

## Boarding Newsletter, Spring end of term

**Tim Allen, Director of Boarding**

Dear Parents and Boarders,

As another term closes, we reflect on the past 6 weeks in boarding and how our community continues to challenge themselves and strive to improve academically, socially, and emotionally.

The Year 11s and Year 13s have been busy revising and sitting their mock exams and the standard of focus and effort by all has been impressive. I hope they have all been happy with their results and use the Easter holidays to their advantage to be ready for the real thing next term.

Linking with school is always a focus of the boarding team and it's been great to see so many boarders involved and supporting the school play "Who runs the world" and the Spring Concert. Seeing some of boarders singing and playing instruments was truly remarkable! A special mention to Fred J for shocking the school with his amazing singing range.

It's been great to share our weekly boarding updates with you all and to also trial run our first boarding parents evening. I hope those parents who signed up found the sessions worthwhile, any feedback on how to make them better for next time would be greatly appreciated. I know the boarding team found the session hugely successful and for some finally putting a face to the name.

Next term will see the return of the boarding reports that will be in-line with the academic reports.

The Boarding Open Day was a successful event with 15 plus families coming to look around with some parents signing up to join us after Easter. The boarders who ran tours or those on hand to talk to prospective parents were a credit not only to the school but to you also. To hear our boarders talk with such passion about their journey at Sexey's truly shows just how much boarding means to them all.



We continue to grow numbers for September with myself and the admission team hosting families every week and the new occasional boarding offer proving popular. The redevelopment of Lisbury House is on track to be fully open and operational and I hope to share some pictures of the redevelopment with you soon.

Activities and trips continue to grow, with Thorpe Park and Cardiff Devils Ice Hockey proving popular this term. Staff are working hard to provide an enriching programme of diverse activities. Please do check out the twitter page to see the pictures of all the trips and activities that have taken place this term.

Next term we will continue to offer a big trip every weekend and staff are always delighted to hear from our boarders any ideas they have for future trips and activities they would like included.

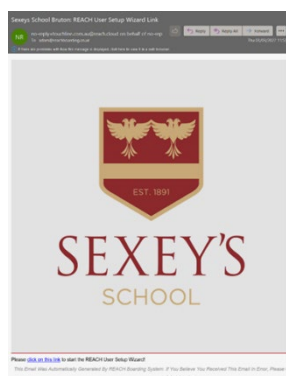


This term we have been trialling a new reward system in boarding for those excelling both in school and boarding. The new 100 club is for those with a combined score of 100 points or more on the ClassCharts system. I hope those who have achieved this success enjoy their new 100 Club boarding T-Shirts! The winners so far this term include, Hannah M, Heidi NG and Tilly H.

We welcome a change in our structure for next term with a flexible rolling brunch now being offered every Sunday, I felt it was important to give our boarders one day a week with some degree of flexibility over when they need to register for breakfast.

I will also be inviting some parents to trial a new weekend/exeat leave request system which I hope will reduce the need to send in weekly requests and be replaced with a quicker text message permission system, please do let me know if you wish to be part of the trial.

## Welcome to Reach Student Life Management



As part of the service we provide to your children in boarding, Sexey's School has introduced a new system that helps with the boarding operations and also provides parents with a way of managing some of these activities such as organising leave.

Reach is a student management system that is designed specifically for boarding schools. It helps the school to manage an extensive range of residential activities including leave, rollcalls, student records, pastoral care, and reporting.

### Requesting Leave

We will initially be asking parents to submit leave on the Reach portal for approval, also look out for approval emails coming into your inbox, detailing any leave that has been requested for your child as you will be required to approve or decline them as part of the process.

### Logging in

We will be rolling out access to parents in the coming term so look out for an email from Reach, similar to the one shown above, with details of how to get setup on the system.

There will be a link to enable you to setup your username and password in order to log in via the app or via a browser.

### Access 24/7 from Web Browser or Mobile App

Reach is cloud-based and can be accessed from any device with an internet connection, using either a web browser or via the mobile app, which is available for Apple and Android devices through their online stores.

Finally, from the boarding team and I, we wish you all a well-deserved Easter Break and hope you manage to find some time to relax and enjoy with family and friends.