

## Questions Children Ask us



### School Life

#### **Will I make friends quickly?**

Really quickly! You will have a day buddy, and a boarding buddy if you are boarding, and they will introduce you to new friends in the first five minutes.

#### **Are the teachers kind?**

Kind, really experienced and understanding of new nerves and wobbles.

#### **What is the first day like?**

You will meet lots of new people, but also get quickly into routine with lessons, games and activities.

#### **Will someone show me around the school?**

Your buddy will do this straightaway.

#### **What happens if I feel nervous?**

Buddies and staff are always here to help you from the beginning.

#### **Will I know where to go on my first day?**

Your buddy will take you to all your lessons and give you your new timetable.

#### **What happens at break time?**

There is a snack (grub) and time to play out and get fresh air.

#### **Do older pupils help younger pupils?**

Yes; our peer listener and wellbeing ambassador schemes mean older pupils are always around to listen and help.

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### Lessons

#### **What subjects will I learn?**

All the normal subjects, plus art, music, design technology, drama, life skills, critical thinking and ancient languages.

#### **Do we use computers in lessons?**

Technology is used throughout the school and in all lessons; pupils have either iPads or Chromebooks, particularly for research and homework (prep).

#### **Will I get homework?**

There are some compulsory preps, and some optional as part of our wider academic programme.

#### **What happens if I find something difficult?**

Your tutor, and all subject staff are there to help you.

### Sport

#### **What sports can I play?**

The main sports are hockey, cricket, rugby and netball. There are also a really wide range of other sports on offer.

#### **Do we play matches against other schools?**

Yes; usually once or twice a week.

#### **Can I try new sports?**

New sports are introduced each term, and also as part of activities (Aspire).

#### **What if I'm not very sporty?**

Not everyone is! There are many activities to enjoy at the same time.

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### **Do we have swimming lessons?**

Yes, in our own heated outdoor pool.

## **Activities**

### **What clubs can I join?**

The activity programme runs from 3.45pm to 7.45pm every day; there is a new range of activities every half term.

### **Can I try music lessons?**

You will be offered music lessons when you join; pupils learn almost every instrument.

### **Are there school plays?**

There is a Play for each Year group every year.

## **Boarding**

### **What are the boarding houses like?**

Comfortable, friendly, and with excellent facilities.

### **Will I share a room?**

All dorms are shared, with a mixture of full and flexi boarders staying.

### **What happens in the evenings?**

Pupils have grub, and then head upstairs for showers (for all), games and reading time, and lights out.

### **Can I bring my favourite things from home?**

Yes, of course. Toys, books, bedding and teddies.

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### Food & Facilities

#### **What food do we eat at school?**

For boarders, there are three meals a day served in the dining room; a full range of menus alongside salad and fruit.

#### **Are there snacks?**

Three times a day, to keep you going.

### Fun Questions

#### **Are there school trips?**

There are a mixture of day trips, residential trips, and longer trips abroad.

#### **Are there competitions between houses?**

The House tradition is strong, with competition across all sport, music and drama, as well as academic work, behaviour and all round effort.

#### **Can I win prizes or awards?**

We recognise effort all the time, and there are prizegiving ceremonies each term.

#### **Are there school events?**

A very comprehensive programme of events; some two hundred over the academic year.

### Feeling at Home

#### **Can I call my parents if I board?**

Yes; we have phones to call, and full boarders are also allowed to keep their own phone in the Boarding house, and call home in the evening.