



MOOR PARK

Your Guide to Boarding
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Welcome to Boarding at Moor Park



Welcome to Moor Park and in particular to the Boarding House. Moor Park is a busy prep school. Days are filled with academic lessons, sports and a wealth of extracurricular activities, and, of course, lots of fun with your friends!

This guide will tell you everything you need to know about the routines at Moor Park. It may sound like a lot but it will all make sense very quickly once you start your Moor Park boarding adventure.

If you have any questions, then please do ask us!

“Boarding at Moor Park is the BEST. I love being with my friends after school - hanging out in the dorms or playing capture the flag outside...”



“However many nights you board at Moor Park, your time here will be full of fun and laughter”

The Boarding Staff

We are a friendly and happy bunch of people!

Miss S (boys) and Mrs Dunham (girls) are the House Parents, and you will get to know them very well. Mr Dunham is Head of Boarding and oversees all the evening and weekend fun activities.

The Gap Students are awesome and will also be a big part of your boarding experience at school.

You might get to know some of the other teachers during the evenings, including our Headmaster Mr Duffield.





“The activities are really fun - I like going out for a pizza, Tour de Moor - and watching the rugby with my mates!”

The Boarding Options

However many nights you decide to board, you will always feel a part of the boarding family. You will have your own bed and bedspace which you can decorate with posters and photos to make it feel like home.

Full Boarding

Full boarders arrive at the start of term and spend weekends during term time in school. They have a wonderful array of weekend activities planned throughout the term to give them the most enriching

boarding experience - in addition to downtime to unwind, relax and simply hang out with friends. Full boarders can return home, stay with guardians or host families/friends on Exeat weekends and at half term.

Flexi Boarding

Flexi boarders stay over on any number of nights from 1-6 each week. They usually choose these nights based upon the programme of activities, or when their friends are staying. Friday nights before Saturday school we find are very popular - as are Wednesdays when the Tuck Shop opens!





The Boarding House

There are 7 dorms on the Girls' Wing, called Melody, Rose, Madison, Holly, Savannah, Hepburn and Nightingale.

There are 8 dorms on the Boys' Wing named Wicket, London, Pirate, Avalanche, Redwood, Spitfire, Fountain and Jungle.

Both wings have a kitchen/sitting room area and lots of showers and toilet facilities.

Which dorm will you be in?

Here's a challenge for you, can you try to learn all of the names of the dorms on your wing in the first two weeks of boarding? Try and see if you can!

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Boarding at Moor Park is brilliant - the dorms are like Hogwarts and Miss Seven reads us Harry Potter before bed!

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The Daily Routine

Morning Boarding Routine		
07:00		Wake up, get dressed and tidy bedspaces
07:35		Breakfast
08:00		Back upstairs to brush teeth
School Day Routine Begins		
08:15		Registration
08:30		Lessons
10:25		Chapel followed by First Break
11:00		Lessons
12:00		Lunch Break (Years 3 & 4)
13:00		Lunch Break (Years 5-8)
14:00		Lessons
16:25		Tea break
17:00		Activities
Evening Boarding Routine		
18:00		Supper
18:30		Evening Activities
19:30		Full Boarders' Phone Calls, Years 3-7 upstairs
20:15		Year 8's upstairs



“You really get to know the other boarders - whichever year group they're in.”

School Food

The School Food at Moor Park is really tasty!
Here is a selection of menus we have enjoyed recently:

Breakfast

American pancakes with maple syrup, grilled bacon, croissants and pastries, sausages and egg, and French toast.

Lunch

Spaghetti Bolognese, Thai Green Curry, Roast lunches, Beef Bourguignon and Fish and Chips.

Supper

Sausages and Mash, Casseroles, Jacket Potatoes, Meatballs and Pasta.



At Lunch and Supper there is also an extensive salad bar to choose from you want to add to your delicious hot meal. There is also plenty of fruit on offer. You will never go hungry!

Tuck

Moor Park is home to the greatest Tuck Shop (cupboard) in the entire Prep School world! There are no photographs as it is a secret, and you have to board to see it! It is open on a Wednesday evening and once at a weekend and you can buy such delicacies as tongue painting lollies, chocolate bars, toxic waste, a variety of chew bars, crisps and drinks.

It is a cashless shop where you can spend up to a maximum of 4 credits per visit (30p per credit) with the cost being added to the school bill.

As we have the tuck shop, we ask that other items of food & drink are not brought into school.





Evening Activities

Evenings are all about having fun with your friends.

There are school activities before supper, which the day pupils can join, but after supper it is all about the boarders. These activities change every term depending on the season and there's always something for everyone.

Mr Dunham lets everyone know what the evening

activities are going to be so you can plan ahead. Posters go up on boards outside the kitchen and in the Boarding House, so you can see for yourself.

Past activities have included: DT projects, Nerf Battles, Disney Club, Sports Hall Games, Astro Football/Hockey, STEM Challenges, Music Tech, E-Sports, Board Games, Book Club and so much more! Summer Term is always amazing as we make full use of our wonderful outside spaces and enjoy BBQ's, cricket, scavenger hunts etc.



