



KENT COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

**OPEN TO
THRIVE**

**Boarding
Handbook
for Students
and Parents**



BOARDING

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HELLO AND WELCOME TO BOARDING AT KC

Welcome to Kent College. We hope that you are going to be very happy with us.

Your parents will have already received information about the school, but this booklet is intended to help you imagine what your life at the school will be like. In the first week you will have lots of new things to get used to, particularly if you have never boarded before, but there will be many students to meet and you will quickly make new friends. All the House Parents, teachers, house staff, in fact all the members of the school community, will be very happy to answer any questions you have and give you the help you need.

Some of the international students may be worried about making themselves understood in English. Try not to worry about this. There will be older students around to help, and you will most likely find someone who speaks the same language as you do. We have a lot of support on hand to help you develop your language skills.

This booklet is in two sections. There is one section on general school routines, and another which is about the house you are going to be in. We hope you are excited about joining KC and that this booklet will help to answer some of the questions you must be eager to ask.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you.

Mr Mark Turnbull, Head

"Pupils value and respect diversity, expressing the view that in such an international community this is natural and is completely aligned with the centrality of the school's core value of respect. The wide variety of nationalities in boarding houses is extremely well supported, creating a harmonious environment that is welcoming to all"

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BOARDING LIFE

I would like to welcome everyone to our family at Kent College - we aim to make your stay with us home from home and as enjoyable as possible. I am very proud of our caring and dedicated House Parents who will make your stay here as comfortable as possible and ensure your boarding adventure is everything you hope for.

Please make sure you ask lots of questions in your first few days with us to ensure you have a full understanding of what we do and how your time at Kent College can be used to give you the best possible experience.

Mr Dan Bennett,
Deputy Head Wellbeing and Pastoral

OUR BOARDING AIMS

- › In line with our school values, each boarder has the right to be able to work, play and relax free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying, we treat people with equality, embrace diversity and include all
- › Boarders will thrive on academic challenges and participate in staff-led activities in an atmosphere that maintains our school values
- › We will provide a range of activities and opportunities related to age that will assist in the personal, social and cultural development of each boarder
- › Boarders will be safeguarded and we will promote the wellbeing of each boarder
- › We provide accommodation that is comfortable and suited to the needs of boarders, which provides good levels of privacy
- › Boarders will have the opportunity to develop responsibility for themselves, for others and for the environment, and develop qualities of leadership and teamwork
- › We encourage boarders to contribute to the needs and welfare of others in the House and school, as well as those in the wider community

OUR KC VISION FOR EDUCATION

Education that is focused upon the needs of **each individual**, developing **enquiring** and **knowledgeable** people who understand how to lead **happy** and **fulfilling** lives as **compassionate** members of a **global** community, with the **skills** to play **active** roles in an **inclusive** and **sustainable** future.

ACTING JUSTLY

work for good through service to others

at

OPENNESS

embrace equality, diversity and inclusion

RESPECT

value oneself, others, and the world around us

KINDNESS

be considerate and compassionate towards others

AMBITION

engage positively with all learning opportunities

RESILIENCE

build the courage to take risks and to forgive others

HUMILITY

walk humbly

we
practise

CURIOSITY

inquire actively

BOARDING PRINCIPLES

We share in the aims of Kent College to:

- › Be a caring Christian family community committed to the development of the full potential of each individual
- › Maintain high educational standards in all academic, cultural and sporting activities, stimulating high excitement in learning and requiring discipline in study whatever the ability of the child
- › Work with and in the communities we serve
- › Encourage pupils in a critical examination of the standards and values current in society and to discover and develop a personal faith to guide them throughout their lives

We adhere to all the values of KC.

Our principles are rooted in **respect** for yourself and those around you. **Acting justly** in our community and taking care of each other. We are **open** to each other, and we develop a **curiosity** to be lifelong learners.

Although living together, staff and boarders acknowledge the right of each other to privacy and expect **kindness** to all.

Each boarder has the right to extend his or her intellectual growth in an atmosphere of positive **ambition** and in conditions that are conducive to learning.

All boarders will build their **resilience** to develop physically, spiritually, intellectually, morally and socially and will leave school with **humility**.



Senior School
Boarding Houses



Junior School
Boarding House



Over 200 students
in boarding



410 day pupils



Over 42 different
nationalities represented
in the college



25 weekend boarding
trips a year



30 evening boarding
activities a week



100 co-curricular
activities and clubs



24 hour
Medical Centre



The KC Family



80 acre campus



600 seat theatre

BOARDING AT A GLANCE

THE BOARDING HOUSES

YOUR HOME AT KC



We want to ensure you thrive at KC and enjoy life in our boarding community. There is a large network of staff and students to support you at KC including our house teams.

We have six well-equipped boarding houses, each designed to suit the needs of individuals living in them. The houses are designed to make you feel comfortable and provide a family atmosphere. There are communal areas, areas for visiting students, and your own private room.

