



HOUSE INFORMATION

2025-2026



Blundell's

FOUNDED 1604



WELCOME TO PETERGATE

Dear Petergate boys, Parents and Guardians,
 Welcome to Petergate!

I hope that you will enjoy and be happy in Petergate, and that your time here is successful and fulfilling. You will find notes in this book which will help you to understand how the house runs.

You will quickly learn the ethos of the house – it is a friendly place, based on kindness and respect for others and yourselves. The house is a community, and you are now part of this community. In order for this community to thrive, we must support, respect and be kind to each other, whilst also respecting and looking after the physical aspects of the house.

Petergate is also a place where it is important to get involved. There are many opportunities to take part in events – sports, plays, music, public speaking etc. and I would encourage you strongly to be part of these. As you move up through the school and the house, there will be further opportunities for you to lead and organise some of these events. There will be plenty of chances to develop leadership skills, show initiative and be part of the team. These events, as with many others at Blundell’s will be things you come to love and look back on fondly in the future. Whatever you do, the effort you put in will dictate what you get out of it.

It is important we treat the house with care and respect as it is a home to many of you and it is a place you will feel proud of and comfortable in.

Mr. H. Roffe-Silvester
 HOUSEMASTER PETERGATE

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HOUSE STAFF



Mr Henry Roffe-Silvester (HRS) HOUSEMASTER

Mr Roffe-Silvester is responsible for running the house. He teaches Mathematics and coaches Rugby, Hockey and Athletics.



Mrs Emily Roffe-Silvester

Mrs Roffe-Silvester works in the Business Studies department and will have a tutor group in Petergate. She helps support a variety of Petergate initiatives and is often around if a pupil needs support.



Mr Paddy Hunter RESIDENT TUTOR

Mr Hunter teaches Biology and coaches hockey. He occupies the flat at the top of the house. As a resident tutor he will be on duty some weekends.



Mr Henry Vivian RESIDENT TUTOR

Mr Vivian teaches History. He is a keen sportsman as well as an avid reader, keen chef and a Grade 5 drummer. He occupies the flat next to Matron's room. As a resident tutor he will be on duty some weekends.



Mrs Sarah Fairclough MATRON

Matrons' Room is on the first floor at the top of the Sixth Form staircase. The Matrons are incredibly important in the running of the house. They look after the laundry, the clothes and are a presence in the house over the course of the day. If boys feel ill, Matron is a first port of call; they look after the house medication and will refer a pupil to the Medical Centre if they need further assistance.



Mrs Rachel Sargent MATRON

DOMESTIC TEAM

Sarah, Lyn and Chloe work incredibly hard to keep Petergate clean. Pupils are asked to keep the house tidy in order that they can do their job properly.

TUTORS

Each pupil will be a member of a Tutor Group and have their own personal tutor. Tutors will help with any academic concerns that may occur, monitor academic progress, give support and challenge each pupil to achieve their best. Tutors are also there to help pastorally. Pupils will meet with their tutor once a week during period 1 on Monday after Latin Prayer, but they will always be available, should pupils need support at any other time. Pupils will have the same tutor for their first three years (9-11), and then be assigned a Sixth Form tutor for years 12 and 13. The assigned tutor will remain with the pupil when they move to Westlake for their final year at school. New pupils will be assigned their tutor at the beginning of term.

All our tutors do a regular evening duty in the House.



KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is important for pupils and parents to feel they can contact the school at any time. The first port of call will normally be HRS or the pupil's Tutor. However, it is also perfectly acceptable to contact the Head with any questions or concerns.

CONTACT DETAILS:

MR ROFFE-SILVESTER MOBILE: 07814 104151
hrs@blundells.org

MR ROFFE-SILVESTER LANDLINE: 01884 232356

PETERGATE HOUSE MATRONS: 01884 232354
(from 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday only)

Please ring Mrs Fairclough or Mrs Sargent after 8.00am if a student is going to be late or absent.

Mrs Fairclough – s.fairclough@blundells.org
Mrs Sargent – r.sargent@blundells.org

MR PADDY HUNTER - RESIDENT TUTOR:
pah@blundells.org

MR HENRY VIVIAN - RESIDENT TUTOR:
hlbv@blundells.org

SENIOR SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE: 01884 252543
main-office@blundells.org

The office staff will nearly always be able to find HRS and are able to get a message to him during break or at lunchtime.

MEDICAL CENTRE: 01884 232422
medical@blundells.org

POSTAL ADDRESS:

Blundell's School
Blundells Road
Tiverton
EX16 4DN

Please do not address post directly to Petergate

THE SCHOOL CAMPUS



BOARDING HOUSES

- 1 FRANCIS HOUSE (B. 13-17)
- 2 GORTON HOUSE (G. 13-17)
- 3 NORTH CLOSE (G. 13-17)
- 4 **PETERGATE** (B. 13-17)
- 5 SCHOOL HOUSE (Co-Ed. 11-13)
- 6 WESTLAKE (Co-Ed. 17-18)
- 7 OLD HOUSE (B. 13-17)

FACILITIES

- 1 CLOCK TOWER & RECEPTION
- 2 BLUNDELL HOUSE
- 3 BLUNDELL'S GARDEN
- 4 DINING HALL
- 5 KITCHENS
- 6 MEDICAL CENTRE
- 7 SCHOOL SHOP
- 8 MUSIC SCHOOL
- 9 BIG SCHOOL
- 10 ONDAATJE HALL
- 11 THE POPHAM CENTRE
- 12 BURSARY
- 13 FIVES COURTS
- 14 SQUASH COURTS
- 15 SPORTS HALL & FITNESS SUITE
- 16 EAST PAVILLION
- 17 SWIMMING POOL
- 18 CRICKET PAVILLION
- 19 CHAPEL
- 20 LIBRARY
- 21 FOBS CAFÉ
- 22 GYMNASIUM
- 23 BEALE CENTRE (OBs)
- 24 CCF & RIFLE RANGE

