**APPLICATION FORM, 2025/26**

This form is for students applying to study at Bootham School or York College, during the year 2025/26. Please complete the form and return it, via email, along with any supporting documents to our programme manager, Jon Bell at [jon@embraceengland.co.uk](mailto:jon@embraceengland.co.uk).

*Notes to aid completion and details of supporting documents can be found at the end of the form.*

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| 1. **Which School or College do you wish to apply for?** | |
| Bootham School | York College |

* *See note 1*

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| 1. **Personal Details (as shown on your passport)** | |
| Family Name: |  |
| Given Names: |  |
| Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): |  |
| Nationality: |  |
| Legal Gender: |  |

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| 1. **Student Contact Details** | |
| Student Email: |  |
| Student Phone (mobile/cell/handy): |  |
| Preferred Pronoun (e.g. “he”, “she”, “they”) |  |
| Home Address |  |

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| 1. **Parent / Guardian Details** | **Parent/Guardian 1** | **Parent/Guardian 2** |
| Family Name: |  |  |
| Given Names: |  |  |
| Relationship to Student: |  |  |
| Mobile/Cell Phone Number (handy): |  |  |
| Additional Phone Number (optional) |  |  |
| Parent/Guardian Email |  |  |
| Home Address if different to student |  |  |

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| 1. **Current School** | |
| As part of our assessment process, we require the name and contact details for a member of staff at your current school who can write about your suitability for the programme. We call this person a “referee”. We will contact them to ask about this prior to making you an offer. This might be a school counsellor or teacher who knows you well. Please check they are happy for us to get in touch before you complete this form. If they have already provided you with a reference, please include this with your application (see section 8) | |
| School Name: |  |
| School Address |  |
| Name of Referee |  |
| Referee’s Position in the School |  |
| Referee’s Email Address |  |

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| 1. **Study Preferences** |
| * 1. **BOOTHAM SCHOOL**   Applicants for Bootham School must be at least 14 on the 1st September 2025 and no older than 19 by the time their study period ends. They can choose both the length of their stay and their preferred start date. There are seven different options. Highlight/circle your preferred option below. If you are unsure, please indicate your best guess and we will discuss this with you in advance of your final decision:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 1 Year\*  Sept 2025 to July 2026 | 180 Days  Sept 2025 to Feb 2026 | 180 Days  Feb to July 2026 | | 1 Term  Sept to Dec 2025 | 1 Term  Dec to April 2026 | 1 Term  April to July 2026 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | If you will be aged 16 or over on 1st September 2025 you may be eligible for the Bootham A-Level Programme. This is a two-year course leading to a suite of full A-Level qualifications. These are recognised by all UK Universities and will prepare you for longer Term study in the UK and elsewhere. | | | Tick the box to the right if you would like to be considered for the 2-year A-Level Programme\* |  |  * 1. **YORK COLLEGE**   Applicants for York College must be aged 16 or over on 1st September 2025. There is no upper age limit. All York College courses start in September. However, you can choose from a number of different course lengths and course types. Delete/circle your preferred option below. If you are unsure, please indicate your best guess and we will discuss this with you in advance of your final decision:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 1 Year\*  Sept 2025 to July 2026 | 180 Days  Sept 2025 to Feb 2026 | 1 Term  Sept to Dec 2025 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Like Bootham, York College welcome applications for a full, two-year A-Level programme. They also offer a wide range of two-year courses in vocational subjects. These are recognised by all UK Universities and will prepare you for longer Term study in the UK and elsewhere. | | | Tick the box to the right if you would like to be considered for the 2-year A-Level Programme\* |  | |

\* Courses involving a UK stay of more than 180 days, marked in yellow, will require a UK Student Visa. This will involve some additional administration, including an external English Language test (SELT) which needs to be completed at least three months prior to your arrival date. Further advice will be provided by the relevant school or College as part of the application process.

