

BOARDING AT TRURO HIGH



TRURO HIGH SCHOOL
Where Girls Thrive

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HELLO



MRS SARAH MATTHEWS, HEADMISTRESS

On behalf of the whole school I am delighted to welcome you and your daughter to the Truro High family. It is always slightly daunting being the new girl but I suspect there are few places where the welcome will be quite as warm as at Truro High. Your daughter will quickly find a sea of smiles and friendly faces here and, like me, will see that the school is a hive of purposeful activity, brimming with enthusiastic students.

Rashleigh House, Dalvenie House and Key House are the centre of a boarder's life at Truro High School for Girls and we are proud of the excellent standard of pastoral care, facilities and 'extras' we are able to provide.

We aim to create an environment in which every girl can feel a sense of belonging and be as 'at home' as possible. In this way she will be best able to work successfully and fulfil her potential, academically and in the rest of her busy, purposeful life.

We will all be helping your daughter, as a new girl, to integrate as rapidly and smoothly as possible into our community, beginning with her House. This is probably a daunting time for you and for her and it is important now, as it will continue to be, for us to work in partnership with you.

We have called this handbook 'Life in The Houses', although the material it covers necessarily goes beyond strictly House matters. I hope you will find it helpful and will keep it as a reference throughout your daughter's career at Truro High School.

A VERY WARM WELCOME

Welcome to Boarding at Truro High School for Girls. We have put this book together for new boarders and their parents to prepare you for your time with us.

As you read through what follows, you will get the chance to find out a bit more about how life works on a day to day basis.

We explain our general aims and ethos as well as expectations regarding behaviour, communication and conduct. You will find out about many aspects of boarding life from when meals are served, to when you are allowed to use the Wi-Fi and when you are expected to get up for school in the mornings.

You'll also meet the House Parent team who will be looking after you, get an idea of what happens outside the school day and who will help if you don't feel well as well as all sorts of answers to questions you might not have thought about yet – who does your laundry? How will you find a uniform or manage your money when you are here? Can you use the school pool in the evenings?

We hope that you will find the information here a useful starting point both before you come to join us and in your early days.

We look forward to meeting you.





OUR COMMITMENT

At Truro High School for Girls we are committed to the development of the intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and cultural development of each pupil. We are committed to excellence in all that we undertake and offer our pupils a strong academic tradition within the context of a very rich curriculum. We value the unique gifts of each girl and offer an environment in which these gifts can flourish. At Truro High School for Girls we encourage independent thinking and learning, self-motivation and accountability.

The innate dignity of each member of the community is respected and our Christian faith is demonstrated in service to others, irrespective of age, ethnic origin, religious belief or social background.

The timeless values of honesty, integrity and tolerance are honoured. We aim to send out into the world young women who are adaptable, courageous and compassionate, with the confidence to respond to the opportunities and challenges of the twenty first century.

BOARDING AIMS & PRINCIPLES

AIMS OF BOARDING

To foster a family atmosphere in which girls establish and develop good and valuable friendships with other boarders, and feel able to turn to other members of the community (staff or pupil) for advice or support as well as to share good news and achievements

- To promote individuality and encourage girls to grow in confidence
- To provide an environment and accommodation which is safe, comfortable, and homely
- To allow each girl to develop spiritually, culturally, morally and socially, and to provide a suitable
- routine and framework to support this development of the whole person
- To provide opportunities to develop responsibility and growing independence, and to support girls in their development as individuals, team players, and leaders
- To promote links and communication between the boarding and day elements of each girl's school life, and to support her academic progress in boarding time as appropriate
- To encourage links with parents in the support and development of their daughter as a boarder

These aims are founded on the following principles, which underpin our daily lives as a Boarding community

PRINCIPLES OF BOARDING

- Maintain an open environment of mutual trust in which each girl and member of staff is treated with respect and as an individual
- Take care of each other and the environment in which we live, and respect each person's right to privacy
- Recognise that everyone is unique, and positively encourage the development of all talents
- Take part in a variety of activities in the evenings and at weekends to help in achieving a work/life balance
- Allow fellow boarders to work, play, and relax free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying
- Demonstrate Christian values in service to others, regardless of age, race, religion, or social background

MEET THE HOUSE PARENTS



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As Head of Boarding, Dr Dollins has direct responsibility for all the boarders and her primary concern is their care and welfare. She monitors the boarders' academic progress (in liaison with the Form Tutors) and endeavours to ensure that their School life is fulfilling without being overloaded. Dr Dollins lives in Dalvenie with her husband, Mr Noble, and their flock of ducks.



