

School Rules

Ensuring your child is at the right school for them is an obvious priority for the parent or guardian, but it can be a minefield of forms and red tape. To help clarify the process we have provided a list of certain criteria taken into consideration by the admissions procedure.

NURSERY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Local Authority is responsible for admissions to community and controlled nursery schools and classes and decides the arrangements for children to go into these schools and classes. Individual school governing bodies have the responsibility for deciding which children to accept. When schools offer places, they take the following reasons into account (after meeting their legal obligations first):

- Recognised professional opinion showing that circumstances present a particularly strong case for taking a child in.
- Medical reasons why the school or class is most suitable (eg wheelchair access).
- In Church of England (voluntary controlled) schools, priority may be given to children whose parents are actual members of the Church of England (written evidence may be required to support this).
- Convenience of access, including distance from home to school.
- Brother or sister already attending the school.

RECEPTION CLASS

The County Council has delegated to the governing bodies of individual community and controlled schools the decisions about which children to admit. Every school must apply the County Council's oversubscription

criteria shown below:

- The child is in the care of the local authority.
- There is a brother or sister at the school who will still be attending when the child is due to start.
- The child meets the religious criteria published by an individual Church of England or joint Church of England and Methodist school, which has chosen to give priority on religious grounds.
- The school is the nearest one to the home address.
- The distance from the home to the school, priority will be given to the child living closest to the school.

(full notes are available from www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Children who want a place at grammar school must firstly have qualified under the selection arrangements. They must also fill in the common application form or apply online. In the event of the school being oversubscribed by qualified applicants governors of community and voluntary controlled grammar schools will allocate places using the criteria listed on the website.

The majority of grammar schools have agreed a qualifying standard. This is normally an aggregate standardised score of 220 in a verbal reasoning test and a non-verbal reasoning test. This standard

is intended to identify the top 25% of children by ability that live in an area of Lincolnshire served by a grammar school. This means the percentage pass rate may vary from one area to another and from one year to another, depending on the abilities of the children in a local area in any one year.

Full details of entry procedures for secondary education can be found on the local authority website.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Queen Elizabeth's High School is proud to provide outstanding education for the young people of Gainsborough and surrounding villages. It is situated on the northern edge of Gainsborough in large grounds, housed in impressive 1940's buildings. We are a selective school and use the Lincolnshire 11+ system as our entrance test. Our philosophy is to educate the whole child. We believe that we are a happy school in which individuals are able to learn in a safe, supportive and challenging environment.

We offer a traditional curriculum which is enhanced by the introduction of new courses such as Arts award for Years 10 & 11 and level 3 Engineering Diploma.

Students at QEHS enjoy a rich and varied experience coupled with an

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QUEEN ELIZABETH'S HIGH SCHOOL



RED HEN DAY NURSERY



BURGHLEY HOUSE



GRESHAM'S SCHOOL

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outstanding education delivered by experienced and committed teachers. As Ofsted said, "Every child does matter at this school".

Visits to the school are welcome through our 'school tour' days which are available throughout the year; details on the website.

RED HEN DAY NURSERY

Red Hen Day Nursery offers specialist early years care and education for 0-5 years. It is a unique setting, which draws effectively from its location on a farm and offers an extensive range of real experiences to stimulate the senses and support emotional, intellectual and social development. The happy, family-style atmosphere is evident throughout the spacious specially converted farm buildings and a dedicated, caring and knowledgeable staff team ensures each child's individuality is nurtured. Children benefit from many meaningful activities like growing, harvesting and preparing vegetables from the garden. Meal times are of an exception standard, indeed Red Hen has won awards both locally and nationally. Children are also fortunate to spend a great deal of time outdoors, playing and learning in the many areas devoted to the nursery including paddocks with animals and woodland where Forest School activities are enjoyed. Red Hen results in happy confident children who move on to their respective schools with sound foundations for their future learning. Visit www.redhendaynursery.co.uk for more information.



MURDER AT BURGHLEY!

Another fascinating mixture of courses has been planned at Burghley House by the University of

Cambridge's Institute of Continuing Education.

Following the success of 'Introduction to crime scene investigation', Susan Gurney will appeal to the more gory among us with her day-school on 'Poison, toxin and venom: the three flavours of death'. Acclaimed Cambridge archaeologist Dr Gilly Carr will also bring her cutting-edge course on twentieth century conflict archaeology to Burghley.

All courses benefit from the wonderful venue and draw on its buildings and setting. RSPB pioneer Peter Holden will calm our nerves with courses on birds, Cambridge historian Dr Stephen Alford will enlighten us with more of the history of the Cecil family, while Burghley favourite Mary Conochie will expand our knowledge of the Northern Renaissance and also deliver a day-school on the Grand Tour.

The proximity to Tolethorpe and its renowned Shakespeare festival has also inspired playwright Paul Crossley. His course 'Shakespeare for our time' will focus primarily on the 2011 productions at Tolethorpe.

