



STONAR

Welcome to Ganbrook

2025/26

House Parent - Mrs E Addison

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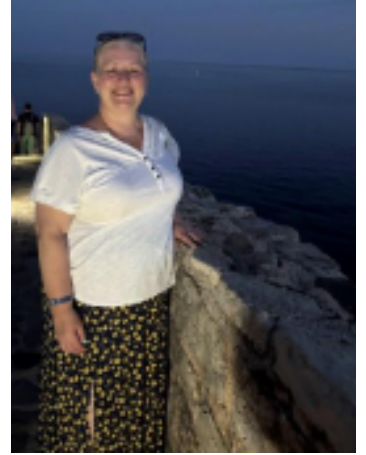
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Meet the Team

Meet our Houseparent: Mrs Addison

I moved to Stonar with my daughter Amelia in 2022, having taught Maths for 25 years in various state schools in Wiltshire. I love singing and can play the viola. I used to be a Latin American and Ballroom dancer. I studied Geography as well as Maths at university and love travelling and exploring. One of my favourite places is the Gambia, where I took school groups to work in a school/village for 10 years. I love visiting National Trust properties especially if there is a cream tea on offer.

Duty nights: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and most weekends.



Meet our Assistant Houseparent: Mrs Way

Having lived in and around schools with my husband and children for the last 25 years I decided to step away from my 30 year NHS Nursing career and join in with the fun!

My loves in life (apart from my husband and children) are my dogs Dave and Lola, as well as walking. I particularly enjoy spending time on Dartmoor and help with the school Outdoor Education team, training pupils for the Ten Tors Challenge and the Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

Duty nights: Monday, Wednesday and occasional weekends.



Meet our House Matron: Miss Player

I live in a cottage near to the school with my partner and cat, called Monkey! I enjoy walking and visiting new towns, gardening, Pilates and cooking (especially baking cakes).

I have three grown up children and one grandchild and have spent my life in childcare, not only as a mother but as a Nursery Nurse, nurturing and caring - which is why I love my job here at Stonar. I'm always here at the end of a weekday for a smile, chat or hug!

Available Monday - Friday, 8.30am-5.30pm.



The team is also supported by graduate assistants: **Miss Criddle** and **Miss Williams**.

An academic tutor is also on duty weekday evenings from 6.30pm.

The Ganbrook Team run a fun, family boarding house and our door is always open, so pop in to say hello or to talk more formally about things that might be bothering you.

We hope you are looking forward to joining us, but we know there might be some nerves too. We have put together some reminders/key information to help you settle in.

Please do email us on ganbrookhouse@stonarschool.com with any questions.

Get Packing

- We have limited stock of bedding and some towels you can use, if you want to save space in your suitcase (pupils living in this country are expected to bring their own).
- You will need a USB lead for charging your phone overnight in the office (no plugs).
- Make sure all clothing is labelled including socks.
- Bring a small laundry bag for washing your underwear in (please see example below).
- Bring an alarm clock with you to ensure you can wake up for roll call as phones are handed in.
- Do bring some pictures/items to make your space in the dorm feel like home.
- Please remember we are a **nut free** boarding house and school. Please do not bring any products which may contain any form of nut. This includes Nutella, most Kinder chocolate bars and Ferrero Rocher.



Example of laundry bag



Arrival

Travel arrangements – action needed!

If you haven't already told us, please let us know what time you expect to arrive (boarding house officially opens at 2.00pm).

International pupils: We need to know date of arrival in UK and if flying, your departure and arrival airports, plus your flight number along with how you are travelling to Stonar once in the UK.

If you have not yet done so, please complete the [travel form](#).

Please email ganbrookhouse@stonarschool.com with this information as soon as possible.

When you arrive

You will be met by the front entrance and directed to the check in/welcome desk. Once we have checked you in, you will be shown to your dorm. Parents may help you take your belongings upstairs and stay for a short while to help unpack.

