



SILCOATES

Independent education for boys and girls aged 3-18

JUNIOR SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2021/22

Welcome

Silcoates is a school for boys and girls from the ages of 3 - 18, set in 52 acres of beautiful parkland on the outskirts of Wakefield. But we are so much more than that. Our individual tours and Open Mornings will hopefully give you a flavour but please come and see us on a normal school day or book in a Taster Day. We look forward to seeing you again and, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Helen Lindenmayer at admissions@silcoates.org.uk or call her on 01924 885245.



Silcoates is... ...an educational journey

Whilst many of our pupils begin their life at Silcoates in the Junior School, others join aged 11 and 16 (and at many points in-between!). This continuity serves to embed the skills and qualities that make our pupils enthusiastic and effective learners. It also ensures that they develop strong and life-long friendships with their peers. New pupils to the School are given an especially warm welcome and they soon feel valued members of our community.



Silcoates is... ...educationally ambitious

Our pupils have a broad range of abilities and needs and thus we have a curriculum that becomes increasingly flexible as pupils develop their own strengths and aptitudes. The most academic will succeed at Silcoates - in 2020 our Sixth Form leavers went to a variety of universities such as Durham, Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool - but all our pupils are given the opportunity to fulfil or exceed their academic potential. Indeed, 93% of our UCAS applicants last year achieved places at their first choice university on the back of their academic success, with others starting apprenticeships or joining family businesses. At GCSE 97% of grades were at grade 4 or above, with 49% at grade 7-9.



Silcoates is...
...for the all-rounder



The breadth and variety of our curriculum is matched by the range of activities on offer outside the classroom. Having all the School on one site enables the pupils in the Junior School to benefit from a vast array of facilities available, from the all-weather playing surface to the indoor swimming pool, to the fully-equipped Studio Theatre. In the Senior School, pupils are given numerous opportunities to get involved, both within and outside the curriculum.



Silcoates is... ...competitive but inclusive

Sport and exercise are important features of life at Silcoates. Boys are introduced to our core sports of football, rugby, hockey and cricket in the Junior School and, due to our size, most have the opportunity to play for the School throughout their career. Girls are equally as competitive in hockey and netball. Recent tours have included Dubai, the US, Canada, Italy and South Africa.

We passionately believe that sport is for all and so alternative options are available, such as basketball, tennis and badminton, with the emphasis being as much on participation and development as on achievement.



Silcoates is is... ...creative and expressive



All pupils are given every encouragement to express themselves in the full range of artistic activities. This is certainly in evidence in the Junior School where the children have the chance to sing, paint and perform on an almost daily basis. Pupils throughout the school have the opportunity to excel in Art and are also able to study Photography at A-level. Music is thriving, not least due to our modern and well-equipped specialist facility. Recent productions have included 'Grease', 'Alice in Wonderland', 'Macbeth' and 'Oliver!'



Silcoates is...
...adventurous and
outward looking



Pupils of all ages have the opportunity to push themselves way beyond their comfort zones through going on trips and expeditions abroad. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is very well established at the School and several pupils achieve Gold every year. 'Grit' and determination are also evident on our biennial expedition to Tanzania, when senior pupils have the opportunity to participate in the life of a rural village, whether that be through refurbishing a school or educating the children. Such activities are life-changing and many pupils look back at their time at Silcoates.



Silcoates is...
...a considerate and caring
community



The principal accolade that many parents and former parents afford the School is that it is a warm and welcoming community and that their children make friendships here that last them a lifetime. It is certainly true that there is not one 'type' of Silcoatian and that the School endeavours whenever possible to focus on an individual's needs, whether they be academic, co-curricular or social, to ensure that everyone feels encouraged, safe and happy. Our pastoral system enables every pupil to have a close relationship with their form teacher or tutor and, in the Senior School, their Head of Year. We also have a full-time School Nurse to offer advice and support.

Not only do we care for one another, we also acknowledge the good fortune we have been given to be part of Silcoates. All pupils take part in a large number of charitable activities throughout the year. Humility and a sense of responsibility are traits we wish to see at the heart of all Silcoatians.