



Sedbergh *founded 1525* School

Co-educational, ages 13-18, full boarding



SEDBERGH
SCHOOL



Rugby pitch

John Arden Theatre

Art Department

Busk Pavilion

Busk Fields

Powell Hall

Netball courts

Main School building

Science Department

Evans House

Powell House

Rugby pitch

Hart House

The Library

The Heritage & Archive Centre

Lupton House

Sedgwick House

The Chapel

School House

Robertson House

Winder House

Uniquely Sedbergh

We could list our impressive history, facilities and examination record, or our achievements in Sport and the Arts and our distinguished alumni. However we believe that what makes Sedbergh School outstanding is the quality of person we produce.

So, instead, this prospectus will show you how our unique features – from our special location to high level of pastoral care, and nurturing of individual talents and aspirations – will help your child to become a young adult of whom you are proud.

One with the confidence to try anything and succeed at most; one who is sociable, caring, well-mannered, self-confident, energetic and healthy; who is keen to make the most of personal opportunities yet aware of the wider world and his or her responsibility towards it; who delights in learning yet has an independent mind and can debate and communicate effectively, and who has other valuable qualities such as a strong work ethic, loyalty and integrity.



energetic
healthy
happy
hard-working

We believe that a healthy, active child will be happy, have a good work ethic and a keen interest in the world, all of which are conducive to successful learning – and a successful life. A busy environment also provides less potential for homesickness and boredom – important considerations when caring for teenagers. This is why we are committed to full boarding (we are one of only a handful of boarding schools in the country with no flexi or weekly boarders). It's also why we conduct lessons six days a week, run a dynamic programme of extra-curricular activities, and ensure that pupils participate in sports or other activities at least five days a week.

Because of its unique location, Sedbergh School provides an impressive range of activities that will engage any pupil; in addition to more than 20 sports pupils have immediate access to numerous outdoor pursuits including excellent climbing and caving.

The setting also offers an inspiring backdrop for artists, and an extended classroom for those interested in subjects such as Geography, Geology and Natural History.

'All the things that Sedbergh offers came together in a happy learning experience which set me up for life.'

Paul Page, Old Sedberghian





nurturing
loyal
responsible
proud



We take the view that everyone performs best when they feel cared for and relaxed and therefore we make sure our pastoral care is second to none.

Uniquely, we have an in-house health centre with our own doctor, nurses and physiotherapist. Above all, it is our House system which fosters a caring environment, by creating smaller, tight-knit communities within the School. All pupils reside in one of the two girls' and six boys' Houses, each of which has a resident Housemaster/mistress, Matron and Tutors who closely monitor pupils' welfare as well as their academic progress and social development.

Every House offers an exciting array of activities – ranging from pure fun to the more serious inter-House competitions, which cover almost every facet of School life, be it chess, rugby or netball, academic challenge, music or the creative arts.

This huge range is deliberate, giving scope for every pupil of any ability to become involved in House life. Pupils grow in self-confidence and quickly develop a strong sense of loyalty to the House and pride in its achievements.

The same can be said of the parents, as they too become involved in many of the House events, enabling them to stay closely involved with their children, and at the same time get to know staff and other families.

'As soon as you go up the drive you feel like you want to be there.'

Hugh Blair, Parent







aspiring
intelligent
achieving
self-believing

Through a combination of dedicated, talented and well-qualified teaching staff, our policy of individual tutoring, and the broad variety of opportunities that our location affords, we are able to help each child to identify and achieve their personal aspirations. We dare them to dream, to aim high, to believe in themselves – and then help steer them towards fulfilling their potential.

The School has an impressive main library, plus departmental and House libraries, and campus-wide internet and intranet access. Pupils benefit from small classes and the discipline of evening prep, while academic societies, poetry reading, public speaking and debating further develop their academic curiosity.

Additional learning support is provided as required, including English tuition for foreign pupils.

With all this, Sedberghians learn not only how to pass examinations but how to develop an independent mind, research for themselves and generally enjoy learning. Consequently, Sedbergh boasts an excellent pass rate at A' level, with pupils progressing to the country's top Universities including Oxford and Cambridge.





imaginative
creative
confident
expressive



We value the imagination and character that make each person an individual. Even if a pupil is not naturally creative, our Arts and Design programmes have been formulated to encourage self-expression and confidence, as well as teamwork, project management and problem-solving skills.

Our specialist studios provide all pupils with the opportunity to explore their talents in drawing, painting, ceramics and sculpture, and they are encouraged to display their efforts around the School.

We also support those interested in Design, Engineering and traditional skills such as Woodworking and Metal working, with five studios, a Graphic Design workshop and ICT/CADCAM facilities. Sedbergh has close links with industry and is the only school to have been awarded Millenium Project Status alongside Ove Arup, Ford, Land Rover and Rolls-Royce Aerospace.

