



Abbotsholme School

AN EDUCATION FOR LIFE



AN INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL
EDUCATING BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 2 TO 18 YEARS





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Abbotsholme aims to prepare its pupils for the whole of life, by giving them a balanced education through a strong academic curriculum and an extensive range of extra-curricular activities in an inspiring setting.

Academic, personal and social development are given equal standing. The diversity of talent in each pupil is recognised, and pupils are encouraged and supported to be the best version of themselves.

Abbotsholme aims to provide:

- Knowledge to help everyone achieve and succeed to the best of their individual academic ability
- An understanding of the natural environment and the importance of protecting it
- Challenges which build strength and test courage, as well as providing a stimulating and enjoyable experience
- Cultural enrichment to widen perspective and to develop awareness of our responsibilities to others



“Pupils’ personal development is excellent.” ISI 2017

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At Abbotsholme we want our pupils to develop a love of learning. We nurture enquiring minds and recognise the individual talents of each and every pupil.

In the classroom, all pupils are encouraged to do their best, to challenge themselves and to learn from mistakes. Resilience is promoted and pupils are challenged beyond their comfort zones.

Class sizes are small, with high levels of individual attention given by specialist teachers who really get to know their pupils. Teachers engage pupils in a variety of ways which suit individual learning styles. Pupils are given clear steps for improvement, and technology is harnessed to aid effective learning.

The curriculum develops key skills whilst broadening horizons. Pupils' pathways are tailored as they progress throughout the School, ensuring maximum success for the future. Our Learning Skills Department also offers additional support for pupils at all stages in their development.





A BRIGHT FUTURE

It is our mission to ensure that all of our pupils are successful academically and able to pursue their dreams.

At the end of their Abbotsholme School career, we want to ensure that every pupil goes off to their first choice of university, or to their chosen career, having benefited from high-quality teaching, advice and guidance along the way.

BTECs are a popular choice at Abbotsholme; courses in Sport, Agriculture and Performing Arts offer our students the chance to develop practical skills and a project-management approach that sets them up well for the demands of university and the working world. Studying BTECs alongside GCSEs and A Levels can be an excellent route for many students.

Most importantly, Abbotsholme pupils will be the best version of themselves through all-round character development and academic success.



A SPORTING PEDIGREE

Abbotsholme School has a clear goal: sport for all, coupled with the pursuit of excellence.

The School believes that pupils who regularly compete in sport carry their commitment from the sports pitch or court into the examination hall by applying personal qualities of self-discipline, resilience, commitment and hard work to their academic studies.

Our sports programme encourages a healthy lifestyle and an understanding of why this is so important. Pupils are encouraged to test themselves from an early age, to manage success and failure, and to be part of a team.

Pupils of all ages benefit from our excellent facilities: all-weather pitches, sports hall, fitness suite, tennis courts, swimming pool, extensive grounds and beautifully maintained sports fields.

Our experienced staff and coaches help pupils of all levels to do their best and challenge themselves by encouraging skills, strategy and technique. Elite players coach younger players, developing their own leadership qualities.



“Sporting facilities and opportunities for pupils to excel in sport are outstanding.” PARENT



ACTIVE OUTDOORS

Abbotsholme School has a long history as a centre of excellence for outdoor education.

At Abbotsholme we believe that outdoor education promotes opportunities for active learning. The use of the outdoors makes a major contribution to physical and environmental education and enhances many other curriculum areas. It contributes to personal growth and social awareness and develops skills for life.

All pupils are expected to embrace the challenges of outdoor education through activities designed to make use of the extensive estate, such as rafting on the river, scaling the climbing wall, mountain biking in the grounds or shelter building in the woodland. Pupils take annual hikes across the UK, and throughout the School they face increasing challenges, including the Yorkshire Three Peaks and a 30 mile walk.

The School is part of the Round Square group and this links us with over 140 other schools worldwide, offering opportunities for exchange programmes and cultural trips.



THE ARTS

Abbotsholme prides itself on the quality of the teaching and the breadth of opportunities on offer in all branches of the visual and performing arts.

