

THE ROYAL BOARDING SCHOOL

A home-from-home in the English countryside

*Situated in Haslemere, Surrey surrounded by
beautiful countryside and the wonders of
nature but within easy access of London.*



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Welcome to Boarding

As a boarder at The Royal you are part of a tight knit community, where local and international pupils feel equally at home and enjoy each other's company in a vibrant and buzzing house opened by our patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

It is hard to beat the position of our school, nestled in an area of outstanding natural beauty and safe at the top of Farnham Lane, yet close enough to Haslemere train station to hop on a train to explore the busy hotspots of London or the cobbled streets, shops and cultural venues of Guildford.

Our Head of Boarding, Mrs Bartlett-Rawlings and her team make sure that you feel happy and at home when you are here. There is always someone to talk to, whether you need help in your academic studies or just a listening ear.

The fun and fulfilling schedule of activities and trips means you gain all sorts of experiences that are enriching and make for an unforgettable boarding experience.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school soon.

Pippa Smithson



Mrs Pippa Smithson
Head of The Royal School

Flexible Boarding Options

At The Royal School, we offer a number of flexible boarding options to suit the needs of modern UK and overseas families.

Full, weekly and flexi boarding can support families by allowing parents and children to find the right solution for them. Boarding in the 21st century is structured to complement academic life, promoting independence, allowing boarders to become fully immersed in school life, developing a strong sense of belonging and an understanding of different cultures.



Co-Ed Boarding



11 - 18 years old



Full Boarding



Weekly Boarding



Flexi Boarding



Short Term Boarding

Qualifications that count

The Royal School's International Department welcomes pupils from all over the world. English language learners work towards internationally recognised qualifications, including Cambridge University Language Assessment Examinations (e.g., IELTS in Year 12/13) and IGCSE in Year 10/11 in English as a Second Language. Where proficiency of English is already advanced, pupils will access the normal English Language and Literature lessons of their peers. Every lesson is planned to take account of the variety of needs in the class: learning styles, abilities and tastes are all considered. We are all about the individual here!



Year 8 & 9
Pre-GCSE



Year 12 & 13
A level



Year 10 & 11
GCSE



International students
IGCSE in Y10/11
IELTS in Y12/13



A warm & inclusive community



A home-from-home

For some boarders, this may be the first experience of living away from home, and we understand it can take some time to adjust to boarding life. However, our experienced boarding staff are on hand to make this transition seamless, offering support and advice to pupils and parents alike.

We provide a secure and stable environment where we support and encourage pupils. There is always plenty to do, friends to spend time with and events to look forward to. As with the rest of the school, the boarding house is underpinned by a strong pastoral ethos, with someone on hand for guidance, encouragement and support, just like home. Our boarding house is a warm, comfortable and happy environment where pupils thrive and develop skills for life. As soon as boarders join The Royal, they benefit from a first-class onboarding programme, including a 'boarding buddy' system to help them adjust to life at The Royal quickly and easily. As a result, many of our boarders establish life-long friendships across the globe.



Our Boarding House

Our Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Boarding House was opened in 1989 by our late Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. QEII provides a home-from-home for the boys and girls that board with us. It comprises single and double study bedroom. Each boarder has their own furnished area, including a bed, wardrobe, drawers and a desk. In addition, there are comfortable spaces where pupils can relax and socialise together. Kitchenette facilities (complete with a kettle, toaster, fridge, etc.) are available to make evening snacks, with staff on hand to supervise where necessary. There is also a fully equipped gym onsite, tennis/basketball courts, and a full-size sports hall.

The boys are located on the ground floor, whilst the girls are on the top floor of the boarding house.





Area of Outstanding
Natural Beauty

Haslemere, Surrey



Location, Location, Location

Our Senior School & Boarding House are located on a 26-acre site in Haslemere's historic, charming market town. The school is surrounded by some of South East England's most beautiful countryside, much of which is owned by the National Trust. Located halfway between London and the South Coast, we can ensure pupils visit nearby historical and cultural attractions as part of their stay with us.

Nestled between wooded hills in the southwest corner of Surrey and surrounded by National Trust land, Haslemere is one of the gems of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and gateway town to the South Downs National Park. The town makes a great base for exploring the miles of beautiful rolling countryside, heathland, valleys, attractive market towns and picturesque villages. The rich and diverse landscape has helped to inspire many great artists and authors. Both visitors and residents are spoilt for choice, as the Haslemere area provides the perfect countryside for all leisure and sporting activities.



Local Attractions

Haslemere is the gateway to the Surrey Hills & South Downs National Park. There are plenty of attractions in the surrounding area. Just 15 minutes walk from the school is the renowned Devil's Punchbowl, a large hollow of dry sandy heath. The Punchbowl has a long history and tradition. Legend has it that the devil spent his time tormenting the god Thor by pelting him with enormous handfuls of earth, leaving the great bowl that visitors can see today. In reality the large depression was created by erosion as water percolated down and hit an impervious layer of clay. A large number of small springs sprung up across the area as the water pressure built up. The hollow is overlooked by the 894 feet Gibbet Hill, the second highest hill in Surrey.

Just 10 minutes away from the school is Haslemere station, with direct trains straight to London Waterloo.

The Royal School is ideal for parents wanting a wholesome, safe environment for pupils that is close enough to London to experience the culture and magnificence of our capital.





Weekend Activities



Weekend Activities & Adventures

Whatever the weather, we offer a range of exciting social, cultural and sports activities, encouraging everyone to join in and try something new. International students will benefit from a full British experience whilst at The Royal.

The full programme of activities encourages pupils to develop their personality and talents, supporting and celebrating each other's achievements and helping them discover new interests and hobbies.

No 'compulsory' exeat weekends

At The Royal, we take the cost and worry of going to guardians for exeats out of the picture. We remain open and buzzing with activities throughout the term. This is a unique offering and is popular with parents and pupils alike. Royal pupils have the choice to stay with us over the weekends (except holidays and half terms) to enjoy a range of activities lead by our experienced Head of Boarding.



Future Ready Programme

Part of our commitment and vision is to ensure our pupils are future ready for a rapidly changing world. In a world where AI is significantly prominent, it is more important than ever to ensure we nurture those skills that make us uniquely human. We develop skills and behaviours inside and outside the classroom to set our children up to thrive in the world beyond school.

Our Future Ready programme is designed to provide pupils with;

- Opportunities beyond the traditional curriculum to develop future skills, including transferable skills
- To equip students with the confidence and resourcefulness to know how to think, not what to think
- To teach students how to understand, control and create technology the right way
- To develop the whole person by teaching pupils about self-awareness

Our Future Ready seminar series allows pupils to learn about time management, finance management, study skills, self-care skills, cookery and much more. The seminar series is open to both day and boarding pupils and takes place in our newly developed Creativity & Innovation Hub, where pupils can also benefit from regular supervised reading and supported prep time. Learning continues in a relaxed and happy atmosphere well after the school day ends.

DISCOVER BOARDING

Call our Admissions team today to find out more.

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