



*Through a rich curriculum and a genuinely happy vibe beyond the classroom, Dallam develops successful and resilient young people.*

Good Schools Guide



# Welcome to Boarding at Dallam



Learning goes way beyond the classroom, young people are always learning. From the moment they wake, to the moment their eyes close again at bedtime, children are learning.

Dallam School is not your typical state boarding school, we know this because parents, past and present tell us. We are unique in the sense that we offer more than excellent, knowledgeable teachers, we offer more than an emphasis on personalised, well-resourced pastoral care and personal development, we offer more than a huge range of sporting, cultural, outdoor and leadership opportunities.

In addition to all the wonderful things we offer, we truly understand the purpose of a quality, well-rounded education.

We offer our pupils the resources they need to achieve lifelong success and to flourish in a different way. By empowering our pupils to thrive in a new environment and maintain that motivation throughout their educational journey, they become confident, respectful and loyal people.

Many of our pupils grow up here, we see our boarders' hit milestones as they develop and reach adulthood. Our boarding houses are designed to meet the needs of all ages and allow them at each stage to gain more independence and confidence.

Dallam School pupils leave us feeling comfortable in their own skin, confident with the unique combination of strengths and talents they have been encouraged to discover and are aware of their responsibility to make the world they are entering a better, fairer and more peaceful place.

**Nicola Gilbert**  
*Head of Boarding*





# Welcome to our student community

Young people from around the world board at Dallam for short experience courses or full-time studies. Living at the school's Heversham site, they learn alongside 1,000 state pupils, aged between 11 and 19 years old. Boarders bring a unique dimension to school life, making it a great place to learn for everyone. Ofsted boarding inspectors were impressed by the sense of friendship, community and respect between boarders that they found here.

## English countryside

Set in the beautiful English countryside in the north of England, pupils experience busy village life in and around the two historic centres of Heversham and Milnthorpe. With its medieval heritage, Milnthorpe is also very modern with lots of shops, cafés, takeaways, and friendly local people. It's a good contrast to the quieter and older village of Heversham where you'll find the boarding house.

## Flexible boarding

We offer lots of different boarding options. Some students come for a short-stay immersion to boost English language skills, while others join us for more traditional weekly, full-time options to gain educational qualifications. There are also flexible, two to five-night boarding tasters, which are a good way to see if it works for your family. All of our boarding choices deliver on safety and care, personal development and friendships, and new cultures, languages, and experiences.

## State boarding

Dallam is one of the UK's select few state boarding schools. We offer students a full and exciting school life, including high-quality English language education, at a significantly lower cost than independent boarding schools.

## Well connected

Milnthorpe and Heversham have great connections to the rest of the country. By road you are soon on the M6 motorway, with the Scottish and Yorkshire borders close by. Trains from Oxenholme Lake District, Carnforth and Arnside get students to UK cities like London, Edinburgh and Glasgow in under 3 hours. The nearest international airports are Manchester and Liverpool, followed by Glasgow. There are ferry links at Heysham for the Isle Of Man too.

## Famous Lakes

Over 18 million people visit the Lake District each year; it is a pretty special place. Some of the mountains that make up this UNESCO World Heritage site can be seen from the boarding house. Just 20 minutes by car, it's a place that's as important to humanity as the likes of the Taj Mahal and the Grand Canyon. Boarders get lots of opportunities to explore this extraordinary landscape and all that it offers - from active adventure to artistic inspiration.



