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Felsted School was named the top boarding school in the UK by TES (Times Educational Supplement).

"We were impressed by the way topics such as diversity and inclusion as well as sustainability were woven right through the school and not just stand-alone programmes or initiatives. The school is also bucking the trend with their incredible over-subscription for admissions: this is clearly a fantastic school that people want to send their children to."

TES Awards Judge, Gwen Byrom

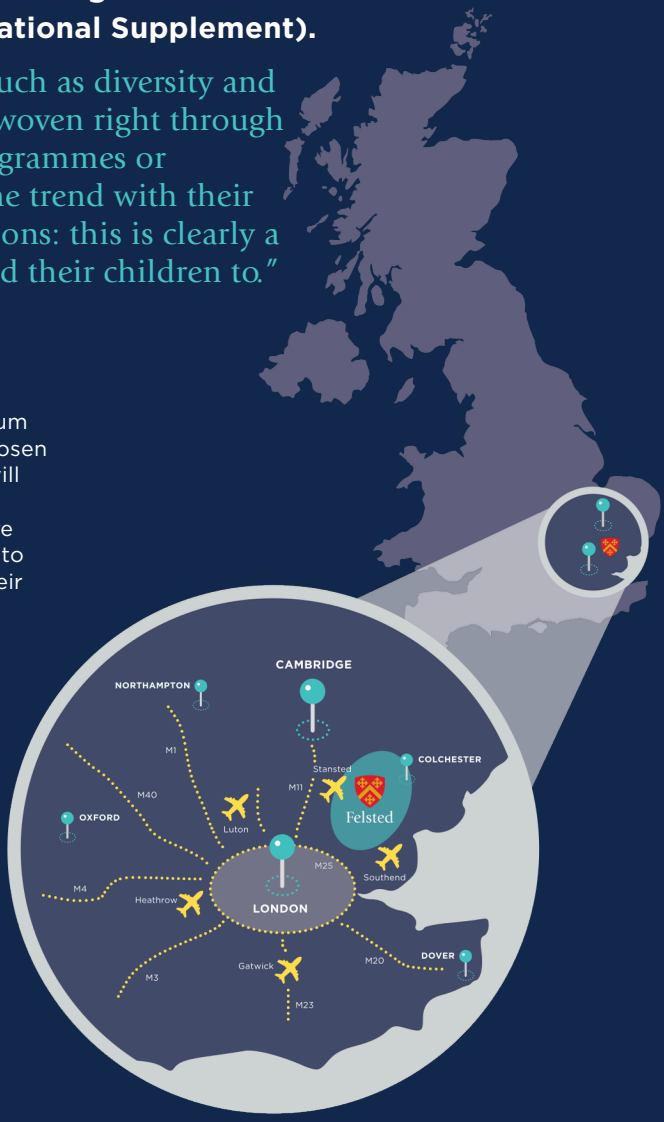
As a boarding school, Felsted has so much to offer every one of our pupils. Our broad, modern curriculum is excellent preparation for higher education and chosen careers, but it is the development of life skills that will help them to become successful in adulthood. By boarding with us at Felsted, young people have more opportunities, more time and more space to grow into independent, confident individuals, ready to take their next steps.

Location

Felsted is a great place to be a boarder! The school has 90 acres of grounds and is surrounded by stunning East Anglian countryside, but it's easily accessible from across the region and has great transport links to the rest of the country and the world.

Airports: 20 mins drive to Stansted; 50 mins drive to London City; 90 mins drive to Heathrow and Gatwick

Cities: 60 mins by train or car to London; 40 mins drive to Cambridge



A sense of belonging

Every house at Felsted has its own character, but all offer the essentials that help children settle quickly and feel at home; comfy beds, plenty of storage, and the all-important TVs, games consoles, board games and pool tables.

Being located on campus means no long walks in the morning, just an easy start to the day. Our houses are calm, well-equipped spaces where students can study and relax undisturbed.

Boarders have access to individual, twin or dormitory-style rooms, each with dedicated study areas including bookshelves, pin boards and reliable WIFI.

Every house also benefits from modern common rooms, kitchens and social spaces, as well as a garden with outdoor dining areas.

Day pupils enjoy the same sense of belonging. Even if they don't board, they are fully part of their house community and are supported by the houseparents, matrons and tutors just as the boarders are.



