



## **Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice**

When pupils board at Mill Hill, they do not just join a School, they become part of a community. They have a sense of belonging and know that they are accepted as individuals; that problems will be shared, and triumphs celebrated. Living and working within the boarding community provides boarders a safe environment within which to develop critical life-skills on their journey towards adulthood, such as the importance of communication, consideration and compromise.

Our co-educational, multi-cultural and distinctly international environment affords the opportunity for our pupils to gain a greater understanding and respect for people of any gender, race, faith, and nationality, that reflects society and enables boarders to welcome diversity of opinions. Embracing the global challenges of contemporary life, our pupils are encouraged to develop moral integrity and the confidence to stand up for what they believe in so that they are able to make positive influences in their lives, and in that of others, at School and beyond.

Transition from home to School is eased as boarders build friendships which will last a lifetime. These strong bonds are nurtured and developed in each Boarding House and in the wider boarding community helping boarders to cope being away from home and family. Boarders recognise the distinctly special family-based community that they are part of.

The team of boarding staff, led by the Assistant Head (Boarding) and dedicated Housemasters and Housemistress have each boarder's welfare and wellbeing at heart. Working with the academic team of tutors and teachers at School, they understand that, in order for pupils to thrive, their pastoral and academic progress must be aligned. The endeavour for academic excellence at School is balanced by the encouragement for boarders to pursue individual interests and hobbies, to participate actively in the co-curricular programme of the School and to form lifelong relationships with those they encounter in the community. Ensuring the happiness and wellbeing of each and every boarder is paramount to our work.

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