

Flexi/ Open Boarding

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will I sleep?

You will be allocated a dormitory for the term and a bed within that dormitory. This will be your bed for half a term, we will rotate beds 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?

Flexi Boarders can bring one set of your own bedding. These can be any colour or design. This will be kept at school and matron will show you where you can store it. 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. However, please remember someone else will be using your bed on a different night.

What about my phone, PSP, IPOD or similar things?

This is a Weekly Boarders' privilege.

When can I phone home?

You can phone home at any reasonable time of the day or night. 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

Jack & Jessica Avery *Houseparents*

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School: 01367 870700

Day Room: 01367 870715

Do I need to bring any money?

No. Pupils are not allowed to carry money in school.

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).

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 and Mr and Mrs Avery have Sky in the flat which you can also watch.

Will I have any responsibilities?

In the Boarding House we all have a collective responsibility to keep communal areas tidy and to respect others' property.

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.

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What if I cannot do my Flexi/ Open night?

You must confirm your absence with Mr & Mrs Avery before you leave school. If possible, please give 24 hours notice.

Prep and revision

The vast majority of boarders are boarding because it will help them prepare for their senior schools. At senior school you 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 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 please do not hesitate to contact us.

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