

JUNIOR YEARS · SENIOR · SIXTH FORM



BOARDING



'The promotion of wellbeing is an underpinning feature of the whole school. This helps children and young people to develop confidence, resilience and helps them feel safe and included.'



INTRODUCTION

Our boarding community is vibrant and happy, playing a vital role in maintaining the energy and heart of the School. Girls experience a whole new world of social and cultural opportunities, broadening and enhancing a new dimension to their Kilgraston education experience.

Girls love the warm and friendly atmosphere and Kilgraston has a strong sense of 'family' across the year groups. When the Sixth Formers get together with the lower school, it is not clear who enjoys it more.



'There is a clear mutual respect between staff and the children and young people across stages within the 'Kilgraston family'. Girls feel much supported in their academic work as well as developing their wider interests and skills.'



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Our boarding staff are friendly and dedicated.

Mrs Sonja Muller - Head of Pastoral Care and Boarding

"It's a great privilege working in boarding and I really enjoy spending time with the girls after a busy school day.

Living on-site means the girls can make use of the school's extensive facilities and have daily help with homework. After study time there are always lots of exciting activities planned, such as baking, cooking, art and crafts, quizzes, dramas, dancing and outdoor games to name but a few."



DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SIXTH FORM BOARDER:

7:30am - Wake up

8am - Breakfast with delicious hot and cold food.

8:30am - Meet friends and get ready for the School day.

8:45am - Registration and then either Assembly or Tutor Group until 9.05 am.

Lessons

10:55 -11:15am - Break

Lessons

1:05 -2:10pm - Lunch

Lessons

4:10pm - School finishes

Snack in the boarding office with friends and the Residential Mistress. We usually talk about our plans for the evening. Then it's out for things like sports practice, orchestra rehearsal or subject surgery.

6pm - Supper

7:15pm - Time to study either supported or quietly in your room.

8:30pm - Time to do some extra art or music, even head to the gym or do a fun boarding activity.

9:30pm - Have some supper and catch up with friends before sorting out morning laundry and getting ready for tomorrow.

10:30pm - Have some quiet time before bedtime.



'Boarding has allowed me to gain independence and build my confidence. It has opened up so many more opportunities for interesting activities that I would not have done otherwise.'

Grace

AND THEN THERE'S THE WEEKEND...

At weekends around 80% of the boarding girls remain in school and are offered a vibrant and varied activity programme.

There is no formal Saturday school but matches are played in the mornings and for those girls not directly involved, they are encouraged to spend the time practicing their music, catching up on homework or joining in an activity.

In the afternoon and on a Sunday there are always planned activities and these may vary. On Saturday afternoons, for example, we explore Scotland and on Sundays there are more relaxed on-site options available such as baking.



Mater is home to our junior and middle school boarders. The youngest members – from eight to 12 years of age live in the Austin dorms. At 13, girls are given their own study bedroom in Mater. Each spacious and bright room is fitted with a comfortable single bed, a desk and ample storage space.

Our Sixth Form boarding houses, Barat and Swinton, have a shared kitchen where pupils can prepare snacks and hot drinks, and of course the Sixth Formers' own common room.

Should she ever feel unwell, we have our modern and large infirmary where any Kilgraston pupil can seek treatment.

When it comes to getting clean bedding and clothing, Kilgraston has an in-house laundry where our friendly staff will assist pupils and ensure they have what they need as well as being well turned out.





Experience boarding at Kilgraston School, contact us to book a taster.

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