



GIGGLESWICK  
SCHOOL

Senior School



Inspiring  
Enquiring  
Minds









# Welcome to Giggleswick School

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At Giggleswick we equip young people with the skills and confidence they need to embrace the world beyond school and lead happy, fulfilling lives.

Our approach to education combines excellent academic achievement, ambition and strong self-belief, creating well-rounded individuals with a lifelong desire to learn.

Giggleswick is a respectful community where each child is recognised and valued for who they are and helped to develop their own particular strengths. Here, learning does not stop at the door of the classroom and we believe strongly in the benefits of participation across a wide range of activities.

All of this happens across 200 acres of stunning Yorkshire countryside, where you'll find 500 years of heritage, exceptional modern facilities and a happy, welcoming community. It's the perfect environment to bring out the best in every child.

Curious  
Skilled  
Aware  
Passionate  
Creative  
Pro-active  
Resilient  
Assured

# The Giggleswick Learner



Our Learner Profile defines the character that we encourage in our pupils to give them the very best opportunities beyond school.

*“The personal development of pupils is excellent. The school prepares confident, tolerant, compassionate and tenacious young people for the challenges of the adult world”*

Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) 2015



### Curious

actively enquiring

### Skilled

adept and accomplished

### Aware

tolerant and compassionate

### Passionate

aspirational and spirited

### Creative

innovative and original

### Pro-Active

dynamic and enterprising

### Resilient

tenacious and positive

### Assured

confident not arrogant

## Curious

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# Learning is one of life's great pleasures

Nurturing enquiring minds is at the heart of life and learning at Giggleswick and pupils are encouraged to be questioning, curious and creative in their thinking. Learning is more than just seeking answers, it is also about asking the right questions.

Our classes are small, and attention is individual. Every pupil gets the chance to explore their talents and skills.

We stretch minds, fire imaginations and give every subject a sense of adventure and discovery. It's an approach that means pupils leave us with a lifelong love of learning.

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## The Aspire Programme

We believe it is important for our academically gifted pupils to be stretched and challenged. Our Aspire Group meets every week to discuss and debate topics ranging from the birth of the novel to Rococo art or forensic science. They also enjoy regular trips to art galleries, exhibitions, the theatre and visit Oxford or Cambridge University each year.



