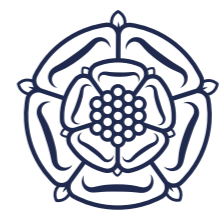




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# Introduction

## An Unforgettable Journey

Cundall Manor is a thriving co-educational independent school, catering for boys and girls between the ages of 2 and 16 years of age.

The school is situated in a magnificent 28 acre site in the Vale of York, between Ripon and Thirsk in North Yorkshire.

A community of committed and enthusiastic teaching staff, visionary governors and supportive parents, our aim is simply to ensure that each and every child who comes to Cundall is fully prepared to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Cundall Manor School focuses on every child, aiming to ensure that they feel happy, safe, supported and celebrated. This atmosphere ensures that pupils can engage fully with the educational challenges and risks that maximise learning and achievement. The rural setting allows pupils to embrace their childhood whilst the innovative and unique curriculum provides opportunity for all to develop the confidence, judgement and personal skills that will advantage their future lives.



# Pre-Prep

## First Steps

### Nursery

Cundall Nursery is a warm and welcoming environment specialising in the important task of introducing children to the exciting world of learning. The emphasis is on the all-round development of each child through class, group and individual teaching in an atmosphere of happiness and mutual respect. The excellent staff/pupil ratio ensures a secure environment and individual attention where each child has the opportunity to reach their own potential.

We aim to promote independence, confidence, self-esteem, mutual respect and a strong work ethos in each child and within a setting where all children feel happy, secure and valued as individuals. High standards of behaviour and good manners are expected and children are helped to achieve these through positive reinforcement.

Nursery children are offered a broad based curriculum based upon the EYFS goals. In addition they are offered specialist teaching in Art, Music and French.

The most recent ISI inspection of our school commented: "Pupils are extremely polite. Nursery children's' manners are impeccable."

### Reception, Years 1 & 2

Our younger children receive a broad-based education. Our aim is that the children develop positively in an atmosphere of mutual respect. They receive praise to assist in their successful progression and to build their self-confidence.

Appropriate behaviour is fostered through a structure of positive reinforcement. Pupils are taught in small classes by highly qualified teachers with excellent support staff.

All of our pupils are taught the core subjects of Literacy, Numeracy and Science and a range of foundation subjects. Alongside this specialist lessons in French, Music, Art, Swimming and Tennis add an extra dimension to the children's learning. Regular themed weeks also allow pupils the freedom and expression to work on a project together.

The secluded rural situation of the school provides a safe and protected setting for the children to play and explore, alongside enjoying our dedicated purpose-built Pre-Prep outdoor play area.



# Prep School

## Next steps

During Years 3-6, the children are predominantly Form based, with teachers planning together within a year group and across the Key Stage. As the children spend much of the day with their Form Teacher, excellent and supportive working relationships are quickly developed. Each year group has the support of a teaching assistant whose role is invaluable in supporting the individual needs of particular pupils or groups of pupils. In the early years of Prep School, literacy and numeracy skills are the main focus, as they underpin progress and success in every other aspect of the curriculum. Alongside these core skills, children are provided with a rich, enhanced curriculum of foundation subjects, with excellence and enjoyment paramount. Specialist teaching in areas such as Modern Foreign Languages,

Art, Music, Games and Swimming complement the class based teaching. We are justly proud of our excellent language department, which is staffed predominantly by fully bilingual (and often native speaking) teaching staff. Language visits to France are central to the pupils' progress through the school.

### Year 7 and 8

In Year 7, pupils move from Form based teaching to subject specialist teaching. Core and Foundation subjects are all set by ability, enabling teaching staff to focus their learning on the specific needs of each teaching group. Class sizes are small, allowing for a very high level of individual attention and instruction. Subjects such as PHSEE, Swimming, Art, Music and Drama are taught in Forms, allowing the children to experience and enjoy a richer variety of teaching approaches and social groups.

The Prep School is an environment where our children can be themselves, thrive and look forward to a bright future based upon solid foundations.



# Senior School

## It's Just The Beginning

From Year 9, the academic focus is firmly on pupils' GCSE programmes of study, and the Senior School provides the perfect environment. Physically distinct from the Prep School, and with a team of teaching staff whose experience is firmly based in GCSE, the Senior School is committed to delivering a tailored, supportive and unique experience for our pupils.

With excellent academic results, great value added scores and a system which values each individual's goals, the Senior School prepares our pupils for their next steps after their GCSEs. We are proud to say that our Senior School continues

to be so successful and as a result, we recently extended the facilities by building four new state-of-the-art classrooms to ensure class sizes are kept low and pupils can benefit from the best possible learning environment.

"It's not the outstanding teaching, it is not the excellent results, it's not even the fabulous playing fields and the great facilities. It is something far more difficult to find than all of those important things put together - it's the *joie de vivre*, the cosiness, the happiness that is so much part of the fabric of the school. It's the crazy go karting down the hill and the individual care and attention that makes each child feel special at Cundall."

*Mother of two girls and one boy, Prep and Senior School*



# Cundall in a Nutshell

Excellent GCSE Results

Recently nominated for a national Independent Schools Association award for excellence in extra-curricular activities

Small class sizes

Dedicated teachers

360+ pupils

Ambitious development plans

An ethos which builds resilience and independence

28 Acres of Idyllic North Yorkshire Countryside

Unique enrichment programme

Sporting success across the school including national honours

Drama and Music tuition from ABRSM and LAMDA professionals

Amazing overseas trips

Numerous opportunities for raising and giving

Homely 34 bed boarding house

State of the art Astro-Turf pitch

English Speaking Board exams

Easily accessible via A19 & A1

Dedicated bus runs servicing North Yorkshire

75% of pupils play a musical instrument

Generous Scholarships

Feeder for leading schools including: Eton, St Peter's, Ampleforth, Ripon Grammar, Harrow, Uppingham, Oundle, Shrewsbury, Repton, St Aidan's & Bootham...