House Parents send a termly update to all families about life in their Boarding Houses and can be contacted at any time using the details provided.

Mr Darren Scott, Head of Boarding

WESLEY HOUSE

GIRLS AGED 14 TO 18

The aim of Wesley House is to guide all of our boarders to reach your fullest potential and nurture your skills, passions, and resilience so that you can develop into the kind of individual you aspire to be, both within school and beyond. Wesley girls learn the values of respect, kindness, and independence through living in a vibrant, diverse and inclusive house community. In Wesley, I promise that we will accept you for whoever you are, and we will help you to become whoever you want to be.



Dr Sarah Horgan
House Parent for Wesley House
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shorgan@kentcollege.co.uk

AUSTEN HOUSE

GIRLS AGED 11 TO 18

Austen House prides itself on being more like a home than a boarding house. My family is very much a part of the house and helps provide that feeling of home that you will no doubt miss at times. Austen House has a friendly and fun nature. The girls are recognised as kind, caring and hardworking. The combination of these characteristics and the different age groups within the house make Austen a special place to be. We are really looking forward to meeting you!



Mrs Bev Pocock
House Parent for Austen House
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bpocock@kentcollege.co.uk

GAMON HOUSE

BOYS AGED 13 TO 18

Gamon House is built around the ethos of 'be the best you can be.' The house is home for 40 boys from around the world and is situated in the heart of the school. Gamon House prides itself on the individual support that each boy receives and the focus on producing respectful and well-mannered individuals. Gamon is a relaxing and welcoming home where boys are allowed to develop, learn and have fun.



Mr Darren Scott
House Parent for Gamon House
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GUILFORD HOUSE

BOYS AGED 11 TO 18

Guilford House operates as a family; the 'Guilford Family' within the Kent College boarding community and, like all strong and successful families, will adopt key values to support you in your time at Kent College. Ultimately, you are here for education but it is important that you see Guilford as your home and I can promise Guilford will be a family home full of fun!



Mr Linden Lockhart
House Parent for Guilford House
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llockhart@kentcollege.co.uk

ELFICK HOUSE

BOYS AGED 14 TO 18

Elfick is a senior boarding house and offers a supportive environment to guide the boys through the challenges of their GCSE and Sixth Form studies. We are home to a diverse international community with a focus on instilling core values of honesty, resilience, and respect for ourselves and each other. We work closely with each of the boys to develop their unique talents and foster a culture of independence which will prepare them for life after Kent College. Elfick is a place where boys can have fun and grow as individuals and we look forward to welcoming you into our home.



Mr Mike Hilderley
House Parent for Elfick House
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mhilderley@kentcollege.co.uk

SIDNEY COOPER HOUSE

GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 7 TO 11

Sidney Cooper House is nestled away at the top of our historic building, looking over our stunning grounds. The beautiful outdoor area allows for the children to spend time in nature, playing with their boarding family.

We pride ourselves on being a nurturing family unit; our small size allows us to really get to know the children well and support and encourage them to reach their full potential and develop lifelong skills that will stand them in good stead for years to come.



Miss Katie Wood
House Parent for Sidney Cooper House
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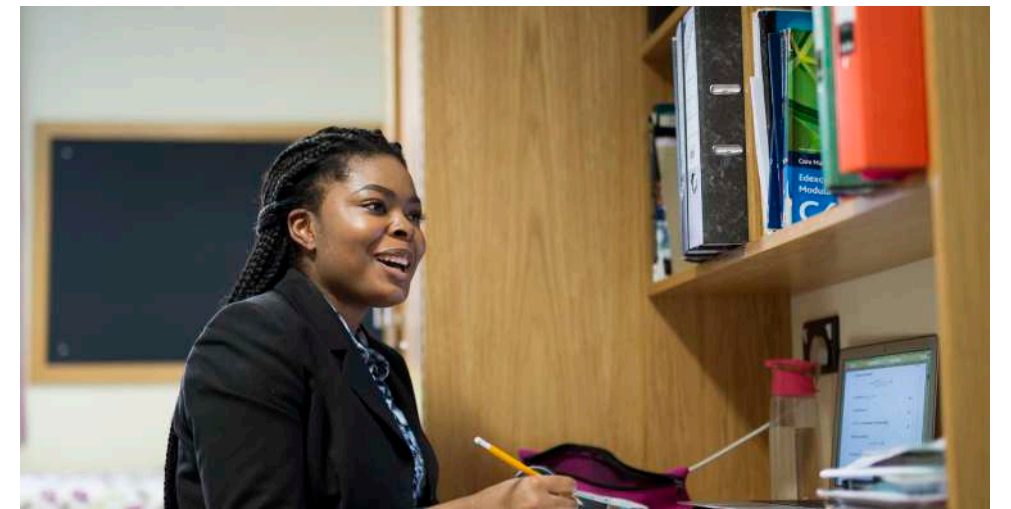
A - Z of Boarding Life at KC



ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Academic progress is key to success. The weekday evenings support your academic progression through structured study time, as well as time for relaxation and fun.