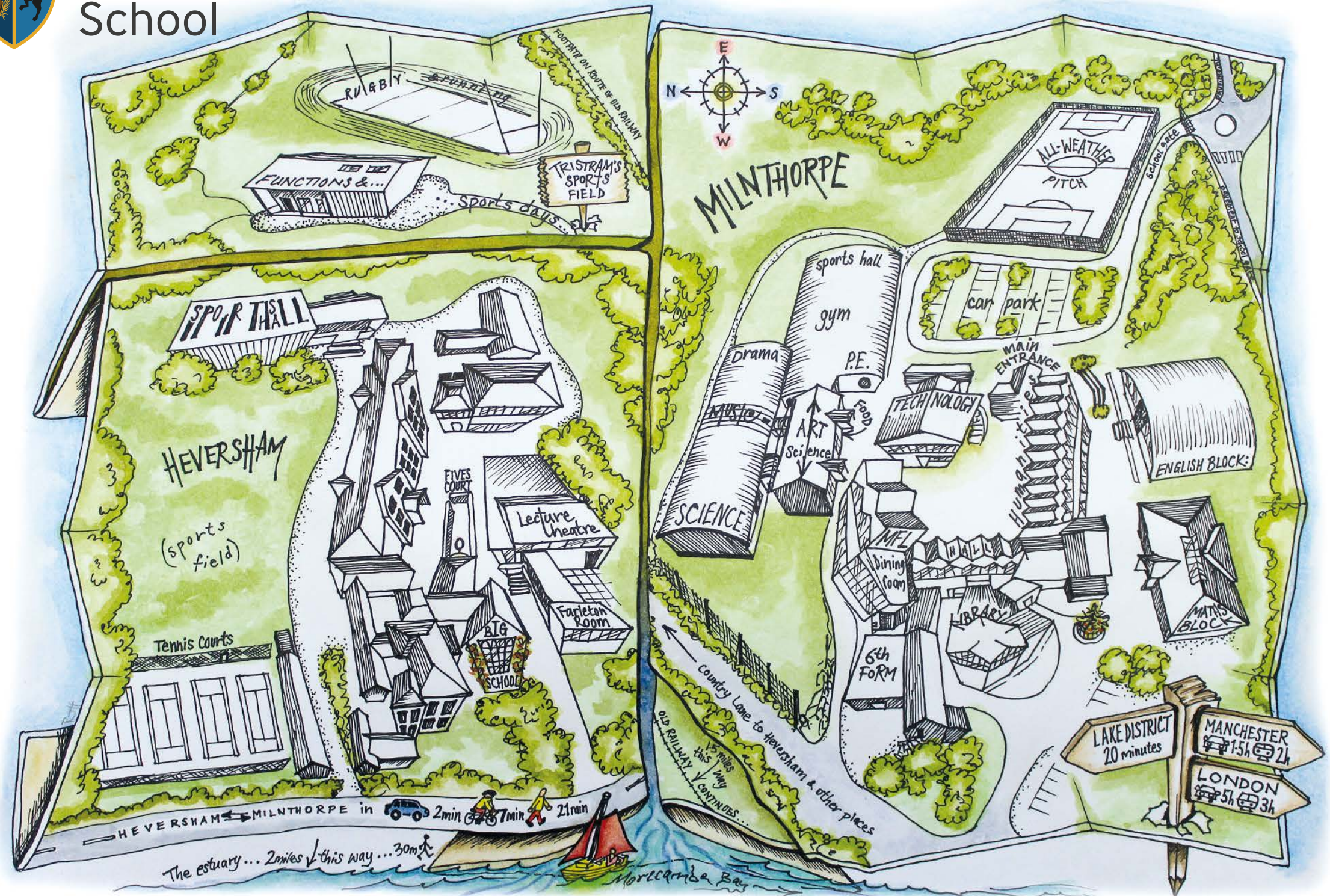


# An English school with 17th century roots

Dallam School was founded in 1984 through the merger of the very old Heversham Grammar School and the newer Milnthorpe Secondary School. The Grammar School was founded in 1613 by Edward Wilson. His descendants still live at Dallam Tower, a large 18th century country estate on the outskirts of Milnthorpe. They are involved in the running of the school today. From its earliest years the school catered for boarders, whose homes were too far away for them to be day pupils, and it was linked through the church community to the University of Cambridge.



## Dallam School



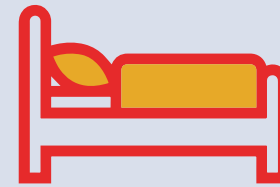




**2** sites



**3** boarding houses



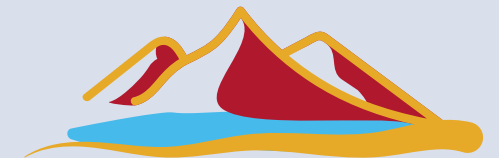
**67** boarding students



**1** excursion every week



**2** boarding activities every day



**1** World Heritage Site



**2** local train stations



**2** local airports



**6** dedicated boarding staff members



**24/7** outstanding pastoral care





## Manchester & Liverpool

Dallam School has great connections to the rest of the country. Taxis and trains soon get you to the international airports at Manchester and Liverpool.