- PREP SCHOOL**
- 1 MAYFIELD NURSERY & PRE-PREP (Co-Ed 3-7)
- 2 MILESTONES PREP (Co-Ed 7-11)

COMMUNICATION

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Each term the school produces a Calendar, which details the daily programme within the school. A copy is given to each pupil and an extra copy is sent home. The Calendar is also published in full at my.blundells.org. It is an essential aspect of school life and we try to ensure that it is accurate. If amendments are made, we try to announce the changes on the webpage. Parents are most welcome to attend any event listed in the Calendar; however, those with an asterisk will require tickets, which can be obtained from the trybooking.com.

The opening and closing pages detail other useful information including future term dates, lesson times and the Pupils' Personal Problems procedure.

HOUSE MEETINGS

These occur every Tuesday lunchtime and are compulsory. Weekly messages are read out, awards given and House events discussed and planned. The House meeting is a key event every week.

NOTICE BOARDS

There are a variety of noticeboards in the Entrance Foyer, please do pay attention to these. Daily notices are displayed on the electronic noticeboard or the 'Urgent' board as you come in from the Dog Run. It is important to check these when you enter or leave the house.

MOBILE PHONES

The school has a strict policy on the use of mobile phones and we would be most grateful for parental support when we try to implement the following rules:

- Pupils are only allowed to use their phones in the boarding houses.
- Pupils in Years 9-11 must hand in their phones during the school day.
- All boys must register their phone number with HRS before bringing the mobile into school.
- All mobiles must be switched off during prep. If parents need to contact their child between 7pm and 9pm, they should ring HRS mobile (07972 139980).

- Mobiles are only for use in and around the house, NOT around the School campus.
- All Year 9-10 pupils must hand in their mobiles prior to going to bed.
- All mobiles must be switched off after lights out.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the phone being confiscated for a week in the first instance, this will increase for subsequent occurrences.

In an emergency, the school office will take and pass on a message for a pupil. During the hours of 8.30 to 5.30pm (Monday to Friday) HRS, Matron or the Duty Tutor can relay any message. All pupils will be given their own email addresses.

POST

Boys' post is either held in HRS Study for them to collect, or distributed by Matron. Post should be sent to the main school address – not Petergate:

Blundell's School, Blundells Road, Tiverton, Devon. EX16 4DN.

FINDING A MEMBER OF HOUSE STAFF

The first port of call is Matron's room (8am-5.30pm) or HRS study/private side. He is usually contactable by mobile (07972 139980). The best way for parents and guardians to contact him is by e-mail (h@blundells.org).

WEBSITE

The School is well resourced with IT facilities and the pupils are encouraged to take advantage of these. There is a comprehensive IT policy for the pupils and we have a strong filtering system; however, we also believe it is important to educate pupils to use the internet responsibly.

REPORTS

Every half term parents will receive either a Tutor Report, a Full Report or be invited to attend a Parent's Meeting. The Tutor Report will show an attainment grade in each subject and a

comment from the tutor summarising how the pupil is progressing. The Full Report comprises of a comment from each teacher and from the Houseparent. Examination groups are also given a target grade. After each report, the Tutor will discuss progress with the pupils and set goals on how to improve.

Attainment and effort are tracked internally and Academic Heads of Year meet with teachers and tutors regularly to check on progress of students. Parents can contact their child's Tutor or Houseparent if they have any concerns.

HOUSE SUBSCRIPTIONS

House subscriptions will be added to your account each term. This fund covers House expenses such as newspapers, television rental packages, furnishings, sports equipment and social events during the term.



THE SCHOOL WEEK

ARRIVING, REGISTRATION AND ABSENCE

Pupils should arrive and leave School in full school uniform.

ARRIVING

Parents/guardians should drop pupils off (and pick up) in the car park at the rear of the Dining Hall. The areas by the Petergate entrance to the Dining Hall, or the Dog Run are not to be used for cars, except on the first and last days of term. It is also acceptable for pupils to be picked up from the School House car park later in the evening, although this must be avoided at 5.30pm as there are large numbers of School House pickups at that time.

REGISTRATION

Registration (thumbprint) and roll call (in the Common Room) are incredibly important so that we know where pupils are, we are legally required to carry these out. **Pupils must register by 8.15am every morning or they will be marked as late.**

In the morning, pupils must thumb in using the box in the Dog Run **01, 02, or 03** to let us know whether they intend to go home after Games/Activities (**01**), after prep (**02**), or stay the night (**03**). **It is a serious breach of school rules for a boy to tell his parents he is staying in school, when he is not.**

If it is necessary to miss a roll call for any reason, pupils must let the member of staff on duty know prior to the roll call. **A student must never send someone else to sign in/out on his behalf.**

LEAVING

Collection times are: 5.30pm (4pm on Weds and Sat), 7.00pm or 9.15pm. These times cause the least disruption to the school day. If a pupil wishes to be collected outside these times, please let HRS know.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

If a pupil has permission from HRS or Matron to leave school (Dentists, Doctors, town leave etc.) then **they must sign out and back in.**

This is incredibly important so that we know a pupils whereabouts. For signing in and out when not using the electronic system i.e. during the day, please use

the book in the entrance foyer. Pupils out of House in the evening (plays, library, house visits, etc) must gain permission from the Duty Tutor and **must sign out and in using the book in the Dog Run.**

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If a pupil is ill or has to miss school for any reason, parents must either call HRS on 01884 232356 before 8am or Matron on 01884 232354 after that time to let us know the reason. Parents should also inform us if a student is going to be late for any reason or needs to be taken out of school for an appointment.

