



HAZLEGROVE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



GUIDE FOR BOARDING FAMILIES  
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# A little about Boarding at Hazlegrove and the Boarding Team

Pastoral care is key to the strength and overall success of the boarding at Hazlegrove; it is at the heart of everything that we do. Our pastoral care in the boarding houses at Hazlegrove is underpinned by the philosophy that each and every child should be parented – every day! In other words, children should not go through a day without an adult showing an interest in them and expressing a genuine concern for them. They all deserve to have an adult involved in guiding them and being a positive role model to them. We achieve this by having a large number of adults on duty in and around the Houses every day.

We are in a privileged position to have at least five adults, working in each boarding house every night; and we have additional members of staff who live on site who are fully involved and committed to the boarders time at Hazlegrove. We all believe in promoting childhood and making sure that the children have a magical time whilst at Hazlegrove.

The well-being of our children is the most important aspect of school life at Hazlegrove. As a team of adults, caring for children, we continually strive to keep the children and their happiness, in the forefront of all that we do, think and say.

In essence, we strive to ensure that we establish an environment where:

- There is a genuine family-feel, where children and staff feel appreciated for who they are.
- There is a trusting and safe environment where everyone feels that they can be the best person they were intended to be.
- A community flourishes, when it includes others and encourages the involvement of parents, non-resident staff and day children alike.



## The Boarding Community

As well as a hundred and twenty boarders, Hazlegrove is also home to many staff and their families, all of whom are involved in some way with the boarding community. This means that there is always lots going on with many adults around and there is always someone to talk to.

Communication is key and our “family-feel” encourages dialogue between all the adults involved with the care of the children. We would like parents to feel that they are a part of the boarding journey and that we work together to enrich the lives of the children in our care.

We all know that healthy, open communication is vitally important for any relationship to flourish; and it is no different at schools. Parents are encouraged to speak to their children’s houseparents (and tutors) as soon as they have a concern... or if they have good news to share! Caring for the children is a partnership and we actively encourage the parents to be a part of their children’s lives whilst in our care. We look forward to creating healthy and happy relationships with parents and are here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The school website has lots of photos that friends and family can access, using the flickr icon, [www.flickr.com/photos/hazlegrovesch/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/hazlegrovesch/albums).

It is also worth following the school on Twitter:

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@HazlegrovePrep

@HZG\_Music

@HZG\_Library

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@HZG\_Trips

@HZG\_Boarding

@HZG\_Catering

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There is also a Facebook page called ‘Friends of Hazlegrove’ that parents can join.





# Meet the Boarding Team

## Girls' Boarding: Blackford House



The girls in Blackford House are looked after by Mr and Mrs Forbes (Houseparents), Mrs Matthews and Mrs Pagliaro (Matrons). There are gap/grad students who assist in the evenings and mornings and residential staff who work in the House during the week. The residential staff are: Mrs Benbow, Mrs Schreiber, Mrs Head, Miss Milne and Miss Proctor.



*Mrs Pagliaro*  
Matron



*Mrs Matthews*  
Matron

You can contact Mr and Mrs Forbes on: [af@hazlegrove.co.uk](mailto:af@hazlegrove.co.uk) | [ef@hazlegrove.co.uk](mailto:ef@hazlegrove.co.uk)

### TELEPHONES

Each House has Boarders' telephones and these numbers are published in the termly School Calendar.

School House: 01963 442526 | 442527 | 442528

Blackford House: 01963 442520 | 442521 | 442522

Lankester House: 01963 442523 | 442524 | 442525

Parents may always ring during the day and leave a message with the School Secretary or contact the Houseparents directly on:

Mr and Mrs Froggatt : 01963 442616

Mr and Mrs Forbes : 01963 442611

# Boys' Boarding School House and Lankester House



Mr and Mrs Froggatt are responsible for the care of the boy boarders at Hazlegrove across both of the boys' boarding houses. They live in School House with the senior boys and are supported by Assistant Boys' Houseparent, Mr Atkinson who lives with his family in Lankester House.