MRS KATE ROBERTS

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Mrs Roberts has been at the school for a number of years and is responsible for the welfare and pastoral care of the older boarders. Mrs Roberts lives in Rashleigh with her husband Mr Roberts, who is part of the school maintenance team, and two friendly dogs who are always up for a cuddle with a homesick boarder.



MISS VICKY MATHER

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Miss Mather has been at the school for a number of years. When she's not House Parenting, Miss Mather can often be found with her horse on the bridle paths around Newquay.



MS ANNABELLA ATHA

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Dalvenie House

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CONTACTING THE BOARDING HOUSES

Email is often the most reliable way of sending a message to one of the House Parents, although they are also contactable on the numbers opposite.

PUPIL REPRESENTATIVES

It is very much in line with the ethos of the school that senior girls are encouraged to take on a sisterly and supportive role towards the younger girls.

Some girls may also prefer to speak to someone in their peer group and for this reason each year the girls elect a Head Boarder and Deputy from the Sixth form community. These prominent roles provide valuable opportunities for development and training for the management positions our girls will take up in their adult lives.

The Head Boarder for 2023 - 2024 is Stefi Paltinus.

FORM TUTORS

You daughter's form tutor is another adult to whom the girls can relate and to whom they can turn if they need advice and support. Girls have a different Form Tutor every year in the Prep School but remain with the same Form Tutor from Years 7-11. It is the Form Tutor who registers them morning and afternoon and who monitors both academic progress and wellbeing together with the House Parent.





MEET THE MAIN SCHOOL TEAM



MRS SARAH MATTHEWS
Headmistress

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Mrs Matthews is in overall charge of everything that happens here at school and she looks forward to getting to know your family over the coming weeks and months.



MISS DEB FREEMAN
Deputy Head

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Miss Freeman works with your daughter's Tutor to help make the move to Senior School as easy as possible. She is here to help when Tutors are not available or if you or your daughter have a question and are not sure who to ask.



MR GEORGE FORD
Director of Academic Operations & Partnerships

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Mr Ford is in charge of organising parents' evenings and is the person to contact with any questions about options choices or school reports.



MRS JOANNA HOUSE
Director of Teaching & Learning

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Mrs House is in charge of overseeing your daughter's work and progress in lessons.



MRS SARAH BUDD
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MRS KATIE HINKS,
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Mrs Hinks is in charge of Prep School and is also the school's safeguarding lead.

CONTACTING THE MAIN SCHOOL

If you have a concern relating to an academic matter or your daughter's House Parent is unable to help with your query, you can contact the main school reception on (+44) 1872 272 830 between 08:00 and 16:30.

Regular communications from school come through an email system called Parentmail. You will be given information about how to sign up to this at the beginning of term.

Truro High also has Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts that are updated regularly with pictures and news all of the activities going on throughout the school. Follow us @trurohighschoolforgirls and keep up to date with some of the things that your daughter is involved in.

ACADEMIC REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS

Parents will receive either an Interim (short) Report or a Full Report each term for pupils in Years 7-10. Pupils in Years 11-13 receive a report in the first and second terms and then sit their external examinations in the final term. Your daughter's Form Tutor will discuss the reports with her.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parents' Meetings are held at regular intervals during the academic year to enable parents to meet their daughters' teachers and to discuss academic progress. On these occasions parents are welcome to come to the School and discuss specific matters with us or send a guardian representative. For those unable to attend, we are very happy to attend these meetings with your daughters at your request or alternatively, can arrange Skype appointments.



WITH ALMOST **80 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AND CLINICS** EVERY WEEK FROM SPORT TO MUSIC AND FROM GREENPOWER TO ANIMAL CARE



OUR DAILY ROUTINE

Timings	Activity
7.15am	Wake up call for boarders
8.00am	Breakfast and Registration in the dining room
8.40am - 9.05am	Form time Assembly (Mondays & either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday on rotation)
9.05am - 10.05am	Lesson 1
10.05am - 10.25am	Break time
10.25am - 11.25am	Lesson 2
11.25am - 12.30pm	Lesson 3
12.30pm - 1.40pm	Lunch* / Rehearsals / Clubs
1.40pm - 2.40pm	Lesson 4
2.45pm - 3.45pm	Lesson 5
3.45pm - 5.30pm	Homework Club / Sports practices / Rehearsals / Activities / Clubs
6.00pm	Supper and Registration in the dining room
6.30pm - 8.30pm	Prep (homework) for boarders
8.30pm - 10.00pm	Bedtime (depending on age)
11.00pm	Boarding Houses locked and alarmed