Drama and Music are another important component of Sedbergh life, with all pupils encouraged to perform in the plays or concerts staged at various venues around the School. Sedbergh's music is as strong as its sport. Our choirs, orchestra, swing band and CCF Band are all of the highest standard, regularly performing both nationally and internationally. The Choral Society performs annually in the Cathedrals of the North, and the School Theatre Company has achieved critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Fringe.

To further inspire the pupils, Sedbergh frequently hosts concerts by international artists, and participates in Music and Literary Festivals. Pupils regularly secure national awards and scholarships in Music and Drama.







ambitious
team player
spirited
supportive

The School has developed a formidable reputation for sport, with boys and girls featuring prominently in many disciplines at county and regional level. The School regularly produces internationals at U16 and U18 in hockey, cricket, sailing, rugby and shooting, and boasts some 35 full internationals amongst its alumni.

Our recipe for success is simple. We play sport at least five days a week, and all pupils have top class coaching regardless of their ability. Pupils also benefit from the latest training techniques, support teams, detailed de-briefs and performance analysis equipment. In addition to team sports the School operates a wide-ranging Sport for All programme, offering mountain biking, canoeing, horse riding, fell walking, caving and climbing. We also organise extremely popular residential Sports Academies for rugby, cricket and hockey during the school holidays, which are run by professional coaches and staff.

We strive to produce achievers, spirited young people with a professional attitude towards personal performance and team responsibility. Competition is taken seriously, and boys and girls participate regularly in regional, national and international competitions and tours. However, we have never lost sight of the fun and pleasure that can be found through involvement in sport, and pupils are encouraged to cheer each other on even when they are not actively participating.

This supportive culture is perhaps most evident during The Wilson Run, the toughest school cross country race in the UK, in which more than 100 boys and girls compete against each other over a ten mile course around the Fells of Sedbergh. Every year, hundreds of enthusiastic supporters line the route to rally the runners, regardless of the weather.

‘The fantastic feeling of being cheered across the finishing line makes the pain and agony all seem worthwhile!’

Freya Findlay (Head of School ‘07-08)





sociable
courteous
well-mannered
self-assured



There isn't much point in giving pupils the drive to aim high if they can't handle the social situation when they get there.

To give them a valuable start in society, all pupils follow a course in Personal, Social and Health Education. Sedbergh believes in the traditional values of good manners, courtesy and respect. Once again the House system helps foster these, especially at family-style meal times where pupils, staff and guests sit together at small tables. There is no canteen service at Sedbergh.

In addition, Sedbergh organises an exciting calendar of social events which provides opportunities for pupils to practise the rules of etiquette, learn social graces and develop a natural, pleasant confidence.

As well as the concerts and plays performed by pupils, professional musicians and speakers regularly provide evening entertainment. The wine appreciation courses are particularly enjoyed by Sixth Formers, and the annual Rawthey Ball, which demands committed attendance at Scottish dancing lessons beforehand, is always a memorable occasion.





adventurous
respectful
tolerant
cosmopolitan



Surrounded by the stunning Yorkshire Dales, and close to the Lake District, it is not surprising that Sedberghians develop an adventurous spirit. Equally unsurprising is that this same spirit is to be found within the staff.

Building on adventure training in the Dales and Scottish Highlands, the School regularly undertakes major expeditions to places as far flung as Patagonia, the Himalayas, Iceland and Indonesia. These are organised and led by our own staff.

A cosmopolitan outlook is crucial in our globalising world, and Sedbergh actively encourages pupils to learn about multiple cultures.

In our extraordinary environment the spiritual aspects of life can never be far away. While Chapel is central to the life of the School, we welcome all creeds and cultures to Sedbergh. We also have foreign exchanges, and through every aspect of Sedbergh life pupils enjoy contacts throughout the world.







integrity
responsibility
accountability

The mark of a person is not just what he or she takes from the world, but also what they give back. Sedberghians are encouraged to learn that with privilege comes responsibility.

All pupils in Years 9, 10, 11 and Lower Sixth are involved in the CCF, Voluntary Service or a recognised programme such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, all of which foster a social conscience and a commitment to public service.

The School operates all three sections of the CCF – Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Army. Voluntary Service placements are very diverse, and pupils are encouraged to initiate and take part in fundraising activities for charity such as the Cancer Research Race for Life, charity dinners, summer fayres and tractor pulls.

The School has three conservation sites on its estate which are maintained and managed by staff and pupils.







We hope this prospectus has inspired you to come and see Sedbergh School for yourself. If so, please telephone the Registrar on: +44 (0) 15396 20535 to make an appointment to meet the pupils and staff, and discuss what we can do for your child.

Further information is available on our website – www.sedberghschool.org – where you can also subscribe to a weekly email update that incorporates our latest news, activities and sports results.

We look forward to giving you a ‘Uniquely Sedbergh’ welcome soon!

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