

Boarding



WARWICK
SCHOOL





OUR BOARDING COMMUNITY

Warwick School has accommodation for 60 boarders in our beautiful boarding house, School House.

Modern and comfortable accommodation provides a home from home, supported by a specialist staff of house parents, tutors and domestic staff. The house provides excellent support structures to boarders from overseas, new to studying in England, which enables them to settle very quickly into life away from home.

School House is run by resident house parents with an assistant house parent. Home to pupils from age 13 to age 18 (Year 9 - Year 13), there are a number of single rooms for those in Year 13, otherwise our rooms have two or three boarders sharing together. School House is in the beautiful surroundings of the main historic Warwick School building and has modern bathroom facilities, social spaces and WiFi throughout.

In 2022, Warwick School was named as **Independent Boys' School of the Year**, an achievement which recognises our commitment to boys' learning and growth as they become young men.



Each boarder has a Boarding Tutor who meets regularly with them. A unique relationship is fostered that connects both the academic with the pastoral, the relaxed domestic life of the boarding community with the challenges of life in school.

The Head of House is a boarder from Year 13 who leads a team of House Prefects. They work together to ensure the smooth running of the houses and help manage events and excursions.

Boarders form friendships that last a lifetime and develop skills that prepare them for university life and beyond.

A BEAUTIFUL PART OF ENGLAND

The boarding community is at the heart of the school. Outside of the house facilities the boarders have easy access to the main dining hall, sports centre and the many outdoor areas within the school grounds.

Opposite the school, the beautiful and tranquil St Nicholas Park is just a few steps away. The River Avon runs through the park towards historic Warwick Castle and the amenities of Warwick town centre are within a ten minute walk.

During their free time, boys can explore the school facilities or venture further afield into Warwick. The Georgian town of Royal Leamington Spa with its extensive shopping is a short bus or bike ride away.

Older boys can travel by public transport to nearby cities and visit friends and family all over the country. Warwick is located in the picturesque South Warwickshire countryside, once home to Tolkien and Shakespeare, and close to many other famous towns and cities including Oxford and Birmingham. It is also just over an hour and a half train journey to central London (see map).

Exeat weekends provide a great opportunity to explore the UK and boys are encouraged to take full advantage of all that Britain has to offer.

Transport to Warwick School from Heathrow Airport

A coach transfer service is available to and from Heathrow Airport for the main holidays. As so many share the same flights, boys can often travel in small groups making these long journeys much more enjoyable. DBS checked taxi drivers are also available to collect boys if required.



Warwick Castle



Historic Warwick town centre, only a 5 minute walk away.

A HOME FROM HOME

Bedrooms

The boarding houses offer well-decorated bedrooms and modern bathrooms. All boys have their own personal space in which to work and belongings can be kept in wardrobes and secure storage facilities in each room.

Telephone and Internet

Although most boarders keep in touch with home via the internet, they have access to private rooms should they wish to call or Skype home.

Catering

All meals are taken in the main dining hall. The Food Committee, which is made up of boys in each year group, meets regularly with the head chef to select varied and nutritious menus for the boarders. In addition senior boys also have their own kitchen in which they can prepare occasional meals, light snacks and drinks. Boarders are also encouraged to visit the local shops to buy provisions for themselves and have access to a range of supermarkets.



"Aaron has enjoyed spending time with his Boarding Buddy's family. We are grateful for this arrangement and to the local family, a home away from home."

Dr and Ms Cheung, Parents

LEISURE AND WELLBEING



Social Areas

School House has impressive games and TV rooms offering Sky Sports and free-to-air channels. There are a selection of games consoles, a pool table and table tennis table. Boarders are encouraged out of their rooms as much as possible to enjoy these communal spaces and perhaps take on one of the staff on the Playstation or at pool!

Medical Centre and Wellbeing

Boarders have a dedicated and fully qualified matron who is located within the boarding house. They are responsible for their wellbeing and is on hand to help with any medical problems they may have, or just to have a friendly chat. Our pastoral care for all Warwick pupils is excellent, from our powerful tutoring structure, to our wellbeing facilities, to our vibrant Pupil Voice and peer-to-peer support. We are committed to providing the right kind of care for every pupil, their families, and our wider school community – 365 days a year.

Music

Within the school there are dedicated music practice rooms and boarders have access to a piano in the boarding house.

Sports Centre

The Sports Centre at Warwick School is available for boarders to use during their relaxation time. It offers a 25m indoor heated swimming pool, a fully equipped gym, indoor squash courts, basketball and indoor sports hall along with the outdoor tennis courts, rugby pitches and cricket pitches.

BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

At Warwick School, boarders enjoy numerous activities, events and trips through the week. Each year we aim to accommodate the interests and suggestions of the pupils so that activities and excursions are well attended. Boarders learn to manage their time effectively and achieve a healthy balance between study and leisure time.

Residential Weekends

Every year boarders are offered the chance to participate in residential weekends to explore the varied landscape and history of Britain or to visit other schools for sporting events. For example, a popular destination is North Wales where they are able to explore Snowdonia National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty. Younger boarders spend one weekend, together with their house parents, away from school in cities such as Oxford or Bath. A recent trip to the north of England gave the footballers an opportunity to play several games of football against other schools and attend a Premiership football match at Old Trafford.

