knowledge, enthusiasm and build superb relationships with pupils and understand how to teach to the top, whilst supporting all pupils to make good progress.

An **inclusive** School, which builds aspiration for all pupils whilst caring and supporting them to develop their unique interests and talents.

A **learning** School, where public exam results are strong and where self-reflection is encouraged to build spirituality and an appreciation of the non-materialistic aspects of life.

A **creative** School, nurturing high standards of drama and performance, music, art and design.

An **active** School, with individual pupils and teams enjoying sporting success on a regional and national level whilst a thriving Duke of Edinburgh scheme encourages service and self-development, challenging pupils physically and mentally.

A **nurturing** School, where the care provided for pupils is exceptional resulting in pupils feeling a real sense of belonging and ready to confidently participate.

A School where pupils, staff and families hold close the Fulneck values – **to work hard, be kind, be useful, and go well**. Please do come and see for yourself the unique education on offer at Fulneck, you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

This is a school of which we all are very proud.

Devin Cassidy,
Principal



WHY CHOOSE AN INDEPENDENT EDUCATION?

If you've never considered an independent education or just want to find out a little more, then do please get in contact, you can be assured of a very friendly welcome. It is true that an independent school fees are high but independent education is an investment for life. Research continually shows that pupils at independent schools perform significantly better than pupils in state schools; benefiting from the equivalent of two years additional schooling and pursuing subjects more favoured by leading universities.

Independent schools are also renowned for developing so called 'soft skills' owing to the well-developed extracurricular programmes which exist in such schools. Indeed, academic success is complemented by a great range of opportunities outside of the taught curriculum with a greater emphasis on sport.

Excellent pastoral care and an emphasis on building leadership skills, self-esteem and resilience promote the development of such soft skills in independent schools which employers seek from tomorrow's employees.

WHY CHOOSE FULNECK?

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Outstanding care, support and commitment to pupil wellbeing

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Strong sense of family values owing to superb home-school partnership

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Commitment to an holistic education with a strong emphasis on extracurricular and cocurricular education

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Strong sense of belonging, inclusion, and diversity

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Excellent relationships between pupils and between pupils and staff

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Stunning learning environment and great facilities

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Inspirational teaching from talented teachers

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Accessible through easy regional, national and international transport links

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Promise of small class sizes

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Pupils leave ready to make a significant and meaningful contribution to society



FULNECK'S PRE-SCHOOL OFFERS A WARM, NURTURING, FAMILY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO GROW

Fulneck's Pre-School boasts a modern, warm, and interactive multi-room setting that helps to engage children in learning about the world around them.

Our priority is to ensure that your child's first experiences of educational life are interesting, fun and above all, enjoyable. Within Pre-School, children learn in small class sizes with a highly personalised approach, which helps to enhance their language and communication skills from an early age. They will experience specialist teaching in subjects such as Spanish, Physical Education and Music and will also follow the Read Write Inc. Programme at their own pace, setting the foundations for their progression through school. We gently introduce well-planned and positive routines to help familiarize them with all aspects of the school environment and school day.

Pre-School life at Fulneck isn't limited to indoors; we encourage our children to learn and appreciate the natural world around them around our wonderful campus and amidst stunning natural surroundings. From the golf course to the polytunnel, the cricket pitch to the adventure play area, our children have access to an amazing array of spaces.



A SCHOOL FILLED WITH A LOVE OF LEARNING, PRIDE IN WORK, AND EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS

Fulneck Primary School is nestled in the heart of our campus. Whilst it is a stand-alone part of the school, it benefits from many of the superb facilities in the Senior School, in particular teaching by our specialist teaching staff in Science, Spanish, Music and Sport. Teaching and learning are enriched by this approach, and whilst we cover all areas of the National Curriculum, we extend beyond it in these key areas.

