



WINDERMERE SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1863

welcome

Windermere School enjoys a unique setting in the beautiful Lake District National Park. Here, we respect our pupil's differences, nurture their talents and encourage their individuality.

The expertise of our staff and wealth of facilities are enhanced by being a deliberately small school. As a result our pupils are happy, our education is bespoke and the results are impressive.

your journey starts here



your future awaits...





Founded in 1863, Windermere School is one of the United Kingdom's leading small schools. It offers boys and girls an unparalleled learning experience in the unique and spectacular location of the Lake District National Park.

In a well-rounded education, pupils attain their academic potential while acquiring the values and qualities necessary to navigate the challenges of the wider world. We are a founding member of Round Square, the global network of high-quality schools committed to character education and experiential learning.

On their learning journey our pupils discover inquisitiveness, tenacity, courage, compassion, inventiveness, the ability to solve problems, self-awareness, a sense of responsibility, an appreciation of diversity, a commitment to sustainability, communication and team-working skills.

this is our
school

Windermere is the only independent school in the Lake District National Park. Our stunning location has been the inspiration for world-famous artists, poets, and authors, a sanctuary and the antidote to congested city life, a fascination to scientists, a home for adventurers, and part of the masterpiece of human nature creative genius that affords us UNESCO World Heritage status.

Our three campuses, set in 56-acres, contain all of our academic, boarding and sporting facilities. Pupils have access to inspirational facilities, including a sports hall, gymnasium, tennis and netball courts, and a state-of-the-art AstroTurf pitch. Our lakeside Royal Yachting Association Accredited Sailing School is less than one mile from our Senior School campus.

this is our
view





Our mission is to prepare pupils for life in a competitive, global and ever-changing world through a challenging and engaging academic curriculum and an inspiring and diverse range of extra-curricular opportunities.

As a non-selective school, Windermere specialises in nurturing individuals by providing an environment where every pupil can find their place in our inclusive community. Welcoming over 25 different nationalities to the school each year, we create a global family where international students often develop their language skills quicker as they continually converse in English with friends.

Our innovative Adventure and Outdoor Learning Programmes nurture those hard to quantify life skills that we believe are so important in children's education: self-awareness, independence, motivation, confidence, empathy and resilience. This is enhanced by the perfect physical and mental setting, allowing pupils to escape the everyday pressures with the chance to walk, run, play and learn within our uniquely glorious surroundings.





this is our *future*

Our goal is to enable all of our pupils to achieve excellence beyond their own expectations. Small class sizes and highly-skilled staff are dedicated to our educational ethos of experiential learning, which ensures that studying is an interactive process for all students.

We believe that outdoor learning has a significant impact on our pupils both in academic achievement and overall wellbeing. The school's beautiful and truly unique location enhances our tailored approach and consistently delivers high academic standards.

Our pupils follow the National Curriculum to Year 11, allowing pupils the chance to explore the various options available for study at GCSE. The IB Diploma Programme is a rewarding and academically renowned qualification that is recognised and highly sought after by leading universities worldwide. Windermere has average IB scores well above the world average, we are consistently ranked among the UK's top 150 schools and we were recent winners of the Sunday Times International Baccalaureate School of the Year. Leavers accept places at top Russell Group and Global 200 universities.



Windermere challenges and supports its pupils to be the very best version of themselves. Our opportunities enhance our pupil's enjoyment of school life and develop personal skills and a cultural appreciation of the arts that will last a lifetime.

We enable pupils to discover and develop passions in art, design, dance, drama and music. Our campus includes dedicated Art Studios, featuring a ceramics area and individual spaces for students to use as their creative base. We also have a well-equipped theatre, a large number of music practice rooms and drama space.

Pupils can choose from various instrumental and dance lessons, including ballet, provided in our Dance Studio. We also stage a school production every Autumn, in which pupils from all year groups can participate.

This holistic approach encourages pupils to explore their full range of skills and gain confidence in many different disciplines.





Sport is an essential part of life at Windermere, vital in allowing each pupil to develop self-esteem and a strong team bond as well as affording pupils local, national and international sporting opportunities. All our facilities are located on our campus, meaning pupils can integrate sport within the school day.

Team practices and activity sessions are offered in a wide range of sports and pupils are able to pursue a variety of activities that suit them. We also encourage and support many pupils who participate at County level and beyond, enabling our pupils to take their sporting life in whatever direction they choose.

The principal competitive sports are netball, hockey, football, tennis, cricket and athletics, in which regular competitive opportunities are provided. Basketball, rounders, cross-country running, and volleyball are popular club sports at the school.

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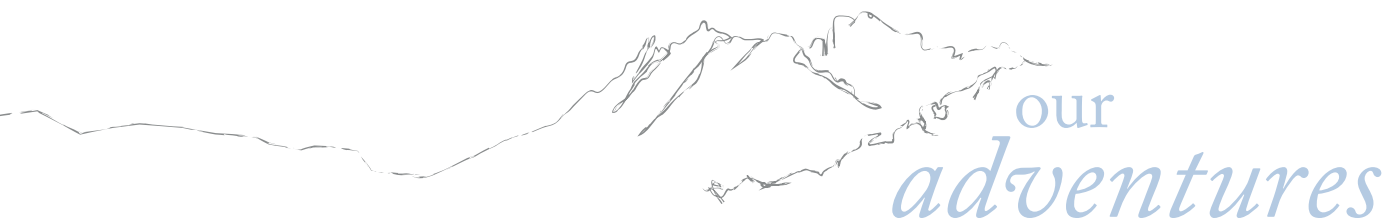
Our unique Adventure Programme enables pupils to develop a growth mindset and become adaptable, which is vital in an ever-changing world. The Programme aims to produce young people that are not only confident, tenacious, independent, and happy, but resilient; willing to fail and try again.

