



Dear Parents,

Upper School Boarding Open Evening for Fourth Form (Year 9) in September 2019

Thursday 14 June 2018

We are aware that many parents consider boarding as an option when their son enters the Upper School and with this in mind, I would like to invite current Year 7 families to attend our Upper School Boarding Open Evening on Thursday 14 June.

There are many clear benefits to boarding:

- Reduced travel time at either end of the day, allowing boys the chance to participate in more academic and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Supervised and highly structured prep time.
- The best of both worlds – spending the week making the most of the many varied opportunities available in the company of friends, and then spending far more quality time together as a family at the weekend (within the weekly boarding option, boys are able to return to the Boarding House on either Sunday evening or Monday morning).
- The development of greater independence and confidence. Many parents see the Sixth Form boarding option as good preparation for university life.

We are able to offer a number of boarding places to boys as they enter the Fourth Form (Year 9). However, the number of places available is limited, and parents should inform the School no later than the end of the autumn term in Year 8 if they wish their son to board in the Fourth Form (Year 9). We will always try to accommodate requests received after this date (or later in a boys' Upper School career); however, this will depend on whether a place is available.

We will be opening up our Boarding Houses to interested families and hope that this will enable you to explore the boarding option further. The programme for the evening will be:

6.30pm	Arrival for drinks and light refreshments in the Memorial Hall.
6.45pm	A short introduction to 'Boarding at Bedford'.
7.00pm	A tour of one of our Boarding Houses with current boarding staff and pupils.
7.45pm	A tour of a second Boarding House with current boarding staff and pupils.
8.30pm	Tours end - guests are welcome to leave, or to stay for further refreshments and to talk to staff.
9.00pm	Event finishes.

If you would like to attend, please email Anna Steiger, our Director of Admissions, and reserve your place confirming who will be attending – asteiger@bedfordschool.org.uk – by Friday 8 June 2018 at the latest. Please also let us know in this e-mail if you would like to visit a particular Boarding House (or Houses) – there will be time to see two. We would also be grateful if you could confirm if any of your group have any specific dietary requirements.

I do hope that you will be able to join us for this event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hodgson', written in a cursive style.

James Hodgson
Head Master