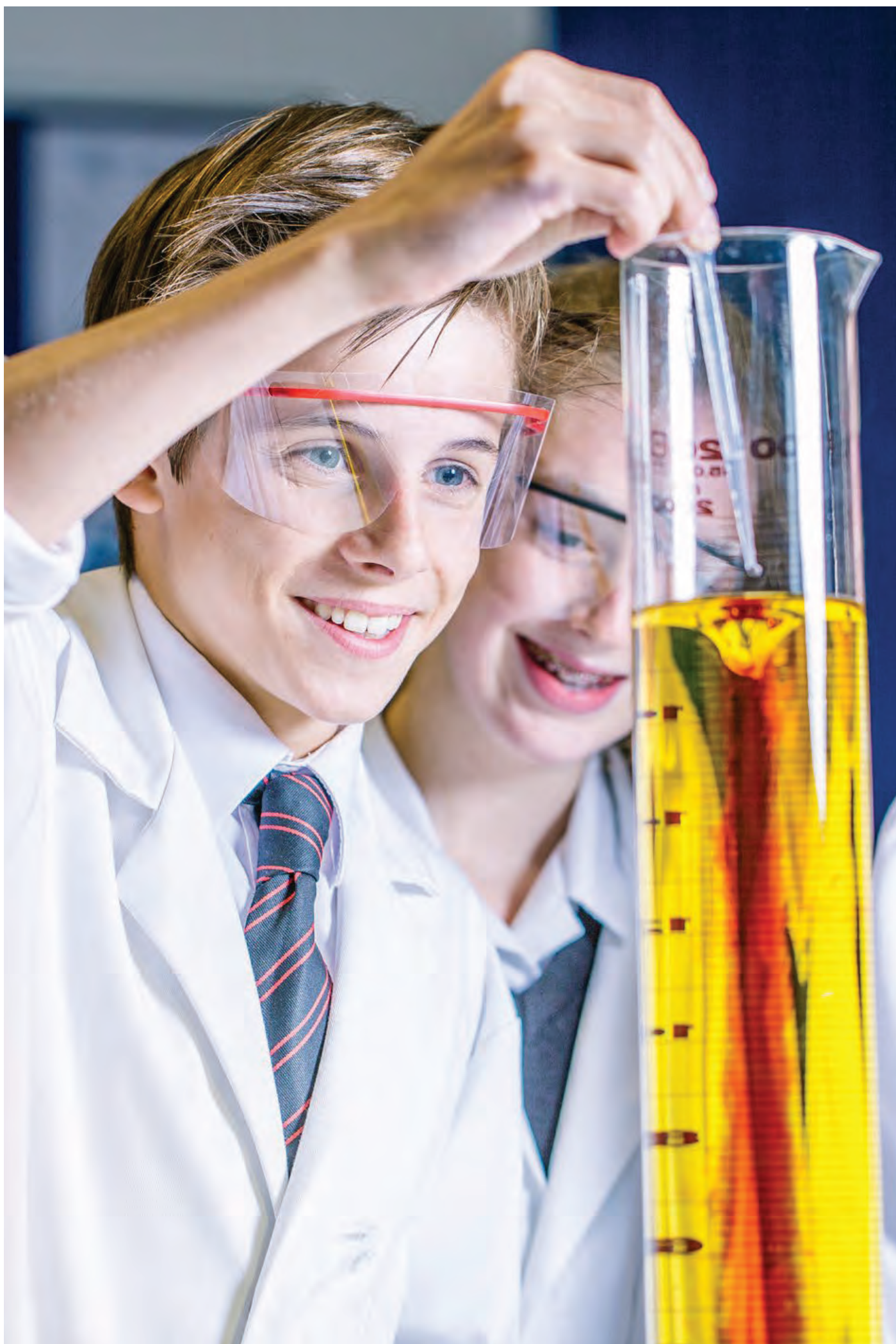
**Dr Stuart Lowe**

MORRISON 1999 – 2004

Researcher at the Australian Institute of Nanomedicine, Sydney, Australia.

"I was lucky to have inspirational teachers who encouraged hard work and independent study".











## Skilled

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### The skills and confidence they need to succeed

We recognise that our pupils are talented and accomplished in a wide range of skills. We embrace a breadth of ability and support each and every pupil to achieve the very best they can.

Our academic standards are high across a broad curriculum and pupils are stretched without being stressed, to achieve their potential and personal best. We encourage ambition and achievement of every kind, whether it's in the classroom, in sport or in artistic expression.

Success is not just about grades and academic skills. We put an equal emphasis on personal development, helping young people to build confidence and independence, to take responsibility and initiative, and learn important communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

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### Academically ambitious

Our impressive academic record includes a 100% A level pass rate with 36% achieving A\*A grades and 46% of GCSE candidates achieving A\*A equivalent (grade 7-9). 81% of our final year students received an offer from a Russell Group university.



#### Sarah Fox

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CATTERAL HALL / CARR 1984 – 1992

International Soprano.

Sarah performs internationally with many of the world's leading orchestras, and on TV including the BBC Proms.

## Aware

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### **Not just a school, but a community**

Giggleswick is renowned for its happy and supportive environment, where children feel safe and secure and are given the time and space to grow.

Day pupils, flexi boarders and full boarders all share a close sense of community with the House system forming a central hub of life, activities and pastoral care for all students. Here, children make lifelong friendships as well as learning the importance of tolerance, compassion and respect for others.

With Christian and family values underpinning our community life as a school, we encourage our pupils to develop a keen sense of responsibility and an inclusive attitude towards each other.

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### **The Giggleswick App**

The Giggleswick App provides a live stream of news on pupil and school activities every day, involving parents in a constant calendar of news, sports fixtures, concerts and events. It is viewed more than 1,000 times a day.













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Where everyone  
takes part









## Passionate

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# Exams are important, so is loving what you do

We know that happy students make successful learners and that's why we focus on the individual and their passions to inspire their learning and achievements.

It is our pupils that make Giggleswick such a dynamic, vibrant environment. Everyone is encouraged to take part and throw energy into everything they do. They are spirited, full of life and each person's success is celebrated, whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, in the art room or on stage.

The extended day and boarding ethos gives all pupils the chance to participate in any of over 60 clubs and activities throughout the week and also weekends. From sports clubs to drama groups and outdoor pursuits, we run a daily programme of exciting, engaging cocurricular activities that encourage our pupils to explore new horizons, challenge themselves and often achieve beyond their expectations.

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## A philosophy of participation

Children participate in over 60 clubs and societies meeting every week at the school and compete in more than 400 sports fixtures each year.



