



Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice

At Bishopstrow College we aim to provide each student with a safe, secure and stimulating home.

The experiences of working and living together within a close community, learning to understand other people from different cultures, and learning to live together as one community are our main aims within the boarding houses. Our success in this is a key feature of the College.

We emphasise personal growth and self-knowledge and our community allows our students to enjoy all that life in a boarding school has to offer. Every aspect of boarding is an opportunity to learn, and we use all activities for practising and developing language skills.

Bishopstrow Boarding Principles:

1. We help students learn to look after themselves, to grow in confidence in a secure, supported environment.
2. We help students develop independence, becoming more self-disciplined and self-reliant.
3. We help students learn, by following the Five Virtues, to become Kind, Polite, Organised, Hardworking and Team Players.
4. We help students discover how to make the most of a boarding school experience.

Bishopstrow College's Boarding Practice:

1. We are a co-educational boarding school, with all students being non-native English speakers. The students live in boarding areas organised into the three main age groups (7-11, 12-14, 14-17), with single sex dormitories.
2. The Boarding Houses are managed by the Head of Boarding and Deputy Head of Boarding assisted by a team of Houseparents, Senior Boarding Tutors and Boarding Tutors.
3. The Head of Boarding is in regular contact with Parents, Educational Agents and Educational Guardians.
4. The students are encouraged to fully take part in the evening and weekend activities and educational visits.
5. All students share rooms, and rooms are arranged so that the common language of each room is English in order to promote community living.
6. Boarding is managed centrally to ensure our safeguarding and boarding systems, protocols and procedures are the same across the houses.

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