* The time when your daughter has lunch will vary depending on which clubs she chooses to join in with

WEEKENDS

PREP (HOMEWORK) TIME

Prep, or homework, is given to members of the senior school on a daily basis and is usually carried out in the school IT suite or library for years 7-11. Trusted sixth formers are allowed to work quietly in their rooms.

Prep starts at 6.30pm every day and runs until 8.30pm. It is supervised by a qualified teacher who is on hand to support girls who may need it.

GOING OUT IN THE EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS

During the week, girls are allowed out into Truro after school, provided that they are back for supper at 6.00pm. Girls in Year 7-10 must be in groups of at least two, but older girls who are in Year 11 and are sixteen or older are allowed to go by themselves at the House Parent’s discretion.

Going out after supper must have prior approval by House Parents and would usually be limited to special occasions only, particularly during the school week. Boarders are not allowed to walk by themselves after dark, or miss Prep unless in exceptional circumstances. When spending time in town all boarders are expected to follow the UK laws regarding alcohol consumption, and no-one should return to the boarding houses in an inebriated state.

Parental permission is always needed for boarders in year 11 and below for any visit to a nearby town unless under staff supervision. Parental permission is always needed for sixth form boarders for visits to nearby towns for evening meals at the weekend.

Girls are allowed to stay overnight with friends providing that written permission has been obtained from their parents as well as the parents of the girl that they are staying with, in reasonable time in advance of the event. It must also be ascertained that there will be an adult host at the house that is being visited.

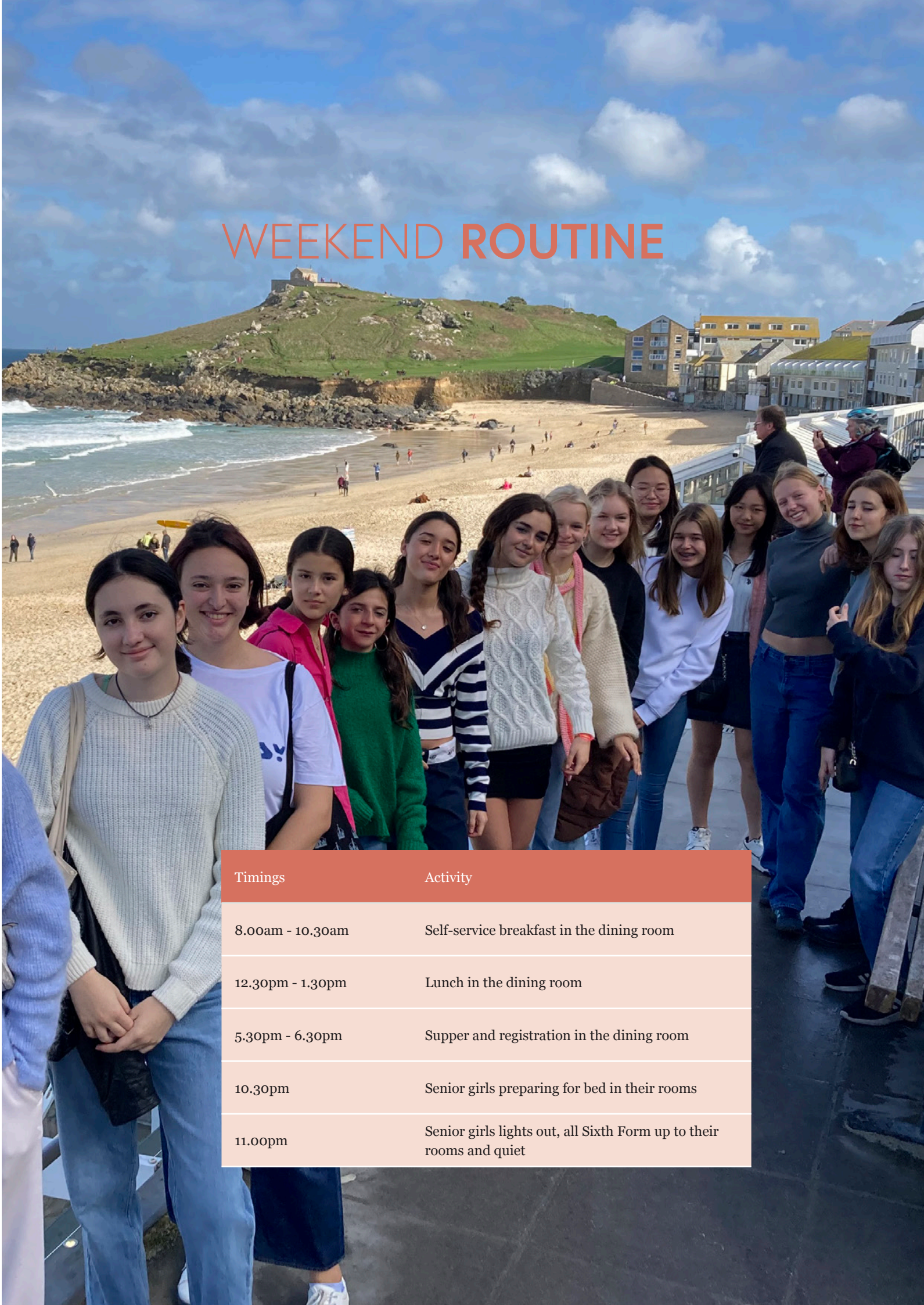
Boarders are only allowed to travel in the cars of day pupils, or drivers under the age of 21 providing written permission has been obtained from the parents of both the driver and the boarder concerned.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Boarders have a range of options in terms of how they spend the time outside their school day. After school there are a wide range of extracurricular clubs that girls are encouraged to get involved in to increase their practical, language and cultural skills. As well as taking trips to Truro to go shopping with friends, it is also expected that all boarders will contribute to and join in with a number of House activities while they are with us. Particularly for students for whom English is not their first language, and those in years 7-10 these activities are seen as a core part of the curriculum and as such, there is an expectation that they will attend at least one event (or equivalent) each fortnight.

