



B O O T H A M

JUNIOR SCHOOL

a glimpse into our daily life...

Founded on Quaker principles, the school embraces families from all faiths and backgrounds.

The facilities are enriched by the Senior School, Bootham School, one of the leading independent schools in the country.

Pupils can take advantage of its amenities including a fully equipped theatre, swimming pool and observatory.

Bootham's reputation for high quality teaching, be it in the sciences or the arts, enhances the learning experiences for our children – and some teachers from the senior school teach at Bootham Junior School as well.

"This is an excellent all round education. It's not just about what happens in the classroom. It's education for life."

Parent

who are we?

Bootham Junior School is an excellent environment for the vital early years of your child's education. Its warm, friendly atmosphere enables children to reach their full potential, its rigorous approach produces outstanding achievement, and its caring ethos provides a model for learning, good citizenship and self confidence.





family values

On visiting the school you will be struck immediately by its family approach. One parent remarks that "there is a warm, friendly atmosphere from the Head down to the youngest pupils".

With around 130 pupils, teachers get to know each personality. "We think of all the children as individual people," says one of the teachers, "we know all their quirks, foibles and characteristics."

One parent describes the pastoral care as "exceptional. We have three children of widely different interests, abilities and personalities, but all thrive at the school".

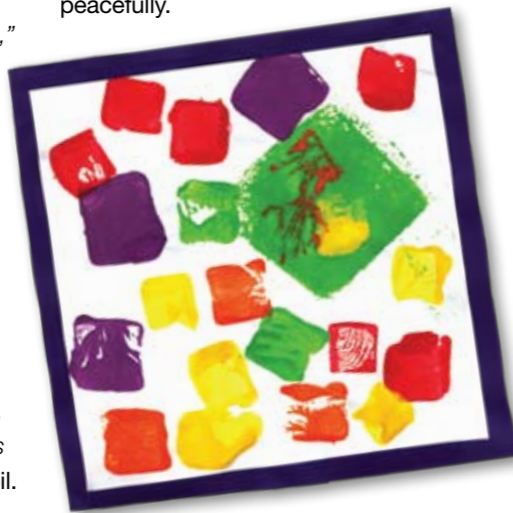
Another Year 5 pupil continues: "He sometimes tries out new recipes and lets us taste them. It makes queueing up for lunch much more interesting!"

Children also benefit from the peaceful, spiritual approach of the Quakers. Silences are observed during school assemblies and at lunch time, providing an opportunity for calm reflection.

Around the school, brightly coloured wall hangings, made by children, remind everyone of the Quaker principles on which the community is founded. The Quaker exhortation to 'Walk cheerfully across the world, answering that of God in everyone', underpins the caring relationships in the school. It serves as a reminder to value every person, to appreciate one another's differences, to embrace all points of view and to resolve conflicts peacefully.

At meal times or during breaks children of all ages and their teachers mingle together. "It's really friendly here. The big ones help all the little ones and play with them at break time," says a Year 4 child. Pupils are also confident about raising issues with members of staff because they know they are respected. "They always listen to the whole story," says a Year 5 pupil.

This sense of community is also evident in the visible role played by domestic and catering staff, support teachers and playground supervisors. "Our Chef is really nice. He really knows a lot about food", says one Year 3 pupil.



an individual approach

What makes Bootham Junior School so successful?

The answer is our open approach to education. Children's confidence and natural curiosity is nurtured by the relaxed atmosphere in the classrooms. "We learn new things all the time," says a Year 3 pupil. Free discussion is also encouraged. "The teachers are kind and supportive. I'm always happy to ask questions," says one from Year 6.

Small class sizes ensure pupils receive considerable individual attention. As one parent says, "the enormous amount of attention and encouragement from the teaching staff has resulted in both academic and personal confidence."

Specific targets are set with each child covering academic achievement as well as social, organisational or behavioural qualities and abilities. These identify strengths or issues allowing teachers to tailor their approach accordingly. "We give children opportunities to develop their potential in every way", says one.

Most importantly, children are comfortable in their environment. They respond by approaching their learning with enthusiasm and with eagerness to pursue new challenges.

*"Education alone is not enough
It is education with values that matters"*
Parent

sowing the seeds of inspiration

A broad and stimulating curriculum goes well beyond the standard requirements. As one Year 5 puts it:

"We have all the subjects you can think of here."

Children thrive in every area, both in and outside the classroom. "If you want a school that treats your child as a whole rather than focusing on academic skills then this is the one," says one parent.