### Matthew Bould

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CATTERAL HALL / MORRISON 1982 – 1990

GB Triathlete.

As well as representing GB in the World Triathlon Championships, Matthew developed a successful chain of bookshops after university.

## Creative

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### **The freedom to think, create and grow**

The freedom to think creatively is essential in any young person's education. We promote initiative and innovation in every aspect of life at the school, and not just in traditionally creative areas such as art, music and drama.

The school's inspiring setting and environment nurtures a sense of freedom and adventure, and our extended days encourage pupils to enrich their minds with activities and learning from beyond the curriculum.

Be it music, art, design, ceramics or drama, we have an exceptional record in helping talented individuals fulfil their artistic potential.







## Sebastiano Tomasso

Paley, 2012–2015

“I had not done much Art at my previous school but I found I had a passion and a talent for it when I came to Giggleswick. I have really benefitted from the support of the art teachers and the fact that the Art School is open all hours.”



## Katie Fairhall

NOWELL / THE GREEN 1988 – 1990

Founder and CEO of Katie Bakes.

“Giggleswick taught me to have confidence in myself and my ability and not to fear failure”



## Pro-active

# Ready to make their mark on the world

We place great importance on preparing students not just for further education but for the real world of work and life after Giggleswick.

Children are encouraged to think positively and be pro-active in everything they do. We reward their initiative and champion the entrepreneurial spirit, developing individuals who understand that energy and enterprise are as important as academic achievement.

We encourage internships and have an extensive work experience programme to help pupils develop a better understanding of the real commercial world. Our students join Headstart programmes, undertake MOOCs and take part in an annual programme of guest lectures, workshops and competitions to boost their knowledge of subject areas beyond school.



Harry Hancock

CATTERAL HALL/NOWELL,  
2005 - 2015

Harry constructed a wind tunnel as an extra-curricular project in Physics, leading him to study Aeronautical Engineering at Southampton University.





## Resilient

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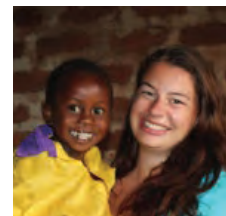
# Success is worth fighting for

At Giggleswick pupils discover just how much they can achieve with determination on their side.

Through sport, outdoor activities, CCF and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, we encourage young people to be more tenacious and venture beyond their comfort zone.

We also foster a strong sense of community, helping pupils to help others through teamwork, peer mentoring and involving them in decision-making across the school.

To develop wider responsibility and engage with the world around them, our pupils are also actively involved with voluntary work, charity projects and service in the community. In just a year our pupils successfully raised over £22,000 for charity. Many have progressed to successful careers in the voluntary and not for profit sectors.



### Cordelia Sampson

CARR 2008 - 2010

Director of  
Ndali Ventures.

Cordelia has managed the construction of a nursery school in Uganda and sponsors the education of over 20 children.

## Assured

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### The first chapter in a great adventure

The happiest days of your life shouldn't end when you leave school. The time young people spend with us gives them the best possible start in life and we hope their days at Giggleswick prove to be the first chapter in a much greater adventure.

Our aim is to equip our pupils with the skills and strength of character they need to go on and fulfil their dreams, whatever their goals and wherever they choose to forge their careers.

By making their time at school inspiring and rewarding, we create lifelong learners.

By giving them a sense of responsibility and awareness, we produce fully-rounded individuals who naturally earn respect and make a positive contribution in all aspects of their lives: at work, in the local community and the wider world.

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**"How can they bear to tear themselves away from  
this happy place in the Yorkshire Dales?"**

**Tatler Schools Guide 2014**



**Edward Tame**

**MORRISON 2002 – 2007**

Co-Founder of the Fresh Shrimp Company Ltd.

In May 2012, Edward was awarded the Santander Universities Entrepreneurship "One to Watch".





## Next steps

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### Visit us

**Tours and visits**

We welcome family visits all year round, organised at a time to suit you. Meet with our Headmaster, teachers and pupils, and take a tour of the school with one of our sixth-formers.

**Open Mornings**

Open Mornings are held throughout the year. Please check the website for dates and details of our next event.

**Taster Days**

The best way to experience Giggleswick is to join us for a day and combine it with an overnight stay if you are interested in full or flexi boarding.

**Events**

Families are also welcome to attend our school events including plays, concerts and sports fixtures. It's a chance to get a real feel for the school and meet other parents and pupils.

### Follow us



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