

# Pre-arrival Boarding Information

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Bosworth  
Independent  
College



## What to bring

From your clothes, to your toothbrush it is important you bring with you what you need for living at Bosworth College. We encourage you to bring photos of your family and friends and other things to make your bedroom feel like your own! You will need your own towels and toiletries although if you forget these, don't worry, there are places to get these when shopping in Northampton! It is important you have a mobile phone that works in the UK so we can contact you when we need to.

- + Clothes
- + Sports clothes
- + Trainers
- + Towels
- + Toiletries
- + Warm coat
- + Adapter
- + Waterproof jacket
- + Stationery
- + Photos of family
- + Rucksack

# Who are the boarding team?

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House Parents live in the Boarding Houses with students, they are available 24/7 for anything you need. There are also staff available in Bosworth Hall with the Head of Boarding and Deputy Head of Boarding.

## Boarding houses

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You will live in one of our beautiful boarding houses alongside the other students who are the same gender, similar age and may be from different places in the world. Each house has a common area, laundry room and kitchen, with outside space for sunny days.

In the weekdays and weekends, Boarding Houses have set times that they open and close. This will be explained to you in induction. You will have a House Meeting each week with your House Parent, this is an opportunity to be together as a house, talk about any issues and find out boarding news.

## Arrival details

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It is important to let the College know when you plan to arrive so we can make sure everything is prepared for you. New students can contact [admissions@bosworthcollege.com](mailto:admissions@bosworthcollege.com) and returning students can do this by sending their flight tickets to [studentcomms@bosworthcollege.com](mailto:studentcomms@bosworthcollege.com).

They can also arrange taxi transfers for you to and from the airport and when you need them. You can contact a member of staff out of hours on the boarding emergency number +44 7971590398.

## Pocket money

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If you bring cash with you, a sensible amount is advised, no more than £200. There is a safe to store your money and it is important to lock these away with any other valuables you have. If you need to set up a bank account in the UK, Student Communications can help with this.

## Laundry, cleaning and bed linen

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Your bedroom will be cleaned regularly by the onsite team, but it is your responsibility to keep your room tidy and empty your bins when needed. You can wash your own clothes in the laundry room, in the boarding house, where there are washing machines and tumble dryers. If you need an iron you can request this from a House Parent to use in a safe place.

Your bed linen will be changed weekly, you will need to take off dirty sheets and take them to a House Parent who will give you clean sheets. Don't worry, there is always someone to help you do this if needed!



## Delivery of parcels

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You can order parcels and have them delivered to College. This needs to include your name, boarding house and room number so we can make sure that your parcel gets to you. You will need to sign for the collection of the parcel and staff may ask you to open it in front of them if they have a concern about the contents. Details of ordering parcels will be explained to you during induction.

## Free time and Exeats

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In the weekdays after school and at weekends you will have the chance to pop out to town, to the shop or to exercise. This needs to be requested as a permission slip to your House Parent. Depending on your age, these times will vary and if you can go alone or in small groups.

If you want to go for a longer day out, or stay overnight with a guardian, an exeat will need to be requested and approved by the Head of Boarding or Deputy Head of Boarding and your Head of Year to check that it will be a safe and enjoyable trip for you.

The details of this will be explained to you at your Boarding Induction.

For any queries or requests about Exeats please email [permission@bosworthcollege.com](mailto:permission@bosworthcollege.com)

## Back in residence

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There will be certain times of day when your House Parent will come and check on you to see that you are well and safe. This will be in the morning when a 'wake up call' happens. The other will be at 'Lights Out'.

All students need to be back in the boarding house at certain times depending on the day and your age. Again, this will be explained at your induction.

## Wifi

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WIFI is available across College and in all the boarding houses. This goes off at midnight and comes back on at 6:00am to ensure you get a good night's sleep.



# Food

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Bosworth Hall is where you can eat your meals. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided during weekdays, while brunch and dinner are provided at the weekends. In the boarding house you can eat snacks but these need to be eaten in the kitchen and not in your room.

# Activities

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Activities are part of the boarding life at Bosworth, your House Parents will run activities in the evenings and weekends, if you have any ideas let them know! A programme will be given to you in advance for any activities and trips that are happening.

# Medical Care

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## Out of hours (evenings/weekends)

If you are feeling unwell after College, at night or at the weekends, please let one of your House Parents know. We are here to help and will make sure you get the right care you need.

# Cultural Guidelines

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Cultural differences are fascinating but can also be a challenge especially at the beginning of your new College. What seems normal in your culture might be very different in England. If you do not know always ask rather than assume.

## Here are a few hints to help you:

- + Always be on time. Punctuality is very important in England.
- + Never push past others. Stand in the queue and wait for your turn.
- + Say sorry if you bump into somebody or make a mistake. In England saying sorry is a strength.
- + Always hold doors for others at College and outside.
- + Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- + Be friendly to others.
- + Ask your teacher if you do not understand something. It is both expected and encouraged.
- + Try to speak as much as possible in English to improve your language and integrate into College life.
- + If you are not sure about anything or have any questions, please ask any of the boarding staff – we are here to help you and answer your questions.

# Boarding House Rules

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Alcohol is strictly prohibited. If found it will be confiscated and disposed of.

Smoking of any kind or substance is strictly prohibited in all College accommodation. Smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking areas.

Curfews and Exeats must be adhered to.

Guests are not permitted to stay overnight.

Bosworth College operate a zero tolerance drugs policy. Drugs of any kind or substance are prohibited.

Perishable food is not permitted in your bedroom.

Food that has passed its expiry date will be thrown out by House Parents.

If you break or damage anything please report this to the House Parents, so that it can be fixed or replaced. You may be charged for breakages and damages.

Driving of cars is not allowed.

You must leave accommodation by 08:00am to be on time for classes.

No kettles, rice cookers etc. are allowed in bedrooms or bathrooms.

No pets are allowed.

No candles or incenses can be used in your accommodation.

Only battery-operated fairy lights are allowed in your room.

All phone chargers, laptops and hair straighteners etc. are to be switched off and unplugged before you leave in the morning.

Bathroom extractor fans must always be switched on.

Use appropriate UK adaptors. Please ask a House Parent if unsure.

**If you do not understand these rules, please ask your House Parent.**

# Prohibited items

The following types of items are strictly prohibited in the Boarding House. If you are found in possession of any of these items, they will be confiscated, and appropriate sanctions will be imposed.

Some electrical items are permitted. Prescription drugs and medication brought from home may be acceptable, after it is checked and agreed with the College Nurse.

If you have any questions or are unsure about any of the items you may have, then please speak with your House Parents for clarification.