In School House, Mrs Moore and Mrs Leah are the matrons, alongside residential staff, Mr Bartlett, Mr Head and Mr Schreiber.

Lankester House matrons are Mrs Johnson and Miss Barrington, who are joined by residential staff, Mr Benbow, Mr Birch and Mr Jenkins. Both boys houses are also supported by a number of our gap and graduate students.

You can contact Mr and Mrs Froggatt on: [wfroggatt@hazlegrove.co.uk](mailto:wfroggatt@hazlegrove.co.uk) | [lfroggatt@hazlegrove.co.uk](mailto:lfroggatt@hazlegrove.co.uk)



*Mr R Atkinson*  
Assistant Boys'  
House Parent



*Miss*  
Barrington  
Matron



*Mrs Johnson*  
Matron



*Mrs Leah*  
Matron



*Mrs Moore*  
Matron

## Boarding Boys' Clothes and Extra Items List

- Three Pairs of Pyjamas
- One Pair of Slippers<sup>1</sup> (rubber soles)
- One Duvet and Pillow
- Four/Five Towels<sup>3</sup>
- Casual Clothes<sup>4</sup>
- Nail Clippers
- Drawing pins, posters and photos for their display board
- Black Shoe Polish Kit (squeeze tube polish preferred)
- Dressing Gown
- Six Pairs of Underwear
- Sponge Bag<sup>2</sup>
- Two Duvet Covers and Pillow Cases
- Teddy
- One Pair of Trunks/Board Shorts
- Non Aerosol Deodorant
- Tuck Box (Optional)
- Extra Name Tapes<sup>5</sup> (woven, not iron-on)
- Letter Writing Equipment<sup>6</sup>

## Boarding Girls' Clothes and Extra Items List

- Three Pairs of Pyjamas
- One Pair of Slippers<sup>1</sup> (rubber soles)
- Sponge Bag<sup>2</sup>
- Two Duvet Covers and Pillow Cases
- Teddy
- Swimming Costume and Swimming Cap
- Non Aerosol Deodorant
- Tuck Box (Optional)
- Black Shoe Polish Kit (squeeze tube polish preferred)
- Dressing Gown
- Six Pairs of Underwear
- One Duvet and Pillow
- Four/Five Towels<sup>3</sup>
- Casual Clothes<sup>4</sup>
- Nail Clippers
- Drawing pins, posters and photos for their display board
- Extra Name Tapes<sup>5</sup> (woven, not iron-on)
- Letter Writing Equipment<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Slippers or slip-on indoor shoes please – not fun slippers.

<sup>2</sup> Spongebag should contain toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, hair brush and nit comb.

<sup>3</sup> Towels should have loops (in middle of long side) - not bath sheets please.

<sup>4</sup> No more than three outfits of casual clothes are required.

<sup>5</sup> Please place name tapes in an envelope marked for the attention of the matrons.

<sup>6</sup> Paper, envelopes and stamps - including envelopes on which the home address is already written.

Please make sure:

Your child has their pencil case including pens, pencils, protractor, calculator etc with them.

All clothing can be machine washed at 40 degrees or below and is tumble dryable.

The school cannot take responsibility for any clothes damaged which are inadvertently dried this way.





# A to Z of Boarding

## ANIMALS

We have plenty of resident animals including cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs!

## BED BLANKET

Many of the children like to have a small blanket at the bottom of their bed.

## BIRTHDAY CAKES

Parents are welcome to send in a birthday cake to celebrate their child's special day; however, it must not contain nuts. Alternatively, please let the Houseparents know if you would like them to buy a cake on your behalf, the cost of which will be added to the bill, it is also possible for the Houseparents to arrange a cake for tutor period.

If you would like to take your son or daughter out for a birthday supper, please do let the Houseparents know and we will do our best to accommodate that. In the meantime, we enjoy singing Happy Birthday in the Dining Hall to our birthday boys and girls.

