

Education - the choice is yours

Our guide will help you to find the right school for your child's individual needs

ACKWORTH SCHOOL

At the time of its 200th anniversary in 1979, teaching staff at Ackworth School set up a fund to provide a free place for a child who could not otherwise attend. The staff contribute through covenants to cover the fees. Ackworth is a friendly, caring Quaker school which combines high academic standards with the desire to find the good in each of our pupils. Although this is not an academic scholarship, the child would have to meet the normal entry requirements.

The place on offer is for a day pupil whose personal circumstances would allow them to benefit socially from attending a boarding school which has a wide range of activities available before and after school, including breakfast, tea and the opportunity for supervised study in the evening.

The staff committee are able to offer a place in September 2003. The point of entry could be anywhere between first form, (year seven), and sixth form. For more information please write to the head at Ackworth School, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF7 7LT. Closing date for applications is Friday, 16th May.

BRANSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Branston Community College provides a wide range of services for students and community users on its site at the edge of Branston village, within easy reach of Lincoln. More than 1,000 eleven to eighteen-year-old students are successfully educated during the day with the same number of adults attending evening classes.

After intense, national competitive bidding, the college has won the new designation of a Specialist Business and Enterprise College – the only school in Lincolnshire to win this new status and one of only eighteen in the country. The college can now offer new business courses, enterprise activities and personal effectiveness and extra-curricular outward bound leadership activities.

The local branch library, amalgamated with the college library on site and the thirty-place nursery provides additional facilities for the local community. Classroom, sport, computer and specialist facilities are of a very high standard.

The college's professional staff are committed to remain at the forefront of educational development. They provide a stimulating, supportive educational environment and a traditional ethos of academic enquiry and self-development. All official inspection reports over the last ten years have praised the high standards of results and service achieved in every section of the college's provision.

Enquiries about joining courses at Branston are welcome at any time of the year. Contact: 01522 880400.

THE GRANTHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Grantham Preparatory School is an independent day school for boys and girls between the ages of three and eleven. It is set in nearly four acres of grounds, and dedicated to the unimpeded pursuit of academic, musical and sporting excellence.

The outstanding academic reputation of the school is based on the maintenance of traditional teaching methods and nurtured by the devotion of a skilled and experienced teaching staff.

Our aim is to provide the best for all our children in a happy environment. This enables us to encourage each child to reach his or her full potential in all aspects of school life. Our rules, designed to promote harmony and consideration for others, give our children a feeling of security.

They are prepared for public school and grammar school examinations. The education we offer is well-rounded and the school day is structured to meet the needs of each child. Telephone: 01476 593293.

KIRKSTONE HOUSE SCHOOL

Kirkstone House School is a small, independent school, founded by the principal, Mrs B K Wyman. It now has three departments; Pipers Field for pupils from two-and-a-half to seven which takes them to the end of Key Stage 1, Lower School for Key Stage 2 pupils aged seven to eleven and Upper School for pupils from the age of eleven to the end of Key Stage 4, when they take their GCSEs.

The school is in a delightful rural setting with fifteen acres of paying fields, sixty acres of woodland and lakes – an outdoor classroom for wildlife study and sporting activities.

Classes have between twelve and twenty pupils and there is a two-form entry into the Upper School.

Pupils who need additional support are well catered for at a well-established, locally recognised Learning Support Department staffed by qualified and experienced teachers.

For more information please contact: 01778 560350.

KUMON OVER TO LINCOLNSHIRE!

Lincolnshire Kumon instructors are offering children the opportunity to improve their maths and English. There are three Kumon after-school classes in north Lincolnshire; in Brigg, Grimsby and Scunthorpe.

More than 41,000 students study Kumon maths and English at 500 centres nationwide. Classes run twice a week and students may attend one or both sessions.

Kumon programmes aim to develop every child's skills and confidence. Students progress at their own pace, practising topics until they are mastered, and the worksheet programmes are suitable for all ages and abilities. From the outset, work is set at a level where the child can score 100 per cent in ten to fifteen minutes on a daily basis.