"The pastoral care is outstanding. The school has done everything they possibly can to help my son adjust. He is now so happy at Felsted"

Felsted Parent

tes Award Winning Boarding School





Develop skills for life

Boarding stretches young people out of their comfort zones, at a pace to suit them, and provides an array of chances to develop the key skills they need to move on to the next phase of life with confidence.

Independence: With the support of caring house staff, boarders quickly take responsibility for themselves and their belongings, and learn to rely on themselves to be on time for lessons and handing in work. In their own environment, they develop as individuals and discover their unique personalities and characteristics.

Confidence: Boarders soon settle into their houses and start to build confidence through taking part in all the activities on offer, and meeting and chatting to other boarders. Being Head of House or House Prefect is a position of responsibility and a chance to lead the house in competitions and be a listening ear for other boarders.

Social skills: Boarders have lots of time to spend with friends, joining in with an activity or just enjoying downtime in the evenings, relaxing in the house common rooms, watching movies or playing pool or board games together. Friday and Saturday evenings are for social events and group outings. Living and working together, boarders soon find they are happy to chat to anyone.

International friendships: Around a fifth of Felsted's pupils are from families based outside of the UK. Whilst casually discussing their cultures and experiences, boarders are learning to respect international values from a young age, understanding that they are part of a wider global community.

Academic support: Boarders get the very most out of their academic education and they are monitored closely. The new Marshall Centre for Learning is open each evening so that boarders can receive dedicated support from subject specialist teachers, particularly in the run-up to exams, and this is reflected in their grades.



What happens during exeats and holidays?

A home weekend (or 'exeat') is scheduled every half term for boarders who can – and want to – spend from Friday evening to Sunday night or Monday morning at home with their families, or with a family member, friend or guardian. No Saturday school or sports fixtures mean that all pupils (including day pupils) have the weekend off school.



Boarding arrangements: your choice

TRADITIONAL FULL (seven nights a week)
Our traditional boarding programme caters for boarders who are with us every night, every week of the term. Some stay at school during exeat weekends too, only spending school holidays at home. Others prefer to stay with family friends, relatives or guardians when they're not in the boarding house.

WEEKLY (five nights a week)
Very popular with families based across the region or in London and Cambridge.

CONTEMPORARY (three nights or more a week)
Flexibility is key – boarders arrange to stay at school regularly for particular nights of the week (perhaps to fit in with commitments such as sports training or drama rehearsals), but more nights can be added as and when required (perhaps to suit parents' work commitments).





"As parents we feel that Felsted has offered our daughter a very happy and supported space to enjoy being a teenager. Thank you!" Felsted Parent

So why be a boarder?

- Become more independent
- Opportunity for wider personal development
- Spend time with your friends in the evenings
- There's always something going on to get involved in at school
- No daily commute to and from school
- More time to spend on your school work
- It's easy to find a quiet place to study
- Teachers are always on hand to help
- Use the school's facilities – library, sports hall, gym, pitches, music practice rooms, rehearsal rooms, swimming pool
- Make great friends from around the world
- Develop life skills in preparation for university and the workplace
- Social time and fun events



#FelstedFood

Meals at Felsted are a highlight of the school day! Food is prepared and cooked in the school kitchens by highly qualified and award winning chefs using locally supplied, seasonal and sustainable ingredients as far as possible.

Dietary requirements are catered for. Most importantly, the food is varied, tasty – and plentiful!



Health and wellbeing

This is our absolute top priority at Felsted. In the absence of their parents, boarders are in the care of the house staff team, who take the time to get to know each child as an individual.

The school has an on-site Wellbeing Centre – a calming place to seek respite and make the most of resources to support mental health and wellbeing, from counselling to sessions in mindfulness, meditation and yoga with our experienced staff.

Felsted has an on-site Medical Centre too, staffed with registered and experienced school nurses and health-care assistants.

Weekend activies

Boarders are never bored at the weekends! After Saturday school and sports matches, the evenings are sociable – events are planned (such as a quiz or entertainment) and there is time to relax in the house to watch a movie or play games.

Sunday starts slowly with a mid-morning brunch, followed by an outing (to a theme park or shopping centre, a trip to the cinema or perhaps to take part in an activity such as bowling or ice skating).

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