Bursaries available

Extraordinary pastoral care meeting the wellbeing needs of all our pupils.

Dedicated counselling service at 'The Lodge'

Annual sporting tours

**& lots of fun...**



# Scholarships

## Scholarships

A scholarship is an award for excellence in academic study, the arts or sport.

A child may apply for more than one scholarship (e.g. academic and music and art). We ask that if a child is looking to apply for more than one scholarship, that they rank the order of preference.

The range of scholarships at Cundall Manor include: all rounder, academic, sport, drama, art and music. Each scholarship has its own assessments and entry criteria.

### What could a scholarship to Cundall Manor mean to you?

- Opportunities to learn, study and play alongside like-minded pupils.

- An individually tailored programme of teaching and practise to ensure your child reaches their full potential.
- Opportunities to sit relevant exams & to enter local festivals and competitions.
- Opportunities to join any of the school's various enrichment opportunities.
- Frequent opportunities to develop added value skills such as leadership and communication.
- Reduction in school fees.

### Why do we offer scholarships?

Our aim is to ensure every child is given every opportunity to find their own talent and to reach their full potential, in whatever field that may be and whatever their family circumstances.

### How are scholarships awarded?

Scholarships are available for pupils entering Year 4 and above (up to Y9). Scholarships will be assessed by the subject area Director. The Governors' Awards Committee will make the final decision on the awarding of scholarships. Their decision is final.

### What do I do now?

- Call 01423 360 200 or email [admissions@cundallmanor.org.uk](mailto:admissions@cundallmanor.org.uk)
- Complete and return the application form by 31st October.
- Successful applicants will be invited to attend the scholarship assessment day in November.
- Offers of scholarships will be advised in writing before the end of December.





# Testimonials

## What Parents Say

Cundall has something that is hard to describe - there's an energy about the school, a huge sense of fun, of adventure, combined with truly superb teaching and a culture that is about caring - not paying lip service to it, but a really kind and happy place.

Cundall is giving our children a solid foundation alongside their home life to become kind, responsible young adults, thirsty for knowledge, excited about learning and most importantly very, very happy children. I have recommended Cundall to so many friends who now share our enthusiasm for this very special school.

*Father of two boys and a girl, Prep School*

I cannot stress enough how delighted I am with the Nursery & Pre Prep at Cundall. My son went to Cundall to the Nursery from aged 2 ½ and he was very shy. Nursery really transformed him into a very confident outgoing little boy, bringing the best out of him.

*Father of boy, Pre Prep*

The opportunities the children have at Cundall are endless from riding to gymnastics, swimming to gardening club, they can try everything and are encouraged to try all the different activities. The teachers really have a great way of bringing out the best in every child.

There is such a lovely atmosphere in and around the school and all the children are so polite and courteous.

*Mother of two boys, Pre Prep*

There's a lovely eccentricity at this school where you can't help leaving the premises without a smile on your face. All the children are encouraged to take part in all activities, whether they excel at them or not. No-one is made to feel uncomfortable or different. There's a profound sense that each child is taught as an individual here and, whilst most schools pay lip-service to this ethos, I believe Cundall delivers this wholeheartedly.

Elsewhere, there's a super supportive philosophy embedded in the school's pastoral care so pupils feel that there's always someone looking out for their well-being.

*Mother of a girl and a boy, Prep School*



# Admissions

We are delighted that you are interested in Cundall Manor and would like to offer you the opportunity to learn more at first hand by visiting us in person.

## Open Day

For most families, the first step is to come to one of our Open Mornings. We host an Open Morning each term, where we showcase a range of the wonderful experiences and activities on offer at Cundall Manor. To find out when the next Open Morning is, visit our website at [www.cundallmanorschool.com](http://www.cundallmanorschool.com)

If you would rather visit the school during a normal 'working day' then we will be happy to arrange a personal visit and tour at any time to suit you.

## Taster Day

The next stage would be for your child to attend a taster day at a time that best suits your family, so he or she can experience a typical school day at our school. This is a great chance to get a 'feel' for our lessons, to make new friends and to join in games and enrichment activities.

There'll be a warm reception from the boarding house if your child would like to have 'taster night'.

## Head's Interview

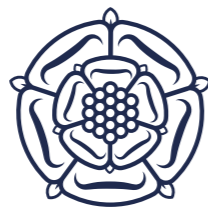
Our Heads make a point of getting to know every pupil and their families personally, right from the very start of their time at Cundall Manor. The Head's interview is our opportunity to learn all about your child's previous schooling, their strengths and weaknesses, and their hobbies and

interests, to ensure we tailor our provision to best suit their needs.

## Parent Contract

Following a formal letter offering a place, parents are asked to sign and return an Acceptance contract which outlines the school's terms and conditions. If you have any questions regarding joining Cundall Manor School, call 01423 360 200 or email: [admissions@cundallmanor.org.uk](mailto:admissions@cundallmanor.org.uk)

Due to the impact of Covid-19, our procedures may change to abide by government regulations. Please contact our Admissions team to find out more.



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