Requests for leave of absence on compassionate grounds or exceptional circumstances should be made in writing to the Head well in advance of the proposed absence. Exam Leave may be granted for public examination candidates. The dates are published in the School Calendar

ABSENCE FROM A LESSON

If, for any reason, including a music lesson, a pupil has to miss a school period, they must let their teacher know and give as much notice as possible. If they are "off games" or excused from activities, they must obtain an "absit" chit from the Medical Centre to show to the relevant member of staff. It is important that such absences are correctly recorded.

THE ROAD

Years 9, 10 & 11 may only cross Blundells Road at the Pelican crossing. Lower 6th pupils may cross opposite the Porter's Lodge. Pupils **may not** walk up the main drive into school between the two stones with "Blundell's" carved on them. This is for vehicles only.

PUPILS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Only pupils in Year 13 are able to drive into school, and there is a strict procedure for approval, which is ultimately signed off by The Head. Pupils in Year 12 will not be given permission to drive into school except under very exceptional circumstances, and these will always need to be approved by The Head.

DUTY ROTA

The duty rota is displayed on the noticeboard in the Entrance Foyer during the week and at weekends on the electronic noticeboard. This provides contact information and the name of the member of staff who you should contact when HRS is not available. The Duty Tutor's mobile phone number is 07541 352890.

TOWN VISITS

Pupils may go shopping in Tiverton at weekends, and also on Wednesday afternoons either before or after their games/activities. On Wednesdays pupils may not leave the school site before 2pm, and must return by 6pm. For all town leave pupils must go to town in groups of at least two or, preferably, three and make sure they sign out before they leave. Younger pupils particularly should ensure they are in a group when going into town. Plain clothes must be worn, and pupils should always be back in House, and signed in, by 6pm.

CHAPEL

For Years 7 to 13 Chapel takes place every weekday except Monday, when we have Latin Prayer, and Saturday. Chapel lasts for ten minutes and includes a reading, thought for the day, prayers and a hymn. On a number of Sundays, a full service is held for the boarders commencing either at 10.30am or at 7.00pm. In addition to this, there will also be an annual House Chapel service, led by the pupils. The dates of these services are found in the School Calendar; parents are most welcome to join us for these.

WEEKENDS

There is an extensive, regular programme of weekend activities ranging from shopping trips to quad-biking. In addition, we have created our own Adventure and Leadership Programme, which operates on eight Sundays during the year.

Full boarders are to be in school on normal weekends. All those boarding are to attend Chapel on Sunday.

VISITORS AND OUT OF HOUSE

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Visitors are always welcome to Petergate and you are welcome to visit other Houses, as detailed below:

- **Boys must always sign out and back in.**
- Visitors are only allowed in the Common Room and Games Room. Permission must be gained from HRS if visitors need to use the kitchen.
- **No visitor is allowed upstairs or in a boy's room unless they have permission from HRS (including parents)**
- Other Houses have similar areas for visitors, pupils should stick to these or they will be sent back to Petergate.
- **Pupils must attend all roll calls and thumb in registrations.**

OUT OF HOUSE

MONDAY	Out of House allowed after 5.30pm Y9/10 back in House by 9.30pm Y11/12 back in House by 10.00pm
TUESDAY	Out of House allowed after 5.30pm Y9/10 back in House by 9.30pm Y11/12 back in House by 10.00pm
WEDNESDAY*	Out of House allowed after games Y9/10 back in House by 9.30pm Y11/12 back in House by 10.00pm
THURSDAY	No out of House after 5.30pm
FRIDAY	Out of House allowed after 5.30pm Y9/10 back in House by 9.30pm Y11/12 back in House by 10.00pm
SATURDAY*	Out of House allowed after lunch All pupils back in House by 10.00pm
SUNDAY*	Out of House allowed after breakfast All pupils back in House by 9.00pm

* NB On Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday all pupils must be on campus and signed into House by 6.00pm

EXEAT WEEKENDS

EXEAT WEEKENDS - ALL PUPILS

(Friday 1.00pm to Sunday 9.00pm)

Twice a year, in the Autumn and Spring Terms we have an Exeat weekend that runs from Friday afternoon until the Sunday evening. During the Exeat Weekend the School will be closed.

Although provision will be made for International pupils who have been unable to make arrangements to stay outside school, this should be considered a 'last resort' option, and it is likely that pupils staying would need to move to a different Boarding House for the weekend.

Over these weekends all pupils are asked to leave the House at 1.00pm for the Exeat, staying with parents, guardians or friends. For boarders HRS will need to have permission by email from their parents or guardian and from the host family a week before the event occurs.

START/END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

In order to give the house a thorough clean at half term we ask that all rooms are left tidy and dirty washing is taken home. For Christmas and Easter holidays we ask that all clothing is taken home. Posters may remain on walls over Christmas and Easter but must be removed at the end of the summer term. There is limited storage in the trunk room **only for boarders.**

INTERNATIONAL PUPILS

Whenever pupils leave school, HRS needs to have the details of all travel arrangements and accommodation from leaving PG to when they return to school. This will include details of taxis, train times, flight times, flight numbers, destinations and the name, address and telephone number of the adult that will be supervising the pupil if they are not travelling directly home. This is a requirement of the UKVI.