“My favourite boarding activity at Moor Park - is playing Human Hungry Hippos in Henderson Hall”



Before Bed

After activity time Full Boarders are able to have some time to phone home at 7:30pm. This is supervised in the Front Hall and Old Library.

Flexi Boarders head upstairs to the wings and are met by the staff and gaps.

All boarders shower when they come upstairs and then have time to relax in the kitchen and dorms.

There is a laundry rota for handing in dirty clothes for those who board more than 3 nights a week.

Cereal and toast are available in the kitchen areas to make sure you are not hungry before going to sleep

There might be a film on, board or video games to play, corridor cricket, crafting or just chatting with friends.

This is a nice time to wind down before bed.

Bedtimes

Years 3-5:	20:30
Years 6-7:	21:00
Year 8:	21:30





What to do if you feel worried

A problem shared is a problem halved. There are so many people you can talk to about anything at school:

1. The House Parents
2. Your Tutor or Form Teacher
3. Any member of staff
4. Any of your friends
5. Your parents



It can be quite a change starting somewhere new or boarding for the first time but we are all here to make you feel happy and settled so please do talk to us and share any worries you are having.

If you feel upset at night or need to talk to someone, then you can press the call button on the wing which will alert staff.

We are here to help, whatever the time of day or night.





What to do if you feel Unwell

We have a Sickbay where Liz (the School Nurse) is based during the day. You will be registered with the school doctor in case you need to visit the surgery.

At night, the first thing to do is to tell a member of staff, either in person (before lights out) or by pressing the alert button (after lights out). We will come and help you.

Passports and Pocket Money

International boarders must hand in their passports to the House Parents so that they can be kept in the safe.

All Full Boarders can deposit pocket money in the Boarding Bank at the start of each term and you can withdraw money from this for any weekend trips where pocket money might be required. Any unspent pocket money will be returned to your parents at the end of each term.



“a visit to the sweet shop in
Ludlow (always good fun!)”

Weekends at Moor Park

Boarding Weekends at Moor Park are the BEST!
We have so much fun onsite and going off on trips to a variety of awesome places.

Saturdays:

If you are in a match then you will go off and do that in the afternoon, or you will have a chance for some downtime in the afternoon.

In the evening, we get together and enjoy group activities such as Karaoke Night, Spa Night, Dance Competitions, Biscuit Decorating, Movie Nights and more.....



“Weekends are so much fun at
Moor Park!”

Sundays:

Sunday's start with a late breakfast followed by an opportunity to attend Mass at St Peter's in Ludlow.

We often then go on a trip, and recent highlights have been Redpoint Climbing Centre, Flip Out, RAF Cosford, Ice Skating, Laser Quest, Low Ropes, High Ropes, Paintballing, visiting the Ludlow Pumpkin Patch and shopping in Hereford.

Sometimes we stay onsite and have enjoyed inflatable fun with bungee runs and gladiator duelling, Escape Rooms, Christmas crafting, crazy golf and a humungous Chinese takeaway to celebrate Chinese New Year.

The Boarding House Rules

1. No unkindness
2. Have fun but be calm and sensible on the landings
3. Lights out is **SILENT TIME** (you need your sleep)!
4. Mobile phones are for Full and Weekly Boarders only. They **MUST** be returned to the lockers after use. See mobile phone rules posters for more information
5. No sweets or drinks are allowed on the wings unless permission is received from the duty team
6. No children are allowed on the wing during school hours without permission
7. Keep your room tidy - put your bags away and hang up your uniform

Principles Upon Which Boarding at Moor Park is Based

- Boarding is for children from Year 3 to Year 8 (aged 7 – 13) and can be done on a full, weekly or flexi basis.
- As an open and trusting school, boarding is based upon mutual respect for all.
- There is equality of opportunity and respect for all, regardless of ethnicity, culture, gender or disability (within the constraints of the building).
- Each boarder and each member of staff is to be treated as an individual.
- Although all live in a close boarding environment, each person has the right to privacy.
- The intellectual development of each boarder is encouraged positively and in conditions that are conducive to work.
- All boarders should be able to develop spiritually, culturally, morally and socially.
- Links with parents and families are an important part of the support structure and development of the boarders in the school.
- Each boarder should be able to work, play and relax free from abuse, intimidation and bullying.

Aims of Boarding at Moor Park

In order to develop the whole person we aim to:

- Produce an open and trusting ethos in which each boarder feels they can approach any member of the community, confident in the knowledge that he/she will be treated and respected as an individual;
- Create an atmosphere of tolerance, openness and trust in which teasing and bullying is unacceptable;
- Encourage the spiritual development of the pupils based on our Catholic Foundation;
- Provide a range of activities and hobbies related to age and maturity that will assist in the personal, social and cultural development of each boarder;
- Provide an environment that is safe and free from physical hazards and dangers;
- Provide accommodation that is comfortable and suited to the needs of boarders according to age and maturity;
- Develop boarders' responsibility for self, for others and for their environment;
- Offer opportunities for leadership, and also to work as part of a team; Provide an environment and ethos that will enable boarders to feel able to turn to members of staff to share the good things in their lives as well as being able to turn to them for advice, counselling and support during times of difficulty;
- Make boarding an enjoyable experience.



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*We hope you enjoy your boarding
adventure with us here at Moor Park*