A list of activities is created in the first week of each term and emailed to parents as well as being published on the house notice boards. There is at least one activity scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday each weekend, and girls are expected to attend at least one trip a fortnight and an activity on the alternate weekend.

The majority of these activities are free to the boarders and include big trips such as the Eden Project, St Michael’s Mount, city visits to Plymouth and Exeter as well as smaller events such as smoothie and ice cream factories, karaoke evenings, pitch and putt golf and winter walks.



WEEKEND ROUTINE

Timings	Activity
8.00am - 10.30am	Self-service breakfast in the dining room
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch in the dining room
5.30pm - 6.30pm	Supper and registration in the dining room
10.30pm	Senior girls preparing for bed in their rooms
11.00pm	Senior girls lights out, all Sixth Form up to their rooms and quiet



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Boarders have the advantage of having the school facilities right on their doorstep. They are all encouraged to participate in at least one after school club and most choose many more. Options change termly but can include sports

There are additional swimming sessions arranged in the evenings for boarders, and there are often tournaments in badminton or table tennis that the girls like to organise between themselves.

Girls also enjoy participating in additional private clubs outside school. Examples of these include ballet, horse riding and county sports training. House Parents will arrange private taxis to these activities at parents' request and where they can, will offer lifts from time to time as well.

Rock Climbing
Go SUP
Orchestra
Set Design Club
Yoga
Tennis
Greenpower Racing
LAMDA

Jazz Band
Swimming
Aspiring Programmes
Go Surf
Astronomy
Photography
Go Sail
Animal Care

Gardening Club
Pottery
Athletics
Drama
Baking
Young Enterprise
Choir
and lots more....



HOUSE PRACTICALITIES

NEW BOARDERS' INDUCTION

New boarders all participate in a two and a half day induction prior to starting school in September. During this time, there is a full programme of organised activity from local treasure hunts to beach trips, all designed around helping girls settle in their new boarding lives.

House Parents are involved in these days as well as members of the senior leadership team and the boarders' new form tutors. In between the team building activities, key members of staff talk to the girls about important aspects of school life such as looking after yourself, your possessions, and money, the school IT policy (the Network Manager) and health (the school nurse). This ensures that when new boarders go to school on the first day they are fully prepared and oriented in their environment – important factors in those first few days.