Please ensure that overseas pupils do not arrive before the published return times in the calendar unless by prior arrangement with HRS.

THE SCHOOL WEEK

WEEK DAY ROUTINE **ACADEMIC TIMETABLE**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHAPEL / LATIN PRAYER	8.40 - 9.00 Latin Prayer	8.30 - 8.40	8.30 - 8.40	8.30 - 8.40	8.30 - 8.40	N/A
LESSON 1	9.00 - 9.35 Tutor Period	8.45 - 9.35	8.45 - 9.35	8.45 - 9.35	8.45 - 9.35	8.45 - 9.35
LESSON 2	9.40 - 10.30	9.40 - 10.30	9.40 - 10.30	9.40 - 10.30	9.40 - 10.30	9.40 - 10.30
BREAK 10.30 – 10.55						
LESSON 3	10.55 - 11.45	10.55 - 11.45	10.55 - 11.45	10.55 - 11.45	10.55 - 11.45	10.55 - 11.45
LESSON 4	11.50 - 12.40	11.50 - 12.40	11.50 - 12.40	11.50 - 12.40	11.50 - 12.40	
LUNCH 12.40 – 2.05						
	HOUSE MEETINGS			CHOIR	YEARS 11-13 GAMES PRACTICE	
LESSON 5	2.05 - 2.55	2.05 - 2.55	2.05 - 2.55 SH Roots and Wings Years 9-13 Games	2.05 - 2.55	2.05 - 2.55	GAMES
LESSON 6	3.00 - 3.50	3.00 - 3.50	3.00 - 3.50 SH Roots and Wings Years 9-13 Games	3.00 - 3.50	3.00 - 3.50	
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / CCF / GAMES	Years 7-9 Games Years 10-13 CCF / Activities	Years 7-9 Activities Years 10-13 Games		SH Games Years 9-13 Activities	SH Activities Years 9-10 Games Years 11-13 Enrichment	

REGISTRATION: ALL PUPILS MUST REGISTER BY 8.15AM

WEEK DAY ROUTINE **BOARDERS**

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7.45am All Year 9 to be in breakfast
8.00am All Years 10/11 to be in breakfast
8.15am Up to year 12 to have had breakfast. Breakfast ends
8.00 – 8.20am Electronic registration. State boarding status 01, 02, 03

ACADEMIC TIMETABLE

5.30 - 6.30pm Quiet hour.

6.30 – 7.00PM SUPPER

EVENING

7.00pm Roll Call for all year groups in the Junior Common Room
7.15pm Prep begins
8.15pm Prep ends Years 9 & 10
8.45pm Prep ends Years 11 & 12

BEDTIMES

9.30pm Roll call for Year 9 outside Housemaster's study. Mobiles/electronic devices handed in
9.45pm Year 9
10.00pm Year 10
10.15pm Year 11
10.30pm Year 12
The house quiet after 11pm

SATURDAY

7.45 - 8.15am Normal breakfast times
8.20am Electronic registration. State boarding status
8.30am - 8.45am Year group breakfast meetings

ACADEMIC TIMETABLE

4.00pm Casual clothes can be worn after 4pm, Boys may go into town
6.00pm Everyone to be back in House

6.30 – 7.00PM SUPPER

EVENING

7.30pm Roll Call in Junior Common Room
10.00pm All pupils back in House.

SUNDAY

9.00 - 9.45am Breakfast (non-leave weekends)
10.10am Roll Call if morning Chapel Service
10.30am Chapel - compulsory for those who stayed in on Saturday
11.30-12.30 School Brunch instead of breakfast and lunch

12.35 – 1.15PM LUNCH

6.00pm All back in House

6.00 – 6.30PM SUPPER

EVENING

6.30pm Evensong
8.00pm Roll Call (time may vary so keep an eye on the notice board)
8.05pm House tidy
9.00pm All pupils back in House Normal bedtimes

BETWEEN 4PM ON SATURDAY AND 9.00PM ON SUNDAY BOYS MUST SIGN OUT AND BACK IN WHENEVER THEY LEAVE PETERGATE AND STATE THEIR DESTINATION (APART FROM MEAL TIMES).



EXPECTATIONS

APPEARANCE

UNIFORM

In and around the House, boys should remain in uniform throughout the day. Around the campus boys should maintain the highest standards of dress. Blazers are to be worn, shirts should be tucked in properly, ties and top buttons done up, shoes polished etc. Blazers should be worn for all formal occasions, Sunday Chapel, matches and for showing visitors around. School uniform should be worn on buses. Jewellery is not allowed. HRS reserves the right to issue boys with uniform cards if their appearance gives rise for concern.

Members of the lower sixth may change out of uniform at the end of games or activities, unless they are going home at that time. Boys in years 9, 10 and 11 can change for supper.

Correct Blundell's games kit should be worn to and from all games sessions, and it should be clean. Petergate kit should be saved for inter-house events or casual wear. Boots must not be worn around the House. Boots should be removed at the Dog Run door and stored in the Boot Room. Dirty kit is not to be taken to the dorms.



SCHOOL SHOP

The School Shop has a range of equipment. Please check the school website for opening times. During school holidays the shop is open by appointment. Parents should ring the School shop on 01884 232316 or email shop@blundells.org to make an appointment. The shop is located next to the visitor car park. Articles may be bought by the pupils for cash or charged on the school bill. Pupils of course, should

let their parents know what they are buying.

HAIR

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted at Blundell's. For boys, this means that they are to wear their hair short and of their natural colour. Boys may be sent to have a haircut/re-colour at the discretion of HRS. A hairdresser comes to the House regularly to cut hair, the charge will be added to your end of term bill.

