

LEARNING FOR ALL, LEARNING FOR LIFE

**Leisure facilities**

There is a wide range of leisure facilities, including:

- Common rooms with video and satellite TV, pool and table football tables
- A modern sports hall for 5-a-side football, badminton, basketball and gymnastics
- 4 floodlit, all-weather tennis courts
- A heated, outdoor swimming pool from May to October
- Outdoor facilities for football and a range of other sports
- Full access to the fantastic new sports facilities on the main school site

- We arrange trips to theatre, cinema, sporting and other local events, as well as shopping in Kendal and Lancaster
- We encourage boarders to get involved in community activities, for example, helping the elderly or joining local conservation projects
- Boarders take part in the many artistic and cultural activities of the school. We can arrange musical instrument or dancing lessons
- We can discuss arrangements for other activities on request. Often, for example, boarders enjoy riding at the local stables

**Affordable fees**

Most British boarding schools are independent, and can be very costly. Because we are one of the few remaining state maintained boarding schools, you pay only for the accommodation, while the Government pays for the tuition. In this way, you get all the benefits of boarding, but at a fraction of the cost. Armed services families will find that their boarding allowance will cover the fees.

**Active boarders**

- At weekends we encourage boarders to make best use of the outstanding natural environment on their doorstep. The Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks are less than 15 minutes away
- Cycling, canoeing, fell-walking and camping expeditions are popular



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"Boarding at Dallam is like being a member of a big family."

Nicola

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## Why Dallam?

Boarding at Dallam gives young people the opportunity to live and study at a good, rural, English comprehensive school. Within a cohesive and caring community, they gain confidence and independence whilst learning to get on with others. There is a wealth of study and recreational facilities not available at home or at many other boarding schools.

## A High quality, rural comprehensive school

We offer the best of state financed, English education, with a wide-ranging and modern curriculum. Because most of our students are not boarders, we have the normal habits and routines of a successful day school. The atmosphere of the boarding house is relaxed and informal. Dallam boarders play a full part in the wider life of a very busy, happy and friendly day school community.

## Life in the South Lakes

South Lakeland offers an unbeatable quality of life and natural environment. Boarders take advantage of our location through, for example, sports, swimming, outdoor challenge and adventure, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There is a gentle pace of life, but easy access to major cultural centres in the North of England. Close to the M6, Manchester International Airport and North Sea ferry ports, we attract students from around the world and increasingly from other EU countries.

## Who we accept as boarders

Both day and boarding places at Dallam are in high demand. Admission is by application form and informal interview. We take care when asking for references from previous schools to take only those young people who will get on well as part of a community of 120 other boarders. Students who speak English as an additional language must also show that they are fluent enough to understand their lessons through the medium of English. 6th form students must have the academic ability to benefit from the courses on offer. Boarders, both male and female, start at any age from 11 to 18. They must have UK residency rights. This allows the children of European Union citizens and Hong Kong UK passport holders to be admitted.

## Experienced boarding care staff

A team of full-time, resident staff, led by our very experienced Head of Boarding, provides day-to-day care for the boarders. The Headteacher, who lives in the school grounds, also takes a close interest in the welfare of boarders and carries full responsibility for boarding. A matron looks after the health and general well-being of boarders. The school doctor is on call at any time and the school nurse holds a weekly open clinic.

"It's only ten minutes from the motorway and I can get to Manchester International Airport in an hour and a half"

Sally

## Personal care

Each boarder meets regularly with their boarding personal tutor to discuss how they are getting on and to sort out any problems. Catering standards are very high. Healthy eating is a priority, and there is always a choice of dishes, including vegetarian alternatives. Clothes are washed regularly and boarders have their own washing machine for small items at the weekend. We provide pay telephones and encourage students to keep in touch with friends and family electronically. We are happy for boarders to make sensible use of mobile phones.

## A home from home

Our aim is to create a close, family atmosphere. Rules are kept to a minimum, their purpose being mainly to prevent individual behaviour making life uncomfortable for the rest. Boarders get on well with each other and enjoy an exceptionally safe environment. Of course, boarders make friends with day students as well, and they are free to visit them at home, or to invite them back to the boarding house.

## Study

There is strong emphasis on independent study. After the main evening meal, students get on with their work with no distractions. Younger boarders are supervised, and we give individual help to any that are struggling with the tasks they have been set. We encourage students to use the computer internet networks for both study and leisure. The boarding house has wifi Internet access for boarders' laptops with wireless connections. Newer rooms for senior students each have their own network sockets.

## Modern accommodation

There are 50 individual study bedrooms, each with their own bathroom and internet connections, for senior students in a magnificent new building. We have also invested heavily in the original boarding house in recent years. The original main boarding house is an attractive Victorian building with lots of character. Younger boarders share rooms, whilst senior students often prefer individual study bedrooms. All common rooms and bedrooms are carpeted and comfortably furnished. Boarders have their own space that they are encouraged to make their own with posters, decorations and possessions. There are ample washing and toilet facilities that we have recently upgraded to a high standard. Girls' accommodation is separate from that of boys. Dallam governors are committed to continuing investment in the quality of boarding accommodation.

"We like the mix of international students in the boarding house and enjoy being with young people of other cultures."

Maisie

"I can't wait to get back after the holidays to see all my friends."

Cameron