## Major cities

The top cities of London, Edinburgh and Glasgow can be reached by train in under 3 hours. Which means it's possible to take in some of their cultural and historical delights in a day.



## Lake District

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## Lancaster

The amenities of a bigger city can be found in nearby Lancaster. Bursting with picturesque charm, history and culture, it's a great place to shop and to see the latest cinema films.





# Boarding options at Dallam

Dallam School has a flexible approach to parental and pupil needs.

We offer full time boarding, weekly boarding, flexi-boarding and short-stay immersion programmes:

## Full time boarding

Your child lives in the boarding house full time, during term time and returns home or to stay with a guardian during the holidays.

## Weekly boarding

Your child commits to boarding Sunday-Friday every week, during term time and returns home for the weekend.

## Flexi-boarding

Pupils can stay for 2-5 nights on a flexible arrangement, by prior arrangement.

## Short stay immersion

International pupils can stay from 4-12 weeks on a short-stay arrangement, to improve English language and to gain cultural knowledge.

# Boarding life

Our younger boarders (years 7-11), typically live in bedrooms with 2-3 peers of a similar age which allows them to mature and develop socially. Where possible, we place boarders of similar backgrounds and interests together during the first term to help them settle in. At Dallam School, friendships are formed that will last a lifetime.

Our Sixth Form pupils live in Whitbarrow Hall. All rooms are single occupancy, ensuite rooms which helps to prepare our Sixth Formers with the independence and space they need as they embark on their A-Level courses.

There are a range of supervised activities provided for boarders every evening, including sport, time to contact home, and creative activities. Our boarders also look forward to our weekly excursions at the weekends.

All of our boarding pupils quickly form an integral part of the Dallam School community, enriching the whole school with their multiple languages, cultures and wider knowledge of the world.

*"Every aspect of Dallam School is dedicated to providing a safe, supportive and loving home-from-home. Our boarders emotional well-being, personal development and all round personal growth are key to us here in the boarding house."*

Nicola Gilbert - Head of Boarding





# Teaching facilities at Dallam

Dallam School is made up of three modern school campuses. The main school site is in Milnthorpe, with our boarding site and the sports site, Tristrams Playing Fields, in Heversham. Teaching facilities include tech rooms, science labs, art rooms, drama studio and the library.





# Sport at Dallam

Sport at Dallam is available on many levels. As a social activity, right through to playing a team sport or competing as an individual at county and national level. Great all-year-round facilities include two sports halls at the Milnthorpe site, plus fitness suite and Astroturf and multiple pitches – all used by local community, dance groups and local football teams.

Add to that a further sports hall at Heversham, plus all-weather tennis courts, and cricket and rugby pitches at Tristrams. Whether winning, losing or drawing, there's lots to be proud of, and lots of sports to get involved with here at Dallam.



## Sporting talent

Past and present pupils include an exciting wave of British runners making a name for themselves on the international cross-country scene. And there are others earning titles like English Fell Running Champion. Given all the countryside and hills that surround us, there's always an invitation to get out in the fresh air on a run.

## Seasonal Sports

Each term brings a different sporting focus. In the summer, it's cricket, rounders and athletics. You'll see us take part in the South Lakes Schools District Athletics Trials and there are after school yoga and running clubs. In the autumn and winter you'll find us hosting outdoor football and hockey matches against fellow South Lakes Federation schools alongside netball matches in the sports hall.

## Duke of Edinburgh

For the last 30 years we've encouraged and supported our students to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award. It's great for developing confidence, independence, problem-solving skills and provides a sense of achievement whilst improving fitness and health. It's also a great way to explore the brilliant coast and mountains on our doorstep.

## Extra awards

We hold the Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark – Bronze level. The award highlights the strength and quality of the work our team does in delivering both curricular and extra-curricular sport. It also demonstrates the value the school places on its provision and commitment to providing a high-quality physical education, school sport and physical activity offer for all our students.



# Academic life

Education empowers students with the knowledge, skills and values they need to build a better future for themselves, their families and their community.

At our school, every student develops the confidence and courage to be themselves and has access to opportunities that unlock future success. The inclusive and innovative ethos of Dallam School creates an inspiring environment in which every student can shine in their own unique way.

