



DALLAM SCHOOL BOARDING HOUSE HANDBOOK 2010/2011

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Welcome to Dallam School Boarding House

Dear Boarders, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Dallam Boarding House. This booklet is intended to give you useful information about our daily routines and how we do things at Dallam. It is in addition to the information leaflet "Dallam Boarding", the Dallam Boarding Contract, and general Dallam School policies that can be found on the school website. If there is anything left out or that you do not fully understand then please ask.

We want to create a happy, friendly atmosphere in the Boarding House, with rules kept mostly to preventing individual behaviour making life uncomfortable for others. We encourage you to get involved in the life of the House and the day school and hope that you will take full advantage of all that is on offer, whether sport, the arts, outdoor pursuits or community activities.

There is a three way partnership between students, parents and the staff of the school in making your time at Dallam a great success. For our part, we try to be as approachable as we can and to encourage parents to get in touch with us to find out how things are going on and if there are any problems. We send home letters and reports regularly to keep in touch informally if there are issues about school or boarding that need to be discussed. We read our emails on a daily basis, and this is increasingly the preferred means of communication with many of our parents.

We live on site and share the same home and grounds with the boarders. We are committed to providing the best facilities we can, and have made major investment in the boarding house in recent years. This includes new roof and windows, upgraded washing facilities, dining room and bedrooms, and new carpets, decoration and furniture throughout the House. In January we added a further 50 new, en suite bedrooms.

You are here with other friendly and well motivated young people from around the world and we are supported by a team of dedicated staff. We are sure that you will have a great time at Dallam and will make the best use of the educational opportunities on offer.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan Pearce
Deputy Headteacher

Rod Martindale
Head of Boarding

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Welcoming New Boarders

Most applicants have visited the House at least once before they start as a boarder. To make sure their move into the Boarding House is as smooth as possible

- (a) All members (staff and boarders) are encouraged to give each newcomer a warm welcome and be as supportive as possible.
- (b) Each new boarder is given a boarder of a similar age to take a special helpful interest in their settling in period both in the House and day-school.
- (c) Each is assigned to a house tutor who has special responsibility for a small group of boarders and acts as a link between the House and School. The tutor will have regular contact with each new boarder and will informally explain the contents of this handbook to him/her, especially the section on 'What to do if I just want to talk to someone'.

Introduction

This handbook has been prepared for boarding students and their parents following guidelines of best practice. It is an accurate description of policy and procedures at the time of publication (June/July each year). Routines may, of course, be modified in between publications of the handbook.

Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice

Admission to Dallam School Boarding House usually follows a visit by the prospective boarder and their family and consideration of reports from past or present schools to assess their suitability for boarding. Boarders come from all walks of life from both the U.K. and overseas including service families.

This booklet is a source of reference for all boarders and their parents. The following pages contain information about Boarding routines and practices. Below is a statement of our aims.

1. To maintain a healthy, safe, and orderly environment in which boarders feel secure and benefit from stability.
2. To ensure a friendly, caring environment in which young people are happy, and benefit from the encouragement, support and guidance of staff and peers.
3. To provide opportunity and experience for boarders to develop independence, self-esteem, confidence, responsibility and organisational skills.
4. To encourage young people to develop the social skills of mutual respect, trust, loyalty and concern for others.
5. To give boarders the confidence to meet the challenges of the school day by encouraging their learning and participation in curricular and extra-curricular activities.
6. To encourage and to enable boarders to benefit from integration and involvement in the local community.
7. To provide opportunity and encouragement for boarders to enjoy themselves and to do very well.

The boarding house works within the over-arching policies of the whole school. These can be viewed on or downloaded from our website: www.dallam.eu.

