



Guidance for Boarding Pupils

Structure of the Saturday Programme

The Saturday Morning Programme is divided into 2 sessions with a break in the middle:

- First session 9.30am-10.45am
- Break time 10.45am-11.15am
- Second session 11.15-12.30pm

Lunch will take place between 12.30pm and 1.45pm and fixtures will take place as advertised in the full programme and on the sports notice boards.

Filling out the Options Choice Form

Look at the Weekend Programme and identify 3 activity options you would like to take part in each Saturday for the first half of next term. You also need to look at the description of the different activities which are being offered by each member of staff. Ask your tutor to help you if you are not sure about any of the information.

Now put these activities in order of preference – i.e. put the one you would like to do the most in the first column: Activity 1. Try to make sure that you have a good balance of activities.

You may choose to do supervised study in the Library, but formal Library Private Study sessions are limited to:

- 3 single sessions for Sixth Form each half term
- 1 single session for Lower School each half term

We will do our best to make sure you are allocated your first choice, but this will depend upon numbers opting for each activity. We aim to keep groups to about 10 per activity, although there is some flexibility.

Choices for the second half of term will be made before the half term in October.

Who has to fill out the form?

If you are a full boarder, then the Saturday Programmes is compulsory, so you have to fill out the form.

If you are a weekly boarder, you should fill out the form if you know at this stage that you wish to undertake a particular activity so we can do our best to guarantee you a place. Although weekly boarders will have an opportunity to opt into an activity by Thursday of each week, spaces are limited and a late application may not be successful, so it is wise to register your interest now!



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Attendance

Full boarders: If you are a full boarder then attendance at Saturday morning sessions is an expectation. If you fail to meet this expectation you can expect to receive the sanction of a School Detention, which will take place on Saturday between 8.30am and 9.30am.

Weekly boarders: If you are a weekly boarder and have signed up for a session but you are unable to attend, there must be a good reason for this and the information should be communicated formally to your Housemaster/mistress in advance of the session for safeguarding reasons. In addition you would be wasting an opportunity which may have been denied to others. Therefore failure to inform, or lack of an appropriate reason for non-attendance, may result in a sanction.

Sports Fixtures: If you are a full boarder and you have a sports match in the afternoon, then it is still the expectation that you attend morning activities. There may be some occasions when you have to leave an activity early for a match, but these will be very few as most matches will take place in the afternoon. In such cases, the relevant information must be passed to the Housemaster/mistress in good time, so that staff running activities can be informed in advance of authorised absence.

There will not be any ‘drop-in’ sessions available. All sessions must be arranged in advance through tutors or Housemaster/mistress.

When you attend Saturday morning activities, you may wear your own clothes, but dress should be smart casual in appearance.

Changing Option choices

You cannot generally switch your choice of options during term time, but if you have a very strong reason for a change, you may ask your Housemaster/mistress and they will then discuss this further with Miss Farrant/Mrs Atkins.

Content of the Programme and Feedback

Most of the Activities ideas have already been taken from suggestions made by boarders in Saturday Activities Questionnaire completed earlier this year, but there will be an opportunity for boarders to input more ideas into the Programme through House Councils and Boarders’ Council representatives.

At the end of each term there will be a review sheet where you can feed back on the activities that you have taken, so that we can use your ideas in our future planning.

If you have any questions at all about the programme, please see your Housemaster, Miss Farrant or Mrs Atkins.