



# MALVERN ST JAMES

## Girls' School

### **Boarding at MSJ**

Boarding is at the heart of Malvern St James and our Boarding Principles apply to all girls whether they be full, weekly, flexi, occasional or day boarders. Boarding adds a special, holistic dimension to the pastoral foundation of a School. Our Boarding principles are wholly in line with the School's overall aims and objectives.

MSJ's boarding provision is distinctive, enhanced by our exceptional team of experienced and dedicated House Staff. We currently have four boarding Houses, where girls enjoy boarding on a full, weekly and flexi-basis.

Mount our Junior Boarding House, provides a much-loved home for a family of girls from Year 3 - Year 9.

Girls in Year 10 live in Benhams, where greater independence is fostered within a happy, friendly and caring atmosphere.

Year 11 and Year 12 girls share Poulton where independence and mutual support is encouraged at a pivotal time in their academic careers. The Year 13 experience in Greenslade offers a warm, empowering and supportive environment, serving as a great 'half-way House' between School and University life.

We uphold the expectations of our community in promoting the safety, happiness and well-being of us all.

- We respect the privacy, property, culture and religious beliefs of everyone in the community.
- We value and respect each other as individuals, regardless of age or status.
- We accept responsibility for our environment, in order to enjoy and maintain it for the future.

Our Boarding Principles are therefore

- To provide girls with a safe, happy environment where they are offered the highest standards of personal pastoral care, encouraging them to explore their interests and enthusiasms. An environment in which every girl is treated as an individual and with respect by other girls and staff.

- To ensure our community is one in which harassment, discrimination and bullying are not tolerated.
- To ensure boarding houses provide opportunities in which each girl, through support, mutual respect and encouragement are valued and allowed to develop their own personality and talents while learning to live as part of a community.
- To actively celebrate and value the diversity within our community.
- To develop the whole person, by providing support to enhance their spiritual, personal and academic development.
- To provide activities and trips which enrich and add quality to their life outside the classroom.
- To boost each girl's self-confidence, independence and foster a sense of personal worth so that all boarders feel valued.
- To guarantee girls feel they are respected members of the community whose voice is important and listened to.
- To provide a network of girls and staff to turn to when in need of support.
- To respect all girls right to privacy, personal space and provide areas where they can have time alone if they wish.
- To promote a positive active involvement in the school and beyond.
- To ensure the holistic care of all girls throughout the wider community with strong lines of communication between the Boarding Houses, Academic Staff and the Health and Well-Being Centre and create close links with parents, regardless of how far away they may be, in order to support the development of all girls.
- To develop happy, confident and responsible young women, who are proud of their academic successes and personal achievements and are fully equipped and prepared for the challenges of adult life by providing every opportunity for girls to have fun, learn, take risks, build resilience and form life-long friendships.