

Founded in 1893, Harrogate Ladies' College is situated in a quiet residential area of this beautiful spa town, just 10 minutes walk from either the town centre or open countryside. Harrogate enjoys excellent road and rail links to Leeds and London and has 3 major airports (Leeds/Bradford, Newcastle, Doncaster) nearby, with Manchester Airport only 90 minutes away. Its location on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park means that some of the most spectacular scenery in the country is on our doorstep.

Together with its pre-prep department (Bankfield) and its prep department (Highfield), the College provides continuous education from age 2 – 11 for boys and 2 – 18 for girls. There are approximately 300 girls in the senior section of the school (11 – 18) and almost half of these are boarders. The 4 boarding houses are set in pleasant grounds, with mixed-age houses for girls in Years 7 – 12 and a special house for Upper Sixth girls, designed to allow a greater degree of personal responsibility and freedom in preparation for moving on to university.

External examination results are excellent, with College currently placed first in Harrogate for A level results and a ranking of 37 in the country for GCSEs in 2009 (The Independent). There are 110 girls in the Sixth Form and we are proud of their many achievements as they all move on into Higher Education, the majority going to Russell Group universities. There is also a consistent level of success at Oxbridge level.

Harrogate Ladies' College offers excellent all-round education. The curriculum is broad and girls have a choice from over 20 GCSE and 23 A level subjects. Many departments benefit from modern specialist resource areas, including Design and Technology and Food Technology suites, Science Block, Music House, indoor swimming pool and Sports Centre.

The College is proud of its varied extra-curricular programme and all staff are expected to contribute to an area of expertise or interest. Activities range from the Duke of Edinburgh award and Young Enterprise Scheme to the Modern Languages Film Society. In addition there is a very strong tradition of musical and sporting events and the school regularly competes at national level in lacrosse and badminton.

The School places great emphasis on pastoral care; each girl is assigned to an academic day house on entry to the School and registration takes place in small form groups with most staff acting as form tutors. As a boarding school, we welcome applications from teachers interested in the wider side of school life.

The College has its own pay scale which closely follows that paid by the State. Part-time staff are encouraged to join the Teachers' Pension scheme. As a boarding school, staff duties extend to the supervision of evening preps and also to similar duties on a number of Saturday mornings each term. Part-time staff fulfil a proportional commitment of these. There may be staff meetings in the early evening. As in many independent schools, a full term's notice operates. The College is a non-smoking environment.

The School pays full regard to DCSF guidance "Safer Recruitment and Selection in Education settings" June 2005 and "Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education" January 2007. All successful candidates must undertake enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks.

Further background information can be found at www.hlc.org.uk.