Regular excursions

Regular trips are organised to the Birmingham SeaLife Centre and Tamworth Snowdome, with other activities arranged including tenpin bowling, paintballing, and gokarting. Towards Christmas the boarders are encouraged to purchase gifts for family and friends from the varied choice of winter markets and shopping centres.

Foreign Trips

Every year a trip to one of the major European cities is organised, visiting such places as Rome, Paris, and Barcelona.

Community and voluntary work

Each senior boarder spends part of his time contributing to community or voluntary organisations. Some of our boys visit primary schools to help local children with Mathematics and Science, whilst others volunteer in local charity shops. We are proud of the range and variety of voluntary work in which our boys are involved.

Exeats

Every Half Term, one weekend is designated as time for the boarders to spend away from their boarding house with their guardians or friends. It provides an excellent opportunity for Boarding Buddies to invite the boarders home and for senior boarders to visit universities and travel the UK.



TYPICAL DAY

A boarder has structure to their day but not to the extent that they cannot enjoy time to themselves. We carefully monitor the time spent working and playing to ensure every boarder achieves their full potential whilst developing lifelong friendships and interests.

A typical day consists of:

- Breakfast at 7.30–8.00am, after which school starts at 8.40am for morning lessons.
- Lunch at 1.05pm.
- At the end of afternoon lessons, boarders have games or a little freetime. They also have access to the Library for supervised prep (homework) sessions.
- Supper is at 6.30pm each evening, before a range of sports centre activities, excursions or informal house-based activities.
- After rollcall at 9.30pm, plenty of free time is provided before bed for the boys to get themselves ready for the next day.

Saturdays

Activities and trips are organised for the boarders or they can organise their own shopping trips.

Sundays

A quiet day with occasional Chapel Services. Time to prepare for the week ahead.



BOARDER'S PROFILE

"Leaving home to study in a foreign country is never an easy task. Separation from your family, and friends will put you in a place of uncertainty. Rest assured that this feeling will not last long as both boarding houses will warmly welcome you. We are a friendly community of boys, pastoral tutors, matrons and boarding house parents who offer help and support wherever you need it.

There are a few friendly pieces of advice that I can offer you, so that you will make the most out of this opportunity:

- *Familiarise yourself with the school motto, as we will encourage you to push yourself beyond your comfort zone to seek for 'higher things'. During the Sixth Form bonding day we had to complete high wire activities, which was very challenging for some. However, we all managed to complete the course, with the support of others and pushed ourselves beyond what we thought were our limits.*
- *Use English all the time, as it will help you integrate into the English community, allowing you to truly live and experience the British culture.*
- *Finally, enjoy your time here! Time really flies at Warwick as you will be thoroughly engaged with the lessons and cocurricular activities. Make the most of it and be proud to be a Warwickian.*

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you to our boarding community."

Jason Ho - former Head of House

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

To ensure pupils meet the academic criteria at Warwick School they will take entrance exams.

If living abroad it is possible to arrange for entrance tests to take place in a pupil's current school should the Head of the school be in agreement, or at a British Council office, or an approved agent of Warwick School.

13+ (Year 9), 14+ (Year 10), 16+ (Year 12)
If living abroad, pupils are tested in Mathematics and English as a Foreign Language.

Early application for places is recommended. Offers are usually made in the November prior to the following September, when pupils are due to start. Please note that a nonrefundable deposit of half a term's tuition and boarding fee is required on acceptance of the offer.

Fees

Please see main school prospectus or website for current fees.

Extras for boarders include:

- A small charge made for school and boarding house trips and excursions. Parents are billed every term for these.
- Return transfers to the airport at the beginning and end of term.
- Phone calls made using the school's landline phones.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

At Warwick School extra tuition is offered to boarders for whom English is a foreign language to help improve their English skills. The EAL Department at Warwick School has an expert team of highly qualified and experienced teachers.

Pupils whose English reaches near-native proficiency are eligible for transfer to mainstream English classes and pupils are considered on an individual basis.

There is no additional cost for EAL tuition at Warwick School.



PARENTS' TESTIMONY

"When Chris first expressed his intention to study abroad like his sister, we were uncertain if this was the best decision for him. After visiting the school and taking advice from the academic agent, we finally picked Warwick School from amongst the best schools in the UK.

One special characteristic of Warwick School is that boarders account for only 1 in 17 of the senior school population. This ratio of boarders and day boys encouraged our son to interact with the day boys more often. Together with the support of the 'Buddy' scheme, Chris easily adapted to the new environment.

Apart from the exciting lessons that Chris enjoys every day, the boarding parents would also hold activities, for instance, watching a football match at Old Trafford and hiking on the mountains in the Lake District. These experiences might not be particularly lifechanging, but they definitely helped Chris to flourish at Warwick School.

We would like to thank all of the teachers and support staff who have nurtured Chris into a mature leader and a well-educated gentleman, who have offered Chris valuable opinions throughout his course of study, especially for his university application.

Chris has had a fruitful and rewarding high school journey, and we genuinely wish every gentleman at Warwick School the very best of luck."

Mr & Mrs Lee - Parents





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