



AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE

**“AMPLEFORTH
IS A
BOARDING
SCHOOL
LIKE NO
OTHER”**

Mia Lacoste, Old Amplefordian

“THERE IS A GREAT SENSE OF COMMUNITY
HERE. I THINK IT IS VERY SPECIAL.
AMPLEFORTH IS MORE THAN JUST A
SCHOOL. IF YOU SPEND ANY LENGTH OF
TIME HERE YOU WILL SEE WHAT I MEAN.”

Katie Radcliffe, Old Amplefordian



Going beyond



Ampleforth's charms are immediate and difficult to resist. The College itself is beautiful beyond compare, with the Abbey at its core and set in the beautiful 'valley.' Once you have absorbed the surroundings, you cannot help but be infused with the ethos, traditions and the history of the College, which are grounded in the Benedictine values that are central to the culture of this place. We can of course interpret the words as we wish, but the values of the school are central to all that we do. For my part, I trust that all staff are **attentive** to the needs and demands of all students and parents, and furthermore that students are properly attentive to their own needs and those of others. I trust that staff are **hospitable** to students and parents as is appropriate, and that students have a social life that is warm and friendly. I trust that staff take responsibility for the learning and welfare of all students, good **stewardship** is vital in a boarding environment. I trust that staff respect students and parents and in turn be respected for their efforts, and that students respect their environment, their opportunity to learn and grow and, most importantly, each other. Finally, I trust that as a result of this approach the community as a collective, and as individuals, will have integrity and a sense of happy **equilibrium**. These values are indeed a Compass for Life, when properly lived minute by minute, and day by day; this has been tried and tested successfully for the benefit of generations of Amplefordians.

My commitment to this community, while I am its Head, is that we will strive, with clear leadership, energy and resolve, to reconnect with these values so that we truly live them. It is imperative that we embrace change where it is needed, but these values do not alter and I know that reconnecting with them will ensure that the problems of the recent past will become a distant memory. It is a very exciting time for the College, having learned from mistakes of the past, it can look out upon an educational vista, inspired by the richness, breadth and depth of the Benedictine values. In turn each student is able to fulfil their academic potential, to explore to the full the extraordinary co-curricular opportunities of this boarding environment, and to acquire through excellent pastoral support and spiritual guidance, greater self-awareness, confidence, resilience and empathy for others. This will be an extraordinary journey for each Amplefordian; it is the joy of being a teacher that you can, working closely with parents and other staff, create and witness an almost magical transformation. This is our mission.

Ampleforth College provides a unique educational opportunity that genuinely provides for students a compass that will remain their guide for life.

Mr Robin Dyer BA (Dunelm)
Head

“MY FAVOURITE PART OF MASS IS DEFINITELY THE RECESSIONAL HYMN. NO MATTER WHAT HYMN, EVERYONE IS SINGING AT THE TOP OF THEIR LUNGS, AND I ALWAYS LEAVE THE ABBEY WITH A SMILE ON MY FACE AND A SORE THROAT.”

Anna Scott, Year 11

Our Benedictine character

Ampleforth College is part of a wider community. Few schools are part of a large monastic community.

But the monks are more than just our neighbours; we share a purpose and our values with them. Benedictine character is woven into every part of life here, meaning that our Chaplaincy is more than just formal acts of worship. We have a strong tradition of service which we believe helps you develop unique strengths as you progress through the school and beyond.





A lifetime of learning

If you have the ability to gain four A*s, you will at Ampleforth. Three-quarters of our students gain A* to B grade in the main A level subjects and the majority go on to places at top universities in the UK and all over the world.

We have an enormous range of subjects to choose from and students of many nationalities and all abilities thrive here. Our highly qualified and caring staff have access to some of the best facilities and resources of any school in the country.

Our teaching across all subject areas is first class, and helps every student to go beyond expectations, fulfil their potential and flourish. At Ampleforth, you will be encouraged and supported to achieve your maximum academic success.

We are proud to take a different approach to more narrowly selective schools. We are not an exam factory or a hothouse.

We believe that the best kind of education is the one you choose for yourself. From the very start we will motivate you to embark on a lifetime of learning. Success for us is when you leave here burning to fulfil your potential, whatever that may be.

“WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO THINK AND CHALLENGE. TEACHERS ARE PASSIONATE IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND WE HAVE A HEALTHY BALANCE BETWEEN STUDY AND PLAY.”

Michael Cheng, Old Amplefordian



“AMPLEFORTH IS A VERY SPECIAL AND SUPPORTIVE PLACE WHERE EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEL AT SOMETHING. ABOVE ALL, KINDNESS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.”

Antonia Szapary, Old Amplefordian

Space to grow

Our magnificent valley, set in an area of outstanding natural beauty in North Yorkshire, naturally encourages a healthy outdoor life. Although we are a little over two hours from London, this is a different world where wellbeing comes naturally. Whether you're a fan of team sports, country sports on the Ampleforth estate, or want to try out anything from archery to yoga, you can do it all here.

Our team of professional coaches ensures students who show sporting ability can develop their skills to a very high level. We love watching the progress of Old Amplefordians who have gone on to successful sporting careers.

But sport at Ampleforth is not only about winning and being the best. It's also about lasting friendships, lessons in tolerance and collaboration and overcoming personal challenges, as well as the mental and emotional wellbeing that comes with a healthy body.



“AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE IS A WORLD CLASS SCHOOL WITH INCREDIBLE STUDENTS, A DEVOTED TEACHING STAFF AND OUTSTANDING FACILITIES. ON ITS BEST DAY, AMPLEFORTH LEADS THE WAY IN EDUCATION IN THIS COUNTRY, AND I WANT THOSE BEST DAYS TO BE THE NORM.”

Robin Dyer, Head



“THE HOUSE IS THE ESSENCE OF AMPLEFORTH FOR BOARDERS AND DAY STUDENTS. EACH HOUSE HAS ITS OWN IDENTITY; ALL OF THE STUDENTS THINK THAT THEIRS IS THE BEST, PROBABLY WITHIN TWO HOURS OF LIVING IN IT!”

Jon Mutton, Housemaster

Home from home

The boarding experience at Ampleforth is as close as we can make it to home. House life is everything here and is at the heart of our pastoral care. Each House has a team led by the Housemaster or Housemistress, a matron, tutors and a chaplain. All are involved in the wellbeing of the students in their care. Each tutor also has responsibility for the academic progress of the students within a particular year group in the House.

The strength of community in every House leads you to learning, prayer, friendship, humility and mutual respect. Our number one priority is that you live a happy, fulfilled and responsible life.





A compass for life

“THE FINAL PRODUCT THAT AMPLEFORTH DELIVERS IS GREAT AND EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO BEAR THAT IN MIND. AMPLEFORTH PRODUCES WELL-ADJUSTED, HIGH ACHIEVING, CARING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN.”

Ben & Anna Gibson, parents of Edward, Old Amplefordian, William, Year 12 and Jack, Year 11

At Ampleforth, we place an emphasis not only on the academic function of education but on seizing the opportunity to provide an education which is well rounded and one where mind, body and spirit are nurtured so that the whole human being is allowed to emerge and develop.

We recognise the need to develop self-esteem and personal resilience so that our young people are on a secure foundation to deal with the challenges and pressures that life will no doubt throw at them. This is part of what we call a ‘compass for life’ at Ampleforth and we aim to provide for the world young people who have not only passed their exams and gained a university place, but who are generous, decent and determined to make the world a better place.

As you would expect, Old Amplefordians make their mark in every conceivable walk of life. What is more unusual though is the strength of connection that so many retain with Ampleforth and the sense of belonging they have to it wherever they live.

Throughout the year we see a steady stream of visitors who have come back to chat with a favourite member of staff, spend time on retreat, attend a social or sporting event, or even get married or have a child baptised here. The ties these adults feel go beyond friendships, beyond memories of achievement and beyond nostalgia for the beauty of the valley. They are rooted in the experience of growing up in a school where they have been nurtured and where what you put back counts for more than what you take out.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT HOW WE CAN PREPARE YOU FOR THE WORLD IN THIS WAY, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US.

Co-educational boarding and day school for ages 11-18



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