Staff List

Deputy Headteacher	:	Duncan Pearce
Head of Boarding Care	:	Rod Martindale
Matron	:	Diane Heyes
Senior Houseparent	:	Tim Jenner
Assistant Care Staff	:	Paulyne Hartley Cathy Martindale Paul Sellars
Overseas Students' Liaison	:	Pat Blackburn Sandra Casey

Student House Captains

House Captain	-	Jane Mangler
Vice Captain - Boys	-	Felix Stoermer
Vice Captain - Girls	-	Julia Richter

Student Councils

We have set up two Boarding Councils. They meet every month with the Head of Boarding and with other care staff. They allow the views of boarders to be expressed formally on a range of issues, to do with life in the House. Matters such as rooms, furnishings, routines, activities, security, and day school issues can all be brought up.

The House Captain raises boarders' issues with the Headteacher and Governors' Boarding Committee, of which he/she is an associate member.

Of course, these meetings do not mean that boarders cannot raise matters informally at any time with staff! We aim to be approachable and clear in our dealings with students, and we encourage them to express their views.

Equal Opportunities Statement

We will take every opportunity to ensure that

- a. No member of the community is a victim of sexist, racist or other discriminatory attitudes.
- b. Stereotypical images are not perpetuated and that where such images occur they are challenged.
- c. All boarders are encouraged to perceive difference positively and to develop confidence and a sense of self worth.
- d. Boarders are encouraged to become independent and to recognise and make constructive criticism of bias and prejudice.

Catering Arrangements

A. Meal Times

- a) School Days: Breakfast 7.50 - 8.15
 Evening Meal 5.20 - 5.45

The mid-day meal is a school dinner, the cost of which is included in the Boarding Fees.

- b) Saturday : Breakfast 9.00 - 9.15 Sunday Brunch 11.15 – 12.00
 Lunch 12.30 - 1.00
 Evening Meal 5.20 - 5.45

B. Arrangements

- a) Boarders' meals are taken in the Heversham Dining Room. Food is cooked on site by a team of qualified cooks, served using a cafeteria system. Attendance is compulsory and staff eat with boarders.
- b) Care is taken to provide a balanced diet and a choice of vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals are on offer. Special dietary needs can be catered for.
- * A late evening supper is provided for all boarders and the more senior ones have facilities to make their own snacks and hot drinks in their common rooms.

Fire Procedures

1. On discovering a fire

- a) Shout fire and operate a fire alarm, if one is nearby.
- b) Evacuate the building, closing doors and alerting as many residents as possible.

2. On hearing the alarm

- a) Leave the building immediately by the quickest escape route, closing all doors on your way out.
- b) Report to the assembly area on the grassed area by the tennis courts adjacent to Whitbarrow Hall and stand in your year groups.
- c) Remain silent for a roll call and any further instructions.
- d) Do not re-enter the building until permission has been given.

3. Practice

There will be a fire practice drill each term.

Pocket Money Arrangements

1. Recommended Amounts

As a guideline we suggest

Years 7, 8, 9	-	From £5 per week
Years 10, 11	-	“ £10 “ “
Years 12, 13	-	by negotiation between parents and students

The amounts given above should be sufficient for routine expenditure. The cost of organised activities, contributions to school trips etc. can be put on the termly bill.

The Boarding House, as a general rule, does not make pocket money loans, nor will it pay for Taxis.

2. Handling

- a) All boarders are encouraged to open a bank account. Cash can then be withdrawn as required from the banks in Milnthorpe: HSBC, Barclays and Nat West. An introductory letter can be obtained from the Heversham office in order to open one of these accounts.
- b) All boarders are advised not to hold large sums of money.
- c) The school cannot cash cheques. Nor can families use the end of term account to finance pocket money requirements.
- d) Personal safes have been installed in many bedrooms, and more are available on request.

3. Part-time jobs

The purpose of being at Dallam is to do well in academic studies. This requires a great deal of personal study in examination years, especially for students following IB courses. We will only consider allowing senior boarders to take a part-time job if it does not interfere with their school work and they have permission from home.

