

Evening Routine

4:00pm—Quick Break

4:20pm—Activity 1

5:10 pm—Activity 2

6:10 pm—up to boarding

6:30 pm—Supper

6:50 pm—Tuck and activity choices

7:00pm—Activities

8:00pm—Snack

8:20pm—Up to boarding house

Whisper time—Time dependent on year group

Lights out - Time dependent on year group

Theme Nights and Outings will follow a slightly different format.

Times move forward after the summer half-term break.



HOLMWOOD HOUSE
SCHOOL

A very useful pull-out guide to keep

A PUPIL'S GUIDE TO OVERNIGHT STAYS

“Freedom to spend extra time with my friends!”

Facilities and Play Areas

Some of the school's facilities are available, including the library, art room, Jubilee Hall, music and computer rooms (internet sessions are always supervised by a member of staff).

The cookery room and swimming pool are used for supervised activities.

A large cinema-type TV screen is available for films, sporting events and lectures at agreed times.

“The facilities are fun and plentiful.”



“You’re never late for school!”

Meals and Tuck

Everyone has a cooked meal at 6:30pm. Breakfast is served at 7.30am.

We have a Tuck Shop. No food should be brought in from home.

Mobile Phones, etc

You may bring your mobile phone into school and leave it at the front office. You may be allowed supervised mobile phone time on a boarding night at the discretion of the staff on duty. They are handed back to the staff overnight.

There are two coin-operated telephones for you to use & receive calls from parents.

01206 575661 and 01206 766991

Your Questions answered ...

What should I do if I feel unwell during the night?

You can knock on the staff doors during the night should you feel unwell.

When will I be able to have a bath or a shower?

Pupils may shower or bath in the evening before bedtime or in the mornings.

You are not allowed to share toiletries or use aerosols due to health and safety reasons.

If I forgot something like my toothbrush or towel, what should I do?

Ask one of the staff and they will provide you with whatever you need.

What if I need clothes washed?

You may give your clothes to the staff at tea-time if it is needed for the following day.

What activities are there?

Every evening, the staff team organise a range of activities in response to requests. These can include swimming, ICT, various sporting activities in the Sports Hall or on the field in summer; tennis; playing in the adventure playground; music; dancing; cookery; art activities such as portfolio work, poster, crafts and hobbies; games in the cel-lars.

What should I bring to school?

- One sets of sensible play clothes (to be kept in your locker)
- Suitable nightwear including dressing gown, slippers with hard soles and flip-flops for trips to bathroom
- Wash bag with shampoo and towel
- Hairbrush or comb
- Full set of school uniform (plus a spare set)

You can also choose to bring your own duvet cover, pillowcase, teddy and toys, games (not electronic) or books. You should not bring in any money or jewellery, apart from a suitable watch.

What are the expectations for behaviour?

All pupils are expected to show care, courtesy and consideration to others and behave responsibly. Good behaviour is recognised by the awarding of a Boarder of the Week certificate in assembly and an extra tuck bonus. We also nominate a boy's and girl's dorm of the night every morning, which is recognised with a certificate on the door and extra whisper time for the top scoring dorm each half term.

Pupils whose behaviour is not quite what is expected will eat breakfast away from their friends the following morning. Pupils whose behaviour disturbs the sleep of others receive a warning; continued disruption will result in them being moved to a different room, which may mean them sleeping alone.

Serious behaviour incidents will mean nights of boarding will be missed - definitely not a good idea.

Someone to Turn to ...

What to do if you are worried or unhappy

It doesn't matter what the problem is, whether you feel worried about something, are concerned about the way you have been treated, perhaps someone else is upset or you are feeling homesick or do not understand the work you have to do, **there is always someone to whom you can turn - someone who will listen.**

The most important thing to remember is that if you are worried or unhappy about anything, then you **MUST** tell someone.

Who to see

Please remember, first and foremost, your parents will listen and understand if you want to talk to or confide in them. They in turn may want to talk to your tutor or any other member of staff.

In school, the first person to turn to is your tutor. You can also talk to Mrs Booth (Head of Seniors) or Mr Cook (Head of Juniors) Alternatively, you may prefer to see any of the staff.

If you feel that none of these people can help, you can talk to an independent listener (see panel).

There is also, of course, the national free-phone helpline, Childline. Any member of staff can also put you in touch with someone who will visit the school from time to time from the local Social Services department. These are all people who will listen to your worries and try to help you if they can.

The important thing is that if something is

Current Staff Team

Mr Bond
Mrs Isherwood
Mrs Baker
Mrs Earley
Mr Hyslop

Mr White
Mr Cook
Mr Gallagher
Miss Townsend

upsetting you, the sooner you talk to someone, the quicker and easier it will be to sort out the problem!

Remember - you will not get into trouble just because you complain about something or someone.

In keeping with national guidelines, the school has sensible policies concerning your safety.

Telephone Numbers

Childline 0800 1111

(Childline information booklets are available in the phone booth, on the notice board and from the Housemistress)

Help at Hand 0800 528 0731

Independent Listener

Mrs Georgina Blight 07880 316541

**Overnight stays
Developing Character
whilst having fun!**