



SENIOR SCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What subjects do you offer at GCSE?
 - We have a broad offering across the curriculum which consists of 22 subjects. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- What Co Curricular activities do you offer?
 - We offer a huge variety of sports, music, drama and academic enrichment. These include the Duke of Edinburgh Award and outdoor trips such mountain biking and climbing. Residential trips see students travel everywhere from Clitheroe to China and day trips are both local and further afield.
- Are you offering tours?
 - We are hoping to be able to invite interested families for tours at Wilmar Lodge in the coming weeks. For more information please contact our Admissions team on 01254 506088
- What are your class sizes?
 - Although our class sizes will depend on year group and subject, most classes in Year 7 to Year 9 will be in the low twenties. At GCSE class sizes will depend on subjects, but are likely to be around 20.

Pastoral

- How do you handle bullying?
 - We work on prevention. Our PSHE sessions and assemblies focus on tolerance, respecting differences and understanding and appreciating the circumstances of others. Friendship groups naturally shift as students progress through the school and we aim to give students the tools to deal with these changes and make new friends. We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying; we encourage any student that feels they are being bullied or any bystander that thinks they may have witnessed a bullying incident to report it.
- What pastoral care do you offer at Westholme?
 - All Year groups have a Head of Year and then individual tutor groups have a form tutor and support tutor team attached. Our twice a day registration system enables the tutors to 'check in' with the students and spot if anything is amiss. The Nurse and

School Counsellors are key members of the pastoral team and play a big part in supporting individual students as well as year group and whole school events.

- Is there an on-site nurse?
 - Yes - split between the sites. We also have a School Counsellor 3 days a week. She has some allocated appointment slots as well as lunchtime 'drop in' sessions.

- What makes Westholme a safe environment for my child?
 - It is a pleasant place to come each day. The children are happy, the staff and students know each other by name and we really get to know the students and their individual interests.

- Does Westholme have an 'open door' policy?
 - We have a lot of communication with parents as we believe it is always best to be open, transparent and work as a team.