

## Boarding Newsletter, Autumn end of term

**Tim Allen, Director of Boarding**

Dear Parents and Boarders,

With the end of term fast approaching and before everyone journeys off to enjoy the festive season I want to write with some boarding updates.

It has been another action packed six weeks since half term and the boarding community have thrown themselves into many different activities and events.

We have seen further development of Lisbury House with the Year 10 girls moving in, a huge thanks goes out to the estates team for all the hard work in getting everything operational despite many challenges.

We started off with a trip to Hauser and Wirth to enjoy some Bruton community spirit with their fireworks display followed by a trip to St Marys Football Stadium to watch premier league football, which was a real delight, and we look forward to visiting again in the new year.

The remembrance parade and the boarder's involvement from both a CCF and a Sexey's student point of view was truly outstanding.

The term continued with trips to Frome Cinema to watch the latest Marvel film and a very cold, wet and windy paintballing trip that proved so popular we will be looking to run regular sessions! Then the last weekend of term saw our boarders visit Bristol for some Christmas magic and present buying!

In house activities continue to develop with Friday house trips to McDonalds and KFC proving very popular! Both houses have continued to work together and offer regular activities including indoor tennis, basketball, badminton, swimming, football, Spotlight, cookie making and in the past week numerous Christmas based activities and a hugely enjoyable Karaoke session.



The boarding team have really pushed themselves to continually offer a great array of activities for all the boarders. I am really proud of how positive the boarders have been to join in and embrace all the opportunities available to them. The boarding team have shown real strength, warmth and compassion throughout the term and they all have my upmost respect for all their efforts.



During early November we had the pleasure of showing the Ofsted Care inspection team just how far the boarding provision has come in the past 18 months to 2 years and although the report is yet to be published, I very much look forward to sharing the hugely encouraging and positive report with you all in the coming days or weeks. It will be testament to not just how far the school has come but also how engaged in the process of boarding development all the boarding students have been. I would like to thank all the boarders, parents, and guardians for being part of this journey.

Moving into 2022, we will continue to develop and build on this terms success and will reflect, learn and strive to make Sexey's a beacon for boarding in the state boarding sector.

Don't forget you can follow our Twitter page [@sexeysboarding](https://twitter.com/sexeysboarding) to keep up to date with regular news and updates from the boarding houses.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Eat well, laugh a lot and make memories with friends and family that will last a lifetime.