

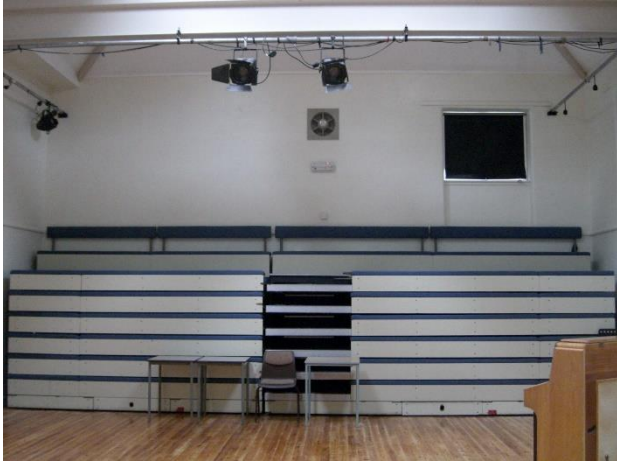
CASTERTON IN MORE RECENT TIMES

Casterton School made a name for itself from the 1970s onwards under the leadership of strong heads.

The Daily Telegraph once described it as “A small jewel in an idyllic setting” and the 2012 Good Schools Guide said “Where bright, confident children exude a desire for learning”.

Many new buildings were commissioned including Sixth Form boarding houses, a new Medical Centre, an Art Block, Maths and Science building, an extension to Beale House and a Pavilion. The Sandford Library became the Tom Penny Theatre and the labs that had originally been the Sanatorium were renovated for the Nursery and Prep School which started taking boys.





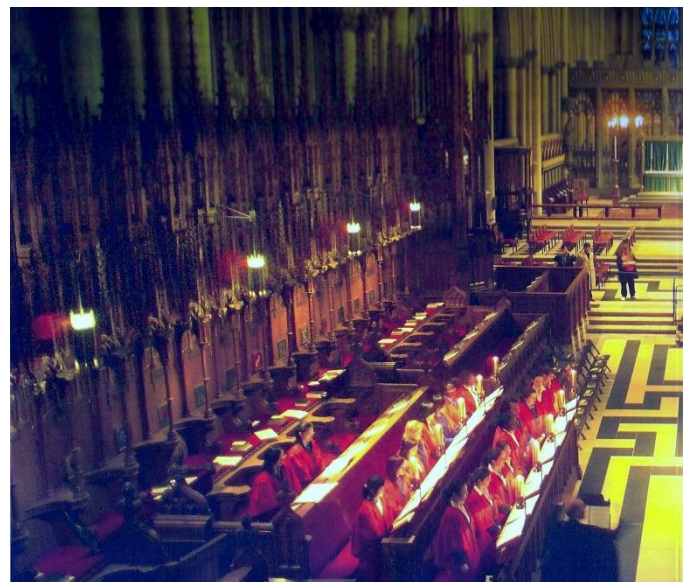
Casterton girls made good use of all these facilities and excelled academically, at sport, music and drama. Casterton School enabled them to cultivate a variety of interests and hobbies meaning that they left as well-rounded, knowledgeable individuals with a variety of life skills.

The girls achieved excellent grades at GCSE and A Level placing Casterton high in the league tables and they were able to take up places at prestigious universities and pursue the professional careers of their choice.

The Senior Choir sang evensong annually at York Minster. The music and drama departments combined to produce several extremely professional musicals every year. The wonderful local environment of the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District was regularly used for outdoor pursuits and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme expeditions.

Over the years school trips visited many parts of the UK for educational visits, Field Courses and pleasure. School groups went abroad to places such as Australia, Dubai, the WW1 battlefields, Spain and France as well as a number of skiing holidays. There were exchanges with a school in Germany.

Thinking of others was always on the girls' radar and there were often very inventive means of fundraising as well as Home Clothes days, sponsored walks and the annual Year 7 walk across Morecambe Bay with the Queen's Guide, Cedric Robinson, to name but a few.





Sadly, despite high academic standards, the number of pupils began to fall and Casterton School merged with Sedbergh School in 2013. Casterton, Sedbergh Preparatory School is now housed on the site.