

## **PRIOR PARK COLLEGE- BOARDING ETHOS AND PRINCIPLES**

Boarding Houses provide a term-time home for students and give a tremendous opportunity for positive development.

We believe boarding is a highly worthwhile pursuit, offering countless opportunities for students and staff alike in a positive, caring, close-knit and supportive community.

There are two boarding houses at Prior Park College: St Paul's House for boys, and St Mary's House for girls. Weekly and flexi boarders live in the family atmosphere provided by our Houses. Each is a small community where our boarding staff work hard to create a home-from-home environment, with comfy communal living areas, fun games rooms, kitchen areas and an open-door policy should any student want to talk privately with a member of staff.

### **Within boarding we recognise:**

- The development of the whole person and the communication of values are vital
- Being an open and trusting school, boarding is based upon mutual respect for all its members
- Each boarder has the right to be able to work, play and relax free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying
- There is equality of opportunity and respect for all boarders, regardless of ethnicity, culture, gender or disability
- Each boarder and each member of staff is to be treated as an individual and with respect by other students and by staff
- Each boarder has a right to privacy. Boarders and staff acknowledge the right of each other to privacy
- Each boarder has the right to extend his or her intellectual growth in an atmosphere of positive encouragement and in conditions that are conducive to learning
- All boarders should be able to develop physically, spiritually, intellectually, morally and socially
- Despite the distance separating boarders from their families, links with parents are seen as an indispensable part of the support and development of boarders.

The boarding houses are a vital unit in fostering the development of the whole person and communicating positive values, creating attitudes and behaviour which means every member of the community can flourish and feel safe and at ease. High expectations will be set, and all students will be encouraged to strive for excellence in whatever they do.