

# Windermere School



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Windermere School is situated in the heart of England's Lake District. The rugged beauty of the landscape not only makes for an inspiring educational setting but enables students to make use of what surrounds them, taking part in watersports, hill walking and many other outdoor adventures. This makes for a truly unique and ever busy extracurricular programme.

The School even boasts its very own RYA (Royal Yachting Association) accredited watersports centre and boathouse on the shores of Lake Windermere. In 2014, the School was awarded RYA Champion Club status for its race training and is the first School in the UK to receive this. Windermere is a thriving, historic Cumbrian community and one of the UK's most sought-after destinations. It has easy access to major roads, airports and rail, and is safe, secure and convenient – in short, the perfect learning environment for our students.

At Windermere School, we aim to maximise each child's academic potential, and believe we can offer a truly unique space in which children can grow and develop as well-rounded individuals.

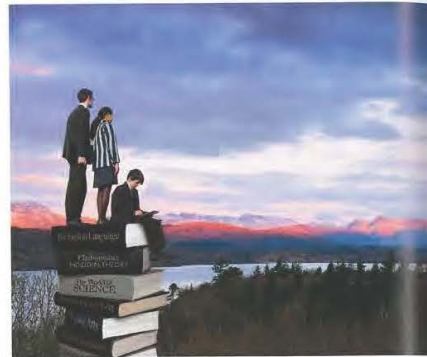
## Windermere Preparatory School (2–11 years)

Windermere Preparatory School provides an exceptional education for boys and girls between the ages of 2 and 11. It is located in the most idyllic setting, high above Windermere, on the wooded slopes overlooking the lake and the Langdales beyond.

Maths and English start each day, and Science is the key to the remaining curriculum, which includes art, drama, design and technology, all major sports and our unique Adventure! programme. Children from the Lake District have been educated at Windermere Preparatory School for over a century, together with boarders who join us from all over the world. We pride ourselves on treating each and every child as an individual. Their aspirations, hopes, needs, interests, potential and, most importantly, their enjoyment are at the very heart of our educational process.

## Lower and Middle School (11–16 years)

Our Lower and Middle School, located on the Browhead campus, provides a safe, nurturing environment for children as they enter the first stages of their secondary education. The first years of secondary education can bring mixed feelings, excitement, anticipation and uncertainty. At Windermere School, we offer an environment that allows young students to settle in to



secondary education with confidence, allowing their academic ability and personalities to flourish.

The campus, nestled in the trees overlooking Windermere, provides room for students to grow in a safe environment. The Senior School has a 50/50 ratio of boys to girls, and a similar ratio of boarding to day pupils.

Browhead is the hub of School activity, with girls' boarding facilities located upstairs, Crampton Hall, the library, computer rooms and administration offices downstairs. Langdale House, our boys' boarding facility, provides an excellent space for boy boarders, with a junior and senior common room for all pupils to enjoy during break times.

## Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form Centre accepts students as both day pupils and boarders and offers a university-style boarding environment for both living and learning.

The rich literary and cultural heritage of the Lake District together with the great outdoors provide an inspirational setting for study, self-discovery and enjoyment. The ethos of sixth-form life for students is reflected in their study facilities, accommodation and responsibilities.

All students have study-bedrooms or study facilities in Westmorland House, a purpose-built sixth-form complex. Students live in flats with single and double study-bedrooms, sitting room and a bathroom.

Exceptional pastoral support and a broad activity programme enhance the high academic standards achieved by the students. In addition to the International Baccalaureate Diploma, we offer individual pathways for students who feel the IB is not suitable for them.

## Curriculum

The curriculum offered at Windermere School reflects the belief that students should be exposed to as many opportunities as possible and leave the School as well-rounded individuals. Recognition that learning and communication skills are as important as subject content underpins the way the curriculum is delivered.

## GCSE and IGCSE subjects

In Years 10 and 11, all students study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and a Modern Foreign Language (French, German or Spanish) for examinations at the end of Year 11. Students choose three additional GCSE subjects in Year 10 and three in Year 11 for concentrated learning, with double the curriculum time. IGCSEs are available in Mathematics and Languages.

## Year 11

We accept entry into Year 11 as preparation for the IB Diploma, which is very popular for our international students. Five GCSE subjects are studied to qualify for the IB Diploma in Sixth Form.

## International Baccalaureate Diploma

The two-year IB Diploma is offered in the Sixth Form, following a challenging curriculum where students study six subjects.

The Diploma also includes the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and the Creativity, Action and Service modules known as the IB Core.

## Boarding

Windermere School boasts three fantastic boarding houses that stand in the beautiful Lakeland grounds of the School. Windermere boarders are never short of things to do, with access to the lake, evening events and a



fully developed programme of activities to both local and national places of interest. The School's inclusive ethos also allows for students from age eight upwards to be made to feel welcome in a unique and homely environment. Each boarding house has comfortable dormitories with full-time residential housemasters and housemistresses.

Windermere School is only 90 minutes from Manchester and Liverpool international airports, and three hours from London by high-speed train. We also run a chaperoned airport collection service on dedicated travel days.

## International dimension

Windermere School teaches students to have an international outlook and, as a member of a network of schools across the world known as Round Square, we are also committed to democracy, adventure, the environment, conservation and service.

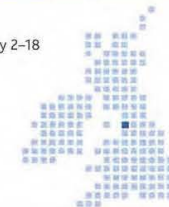
## Extracurricular activities

Windermere School has a watersports centre, Hodge Howe, providing a wide range of opportunities for students during the School's timetabled curriculum and as part of the extra-curricular activity programme. The centre has accreditation from the British Canoeing Union and the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority, as well as being an RYA Teaching Centre and Champion Club. The School has a variety of after-school activities, running every week night evening until 5.30pm. Horse Riding, Tennis Coaching, Golf, Archery, sports team practices and Art Clubs are just some of the options available to students.



## Key facts

**Type of school** Co-educational boarding 8–18 and day 2–18  
**Age range** 2–18  
**Number of pupils** 362  
**Number of boarders** 141  
**Teacher/pupil ratio** 1:6  
**Religious tradition** Non-denominational  
**Fees per term** Boarding £7,800–£9,990;  
Day £2,460–£5,484  
**ISC association** SOFH  
**Affiliations** BSA, IBO, Round Square



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