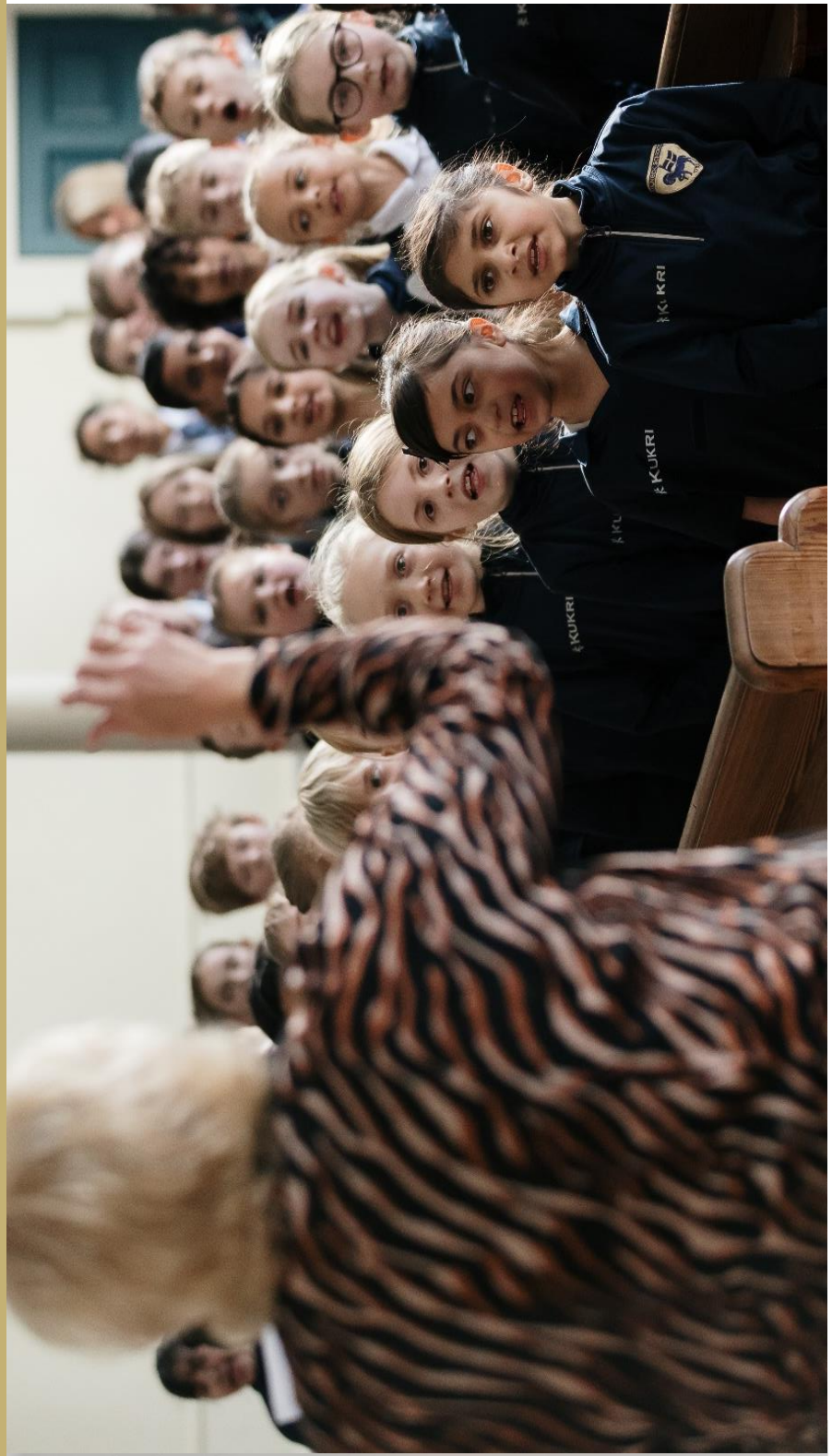
It is no exaggeration to say that our hallways are filled with children who love learning and embrace all aspects of school life. Our children are encouraged to be themselves in an inclusive and diverse environment. Consequently, children settle quickly into life here, whether progressing from our Pre-School or joining us for the first time. Pastoral care is of the utmost priority.