Throughout the school year, you will receive regular academic progress reports, have the opportunity to meet with your teachers at Parents' Evenings, and receive pastoral reports from your House Parent.



ACTIVITIES

School activities and clubs

There is always something for you to do at KC. We run over 100 different clubs and activities at lunch times, or between 16:30pm to 17:30pm in the afternoon and at weekends.

We encourage all students to participate in at least two activities a week to fully benefit from all the exciting opportunities that our school has to offer.

Boarding evening activities

We also offer sporting and non-sporting activities during the weekday evenings and expect you to fully partake in the programme to get the most of your time at KC. Activities are as diverse as quiz nights, pizza making, arts and crafts, basketball, badminton, and film nights (every Friday). Your House Parent or Tutor can help you sign up to these clubs and activities and full details will be shared with you at the start of each term.

Weekend activities

Students in years 7 to 12 are encouraged to participate in Saturday morning activities such as running group, cookery workshop and music. Students in the Senior School are allowed to go into Canterbury on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Sixth Form students who are over 16 are also allowed to go out for a meal on Saturday evenings, with permission from their House Parent. Students competing as part of sports teams at the school may be involved in weekend fixtures, and rehearsals for drama and music performances are also often held at weekends.

On Sundays, students can participate in a variety of fun and informative school outings. All students in Years 7 to 10 are expected to go on these trips.



Boarding evening activities example programme

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Austen				
Nintendo Games Night	Cultural Cooking	Art	Board Games	Movie Night
Gamon				
Music/Design	Chess	FIFA Night	Cultural Evening	Movie Night
Elfick				
Music/Design	E Sports	Board Games	Music Quiz	Movie Night
Wesley				
Crafting	Board Games	Baking	Mindfulness	Movie Night
Guilford				
FIFA Night	Board/Card Games	Quiz Night	Pizza Night	Movie Night
Sidney Cooper				
Board games	Sports Hall	Arts and Crafts	Outdoor Games	Movie Night



BEDDING AND TOWELS

Duvets, pillows and bedding are provided but you can always bring your own bedding if you prefer to personalise your space. You are required to bring your own towels. We recommend bringing two bath towels and two hand towels

BEDTIMES

Year	Bedtime	Lights Out
3 - 4	20:30	20:45
5 - 6	20:45	21:00
7	21:15	21:30
8	21:30	21:45
9	21:45	22:00
10 - 11	22:00	22:30
12 - 13	22:30	23:00



SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

You can use the following areas in the evenings: Art, Music, the Sports Hall, the Dance Studio, the Library, and the Astro Pitch (before 21:00pm). Sixth Formers can also make use of our Cafe, as a social and a recreational space. From the age of 16, students can use the University of Kent gym, which is a short walk from the school site.

- Key:**
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| 1. Main Reception | 14. House Common Rooms (Years 7-9) |
| 2. Great Hall | 15. Year 11 Common Room |
| 3. Wesley House | 16. Prickett Building |
| 4. Art Department | 17. Year 10 Common Room |
| 5. Music School | 18. Heads of House Pastoral Hub |
| 6. Austen House | 19. 1885 Cafe |
| 7. Orchard House | 20. Gamon House |
| 8. Boundary House | 21. Elfick House |
| 9. Sports Hall | 22. The Arch Drop-Off |
| 10. Norfolk Building | |
| 11. Guilford House | |
| 12. Medical Centre | |
| 13. Sixth Form Centre | |



JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

- Key:**
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| 1. Main Reception | 9. Dining Hall | 16. Swimming Pool |
| 2. Library | 10. Garden Cottage Nursery, The Cottage | 17. Sports Field |
| 3. Boarding House | 11. Tennis Courts | 18. Garden House |
| 4. Dining Hall | 12. Nursery Garden | 19. Walled Garden |
| 5. Design | 13. Pre Reception & Reception, Years 1 & 2 | 20. Year 5 & 6 Classrooms |
| 6. Sidney Cooper Art Studio | 14. Music Rehearsal Room | 21. Music |
| 7. Year 3 & 4 Classrooms | 15. Science | 22. Garden Cottage Nursery, The Lodge |
| 8. Sports Hall / Theatre | | 23. Amphitheatre |



MOAT FARM AND SPORTS FIELDS

- Key:**
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| 1. School Farm | 3. Moat Cricket Field | 6. Park Cottage |
| 2. Staff Housing | 4. Moat Cricket Pavillion | 7. Conservation Project |
| | 5. Riding Arena | 8. School Garden |