Things to hand in:

- Passport / ID card / Resident Permit card. (We keep these safe in the office.)
- Medication - All medication must be kept in the office. This includes paracetamol, ibuprofen, vitamins, etc. We keep a range of over the counter medication in the office and any other personal medication can be issued by House staff.

What to do next?

Please get yourself settled and **unpacked** and make your room homely.

Make your bed. If you need bedding, just let a member of the House team know.

Check your **school uniform**. If something does not fit or is missing, speak to a member of the House team and we can help you. If you are only here for one Term and need to borrow uniform, please ask a member of the Boarding team.

If your **suitcase** is not labelled, ask for a tag from the office. Write your name on it and attach to any suitcases/bags to go in the storage room.

Feel free to have a wander around, get a drink from the kitchen, relax in the common room.

Be brave and speak to other girls and staff – we are lovely and care for all those in the Ganbrook and Stonar community – you are now part of our family.

Useful Information

New pupils will have an induction over the first couple of days – don't worry, you will be given everything you need to know, but we just don't want to overload you all at once.

House values: Kindness, honesty and respect.

Mobile phones: Handed in 15 minutes before bedtime. Please do not bring a second phone. If there are issues with contacting home due to time differences, please do speak to us.

Wi-Fi: You will need to log in to a computer before you can access the Wi-Fi on your devices. The initial passwords will be on the noticeboard.

House meeting: 6.30pm every day.

Laundry days in school: Monday and Thursday. All Year 9 and below must use the school laundry service. Year 10 may choose. There are two washing machines and two dryers in house.

Tuck shop: Available Tuesday and Friday nights at 8.00pm. Card payments only.

Prep: 6.45pm Monday –Thursday for all pupils.

Tidy hour: Sunday at 7.00pm. Dorm inspection at 8.00pm.

Weekend permissions: Forms and parent emails must be completed by Thursday evenings.



CONTACT US

House staff can be contacted using the details below. Put the numbers into your phone!

- Ganbrook Office: + 44 (0) 1225 701758
- Ganbrook mobile: + 44 (0) 7918746327
- ganbrookhouse@stonarschool.com

Itinerary

Tuesday 2 September

2.00pm	New boarders arrive
2.50pm	Assemble on front lawn for an introduction from Mrs Addison
3.00pm	Optional parent school tours and 'goodbyes'
3.30pm	New pupil academic meeting with Deputy Head, Mrs Worrall
4.00pm	Returning boarders arrive
5.30pm	Supper
6.30pm	Whole house meeting
6.45pm	New boarders inductions
7.15pm	Buddies to lead tours of new pupils
8:30pm	Bedtime routine begins. Lights out:
	Year 6 – 8.45pm
	Year 7 – 9.00pm
	Year 8 – 9.15pm
	Year 9 – 9.30pm
	Year 10 – 10.00pm
	Year 11 – 10.15pm

Wednesday 3 September

7.45am	Roll call – Common Room (all pupils must be dressed in their school uniform)
7.50am	Breakfast – La Cantina (our dining hall)
8.30am	Registration in tutor bases – if you don't know where to go meet in the Common Room at 8.20am and someone will show you the way.
4.00pm	School finishes – return to boarding house or go to one of the school clubs (snack available in La Cantina)
4.15pm	Year 7 social/Information for parents
5.30pm	Supper – La Cantina
6.30pm	House meeting – Common Room
6.45pm	Prep
7.45pm	Years 6, 7 & 8 activities
8.30pm-10pm	Bedtime routine as above

School Day

8.30am	Registration and Tutor time
9.10am	Lesson 1
10.05am	Lesson 2
10.55am	Breaktime – snack available in La Cantina
11.20am	Lesson 3
12.15pm	Lesson 4
1.05pm	Lunch – check noticeboards for La Cantina timings
2.15pm	Lesson 5
3.10pm	Lesson 6
4.00pm	Tea buns in La Cantina
4.15pm	Clubs

Tuesday 9 September – 6.45 Induction session 2
Tuesday 16 September – 6.45 Induction session 3

