



Scarborough  
College

AN INSIGHT TO  
**SCARBOROUGH COLLEGE**

2020

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INDEPENDENT EDUCATION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3-18 YEARS





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# Introduction

## AND BACKGROUND

*Scarborough College, founded in 1896, is a leading independent co-educational day and boarding school for approximately 410 children aged 3 to 18, including a pre-school, prep school and senior school, which sit together on the College's main campus.*

The majority of day pupils are drawn from across North Yorkshire and the thriving boarding community includes over 25 separate nationalities. The school is set on the South Cliff of the town with stunning views of the coast and incorporates a main campus, three boarding houses and two further sports venues all within walking distance of the main teaching area. The town of Scarborough, with its rich heritage and obvious coastal beauty, is a short journey from towns such as York and Leeds, and London can be reached by train in less than three hours.

As children within school, Scardeburgians are known for their 'can-do' attitude, their courtesy, high level of industry and willingness to give of their best both within and outside of the classroom.

The strength of the relationship between the pupil and staff bodies is a notable characteristic and the children are genuinely a delight to teach.

In 2017, the College was ranked within the Top 50 UK Independent Schools by The Times, and within the Top 3 UK Small Independent Schools by The Telegraph.

The school was also shortlisted for a TES UK Independent Schools Award in 2018 for its innovative weekly 'character building' and wellbeing programme for its pupils, entitled Yorkshire Grit.

The College has been successfully accepted as a candidate Round Square School and in 2019 saw our first overseas exchanges to Canada and Australia.

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UK Independent Schools Award  
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The College has been an IB World School for the past ten years and has delivered the IB Diploma programme, alongside traditional GCSEs, very successfully. The College is ranked annually as a top performing IB school in the UK. In 2019 our Diploma pass rate was 10% higher than the world average and in 2018 4 students scored 40+ points, which places them within the top 2% of the world.

This included one student with a full 45 points and helped them to achieve a place to read Medicine at Cambridge University. Over recent years the school has regularly enjoyed a GCSE pass rate that includes nearly 50% of all entries gaining grades 9 to 7 (A\*/A).

The College became a 'Google School' in September 2017, working daily on the G-Suite platform, and all pupils and staff members are furnished with their own Google Chromebook, promoting the enhancement of teaching and learning. These successes have contributed to a splendid 'Focused Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection Report' in November 2018, where pupils were commended for demonstrating 'excellent attitudes towards their learning'.

Since 2015, the total pupil roll has grown by more than 30%, including a large increase in boarders. This has led to an increase in our boarding provision and considerable refurbishment.

Present facilities include a 400 seater performing arts theatre, a cafe for older students, parents and staff, a fully-equipped sports hall and extensive playing fields.

The College also enjoys access to the adjoining 18 hole golf course. In recent times, there has been a major level of investment into the school's infrastructure including a new floodlit astroturf pitch, a newly dedicated pre-school setting, and an extensive teaching and learning refurbishment programme.

A £4 million boarding refurbishment was completed in September 2019, and within the next two years the College will benefit from a £2 million investment into its sports facilities including an IAAF international standard eight lane athletics track with grandstand and pavilion, as well as a new high-grade floodlit tennis and netball facility.

There are over 60 different extra-curricular activities available to the pupils throughout the year (from floristry to scuba diving) and the College is well-placed geographically to involve a very high percentage of its children in outdoor and adventurous activities.

For example, over 75% of those eligible by age are involved in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme, and a high number of students take part in overseas expeditions, trips and tours. The College has a strong reputation in sport and its pupils play regular fixtures in the major games against independent schools from across the north of England. Hockey and equestrianism have seen successes at national levels over recent years.

In the Autumn Term rugby results were excellent and the College excels in a variety of sports during the Summer Term. The recent ISI report also states 'achievement in aesthetic and creative areas, such as art, music and drama is excellent'.

Students enjoy a plethora of opportunities within the performing arts, which includes entrance to the Eskdale Festival, the annual College Production and various Music Concerts. In 2019, nearly 100 pupils all achieved merit or above in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) qualifications.

The College enjoys excellent relationships with the local community and regularly organises and hosts events involving maintained sector schools from across the region as part of its commitment to public benefit as an independent institution with charitable status.



PRESENT FACILITIES  
INCLUDE A

**400 seater**

PERFORMING ARTS  
THEATRE





WE ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL

**14 acre landscape**

OVERLOOKING  
THE SEA AND TOWN



# Our School

## *The Pre-School (Little Owls)*

Children aged 3 and 4 are educated within the College's dedicated nursery setting which sits alongside the Prep School. A team of highly experienced staff deliver an extensive programme of on-site and off-site learning in preparation for entry into Reception.