Each class has a dedicated teacher and teaching assistant committed to the development and welfare of pupils. With a ratio of approximately one staff member to 8 children we offer a highly personalised approach, underpinned by an exceptionally close working relationship with parents. Parents will be in regular dialogue with their child's teacher, celebrating successes and discussing ways to support ongoing development.



FULNECK IS SPECIAL BECAUSE YOU WILL ALWAYS FEEL SUPPORTED,
AND YOU WILL NEVER, EVER FEEL ALONE

- ROMEO, (FORMER PRIMARY HEAD BOY)



PRIMARY EXTRA- CURRICULAR

MAKING THE MOST OF OUR AMAZING CAMPUS

We are fortunate to be situated in an incredible site in the Fulneck valley. Our students enjoy a lot of time outside exploring our adventure playgrounds, polytunnels, and wildlife. Alongside this they have access to excellent sporting facilities, including the golf course, sports centre, cricket ground and full-size football pitches and netball courts. All children will have the opportunity to represent Fulneck in our school sports teams.

Music and singing are important parts of life here. Children are encouraged to take part in music and drama lessons, as well as perform in the many productions put on throughout the school year. They will often do this as part of the School House system, with each child belonging to one of our two Houses: Connor or La Trobe. Children earn house points for effort and standard of work as well as living our school values. They will also compete in a range of activities and competitions with other House members, helping them to form friendships and support networks across the year groups in the school.

As children enter Year 6, they will be given the opportunity to take on a leadership role on the school council, including Heads of School. The roles continue their development into ambitious, independent and well-rounded individuals, ready to make the smooth transition into our Senior School.





SENIOR SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM





SENIOR LEARNING

OUR CURRICULUM IS FORWARD-LOOKING, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CHANGING SHAPE OF TODAY'S SOCIETY AND THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE YOUNG PEOPLE REQUIRE

Fulneck has an excellent academic record in nurturing pupils of all abilities to achieve – whether they be academic high flyers or those who need a little more nurture and support. The pupils we welcome through the doors of our Senior School possess a diverse range of passions, talents and skills. Our small class sizes and ability to dedicate time to each pupil enables us to develop those qualities in order to prepare them for the rest of their lives.

Our curriculum is forward-looking, taking into account the changing shape of today's society and the skills and knowledge young people require in a modern and technologically advanced world. It is enriched by the many opportunities our students benefit from outside of the classroom including an extensive programme of regional, national and international trips, tours and competitions.

Our monthly guest lectures help inspire pupils at all levels to interact with the world around them, igniting a passion and ambition for life beyond school. This is supported by the many co-curricular activities on offer at Fulneck, from sports and music to computer coding, debating, eco club and language club.

Life at Fulneck rarely ends with the bell at 4pm. Instead, the majority of our students choose to remain at school to make the most of the after-school clubs and events, for sports fixtures or to complete homework in our supervised late classes.

