

Boarding Newsletter, Summer end of half term

Tim Allen, Director of Boarding

Dear Parents and Boarders,

As we reach the summer half term it is normal for me to look back at all the outstanding opportunities and activities we have been doing, but I'm hopeful that with the massive increase of house newsletters and the raised social media profiles of both houses, you have all been able to follow the daily and weekly events as and when they happen.

Greater communication and transparency over what happens in boarding continues to develop and I hope those parents or guardians who joined the remote boarding evenings over the past two weeks found speaking with the senior houseparent's informative and helpful. Whilst they are a great tool to meet staff, please do feel free to arrange to speak to any houseparent at any time either by remote access or dropping in for a catchup.

We say a sad but positive farewell to Mr Nick Thayre, Senior Houseparent of Lisbury this week who is off for a new adventure working in a Prep School boarding environment. Nick will be missed by all, and we thank him for all his outstanding work over the past two years supporting all the boarders in our community. I personally will miss chatting about all things Southampton football and his love for them despite their relegation this year!

In the interim I will be taking over the running of Lisbury alongside Miss Cull, whilst we look to recruit for September. I look forward to welcoming the Lisbury boarders back after half term and supporting the Year 11s and 13s through their final exams.

The level of exam preparation and revision has been amazing and all boarders sitting exams have really pushed themselves and hopefully left no stone unturned with their preparation.

We look forward to celebrating all our boarders' academic successes in due course!



Looking forward to the last half of term and post exam season, we have an exciting activities week planned, so please look out for details from Miss Turnbull. We have early and exclusive access to the new Slip N Slide opening near Frome amongst many other things.

Weekend trips are based around outdoors and water, so we have a waterpark trip, coastering on the South Coast and a fish and chips evening at West Bay all booked in, not to mention our fortnightly trip to play Padel in Bristol.



We welcome many prospective parents on the 10th June for our final open day of the year and will be hosting a tea party for collecting parents on the final day of term.

It's a real juggling act to get the right balance but our aim continues to keep it simple, study hard, play hard, eat well, sleep well and make friends for life.



I wish you all a restful and relaxing half term and as I always say challenge yourself to do something new! Finally, for those who are planning on attending the Bath and West Show next week, do come and say Hi as we have a stand there for the three days promoting all the great things about Sexey's.

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