Health and Medication Arrangements

1. Matron is responsible for boarders' health during term-time.
2. Regular and emergency clinics are held in the Dispensary Room.
3. All boarders register with a local G.P. and routine appointments are made for Tuesday mornings before school.
4. Boarders aged over 16 can choose their own local G.P. if they wish and have the right to refuse or consent to their own treatment.
5. Boarders should be able to see a G.P. either in private or accompanied as they wish.
6. Medicines are either kept in a locked cabinet in the Dispensary Room and distributed by a member of staff or, with Matron's discretion, students can keep their own somewhere safely that prevents use by others.
7. All medicines are to be handed to the Matron at the start of term or half-term.
8. Parents must inform the school of any changes in a student's medication or if a student is subsequently put on medication.
9. Appointments with the G.P., dentist, optician and orthodontist can be arranged but where possible routine visits should be arranged during the holidays.
10. There are two sick-bays - one in the boys' wing and one in the girls'.
11. In the event of a serious illness or accident, parents will be contacted and a boarder can return home if a prolonged period of absence from school is anticipated.
10. Matron should be informed of any major medical treatments received by a boarder during the holidays. Boarders' Medical Cards should be handed in on admission to the House.
11. Matron offers general counselling support and gives specific advice in the areas of health education and diet.

No Smoking Policy

In keeping with the rest of the school, the Heversham site and the Boarding House are strictly No Smoking environments, for staff, students and visitors alike.

There are obvious health and safety reasons why this should be so.

Any boarder who is caught smoking on site, or in possession of cigarettes matches or lighter, will be given an after school detention. This is the same for day students. Parents/carers are always informed that the student has been smoking.

We also run smoking cessation classes, with the school nurse, to try to help students stop smoking. Any boarder who joins the school as a smoker is strongly urged to join such a group.

Rules and Sanctions

A. Rules

Boarding House rules (see below) reflect the School's Code of Conduct. A boarder has the right to benefit fully from the opportunities the House provides without hindrance from others.

These rights include

- the right to learn
- the right to enjoy a well-cared for environment
- the right to personal safety
- the right to security of property
- the right to have pride in belonging
- the right to equality in the enjoyment of these rights

Everyone must accept responsibility for protecting these community rights by displaying common sense and common courtesy. Breaches of this requirement may lead to sanctions.

B. Boarding-House Rules

1. No smoking.
2. Medication to be handed in/inform Matron.
3. Mobile phones are to be switched off during prep, during meals and after lights out.
4. Boys and girls are not permitted to enter each others bedrooms.
5. Going off-site - must sign out, include time of return. The boarding house staff need to know the whereabouts of all boarders at all times.
6. Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 can sign out to the local village.
7. Students **must not** get into other students' cars without prior permission.
8. Guests visiting the Boarding-house must be signed in.
9. Students are not to return to rooms during the day.
10. Heversham churchyard is out of bounds.
11. Do not enter the swimming-pool without an adult present.
12. The boarding office is out of bounds.
13. No food in the bedrooms.
14. The boarding house is out of bounds during the school day, from 9.00 am. Change out of uniform after school.
15. No alcohol or weapons or illegal drugs to be brought on site.
16. Do not borrow or loan personal items especially money.
17. No boarder is allowed to keep large amounts of money on their person or in their room.
18. Dress code including jewellery and hair both in school time and out must be appropriate for serious study and sensible for living in a community like a boarding house. If in doubt, please ask first, rather than later.
19. No skate boarding on site.

C. Rules for Responsible Internet Use

The computer system is owned by the school and is made available to students to further their education and to staff to enhance their professional activities including teaching, research, administration and management. Internet access is also provided to boarders out of school hours for leisure and communication purposes.

The school's Rules for Responsible Internet Use have been drawn up to protect all parties - the students, the staff and the school.

- The school reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its computer system or to monitor any Internet sites visited.
- Access should only be made via the authorised account and password which should not be made available to any other person;
- Activity that threatens the integrity of the school ICT systems, or that attacks or corrupts other systems, is forbidden;
- All Internet use should be appropriate to student's education; although boarders may also use the system out of normal school hours for IT purposes on leisure and communication;
- Sites and materials accessed must be appropriate to work in school. Users will recognise materials that are inappropriate and should expect to have their access removed;
- Users are responsible for all e-mail sent and for contacts made that may result in e-mail being received;
- The same professional levels of language and content should be applied as for letters or other media, particularly as e-mail is often forwarded;
- Posting anonymous messages and forwarding chain letters is forbidden;
- Copyright of materials and intellectual property rights must be respected;
- Legitimate private interests may be followed, providing school use is not compromised;
- Use for personal financial gain, gambling, political purposes or advertising is forbidden.