A private water sports centre, coupled with our unique location in the English Lake District, means that we offer an unrivalled extra-curricular programme for our pupils.

All pupils in Years 7 to 9 take part in our Adventure programme while pupils in Year 10 and Year 11 have the option to continue in the programme or specialise in a particular skill. Each year group has an entire morning or afternoon devoted to Outdoor Education once every two weeks, with activities including climbing, mountain biking, caving, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing and bushcraft.

A programme of clubs is available every day, with pupils able to get outside or on to the lake as soon as lessons have finished. The weekend activity programme for boarders includes many opportunities for sailing and outdoor pursuits; there is something for everyone to get involved with.

This special connection with the outdoors develops in our pupils a combination of boldness and humility that will help them to succeed in all aspects of life.





Windermere is a community where every pupil is valued for their contribution and given excellent pastoral support, enabling them to thrive in a happy, caring community.

Our philosophy is quite simple; happy children achieve more and our staff go the extra mile to get to know pupils exceptionally well, enabling everyone to enjoy school, settle in quickly and achieve their potential.

This friendly and collaborative atmosphere stems from the tutor system, which is at the very heart of our pastoral care. Each pupil receives support from their tutor group twice a day, with tutors having day-to-day responsibility for their tutees' welfare and academic progress. The tutor is the first port of call for parents, enabling them to provide coherent guidance and support to each pupil.

Our staff to pupil ratio ensures that our teachers know each pupil well, enabling pupils to make full use of all the academic and extra-curricular opportunities we can offer.

We have a long history of providing an exceptional boarding experience at Windermere School and are proud of the diverse global community of our boarding pupils.

Boarders at Windermere enjoy the independence of living away from home while being part of a large community of staff and pupils with who they share this unforgettable experience. Boarding life means that pupils can enjoy a vast range of activities during the weekend. The weekend programme is packed with trips to the theatre, tours of the area, shopping expeditions and leisure activities such as bowling and roller-blading.

Each of our three boarding house offers a home away from home experience, with comfortable lounges to relax with friends. There are quiet areas for prep, with academic tutors' scheduled each evening to provide specialist subject tuition.

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Boys aged 8 to 16 years board at Langdale House while Browhead is the home of girls. Westmorland, the Sixth Form Boarding House, is for boys and girls aged 16 to 18 and forms an essential step in learning to live away from home. All pupils in Westmorland House live in self-contained flats, each with their common rooms, study areas, and adjoining bedrooms and bathrooms.

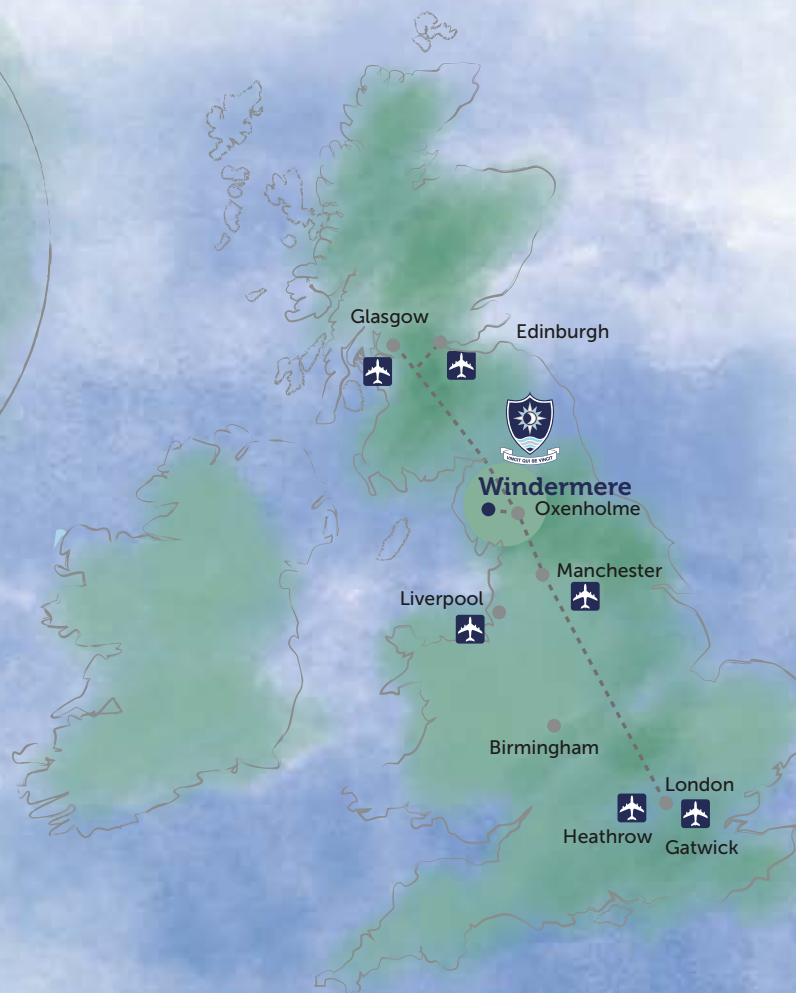
Our dedicated and experienced Houseparent team ensures that pupils make the very best of their time with us at Windermere School and go the extra mile to make each House feel like a home away from home.

Regular communications between House staff, pupils and parents are central to our approach to pastoral care.





find your
place



our location

Manchester airport, offering connections to Europe and Asia, is only 90 minutes from the school, and we provide an escorted service to the airport on designated travel days.

London is reached by high-speed train in under three hours and therefore London Heathrow airport is very accessible for our pupils.

To find out how your child can join the Windermere School adventure please arrange a visit, call us on: **015394 46164** or email us at: **ws@windermereschool.co.uk**