## BICYCLES / ROLLER BLADES / SCOOTERS / RIP STICKS

All boarders are allowed bicycles, roller blades, scooters and rip-sticks in school. Bicycles should be in good working order; we recommend that parents make a note of the frame number for security reasons and make sure it is on your household insurance. Bikes are kept in the school bike shed. This is kept locked at night and during the school day.

Helmets must be worn when using these items.

## BLAZERS

Please dry clean blazers during each holiday.

## BOARDERS' CONCERT

Friends and family are welcome to join us for the Boarders' Concert which takes place at 3pm on the Friday of exeats and half term.

## BOARDING MONITORS

A number of Year 8 children become Boarding Monitors. They mentor the younger boarders and help with leading activities, Chapel and many other elements of life in the boarding houses.

## CHAPEL AND PRAYERS

On Sundays we have an informal morning service at 9.45am for the boarders. Chapel is taken by Hazlegrove staff and the King's Bruton Chaplain. Parents are always welcome to join us but do enquire first in case we have planned a trip out. We say grace before breakfast and supper and prayers at bedtime.

## CLOTHES

Pupils are expected to wear home clothes in the evenings and at weekends. All items need to be named, sewn in names tapes preferable. There is not, however, enough storage space for a lot of extra clothing and parents are asked to restrict the casual wear to three changes of clothes; everything must be machine washable and tumble dryable. (Overseas boarders may wish to bring slightly more to cover exeats and half terms).

Coats, wellingtons, backpacks, water-bottles are needed for weekend trips.

## COMMUNICATION AND CONTACTING YOUR CHILD

If you need to contact your child in the evening, there are three telephones in each House or you could always email the Houseparent or phone them directly on the House office number – the numbers are all published in the school calendar. All three houses have access to Skype and email.

## DAILY TIMETABLE

In terms of the routine for the day, the children will finish the school day as normal and then follow the boarding routine. Boarders get changed in to home clothes at 5:45pm and then have supper at 6:00pm. The junior boarders enjoy some free time before going to their Houses whilst the Year 7s and 8s go to prep at 6:40 – 7:10pm, then they have their free time and late suppers, before heading back in to their Houses. We all love a good book and all boarders read before lights out.

### Morning:

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7:15am	Wake up, get dressed and make bed
7:45 - 8:15am	Breakfast, return to tidy up and clean teeth

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### EVENINGS (Activities):

After supper, during the week, the older children (Years 7 and 8) have an extra prep slot – which is supervised by members of staff, whilst the younger children (Years 3 to 6) have free time. During this time, there are a number of activities on offer for the children, supervised by adults. Examples of activities are: free swim, games in the sport hall, sport on the all-weather pitch, Art and DT activities, and of course, the children can ride their bikes and scooters around the school site. In the summer, the fields are a popular place for the children to enjoy ball games, frisbee throwing and cricket. Once prep for the older children has finished, they too then have a spot of free time before late suppers – this is in the Dining hall, where the older children enjoy a bowl of cereal and toast.

Evening:

6:00pm	Tea
6:30 - 7:30	Activities/Prep/Music Practice
7:30 - 7:45pm	Late Supper (cereal/fruit/toast) available to Years 7 and 8 Fruit is available to our younger boarders in the boarding houses
7:10pm	Year 3 Upstairs – Lights out 8:00pm
7:20pm	Year 4 Upstairs – Lights out 8:00pm
7:30pm	Year 5 Upstairs – Lights out 8:15pm
7:40pm	Year 6 Upstairs – Lights out 8:30pm
7:50pm	Year 7 Upstairs – Lights out 9:00pm
8:00pm	Year 8 Upstairs – Lights out 9:00pm

#### DISPLAY BOARDS

Every child has a display board for pictures and photographs. Please do encourage your child to bring lots in as this allows the Houseparents and residential staff to engage with you child's interests

#### ELECTRONICS AND PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

We are a mobile free school but if, for whatever reason, your child has a mobile phone with him/her when arriving at the House, they are please to hand this in to the Houseparents, who will keep this safe. This goes for any valuable items, such as passports and money. The Year 6 to 8 children who have school iPads, hand these in, in the evenings to be charged ready for school.