PASTORAL CARE

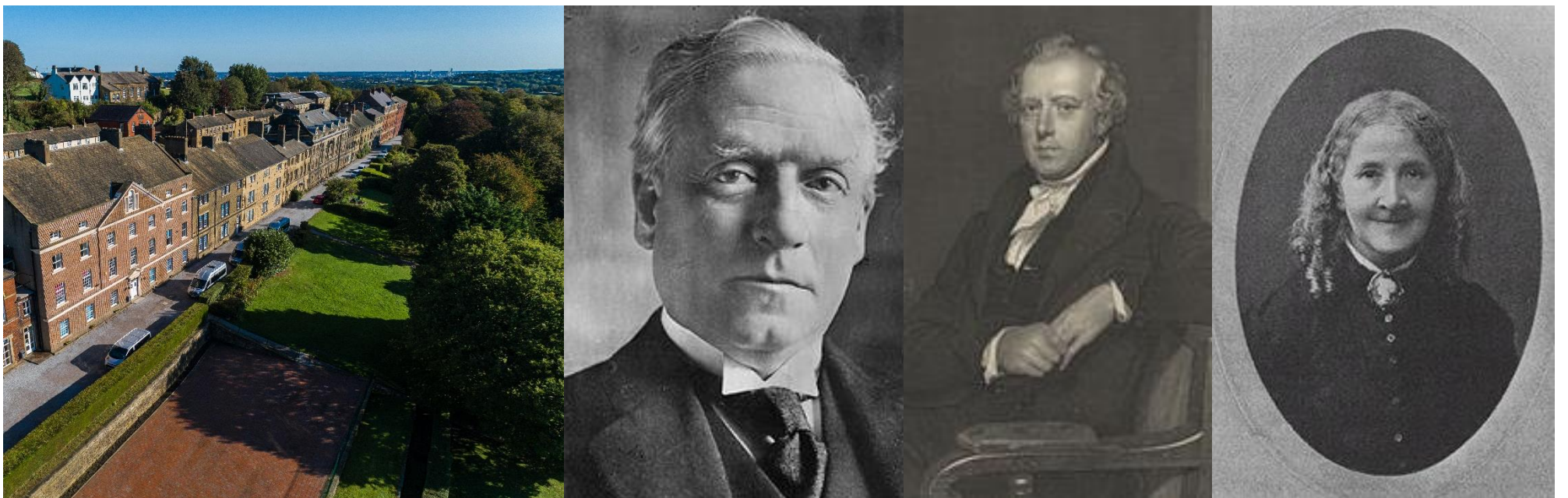
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SCHOOLS

For many, excellent pastoral care is what Fulneck is renowned for. The happiness and wellbeing of our students is prioritised in a way you will not find in other schools. Upon entering Senior School, each of our students is assigned to one of three Houses and they will remain part of that family until they eventually complete their Sixth Form studies. There are three houses which operate through the Senior School and Sixth Form and provide a vertical stream opportunity for pupils of all age groups to mix and further strengthen the community feeling of belonging. Our houses are named after three very notable alumni of Fulneck School:

Asquith – H. H. Asquith, UK Prime Minister 1908–16 (1852–1928)

Oastler – Richard Ostler, abolitionist and workers' rights campaigner (1789–1834)

Wolstenholme – Elizabeth Clarke Wolstenholme-Elmy, lifelong suffragist (1833–1918)



Each form has a dedicated tutor who your child will remain with for the entire Key Stage and who will be your first point of contact at the school. Alongside this their Head of House will guide their journey from Year 7 all the way through to the end of Sixth Form. We believe that a strong home-school partnership is essential to your child's development and our form tutors play a key role in cementing these relationships through regular dialogue.

To help children thrive, we maintain the highest standards of behaviour in the classroom, underpinned by our Behaviour policy which rewards good choices and encourages pupils to play an active role in their own education. Students are encouraged to have a strong voice and shape their own educational experience through a range of leadership opportunities including our Student Council, Ambassadors and Prefect system.

SIXTH FORM



AN INDEPENDENT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTED BY EXPERT TEACHERS

The Sixth Form at Fulneck is a highly personalised experience. In most instances students find themselves in study groups of between five and ten pupils, often fewer. Here they form exceptionally strong relationships with our well-qualified team of tutors, who support, monitor and encourage their development. Emphasis is placed on the guided development of independent study skills in preparation for university life, as well as teamwork and leadership qualities, so valued in today's employment market. Alongside academic learning, students in our Sixth Form also benefit from tailored career advice and support with university choices. They continue to access our co-curricular activities and are encouraged to live our 'be useful' value by taking up a role in our innovative leadership system, where students shape the academic, extra-curricular, and social aspects of Sixth Form and indeed the rest of Fulneck School.

We offer a broad range of A Level and BTEC subjects; a pathway for everyone. Students will sit a choice of either three or four subjects, depending on their abilities. At the end of year 12, some students will also choose to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) on a subject of their choice.