* *Note 4 - Further information about courses and subject at Bootham School*
* *Note 5 – Further information about courses and subjects at York College*

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| 1. **Personal Statement** |
| Please provide a brief statement, in English, explain why you would like to study at Bootham School / York College. Tell us what you would like to achieve during your time in the UK and why you would be well suited to the programme. |

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| 1. **Study Subject Ideas (for those who will be 16+ only)** |
| This question is option and only applicable for those who will be aged 16th or more when they arrive in the UK. If this is the case, it is likely that you will study an A-Level based programme involving 3 to 4 individual subjects. If you have an idea of which subjects you would like to study, it would be helpful for you to list them below. This is simply to help us plan and advise you. If you are unsure, don’t worry, it is ok to leave this section blank. More information about subjects is available in notes 4b and 5. |

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| 1. **Personal Support Needs** |
| Please provide details of any dietary, medical or personal support needs that we need to be aware of in order to properly support you during your time in the UK. This might include anything relevant to the classroom, host family or boarding house environment or life in general.  Please give as much information as possible. We are committed to working with all applicants, making reasonable adjustments as necessary to help them to study with us. However, it is important that we are provided with complete information as early in the application process as possible. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.   * 1. **LEARNING SUPPORT NEEDS (e.g dyslexia)**   2. **DIETARY NEEDS & ALLERGIES**   3. **PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS**   4. **MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS** |

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| 1. **Criminal Convictions** |
| Do you have any unspent criminal convictions (delete as appropriate)?   |  |  | | --- | --- | | YES | NO | |

Note: An unspent criminal conviction does not necessarily preclude you from entry to a course. However, we reserve the right to seek further information before reaching a decision. This will be discussed with the applicant and their parents/guardian in the first instance.

Be aware, in the event of admission to a course, failure to disclose any unspent criminal conviction may result in York College/Bootham School asking you to withdraw. If this happens there will be no refunds of any fees.

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| 1. **Supporting Documents** |
| In order to fully process your application, we will need you to send us the following documents. If you do not have these to hand right now, you can still send us the application, but we will need all the documents before we can send you a formal study offer. To help us process your application quickly, please indicate which documents you are able to send now and which you will send later.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Document you will need to provide** | **Can send now** | **Will send later** | | 1. A copy of your latest school report, showing the school’s name, subject grades and staff comments |  |  | | 1. A photograph of your passport details page. This must show your photo and personal details |  |  | | 1. A photograph of your birth certificate, with English translation. |  |  | | 1. A copy of a reference written by a member of staff who knows you well at your current school. |  |  |   In addition, you are welcome to send any supporting qualifications or other documents that you feel help with your application.  **Information for those requiring a UK Student Visas**  Most non-UK nationals applying to stay for more than 180 days will require a UK Student Visa. If this is the case there are likely to be some additional documents you need to provide. Bootham School and York College will work with us to provide clear guidance on how this will work and what you need to provide. However, this will happen after the initial application phase is complete.  Most notably, those requiring visas will need to complete a Secure English Language Test (SELT) authorised by the UK Government. Again, Bootham School / York College will provide advice on how to arrange this. This test should be arranged no less than three months prior to your course start date and ideally as soon as your application has been processed.  If you have any questions about your supporting documents please contact us on +44 7562185095 or to Jon Bell via email at [jon@embraceengland.co.uk/](mailto:jon@embraceengland.co.uk/). |

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| 1. **Payment of Fees (Tuition / Host & Boarding Fees)** |
| Who will be responsible for paying your tuition fees (delete as appropriate)?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | The applicant | Those listed in Section 4  (e.g. parents) | Someone else |   If “someone else”, please provide their details below   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Full Name |  | | Email |  | | Phone Number |  | | Address |  | |

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| 1. **Declaration (Completed by applicant if applicant is over 18)** |
| By emailing this form to [jon@embraceengland.co.uk](mailto:jon@embraceengland.co.uk) , I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, confirm that the information provided in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. Also, that I have not withheld information that might reasonably be thought relevant to my application. I consent to any of the information provided to be shared with Bootham School / York College as appropriate.  Name: Date: |

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| 1. **Declaration (Completed by a Parent / Guardian if applicant is under 18)** |
| By emailing this form to [jon@embraceengland.co.uk](mailto:jon@embraceengland.co.uk) , I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, confirm that the information provided in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. Also, that I have not withheld information that might reasonably be thought relevant to my application. I consent to any of the information provided to be shared with Bootham School / York College as appropriate.    I also confirm that I have parental responsibility for the applicant, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I can confirm that this application has my full support. I also confirm that the applicant has my permission to live in the UK without my presence for the duration of the course.  Name: Date: |

**NEXT STEPS & NOTES**

Thank you for completing this application. We are delighted that that you are interested in studying with us in York. Here is what you can expect to happen next:

