



BENEFITS OF BOARDING

Boarding schools are 24-hour learning communities that offer students a number of benefits as they prepare for life beyond the classroom and outside the family home. Want to know more? Read on for three key elements that characterize the very best boarding schools.





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THREE KEY ELEMENTS THAT CHARACTERIZE THE VERY BEST BOARDING SCHOOLS:

1) International community and friendships.

As the world becomes both more connected and diverse, an international education can equip students with the skills and abilities they need to see beyond their own opinions, to be empathetic with other realities, and to make complex decisions involving diverse circumstances. In addition, living and studying alongside people from other countries promotes linguistic and cross-cultural understanding and international mindedness as well as a network of friends and contacts overseas. Development of deep friendships in a close-knit community is one of the highlights of many boarding school experiences according to many international school graduates and their families.

2) An environment focused on learning and preparation for university and beyond.

With 24-hour resources that support optimal learning, exploration, and development, boarding schools provide students with opportunities for growth and for discovery and are known to prepare students for life in university and beyond. Students gain the skills they need to meet the challenges of university and the independence that goes along with college and career. International boarding schools offer international curricula and programs such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). In addition, some also allow able students to take university-level courses such as the Advanced Placement (AP) program created by the College Board in the USA to offer college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

3) Challenging academics.

Most students and parents find that there is a high level of challenge and expectation at boarding schools that offer international and university prep coursework. Faculty are an influential factor in the school experience and because some teachers live on campus, they are usually available for extra help after the school day ends or on the weekend. Typically, boarding school teachers live their passion rather than seeing teaching as "just a job." Faculty leverage teachable moments in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the dorms.

4) Travel opportunities.

In addition, most international schools offer travel programs that help to complement and bring to life the material that students are studying. There are a number of schools that combine student and service leadership opportunities with international travel allowing for an enriching experience that will last a lifetime.

International boarding schools are increasingly in demand because of the opportunities they provide students to obtain a truly global education.

Boarding school may not be for everyone, but families and students can also benefit from choosing a day school that has an international component, curricula, or a boarding community in order to access many of the advantages of an international boarding school experience.











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