Our students are supported to be themselves and to pursue their own unique visions and goals for life after school. They leave us for many and varied destinations, from Russell Group universities, to vocational careers.

Our dedicated Sixth Form Centre provides a sense of transition for students as they prepare for life beyond Fulneck. The centre has a modern common room, complete with its own kitchen, as well as quiet study areas, and two private ICT suites.



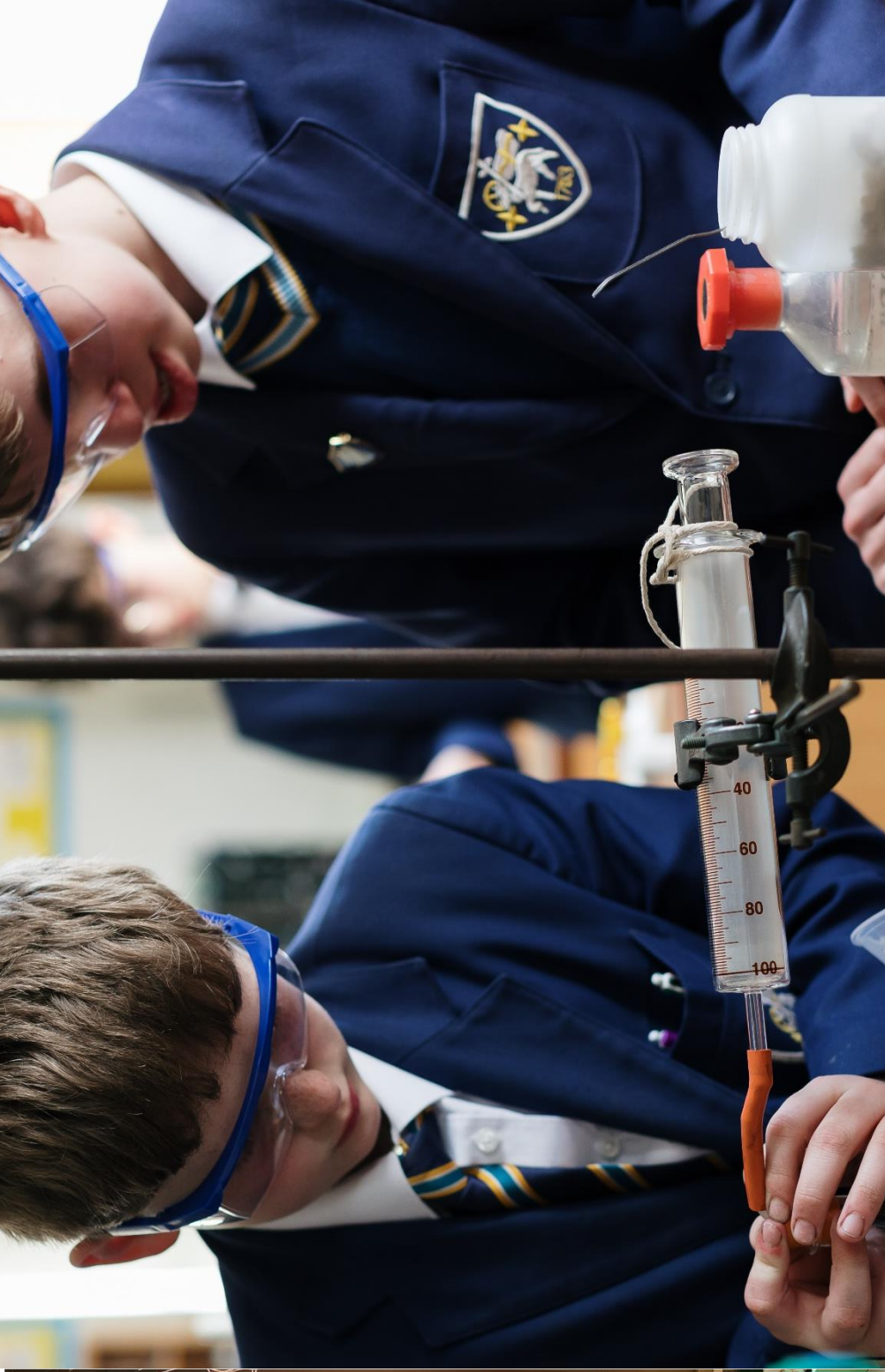
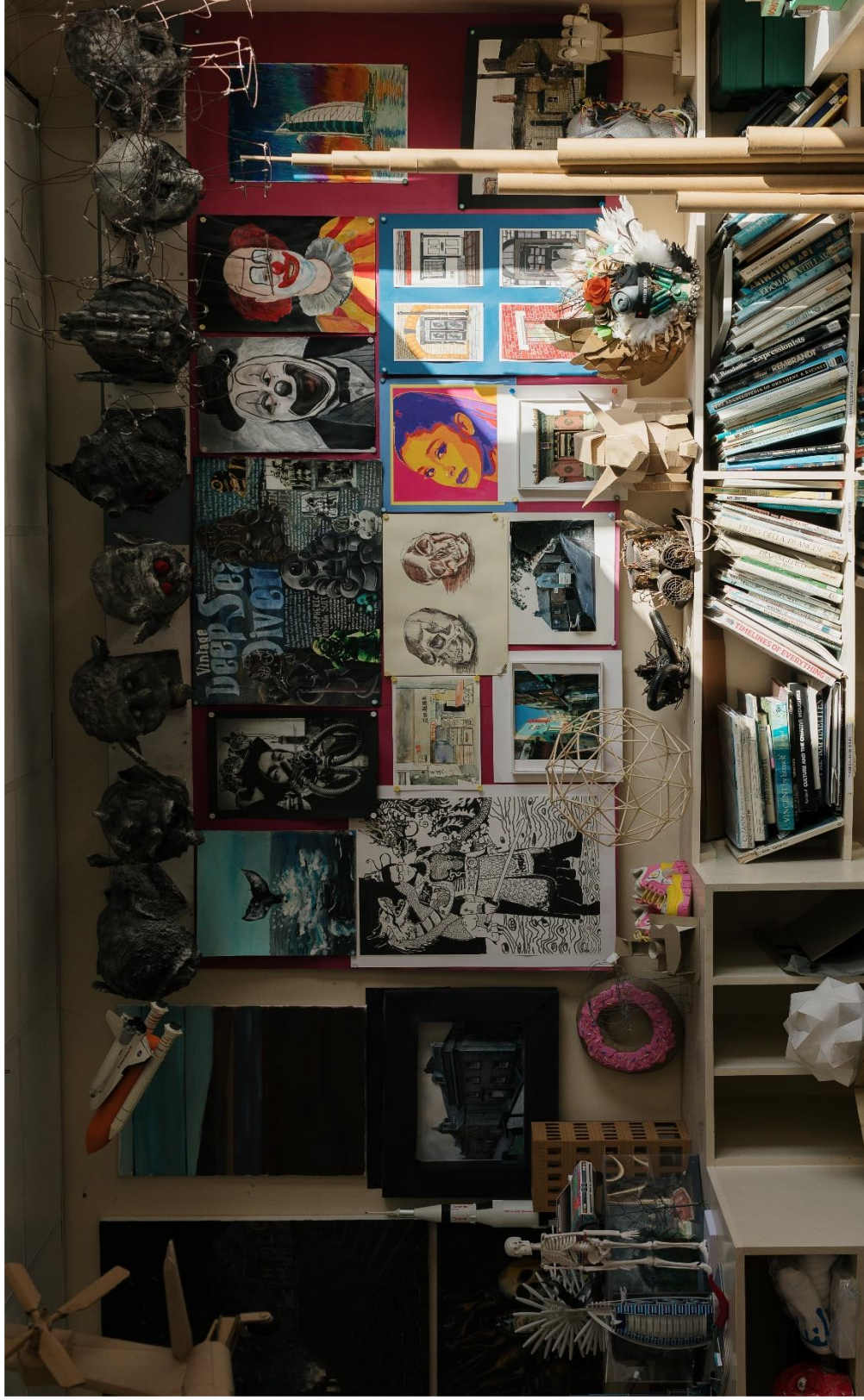
'A HOME AWAY FROM HOME'

