



THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
AT LEEDS

# Be Inspired



Prospectus

# Inspiring young minds



“Be inspired. This is the motivation and ambition for all teaching and learning here at The Grammar School at Leeds. We value every child as an individual and seek to nurture their talents and abilities, to enable them to become the very best they can be.

Our approach produces confident, versatile young people who are capable of high achievement and can rise to every challenge.

What we do and how we do it makes us one of the leading independent schools in the North.”

**Sue Woodroffe, Principal**

# Embracing heritage and diversity



The Grammar School at Leeds was founded in 2008 following the merger of Leeds Grammar School and Leeds Girls' High School. Both schools had an enviable heritage, in the case of the former dating back to 1552, whereas Leeds Girls' High School was founded in 1876. The schools were built on the principle of providing outstanding educational opportunities to young people irrespective of background.

This inclusive approach remains at the heart of our ethos today. Pupils come from a wide range of backgrounds, and all are valued and respected. As has been the case throughout our long history, our diverse school community is united by a common thread: a genuine love of learning.





A tailored approach  
to education

The Grammar School at Leeds provides an all-through education for girls and boys from the age of 3 to 18, ensuring a secure environment and continuous learning experience for your child.

We follow a diamond model of education where pupils learn in co-educational classes from age 3 to 11 and again at Sixth Form. From age 11 to 16, pupils are taught in single-sex academic lessons.

Our rich, stimulating curriculum paired with our caring pastoral system helps develop excellent social skills and fosters mutual respect. Both these elements are key to forging successful learners and well-rounded citizens.

Our values, along with our mix of tradition and innovation, ensure we provide the very best environment for your child to flourish.



# Space to inspire

The Grammar School at Leeds occupies a spacious semi-rural setting on the northern edge of Leeds.

We are easily accessible to families from across Leeds, including Garforth, Oulton, Pudsey and Guiseley, as well as Harrogate, Wetherby and Ilkley and surrounding towns and villages.

We operate several dedicated bus services, which are open to pupils in Year 3 and above.

Our 140-acre campus has outstanding facilities. This gives our students the space and opportunity to express themselves and excel in sport and the arts as well as thrive academically.

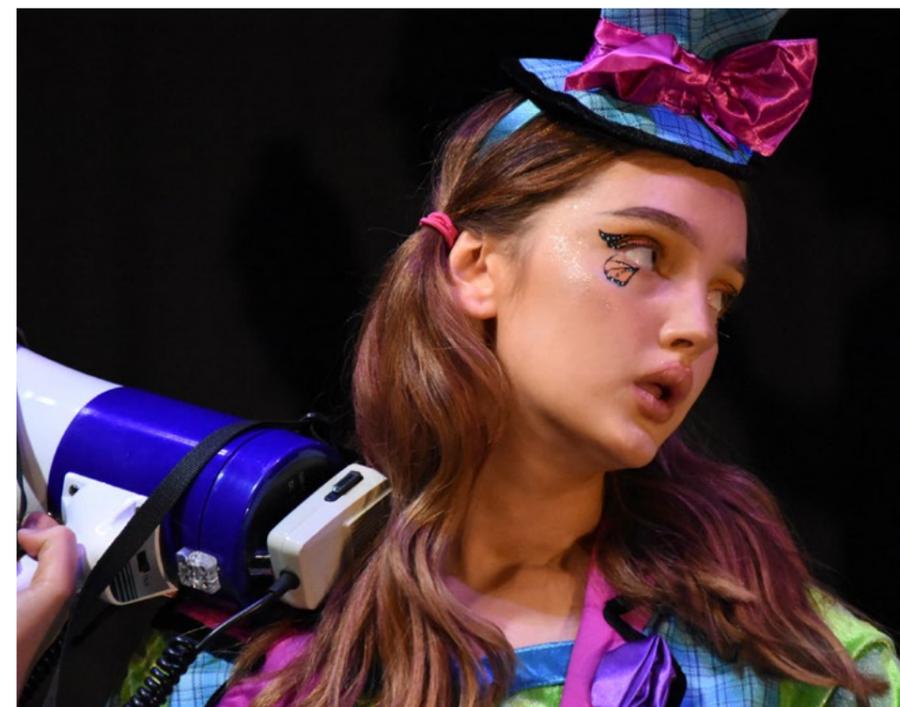
While the scale of the school is impressive, good design and effective use of the buildings and grounds ensure that it quickly becomes a familiar and friendly place.

Primary School and Senior School each have their own well-equipped specialist classrooms, libraries, laboratories, halls, music rooms and indoor sports facilities.

Primary School has its own dining area for the youngest children, while in Senior School there is a refectory and each year group has a common room. Sixth Form students have their own café, common room and study areas.

Modelled on some of the best university resource centres and libraries, the Lawson library in Senior School provides an environment and range of study facilities befitting a 21st century campus enhancing the learning experiences of our pupils.