ACADEMIC ISSUES

LESSONS

Pupils must be well organised in their approach to lessons. Books, pencil cases, calculators, prep etc. for the first three lessons of the day must be taken to Chapel and stored in the covered shelves. Boys need to be similarly equipped after break and lunch. Teachers may send a pupil all the way back to House should they fail to have everything they need in a lesson.

PREP ROUTINE

All boys complete their Prep between 7.15 and 8.45pm. Boys in Years 10, 11 and 12 work in their own dormitories. Supervised Prep does run in the Prep Room for Year 9 and those boys who are unable to manage themselves successfully in their dormitory. This is run by the Tutor or Monitor on duty.

A Tutor or Monitor will also walk around the house to offer help to those that need it and to ensure that boys are working effectively. Boys are able to use the house computer room with the permission of the Tutor or Monitor on duty. Other than at break time, boys should be at their desk throughout prep time. There is a break time between 8.00 and 8.10pm to go to the toilet and/or get a drink; food should not be prepared during this time.

TUTORS

Pupils meet with their tutor once a week during period 1 on Mondays after Latin Prayer and after House Meetings on a Tuesday. There will also be other opportunities during the week when tutors and tutees can get together.

BASIC COURTESIES

Pupils are expected to be courteous at all times. Below are some of the basic courtesies.

- Greet people: all members of staff and all visitors to the School.
- If you notice visitors to the school looking lost, offer to help them. 'Can I help you' is often adequate.
- If visitors come into your study or a room where you are sitting down, or come up to you when you are sitting on a bench outside, you should stand up.
- If you approach a doorway at the same time as adults or visitors, you should allow them through the doorway before you go through.
- Open doors for adults and let them go through first.
- Take your hands out of your pockets when talking to members of staff, other adults or School Monitors. When singing hymns or the National Anthem; when walking in and out of Chapel; when prayers are said

and on similar formal occasions it is inappropriate to have your hands in your pockets.

- Listen attentively to people when they are speaking to you; look interested; do not interrupt until it is your turn to speak. Speak up clearly, and look up, when you are talking. It is considered courteous to look people in the eye when you are talking to them.
- If you are going to miss an engagement, whether it be a meeting, a lesson, a games session or anything else where your attendance is expected, it is appropriate that you should excuse yourself in advance, either in person or in writing. A polite e-mail would usually suffice.
- Respond promptly, in writing, whenever you receive a written

invitation for a school or private function. A written note of thanks to your host or hostess is always appropriate when you have been entertained for a meal or a party. A written note or e-mail to a member of staff who has organised a trip or an expedition is also an appropriate way to express your appreciation.

- The greatest courtesy of all is merely to add 'please' to all requests and 'thank you' for all services rendered. 'I am sorry', said sincerely, helps when things have gone wrong.



DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

FULL BOARDERS – REQUIRED ITEMS

In addition to the listed uniform and sports kit boys coming to Petergate will require the following:

- Casual clothes – two or three sets, including a set of smart casual (not jeans and t shirt!)
- A padlock to secure a lockable drawer in dorms.
- Two named duvet covers - duvets, pillows and protectors will be provided from September. If pupils wish to bring their own, they will need to have a minimum fire rating of 2.
- A medium sized net laundry bag.
- Money - pupils should keep only very small amounts in their possession. There is a House safe for security of larger sums.
- A named bedside/desk lamp.
- School equipment (stationery) for use in lessons in a named pencil case, including a scientific calculator (available from school shop).

Personal televisions, kettles, rice cookers, heaters, etc are not allowed.

Bear in mind that the laundry takes two or three days to process so boys will need enough clothes to tide them over. We have two washing machines in House that are not to be used by the boys. However, should a student need something washed urgently, Matron will usually oblige.

WEEKLY/FLEXI BOARDERS – REQUIRED ITEMS

Only those items of clothing and kit required until the next return home should be brought to school. In addition to this flexi-boarders will need the following:

- A padlock to secure a lockable drawer in dorms.
- Two named duvet covers - duvets, pillows and protectors will be provided from September. If pupils wish to bring their own, they will need to have a minimum fire rating of 2.
- A medium sized net laundry bag.
- Money - you should keep only very small amounts in your possession. There is a House safe available if needed.

- A named bedside/desk lamp.

DAY PUPILS

Day pupils will have their own area and a limited amount of either drawer or shelf space. School books and equipment may be kept in House, also sports shoes. All other equipment should be brought to and from school on a daily basis.

Labeled kit is rarely lost and nearly always turns up in the boy's personal "pigeon hole" located in Matron's Room. If another boy's clothes are accidentally (or otherwise) taken home, please remember to return them as soon as possible.

STUDY/DORM RULES

Each student has their own space in Petergate to study and keep their belongings. Many are lucky enough to have their own room whilst others will share. Everyone is entitled to privacy. Boys should not borrow things without asking, and there is no reason to go through other people's property. Boys should not enter a fellow student's room without him being present. **No boy or girl from another house is allowed into the Petergate dorms.**

Personal items and clothes need to be kept tidily and in a well-organized way. Domestic staff need to be able to see the floor in order to clean it and fire escapes must not be blocked.

We encourage boys to decorate their room and make it homely. Tasteful posters should be placed on noticeboards, using pins or Blue Tac. Please do not place posters on the walls.

Any damage (including graffiti) or breakages that occur in Petergate should be reported immediately to HRS. It is always better for everyone if boys own up straight away for causing damage. The damage has to be made good and this may be at a cost to the individual(s) concerned. Repairs for deliberate acts of vandalism will always be charged to the individual who can also expect some form of punishment to ensue.