The school's reputation for music is known throughout the region with the choir and orchestra attending local and national events. A large proportion of children play a musical instrument and achieve high grades in the Associated Board of Music examinations. Infant and junior choir, flute and recorder groups as well as an orchestra provide plenty of opportunities to perform music.

Drama flourishes with regular productions of plays and musicals, to a very high standard. Children

also take part in Speech and Drama as well as LAMDA Association activities.

Sport is enthusiastically pursued with a wide variety of team and individual sports and plenty of opportunity to take part in regional and national tournaments.

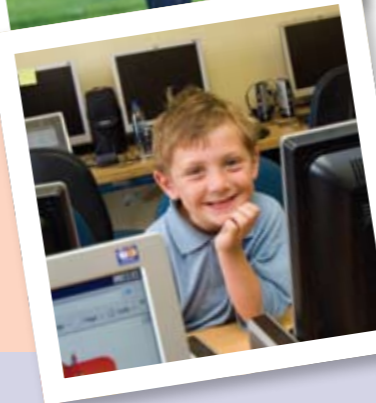
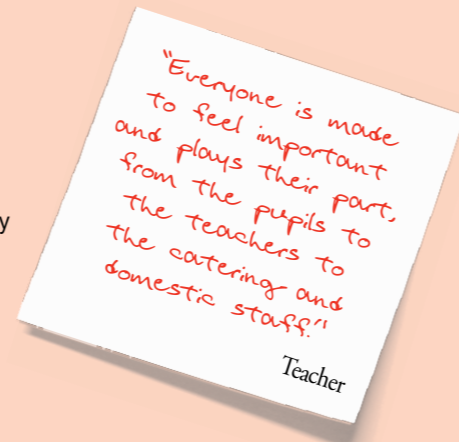


mini beasts!

Children are actively encouraged to become good citizens in their local and wider communities. Special assemblies and visiting speakers introduce them to the work of different charities and they also enjoy taking part in fundraising activities.

Mini BEAST (Bootham Environment and Sustainability Team) campaigns for environmentally friendly practices. Pupils' suggestions of ways in which the school can reduce its carbon footprint have resulted in overflowing recycling bins in all classrooms and a very full compost bin in the garden.

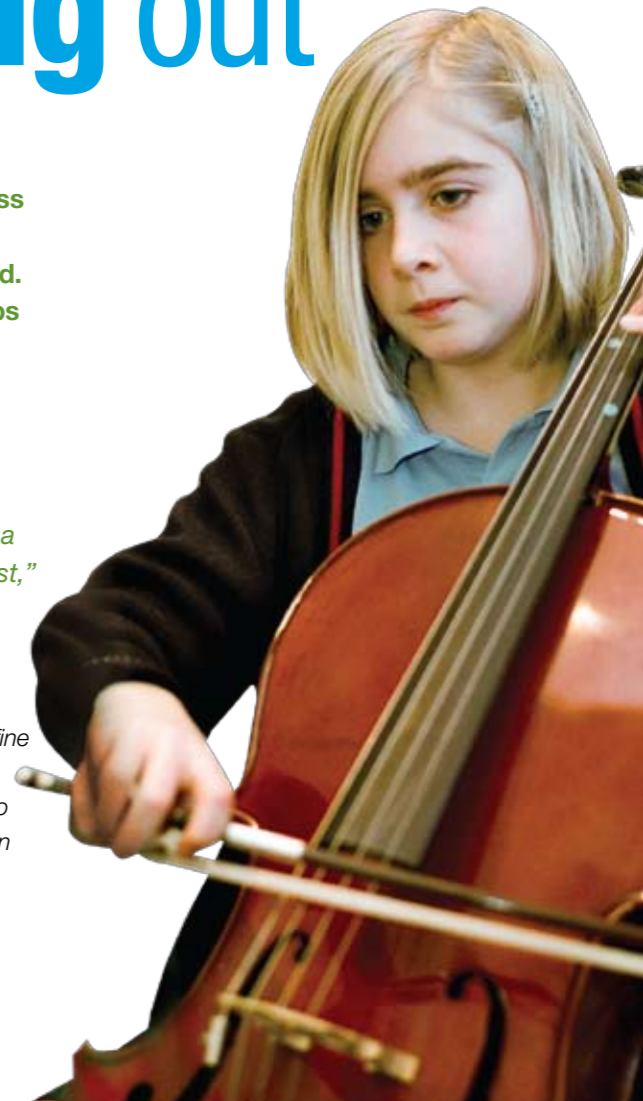
These activities demonstrate the children's ability to extend the close sense of community they experience at school into their dealings with the rest of the world. They are able to think of the needs of others, both in this country and abroad, and gain the confidence to express views on issues that may have an impact on their own lives as well as others.



