## A FRIENDLY HOME-FROM-HOME ENVIRONMENT

"For me, boarding at St Catherine's provides the most brilliant opportunities to have access to amazing facilities on site 24/7, and also to make the greatest friendships you could imagine." - St Catherine's Boarder

St Catherine's boarders enjoy living in a collegiate and friendly home-from-home environment where they are at the centre of the action! With all four boarding houses on-site, girls have unparalleled access to first-class facilities for music, sport, art and drama. Boarders often remark on how much time they save every day in not having to travel to after-school clubs and classes. The boarding housemistresses and their resident staff are all qualified teachers, representing a full gamut of academic subjects, enabling them to support the girls with prep from Year 7 through to Year 13.

Each evening, there is discrete time allocated to extra-curricular activities; visitors arriving after 4.00 pm will find St Catherine's busy and purposeful; so many girls are engaged in music and drama rehearsals, dance classes, team practices or academic clubs before enjoying supper together in the Dining Room.

Boarders acquire essential organisational skills, while still benefiting from structured support. They understand the need to 'work smart', learning to balance time and commitments - something St Catherine's parents report on positively when their daughters are at home. Extensive research over the years has



demonstrated too, that St Catherine's boarders exceed their initial expected GCSE and A Level grades.

Living in a vibrant community comprising approximately 15 countries, our boarders develop a broader world-view. They enjoy celebrating national days including opportunities to try new foods and learn about others' traditions and cultures. Their friendship network reaches further which girls appreciate as they enter the world of work. Tolerance, kindness and consideration for others develop quite naturally in the boarding community.

St Catherine's simply offers an outstanding, unforgettable boarding education, offering a raft of benefits to professional families. Given our outstanding facilities and examination results, parents are pleasantly surprised at the affordability of St Catherine's fees; when after school childcare or live-in help is factored into the financial equation, boarding compares very favourably.

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