IT AND CONNECTIVITY

Most girls choose to bring a laptop and/or smart phone and tablet with them from home, both for school work and to keep in contact with friends and family.

Everyone is provided with access to the School computer network soon after they arrive and must agree to the guidelines for network use. Each girl receives a school email address and is shown how to access the system and how to manage her account. All messages are screened by the system for unacceptable material.

The Boarding Houses have Wi-Fi connections throughout. Both houses have computers and printers for girls to use.

Girls are forbidden from using the internet or mobile phones after lights out and we request that parents support us with this by restricting their communications with their daughters to sociable hours. Girls in Dalvenie are requested to hand in their phones at bedtime from Sunday - Thursday.

PERSONAL SPACES

It is an important part of feeling at home for girls to have some personal possessions with them in School. These should be clearly labelled with the girl's name and it is advisable not to bring unnecessary valuable items.

A Pupils' Personal Insurance scheme is available for overseas students and the cost is included in the fees. UK parents are advised to include provision in their own insurance cover for their daughter's belongings while away from home.

Boarders should bring their own bed linen with them. We recommend at least one, ideally two sets that includes a single duvet cover (135cm x 22cm), two rectangular pillow cases (50cm x 75cm) and a fitted sheet (90cm x 200cm). All of these things can be easily bought in Truro if necessary.

Each bed has a noticeboard next to it with space for photos and letters of friends, family, pets and favourite bands. One suitcase of luggage is usually sufficient as the Boarding Houses have limited storage over the holidays. Girls are expected to carry their own luggage when getting to or from the school if they are using the train or coach.

Girls are expected to keep their rooms tidy at all times. Floors and desk tops must be clear so that they may be cleaned every morning. Curtains are to be opened and electrical appliances must be switched off before the start of school. No food should be kept or eaten in the bedrooms.





MONEY AND VALUABLES

Girls are strongly recommended not to bring large amounts of cash into their House. Older girls are encouraged to open a local bank account. There is easy access to cash points in town. Otherwise, girls should ask their House Parent to look after the money for them.

It is essential that girls take great care of their bank cards and indeed any other valuables they have at School. Security is important and girls must not leave money, purses or wallets around the House, or indeed anywhere in the School.

FOOD

We are lucky to have a team of chefs who prepare all the boarders’ meals from fresh ingredients on a daily basis. In the morning, girls have a range of options for breakfast including fresh fruit salad, yoghurt, cereals, toast, and pastries. As winter draws nearer, more cooked breakfasts and porridge are also introduced.

Evening suppers always include a meat option and a vegetarian option, accompanied by a choice of carbohydrates and fresh vegetables. Pudding includes a cooked and prepared option as well as a variety of fresh fruit. Specific dietary requirements are catered for as a matter of course.

Girls are able to choose between a pudding of their choice or a birthday cake on their birthdays and these will also be prepared by the kitchen. The latter is usually chosen and both houses will sing ‘Happy Birthday’ before sharing it between them all.

At the weekends, breakfast is self-served.

LAUNDRY

Each House has its own washing machines and dryers for the girls to use to wash their clothes. Laundry powder is provided by the School. Senior girls from Years 7-Sixth Form are expected to do their clothes washing in our laundry room and will be helped by staff to do so until they get the hang of it themselves. Full boarders are expected to do a regular full bed linen change and will be reminded by House staff to do so. The House Parents will wash the clothes and bedding for girls in the Prep school.

It is vital that all clothing be labelled as you can imagine that there are many identical uniforms going through the system each week. The school cannot take responsibility for lost clothes, and those that have not been named are particularly hard to retrieve. Girls are expected to maintain their uniform, games kit, and personal clothing in a neat and presentable condition. An ironing board and iron are also located in the House and girls are strongly encouraged to have a go.



HOUSE REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

In the Houses, as in the main school, we expect high standards of behaviour, based upon the Christian values of our foundation; care for others, self-respect and self-discipline. Examples of behaviour which would be inconsistent with these principles and are therefore unacceptable include: stealing, lying, cheating, bullying, rudeness, damage to property or the environment.

As we aim to nurture self-discipline and to give praise and encouragement in order to promote good behaviour, punishments are kept to a minimum and rarely enforced. However, sanctions used in response to behaviour which is considered to be inconsistent with the aims and ethos of the school, include verbal reprimands, weekday detentions (usually for work related offences, such as repeated lateness with prep), or confinement to the House (gating). Sanctions for major and minor offences are set out in the school’s Rewards and Sanctions Policy.