branching out

Whether a budding ballet dancer, environmentalist, chess or tennis fanatic, there will be something to inspire your child. The range of after-school clubs and activities includes the full spectrum of sports alongside other pursuits such as board games, First Aid, or arts and crafts. "The school is small enough that everyone can have a go at a particular sport or interest," says a Year 6 pupil.

This broad programme of activities provides children with an excellent all-round education. "We don't confine success to certain subject areas," says the Head. "The value we give to non-academic subjects gives children the freedom to succeed in all areas." Indeed, some have pursued these interests to national levels.



something for everyone

You will find a range of facilities at Bootham Junior School that would rival a school twice its size. A modern, purpose-built building provides children with a light, spacious environment, designed with their specific requirements in mind. Outside the main buildings, there are extensive sports fields.

There is a dedicated play area for Nursery and Reception and an adventure playground and garden areas for the older children.

The School has been beautifully landscaped to provide different areas for the children to relax and enjoy as well as offer opportunities for learning.

Delicious, nutritious and well-balanced meals are prepared on a daily basis using only fresh ingredients. Processed food is avoided. Furthermore, the catering staff is actively involved in educating children about healthy eating.



keeping you in the picture

"We have an open door policy to discussing any concerns. Parents are welcome to pop into my office to talk about issues that are affecting their child," **says the Head. According to a parent:** *"The teachers are all very approachable and will help in any way they can."*

"I am always challenged, the teachers can always make things harder if they need to."
Year 4 Pupil

End of year reports, as well as regular open evenings, provide opportunities to review progress and meet class teachers. In Years 3-6 there is an additional half termly report on effort and achievement. Weekly and Monthly newsletters will also tell you all about the exciting excursions, sporting achievements, music, drama and other activities.

Parents are encouraged to become a valued part of the school. There are volunteers helping with our reading programme, for example, whilst others assist with the extra-curricular programme. Supporting children with their homework and reading helps to develop good study skills.

fun when the day is over

The after school club offers a host of occupations such as candle making, origami, card making, drawing, board games, construction or outside play. They are greatly enjoyed by the children. *"The difficulty is not encouraging them to participate but getting them to go home afterwards!"* says one of the teachers.

This wrap-around care is greatly beneficial to working families and is designed to be flexible, to meet the needs of all parents. Importantly, the Club takes place in the school so there is a seamless transition of care.



reaping the rewards

When it comes to choosing a senior school, the children are given a great deal of support. We would expect children to progress happily through the admissions procedure for Bootham Senior School. Advice will be given, well in advance, if the Head feels that this would not be an appropriate route. Of course, the children greatly benefit from frequent visits to the senior school during their time here and they will become familiar with the special Quaker ethos.

Advice and support are given to those who wish to move on to other schools in the independent or maintained sectors. *"Whatever your choice, we are happy to discuss the continuing education of your child and will support you in any way possible,"* says the Head.

lighting up young minds

You can be confident that your child will receive an excellent education at Bootham Junior School. As one Year 6 Pupil says: *"This is a place for a really good education."* Children are inspired to achieve in all areas, whether in or outside the classroom.

The school's house system awards points for achievement in any area of school life, from the academic to the social.

The contribution of each child, at any level and in any area, is equally valued. Whether in music ensembles, sporting activities or the school production, all children are encouraged to take part and are made to feel important. This positive attitude is echoed in the obvious enthusiasm children have towards learning.



Thank you for taking the time to read our prospectus. We hope that it will help you decide whether Bootham Junior is the right school for your child. You will find an application form enclosed with this prospectus.

next steps

"My child has gained self confidence as well as good work and homework habits."
Parent

"When I started I was quite nervous, but everyone was kind and I was made to feel at home."
Year 5 Pupil

"At my last school I found it hard to concentrate, but here I don't because we get lots of attention from the teachers."
Year 5 Pupil

However, if you would like additional information, you are most welcome to come and visit us at one of our Open Afternoons, details of which are in the enclosed booklet. Alternatively, you can arrange a meeting with the Head, at a convenient time.

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