



CUNDALL MANOR SCHOOL

AN INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2 - 16



Welcome

Welcome to Cundall Manor School, it is a privilege to lead this wonderful day and boarding school, welcoming girls and boys aged two to sixteen. Situated in an idyllic part of North Yorkshire, we are well connected with road and rail links.

Cundall Manor is a truly special place; we are an all-round academic, active and creative school where we challenge, inspire and support each other as we build our best futures and have a lot of fun! Our vision is to be a school where pupils thrive and flourish as they experience the excitement and enjoyment of learning. We guide pupils towards reaching their full potential as passionate and innovative problem solvers, ready to contribute to society.

At Cundall Manor, children can be strong and sure of who they are and what they can do. They can be ambitious and brave, unafraid of failure, knowing there is a whole community supporting them. Our children can be enterprising, inventive, playful and fun, whilst being confident, thoughtful, inquisitive and supportive of each other. The extensive grounds, green spaces and woodlands foster exploration and discovery whether it is during Outdoor Education, break times or when we take learning outside of the classroom. Children develop sporting excellence and with dedicated Enrichment time, they can really develop their character and explore their creative side.

We take particular pride in the outstanding reputation that Cundall Manor enjoys. This reputation has taken many years to develop and is built upon the commitment, skill and dedication of our staff and wider community. We encourage all families considering Cundall Manor to come and visit our highly distinctive school and find out for yourself what we can do for your child.



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HEADMASTER



History

The school has evolved into one of the North's leading co-educational independent schools.

Set in over 28 acres of south-facing grounds, Cundall Manor School was the brainchild of Mr Harry Beckhough who worked in intelligence and decoding during WWI. Harry, a business owner and educational reformist, was inspired to create a school where children were educated but also to help them conquer life's problems.

Major Arthur Collins offered his family estate of Cundall Manor, which originated as a hunting lodge to Harry Beckhough and the School first opened its doors in 1959 with a cohort of 10 pupils. Cundall Manor's original educational ethos still stands today, and the Cundall Character Curriculum works at preparing children to solve some of life's problems.

An idyllic setting for an idyllic educational experience





School Map

1	MAIN BUILDING	14	HEAD'S HOUSE
2	SCHOOL GYM	15	CAR PARK
3	DT ROOM + SHOP	16	PRE-PREP
4	POOL	17	THE MEADOW
5	FRONT LAWN	18	CRICKET NETS
6	MUSIC ROOMS	19	THE FIELD
7	CLASSROOMS	20	GARDEN
8	BUS CAR PARK	21	TEEPEES
9	SENIOR SCHOOL	22	WILD WOOD
10	TENNIS COURTS	23	PAVILION
11	RECEPTION	24	ASTRO
12	MAIN CAR PARK	25	SPORTS FIELD
13	ART CLASSROOM	26	CUNDALL CHURCH

Happiness

...a beautiful school in joyful grounds

Children are naturally free thinkers and happy individuals. Happiness is found in every aspect of our character curriculum. It is found in creative learning and participation in our extra-curricular activities, by competing on the sports field and forming long-lasting friendships.



“I love Cundall Manor, my child is happy here and can’t wait to get to school every morning”

PARENT OF CUNDALL MANOR PUPIL, 2023

Our Vision

We believe a happy child develops confidence and resilience. At Cundall Manor School, children will be nurtured and inspired by teachers who deliver outstanding learning experiences. All pupils will be encouraged to explore their creativity, supported to take risks in their learning, developing resilience, and becoming proud of their achievements and each other. They will emerge as confident, caring, intelligent and independent young adults, ready to take on the challenges of the world.



Cundall Character Curriculum

Every child in school benefits from the Cundall Character Curriculum. We provide a happy, safe, and stimulating environment where all are valued and achievements are celebrated.

Our inclusive and nurturing school promotes self-worth, develops confidence, and instils good judgement and independence in all our pupils so that every child can be the best they can be.



Begin

...as you mean to go on

Cundall Manor Nursery is a warm and welcoming environment where we introduce children to the exciting world of learning.

The Nursery consists of three spacious classrooms and a dedicated outdoor play area situated within our Pre-Prep department. It has a vibrant, stimulating and supportive atmosphere in which children are encouraged to question, explore and learn about themselves, others, and the world around them.