WASHING

There are three shower blocks in the House. It is expected that boys will make regular use of these facilities. They

will not be nagged unless others start to complain!

LOST PROPERTY AND LABELS

Everything a boy brings to school should be named, ideally as follows: "A. Name (PG) or (Petergate)". Please label all items before they are brought in.

If possessions are not named, it is highly likely that they will go missing; there are literally thousands of items in the house and it is impossible to keep track of those without labels.

FOOD

DINING HALL ROUTINE

It is a compulsory House rule that all school meals should be attended (except for Sunday breakfast). Pupils may cook snacks in the kitchen but not as a substitute for school meals. If the kitchens are not kept clean and tidy then they will be closed.

ORDERING IN FOOD

Pupils are allowed to order take-out food at certain times during the week. Details of this will be displayed in House.

CARS AND PARKING

For most School visits we would ask parents to park behind Big School. For matches it may be more practical to park in the Prep School car park, particularly at weekends. If parents are visiting the Head they are most welcome to park in front of the Clock Tower.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AND INSURANCE

Theft is very rare but it is not a good idea to bring very expensive items to school. Laptops should be covered under home insurance and the school recommends that expensive items are security marked, which can be arranged by the school. All passports, travel tickets and large amounts of money must be handed to HRS to be kept in the safe.

POCKET MONEY & VALUABLES

Pocket money should be deposited in house banks or kept in a High Street

bank account and pupils are strongly advised not to carry more money than they need on a daily basis.

Pupils must safeguard their private banking arrangements and should not lend bankcards or reveal PIN numbers to other pupils.

LAPTOPS

When working in the House all computers, laptops, tablets etc will have access to the school intranet via Wi-Fi. Pupils need to ensure they follow the instructions in the Blundell's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme.



HOUSE FACILITIES

TELEVISION

There is a TV in both the Junior and Sixth Form common rooms. The television must be switched off during lesson time, games, activities, prep and after 10.30pm in the week.

COMPUTERS

There are 5 computers in Petergate, all in the Computer Room. All are connected to the school Intranet which has the appropriate security measures in place. Wi-Fi is available throughout the House.

GAMES ROOM

The games room on the ground floor has two table tennis tables. The games room may not be used during prep, lessons or after 10.30pm.

BROWNING ROOM

This is available to make toast and light snacks. Please note that ALL school meals are compulsory and anyone found to be skipping meals will be placed on a meal card and will not have access to the Browning Room. Users should leave it clean and tidy.

HOUSE GYM

The House Gym is for the use of Year 11 and the Sixth Form only. Pupils may only use it after they have been through an induction from HRS and **never** on their own. It is out of bounds to other members of the house as it is a potential safety hazard if not correctly used. Those who are members of the gym may collect the key from HRS, Matron or the Tutor on Duty, when they wish to use it. Please report any damaged equipment and accidents to HRS and ensure the gym is tidy when you leave it.

THE PATCH

The Petergate patch is an area of grass adjacent to the house where boys can play football, volleyball or just sit in the sun (perhaps slightly wishful thinking!). It is also where we BBQ on sunny weekends and use the wood-fired pizza oven. It is very popular in quiet hour and after prep.

WELFARE & PUPIL SAFETY

MEDICAL ISSUES

Blundell's has a highly skilled medical team, led by our School Doctor and a Senior Nurse, who operate from a state-of-the-art Medical Centre. The Medical Centre was built in 2018, is equipped with extensive, modern equipment, and has its own specialist building that is well-located in the centre of our campus.



THE MEDICAL CENTRE

Blundell's Medical Centre is staffed by a team of 7 qualified nurses led by a Senior Nurse. The Medical Centre is fully staffed Monday to Saturday 08:00-18:00hrs with on-call cover outside these hours. The Medical Centre is also able to accommodate pupils who need to stay overnight due to illness, with overnight staffing in these instances.

Contact details

- Email: medical@blundells.org or seniornurse@blundells.org
- Phone: 01884 232422
- Address: Medical Centre, Blundell's School, Blundells Road, Tiverton EX16 4DR

The School's lead medical officer is Dr Frank O'Kelly from Clare House Surgery in Tiverton. Clare House Surgery provides medical support throughout the school year. Additional medical support is also available from Tiverton Hospital at the Urgent Care Unit (approx. 2 miles away) and from the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (approx. 20 miles away).

The Medical Centre runs a doctor's surgery at lunchtime 12.30-14.00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, where either Dr O'Kelly or another Clare House

doctor is available to see boarders with medical concerns. All full and weekly boarders are automatically registered at Clare House Surgery. The nurses will see all pupils as walk-ins and refer where necessary for further medical review. If a pupil becomes unwell or is injured, all attempts will be made to contact their next of kin. The pupil will be cared for in the Medical Centre or taken to hospital, if required.

The Medical Centre exists to support and care for all pupils, although the exact nature of this will vary dependent upon boarding status. Full and weekly boarders are effectively patients of the Medical Centre, and all appointments and associated transportation will be arranged as needed. In the event of illness, flexi boarders will also be cared for in the Medical Centre if they are boarding that night. Otherwise next of kin will be contacted to collect for home. Flexi boarders and day pupils remain patients of their own GP surgery, and while the Medical Centre will always take care of pupils taken ill or injured at school, parents or guardians will be contacted to collect from school if pupils become injured or unwell during the school day.

Every House in school is allocated a named link nurse, as identified on the Medical Centre notice board in each House. The link nurse liaises with the House staff regarding medical conditions or health related issues with pupils. Our school counsellor, Vicky Hughes is also available to every pupil throughout the week. Pupils can contact her directly on vlh@blundells.org or an appointment can be arranged through the Medical Centre. During the Autumn and Winter terms, all matches are attended by an outside First Aid Agency who provide pitch side assistance.