#### EMAIL

All boarders have email access and the regular use of this facility is actively encouraged to keep in contact with family.

#### END OF SUMMER TERM ARRANGEMENTS

We ask that children take all of their clothes and belongings home with them at the end of the summer term. Experience has shown that clothes left over the holiday period, rarely fit when the children return in September!



## EXEATS AND HALF TERM

Weekends when the school is closed, are known as exeat weekends. Each side of half term there is a scheduled exeat when all pupils go home to their families, or to friends or guardians. This lasts from 4:00pm on Friday until between 6:00 and 7:30pm on Sunday, or Monday morning. We would encourage boarders to return on a Sunday evening after 6pm as it allows them to feel more settled for the week.

Parents must sign their children in and out at exeats and half term. Light meals for the children and tea and coffee for the parents are available in the Houses or Front Hall when returning to school – families are welcome to join us for light refreshments such as toasties and paninis!

Arrangements are similar to exeats, for half term, and return times are the same. Pupils should arrive at school at the start of the year in September wearing school uniform, and after that, it is fine to come back to school in home clothes after half-term, exeats and holidays.

## FIRE ALARM / DRILL

Children need to have a dressing gown and slippers in school in the event of a fire alarm/drill during the night.

## GAP STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

GAP and graduate students live in School House and are an active part of the boarding team across the three houses.

## GOLF

We have a six-hole golf course and putting green and children can keep their clubs in the golf shed at school.

## GUARDIANS

It is a requirement that all overseas boarders must have a guardian in this country. The guardian acts in loco parentis and should liaise with the Houseparents regarding exeats and optional weekends.

## GUIDES

Each new boarder has a Guide, (another boarder to help him/her settle in and find their way around the boarding House, activities and mealtimes). The Houseparents and Tutors train the Guides and meet for regular feedback in the first few days and weeks.

## HAIR

We request that children do not bring the following in to school: hair gel, hair wax or mousse. Haircuts need to take place during the holiday periods ideally. Hair must be kept tidy and above the collar. Long hair must be tied back. Hair must be its natural colour.

## HOUSE MEETING

Weekly House meetings take place in each house where children are encouraged to talk about any concerns they may have.

## INDEPENDENT LISTENER

The children here access to an Independent Listener.

## IN WEEKENDS

The first and last weekend is referred to as an 'In Weekend'. All boarders are expected to stay in. It is a time for bonding as a community and to celebrate the beginning and end of terms. A full, detailed and fun programme is put in place and is aimed to start the term and end it in style!

## JEWELLERY AND MAKEUP

No jewellery allowed apart from watches and small gold or silver, matching, stud earrings (one per ear) for girls with pierced ears. Makeup is not allowed, this includes clear mascara.

## LAUNDRY

Laundry takes place daily and the children change their bedding on a weekly basis.

## LETTER WRITING

Letters are written home every Sunday. Please ensure your child has appropriate writing material, paper, envelopes and stamps. Pre-written home addressed envelopes work well for the children.

## LOST PROPERTY

If your child loses anything, please let us know and we will get our super-sleuth matrons



## MATCHES

Team lists are available on the day before on the parent portal, please check on the match line.

## MATTRESS TOPPER

Some children enjoy having a bed topper on their mattress. Each bed is a single.

## MATRONS

The School has six matrons, two of whom live on site. The Matrons are all first aid trained and are happy to help with all sorts of areas of boarding life, including finding lost clothing!



## MEAL TIMES

We have a wonderful catering team who provide an excellent range of food for the children. Breakfast consists of cereals, toast, fruit juice, porridge and a cooked option (bacon, eggs, sausages etc). The lunch menu is available on the school portal whilst supper is referred to as 'family service' whereby children are in their home clothes, siblings sit together as families and the children serve each other at the table. Allergies and food intolerances are extremely well catered for.

