

Owls, Wolves and Deer

We're not adding a wildlife park to Dallam's School, Sixth Form, boarding house and sports facilities; these are the new house names within the school. Each student now belongs to one of the three houses:

- Heversham Owls
- Leasgill Wolves
- Milnthorpe Deer

The new house system is part of our pastoral approach to better support students as they move through the school. [Click here to read more about what benefits it will bring for students and parents.](#)

At the forefront of teaching and learning

Professor John Hattie is a world-renowned educationalist and academic. His *Visible Learning* approach to education is based on the analysis of many thousands of pieces of research from around the world. Dallam is the only school in the area to be working on this project and in doing so are joining many hundreds of schools around the world in improving learning and teaching to benefit students. The *Visible Learning* approach is summed up into five strands:

1. Students as active visible learners
2. Teachers as active evaluators of their teaching
3. Teachers as inspired and passionate leaders of learning
4. Effective feedback
5. Whole school impact

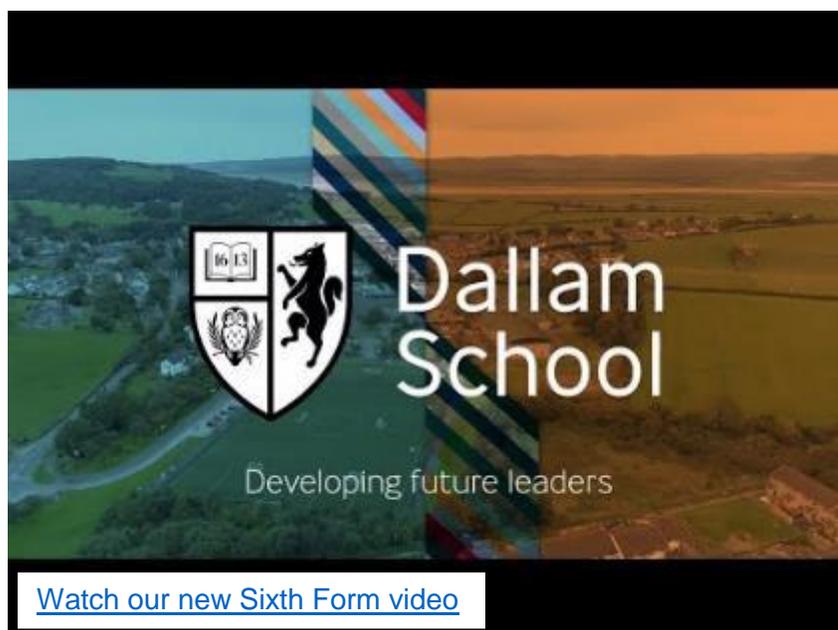
The end result of this project will be that students from Dallam will leave with better results and a better understanding of themselves as learners. Being skilled at learning to learn, or metacognition to use its educational term, is proven to be one of the most important markers of success at school and in later life. We aim to improve this learning trait in all of our students to help them develop into successful adults. [Learn more about the five strands of the project here.](#)



Applications now open for Sixth Form places

Being in Dallam Sixth Form is very different to being in lower school. If your Year 11 child is looking at further education options post-16 they can feel comfortable moving into Dallam Sixth Form knowing that they'll know their way around and the faces they'll see will be familiar. However, Sixth Form differs in many ways:

- sixth formers are not always in lessons all day
- class sizes may be much smaller – which means they'll get more personal tuition
- the learning and teaching relationship dynamic between students and tutors is much more equal, based on mutual respect for wanting the best results possible
- the Sixth Form team are not only there to guide students through academic learning, but also to help them onto the next stage in their lives



95% of our students get their first choice university

Upgrades at our boarding house

We are making a raft of improvements and renovations at our boarding house site in Heversham to upgrade facilities for current and new boarders.

New lighting, electrics, bathrooms and outside hard-surface and garden area improvements are part of the works taking place, as well as more obvious improvements that our boarders will appreciate like new furniture for social areas, redecorating, resurfaced tennis courts and a new surface recovering for the very popular pool table!

