

Weekly Boarding

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will I sleep?

You will be allocated a dormitory for the term and a bed within that dormitory. The beds will be rotated every half term.

Can I change dormitories / beds?

Yes, it is possible to make changes with permission from Mr or Mrs Avery if necessary.

Can I bring my own duvets / pillowcases?

Yes, you can bring one or two sets of your own bedding. These can be any colour or design. If you bring one set, a school set will be provided whilst your set is being laundered. All laundry will be done at school. It is very important that every personal item of clothing and bedding is clearly named.

Can I bring posters?

You can bring as many 'acceptable' posters or photos as you like. Personalising your space is an important part of feeling at home.

What about my PSP, IPOD or similar things?

As these items are very expensive, it is important to realise that the responsibility of bringing in such items rests with you. The school is not responsible if they are lost, damaged or broken. If you want to bring them in, then they are only to be used during boarding hours and not during the school day. They must be stored in your lockers when not in use.

When can I use my mobile phones?

Weekly Boarders are allowed their mobile phones in the Boarding House and you can use these any time during the evening, however, they must stay on the boarders' landing.

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When can I phone home?

You can phone home at any reasonable time of the day or night. If you do not have a mobile phone, then you can use the free phone in the telephone booth. This can access landlines only, or you can always ask Mr and Mrs Avery if you can use their phone in the flat.

Can my parents / guardians phone me?

Your parents will be able to contact you through any of the numbers below:

Houseparents: 01367 870712

School: 01367 870700

Day Room: 01367 870715

Do I need to bring any money?

No. Pupils are not allowed to carry money in school. If you require pocket money for school trips you can order this from Mr or Mrs Avery. The amount will be added to your account. Please order pocket money by seeing Mr or Mrs Avery the day before the trip is due to leave.

I play a musical instrument, when can I practice?

All boarders can use the music suites between 16:45 & tea (if not involved in clubs).

How many activities can I do?

You can attend as many activities as you like. Weekly Boarders are encouraged to choose at least three after school activities during the week.

Can I watch television?

Yes, if you do wish to relax and watch some TV the common room has a new 65" TV with sky for all your viewing needs. Mr and Mrs Avery also have Sky in their flat which you can watch.

Will I have any responsibilities?

All Weekly Boarders will have responsibilities, duties are an important part of boarding life and help the boarding house run smoothly. They are not difficult, and they help you to prepare for your senior school where you will have similar duties.

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How much tuck do I need?

You don't need any! Mr and Mrs Avery run a Tuck Shop on Wednesday and Friday.

Boarders kitchen & snack

You will have use of the boarders' kitchen and you will be allowed to make toast and cereal on certain nights before bed. Fresh fruit, water, tea and milk are also readily available.

What if I have a problem?

It is possible that at some time you may have a problem. This might be a personal problem, a social problem or an academic problem. It is very important that if you are unsure or unhappy with any aspect of your life as a Boarder, no matter how small or trivial it may seem, that you come and talk quietly to a member of staff about it. Any of the boarding house staff will happily give you as much time as you need. This will help you put things right and will support you if you need to phone home. You will be assigned a personal tutor who can help you talk through problems or concerns. Also, if you wish to speak to someone from outside of school, you can contact our independent listener, Mrs Jenny Allan. Her contact details can be found in the handbooks and posted around the boarding house on the notice boards and in the phone box.

Tutor System

All Weekly Boarders are assigned a personal tutor for the year. You are asked to choose a member of staff to act as your tutor. The tutor plays an important role in the life of boarding pupils and is there to offer help, advice and guidance.

What if I am going to be out overnight?

It is helpful if we are given at least 24 hours' notice if pupils wish to stay out overnight, during the week. Parents wishing to take pupils out during the week must confirm your absence with Mr & Mrs Avery before you leave school.

Prep and revision

The vast majority of Weekly Boarders are boarding because they will be full/weekly Boarders at their senior schools. At senior school they will be required to be more independent and self-reliant. Preparation for public examinations is an important part of their learning process. Being able to organise revision time and being able to cope under pressure is all part of this preparation. It is important that pupils achieve

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a balance between work and play. Too much work for example can be as detrimental as too little work. For this reason, the school strongly recommends that boarding pupils stay at school and have the support of the staff and their friends at this time. In addition to the help and advice from the member of staff on duty, all those attending prep at school have the use of the computers and iPads for assistance and additional revision.

We hope these notes have been useful and should you wish to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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