



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE

Advice on boarding for Sixth Form Entrants

Settling in:

- What is a boarding house? The boarding house is where you sleep, do your homework, and eat your meals. Your boarding house is your home.
- Some of you will have boarded before, others not. Both categories of new pupil have a lot to get used to. Always ask if you are unsure about anything.
- Your Housemaster will be able to answer any questions which are academic, extra-curricular or social; your Matron will be able to help with any domestic questions.
- Your contemporaries will be able to help with anything too. They have three years of experience for you to call on.

Routines:

- Boarding schools run on routines. Your Housemaster will explain expectations of you.
- Read the School Rules. They are essentially common sense, but ask if you are unsure.
- Be as punctual and as organised as you can be, and make sure you attend all meals.
- Get to bed on time. Get up in good time.
- Ask your Housemaster's permission if you want to leave the House after tea.
- Get to know the younger year groups in your House. Always try to have a conversation with boys in year groups other than your own.
- You will have certain boarding house responsibilities. Do them conscientiously.

Academic work:

- Work hard, be organised and determined. Get started on set homework early.
- Your teachers will always be willing to give you extra help if necessary, and never hesitate to talk to your Housemaster if you have any academic concerns.

Extra-Curricular:

- Winchester offers a huge amount beyond the classroom: Sport, Music, Drama and societies offer a wide range of opportunities.
- If you know you like something, do it. Don't be shy, get stuck in. Ask if you need timings and venues.
- Also try something new. There will be things you might not have had a chance to do before. Give them a go.
- The more time you put in to your extra-curricular life the more you will get out of it.
- Your Housemaster will be very happy to offer you advice on how to choose, and preserve, the right balance.

Summary:

- You earned your place here through your academic potential and your willingness to contribute to the extra-curricular life and boarding environment of the school.
- It may feel tough at times, but we are all here to help you, so always ask.
- Six terms will fly by. Enjoy them. Make the most of what Winchester has to offer you; and make the most of what you have to offer to the school.