Our state-of-the-art swimming pool, track and field facilities, all weather pitches, 3G pitch and sports dome provide unrivalled opportunities for physical education.



# Nurturing curiosity in Rose Court Nursery



Sitting within our outstanding Primary School, Rose Court Nursery provides 3 and 4-year-olds with an exceptional start to their educational journey.

Our youngest children enjoy their very own friendly, safe and dedicated space. Time spent learning in our indoor and outdoor classrooms - as well as our forest area, mud kitchen and purposefully designed playgrounds - helps children develop a growing sense of independence and an ability to work well with others.

By providing a varied, stimulating and hands-on curriculum, your child will

become an enthusiastic learner who is able to tackle new things.

Our passionate and qualified early years teachers nurture each child's curiosity and help them master the fundamental skills needed to succeed in their primary years and beyond.

The nursery children love being part of the wider Primary School community.

By taking part in the rich calendar of school celebrations and activities, they build a confidence which they carry with them into the reception year.



"Our multi-sensory, play-based approach to education encourages children to collaborate and learn about the world in a memorable, hands-on way."

**Miss Crilley, Teacher and Nursery Lead**

# The joy of learning in Primary School



“We want our pupils to find out what really motivates them and sets them apart. We nurture confident, collaborative, well-rounded young people who know what their strengths are and communicate well with others.”

**Mrs Solti, Vice Principal  
and Head of Primary  
School**

We know that children have the potential to make huge strides in the primary years. This is why we have designed our Primary School for the young learners of today.

Children enjoy working together in a learning environment with a rich and varied curriculum where every subject is valued.

We teach our children to be brave and caring, and we challenge them to grow a little every day.

Our highly skilled teachers paired with our dynamic curriculum ensures your child will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of the world, think deeply, ask questions and pursue their passions.

Through spending time in our forest area and innovative, age-appropriate playgrounds we also strive to cultivate a love of nature and the outdoors which will last a lifetime.

Being part of an all-through school offers many benefits, including varied co-curricular opportunities led by specialist teachers. Each child can try new things and develop their unique talents to become a confident and happy member of our school community.

These broad, stimulating experiences help foster inquisitive minds and a lasting enthusiasm for learning. This ensures our pupils are ready for the next stage of their educational journey and leads to success in senior school and beyond.



# Growing independence in Senior School



Our Senior School helps your child to develop into an impressive young adult who is passionate, curious, academically accomplished and empathetic; we equip our pupils with the skills and resilience to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

We follow a diamond model of education whereby between years 7 and 11, girls and boys are taught separately for core academic subjects but share pastoral, co-curricular and recreational time together.

Our teaching is based broadly on the national curriculum but being free of its constraints enables us to extend enquiring minds and tailor the pupils' studies to

Pupils take on more responsibility for themselves and their learning, developing valuable study and life skills. This builds resilience, confidence and empathy.

Our extensive range of academic options and co-curricular opportunities allow all pupils to pursue their passions and to be inspired.

"We value each pupil as an individual. In addition to developing strong learning habits, which will allow them to embrace academic challenge, we provide each pupil with stimulating opportunities to expand their interests, therefore increasing the richness of their life."

**Dr Purves, Vice Principal and Head of Senior School**

# Aim higher in Sixth Form

With its own dedicated facilities, our Sixth Form provides a crucial stepping stone between school and all that follows.

Students are exposed to an array of career and post-18 opportunities, nationally and internationally, to inspire and motivate them.

Sixth Form students are given much greater responsibility and autonomy, with school leadership positions in house, faculty, faith and other roles.

Academic study is at the heart of our provision; we are in the top 10% of sixth forms nationally for student progression.

We also pride ourselves on equipping our students for a successful and fulfilling life. This is why our excellent academic provision is complemented by a range of enrichment activities. These include a diverse and inclusive sports programme, volunteering opportunities, lectures from inspirational speakers and practical short courses on everything from student cookery to personal finances.

Great emphasis is also placed on personal and social development to help our students embrace challenge and develop meaningful lifelong friendships.





# Putting your child first



Making your child feel valued, included and secure is central to our approach, and it shapes every decision we make.

Both teaching and tutor groups are smaller than most schools but pupils benefit from being part of a larger year group, enabling them to develop different friendships and interests and take advantage of wider opportunities.

Excellent pastoral care is both part of our formal provision and is a feature of the regular day-to-day interactions between pupils and staff.

Pastoral care is led by a deputy head in each of the primary and senior schools.

It is their role to support our caring and skilled class tutors, and they are aided by a team which includes school nurses and access to qualified counsellors.

Our individual needs team is also available to provide additional support to pupils when required.



## Wider opportunities

Our pupils' academic life is enriched with a wide range of activities and opportunities, within and beyond the classroom.