VISITS TO CANTERBURY TOWN CENTRE

Weekdays

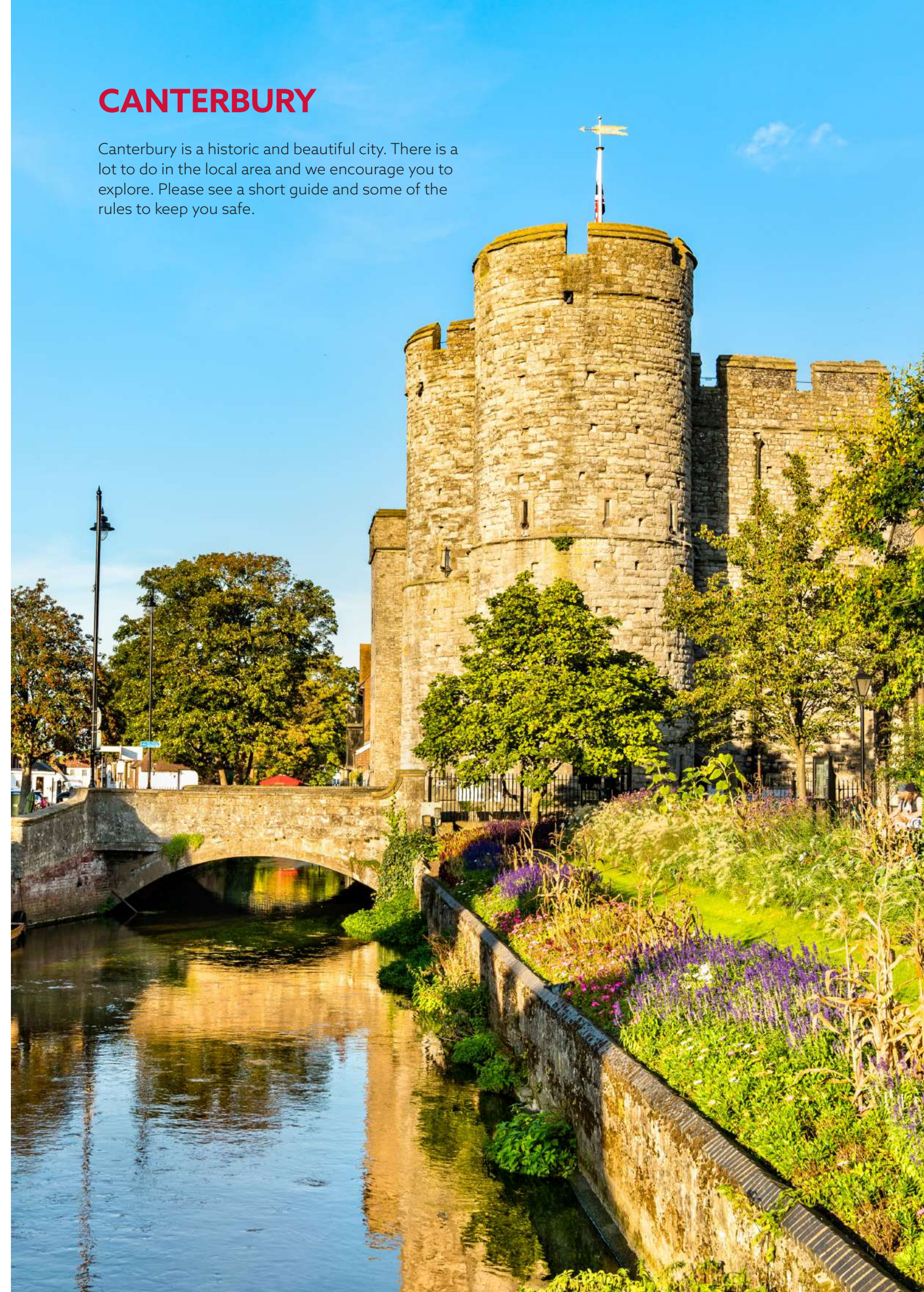
- › Years 7 to 13 may not normally go into Canterbury during the week. However, special permission may be given at the discretion of their House Parents and then for bona fide reasons only
- › Students must sign out as they leave and sign in on their return. You must detail where you are going to be
- › Smart casual clothes are to be worn
- › Students should go in pairs and use a bus or school recommended taxi company
- › Years 11, 12 and 13 may access to the town on a Thursday afternoon after games (from 16:25) if circumstances permit. Students must always be back for supper

Weekends

- › Years 7 to 13 may go to town on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with permission from their House Parents (if not required for a school activity). Smart casual clothes are to be worn
- › Students must sign out of their house as they leave and sign in on their return. You must be specific about your whereabouts
- › Students should go in pairs and use a bus or school recommended taxi company
- › There are extra rules for evening visits to town on Saturday nights. This is a privilege only available to students in Years 12 to 13

CANTERBURY

Canterbury is a historic and beautiful city. There is a lot to do in the local area and we encourage you to explore. Please see a short guide and some of the rules to keep you safe.





