

Aerial Views of the School

One ambition I had for creating some magazine content finally happened last year. A few years earlier I had asked a friend of mine to take aerial images of the school on a flyby in a helicopter, from Leeds Heliport up the Calder valley. However, at the time, the helicopter's engine interfered with the electronics in the camera and the images were unusable. In July last year, during the brief relaxation of restrictions, a colleague of mine was able to use his newly purchased state-of-the-art drone, which fully complies with the new flying restrictions for drones, introduced as law in the UK after the Heathrow airport incidents of 2019. Unlike many drones, it is almost silent, weighs less than 245gm (the approximate weight of a small pigeon) and is limited to fly below 390 feet. This seemed an ideal opportunity to take some images so we could see the school from above. I do hope you like the photographs featured in the magazine and on the cover.

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