

Boarding Newsletter, October half term

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Dear Parents and Boarders,

I cannot believe that we are fast approaching the end of the first half of the term already! It really has flown by in both Macmillan and Lisbury House. I wanted to update you on events during the past 6 weeks in boarding and how the gradual return to a level of normality within both school and boarding has seen an array of new activities, trips, staff and so much more!

I would like to start by saying that all the boarders have done incredibly well in coping with everything that has been thrown at them, this term so far, to have a new team of staff and getting to know them and how they work has been hugely encouraging.

It has been brilliant to now see a return to school sport, music and other co-curricular activities and I know that many boarders are back playing club football, rugby, and hockey. It was brilliant to see a few boarders on the DofE expeditions and have some new boarders sign up to join the programme.

Boarding has been incredibly lucky, and we have been able to offer a full programme of activities and learning opportunities. Highlights include the residential trip to Bournemouth, which in some rather challenging weather, it was great to see so many day and boarding students working together and create lasting memories.

Boarders have managed to get out to watch the latest James Bond film, of which I thought was one of Daniel Craig's finest performances! A trip to Bristol to enjoy eating around the world at Za Za bazaar, watching boarders try and consume so much food in our allotted time was a joy to behold, plus our regular trips to Bruton Church, Shepton Mallet and Clarks Village for some retail therapy.



Within the boarding houses we have welcomed our new boarding teams to both Macmillan and Lisbury. Both houses have staff from all backgrounds with a wealth of experience, skills, and numerous different interests.

Both boarding houses continue to offer a diverse array of activities, from baking, craft making, piano, karaoke, football, basket, spotlight, CCF or just having a cup of tea and a chat.



Moving forward into next term we look forward to boarding offering Premier league football, paintballing and rugby on top off our in-house weekly activity programme.

We have many things to look forward to next term with fireworks, paintballing, various Christmas trips and events and I can't wait for my first Sexey's Feast night!

On a personal note, it has been amazing to be so welcomed by all our boarding community. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all our boarders and understanding not only their needs but what they love to do and how we can incorporate that into our continued development of our boarding provision.

I can honestly say that boarding at Sexey's is a partnership of working together with the boarders and creating a truly unique experience for all concerned.

If I could remind all boarders of the following:

Enjoy the holidays as they will be over before you know it, get some rest, recharge, and come back ready to challenge and push yourselves in the new term!