



# ST HUGH'S

BOARDING

## St Hugh's Weekly Boarding FAQ's

### **Where will I sleep?**

You will be allocated a dormitory for the term and a bed within that dormitory.

### **Can I change dormitories / beds?**

Yes, it is possible to make changes with permission from Mr or Mrs Perry-Evans if necessary.

### **Can I bring my own duvets / pillowcases?**

You can bring 1 or 2 sets of your own bedding. These can be any colour or design. If you bring 1 set, a school set will be provided whilst your set is being laundered. All laundry will be done at school. It is very important that every personal item of clothing and bedding is clearly named.

### **Can I bring posters?**

You can bring as many 'acceptable' posters and photos as you like. Personalising your space is an important part of feeling at home.

### **What about mobile phones and devices?**

We are a NO PHONE Community and this also includes any technology. E.g. iPod, iPads, laptops etc.

### **When can I phone home?**

You can phone home at any reasonable time of the day or night. You can use the free phone in the telephone booth or you can always ask Mr and Mrs Perry-Evans if you can use their phone in the living room.

### **Can my parents / guardians phone me?**

Your parents will be able to contact you through any of the numbers below.

Houseparents line: 01367 870712

School: 01367 870700

Day Room: 01367 870715

### **Do I need to bring any money?**

No. Pupils are not allowed to carry money in school. If you require pocket money for school trips you can order this from Mr or Mrs Perry-Evans. The amount will be added to your account. Please order pocket money by seeing Mr or Mrs Perry-Evans the day before the trip is due to leave.

### **I play a musical instrument, when can I practise?**

You can use the music suites whenever you have free time. In addition to this, there are allocated slots during boarding to practice as well.

### **How many activities can I do?**

You can attend as many activities as you like. Weekly Boarders are encouraged to choose at least two after school activities during the week.

### **Can I watch television?**

Yes, if you do wish to relax and watch some TV the common room has a SMART TV for all your viewing needs and Mr and Mrs Perry-Evans have Netflix, Amazon and Disney in the living room which you can watch.

### **Will I have any responsibilities?**

All Weekly Boarders will have responsibilities such as boarding mentor or dorm captain. Duties are an important part of boarding life and help the boarding house run smoothly. They are not difficult and they help you to prepare for your senior school where you will have similar duties.

### **How much tuck do I need?**

You don't need any! Mr and Mrs Perry-Evans will have selection of tuck which will be available to you on Wednesdays and Fridays. Snacks are also provided for you every day as well through the school's kitchens. If you wish to have a specific type of tuck then please let Mr or Mrs Perry-Evans know.

### **Snacks**

Snack is available outside the Houseparent's flat before bed. Fresh fruit, water and milk are also readily available.

### **What if I have a problem?**

It is possible that at some time you may have a problem. This might be a personal problem, a social problem or an academic problem. It is very important that if you are unsure or unhappy with any aspect of your life as a Boarder, no matter how small or trivial it may

seem, that you come and talk quietly to a member of staff about it. Any of the boarding house staff will happily give you as much time as you need. This will help you put things right and will support you if you need to phone home. You will be assigned a personal tutor who can help you talk through problems or concerns.

### **Tutor System**

All pupils are assigned a personal tutor for the year. You are asked to choose a member of staff to act as your tutor. The tutor plays an important role in the life of boarding pupils and is there to offer help, advice and guidance.

### **What if I am going to be out overnight?**

It is helpful if we are given at least 24 hours notice if pupils wish to stay out overnight during the week. Parents wishing to take pupils out during the week must confirm this with the Houseparents directly.

### **Prep and revision**

The vast majority of Weekly Boarders are boarding because they will be Full/Weekly Boarders at their senior schools. At senior school they will be required to be more independent and self-reliant. Preparation for public examinations is an important part of their learning process. Being able to organise revision time and being able to cope under pressure is all part of this preparation.

It is important that pupils achieve a balance between work and play. Too much work for example can be as detrimental as too little work. For this reason, the school strongly recommends that boarding pupils stay at school and have the support of the staff and their friends at this time.

In addition to the help and advice from the member of staff on duty, all those attending prep at school have the use of the computers and iPads for assistance and additional revision.

We hope these notes have been useful and should you wish to discuss anything please do not hesitate to contact us. There will also be an opportunity to ask any further questions when the Weekly Boarders return in September.

Kindest regards

Kevin and Harriet Perry-Evans

Houseparents