FRIENDS' VISITS

School friends are always welcome to visit the boarding houses. Visits must be agreed with the boarding houseparents in advance.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

We educate girls to take a pride in their appearance and to realise that how they look gives messages about themselves and reflects on the community of which they are all members. In School we expect them to look smart and business like in their uniform or, in the case of Sixth Formers, presentable in their own clothes.

Full details of uniform are found in the clothes list sent with the Joining Pack and also on the website. Uniform is purchased from Castle Sports & Uniform Ltd in Falmouth.

Boarders who are staying for one term only do not need school PE kit but can wear their own from home.

Upstairs in the Houses there are very few restrictions on what can be worn but please do remember that the girls have limited storage space and there is no need for a vast amount of home clothes. We also ask for a degree of modesty in the communal areas such as dining rooms. Please remember that all clothing (both school uniform and home clothes) must be clearly named.

PASTORAL CARE

MEDICAL CARE

The Health Centre is staffed by a qualified nurse and available to girls during school hours. Our aim is to keep the girls as fit as possible, to offer health education, and to care for them if they are not well enough to stay in the House. Unwell girls are admitted to the Health Centre until they are well enough to return to School and House accommodation in the evening.

Boarders are registered with a local General Practitioner. Consultations with the doctors and nurses are confidential and full medical records are kept. All girls are given a basic medical examination by the School Nurse when new to the School. Essential information, such as care instructions or allergies, are disclosed to the staff to ensure medical needs are met in House. We recommend that girls visit dentists, orthodontists and opticians whilst at home, for continuity of care.

Girls, as a general rule, are not allowed to have medicines (including alternative or homeopathic preparations) in their possession or to take such without the permission of the medical staff. We ask them to bring anything of this sort to the School Nurse on arrival at the boarding house for consideration.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR DAUGHTER FEELS UNWELL?

The first thing we hope will happen is that she will tell one of us. All our House Staff have been First Aid trained. We will make a judgement about whether the situation requires calling the Doctor, going to bed in the House (weekends only), going to bed in Health Centre (weekdays), simple medication from the First Aid cupboard, or simply a bit of extra care and attention.

In more serious or infectious conditions where a girl needs to be kept away from school we will liaise with you to agree the best place for her to be looked after. This may be with a relative, guardian or potentially to return home should the situation allow.

BULLYING AND SUPPORT

High staff ratios allow girls to be known and treated as individuals and there is very much an open door policy within the boarding house, with girls encouraged to come to staff or others should they need a listening ear. Having said this, Truro High School for Girls will not tolerate bullying in any form. Bullying is deemed to be occurring when someone needlessly causes someone else to be unhappy. A copy of the behaviour policy is displayed in each House.

All staff and the Head Boarders are aware of school policies around bullying as well as rules and sanctions although due to a proactive approach in communication and behaviour observation, these are very rarely needed. As well as staff, girls are clearly signposted towards other sources of help and support should this be needed and there is a good relationship with the School's Independent Person who visits regularly.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The school has a policy on drugs and alcohol which is available on the school website. In essence there is a zero tolerance policy and the taking, supplying or possession of drugs (both legal and illegal) is strictly prohibited and the very toughest line will be taken.

Pupils are not allowed to bring alcohol into the boarding house for any event. When spending time in town all boarders are expected to follow UK laws regarding alcohol consumption, and no-one should return to the boarding houses in an inebriated state. If any alcohol or evidence of alcohol misuse is discovered, this will be dealt with firmly and in line with school procedures.

RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

The School is keen to encourage a strong sense of faith. Truro High School has a Church of England foundation and Christian values underpin all that we aim to do and teach. However, the School values the presence and the contribution of members of other denominations and faiths.

The School is happy to organise transport to both churches and other places of worship as required. If we are not able to provide a lift ourselves, we are happy to arrange a private taxi for your daughter if this would be helpful.



OTHER INFORMATION FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

GUARDIANS

All international boarders must have a named Guardian in this country who is prepared to take responsibility for making arrangements for their care should the need arise.

There are no exeat weekends but the boarding houses are closed over half term and the main school holidays. During half term holidays it is quite usual for girls to stay with their guardians or a host family if they choose to stay in the UK.

