

Battle Abbey School Principles of Boarding

It is a great honour to go to school in such historical and beautiful surroundings but to also live here is a great privilege and hopefully you will make many happy memories in your time as a Boarder at Battle Abbey School. This handbook is designed to include everything that you need to know as a Boarder from the day-to-day routines to all the detailed instructions that you need to be aware of to keep you happy and healthy.



Our Boarding Mission Statement

Battle Abbey Boarding aims to create upstanding citizens and does this through our everyday routines with specific emphasis on developing independence, resilience, and life-skills in a nurturing and safe environment.

The philosophy of the boarding house is to make boarders feel happy, safe and fulfilled in their new home. Pupils should feel supported, valued and challenged to help them meet their full potential. They are encouraged to participate in the many activities we organise as this helps us to develop a strong boarding community where lasting friendships can be made. Older boarders are encouraged to take on leadership roles to help younger students and to ensure the smooth running of the boarding community.

There are few places to board more unique than the Abbey, built on the site of the Battle of Hastings. The rolling fields of the Sussex countryside and elegance of the school buildings ensure an experience that all our boarders remember for the rest of their lives. Boarding at Battle Abbey School enables boarders to become a member of a caring, close-knit international community. This not only broadens horizons but also facilitates life-long friendships around the world.

Full-time boarding allows children to enjoy the full range of activities and support on offer in the boarding house. This includes help with their studies, pastoral care and a complete, enriching activity programme.

We hope that you find your time here is a happy one. There are lots of ways that you can find a person to talk to when you need.

1. Our Heads of Boarding Prefects in Year 13 are excellent listeners and are always available to discuss any concerns or worries you may have.
2. Any of our wonderful staff (boarding or day – including your form tutor or Head of Key Stage) are on hand and available to help if you need someone to talk to.
3. Our school counsellor is available for appointments, please speak to her directly (her details are at the back of this handbook).
4. Our welfare team are always available to you (please see their details in the back of this book).
5. We have an independent person who is someone you can speak to freely- they are not connected to the school in anyway. (please see details in the back of this handbook)
6. Advocates are available to you through a local charity POHWER using the website <https://www.pohwer.net/> 0300 456 2370
7. Childline: 0800 1111
8. Children's commissioner <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/help-at-hand/> 0800 528 0731
9. Our boarding Governor, Mr Jonathan Watts who comes in to visit us every few weeks is available to speak to you.
10. The school Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Ingall or Head – Mr Clark.

No problem is too big or too small. Please just speak to someone when you are in need.



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