## MEDICAL

Boarders are registered with the local practice in Queen Camel in order to ensure full care throughout term time. During the holidays, they should be treated by the family doctor as a temporary patient.

If your child is unwell, we have a matron on duty in every House and if your child feels unwell during the night, they can call on matrons or Houseparents. If there are any medical conditions that we need to know about, please let the School Nurse be aware of this.

The Nurse visits each boarding house every morning and evening to share any information about children with matrons and Houseparents. In terms of medication, any medicines or vitamins must please be handed to the Houseparents or Nurse with a consent form/medical form. This can be obtained from Reception or the School Surgery.

For any prolonged stay in bed, or for a more serious complaint or injury, parents are informed immediately. The School Doctor pays her routine call weekly but will visit at other times if required. Parents should arrange for their children to visit the dentist during the holidays. In the case of emergencies, we can make the necessary arrangements. Matrons will take your child to Dentist appointments on an ad hoc basis.

If there is a need for vaccinations or other treatments, for overseas travel, parents are asked to contact the Nurse in order to make the arrangements in plenty of time.

All children have access to the Nurse on a regular basis. The Nurse liaises with the Houseparents on these issues.



### MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not allowed at school. If pupils need to speak to their parents during the school day, permission must be sought from the School Office. Boarders need to go through their Houseparents. To allow for time differences when families are able to speak to one another, overseas boarders (and boarders who need to have access to a telephone for travel) are allowed to bring a mobile telephone to school and are kept securely by the Houseparents.

### MUSIC PRACTICE

We are very keen that pupils who learn a musical instrument, practise on a regular basis. A schedule of practice times is published and pupils are expected and encouraged to use these times for their best advantage. Music practice can also take place during free time at the weekend. Sessions are supervised by adults. We would ask parents to take the instruments home and listen to their child as often as possible.

### NEWS

All of our children are encouraged to enjoy reading and for those interested in current affairs, we have Current Affairs/News Boards in the houses.

### OPTIONAL WEEKENDS

We expect that a good proportion of boarders will choose to stay in most weekends when a large variety of activities will be organized. We operate a flexible system of optional weekends where boarders are allowed home or to stay with friends or guardians any weekend other than the first and last weekends of term which are 'in' weekends.

Over these weekends, boarders are expected back between 6:00 - 7:30pm on Sunday, supper is available at 6:00pm. If it is more convenient, children may return on Monday morning by 8:15am so that they have time for unpacking and to organise their books/kit etc. for the day and then attend registration with their tutors at 8:25am (but please advise Houseparents in good time of weekend plans). All pupils should touch base with their Houseparents immediately on their return.

### HARTIES



Parents are generally encouraged not to organise parties during a school week. In the event of a party, boarders should be collected and returned to the school at a time agreed with the Houseparents. Parents arranging these parties should contact and liaise with parents of boarders for permission and inform the school.

## PASTORAL CARE



for whom going many extra miles is an everyday thing, and who unashamedly make time to talk about the children. It includes a dedicated Pastoral Leadership Team which meet once a week, a tutor system, a pastoral care curriculum embedded in everything we do and model, and an ever-developing framework for social and emotional literacy and support.

Houseparents are an integral part of the pastoral care team at Hazlegrove and utilise the daily and weekly opportunities to ensure that any concerns regarding children, are communicated to all relevant members of staff.

The children at Hazlegrove are surrounded with care. That care includes, at its core, staff

## PRAYERS

Grace is said after breakfast, before the evening meal and at weekend meals. Prayers are said at night before lights out.

## POCKET MONEY

There is little need for boarders to have money at school. We suggest a maximum of £20.00 (preferably in £1 coins) per term in case pupils need money when they go out. This should always be left with the Houseparents for safekeeping. If the need arises it is always possible for an advance to be charged to the school bill (with parental permission of course).

## POLICIES

All school policies are available to view and download on the website.

## PREP

Prep is supervised by teachers and there is also an opportunity for the older children to work quietly in the library after prep if they wish to do a little more school work.