The arts provide an unrivalled opportunity for self-expression. Pupils are free to explore their own emotions, and helped and encouraged to experience the world through the eyes of other people. Music, Art, Drama and Dance allow the pupils to develop a greater understanding of themselves, and an empathy for others.

Through Music, Art, Drama and Dance, pupils develop confidence and self-reliance. They learn both how to project themselves as individuals, and how to present their ideas and beliefs. The performing arts have their own special role in encouraging pupils to collaborate and compromise.

The Abbotsholme Arts Society, which is based at the school, provides an annual series of concerts by internationally renowned musicians. All pupils are members of the society, and are encouraged to attend as many concerts as they wish.





AGRICULTURE & ESTATE

Abbotsholme has its own 70 acre working farm, an equestrian centre and country estate.

All pupils up to Year 9 play an active role in rural life at the School. In Year 10 and above, pupils can choose to study Agriculture and Estate Management or Equestrianism as part of a tailored programme.

The curriculum provides invaluable opportunities for the teaching of environmental sustainability for all pupils through outdoor education, working with animals, bee-keeping or gardening within the walled garden. Pupils also have the opportunity to take part in country pursuits such as clay-pigeon shooting and agricultural shows.

These hands-on opportunities allow pupils to foster their understanding of the natural world and the environment. Pupils are also aware of the 'farm to fork' journey and the importance of animal welfare. Our kitchens provide healthy meals from produce directly from our own farm.





AT HOME AT ABBOTSHOLME

Both day and boarding pupils in the senior school belong to a boys' or girls' house, and housemasters and housemistresses oversee the well-being and development of pupils in their care.

Full boarding is offered for both international and UK pupils, where they benefit from the extensive weekend programmes of activities and language development. Abbotsholme is an international environment where pupils benefit from a global perspective, but it remains a very British boarding school.

Junior boarding is offered from Year 5, with pupils moving to senior houses in Year 9. In the Sixth Form, pupils are offered semi-independent living as a preparation for life in our exclusive log cabin village. Weekly boarding is a popular choice for more local pupils, and allows time at the weekends for family time and sporting commitments.

Flexi and occasional boarding options are also offered subject to availability. Day pupils also benefit from extended days, helping to accommodate busy family schedules.



A FULLY DEVELOPED CHARACTER

At Abbotsholme we have clear expectations of everyone in our community: honesty, courage, humility, integrity and respect are our guiding principles.

Pupils are challenged and guided to develop self-discipline, and a sense of gratitude is a cornerstone of life at Abbotsholme.

Our vision is that pupils leave Abbotsholme as responsible and socially aware young men and women, able to face an increasingly demanding world with confidence and a zest for life.

In years to come, we would wish that they were happy with themselves and with their lives; we also want them to be successful in their personal and professional endeavours whilst remaining sensitive to the needs of others.

Abbotsholmians are people you would want on your team.



“Teachers get to know everyone and truly care about our progress and well-being.”

YEAR 12 PUPIL



A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON THE BORDER BETWEEN STAFFORDSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE

Where we are:

Abbotsholme is located just north of the A50, a major arterial road that connects the M1 in the east to the M6 in the west.

By Road

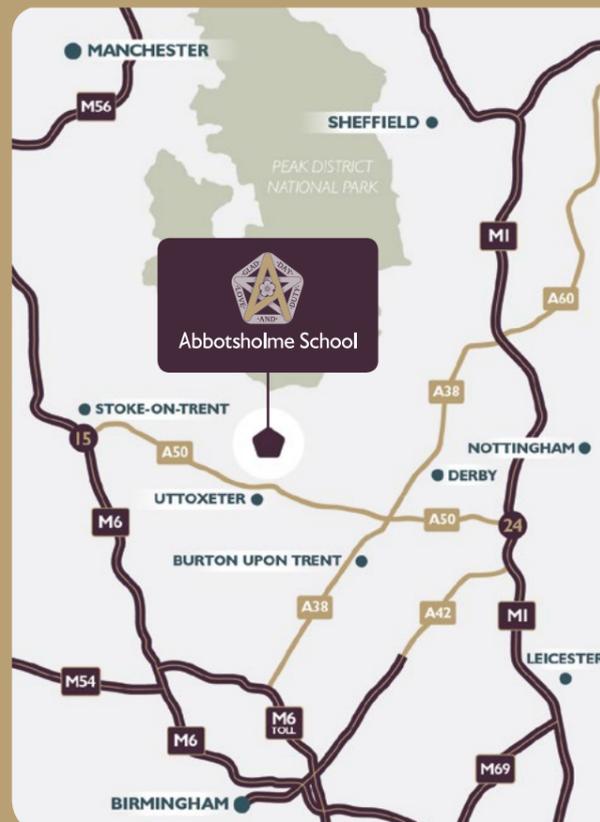
Located between Ashbourne and Uttoxeter, just outside the village of Rocester just off the B5030. SAT NAV: ST14 5BS