To find out more about enrolling your child, contact the National Helpline on 0800 854714, visit the website at www.kumon.co.uk, or contact your local instructor on the number in the advertisement.

NORTH SOMERCOTES CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

This popular school, built in 1992, has been further extended to cope with demand for a nursery and extra places throughout the year groups. It now provides for nursery through to year six in single-age classes – an ideal model for education in the primary years. Nursery children have their own facilities but share access to the school's excellent swimming pool with other younger children in the school. Older children use a superb local indoor swimming pool for advanced skills tuition.

The school has a new library and a suite of fifteen networked computers. Each class, from reception to year six, has trained teaching assistants to support literacy and numeracy in the classroom. The school had a good Ofsted inspection in January 1999. In response to the demand for places, transport is now available from Louth and the surrounding villages. Tel: 01507 358221.

RAINBOW CHILDCARE SERVICES

Rainbow Childcare Services was created because of a gap discovered in the childcare market. Rainbow Childcare Services' director is also the owner of a thriving, well-established day centre in Barton upon Humber. Local childcare provision is adequate if you need it between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm but any variations to this, such as shift work, create problems.

Rainbow Childcare Services provides a link

between families requiring childcare provision and candidates requiring jobs. The company is dedicated to providing a quality service and all candidates are fully vetted, their references and identities checked. Police clearance can be arranged, if required.

Whatever your family needs, call Rainbow Childcare Services, on 01652 637440.

RANBY HOUSE SCHOOL

Pupils at Ranby House in Retford continue to celebrate achievements both inside and outside the classroom.

So far this year, four pupils have won academic awards to their senior schools with another four gaining awards for their musical ability and two achieving sports scholarships. Finally, the school's two head pupils have been given All-Rounder awards to Worksoop College, in acknowledgement of their overall abilities and contribution to school life.

The awards came during a busy spring term which included a visit by thirty-six French students, an Individual Music Festival which featured more than 200 pupil entries, a production of 'The Wizard of Oz' and more than 100 sporting fixtures against other schools. In addition, wild and wacky hairstyles were seen in school on Red Nose Day when pupils and staff raised £3,500 for Comic Relief.

S. ANSELM'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A party of pupils from S Anselm's Prep School, in Bakewell, Derbyshire, have just returned from the school's first overseas tour. They travelled to South Africa on a sporting trip and handed over almost £2,000 to help a township school near Durban buy sports equipment. They raised all the money themselves.

S Anselm's is described by the 'Daily Telegraph' as 'one of the very best prep schools in England', providing 250 boys and girls from nursery age to thirteen with a traditional education in an exceptionally happy school which welcomes day pupils as well as boarders.

Class sizes average twelve and children are set for all subjects from the age of nine. Two-thirds of S Anselm's pupils go on to senior school with a scholarship. Extra activities range from sailing to Brownies and pottery to exploring and horse riding.

Facilities include a large sports hall, theatre, computing centre, design and technology facilities, extensive playing fields, tennis courts and swimming pool.

Why not take a look? Please contact the headmaster's secretary on 01629 812734.

WITHAM HALL

Witham Hall has a proud record of academic, sporting, musical and artistic achievement. An impressive array of facilities, including numerous music practise rooms, a huge sports hall, a squash court, tennis and netball courts, an art and design suite, impressive, fully networked computer room, nine-hole pitch and putt golf course and multiple playing fields are set in thirty acres of beautiful gardens and grounds.

There has been much recent scholarship success in academic, art, leadership and sporting fields. Weekly and flexi boarding are thriving and day numbers have also shown an increase, helped by a minibus service to Grantham, Peterborough and Oakham. Although pupils numbers are at an all-time high and have increased in each of the last seventeen terms, class sizes are kept small to an average of twelve. The school's success is being reflected in recruitment and some year groups are over-subscribed. Early registration is strongly recommended. To arrange a visit, please telephone 01778 590222. □