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Life at Hill House School

It is my privilege to introduce you to life at Hill House School. We are a very busy school and the hard work of staff, pupils and Governors has seen the school thrive over the years.

I am very proud of our team, they work very hard and support each other. The pupils embrace the wonderful opportunities provided to them and our outstanding pastoral care means each child enjoys being part of the Hill House community.

Hill House is a happy, vibrant and caring school, blessed with a dedicated staff and supportive parents. Our school is selective, in that children must be able to prosper at the school. We work hard with each child to give them the opportunity to thrive.

Visitors frequently comment on the family atmosphere at Hill House. I hope that you will be able to pay us a visit to see for yourself.



Together we can....



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Who we are....

Founded in 1912, Hill House School, originally a boys school, merged with St Mary's Girls School in 2002 to become co-educational day school for pupils from 3 to 18.

Our community forms a huge part of our identity and we are very grateful to have an experienced Senior Management Team and a Board of Governors who are experts in relevant specialisms.

Part of our mission statement is to provide high quality independent education in a supportive, congenial and family-based community. We focus on the holistic education of our pupils within a framework of encouraging, and disciplined pastoral care. We also make the pursuit of excellence and the provision of outstanding opportunities central to every aspect of the school's work.



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An award-winning school....

Over the years, Hill House has been recognised at the prestigious TES Independent School Awards, a reflection of the hard work of staff, pupils and our board of governors.

TES Independent School of the Year, 2012-13 (Winners)

TES Outstanding Strategic Initiative Award, 2012-13 (Winners)

TES Outstanding Governing Body Award, 2012-2013 (Shortlisted)

TES Outstanding Community Initiative Award, 2016-17 (Winners)

The Headmaster is a member of HMS.

The Head of the Junior School is a member of the Main Committee of The Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools.



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A thriving school....

Previously housed on two sites, the merging of the schools saw us complete an £8 million move to the Officers' Quarters of former RAF Finningley in September 2008.

The School celebrated further developments in 2011 with the opening of a new, purpose built Sixth Form Centre.

With recent developments including a large Astro Turf hockey pitch, a dedicated sports ground, a new dining hall and a forest school, Hill House is flourishing, having doubled in size in the last ten years.

Academically, we are going from strength to strength. GCSE results are normally around 60% A*/A, with A Level results around 50% A*/A.

Our most recent ISI inspection reflected the hard work of the staff and pupils, with seven categories being given the top grade of Outstanding and Good awarded in the remaining two categories.



In the most recent Regulatory Inspection, the school was Fully Compliant with all regulations.

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Teaching...

Our class sizes are small, most with fewer than twenty in a class. Our pupils have natural enthusiasm and appreciation, helping to make teaching at Hill House a truly rewarding experience.

September 2020 saw us introduce a new curriculum and structure to the school day. This has allowed us to increase the length of lessons, introduce senior school Academic Societies, enhance our holistic education by introducing life and leadership skills to the curriculum and embrace digital technologies with the Bring Your Own Device scheme.

We recognise that staff are central to the success of Hill House and encourage those who wish to develop their expertise and career. We generously assist staff who are looking to take further qualifications and fully support staff CPD. This is highlighted by the use of Mentors and Master Teachers, allowing teaching staff to share knowledge and keeping the school at the forefront of innovation in education.



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Beyond the classroom...

We believe that life outside the classroom should be rich and rewarding. Hill House offers a very full and vibrant programme of extra-curricular activities, which are additional to those offered as part of the normal school day. Over 100 activities are offered each term, which take place either before school, at lunchtime or after school.

All staff are involved in the pastoral system and we hope to see you make the most of whatever passions you bring to your role. Perhaps you would like to be involved with our theatrical productions, or could bring your expertise to our debating teams. Maybe you would like to take your interest in sport to the next level, or fancy developing your adventurous side with Duke of Edinburgh or World Challenge.

Whatever your passions, we welcome you to join in with the many extracurricular activities we offer our students, helping you bond with the children outside the classroom.



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Support...

We know that support staff are vital to the success of the school and appreciate the hard work that these teams put in “behind the scenes”. Our Facilities, Drivers, IT, Marketing, HR, Administration and Finance teams work incredibly hard and we have invested in their development over the years as the school has grown.

Many of our support teams have made use of an apprenticeship scheme, with a high proportion of participants going on to take full time positions at Hill House School.

Support staff share the same additional benefits as teachers and have the opportunity to join a pension plan.



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Health matters...

At Hill House, we know that the physical and mental wellbeing of our staff is of critical importance. That is why we offer all staff the opportunity to make use of the Westfield Health Cash Plan.

This plan provides cash back on essential health care such as dentistry, physiotherapy and eyesight tests. It offers access to health and wellbeing services including emergency doctors and counsellors, as well as health and lifestyle screenings.

The Cash Plan also offers monetary rewards through its online shopping system.

Alongside this, we have a Staff Wellbeing Committee with representatives from across the whole school, who meet regularly to ensure that the health and wellbeing of staff remains at the forefront of everything we do.



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Benefits...

As well as the Westfield plan, we know that there are many benefits to working at Hill House School.

An exceptional lunch service is provided, free of charge, to all staff by a private catering company.

Free parking is available on site. The staff common room offers tea, coffee, fruit and cake. Teaching staff can make use of a separate quiet workroom to make the most of non-contact time.

With full working days, terms are somewhat shorter at Hill House than in maintained schools and many staff take the opportunity to make the most of lower cost holidays in the off-peak period.

Unlike some independent schools, there are no lessons on a Saturday morning.



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More benefits...

Holiday Club runs in all holidays. Staff are able to make use of his service for free whenever they are working out of term time. There are also regular opportunities to join sports' tours and educational trips overseas.

With a senior management team who still teach, interested and engaged pupils, supportive parents and a dedicated board of governors, we believe that the family atmosphere of Hill House is what stands us apart from other schools. We want our staff to benefit from this too, which is why we are able to offer a generous reduction on our fees to full time staff. This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your family to make the most of the excellent education available at Hill House School.



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Location...

Situated on a spacious site between Bawtry and Doncaster, Hill House benefits from the best of both worlds, with gentle countryside and the buzz of some fantastic cities, within easy reach.

The area is blessed with reasonable house prices and leading attractions such as the St. Leger at Doncaster Racecourse, Cusworth Hall and Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Investment in the area is high and job opportunities are plentiful.

Being in the heart of the UK, excellent travel links bring cities such as Leeds, York and Sheffield to your doorstep.



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Travel links...

We are close to major regional routes, including the M18, M1 and A1(M), and just a short drive from the centre of Bawtry and Doncaster.

The School is located just 0.5 miles north of Robin Hood Airport, a growing international airport with new flight destinations being added all the time.

Doncaster train station is also a major transport hub with direct trains serving most UK cities. Kings Cross is just a 90-minute train ride from Doncaster.



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