

# Lesson Learned

*Choosing the right school for your child can be a daunting prospect, but the following pages will provide information to help you to make the correct choice.*

## FOREMARKE HALL

Foremarke Hall is a day and boarding preparatory school set in the fifty acre grounds of an 18th century Palladian mansion in south Derbyshire, within easy reach of the A50 and M1. As the preparatory school to nearby Repton, providing high quality education for pupils aged 3-13, Foremarke has an excellent reputation for high academic standards, a broad-based curriculum and outstanding facilities. These include our four boarding houses, extensive libraries, school-wide computer network, spacious art studio, dedicated music rooms, design technology workshop, 180 seat theatre, six-lane 25 metre indoor swimming pool, floodlit astroturf pitch for hockey, tennis courts and large sports hall as well as numerous grass pitches for cricket, football and rugby.

Foremarke prepares boys and girls for Common Entrance and Academic Scholarship to public school at 13+ and also has an outstanding record of awards at 13+ for art, drama, IT, design technology, sport and music.



We aim to encourage children to use their minds well, to understand that with privilege comes responsibility and to make wise judgments. In addition, we believe that children need time and space – and at Foremarke there is plenty of both – to grow up! At the end of Year 8 we aim to say farewell to thirteen year olds who are good and ready for the move to senior school: confident, achieving well and aware of the needs of others. Telephone 01283 703269, email registrar@foremarke.org.uk, website www.foremarke.org.uk

## RED HEN DAY NURSERY

Red Hen Day Nursery is thoroughly recommended if you are looking for the best start for your child. The nursery offers care and early years education for children aged from 0 – 5 years and boasts a perfect location at Manor House Farm, Legbourne, near Louth. The happy family-style atmosphere is evident throughout the specially converted farm buildings. The standard of care for babies, toddlers and children is of the highest standard, delivered by a dedicated, caring and knowledgeable staff team. Children benefit from many meaningful experiences, one of which is helping to prepare the excellent home-cooked meals using vegetables from the nursery's own garden. A great deal of time is spent outdoors where their learning and development is enhanced by real-life experiences in the countryside. Red Hen stimulates all the senses and results in happy confident children with a sound foundation for their future learning. A visit is recommended to experience this fantastic setting or visit the website [www.redhendaynursery.co.uk](http://www.redhendaynursery.co.uk)

## WISBECH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Wisbech Grammar School draws inspiration from its distinguished history, but has its sights firmly fixed on future success.

The School was founded in 1379 and is fully co-educational. Rightly proud of its excellent academic record, its teachers inspire a life long love of learning in their students.

Twenty-two different subjects are offered at A level and students receive individual academic support to achieve their targets.

A wide range of co-curricular opportunities mean that the Grammar School produces well rounded individuals; sport is played to a high standard, and for fun. Music and Drama thrive; regular concerts and productions are staged each year.



The School enjoys enviable facilities, a new £1.25m hall for the popular Magdalene Hall Preparatory Department opened in Summer 2008, yet fees are highly competitive.

Wisbech Grammar School is an open and friendly community - tours can be easily arranged. We look forward to welcoming parents and children.

**APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT A GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

The time is fast approaching for children to be tested for entry to Lincolnshire Grammar Schools. 11+ testing for entry in September 2010 will take place in mid September for those starting their last year of primary school. All Grammar schools in Lincolnshire (with the exception of Caistor Grammar School) use the same tests and the examinations are taken on the same dates throughout the county.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the testing by the grammar school where their child was tested, in time for them to make an informed choice on the Common Application Form issued by the County Council. These forms will be issued to parents through primary schools early in September. Lincolnshire County Council will make offers of places to parents through the Common Admissions Scheme on 1st March 2010.

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Horncastle has an enviable record of success and is one of the fifteen grammar schools in the county. Offering 120 places in Year 7 each year, it attracts pupils from as far afield as Lincoln, the Wolds and areas to the north of Boston. Typically, about a quarter of the entry come from beyond the normal Horncastle area.

Parents wishing their children to be tested for possible entry to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Horncastle for September 2010 should contact

the school about registration. There is also an Open Evening on Wednesday 23 September from 6.30 – 8.30 pm which includes the chance to meet students and staff and to learn more about what a grammar school can offer. It is also a chance to find out about Sixth Form entry for those completing their GCSEs.

Further details about Queen Elizabeth's or the 11+ process can be obtained by contacting the Headmaster's Secretary (01507 522465).

**ST MARY'S PREPARATORY**

St. Mary's Preparatory School is a happy, thriving IAPS co-educational day school for children aged two-and-a-half to eleven. Located in the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral, the secure, enclosed site contains spacious gardens, modern classrooms, multi-media computer facilities, a large Astroturf and a multi-purpose hall. Our Early Years department has just been awarded the coveted "outstanding" grade by Ofsted. There is a full, exciting programme of extra-curricular activities, inclusive educational outings and residential trips to Walesby, France and Northumberland, an excellent teacher:pupil ratio, small class sizes and specialist subject teaching, all of which ensure that children at St. Mary's are valued as individuals and receive an enviable academic and all-round education. The popular "After School Club" provides busy parents with a safe and friendly environment in which their children are cared for until collection and it is possible to drop pupils off from 7.45am if required.

Please come to visit St. Mary's and experience the unique atmosphere. We would be delighted to meet you and you will be guaranteed a warm welcome.

For further details, telephone 01522 524622 or visit [www.stmarysprep.co.uk](http://www.stmarysprep.co.uk)