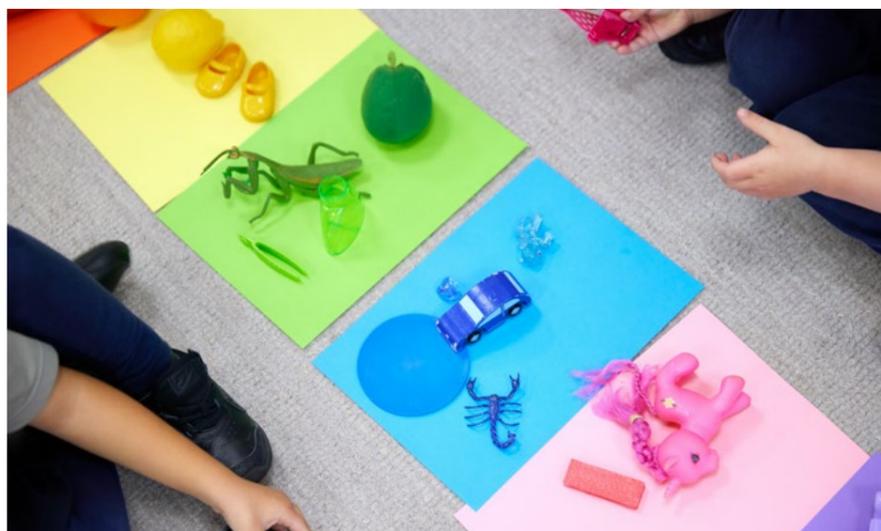
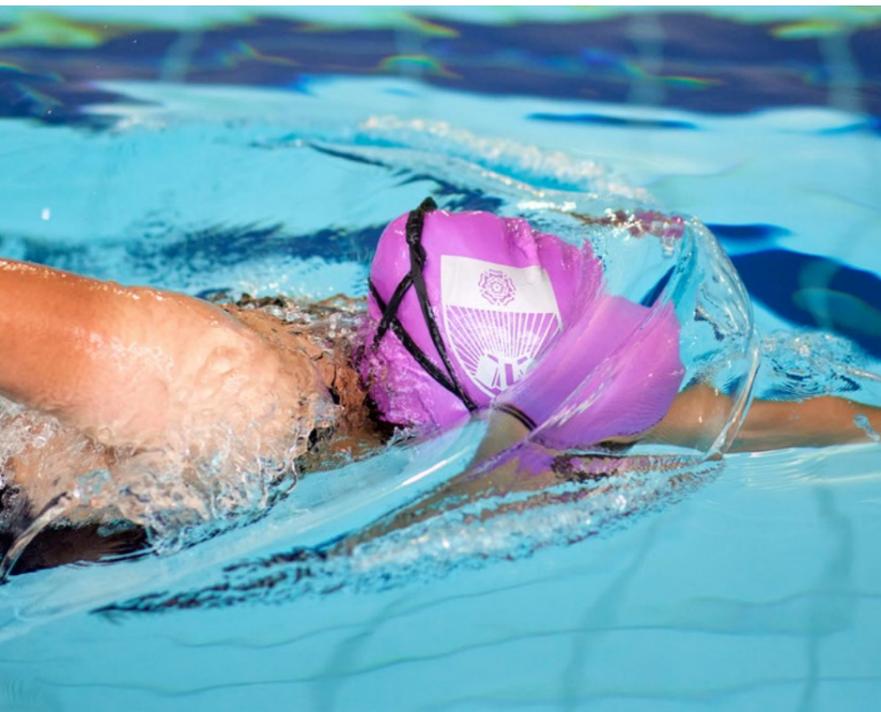
Curriculum teaching involves many practical elements, such as fieldwork and trips. It also includes a comprehensive outdoor learning programme - all of which inspire learning and encourage new skills.

Our house system (age 5+) provides pupils with the opportunity to be involved in a

wealth of activities; there is even more choice in our co-curricular calendar, with over 200 clubs and societies in Senior School alone. For those who wish, there is ample opportunity to compete locally, regionally and even nationally.

We provide exceptional teaching and coaching facilities. This means whatever your child's interest and ability, they will have the opportunity to develop valuable skills and have fun in the process.





# Inspired for life

The majority of our pupils go on to higher education, usually to study at one of the top universities in the UK.

A number of our pupils are successful in securing university places at Oxford or Cambridge.

Other students choose to study overseas, pursue apprenticeships, take a gap year or directly enter industry.

Our alumni progress to successful careers in all walks of life, including medicine, business, engineering and law.

We maintain a global alumni network enabling students to remain active members of the school community long after they have completed their studies.

Our alumni are very generous in giving their time and expertise to support our current students in pursuing their own dreams and ambitions.



“I learned the importance of being the best you can be and that girls and women can achieve whatever they put their minds to.”

**Debbie Wosskow OBE (OG92)**  
Co-Founder of AllBright

“I took away the importance of hard work, the value of taking an interest in a wide range of activities and the need to have good people around you. My friends from school are still my very closest friends.”

**Ben Wosskow (OL96)**  
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