

## **Boarding at Kingsmead**

Ever since its foundation in 1904, Kingsmead's boarding community has been very much at the heart of the school community. Whilst the number of pupils boarding is not as great as it has been in the past the level of care and support we provide for our boarders is as good as it has ever been. We pride ourselves in being the only Independent School that offers boarding on the Wirral Peninsula. Like almost any other boarding school in the country, we are able to offer full, weekly and flexi boarding accommodation to boys and girls from aged 9 upwards.

Our boarding accommodation is based in two houses on the school campus, which we believe ensures that our boys and girls are given necessary pastoral care and support that is so vital during these early years. Our boarding is overseen by Mr James Glover. Watts House is used for our male boarders, with Meadway Cottage being used for female boarders, both houses also used for those wanting to our flexi boarding facility. In addition to Mr Glover, Mr Wilson (Senior Master) and Mrs Thomas (School Matron) provide additional pastoral support. Our School Matron is a qualified nurse, who oversees all the medical needs and concerns of our boarding community. Mr Glover and his team provide 24 hour cover, for both medical and pastoral concerns. Our School caterers ensure there is a healthy and balanced offering available at all meal times. All members of our teaching staff play a significant role in the support of our boarders too.

The majority of our boarders come from families abroad in Europe and Asia, who believe their children will benefit strongly from an education here in England. Our flexi boarding is becoming increasingly popular with our day parent families who require their children to be looked after if they are away for either business or social reasons.

Our primary purpose for our boarders is to provide a home from home and in so doing to meet the pastoral needs of all the boys and girls in our care. As a Christian School, we are committed to providing a stable and loving environment that seeks to uphold Christian principles that we believe are so important in this present day and age. Whilst we cannot be parents to the children in our care, we seek to be the closest possible role-model, where we hope the relationships that are formed between House Parents, Staff and Pupils is a very special one. At the end of a busy working day there are a whole variety of activities available to our boarders to ensure that their needs are met. They can of course, simply relax in the evening, watching a television programme, reading a book, playing board games and much more. They can at the same time play adventure sport, go swimming, cooking and baking, dancing and a whole range of other activities too, which we hope will enable the midweek to be enjoyable too. At weekends a programme is planned for our boarders to meet their interests and needs. Saturdays are primarily based here at School, however those wanting to go shopping either locally or further afield into Liverpool or Chester are able to do so accompanied by staff on duty. Sunday activities are often more adventurous involving a trip away from school. The Boarders' Evening Service on a Sunday completes what we hope to have been a very happy weekend for them.

In conclusion it is the policy of Kingsmead School that its staff and boarders working in accordance with the principles and policies as stated in the Boarding Handbook.

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