SENIOR SCHOOL

DAILY ROUTINE FOR ALL PUPILS

Registration, Chapel or Tutorial	08:35-09:00
Period 1	09:00-09:35
Period 2	09:35-10:10
Break	10:10-10:35
Period 3	10:35-11:10
Period 4	11:10-11:45 5 minute break
Period 5	11:50-12:25
Period 6	12:25-13:00
Lunch	13:00-14:00
Period 7	14:00-14:35
Period 8	14:35-15:10 5 minute break
Period 9	15:15-15:50
Period 10	15:50-16:25
Activities/ Study Hall	16:30-17:30
Buses depart	17:30

BOARDERS' DAILY ROUTINE

Monday-Friday	
Breakfast	07:30-08:15
Activities or House time	16:30-18:00
Supper	18:00-18:45
Prep / Study time	18:45-20:00
Registration	21:00
Years 7 - 9 Activities/ Free time in house	20:00-21:00
Registration	21:00
Years 10 to 13 Activities	21:00-22:00
Bedtime start at	21:30
Weekends	
Breakfast for Yrs 7-10	09:00
School activities, clinics or Saturday detention (in school uniform)	9:30-11:30
Lunch (compulsory for all boarders)	12:00-13:00
Boarders may sign out to go to town with the permission of their House Parents	13:00-17:00
Supper (compulsory for all boarders)	18:00-18:45
Study time	18:45-20:00
Recreation and/or Boarding activities	20:00-Bedtime
Sunday Routine	
Breakfast (for those going on trips - see trip information)	08:00-09:00
Brunch/Lunch	10:30-12:30
Boarders may sign out to go to town with the permission of their House Parents	12:00-17:00
Supper (compulsory for all boarders)	18:00-18:45
Boarders' Weekly Meeting	19:00
Bedtime start at	21:30



JUNIOR SCHOOL

DAILY ROUTINE FOR ALL PUPILS

Monday-Friday	
Registration, Chapel or Tutorial	08:40-09:10
Period 1	09:10-09:50
Period 2	09:50-10:30
Break	10:30-10:55
Period 3	10:55-11:30
Period 4	11:30-12:05
Period 5	12:05-12:35
Period 6	12:35-13:05
Lunch	13:05-14:00
Period 7	14:00-14:35
Period 8	14:35-15:10
Period 9	15:10-15:50
Registration	15:50-16:00
Activities and Homework Club	16:10-17:00
Buses Depart	17:15
Late activities and Homework club	17:10-18:00

BOARDERS' DAILY ROUTINE

Monday-Friday	
Breakfast	07:50
Normal school routine	08.40-18.00
Supper	18:20
Boarders' activities	18.45-19.45
Bedtime (onwards according to age)	20:15
Saturday	
Breakfast	08:30
Sport or School Farm	Morning
Lunch	12:15
Sport / activity or an outing	Afternoon
Supper	17:30
Activities e.g. movie night / swimming party	Evening
Sunday	
Breakfast	08:30
Visit or trip off-site Lunch on the trip or at the Senior School	Morning
Trip off-site	Afternoon
Supper	17:30
Activities / preparation for Monday	Evening



ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND SUNDRIES

You can bring your own phone and laptop.

Phones for students in Years 7 to 10 are collected at bedtime and returned to you in the morning. Students in Years 7 to 11 are not allowed to carry their phones during the school day. These can be safely stored in your boarding house until after lessons have finished. No phones, for any age group, should be visible during the school day (08:00 - 17:30pm).

Junior school boarders can bring phones and equipment but it is locked away and can only be used under supervision.

Junior school boarders are set up with a secure Google Meet link to call home via their Google Classroom and are encouraged to call home every night at 19:00.

EXEAT REQUESTS

Exeats are weekends where you can request to stay at home or with friends.

You are allowed to visit family and friends during term time at the weekends with permission from your House Parent. Parents or guardians will need to complete an exeat form prior to leaving for visits. Forms can be found on the Parent Portal. Parents or guardians will need to give permission for an exeat, but the exeat paperwork will need to be completed by the person over 25 who is taking responsibility for you.

FIRE DRILLS

To ensure we are all well prepared in the event of a fire we carry out regular fire drills at the College during the daytime and sometimes in boarding in the evening. There will be a fire drill in the first week you are at school to ensure everyone knows where to go and who to report to.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Please complete the Getting to Know You form that your new House Parent sent to you before you arrive. This will enable us to find out more about you and your interests. Don't forget to bring posters, photos and other items to display in your bedroom to help you feel more at home.