Responsibility for the welfare of pupils while in the care of their guardians rests solely with the parents and not the school. Whilst the school does not recommend or arrange guardianship on behalf of the parents, the school recognises that boarders' welfare is important. Boarding staff will speak with boarders on their return from host families and will act on any issues that arise. The girls' guardian will act as a representative of the family, will receive all school correspondence and will be invited to school functions such as Parents' Evenings, concerts and other social occasions.

Please ask the school if you would like the name of current Guardianship Agencies used by our parents, or contact AEGIS at www.aegis.uk.net for a list of accredited Agencies.



VISAS AND TRAVEL PERMITS

The school must hold all half term and end of term travel and accommodation details and contact information to fulfil immigration requirements. We ask that full details are provided in writing by a parent no later than 2 weeks before an end of term or half term.

All Overseas students should ensure that they arrive with the correct, up to date travel documentation and information. For more details, please check the UK Government visas and Home Office websites: www.ukvisas.gov.uk and www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Mrs Hood, the EAL teacher, is based in the Learning Support Centre that is in the main building of the school near to the Library. She works with teaching and boarding staff to encourage and support the students' development of English to enable them to fully access the curriculum and integrate into the wider life of the school. Pupils are expected to speak English at all times in communal areas in school and the boarding houses.

Girls are assessed in their English skills on arrival and lessons are delivered in small groups. Girls are either removed from modern language lessons so EAL lessons can take place (depending on their language ability and EAL requirements), or EAL can take place before school, after school or over a lunchtime. Very occasionally, EAL will replace another subject. EAL lessons are challenging and include the development of all skills (reading, writing, spelling, listening and speaking), as well as subject specific vocabulary, idiomatic English and grammar work.

All EAL pupils attend mainstream English lessons and sit GCSE English at the end of Y11. Sixth formers can opt to study towards an internationally recognised qualification such as IELTS.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Pupils with Specific Learning Differences (SpLD) are able to receive support from a dedicated team of fully qualified specialist teachers, experienced in assessing and teaching pupils with dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and other specific difficulties. Should support be necessary, an appropriate programme will be put in place to support the pupil in her studies. There is an additional charge for Learning support and EAL lessons.



TRAVEL & TERM DATES

THE BEGINNING AND END OF TERM

Girls return to the boarding houses at any time after 4:00pm (no earlier) on the day before the start of term (with the exception of the beginning of the year for new pupils – see term dates). Where the last day of term or half term is a full day, they should be collected from the boarding houses at no later than 5:00pm.

The academic programme runs from the very first day of term until the last and as such late returns or early departures are strongly discouraged and only granted by exception. Any application should be put to the Head of Boarding and is unlikely to be approved unless in extenuating circumstances.

The only exception made on travelling days is for girls either travelling home overseas or travelling a long distance to their home in the UK. Guardians should be reasonably local and therefore any travel to Guardians for holidays must be booked for once school has finished.

AIRPORT TRAVEL

There are a number of options for girls catching flights from London Heathrow and boarding staff are happy to help advise parents and their daughters on what might be most suitable.

The school runs a minibus service at the beginning and end of each term and often in half terms too, providing there is sufficient demand. This is run by two experienced ex-teachers from school and takes girls from the door of their boarding house all the way to check in. This is the most popular method of travel for younger boarders as it is a straightforward option, accompanied by adults who can sort out any issues that may arise at check in and manage paperwork associated with Unaccompanied Minor status should it be required. The cost of this service is £75 each journey.

Girls making use of the school minibus service are asked to arrive at LHR on a flight landing between 05:00am and 09:00am, and depart at the end of term on a flight between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Parents are strongly encouraged to contact House staff before booking flights, so the times and dates can be confirmed before any money is paid out.

Other travel options include a train from Truro to London Paddington and another that connects on to London Heathrow, or a National Express Coach from Truro to the Coach Station at Heathrow. House staff can support your daughters to make the necessary arrangements.