Year 12 Open Evening – Thurs 20 Jan 2022, 6-8pm

Your chance to meet the current sixth formers, ask them what it's like and what path they are taking next, create your own course from the 27 subjects on offer and find out more about the benefits of flexi-boarding, such as attaining better grades and getting used to living more independently.

A tour of our boarding house will be available during the evening, please [register for a place on the tour here](#).

If you know anyone who isn't a current student who might want to look at joining our Sixth Form, please let them know about our open evening. If they are from further away and interested in boarding, [register for our Saturday boarding open day here](#).

Making the most of free time at boarding

Aside from going to school, sharing meals and doing prep (homework) together, our boarders come together to enjoy lots of activities in their free time, making best use of our rural location to get out in the fresh air.



Find out about the benefits of boarding for students and families

Clockwise from top right: bonfire night, fishing, Halloween baking, woodland preservation, table-top tournament, Remembrance Day

Look out for these!

Our praise postcards have had a revamp. From the new year, students notably demonstrating any of our five school values may receive one of our new values praise postcards through the door. Look out for them and encourage your child to see if they can collect the full set during the term.



We're very proud to support the National Governance Association (NGA) Visible Governance campaign - we want to achieve a better awareness and understanding of governance at Dallam. In this newsletter we'd like to introduce you to our newest member of the Dallam School Local Advisory Committee (LAC).

For individual profiles of all our Members, Trustees and LAC members and more information about how governance works within the South Westmorland Multi-Academy Trust and Dallam School – including what the LAC does! - [please click here.](#)

Welcome Vikkey Chaffe!



We're delighted that Vikkey has joined the Dallam School Local Advisory Committee this term. As the founder of Primary School Leaders, the former Head of Community Relations at The Key for School Leaders and now the Head of Community Relations at The Safeguarding Company, education and safeguarding are Vikkey's passion. As a previous member of the Senior Leadership Team in a primary school, she has made it her life's mission to support school improvement. She is also a local authority governor. Vikkey lives in Cloughton with her family and is the parent of Hermynie in Year 7. Welcome to the Dallam Team Vikkey.

Get to know us

Each newsletter will invite a member of the Dallam team to tell us a bit more about themselves. This time we meet Mrs Rosa who joined us in September.



Mrs Rosa, Head of Mathematics

Q1 – How long have you been teaching?

Four years, before that I was a Finance Manager for an international telecommunications company.

Q2 – What do you like doing when you're not lesson-planning and marking?

Going for walks with my husband and enjoying a good book.

Q3 - Give us a favourite fact or quote about your subject?

Using a number to represent zero is a relatively modern concept having been introduced in India around the 7th century. Prior to that, numerical systems just left a space and hoped for the best!

Q4 - Did you have a job when you were a teenager? If so, what was it?

Being half Spanish, the most unusual job I had was as a translator at an international fencing competition. I met the man who taught Sean Bean to duel for the TV series Sharpe!

Q5 - What's your favourite book or film?

The Forsyte Saga by John Galsworthy. There is a brilliant story about the owner of Foyle's bookshop in London recommending The Forsyte Saga to a man looking for something to read on the train. He bought a copy but returned it to her a short time later inscribed with the words "For the young lady who liked my book – John Galsworthy".

Upcoming events

5 Jan 2022	Start of spring term (Week B) – PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STAGGERED RETURNS FOR YEAR GROUPS.
20 Jan	Sixth Form open evening, 6-8pm. Read more here
22 Jan	Sixth Form boarding open day – for potential Sixth Form applicants who would like to board during the week.
27 Jan	Year 9 options evening
Feb – date TBC	Senior awards ceremony
1 Feb	Year 11 reports home
3 Feb	Year 11 parents evening
8 Feb	Years 7 and 9 reports home
10 Feb	Year 13 parents evening
11 Feb	Break up for half term. School ends normal time – 3:15pm
12-15 Feb	Year 11 history trip to Berlin
14-18 Feb	Half term break, return to school 21 Feb (Week B)

News in brief

The news section of our website is updated regularly to show you what our students and staff have been doing. Here's a selection of recent news items – click to read.

[Specialist teacher shapes future of subject curriculum](#)

[Sixth former signed for City](#)

[Sports roundup](#)

[Coders of the future](#)

[Citizenship – Tim Farron's Youth Forum](#)

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