When a student joins us, they join the Fulneck family, living amongst their best friends in a boarding house run by warm and attentive staff. Boarding is available on a full-time, weekly or flexi-boarding basis so that students can stay for as many nights as they need. We recognise our parents lead busy lives and the school offers support in this respect, providing stability and consistency for everyone.

We have two boarding houses, one for boys and one for girls. Both are positioned at the heart of the school, meaning students have access to our school facilities around the clock, including the gym, golf course, library and music rooms. Each boarding house offers well-appointed single, double and in some cases triple rooms. There is WiFi throughout, a kitchen for optional evening and weekend cooking and relaxing common rooms. In the evenings alongside prep time, boarders can take advantage of our full programme of co-curricular activities, whilst at weekends there is a varied timetable of activities on offer such as go-karting, climbing, canoeing and theatre trips.

Fulneck has a strong international community, with boarders coming to us from around the world. We are proud of the diversity of our pupil base and the cultural enrichment this provides to our school. International students follow a structured programme of intensive. English as an Additional Language (EAL) lessons with our specialist trained staff, alongside their general course of study.

I ENJOY IT HERE BECAUSE OF THE AMAZING SCENERY, IT'S
SO PEACEFUL AND QUIET
-TAJMAE, BOARDER AND HEAD GIRL



PUPILS HAVE VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDES TO LEARNING....DEVELOPING NOTABLY STRONG SKILLS IN WORKING TOGETHER. THEY ARE SOCIALLY AWARE AND TAKE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS EACH OTHER SERIOUSLY

-ISI INSPECTION REPORT, 2017



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

OUR AIM IS TO PROMOTE AN ALL-INCLUSIVE P.E., SPORT, PERFORMING ARTS, DUKE OF EDINBURGH, AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME BASED ON THE NEED TO ENGAGE IN REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND LEAD A HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

We believe that it is vital that students are provided with a vast array of opportunities outside of the classroom, to broaden their horizons and to pursue their interests. Here at Fulneck, we have passionate teaching staff and external coaches that provide an outstanding and diverse Games and Extra-Curricular programme for all our students. Students are encouraged to actively get involved and look to develop new passions and skills. We have developed a positive culture surrounding our extra-curricular activity where pupils can develop their leadership, communication, resilience and self-confidence, whilst developing new friendships.

All students participate in at least 3 hours of physical activity a week within our PE and Games Curriculum. Alongside this programme, we are extremely proud of our extensive extra-curricular activities which runs throughout the school week at lunchtimes and after school. Activities range from archery, film, and dance clubs through to Model United Nations, rock band practice, and advanced science. Academically, the PE Department teach GCSE AQA Physical Education and BTEC Sport as an option at Post 16.

In recent years, Enrichment trips have included Fulneck visiting the Costa Brava, where students of mixed ages had a fantastic time participating in a wide range of water-based activities: paddle boarding and snorkelling to name just a few! Past tours have seen Fulneck students travel to Dubai and Barcelona to experience different cultures and develop new friendships. There is nothing that can outweigh the unbelievable lifelong memories that can be created by travelling abroad with your peers.





LEARNING SUPPORT UNIT

SPACE TO BREATHE, TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WORKS BEST, AND TIME TO BE KNOWN AND LOVED AS A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL

We understand that children with Special Educational Needs (SEND) can feel a constant pressure to keep up, move on or do more. We implement learning in the best way to suit each individual and provide teaching programmes and strategies that allow access to the curriculum at all levels. We are an inclusive community where all students feel valued, listened to, and cared for; attending the LSU is not something that makes a pupil 'stand out'. Something we are hugely proud of.

