ABBOTSHOLME

IMMERSION PROGRAMME

COURAGE

HONESTY

HUMILITY

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

Why Abbotsholme?

Founded in 1889, Abbotsholme School is a co-educational independent day and boarding school for pupils aged 2 – 20 years, set within 140 acres of rural countryside on the Derbyshire and Staffordshire border.

Abbotsholme School was founded by Dr. Cecil Reddie in 1889 and his vision for education encompasses everything we still hold dear today – academic rigour and a wealth of co-curricular opportunities. We aim to provide our pupils with academic, personal and social development in equal measure.

Our teachers engage our pupils without limits. At the heart of our philosophy is the desire to instil confidence so that, whatever the level, each child makes outstanding progress. Our teachers reach for the top, carefully monitoring progress and encouraging each child to aim high.

Every child is not just taught, but known.

Our school values are:

- Honesty
- Respect
- Humility
- Courage
- Integrity

Our staff and pupils embody the spirit of Abbotsholme daily and these values are reflected in everything we do.

Small Independent School of the Year Finalist

We were over the moon to be announced as a finalist for Small Independent School of the Year 2024 - a title that reflects the ethos of Abbotsholme, celebrating our small but strong community, of which we are incredibly proud.

The size of our school plays a significant role in shaping its identity. Our close-knit community offers pupils and staff a strong sense of togetherness and belonging, something we are proud to have been recognised for.

Our community comprises pupils from various countries around the world, contributing to the culturally rich and wonderfully diverse environment that Abbotsholme is proud of.

We are excited to extend this experience through our Immersion Programme, which welcomes pupils to join our community for a shorter period while hopefully leaving them with a lasting impression—a piece of Abbotsholme to take with them



Small school, big heart
Small school, big opportunities
Small school, big ambitions
Small school, big campus
Small school, big dreams
Small school, big ideas
Small school, big wins
Small school, big discoveries

Fresh thinking since 1889

Since our founding in 1889, we have embraced fresh approaches to education, drawing inspiration from our surroundings and our close connection with the outdoors. This spirit is deeply embedded in our school's DNA

We encourage our pupils to spend time outdoors whenever possible, taking our learning into the open air and breathing in the daily fresh air. Our holistic and unique approach offers a fresh start in education. As an Immersion Programme pupil, you will live by the same ethos as the rest of our pupils and community, and embrace the outdoors wherever possible.

Our kitchen serves fresh food—often sourced from our very own school farm—to provide nutritious, healthy meals that fuel young minds. Immersion Programme pupils enjoy full access to our on-site kitchen, where fresh meals are prepared morning, afternoon, and evening, seven days a week.

At Abbotsholme School, we continue to strive for excellence with inspiring educators who deliver fresh teaching methods and ideas. Our Immersion Programme pupils benefit from this dynamic approach, enjoying our rich curriculum alongside dedicated classes with our EAL department to enhance their English speaking, reading, and writing skills.



Campus & Location

Nestled on the border of Derbyshire and Staffordshire, our 140-acre campus resides in the quiet village of Rocester.

With close proximity to the Peak District and just a short drive to the market town of Uttoxeter, Abbotsholme offers a tranquil and unique environment for learning.

- 70-acre working school farm
- 15-acres of sports fields
- Equestrian Centre - British Horse Society Approved
- 50m x 30m Outdoor, floodlit and all-weather riding arena
- Synthetic sports pitch
- Tennis courts
- Swimming pool
- Cricket nets
- Fitness suite
- Indoor sports hall
- Indoor climbing wall
- Outdoor bouldering rock
- Kayaks
- 3 Steinway pianos
- Art & photography studio
- Theatre with sound and lighting system



Extra-Curricular

We offer a comprehensive extra-curricular programme supported by exceptional facilities. Immersion Programme pupils at Abbotsholme enjoy full access to these facilities as part of our rich curriculum, as well as extended use during evenings and weekends for boarding activities.

Our extra-curricular activities are held on Wednesday afternoons, with enrichment sessions on a Wednesday and Friday. These times give pupils the opportunity to engage in a variety of pursuits such as **clay pigeon shooting, fencing,** climbing, table tennis, badminton, gym, arts and crafts, football and more.

Our inspiring educators are experts in many of our extracurricular activities, and our exceptional facilities are perfectly suited to support these opportunities.

For pupils interested in pursuing a profession in piano – we have three Steinways on campus. If they dream of a cricket career, our 15 acres of sports feature a stunning cricket pitch and expert coaches to guide them. And for those aspiring to be the world's next top free solo climber, our indoor climbing wall and outdoor bouldering wall are here to support their ambitions.



Beyond The Classroom

At Abbotsholme School, we embrace a holistic approach to education, extending learning beyond the classroom providing students with rich and diverse experiences.

Our unique 140-acre campus provides every pupil with the opportunity to explore learning beyond the classroom, benefiting from our exceptional facilities, expert staff, and hands-on approach through **equestrian** activities, our school **farm**, **sports**, **the arts**, and **outdoor education**.

As part of the school timetable, our Immersion Programme ensures that pupils experience these beyond the classroom activities as part of their daily routine. This fully immerses them in the authentic life of an Abbotsholmian, allowing them to enjoy a quintessential British boarding school experience while embracing its rich traditions and exciting opportunities.

To explore our beyond the classroom initiatives in more detail, please visit our website here.



Immersion Programme

Experience quintessential British boarding school life with Abbotsholme's Immersion Programme.

At Abbotsholme School, we are thrilled to offer our Immersion Programme, welcoming international pupils to join our vibrant community as short-stay students throughout the academic year.

This programme provides a unique opportunity to experience quintessential British boarding school life, combining the benefits of an Abbotsholme education with a rich variety of co-curricular activities. From Outdoor Education lessons, riding, hikes, and farming to a broad range of academic opportunities, pupils gain hands-on learning experiences in a supportive environment.

The Immersion Programme also helps pupils enhance their English speaking and writing skills, supported by our dedicated EAL centre, making it an invaluable experience for personal and academic growth.

Pricing

This programme typically spans 1 to 4 weeks, however, we are flexible and willing to tailor the duration to meet each student's individual needs. This programme is available at the following rates:

- £1,400 + VAT per week

Immersion Timetable Example

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	EAL	Maths	EAL	EAL	Technology
Period 2	Art	EAL	Geography	Performing Arts	Technology
Period 3	Maths	Science	PE	Outdoor Education	Music
Period 4	Science	Geography	Enrichment	Outdoor Education	EAL
Period 5	Technology	Carousel*	Wednesday Afternoon Activities	Science	Performing Arts
Period 6	Games	Carousel*	Wednesday Afternoon Activities	Maths	Maths
Period 7	Games	Carousel*	Wednesday Afternoon Activities	Art	Enrichment

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	French	Technology	Performing Arts	Outdoor Education	Agriculture
Period 2	History	Science	EAL	Performing Arts	Agriculture
Period 3	Geography	EAL	Science	Equestrian	PSHCE
Period 4	EAL	Maths	Enrichment	History	Technology
Period 5	Maths	Carousel*	Wednesday Afternoon Activities	PE	EAL
Period 6	Games	Carousel*	Wednesday Afternoon Activities	EAL	Art
Period 7	Games	Carousel*	Wednesday Afternoon Activities	Maths	Enrichment