Students who contravene the school's internet policy will be denied access to the internet as appropriate.

D. Sanctions

These vary according to circumstances. Most minor indiscretions can be dealt with by reminding boarders of their responsibilities. For persistent offenders or more serious offences sanctions might include exclusion from activities, removal of privileges or other restrictions, such as not leaving the site. We would always let parents/carers know when this was happening. Exceptionally, boarders can be excluded from the House in which case, parents would be invited to attend discussions about such serious cases of misbehaviour. Bringing illegal drugs on site would invariably lead to permanent exclusion from the house.

Contact with Family and Friends at Home

A. Boarders

Regular communication and contact between boarders and their families is encouraged via

- a) Visits - Parents or other family members are most welcome to visit at anytime. Boarders who have no commitments (school games etc) can visit their home on any weekend or part of a weekend. Parents are expected to organise the travel arrangements, but taxis can be booked by the House staff.
- b) Exeat Weekends - One weekend each half-term is designated 'exeat' when the majority of boarders visit their parents, other members of their family or family friends.
- c) House staff organise train tickets, taxis etc., and those with a long journey are able to leave before the end of afternoon school on Friday but must return for the start of Monday school.
- d) Telephones are provided to receive incoming calls and boarders can use these at any time outside the homework hour.

The numbers are : 015395 62719 015395 62719

- e) Letter-writing - There is no compulsory 'letter-writing' but if parents can provide stationery and stamps then regular letter writing habits do develop. There are very occasional Sunday mornings designated to 'writing home' for juniors.
- f) Contact with home is encouraged using e.mail. Students have free access to the school network with its broadband connection and can log onto the internet with their laptops through a wireless connection under supervision of staff.
- g) For reasons of personal security, instant messaging and social networking websites are blocked by the school's systems. This is the same in most UK boarding schools as young people can be vulnerable to adult predators on these sites.

B. Boarding Staff

- a) Boarding Staff, including the Deputy Headteacher, are available to see parents at the start of each half-term when light refreshments are served.
- b) Parents can contact Staff during term by letter, email, fax or by ringing the school number.
- c) In addition to the normal school reports and newsletters parents receive a Boarding House Report each term either directly or through their children.

Pastoral and Tutorial Support

Staff in the House seek to work closely with day school staff in monitoring the work, effort, and behaviour of students in the school.

There are times, of course, when we have to react to things. Our usual way of doing things, however, is not to wait until something is broken to know that it needs fixing.

Students are interviewed, regularly and informally, about their work, and how things are going. Brief notes are made, and targets set for them to make good progress. Often, students will be encouraged to discuss the matters raised with their form tutor in day school, or a particular subject teacher. If that is the case, then boarding care staff will always follow this up with the student, and with the teacher concerned if that helps.

System for Adult Supervision

1. Staffing

There is a generous staff : boarders ratio. The Deputy Headteacher, Head of Boarding Care, and other care staff have a residential attachment to the House.

2. Deployment of Staff

- a) Day-time - Outside school hours there is always at least one male and one female care staff on duty at all times.
- b) Night-time - At least two adults are resident and are available in an emergency to boys and girls.
- c) During the school day a member of the boarding care team is on call in case of emergency.
- d) Boarding staff responsibilities end at 4.30pm on the day school breaks up. After the holidays it starts when boarders sign in at the office.

3. Whom to Contact

The notice board in the main Hallway and a weekly duty rota on display in the Dining Room are used to inform boarders as to which members of staff are on duty at any time and their whereabouts in the House.

- a) Each boarder is allocated a Tutor. Meetings/tutorials are held on a regular basis throughout the year.

