

# LIFE AT HILL HOUSE SCHOOL



## The History of Hill House School

Founded in 1912, Hill House School, originally a boys school, merged with St Mary's Girls School in 2002 to become co-educational. Previously housed on two sites, the schools completed an £8 million move to the Officer's 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, becoming a co-educational, 3-18 day school.

With recent developments including a large astro turf hockey pitch, a dedicated sports ground, a complete renovation of our dining hall and a forest school, Hill House is flourishing, having doubled in size in the last nine years.

We are proud to maintain a link with the history of our building, hosting an RAF Air Cadet Unit twice weekly.



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## independent school awards **WINNER 2016**

### 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)

As well as these national awards, we are proud to be members of the Society of Heads, ISC and IAPS.



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*Cusworth Hall, Doncaster*

## Location

Situated on a pleasant, spacious site close to the villages of Finningley and Auckley, Hill House benefits from the best of both worlds, with gentle countryside and the buzz of some fantastic cities, within easy reach.

Doncaster itself is a thriving and historic town, 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, Doncaster's excellent travel links bring cities such as Leeds, Harrogate, York, Nottingham and Sheffield to your doorstep.

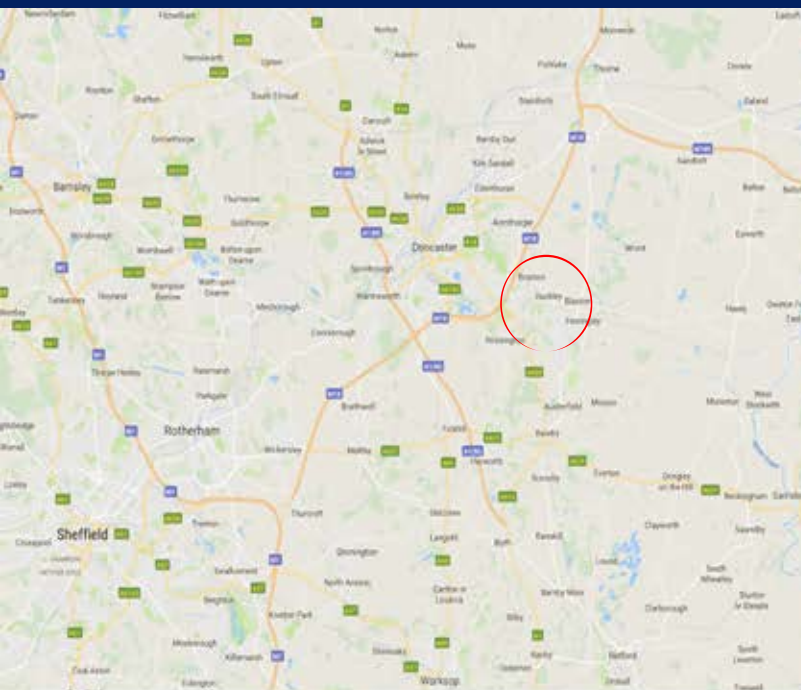
The many beautiful villages in the surrounding countryside of South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, North Lincolnshire and Derbyshire present an alternative to the town experience, offering something for everyone.



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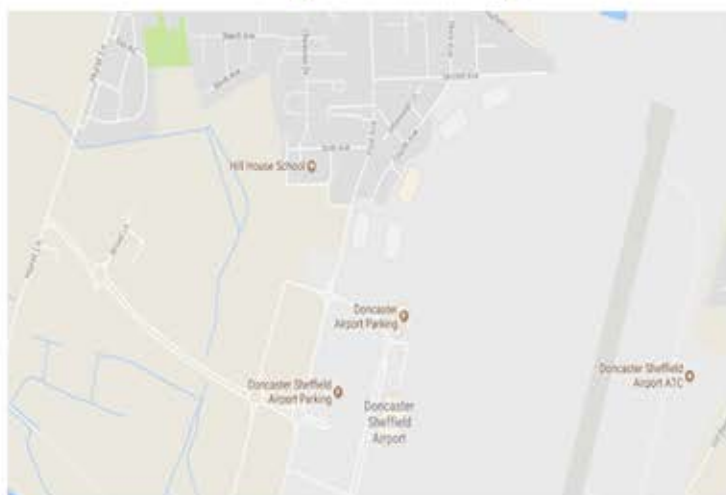


## Travel Links

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

The School is located close to 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 journey from Doncaster.



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## Teaching

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

Academically, we are going from strength to strength; in 2017, 60% of GCSE results were graded A/7 or above.

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.

Teaching and Learning remains a key area of importance and is in constant development as we strive to maintain these high standards.



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## Personal Development

We recognise that staff are absolutely 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.

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 develop your adventurous side with Duke of Edinburgh or World Challenge.

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



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## Additional Benefits

Not only are the salaries offered at Hill House generally higher than those in the state sector but all teachers are given the opportunity to join the Teachers' Pension Scheme. A generous pension plan is also offered to non-teaching staff.

An exceptional lunch service is provided, free of charge, to all staff by a private catering company who work closely with the school to develop a high quality, nutritious and interesting menu.

The spacious staff common room offers tea, coffee, biscuits and fruit, as well as a place to come together with other members of staff. Staff also benefit from a separate quiet workroom to make the most of non-contact time.

The Common Room Association regularly organises free or subsidised social events, recently enjoying quiz nights and Salsa dancing. The staff sports teams play regular hockey and cricket matches throughout the year.



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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 off-peak periods. Unlike some independent schools, there are no lessons on a Saturday morning.

Holiday Club runs in the October, Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. Staff are able to make use of this 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 generally 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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