There is also a flight from Newquay to London Gatwick and one from London Gatwick to Newquay.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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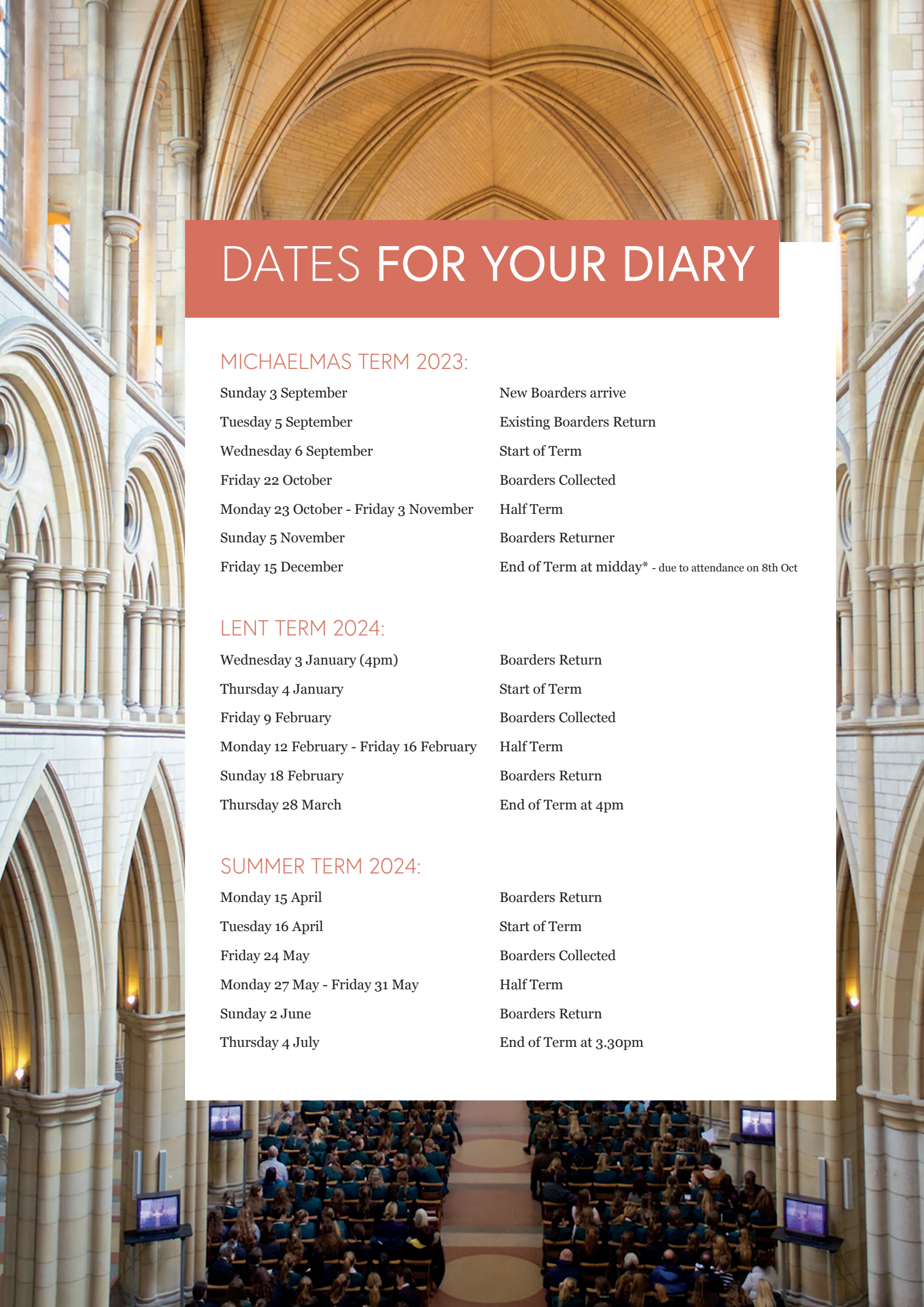
Sunday 3 September	New Boarders arrive
Tuesday 5 September	Existing Boarders Return
Wednesday 6 September	Start of Term
Friday 22 October	Boarders Collected
Monday 23 October - Friday 3 November	Half Term
Sunday 5 November	Boarders Returner
Friday 15 December	End of Term at midday* - due to attendance on 8th Oct

LENT TERM 2024:

Wednesday 3 January (4pm)	Boarders Return
Thursday 4 January	Start of Term
Friday 9 February	Boarders Collected
Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February	Half Term
Sunday 18 February	Boarders Return
Thursday 28 March	End of Term at 4pm

SUMMER TERM 2024:

Monday 15 April	Boarders Return
Tuesday 16 April	Start of Term
Friday 24 May	Boarders Collected
Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	Half Term
Sunday 2 June	Boarders Return
Thursday 4 July	End of Term at 3.30pm





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