The Institute's courses at Burghley are open to all: the only requirements are a desire to learn and possibly a strong stomach! To find out more, please call 01223 746262 or visit www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk

MONEY ROLLING IN

Gresham's pupils are always active in the community and need little encouragement to help those less fortunate, but in recent fund-raising efforts they have excelled themselves. Over £9,000 has been raised recently by the family of schools in a variety of traditional and less conventional ways, and staff have not been far behind in matching pupils' efforts.

At the Prep School, a Band Aid style DVD of pupils singing 'We are the world, we are the children'

was filmed, and with collections in Chapel, over £5,000 was raised for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

Help for Heroes, an outstanding organisation which the school has been proud to support, benefitted by over £1,000. A calendar, featuring school mascot, Labrador Benson, sold a record number of copies, while the intrepid Captain Scoles and Commander Burnell braved the winter weather to spend the night in an igloo built during the heavy snowfalls. Proceeds from the Tallis House evening of entertainment also went to Help for Heroes.

The Nicholson Art Gallery staged a 'Seacapes' exhibition on behalf of the RNLI with contributions from the Art staff. A cheque was presented to the RNLI for £637, while down at the Pre-Prep School the children and parents baked, and enjoyed, cakes, in aid of Haiti Earthquake relief, raising a fantastic £226.

Oakeley House girls held their traditional 'Oakeley plays Cupid' week, posting Valentine's cards and baking and selling cakes for 'loved ones' to enjoy, raising several hundred pounds.

Finally the 'Woody Bash', where the boys from Woodlands raised £1000 for a variety of charities. Father Roberts, School Chaplain commented, 'This is a phenomenal effort across all three schools and the truly amazing thing is, because of their enthusiasm we will raise even more money in the future: this could be our best term ever for supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.'

DAY SCHOOL WITH BOARDING BUZZ

Headmaster Chris Moxon joined Magdalene House last September after twenty-three years as a housemaster and deputy head in four different boarding schools. He has created a boarding school ethos in



Magdalene House, Wisbech Grammar's preparatory school, where pupils are incredibly busy during the week, but can spend quality time with families at weekends. The school attracts children from the South Lincolnshire area, providing small classes and a committed staff.

'From Reception to Year 6 the day starts with breakfast club available from 7.40am: this has proved especially popular with parents who have a

lengthy journey to work in the mornings. We then offer a programme of free clubs and activities for all children at the end of the day until 4.10pm, including things as diverse as karate and cookery. The children then leave exhausted but exhilarated after a balanced day of academic work, activities and sport.'

YARBOROUGH LINCOLN'S BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE SCHOOL

Yarborough School is a forward thinking high performing Foundation School with an outstanding and diverse 11-18 Curriculum. As Lincoln's Business & Enterprise Specialist College we offer state of the art ICT resources allowing students to use innovative technology to enhance their learning. Our creative environment stimulates all types of learners and includes enviable leisure facilities.

All staff work incredibly hard to create a supportive environment in which students feel happy, secure and cared for. In addition to stimulating lessons, our students benefit from a wide range of interesting extra curricular opportunities which help to make Yarborough the exciting choice.

Yarborough's examination results speak for themselves; at Key Stage 4, 87% of our students achieved 5 A* - C grades and 98% achieved 5 A* - G grades. Sixth Form students performed equally as impressively, giving them access to a range of University courses and training places. At Key Stage 5 we have a 100% pass rate in English, Maths, Science, Business Studies, IT and Sports Science with an overall pass rate of 98.3%, 88% of students achieving top grades. The progress of students at Yarborough School is excellent, amongst the best in the country and in addition to these exam results, the achievement of our students is epitomised by the success rate of the school over the last five years.

"Realise your dreams at Yarborough" is the motto adopted by the school and students are continually reminded of this to ensure they aspire to reach their goals.

LINCOLNSHIRE MONTESSORI

We have a completely different approach to learning. Our award winning nursery and primary school follows the principles of Dr Maria Montessori – an educational approach which puts the needs of the individual child at

the heart of the curriculum. Providing care and education from birth to eleven, we offer full-time and part-time nursery places, a day school, extra curricular activities and out of school care.

Based in ten acres of the Lincolnshire Wolds – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), our exceptional learning environment provides for the whole child.

Imagine a place where children want to come to school because the things they do are all the things they want to do. Imagine a place where children are helped to challenge themselves. Imagine a place where it is understood that development of character is as important as acquisition of knowledge. Imagine a place where respect and responsibility are a normal part of the everyday actions of both teachers and children. Imagine a place where children are helped to be the best they can. You will find all these things in our accredited Montessori nursery and school.

Tel 01472 859589 www.lincolnshiremontessori.co.uk

ST MARY'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL 1950-2010

Celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year, St. Mary's Preparatory School prides itself on its fine reputation for putting young people on course for a brighter future.

The Pottergate School is the natural choice for many parents from a wide variety of professions, especially when they have been educated at St Mary's themselves.

But independent schooling is not just for the privileged. St. Mary's welcomes families from all walks of life with everyone there thrilled to announce that the school will be awarding four scholarships in its sixtieth anniversary year.



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