Each day is filled with purposeful play and the excitement of discovering new things. We respond to each child's enthusiasm by tailoring our approach to suit their needs.

Nursery follows the seven areas of learning as defined by the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and our Nursery programme has been created with the individual needs and interests of our children in mind. We provide further diversity in learning with specialist teachers working with the children in modern foreign languages and music lessons.

“Where wellbeing is at the heart of all we do”

HEADMASTER, 2023

Big steps

...in the right direction

Reception's nurturing staff ensure that each child feels welcome and cared for.

The classrooms are designed to be fun and inviting with a wide and changing range of stimulating activities to encourage curiosity and engagement.

We have large covered outdoor learning areas which the children adore. Every day children explore and investigate through free-play and formal teaching. Whatever the weather conditions, our children always play outside.

Small class sizes ensure that each child is given individual attention, so they feel valued and supported.

We are proud of the positive relationships forged between home and school. Parents feel part of the family here at Cundall Manor and are essential to our whole school community.





“It’s hard to put into words just how special this school is, it simply has a touch of magic. Seeing is believing.”

PARENT OF CUNDALL MANOR PUPIL, 2023

Discovery

...through boundless joy in natural spaces

Moving from Reception to Pre-Prep is a journey made with ease and support from experienced teaching staff.

Children enjoy the wonderful vast and secure grounds Cundall has to offer. Our reception classes enjoy visiting the Wild Wood for Outdoor Education, building confidence and exploring the natural habitat. Our young Pre-Prep children are immersed in the very fabric of their school, sharing outdoor sports fields, the dining hall and the gym.



Creative Teaching

...is being inspired to inspire others

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 access to a teaching assistant whose role is to support teaching and learning.

Developing excellent literacy and numeracy skills is key as these 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.





“Pupils’ attitudes to learning are excellent.
Their love of learning is palpable”

Maximise your Potential

...in a supportive, happy school

Our broad and balanced curriculum offers exciting opportunities for active and personalised learning to stretch and challenge each pupil.

In years 7 and 8, children study English, Maths, Science, French, Spanish, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Art, Music, IT, Dance and Drama alongside a detailed Personal Social Health and Economic education programme.

Year 9-11 pupils specialise in their chosen G.C.S.E subjects and tailored study programmes.

Our G.C.S.E Value Added statistic of +1.6 is something we are very proud of and something parents and pupils should be excited by!

(2022 DATA)

Sport

...is just one of our talents for creating young, skilled champions

Cundall is known for its outstanding sporting provision, and we believe that sport should be inclusive, challenging and fun. Sport allows children to develop physically and socially whilst also promoting mental well-being.

We deliver active and engaging lessons where children learn many skills across a wide range of disciplines including rugby, football, hockey, athletics, cricket, tag rugby, dance, gymnastics, netball, table tennis and swimming.

Sport is woven into the very fabric of our character curriculum; our extra-curricular clubs are another opportunity for children to stay active. Through Sports Leaders and fixtures, tournaments and national championships we give our children plenty of opportunities to showcase their skills.

All children are offered the opportunity to represent the school and it is a joy to see beaming smiles as they compete together, developing a real sense of pride and empowerment.





“Our pupils engage with experiences beyond their comfort zone”

HEADMASTER, 2023

The Arts

...are part of who we are



The creative and performing arts play a significant role in life at Cundall Manor. Art, Textiles, Drama and Music are an important part of the curriculum, and all of these subjects are offered at GCSE. Every year group up to Year 8 participate in a public performance, whether that be a musical theatre production, a play, a series of sketches or a music & poetry evening.

Specialist teachers deliver instrumental, singing and drama lessons and many pupils are invited to participate in ensembles or as soloists at the various events that take place throughout the year. Exams are offered with the ABRSM, LAMDA, Rock School and Music Teachers' exam boards.

We aim to develop resilience, coping mechanisms, flexibility, and the ability to problem-solve creatively. The sense of achievement and pride that comes from having overcome these obstacles and delivering a successful performance to an appreciative audience is highly rewarding.

For all these reasons, we are passionate about the arts, and we are happy to welcome audiences to the various events that take place throughout the year.