Participation in Activities

We want to help boarders gain the most from their time in school. There is, therefore, a strong push for them to be participators.

This means that boarders will be expected to be 'willing' volunteers for the many activities in the House, and to suggest what other events, clubs and outings they would welcome.

It also means that they are expected to be involved with day school activities, such as sports teams, and drama productions. At the end of year 9, all boarders are expected to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme in school.

We also want them to be part of the community in which we live. Community Service is included in the weekend programme.

If a student wishes to participate in a school residential trip payment cannot be put onto the 'extras' bill and must be met by cheque or credit card and sent separately to the Heads of Year office.

Opportunities to Visit Local Towns and Other Family Homes

a) Accompanied Outings

Regular trips are organised in the school mini-buses to take boarders to the nearby towns of Lancaster and Kendal. These usually take place on Saturdays and boarders can shop, visit the cinema, meet friends etc. A member of staff is available in case of emergency.

b) Unaccompanied Outings

If permission is granted older boarders (Year 9 and above) can use public transport to visit Lancaster or Kendal. A regular bus service has a stop outside the Boarding House. Those in Year 9, 10 and 11 must be in pairs or a group.

c) Visits to Milnthorpe

Boarders, excluding Years 7, 8, 9 have regular access to the nearby market town of Milnthorpe. After permission has been sought, boarders can walk the one mile into town, in pairs/groups, and are expected to be back by an agreed time.

d) Visits to Other Family Homes

1. Local Families - Boarders are encouraged to have friends outside the Boarding House. Boarders can invite friends "on-site" and can visit their friends' homes if they first seek permission and leave a telephone contact number. Overnight stays are allowed on special occasions with written permission from parents.
2. Other Boarders' Homes - A similar procedure to (1) above operates at weekends.

Availability of Places for Worship

There is no compulsory attendance at Church but boarders are able to visit any church of their choice in the locality in their free time or in preference to an alternative boarding activity.

Boarders can attend

1. St. Peter's (Anglican) Heversham
2. St. Thomas's (Anglican) Milnthorpe
3. Christ the King (Roman Catholic) Milnthorpe
4. The Methodist Church, Milnthorpe.

Policies

Child Protection Policy

1. The Boarding House has a role to protect children from abuse both in the House and outside; abuse might be physical, emotional or sexual in nature.
2. The Head of Boarding is designated by the School to be responsible for child protection matters in the Boarding House.
3. Other Boarding Staff are trained in the procedures to adopt should an allegation of abuse be reported to them, and are aware of the need to be vigilant in spotting and reporting clear suspicions that abuse may be occurring.
4. A boarder's desire, need and right to speak in confidence to others about matters that concern them should be respected. Boarding Staff can guarantee that they will
 - a) pass on information to only the minimum number of people to ensure that the proper action is taken to tackle the problem,
 - b) never tell anyone who does not have a need to know,
 - c) take whatever steps they can to protect the informant from any retaliation or stress that might be feared as a result of the disclosure of alleged abuse.
5. Parents of boarders will be informed and consulted at every stage of an investigation if external agencies are involved.
6. The boarders are expected to adhere to the school's safe use of internet policy.

Other Policies

Full details of the policies listed below are on the school website: www.dallam.eu – follow link to Governors - Policies

Child Protection Policy
Consistent Behaviour Management Policy
E-safety Policy for Day Students, Boarders & Staff
Race Equality & Equal Opportunity Policy
Student Anti-bullying Policy
Whistleblowing Policy

Other Information

A. Start and End of each Half-Term

- a) The House is closed for half-term October, February and May as well as Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.
- b) The House will be open at 4.00 p.m. on the afternoon before the start of each half-term. No evening meal is provided but a light supper is available.
- c) Boarders are expected to be in school until each half-term session ends.
- d) Personal belongings can be kept in the House during all holidays except for the summer break when everything **must** be taken home. (Those living overseas may store bulky items in the House.)
- e) After the holidays boarders must return to the House by 9.45 pm (21.45). The House is locked up shortly afterwards and some juniors will be in bed.
- f) Any luggage left in storage for more than 6 months will be disposed of as appropriate.