THE IMPACT LSU AND FULNECK IN GENERAL HAVE HAD ON MY SON'S ENJOYMENT OF SCHOOL HAS BEEN FANTASTIC. I CAN'T RECOMMEND FULNECK HIGHLY ENOUGH – FULNECK PARENT

We have been at the leading edge of dyslexia provision in the UK for many years and have been awarded one of the highest special learning needs accolades by CReSTeD (Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils). We are one of just a few category DU registered schools in the North of England offering a dyslexia unit.

Outside of the unit, all of our teaching staff are dyslexia trained ensuring learning strategies are carried seamlessly into the classroom. Many of our students with a dyslexia diagnosis go on to achieve well above the national average.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Fulneck School is pleased to offer a number of Scholarships aimed at recognising gifted and talented pupils. Scholarships are offered to pupils entering the Senior School in Year 7 and Sixth Form. Scholarships are awarded to encourage pupils to develop their particular talent and to play a leading role inspiring other children in the same field. Whilst Fulneck Scholarships do carry a small monetary value that is given to the pupil, their true purpose is to recognise excellence and they are not a means of fee-assistance. Our Scholarships are awarded to pupils who we feel have the potential to make a real contribution to the school.

Scholarships can be awarded to support any area or interest such as Maths, History, English, Sport, Drama, Music and outdoor pursuits. Scholarships are paid directly to the pupil in September of the year of their award. In return, pupils will be expected to give back to the school in terms of their time and commitment to school events. It is an honour to be awarded a scholarship and worthy recipients should make their passions and talents clear during their interview. The types of scholarship available are:

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS	SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS
<p>Former pupils' scholarship This scholarship is of historical significance and is awarded to the top performing internal and external pupils.</p> <p>Karlik scholarship Awarded to a pupil who has shown strength of character in the application process.</p> <p>Gayle scholarship Awarded to a pupil who is likely to make a great contribution to the school community.</p> <p>Subject Scholarships Awarded to those pupils who show most interest in academic study, sport, drama and music.</p>	<p>Principal's Scholarship for academic achievement Awarded to students who, in the opinion of the Principal, has excelled in their GCSEs.</p> <p>Principal's Scholarship for character This scholarship recognises pupils who have shown strength of character and resilience.</p> <p>Principal's travel Scholarship A scholarship to support travel in order to broaden horizons</p> <p>Fulneck subject scholarship Awarded to those pupils who show most interest in academic study, sport, drama and music.</p> <p>Fulneck scholarship for sport, music or drama Awarded to those who have achieved at a high level in sport, music or drama</p> <p>Fulneck scholarship for engineering Awarded to promote and support those wishing to pursue engineering based courses when they leave school.</p> <p>Fulneck medical scholarship Awarded to promote and support those wishing to pursue medicine, dentistry or veterinary Science at university.</p>

All applicants will be asked to take part in an assessment interview with the Principal.

For more information on scholarships and how to apply, please visit our website, or speak to a member of our admissions team.

ADMISSIONS

Parents comment on the difference they see in their child soon after beginning at Fulneck School; they say their child seems more calm, confident and self-assured. We would agree, and would add that this is owing to the small family feel of the school where children receive a first-rate education in its broadest sense.

We are a selective independent school, and we are looking for pupils who will thrive in our beautiful learning environment, work hard and do their best. Our pupils are well behaved, respectful, and considerate of others with excellent attitudes to learning.

Pupils looking to join us are warmly invited to attend a Taster Day, which will give them a very clear sense of what a warm and wonderful learning environment they could expect at Fulneck School. Pupils will then be invited to sit an entrance assessment, which will help us to ascertain how best to support their progress here. The pupils will also be interviewed by a member of our dedicated and caring staff, with parents also having the opportunity to meet a senior member of staff and our Principal.

We are looking for pupils who have a good attitude to learning and will contribute all that Fulneck School has to offer.

To register for the entrance assessment please feel free to contact us:

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