



# FLEXI BOARDING

## OPTIONS



Blundell's

FOUNDED 1604



At Blundell's, we believe so passionately in boarding, we want to give all pupils *the opportunity to experience it.*

We understand some families and pupils appreciate the power and impact of a boarding culture, but are not quite ready to make the move to weekly or full boarding when they join the school.

It is for this reason that we offer a very popular 'FLEXI BOARDING' option.

### FLEXI BOARDERS CAN CHOOSE FROM:

<b>FLEXI 11</b>	<b>11 Nights of Boarding per Term</b> This equates to 1 night boarding per week per term.
<b>FLEXI 22</b>	<b>22 Nights of Boarding per Term</b> This equates to 2 nights boarding per week per term.

**IN TERMS LONGER THAN 11 WEEKS, PUPILS ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR ONE OR TWO NIGHTS PER WEEK AT NO EXTRA COST**

(e.g. If a term is 14 weeks long, pupils can have week 12, 13 and 14 free of charge)

### FLEXI BOARDERS ALSO GET THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- They can stay for supper at school and get to stay in their house until 9.30pm EVERY NIGHT, not just their designated boarding night(s).
- They can complete their prep in school every evening in a calm, focused environment with their peers.
- Pupils in Years 7-9 can complete their prep in a supervised environment, allowing them to work in a quiet space with a teacher close-by.
- Dedicated support of the academic staff and tutors who are on duty in Houses each evening.
- A dedicated bed in their Boarding House, along with a desk and wardrobe space.
- They can spend a whole week boarding at no extra cost, During our termly 'Upgrade Weeks'.



## ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

Boarding Houses have a whole host of facilities and spaces designed to give the pupils lots to do. For instance, most evenings will see pupils playing pool or table tennis, or making use of the school's campus, for example with basketball in the Sports Hall or using the fitness suite.

In addition to this, you will find that each evening the duty tutor organises events and activities for the pupils in House. For School House the game 'Manhunt' is a firm favourite, and the campus is regularly alive with Sixth Formers playing and laughing alongside our youngest pupils. You will also find pupils cooking and baking, playing board games, or engaging in a game of Spikeball in their Boarding House garden.

In the Summer, BBQs are lit, Pizza Ovens fired up, and the pool comes into its own. Pupils regularly tell us that they like boarding not only because they get to spend time with their friends, but because there are so many fun things to do in the evening.

## UPGRADE WEEKS

We also want to give pupils the opportunity to experience boarding; either trying it for the first time, or trying out boarding more regularly. Therefore each term we have an 'Upgrade Week', during which pupils can board at a level above their existing status for either no extra cost, or for a limited additional charge:

- **Weekly boarders can stay for the weekend for no additional charge**
- **Flexi boarders can board for the week for no additional charge**
- **Day pupils can stay for supper and prep for no additional charge, and can stay overnight at a 50% discount on the normal rate\***

\*Please note that this is dependent upon bed availability in Houses

Each term's upgrade week is marked in the school calendar; please speak to your child's houseparent in the first instance if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to experience boarding at Blundell's.

*Boarding is central to the Blundell's ethos, this is why all pupils are members of a Boarding House, giving every pupil the same level of pastoral care, as well as the same access to the benefits that come from being part of a boarding community.*

*In a boarding environment, pupils have lots of time to be with their friends, to make use of the school's extensive facilities, and simply to enjoy themselves in the company of others.*

*As well as giving pupils the opportunity to develop a wide range of social and emotional skills, boarding is also fun!*



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