

**NURTURING**  
**INCLUSIVE** **SUPPORTED**  
**SAFE** **INDEPENDENCE**  
**IN** **COMFORTABLE**  
**HOME** **FAMILY**  
**SAFE** **FRIENDSHIP** **CARE**

**BOARDING**  
**LIFE**



**Kent**  
**College**



# WELCOME

Welcome to boarding at Kent College. Our boarding community is at the heart of school life with girls from the UK and all over the world. We pride ourselves on the warm, family feel of our boarding houses which are a home away from home for our boarders.

Life at Kent College is full of opportunity. Our boarders are given the space to flourish academically and achieve outstanding success. We model healthy lifestyles and nurture emotional and physical wellbeing. We celebrate diversity and champion inclusivity so our boarders can interact confidently and positively with all members of our community.

As a Methodist School, we welcome all faiths and none, and the Wesleyan values of kindness and 'doing all the good you can' are central to our ethos.

Our boarders become compassionate, caring and resilient young people, developing the independence and life skills they will need in readiness for the future.



**HOME**

**FROM**

**HOME**



# JUNIOR BOARDING

## HAWKWELL & HARGREAVES



Hawkwell and Hargreaves, our junior boarding house for girls from Year 5 to Year 9 (age 9-13) is located in the original Victorian manor house.

Boarders share bright bedrooms with two or three other girls which allows them to make friends while they are away from home.

Two comfortable lounges are a space for them to relax with a programme of evening activities organised which include crafts, games, puzzles and movie nights.

The boarding house is run by a Housemistress and Assistant Housemistress who are always on hand to help.





# SENIOR BOARDING

## JAMES & OSBORN

James and Osborn is our senior boarding house for girls from Year 10 to the Upper Sixth (age 14-18). It is a modern, purpose built house where girls have their own room or share with one or two other boarders.

The boarding house has a large communal lounge and cosy rooms to watch TV or play games. There are two fully equipped kitchens with fruit, bread, cereals and hot drinks always available.

Older boarders will be studying for GCSEs and A Levels and are expected to do their prep and assignments in the evenings. They have the independence and freedom to choose how they spend their free time once they have finished studying.





# ACTIVITIES

A wide and varied range of activities are organised for boarders during the week and weekends. They are designed to be culturally interesting as well as fun and entertaining. Activities include:

## ON-SITE

- Cooking lessons
- Movie nights
- Confidence Course
- Taskmaster
- Crafts, games and puzzles
- Badminton
- BBQs
- Reflexology
- Dance workshop
- Charity Ball
- Textiles workshop
- International Evening
- Christmas Concert

## CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

- London
- Leeds Castle
- Hever Castle
- British Museum
- English Heritage sites

## LEISURE TRIPS

- Ice skating
- Farm shop
- Seaside
- Bowling
- Water parks
- Trampolining
- Indoor climbing
- Swimming
- Mini-golf
- Theme parks
- Cinema
- Shopping malls





# BOARDING LIFE

Our Boarding Houses are designed to be a home from home for our boarders and our aim is to make girls as comfortable as they would be at home. While we encourage girls to be independent, they also benefit from first-rate care and supervision.

## WELLBEING

Our boarders' emotional and physical wellbeing is of the upmost importance and staff are on hand 24/7 to provide support, help or just a listening ear.

## CATERING

We have an excellent in house catering team who provide freshly prepared meals for breakfast, lunch and supper.

## EXEAT

We offer non compulsory exeat weekends so boarders can enjoy a quieter weekend onsite if they wish.

## MEDICAL

Excellent medical care is provided by our own nursing team and the nearest hospital is only five minutes drive away. All boarding staff are trained in first aid and dispensing medicine.

## WI-FI

Secure access is available across the whole site. Younger boarders are required to give their phones to house staff at night and the wi-fi is switched off at 11pm.

## LAUNDRY

We provide a laundry service for clothes and bedding. Boarders also have access to a washing machine/dryer should they wish to do their own.



# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Our boarders academic achievements and successes are celebrated across the school community and we aim to equip them with the space, skills and encouragement to flourish.

## **Supervised Prep**

All students will have prep each day and this can be done in the Library supervised by teacher, in study areas or in their rooms. House tutors will also spend time each week helping with prep and providing study support.

## **International Study Centre**

Many of our international boarders have support through our International Study Centre. Students are taught in small classes by subject specialist teachers and this helps them develop their confidence and skills in spoken and written English. There is excellent support of international boarders which helps them interact confidently with all members of the community.





# TYPES OF BOARDING

Our approach to boarding life is flexible and allows us to meet the needs of our boarders and their families. Girls can be full or weekly boarders and can flexi-board at any time.

## **Full Boarding**

Boarders stay at school for the full term, arriving just before the start of term and leaving at the end to return home or stay with a guardian. Transfers can be arranged to and from the airports. Most weekend activities are included in the boarding fee.

## **Weekly Boarding**

Boarders arrive at school on Sunday night or Monday morning and remain until Friday for the duration of each term. Weekly boarders are welcome to join weekend activities however these will be charged for.

## **Flexi-Boarding**

Students can stay from one to three nights a week on a regular or ad hoc basis subject to availability. This is popular option especially around the time of school productions, late returning school trips, sporting fixtures or when parents may be away. The cost of this is added to the termly school fee bill.



**JAMES & OSBORN  
SENIOR BOARDING**

**ASTRO**

**SIXTH FORM  
CENTRE**

**SCIENCE**

**CLASSROOMS**

**2 SPORTS HALLS**

**FOREST  
SCHOOL**

**TENNIS  
COURTS**

**THEATRE**

**MUSIC**

**LIBRARY AND  
ART CENTRE**

**CLASSROOMS**

**MAIN HOUSE**

**DINING HALL**

**HARGREAVES & HAWKWELL  
JUNIOR BOARDING**

**PREP  
SCHOOL**



Kent College is located on the outskirts of Tunbridge Wells in the heart of the beautiful Kent countryside. Set within seventy five acres of woodland we have first class facilities including a modern and purpose built Science block, Art centre, Sixth Form centre, Theatre and Music centre and impressive sports facilities.

The school is located in south-east England and is within easy reach of central London (50 minutes by train). Gatwick and Heathrow Airports are under one hour away and Folkestone and Dover, for access to mainland Europe, are just over an hour away.

There are many cultural and historic points of interest in the area, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Canterbury Cathedral and Hever Castle, and our boarders will visit these and many more during their varied weekend activity programmes.

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