

Having already forged a reputation for academic and sporting excellence, Moorland School looks set to develop further when it launches its new Sixth Form Centre in autumn 2012.

With additional GCSE courses also planned, the next year will give students at the Ribblesdale Valley school more choices than they have ever had in Moorland's 80-year history.

For the first time it will be including A-level courses on its curriculum, giving parents and children another educational option.

Headteacher Mr Jonathan Harrison said: "We are very much student focused and we want to give pupils and parents more choice."

Moorland, which is set in 15-acre grounds and is surrounded by beautiful countryside, has 120 youngsters in its Nursery department and a further 170 in its Junior and Senior schools.

With limited options to study for A-levels in the Ribblesdale Valley, Mr Harrison decided to take action.

"We realised that there was increasing demand at Moorland to provide an A-level education, both for local day students and to provide continuity for its boarding pupils."

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Two years ago Moorland invested over £1.8 million on a new senior building which has state-of-the-art learning facilities.

Moorland has also announced it is planning to invest a further £1.5 million on science and sporting facilities.

Now with the new Sixth Form Centre in the pipeline, Moorland is set to create an unparalleled, all-round educational vision that provides continuous, quality education for its boarders and day pupils.

Students and parents also prefer a school sixth form with smaller class sizes – an enduring feature that Moorland has adopted along with a pastoral ethos that is both caring and nurturing.

The school also plans to establish a unique link with Accrington and Rossendale College to give students access to vocational courses, alongside their A-level studies at Moorland.

As a school that has never been academically selective under Mr Jonathan Harrison, it is also worth noting that Moorland will not demand that GCSE students have top grades to go on to study a subject at A-level.



These are exciting times for Moorland School which is all set to open a Sixth Form Centre. Photography: LottieDesigns.com

So as new horizons loom, Moorland is now preparing to create its very own Sixth Form Centre in the school's main administration block – the handsome and historic house at the centre of this prestigious school campus. It will be a wonderful environment in which teenagers can develop and enrich their academic learning, make lifelong friends and, more importantly, enjoy the best years of their life! ■

To guarantee a place or register your interest in the new A-level centre, please see the new website: www.moorlandschool.co.uk



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