B. Toiletries, Shoe Cleaning

Boarders should bring an adequate supply from home.

C. Haircuts

Haircuts should be arranged during holidays/exeats, they should be reasonable and appropriate, in both cut, style and colour.

D. Bicycles and Cars

- a) As the roads around the Boarding House, including the main A6, are extremely busy boarders are advised not to bring bicycles to Dallam. Senior students can have bicycles which should be checked for safety and have a good padlock. A helmet must always be worn.
- b) Only in very exceptional circumstances, and after written request by parents, senior boarders may be allowed to have a car at the Boarding House. They should not give lifts to other students.
- c) No Boarder is allowed to travel in another student's car. Parents wishing to allow this must provide written consent.

E. Alcohol and Tobacco

Without exception smoking and drinking are prohibited on site. Anyone breaking this rule is liable to a strong dose of health education and/or sending home for a fixed period of time.

However, any boarder who is 18 and those in Year 13 can visit a local Public House on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only with Boarding Staff permission and are trusted to keep to the Licensing Laws. They must return before lights out.

F. Valuables

Boarders are discouraged from bringing expensive items and belongings to the Boarding House and do so entirely at their own risk. Do not bring too many belongings, there is only so much room. All boarders are encouraged not to lend or borrow money.

G. Electrical Items

- a) Due to the increasing number and the problem of security all electrical items and mobile phones must be insured by students. The school's insurance will not cover these items. Access to school computers for juniors is by request.

- b) For safety reasons, kettles, rice cookers and heaters (including electric blankets) are not permitted.
- c) Video cassettes, D.V.D's and CD films are discouraged.
- d) Mobile phones are to be switched off during a) meal-times b) prep time c) after lights out.

H. Laundry

A laundry system operates for all boarders. Boarders drop off their laundry according to a daily rota for processing and then collect it after the evening meal on the same day of the week. All items submitted must be machine washable and labelled clearly with the owner's name on a woven name tag. This includes all casual clothes. The school does not accept any liability for damaged laundry.

The service operates only during the term and it is expected that boarders return from all holidays with clean clothing.

I. Activities

Years 7, 8 and 9 are expected to attend most weekday evening activities. At the end of Year 9 Boarders will be encouraged to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

J. Essential Travel Information

- a) If you are travelling to a UK airport i.e. Liverpool or Manchester and require a taxi booking to be made by the boarding house you must inform the boarding office of the flight number, terminal and arrival time on the pro-forma included in this package. The boarding house will confirm arrangements have been made. However, students need to be aware that payment for taxi services must be made by the student direct to the taxi company on the day of travel.
- b) Students must wait in the arrivals area of the airport for the taxi operator. Please let us have a contact number (eg mobile) so the taxi company can contact you direct should there be a delay in collecting you from arrivals. Taxi companies endeavour to collect students on time but they have no control over traffic congestion on motorways at particular times in the day.
- c) If you are unable to confirm flight details prior to the end of the summer term, please ensure details are forwarded by fax to the Milnthorpe site of the school on 0044 15395 65175 or email enquiries@dallam.eu

K. Period of notice of withdrawal from the boarding house

Parents must give one term's notice of withdrawal of a student from the boarding house. Failure to give such notice will make them liable for the payment of the following term's fees.

L. Return of boarding deposits

When your son/daughter has completed their education with the school, the boarding deposit will be returned after payment of all outstanding invoices has been met.

Clothing list for students

We are proud of our school and the way we present ourselves is important. A smart uniform sends the message that we care about how others see us and that we are serious about coming to school to work, to do our best and to succeed.

This is our dress code that the students, staff, governors and parents have agreed.