GUARDIANSHIP

Our priority is to keep you safe at all times so every student at KC is required to have a guardian who lives within two hours of the College who should be at least 25 years old. Your guardian will act on your behalf, attending meetings with school staff and letting you know what is discussed. They will help you adapt to your new surroundings and school regulations, taking an active part in your school life. Guardians can also book flights, and arrange transport from the school or airport at the beginning and end of all holiday periods. Your guardian needs to be available to be contacted 24 hours a day, in case of emergency.

If you change your guardian you need to inform your House Parent immediately so the school can update the contact information that we hold for you. You cannot remain at the College without a guardian. We recommend using AEGIS to find a guardian.



GUESTS

Boarders from other houses in the Senior School are allowed to visit each house and all of the boarding houses have a visitors' common room where you can meet your friends. Visitors are not allowed in bedrooms.

Year 11 should return to their own boarding house by 22.00, Year 12 to 13 to return by 22:30. All other year groups by 21.00.

HALF TERM AND HOLIDAYS

The school cannot accommodate students on site during the holidays so all students are required to either return home (to their family or legal guardian) or to pass the holidays with their nominated boarding guardian if they cannot return home. Safety of our students is our first priority so your House Parent and the Head of Boarding must be informed and approve any alternative arrangements. Travel forms are sent out in advance of the end of each term to confirm where, when, who with and how the student will be travelling. Students are required to stay until the last day of term unless there are extenuating reasons for them to leave earlier than this. Permission to leave early has to be sought in writing from the Head of Boarding.

HEALTH & SAFETY

In the Senior School you will have a door card to securely enter and leave your boarding house, whereas Junior School boarders are supervised by boarding staff upon entering and exiting the boarding house and alarms are set overnight. You also have a lockable space in your room to keep valuables secure. We will have fire practices throughout the year to make sure everyone will be safe in case of a fire.

HOUSE SHOP

In each boarding house, there is a small stock of stationery and hygiene items that can be purchased from your House Manager if needed.

HYGIENE

Being a boarder has many benefits and one of these is the opportunity to be more independent and to take responsibility for yourself. Your personal hygiene is important and you will be expected to keep good hygiene routines.





INDUCTION - WELCOMING YOU TO KC

During your first few days, there will be lots of activities to support your induction into Kent College. These will include a welcome BBQ, tours around the school, a tour of the local area, and activities with the other boarding houses. Ask lots of questions and do your best to take part in all of the activities on offer!

An example of our induction programme looks like this:

Day One - Arrival and welcome day

09:00 onwards. On arrival all students and their families/guardians should go to the Great Hall to complete registration. This will include the following:

- › Meeting the Admissions Team to complete any final documentation
- › Completing a biometric finger scan for IT
- › Meeting the Medical Team to review your medical questionnaire
- › Trying on and ordering school uniform and sports kit, if not already completed

Learn about the co-curricular activities and weekend trips available at KC.

12:30 to 14:00 - Lunch - The Head invites all families/guardians of students who are boarding to a buffet lunch in the Quad. This will give you and your parents the opportunity to meet and chat to members of the Senior Management Team, the Academic Heads of Houses, and the Boarding House Parents.

- › 14:00 onwards - Boarding House for afternoon tea - boarders can personalise their room and receive their laptop
- › Getting to know you games
- › 18:00 - Great Hall - Welcome to Boarding from the Head
- › 18:30 - Dinner - Followed by House Meetings
- › 19:30 - Activities

Day Two - Sunday

- › Morning - Trip to Canterbury run by boarding prefect team
- › Visit the School Farm
- › 12:00 - Lunch
- › Afternoon - Activity trip - Ninja Warrior, Chatham
- › Evening - BBQ at the amphitheatre and swimming pool at KC Junior School

Day Three - Monday

Morning - Induction for all new students

- › Meetings with Heads of Academic Houses and Tutors
- › Visits to common rooms and a tour of the campus
- › Information about the school daily routine, the pastoral system and the Academic House system
- › Lunch

Afternoon

- › Year 12 off site team building activities
- › Years 7 to 11 trip to the beach for games
- › Dinner

Evening - Sixth Form Gym Induction

All new day students have their induction on this day so you will have the opportunity to meet day and boarding students in the same year group. All current boarders also return on this day.

Day Four - Tuesday

Start of term for all students - registration at 08:35





KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Senior School House Parents can be contacted by email or on the duty house phones. They share regular updates about life in boarding through the KC boarding Instagram account as well as through termly newsletters. Boarders are asked to contact their parents in the evening where possible so as not to disrupt their school day.

The Junior School House Parent keeps in touch with parents via WhatsApp, where photos of the boarders are sent at least three times per a week. Junior boarders call home via Google Meet every night at 19:00. Timings can be adjusted to cater for time differences.

KITCHEN

Every Senior School boarding house has a kitchen where you can socialise together with other students, make drinks, bake cakes or prepare food. All school meals, however, should be taken in the school Dining Hall. Snacks and fruit are also available in the kitchen and social areas.



LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING

All of your laundry, including bedding, will be taken care of by our in-house laundry service. Every item should be labelled with your name. You can buy name tape from our laundry service and your House Manager can help you and answer any other questions you may have when you arrive.

LUGGAGE

You should only bring two suitcases with you as storage space is limited. Once you have unpacked, your suitcases will be safely stored until you need them again.



MEALS

Food is plentiful and catered in our Dining Hall based in the main school. You are required to sign in for both breakfast and supper.

The Junior School has its own chef for the evenings and boarders can enjoy a family dining experience with the Head of the Junior School's family and their House Parent's family, in the Junior School dining room. On weekends they are taken to the Senior School for lunch and dinner.

MOBILE PHONES

In the Senior School you can contact home in the evenings and first thing in the morning and are allowed to use mobile phones in your room and other parts of the boarding house. Phones are safely stored overnight for Years 7 to 10.

Students from Years 7 to 11 are not allowed to take phones into school during the day. They should be left in their rooms.



MEDICAL CENTRE

We have a dedicated Medical Centre open 24 hours a day to support all of our students.

The Medical Centre will take care of all medication and it must be handed in. For safety reasons, you are not allowed to keep any medicines in your room. Your parents will complete a medical form before you start at KC, and you will be registered with the school doctor. The school nurse can organise emergency dental care and optician appointments if needed.

Contact the team via:
+44 (0)1227 813932
medicalcentre@kentcollege.co.uk



MY SCHOOL PORTAL

All parents and all senior school students are given instructions to access My School Portal when you join the school. This provides access to a wide variety of useful material such as the school calendar, your child's timetable, school reports, the weekly newsletter from the Head, a gallery of school images and much more. It is the best way to access everything you need to know about KC in one place.





PASSPORT AND BRITISH RESIDENCE PERMIT (BRP) FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

BRP Procedure

Upon receipt of your Child Student visa and a students' arrival in the UK, your BRP card (British Residence Permit) will be sent to our International Admissions Officer (admissions@kentcollege.co.uk). Passports and BRP cards will be kept safely with your House Parent and returned to you at the end of term/half-term. You must return these documents to your House Parent when you return. BRP cards are very difficult to replace and are needed for your entry in and out of the country, so it is extremely important that they are kept safe.

Please note a BRP card is not an identity card and therefore you are not allowed to carry this with you unless you are travelling home.

Lost BRP

If a card is lost, it is your parents' responsibility to inform the authorities and wait for a new card. Without this card, travel can be difficult for you and re-entry into the UK cannot be guaranteed without a BRP.

You/your parent will need to report that your BRP is lost to your House Parent/ Manager, Admissions, Newland Chase, online to UKVI and to the police station. Newland Chase will guide you as to how to get a replacement card. You will need to go to a biometric appointment to reinstate the BRP. Failure to attend your BRP appointment is a serious offence.



PREP

Homework at Kent College is called prep. Teachers allocate prep through the week normally giving pupils a number of days for it to be completed. The amount of time we expect pupils to spend on their prep gradually increases as they progress up through the school starting with about 20 minutes a night in Year 7. There is ample time provided for students to complete their prep, either during Study Hall at the Senior School from 16.30 to 17.30 or in the evenings during Study Time after supper. Staff are available during Study Hall and Study Time if pupils need assistance with prep.

RULES, REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

Your safety is our first priority so each house has its own individual handbook which details rules in the house. We want to reward all our students for their hard work and positive contributions they make to a house and school community.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT

We have high standards for all our students and we are very proud to be part of the KC community. All students are expected to follow the uniform policy.

We expect all students to wear their uniform with pride. Casual clothes should not have inappropriate logos. All students are expected to follow the school uniform policy which can be found on the website.

All Junior boarders require at least two sets of sports kits and uniform.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

You will find lots of useful information about day-to-day school life on the website as well as the latest school news.



PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND POCKET MONEY

Cash can be locked away and kept safe for you but we strongly advise you to have your own bank account and debit card so money is not left in rooms. It is up to your parents as to how much pocket money you receive. However, you should not have more than £20 in cash in your room. You will be given a lockable space to keep personal belongings safe and secure. All amounts over £20 should be handed to your House Parent / House Manager.

Junior boarders are to hand all money and bank cards in for their House Parent to store securely for them. Students are issued with a pocket money book and can sign out a reasonable amount for trips and sign back in anything left. We recommend around £50 a term for Junior boarders.

POST

Post and parcels will be delivered directly to the Boarding Houses. You can also speak to your House Manager who can arrange for post to be mailed for you.





SUPPORTING YOU - PASTORAL CARE

You will be attached to an Academic House and given a Tutor to support you. Your Tutor and House Parents are normally your main contacts but you can also speak to your Head of House for school issues.

