Thirsk – the Heart of North Yorkshire

A great place to live, learn and work

As a market town serving the heart of North Yorkshire, it has all the facilities you might expect from a larger town, but with an intimacy and sense of community. The town itself has a traditional market place, banks, shops, supermarkets, bars and restaurants, medical facilities, primary schools and childcare providers.

Culture

There is a unique community run cinema in Thirsk which is small and characterful but has all the latest releases along with more unusual productions, The arts scene is complemented by a number of galleries and Thirsk is the home to North Yorkshire's Rural Arts Centre which promotes exhibitions, workshops and classes in a variety of the arts. Thirsk is also the home of the nationally recognised Herriot Museum and this reflects its traditional roots as the centre of the agricultural community.

Sport

Sporting interests are facilitated by a local leisure centre with swimming pool, gym and other facilities. The local running club, Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers, meets at the school twice a week and the growing success of Thirsk Hockey Club is centred on the school, running a full spectrum of junior and senior teams for both genders. There is a rich tradition in rugby, football and cricket with clubs based in the town and also many local football and cricket teams in the local villages. A squash club and a golf club lie on the town's fringes along with Thirsk Racecourse for those who like a flutter! There are advanced plans to build a leisure village on the school's doorstep, providing cutting edge sporting facilities for a variety of clubs and individuals.

Leisure

Thirsk lies between two National Parks, The Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire Moors, which are easily accessible and provide wonderful walking, mountain biking, fell running and bird-watching opportunities. The hosting of the Tour de France in 2014 and the now annual Tour de Yorkshire have further cemented the rich cycling tradition in the area and the school has recently hosted the London to Edinburgh cycle venture. North Yorkshire's stunning coast is within easy reach offering wild and dramatic cliffs, beautiful fishing villages and traditional seaside resorts along the bracing North Sea coast.

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Housing and Transport

There is a variety of housing available in the area from more traditional market town and local village cottages, family houses and apartments and terraced properties for those just starting on the housing ladder. Fantastic transport links via the A1 (M), A19, A61 and the mainline railway running from London to Edinburgh enhance Thirsk as a great place to locate. Many staff members live within the school's catchment and send their children to our neighbouring primary school or to our school, whilst others choose to live in York, Harrogate, Ripon, Northallerton and Teesside.

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