## Learning at Dallam School

We aim to:

- encourage the ambitions, talents and rights of every member of our school community
- strive for high quality, optimistic and engaging learning and teaching
- offer a wide range of opportunities to allow everyone to discover their own unique skillset
- instil confidence, resilience and self-belief
- understand and embrace the diverse nature of our school community
- enable open, honest and respectful communication
- welcome creative and innovative thinking
- support everyone to have the drive and ambition to be their best
- assist everyone to try new things, make mistakes and learn from their experiences
- develop global citizens who are prepared for their future destinations
- promote good mental and physical health, including active lifestyles, organised sport and outdoor experiences

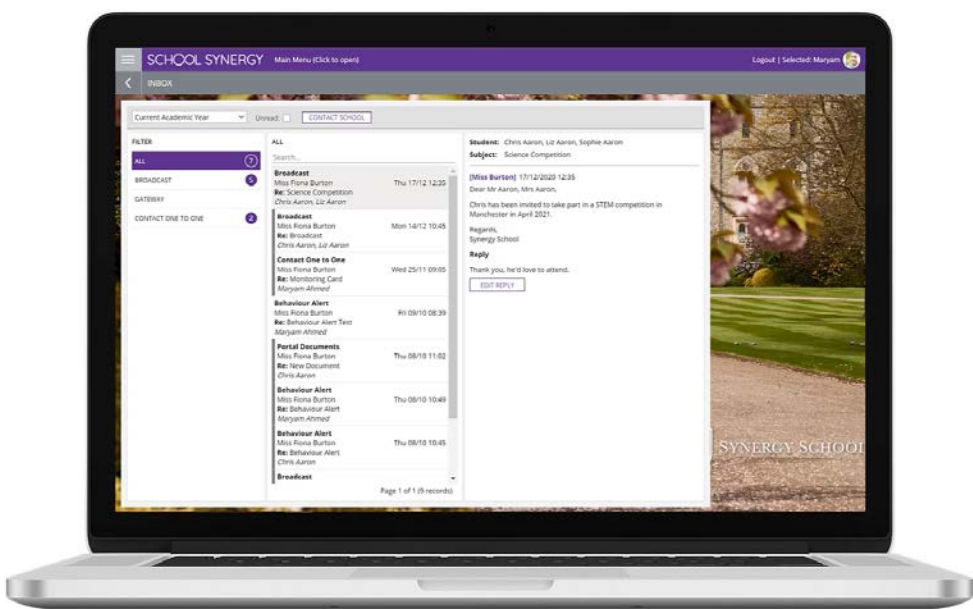
## Dallam Experience

A short stay immersive programme where international students aged 11-19 are placed in classes of native English speakers. During the week they will:

- Follow a full timetable of subjects alongside English speaking students of a similar age
- Have comfortable full board boarding accommodation
- Study additional EAL as required (not included in price)
- Join weekly excursions
- Join supervised afterschool activities
- Have 24/7 residential pastoral care

## School to home communication

We use 'School Synergy' to communicate between school, pupils, guardians and parents. It's a great way to quickly access information such as attendance, behaviour, timetables and homework. We also run our home-school messaging, calendar, and parents' evenings through the system. All the important information that a parent or pupil might need is just a few clicks away using a computer, tablet or mobile.