1. We will review your application and aim to contact you within seven working days to talk you through the next steps. This will happen via email to the applicant and parent/guardian email addresses you have provided with your application.
2. In most cases, we will invite you for a short, informal discussion online to help answer any questions you may have and to ensure you are completely comfortable with the ongoing application process.
3. We will support you in gathering any remaining documentation (see section 10) and present your application to Bootham School / York College.
4. We will jointly assess your completed application with the school / College and, if successful, make you an offer to study.
5. At this point, assuming you accept our offer, we will work to help you prepare for your time in York. Where a UK student visa is required, Bootham School / York College will support you in arranging your SELT (see section 10) and advise you on all matter relating to the visa application process.

The timeframe for these steps can vary depending on the stage of the academic year, your start date and how quickly you are able to provide your supporting documents. However, we will keep in contact with you throughout and understand how important it is you are kept up to date on progress.

If you have any questions at any point, please contact us via our Lead Ambassador, Jon Bell on +44 7562185095 or [jon@embraceengland.co.uk](mailto:jon@embraceengland.co.uk).

**Note 1:**

Student applying for York College need to be 16 years old or more on 1st September 2025. Those applying for Bootham School must be 14 years or over on 1st September 2025.

**Note 2:**

For those under 18, section two must include at least one person who as formal “parental responsibility” for the applicant. That means, someone who is legally entitled to act on their behalf. This is usually the case for parents, but a UK Government description of who normally has this responsibility is [available here](https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/who-has-parental-responsibility).

**Note 3:**

Students from our partner school receive preferential rates for tuition, boarding, and homestay fees. A list of our partner schools is available in our long-stay information pack, [available here](https://embraceengland.co.uk/_downloads/ee-long-stay-information-pack-2025.pdf).

**Note 4a:**

Students applying for Bootham School who will be aged 14 or 15 on 1st September 2025 will follow a study programme linked to the school’s GCSE curriculum. Bootham will issue each applicant with a subject options form later in the process enabling them to elect preferred subjects alongside a core of English, Maths, Science and Humanities. Further details of this programme are available here:

[GCSE\_booklet\_2024.pdf (boothamschool.com)](https://www.boothamschool.com/app/uploads/2024/01/GCSE_booklet_2024.pdf)

**Note 4b:**

Students applying to Bootham who are aged 16 or over on 1st September 2025 will study alongside A-Level students. Their academic programme will be based around a central core of 4 subjects studied in considerable depth. Students will be given the opportunity to select from over 20 individual subjects. We will discuss these choices with you are part of the early application discussions. More details of Bootham’s A-Level curriculum is available here:

[College-Curriculum-Booklet-2024-Final-1.pdf (boothamschool.com)](https://www.boothamschool.com/app/uploads/2023/11/College-Curriculum-Booklet-2024-Final-1.pdf)

**Note 5:**

York College specialises in post 16 education. Therefore, students applying for York College need to be at least 16 on 1st September 2025. Most students will study an A-Level based programme, similar to Bootham, but with three subjects, allowing time for independent study and wider enrichment activities. As an alternative, some students may wish to study a single vocational/technical field. In both cases, we can discuss this with you during the early phases of your application, before you need to commit for certain to a particular course or group of subjects. NB. Vocational courses will need to be “Level 3” or more.

[A-Levels at York College](https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/school-leavers/a-levels) and [Vocational & technical courses at York College](https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/school-leavers/vocational-t-level)

**Note 6:**

All invoices for fees will be sent directly to the person (or people) listed as being responsible for payment. York College tuition fees will be invoiced by, and paid to, York College. All Bootham boarding and tuition fees will be invoiced by, and paid to, Bootham School. All homestay fee for host family accommodation, will be invoiced by and paid to, Embrace England. Information about our fees for 2025/26 is available in our long-stay information pack.

**Note 7 – use of data:**

We are committed to upholding our legal and moral responsibilities towards your personal data. In order to process your application, we reserve the right to share the information provided in this form and submitted as supporting documentation, with Bootham School, York College and those individuals listed in sections 2, 4, and 11. We may also be obliged by UK law to share this information with other organisation such as the UK Visas and immigration o other Government agencies. Other than this, we will not share any information about you with any other third party without seeking further consent. We will contact you later in the application process to make you aware of data management during the period of study itself, including that which involves host families where applicable.