The Little Owls receive weekly sessions from specialists in music, French and swimming, and have a dedicated dining room serving a daily age-appropriate menu designed by the College caterer's nutritionist.

The Pre-School offers both the 15 and 30 government funded hours and is open throughout the year, although parents can choose to enroll their child on a term-time only basis.

## *The Prep School*

Children from Reception to Year 6 are educated within the College's Prep School. Small classes (with an average of 12 children per class) have a dedicated teacher up to the end of the infants' curriculum in Year 2, after which they enjoy lessons with specialist subject-specific academic staff, whilst being guided by their Form Tutor.

The curriculum has been devised by taking the very best of the English National Curriculum, the International Primary Curriculum and the Common Entrance Curriculum to ensure pupils enjoy a genuinely stimulating educational experience which lays a strong academic foundation for success in the years ahead.

Pupils in the Prep School benefit from access to all of the College's facilities on-site as well as their own dedicated spaces which include the likes of a Forest School. The Prep School is a fully accredited member of IAPS.

## *The Senior School*

Pupils enter the Senior School into Year 7 both internally from the Prep School and from other settings including local primary, prep and overseas schools. A smaller number may enter into Year 9 from other prep schools in the area.

All pupils study GCSEs/IGCSEs and go on to study the IB Diploma within the Sixth Form. The College also offers a popular Pre-IB programme within Year 11 for some overseas boarders which includes a smaller number of accelerated one-year GCSE courses.

Leavers of the College go on to study at many of the UK's most prestigious and competitive Russell Group Universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

# Our History

*The Scarborough College Company was formed in 1896 to promote the idea of founding a boys' boarding school on the Yorkshire coast where they might be "prepared for universities, the learned professions and business careers, while enjoying living at the seaside."*

The foundation stone was laid by Alderman George Lord Beeforth, on 24 August 1898 and the College opened on 18 September 1901.

In December 1914, the Yorkshire coast, Scarborough and the College came under fire from the German fleet. The Headmaster, Mr Percy Armstrong, announced that the school was unsafe for the staff and pupils so after the Christmas holidays the school was evacuated to The Park Hotel, Keswick for a year. In 1940, as the Second World War broke out, the RAF commandeered the main College building as a training establishment and the school was again evacuated, this time to Marske Hall in Swaledale, until September 1946.

On 10 October 1961, a fire broke out in the school. It started near the sick bay and soon engulfed the cupola. The seventy four College House boys and staff, who were living in the building, were safely assembled on the College lawn in their pyjamas. The fire and water damage was considerable and they had to be relocated

to a local hotel for a while. The repairs resulted in considerable rebuilding. The College gained a new library and later the observatory tower was rebuilt as it is today.

In 1972, the College opened its doors to girls, making it a co-educational day and boarding school. Soon after, the number of girls increased dramatically and now the school maintains a near 50/50 split.

In 2000 work began on the new Prep School at the present main campus and the College's original feeder prep school, Lisvane, was sold. 2012 saw change again, as Scarborough College and the nearby Bramcote Prep School underwent a merger which benefitted both schools and the town.

This ensured one outstanding school on the North Yorkshire coast, providing independent education for boys and girls, aged 3-18 in either a day or boarding environment.



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# Our Mission Statement

*Above all, our commitment is to discover and fully realise every child's potential by ensuring that all pupils are seen as individuals whose specific needs are recognised and met.*

We are dedicated to providing a far-reaching education that goes beyond the boundaries of the classroom, underpinned by strong lifelong values, which inspires academic excellence and ensures pupils are challenged.

Regular opportunities to understand their own capabilities through exposure to a broad range of sporting, cultural and creative activities, widens our pupils' horizons and builds their self-confidence.

Within our outward-facing, grounded and caring community the relationships that exist nurture tolerant, honest and compassionate people who will make a genuine difference in their futures beyond the confines of our school.

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## *Governance*

The Governing Body is made up of 14 members who enjoy a wide range of specialist skills relevant to leading the strategy and vision for the school.

In addition to the termly Full Board meetings, there are four meetings of two sub committees: the Education and Welfare Committee, and the Finance and Management Committee.

There are governors with specific responsibilities for the following areas of College life: safeguarding; common room liaison; boarding; data protection; marketing.

Focused working groups meet on an ad-hoc basis when required.

## *Old Scardeburgians' Association*

**The Old Scardeburgians represent those who have attended the school and are a strong community.**

They have an active and positive relationship with the school. In addition to their own club and website, there are also regular events which take place that ensure ties with the school are maintained and developed.

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# Scarborough College



Scarborough College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers, prohibition orders and enhanced DBS.

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