ILLNESS

Parents should not send their child to school if they are unwell. If a child has vomiting/diarrhoea symptoms parents should keep them away from school for 48 hours after the last episode. The Medical staff are happy to advise parents on 01884 232422.

PERSONAL MEDICATION

If a child is prescribed medication, parents should ensure that it is handed to Matron in its original packaging, in sufficient quantities for the time the child is at school. If the pupil is over 16, they

have an option to self medicate but they must have signed the 'Self Medication Consent Form' at the Medical Centre. If the pupil is under 16, or is over 16 and not self medicating, Matron will supervise the administration of the medication.

ABSITS

Absits either exclude or restrict pupils participating in sporting/school activities. These are issued through the Medical Centre following an assessment from either the nurse or the doctor. The following absit categories are used:

- **RED (OFF SPORT):** issued for a physical/sporting injury, such as a fracture
- **YELLOW (RESTRICTED SPORT):** issued for restricted sport participation, such as a sprain
- **ORANGE (GRADUATED SPORT):** issued for those on a graduated return to play, following a head injury

Pupils must attend all games sessions to show their Absit to their games coach and explain why they can't take part in the session. It is not acceptable to ask another pupil to excuse them from a session. If a pupil is unable to walk to the games session for medical reasons, they should see a Houseparent or Matron to explain the situation. If a pupil is housed in the Medical Centre, this will automatically be recorded on the system and coaches won't expect them to attend.

CHANGES TO PUPILS MEDICAL INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to keep the Medical Centre updated of any changes to a pupil's health and medical requirements for school, and it is very important that the Medical Centre is notified of any such changes as soon as is practicable. Medical information held by the school can be checked by parents on the Parent Portal. Any updates or amendments can be made by contacting the Medical Centre directly or a notification via the Parent Portal.

PERSONAL PROBLEMS

In line with the Children Act 1989, this procedure is designed to help pupils deal with any personal problems that may arise. At Blundell's, many different people are available and willing to help with any worries and difficulties that pupils might experience during their time with us.

HEALTH

If pupils are in any way worried about their health, they should seek the help of the Medical staff or the School Doctor who visits the School every day for morning surgery. All information given to the Doctor and Medical Staff is treated in strict medical confidence.

WORK

Any problem about work should be discussed either with the teachers concerned or, if necessary, with Tutors. Tutors will always approach other members of the Common Room on a pupil's behalf if they find it difficult to do so.

SUPERVISION IN THE HOUSE

It is the norm that there is adult supervision in the boarding houses, however, it is recognised that there may be occasions when staff have other commitments and this is not possible. In these cases, contact details for a member of staff on Campus are posted on the electronic noticeboard. All boys should make a note of HRS mobile number (07972 139980), this is always on and can be called at any time in the day or night in the event of an emergency.

FIRE DRILLS

The procedures for what to do in the event of a fire are posted around Petergate, outside HRS study, in the Entrance Foyer, outside Matron's Room. Pupils should ensure that they know where these are and familiarise themselves with these procedures. Fire drills take place on a regular basis at any time of the day or night. We will do a fire walk through sometime in the first week. It is important that pupils evacuate the house if the fire alarm sounds continuously; everyone should assemble on HRS drive. Pupils may go through the private side if that is the quickest way out. Remember, if the alarm sounds at night, wear something warm – pupils could be outside for a while, footwear is vital!

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Blundell's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

THE DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL) FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Mrs Nicky Klinkenberg – Deputy Head (Pastoral)
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E-mail: njk@blundells.org

THE DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS (DDSL'S) FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Miss Jessica Atkins
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Mr Douglas Morrison
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Mrs Tamarinda Winsley - Head of EDI
Phone: 01884 252543
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HOUSE TRADITIONS

AWARDS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

HOUSE SOCKS

Boys may buy these from the School Shop when they have represented Petergate in any sporting event.

HOUSE COLOURS

Those awarded House Colours should set an example to others in all areas of School life, not just in the discipline that they have been recognised. There are several categories of House Colours:

- Half Colours – Awarded to boys of any year group for a noticeable positive contribution to the house in any discipline.
- Junior Colours – Awarded to pupils in Years 9, 10 or 11 for significant contributions to the house in a number of spheres, either sporting or cultural.
- Full House Colours - Awarded (usually at Sixth Form level) for an outstanding contribution to the house. Very few are awarded in a year.

In addition there are a number of annual prizes:

- Prep Room Shield – awarded to the most outstanding member of Year 11

- Harris Cup – awarded at the discretion of the Head of House.
- The Beaver – awarded at HRS discretion.
- The Bluett Memorial Cup – in memory of Peter Bluett who fell in the Normandy landings.

MONITORS

Monitors are appointed at the end of the Summer term and the early part of the Autumn term from the members of the Lower 6th. All Lower 6th are allowed to apply for this position, which they should do by writing to HRS. They are expected to board, do a duty once a week and support the Head of House.

HEAD OF HOUSE

The Head of Petergate is appointed from the Monitor team by HRS. This is a very important position; the successful applicant will help HRS in the running of the house.

DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE

The Deputy Head of Petergate is appointed from the Monitor team by HRS to help him and the Head of House in supporting the boys and ensuring a positive atmosphere exists in the house.

YEAR 9 DUTIES

Year 9 boys have certain duties during their first year in Petergate. They are expected to help Matron to carry the bread and milk upstairs in the morning. They are also lucky enough to serve the rest of the house at the Christmas supper!