## READING

Boarders are encouraged to read before bed and we all read for at least fifteen minutes before lights out. We suggest that every boarder has a book with them for use just before lights out but pupils may prefer to choose from our comprehensive selection in the school library.

## SIBLINGS

Siblings can sit together at supper time and there are plenty of opportunities for them to play together during the evenings and at the weekends.

## SECURITY

All houses are locked with intruder alarms.

## SHOE CLEANING

It's a Hazlegrove tradition! All Houseparents oversee shoe cleaning. Children will need to bring shoe cleaning equipment please.

## SHOWERS

All children shower in the evenings and can have an extra shower in the morning if they would like.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Each term there are a number of special events to look forward to. At the end of the Autumn Term, on the final weekend, the Boarders' Feast is always a highlight of the term with Scottish Dancing after the meal. The children wear smart clothes for this event (button shirt for the boys, party dress for the girls). At the Easter Feast, which is held at the end of the Easter Term, everyone makes an Easter Bonnet with prizes for the best ones. After the meal there is a disco and Just Dance on the Bastion using the inflatable screen.

## SPRAYS, DEODORANTS AND HAIR

Children may start needing to use deodorant. Please provide non-aerosol deodorant if needed. Pupils are not allowed to bring hair gel, hair wax or mousse to school. Boys' hair should be tidy and off the collar and girls' hair should be tidy and tied up. All hair must be its natural colour.

**SODHEXO VOUCHERS** Sodhexo vouchers can also be used at the school, for which the account number is 803254.

## SOFT TOY



Children like to bring small soft toys.

#### SUITCASES AND TRUNKS

For storage reasons, it is preferable that boarders use suitcases rather than trunks.

#### TEETH CLEANING

Houseparents, matrons and GAPS supervise teeth cleaning in the mornings and evenings.

#### TELEPHONES FOR CHILDREN

There are three telephones in each boarding House, as well as several Skype tablets – which are for the use of overseas boarders. The children also have access to their school email, using the computer available in each House.

Although the children may call home any day of the week, the Houseparents may encourage certain year groups to call on specific mornings / nights, in an attempt to regulate the volume of call into the House. Your children (and the Houseparents) will let you know which days are allocated to each year group but if you need to contact your child, the please do – we certainly will not restrict your communication to those designated days only.

Children can phone in the mornings or the evenings, but we encourage parents to speak to Houseparents so that they can understand the rhythm of the House, the routine of the boarding community, and what works best for your child, in order to maximise contact time with your children. We would however encourage parents to call before Quiet reading and last loos – when the children are settling down for bed; and not to call in on Sunday evenings, when the children are often tired from a busy weekend programme and an evening call may unsettle them.

If at any time you need to contact the Houseparents, or in the case of an emergency, please do contact them, using the House office number.

#### TELEVISION

We want our boarders to have fun and we run a busy and full weekend programme which leaves little time for television during the week. Movies are shown on a Saturday night for 'Film Night'. Both are monitored with reference to suitability and age.

#### TERM START / END ARRANGEMENTS

Start of Terms

Autumn Term: Children should arrive between 4.00 to 6.00pm. Children are to wear their school uniform.

Spring and Summer Terms: The children return to school wearing home clothes.

The boarders have dinner in the Dining Room at the start of each term whilst tea and light refreshments are available for parents in the Front Hall.

Half terms and Exeats:

Children arrive back in home clothes and should return between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. Instead of supper in the Dining Hall, we have a light supper in the Houses, usually toasties or baguettes. We also have tea and coffee for parents and a few nibbles in the Houses.

Children are collected at 4pm at the start of exeats and half-terms from their Houses and parents are reminded to please sign their children out.

#### TOILETRIES

We would be grateful if parents could replenish these during half terms, exeats and holidays - we do keep a small stock if needed!

#### TUCK

A small amount should be stored with the Houseparents in the House office and is given out once weekly on a Saturday night and sometimes for a special treat during the week.