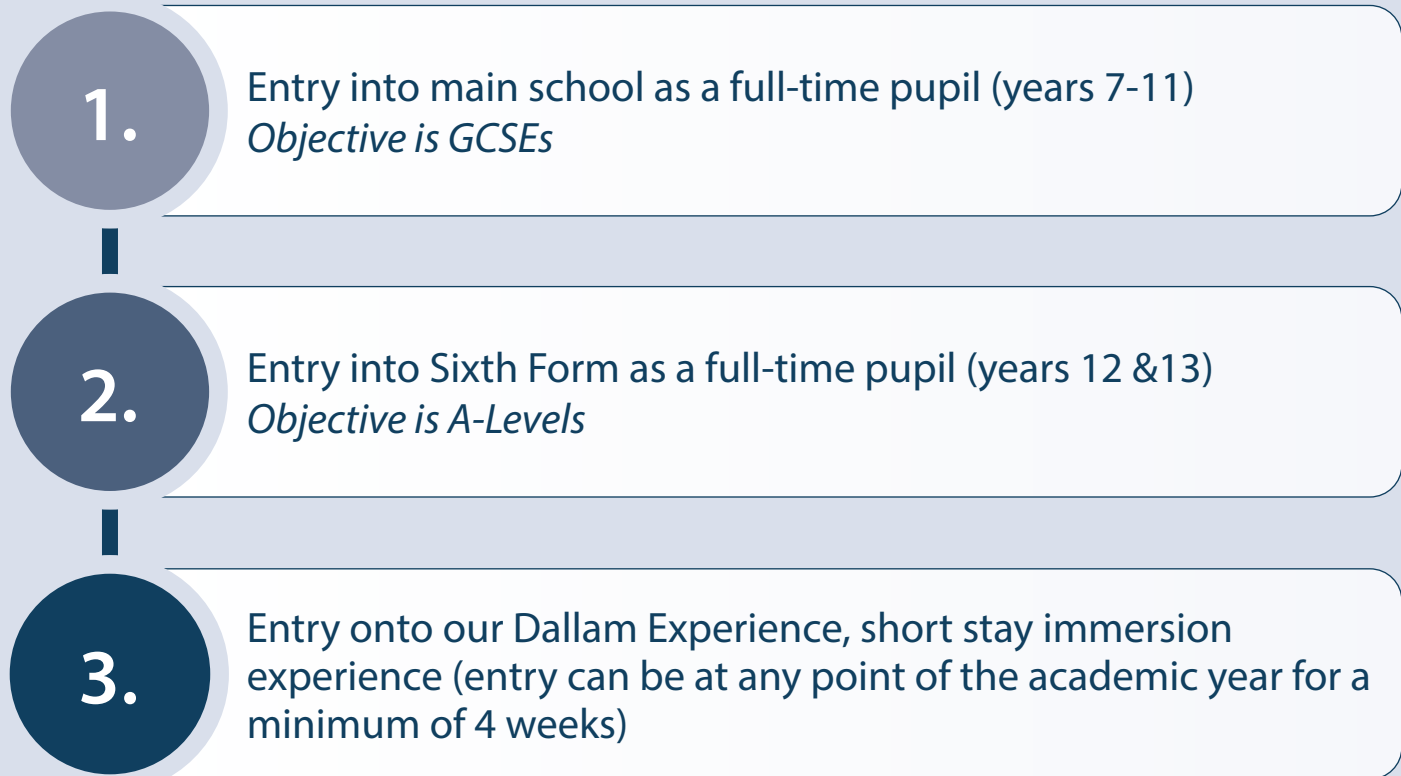
# Boarding/age pathways

The Dallam School admissions process is designed to be a smooth, stress-free experience.  
An offer of a place is dependent on year group availability, references from previous schools (if applicable) and pupil interview.

## Admissions Procedure



## Pathways



For more information regarding fees, please contact our admissions team.





# Testimonials

Boarding at Dallam is a really unique and fun experience. I came here about 4 weeks ago and it feels like I've been here longer. At first everything was really new and a bit scary, but the boarding staff made everything easier. Since I came through the door on the first day I feel very welcomed. I found amazing new friends and came out of my comfort zone. It already helped me so much. I became more independent and more structured. On top of that the choice of activities is amazing and really varied. I am looking forward to many of them because the great location is used very well. On the whole I would do it again and again and I think no matter how long you are here it can only help you so much in life and the people here make it unforgettable

Inaara Sander (DE, year 10)



School at Dallam is a fun and amazing experience. I came here in around 4 weeks ago and it feels like I've been here for years. Everyone is so welcoming, and kind and I love it. At first everything was a bit scary because I was joining a new school for the 3rd time, and I was scared I wouldn't fit in, but everyone welcomed me in with open arms. I found new friends and can talk to people in school now and finally started to come out of my comfort zone. It has helped me so much in my education. I have learnt new things while getting accustomed with a new area. It is so much fun and new. We have a great canteen and teachers who do so much for us. I always look forward to the next day of school because of how great it is. Due to having such a great time I can't wait for the next year of school as a year 11. I think overall I would love to stay here for as long as I can as it is such a great place with great people

Tammy Alao (FT, Year 10)

From what I had heard, I had expected boarding school to be a very strict and confining place but I could not have been more wrong. At Dallam boarding, I have found the perfect balance between discipline and freedom. With my being allowed to go out on my own and group trips, I have not at all felt trapped. I've found a home miles away from home and a family in a country I had never visited before. The staff have managed to create such a warm and comfortable home for us where I want for nothing

Shahd (FT, Year 12)







# Dallam School

Courage, respect, compassion  
endeavour and integrity

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