



# READ SCHOOL

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## Read School Overview

Read School was founded from the endowment declared in the will of Charles Reade dated 1667.

The school, erected at Drax, was designed as a free school, for the habituation of the schoolmaster *“to instruct the children of the parish without charge, to read, write and cast accounts, and further to teach them Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and other languages as occasion should require”*.

From 1902 until 1967 the school was known as Drax Grammar School and was a voluntary aided grammar school serving the Selby and Goole areas. In 1967, a decision was taken to extend the schools in Selby and the Governors at Read School had to decide whether to become independent or to close the school. The decision for independence followed and the school became known as Read School.

Well-known and respected in the area, Read School is now a fully co-educational, boarding and day school, taking children from the ages of 4 to 18. A wide range of academic studies is offered at GCSE and A-level, together with a full programme of sports, drama, music, CCF and adventurous activity.

Currently it has 234 pupils of whom 15 are boarders.

Read School delivers an excellent education which is welcomed by parents and enjoyed by pupils. It is a welcoming school with a family feel that pays attention to individual needs, with small class sizes and high-quality teaching with a pervasive warm and friendly culture.

The School's aims to:

- Maintain a warm and welcoming school with an inclusive ethos for pupils of all abilities and backgrounds;
- Enable all pupils to realise their academic potential with a broad and rich curriculum that promotes a lifelong love of learning;
- Develop well-rounded, resilient and aspirational young people who have the confidence, skills and enablement to achieve success in their chosen careers and to make a positive contribution to society.

Whilst the school has a long history, there has been considerable development in the last ten years. Most recently we have seen complete refurbishment of the boarding accommodation and a major upgrade and refurbishment of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) with Astroturf pitch. The Sadler Music Centre was refurbished as part of the school's 350-year celebration and more recently investment in a new IT system was made.

There are seventeen acres of playing fields and the principal games for boys are rugby, football and cricket; and for girls, netball, hockey, rounders and tennis. Additionally, athletics, basketball, badminton, gymnastics and swimming all feature in the games and activities programmes. There is an active CCF and a popular Duke of Edinburgh programme. Drama and music are important throughout the school.

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