



A TO Z

BOARDING AT BEAUDESERT

To call the Boarding House please dial
the main school number 01453 832072

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e-mail:
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Matrons e-mail:
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Sister e-mail:
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A – A home away from home is provided by Mr & Mrs Holmes who are the Houseparents.

B – Beaundesert Badge

- Fun and educational evening activities for boarders in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Bedtimes

- These are on display on your dormitory door.

Behaviour

- All members of the boarding community must respect each other.

C – Concerns / Complaints

- We all have worries or concerns from time to time, some of which are important.
- You may witness an incident where someone else is treated unkindly in which case you must report it.
- The following people are available for you to talk to: Houseparents, Matrons, Sisters, Gap Students, Form Tutor, Mr and Mrs Womersley, Mr MacIntosh or friends, indeed any member of staff or the School's Independent Listener,

Jacqui Erskine Crum on 07825 580523. Please remember your parents/family are there for you at home.

- If you feel that you cannot talk to any one of these people and you want to contact someone outside school you can telephone The Children's Commissioner for England, on 0800 5280731 or e-mail: advice.team@childrenscommissioner.gsi.gov.uk or you may phone Childline 0800 1111 or Ofsted on 0300 123 3155.
- We encourage pupils to raise problems; you will not be in trouble if you do so. You may want to make a formal complaint to the Headmaster in writing. The complaint will be dealt with and you may be asked to talk to the Headmaster.

D – Dressing Gowns and Slippers

- These must be in school and should be worn around the House.

DVDs or downloaded images

- the playing of any sort, without permission, is strictly forbidden.

E – Evening

- There are many activities on offer in the evenings in your free time.

Electrical Possessions

- Electrical items may not be put on charge.
- Equipment which is internet enabled is not permitted at school.
- Laptops and i-pads are not allowed in the boarding house. E-readers (ie Kindle) are permitted. Please refer to the Acceptable Use Policy.

F – Fire

- If the alarm sounds please leave the building as quickly as possible by your nearest exit.
- Never leave a member of your dormitory asleep.
- Assemble, in silence, in the front courtyard where a roll call will be taken.
- Do not re-enter the building until told to do so by a member of staff.

Flexi-boarding

- Three or less nights per week mean you are a flexi-boarder.

G – Games

- There are plenty of different games for you to play in the evenings, including the Nintendo Wii.

H – Happiness

- This is the most important part of being in the boarding house and if you see anyone upset you must let a member of staff know.

I – Illness.

- Everyone will look after you if you are ill. Also see R for Red Buttons and S for Sisters.

J – Joining in.

- Beaudesert Boarders make up one big family and we hope everyone looks out for each

other and no one is left out.

K – Keeping Safe

- Security locks on all external doors are there for your safekeeping. Fire doors are kept shut at night and fire practice is undertaken on a regular basis.

Kit

- All weekly and flexi-boarders are given a detailed kit list.

L – Listening: Senior Matron, who is helped by Jackie and our Gap Matron Katy are here to do their best to help you with anything!

Laundry

- Baskets are placed on each landing every night for laundry.

M – Mornings

- A member of staff will wake you up at 7.15pm.
- 7.20am means that it is time to get up, get dressed and begin to tidy your dormitory.
- Breakfast is from 7.35am.

N – Naming

- ALL possessions brought into school should be named.

Newspapers, books and magazines

- Are provided for you to read. If you borrow one please return it.

O – 'Outstanding'

- ISI (**I**ndependent **S**chools **I**nspectorate) Inspection report, November 2011 quotes: "The quality of boarding education is outstanding and fully meets the school's aims."

P – Personal Possessions

- It is important that everyone respects each other's property.
- Never 'borrow' items without the owner's permission.
- Photography is not permitted.

Q – Quiet Reading

- Before 'Lights-Out' there will be a period of quiet reading.

- Learning (not writing) of school work is also allowed for the first 15 minutes.

R – Red Buttons

- If you feel ill after lights out you will need to use a red button to call a Matron.

S – Sisters Johnstone and Davies

- They are here to look after your health.
- There is a surgery in the morning after breakfast and in the evening after tea.

Snug

- A place to relax in your free time.

Suggestion Box

- If you have any ideas you would like to improve your boarding experience pop a note in the box.

T – Telephones

- These are available for your use during the evenings until it is time to go up to your dormitory and first thing in the morning.

Tuck

- Boarders will occasionally be given tuck, provided by the school.
- Please do not bring tuck into school.

U – Unwell

- Sister or Matron will let your parents know if you are unwell.
- We have a room for children to lie down, rest and recover in peace, which is beside the surgery.

V – Valuables

- Please do not bring valuable items in to the Boarding House. All watches should be named – please ask Matrons. Other items **must be** labelled (eg i-pods). Weekly boarders may have a lockable box.

W – Water Dispensers

- Drinking water dispensers are available in the Boarding House.

X – X-Factor

- We have the x-factor for Boarding at Beaudesert!

Y – Year 8s

- have a snack provided for them after evening activities.

Zz – Zzzzz.