\*Parents are asked not to send nuts, products containing nuts or food requiring refrigeration in for tuck.

#### SMALL TRUNKS

Children may find it useful to have a lockable container to keep 'precious things' in. We call the small trunks 'tuck boxes'.

#### UNIFORM

The school has an on-site shop, opening times are available on the website/parent portal/school calender. Matrons are happy to help with uniform.

#### WEEKENDS

- If pupils are going out for the weekend, Houseparents need to be informed by the Thursday, at the latest.
- If, rather than going home or to their guardian, a child is going to stay with friends, both sets of parents should inform the school by the Thursday before the weekend via email, and the permission of both sets of parents should be obtained if the child is going to stay with another pupil.
- Children are encouraged to write thank you letters to their host families.

When leaving the school site or returning to it, boarders must sign in and out.

If the boarders are off-site when you return your child to school, the telephone number to call is 07717 826934 – there will be a member of staff on duty.

### WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Most weekends the boarders have a trip out. Activities range from bowling, visiting places such as Wookey Hole and the more traditional e.g. walks and a picnic. We have a structure to our weekends which usually includes the following:

#### Saturday pm

- Games matches
- The Art and Design block is opened for different activities as well as the Food Technology room for cooking
- A fun swim time
- Computer room, sports hall and all weather pitch are open
- After supper there is a 'Film Night'

#### Sunday

- Breakfast at 9:00am
- Chapel Service
- Letter writing
- Boarders Activities
- Sunday lunch
- A boarders' trip or film with popcorn
- A fun swim time

To get a flavour of what we do please check our website, every week updates are posted with the weekend activities. Unless the boarders are going off site for an activity, children have a wide range of activities available at school but will also have the chance to enjoy 'down-time' whether it be riding bikes or relaxing with friends. We encourage unstructured play time and these times are always supervised by an adult, albeit from a distance.

Duty staff are always familiar faces. Houseparents, residential staff and GAP students assist with the Sunday daytime activities.



# Flexi-Boarding

Flexi-boarders are children who board a night or more during the week. At Hazlegrove, we encourage Flexi-boarders to board on a regular basis, thus allowing them and the full-time boarders to settle more easily and establish themselves with the routine of the House.

Flexi boarders are encouraged to view themselves as full-time boarders; viewing the House as home when they are here. This makes their evenings far more settled and they gain an appreciation for the House being the full-time boarders' home during term times. This is something that we ask parents to talk about with their children before they start to flexi-board, we maintain the same standards and expectations that we have in place for the full-time boarders and don't treat flexi and full-time boarders differently.

Come and visit before your child starts to flexi-board, meet the houseparents and matrons and ask for a tour of the House – boarding is a choice that you have made together with your child and we would like you to feel a part of that journey.

We try to ensure that your child sleeps in the same dorm/bed every time they board – especially if they are regular flexi-boarders. The matrons change the bedding everyday so you can be assured that fresh, clean linen awaits.

## LAUNDRY AND CLOTHING

Flexi-boarders can use the House laundry facilities, please ensure that their clothing is clearly labelled. We do insist on slippers and a gown as the children need to wear this to and from the bathrooms and if there is a fire drill, they need to dress appropriately as we assemble outside.

## WEEKENDS AND POCKET MONEY

If your child flexi-boards over the weekend, please could you send in a small amount of pocket money (£5 would be more than sufficient) – this must be handed in to the Houseparents on arrival.

## TREATS

We occasionally have treats in the House – treat nights and movie nights (on a Saturday evening) so your child can bring in some treats which are kept safely in the House office.

## FLEXI BOARDERS: REMEMBER TO BRING...

- Pyjamas
- Dressing Gown
- Slippers
- A book for the evening
- Clean underwear and any other kit needed for the next day (sports)
- Toiletries
- Towel and shower hat
- A set of home clothes
- Teddy or cuddly toy

\*Please do not hesitate to contact the Houseparents or matrons if you have any questions or concerns.



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