(A) Uniform for students in Years 7-11

<p>Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tie and school badge • navy blue blazer • pale blue shirt • navy knee length 'a' line skirt or navy/black trousers for girls (classic tailored trousers please) • dark grey or black trousers for boys • a navy 'v' neck pullover can be purchased but is not essential • plain black or dark brown (not tan) leather school shoes (no trainers or fashion shoes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dark outdoor coat (high visibility bands recommended in winter – available from school) • dark school bag (no handbags please) 	<p>Hair Styles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trendy hair styles and unnatural hair colours/extensions will not be accepted for school neither will a very short hair cut. <p>Jewellery and makeup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one wrist watch • one signet ring • one pair of plain stud earrings (no nose studs or any other body piercing) • no visible nail varnish or makeup <p>Mobile phones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile phones and Ipods should not be used in school
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The school cannot accept responsibility for loss of student's possessions.

For P.E.	
<p>Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallam Sports polo shirt • navy sweatshirt (optional) • navy polyester shorts/and or navy skort • Dallam tracksuit • red socks and white socks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • football boots for boys and girls (please note that blades are not allowed – rubber or metal studs only) • trainers • The Dallam navy rain jacket is also recommended for the 2 hour lessons outside. No other waterproof will be allowed. 	<p>Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallam Sports polo shirt • Dallam rugby shirt • navy sweatshirt (optional) • navy cotton shorts (rugby style) and or navy polyester shorts • Dallam tracksuit • red socks and white socks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shin pads • gum shield

Boarders should have Machine Washable Clothing. All clothing MUST be marked clearly with the owner's name on a woven name tape. Please do not use "iron-on" tapes. Shoes should also be marked.

Students must have a doctor's or a hospital note if they need to wear soft shoes or trainers for school, due to a medical condition or serious injury.

Where to buy uniform

The Dallam Uniform Shop is available online via a link on the Dallam website: www.dallam.eu

Trousers, shirts, jumpers, coats and bags will not be available online but these can be bought from most Department Stores.

(B) Boarding Students - Other Items

Indoor Footwear
Underwear
Socks
Handkerchiefs
Dressing gown
Duvet - with washable cover (named)
3 bath towels (strong loop on centre side)
2 hand towels
Coat hangers
Shoe cleaning equipment
Toilet requisites
Comb/Hairbrush
Clothes brush
Laundry bag
Spare name tapes

(C) Boarding students - Suggested Items

Casual clothing
Thick sweater
T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts
Trainers
Suitable clothing for wet weather and outdoor pursuits
Sewing kit

(D) Sixth Form Dress Code

From September 2009 a sixth form dress code was introduced. This was a collaborative project between the school council and members of staff. The dress code has been devised to create an appropriate balance between smartness and the need to express individual style. A number of reasons are briefly outlined below:

- It is important that the Sixth Form sets a good example to the lower school. Smart dress is an essential part of this.
- Dressing more smartly can have a positive effect on your attitude to work, reminding you that you are in an academic environment.
- A smartly dressed Sixth Form promotes Dallam positively to visitors, parents and prospective students
- A dress code provides guidance to our International students, many of whom have never had to wear a uniform before.
- Dressing smartly, yet retaining some personal freedom and choice marks the step into adulthood and responsibility.
- The dress code is not cost prohibitive. Market research has shown that suitable clothes can be found in shops for every pocket from Primark to Next!

These bullet points provide guidance on what will and will not be acceptable:

Male

- School / office shoes
- Smart trousers (no jeans / denim)
- Shirt with collar
- A tie is optional
- Jumper / cardigan / suit jacket is optional

Female

- School / office shoes
- Knee length skirt (or longer)
- Smart trousers (no jeans / denim)
- Smart dress
- Shirt / blouse (no exposed shoulders or cleavage)

- Jumper / cardigan / suit jacket is optional
- Extreme hair styles, including unnatural hair colours e.g. pink / blue / purple are not permitted
- For some practical subjects such as PE or drama your subject teacher may wish you to wear a different set of clothes. This is at the discretion of your teacher and will only be allowed during that lesson and not before or after.
- Along with all adults on the Milnthorpe site, Sixth Formers will be expected to wear identification badges. This is primarily a security measure.

The dress code is not optional. If you are unsure about any aspect of it please seek guidance. Students who fail to adhere to the dress code will be sent home to change.



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