By Rail

Uttoxeter and Derby stations are within easy reach.

By Air

The following airports are accessible: Birmingham (49 miles), Manchester (60 miles) and East Midlands (31 miles). Manchester Airport can be particularly useful since there is a direct train service to Uttoxeter Station.



ABBOTSHOLME SCHOOL IS PART OF THE METHODIST INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TRUST

MIST is an organisation which welcomes pupils, staff and parents of all religious denominations and those with no declared religion. All the schools' populations are ethnically, religiously and socio-economically diverse.

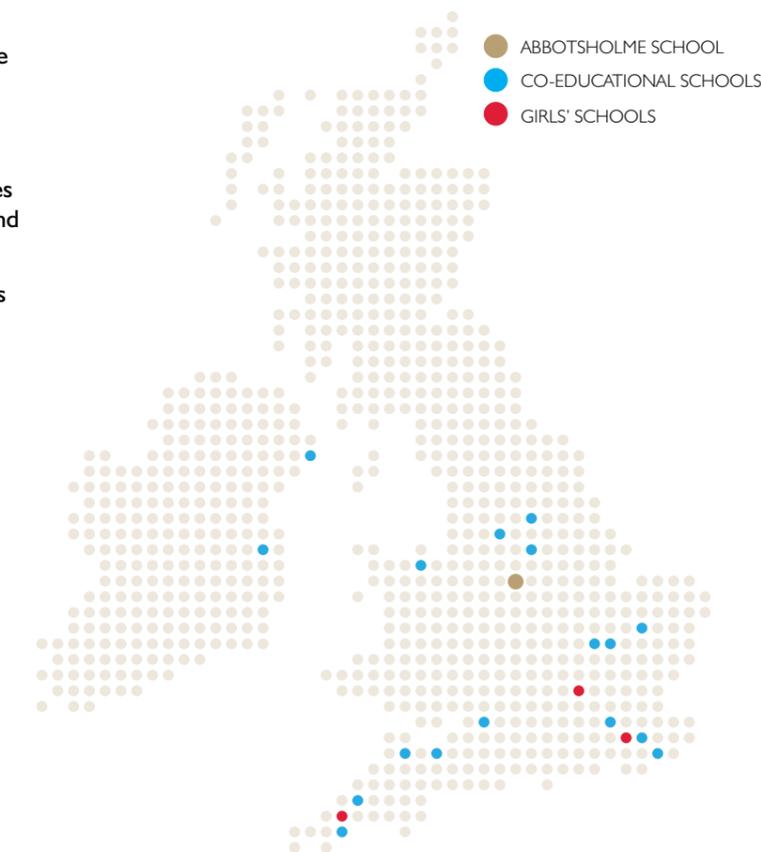
MIST Schools are inclusive and unpretentious communities where individuals are valued, good order is respected, relationships cherished, and where excellence in its widest sense (academic, extra-curricular, lifestyle) is pursued.

The schools encourage a sense of belonging, seek to improve lives and boldly expect the impossible. The educational experiences and activities bring mind and heart, intellect and passion together.

In addition, MIST schools work in mutually beneficial partnerships with each other and the wider Methodist Church.

What a MIST school embodies and aspires to:

- Every pupil is honoured and challenged to high achievement
- The school community is welcoming and friendly, inspiring and caring; and aims for excellence
- The School's vision for the wider world: social justice and peace-making



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