TAKE-AWAY FOOD

Pupils are allowed to order take-out food at certain times during the week. Details of this will be displayed in House.

HOUSE PLAYS

The house play is an annual performance created, directed and performed by pupils designed to entertain fellow pupils and parents. Often the content is topical and humorous. It is guaranteed to be a fun night. Recent productions have included Black Adder Goes Forth, a parody of the final episode 'Over the Top' and Lysistrata by Aristophanes.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

SPORT

The pupils participate in a variety of inter-house sports competitions during the course of the year including hockey, rugby, Tug of War and the campus relay race.

THE RUSSELL

This is a special Blundell's event. It is the School cross-country race, which was first run in 1877. All pupils in the school will participate to some degree. The race generally takes place on a Saturday in the second half of the Spring Term. It is common to find parents, staff and Old Blundellians taking part. There is always significant parental support.

THE WILLIAMS CUP

At the beginning of the Autumn term, all Year 9 pupils participate in a weekend residential course designed to promote House bonding and teamwork and instil a sense of inter-house competition. Points are awarded for effort, ingenuity and team work among other skills. The winning House is awarded the Williams Cup.

MUSIC

Inter-house music or commonly known as the House Song is an event of music entertainment directed, produced and performed by the pupils of the House. Each house usually performs a number of pieces and incorporates a song in which all house pupils participate. Parents are most welcome to join us for this event, which usually takes place in the Autumn term.

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

House debating takes place in both the Junior and Senior parts of the School. Motions are often topical and cover both national and international subjects.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF PETERGATE



Petergate was opened in 1887 by G.H. Norman, but it was soon felt necessary to add another wing, which was completed in 1890. One of Petergate's strengths was rugby; in winning the 1900 House Competition they beat School House 103-0, Day Boys 32-0, and Westlake 9-0. Cricket and hockey were probably also taught at a high standard, for one Petergate boy, Cyril Wilkinson, went on to play for Surrey, and won a gold medal for Great Britain at hockey in the 1920 Olympics.

Norman left the School in 1913 and was succeeded as Housemaster by Rev. O.F. Granlund, the School Chaplain. Petergate chalked up what still remains the highest rugby score in a House Match in 1916 when they trounced the Day Boys 156-0. Granlund enlarged the House to take up to 50 boys, and when he left in 1933 he sold it to the Governors. The Housemastership passed to W.W. French, a talented Geography master, under whose eye, the House magazine 'The Beaver' was first published in 1934. Another innovation at Petergate was weaving, introduced in 1937, which produced many items to sell at the House Fete. Peter Schidlof came to Petergate in 1938 as a refugee from Nazi Germany, and his musical prowess led to him becoming one of the finest viola players and a founder member of the Amadeus Quartet. French moved in 1940 and the new Housemaster was W.M. Thoseby.

Thoseby was appointed Headmaster of St. Edmund's, Canterbury, in 1945, and 'Jimmy' Gibbs took over Petergate. He had a most unfortunate start, as a serious fire in November of that year made the house uninhabitable for the rest of the term. The House Matron, Miss Betts, in recognition of the help she had given during and after the fire, was awarded

her House Tie. In the following year one of the new intake was Christopher Ondaatje, who was sent to Blundell's from Ceylon. He later achieved fame in Canada as the founder of the successful Pagurian Corporation and as part of the victorious Canadian bobsleigh team in the 1964 Olympics. Over the years the School has benefited enormously from his generosity, especially by his gift of the Ondaatje Hall.

Gibbs left Petergate at the end of 1957, but not before the House had undergone a series of extensions and alterations. He was succeeded by W.H. 'Bill' Francis, a hardworking Chemistry master. He moved on to a Deputy Headship in 1963 and was succeeded by Tom Clough, who was actually born in the School – his father had been Housemaster of Francis House, and Tom himself had boarded in Old House. During his time Petergate boys gained a reputation for good manners, integrity and effort. Tom moved on to Lambrook School in 1971, and Derrick Denner took on the Housemastership.

An ambitious scheme for alterations at Petergate was proposed in 1974, but because of the prevailing economic climate a modified plan was undertaken and was completed in 1975. Derrick, through the social changes of the 1970s, was well to the fore among the Housemasters in adopting new attitudes, while always working for the benefit and welfare of his Petergate boys. During his reign the House virtually monopolised the House Music Competition.

Alan Furse succeeded Derrick in 1984. Under Alan's watchful eye the House achieved a perfect balance of arts, sports and academic work. When North Close became a girls' house in 1994, the boys from that house joined Petergate, and Alan left to concentrate

on his role as Director of Studies. His place was taken by Clive Hamilton who moved with the boys from North Close. When he left in 1999, Andrew Berrow took over at Petergate and oversaw a complete refurbishment. Dylan Smart took over the running of the house in 2012 and his long tenure saw the house progress and modernise to become the compassionate and caring environment it is today. Dylan remains at Blundell's taking up the post of Director of Marketing and Communications. He is succeeded by Henry Roffe-Silvester.

HOUSEPARENTS

1887-1913	G.H. NORMAN
1913-33	REV. O.F. GRANLUND
1933-40	W.W. FRENCH
1940-45	W.M. THOSEBY
1945-57	R.W. GIBB
1957-63	W.H. FRANCIS
1964-71	T.V. CLOUGH
1971-84	T.D. DENNER
1984-94	A.J. FURSE
1994-99	C.D.J. HAMILTON
1999-2012	A.J. BERROW
2012-22	D.J. SMART
2022-	H. ROFFE-SILVESTER



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