Enrichment

...skills to help solve some of life's problems, enriching each pupil's school experience

The ethos of enrichment at Cundall Manor centres on developing skills for life. The programme broadens and deepens the curriculum. Pupils volunteer and support the community, gain further qualifications, fundraise and develop their environmental awareness and much more.

This high-quality enrichment programme equips our young people with the skills they need to make informed life choices and further improve their employability.

Our Enrichment Programme takes place in the afternoons and is suitable for Year 3s up to Year 11 and can encompass pupils from across all the year groups working together.



Create

- **Calligraphy**
- **Community Arts**
- **Cookery**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Dress-Making**
- **IT Skills**
- **Jewellery Making**
- **Lego Master Builders**
- **Model UN**
- **Music Practice**
- **Musical Theatre**
- **Photography**
- **Pottery**
- **Poetry Writing**
- **Production**





Move

- Dance Comp
- Dance GCSE
- Eldmire D of E Silver
- Extreme Running
- First Aid
- Football
- Leckby D of E Bronze
- Orienteering/Geocaching
- RSPB Wild Challenges
- Swimming
- Sport
- Sports Leaders
- Tennis
- Water Polo
- Yoga



Succeed

- Astronomy
- Barclays Life Skills/Money Matters
- Book Club
- BSL
- Classics
- Chess and Strategy Games
- German
- Italian
- Junior Rotary
- Philosophy 4 Children
- Science Club
- RHS Gardening
- World Scholars Cup
- WOHA
- Young Enterprise

At Cundall you can

...become part of an outgoing community

Our whole school community enjoys every aspect of Cundall Manor. Some of our creative ways of keeping people active and entertained include:

- The Minibus Tug of War
- The Chocolate Cake Race
- Charity Fun Run (fancy dress obligatory)
- House Sporting Fixtures
- Go-Kart Race
- Whole School Sports Day
- Triathlon
- Santa dash

“We do love inventing fun outdoor activities, that’s for sure!”

HEADMASTER, 2023



Boarding

An exciting boarding activity programme, promoting study and fun activities

Boarding at Cundall Manor is an excellent experience and it is important that you are confident that your child is well cared for, has fun and is proud to call themselves a Boarder.

Boarding delivers on all these fronts; some pupils board because it's a practical solution for their parents' demanding work schedules, some board in preparation for senior school, and some do it simply for fun! Some board every week and some as and when it suits them. Whatever the reason, whatever the frequency, all our boarders agree on one thing – there's something special about boarding at Cundall Manor.





The Cundall Manor School day

...forming life long friendships; making
unforgettable memories with days like
no other

Breakfast Club (booking required) 7:30 – 8am

Early drop off 8:00am

Lessons

Morning Break (all) 10.40am

Lessons

Lunch 12:05 – 2pm

Lessons

Afternoon Break (lower years)

School ends 4pm

Enrichment 4 – 5pm

School bus leaves 5pm

Prep 5 – 6pm

Boarders' supper followed by activities 6pm

“Cundall encourages children’s strengths to flourish, so that
they thrive and excel in those areas”

PARENT OF CUNDALL MANOR PUPIL, 2023

Scholarships and Bursaries

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

Our hugely popular open scholarship program offers children with talent in a range of areas (not just academia) the opportunity to join a community where that talent will be nurtured, maximised, and celebrated.

Scholarships may have a small financial remuneration at the discretion of the Headmaster; they offer a pupil the opportunity to be an ambassador and role model for the School community. The school in turn will endeavour to provide inspiring mentoring and a bespoke scholars programme.

Bursaries are intended to assist those families whose income and savings are such that without financial assistance their child would be unable to benefit from the education offered by Cundall Manor School.

We will always do our very best to help families with children currently at Cundall Manor School who face serious unexpected difficulties. The school expects parents to make reasonable arrangements to effect insurance cover, particularly through critical stages of their child's education.



Bus Routes



Where we are

York train station is 40 minutes away by car. York station has brilliant connections to all airports in the area. Our nearest airports are Manchester and Leeds.

Road

Cundall is easily accessible via the A19, A1 and the M1.

Air

Leeds Bradford Airport is 50 minutes away by car and Manchester Airport is 2 hours away by car.

Rail

Regular trains run from London to Thirsk in 2hrs. Trains also connect Edinburgh, Leeds and Manchester to York. The school can organise transport from York and Thirsk stations to the school.





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