Safeguarding and your welfare is our top priority so we have a number of members of staff who can support you or if you are worried about another student - you can email the Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) on dsl@kentcollege.co.uk or speak to **Mr Bennett (DSL)**, **Mrs Pocock (DDSL)** or any of the Heads of Houses (Safeguarding Team) in the Senior School or **Mrs Blaza (DSL)** in the Junior School.

Students who feel they need to speak to someone independent from the staff team can speak to our Confidential Listener, Charlotte Darby, and/or we can arrange for you to see the school counsellor.

The Pastoral system at the Junior School includes a Form Tutor, Head of Key Stage as well as Mrs Griffin, our wellbeing lead.

Mrs Blaza (DSL), Mr James, Mr Sweet are the Safeguarding Team at the Junior School.

Our Independent Listener, Mrs Esther Copeman, visits for supper during the week.



STUDENT VOICE

We have a number of different student voice forums including boarding. You will have a representative in your house. You can speak to them about any changes you feel would be beneficial. We have student voice committees with regards to:

- > Boarding
- > School Council
- > Food (SSNACC)
- > House Captains
- > Environmental matters (Eco Warriors)
- > Charity Committee

TIDINESS

All students are expected to keep their rooms and communal areas of the boarding house tidy and respected. The communal areas are an important part of boarding and we aim to always look after them for everyone's enjoyment.

TRAINS

Local trains and high-speed trains all operate from Canterbury. Canterbury is on the main high-speed route to London.



TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

It is your parents or guardians responsibility to arrange transport to and from school. Travel forms are sent out several weeks before each holiday and your parents or guardians are responsible for completing these so we know you are safe when travelling to and from school.

TRIPS

Our Sunday outing schedule provides students with lots of opportunities for socialising and the chance to experience more of the UK.

Trips are run every Sunday to a number of places such as adventure parks, ice skating, museums, shopping trips to London, local beach walks, theatre trips, go karting, paintballing, etc. You can book these trips through the trip's organiser.

Years 7 to 10 are expected to take part in all Sunday trips.



TUCK

In the Senior School the boarding houses are resupplied daily with a wide variety of fruit, biscuits and healthy snacks. There is always bread available for students to make toast. Snacks and chocolate can also be bought from our 1885 cafe during the week.

TUTOR

In the Senior School each student is allocated a Tutor who will oversee their academic progress and ensure they can take full advantage of all that is on offer. The Tutor will make contact with parents within the first two weeks of starting.

VALUABLES

Junior boarders are advised not to bring any valuables.

WATER

You will be provided with a water bottle when you join KC. There are water fountains in every boarding house and around the school. Students are encouraged to take their water bottle with them during the day and refill it as needed to keep hydrated.





WEEKENDS

Weekends are a time to relax, participate in activities and trips, do prep, and spend time with friends. We have a structured approach to the weekend with a variety of clubs available on a Saturday morning which we encourage all students to participate in from basketball to board games and from running club to dog walking. Many students enjoy going to our farm or having riding lessons.

After lunch students can visit Canterbury with permission from their House Parent where they can go shopping, visit the local attractions, go to the cinema, or go out for a coffee or a meal. In the Junior school pupils have access to the grounds and a variety of art and craft activities are organised for them. A popular brunch breakfast is available on Sunday morning and many students will join the regular outings and trips that take place from ice skating to paintball and from visits to local castles to shopping in London. Events also occur during the year at weekends such as our Christmas dinner and disco or the famous Summer Slam.



WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- › 3 sets of casual - smart clothes and a pair of casual shoes, trainers or wellies
- › 3 sets of School uniform and 1 pair of school shoes
- › PE/sports kit and trainers and appropriate football or rugby boots as needed
- › Passport
- › Visa paperwork
- › 2 sets of towels
- › Pocket money, wallet/ purse
- › Bank card if you have one or you can open an account in the UK (we will help)
- › Toiletries/wash bag
- › Personal belongings such as photos to decorate your room, books, headphones and phone
- › Your own duvet cover and special teddy (optional)



WIFI

The WiFi code will be in your boarding house handbook and on notice boards around the house.

DON'T WORRY - HELPFUL ADVICE FROM OUR CURRENT BOARDERS

We all felt a little nervous and excited before coming to boarding school. It is quite normal when you are leaving your family, but we say don't worry, follow this advice:

You will find that everyone is friendly and that you will soon make friends from all over the world. Don't be afraid to talk to people and if you are an international student don't worry about how well you speak English. Lots of us have been in the same position and you will find that you will be encouraged to speak out at KC

The Boarding staff and teachers are all ready to help you. Just ask.

Try not to not stay in your bedroom, there is always someone to talk to in the Common Room.

Throw yourself into school life. There is so much to do and there really is something for everyone at KC

The Good School Guide says:

"House Parents understand us and think of everything."

KC BOARDER

"Communication with Boarding staff is excellent, and it is such a relief to know the school shares the same values."

KC PARENT





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