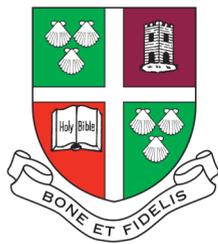


# the **ROUGH**

GUIDE TO BOARDING AT WOODHOUSE GROVE



ACCESS ALL **AREAS**

Boarding at The Grove is a unique and special experience. Boarders at The Grove are constantly provided with stimulating and challenging experiences.

They may choose to play and practise music; research in the library; use the latest multi-media facilities; rehearse a play; play sport for the school or local team; participate in one of our many exchange programmes; join a theatre or concert trip; work out in the fitness suite; swim lengths in the Jubilee pool or just relax and drink hot chocolate with friends in the House kitchen.



These are just a few activities that represent the diversity and richness of boarding at Woodhouse Grove and it is this, coupled with the strong academic standards, that attract people from all over the world. They join a boarding community that celebrates traditional values, while embracing a tolerance and understanding of the international world we are proud to be part of.

Young people today face increasing pressures to compete at top universities and rewarding careers. Academic qualifications alone are not sufficient to guarantee success in the wider world. Maturity, confidence, versatility, self discipline and self motivation are all qualities needed to achieve their full potential and boarding at The Grove can provide a unique environment in which to develop these qualities.

Grove boarders flourish in the homely atmosphere of Brodwell (Boys) and Miller (Girls). Although each of the Houses is unique in character, they share certain values. A caring and secure environment is maintained by resident House staff and all boarders have their own personal House Tutor to whom they are able to turn for guidance and support. Each House also offers modern amenities, well-appointed bedrooms and relaxing common rooms. All boarders have either double or single rooms, whilst some younger boarders can be happier sharing triple rooms.

The international dimension is a central characteristic of boarding life at the school. Many of the boarders come from within the European Union but we also welcome boarders from much further afield such as China, South Africa, Fiji and Hong Kong. Living in close proximity with different nationalities promotes a tolerance, understanding and respect for other people's views, cultures and traditions. Woodhouse Grove welcomes all religious dominations and encourages tolerance as well as personal faith.

**Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever you want to do in the future – you will be warmly welcomed into the boarding community here at The Grove. And we promise that we will do everything in our power to ensure that your time with us is everything you want it to be.**

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# the Lowdown

**Boarders on Boarding - pupils past and present bust some myths and tell it how it is...**



**“Not having to travel to school saves me so much time – I get to lie in! And having the library so close means doing prep is much easier.”**

The teachers in Boarding are normal! Getting to know them and vice versa in the house is fun!

**I'm having fun in boarding with all the international students. They're the greatest friends I have met in England.**

**“Being a boarder at The Grove has been one of the most memorable experiences I've ever had. The members of Boarding are very close, helpful and loving, almost like a big family. The staff are willing to listen and help at all times, no matter how big or small the problem is.”**

I came without many expectations, only that it would be very posh and strict. Turns out, boarding's actually really chilled and you have quite a lot of freedom.”

“The teachers in Boarding are very friendly and offer a wide range of evening and weekend activities making our time here fun and interesting. From sports and climbing and games, to art, drama and baking club, there is something for everyone to enjoy. The school is in a good location, with easy, quick transport to the cities of Leeds and Bradford.”

**“ It provided me with independence; it set me up with so many skills, so that going to university was less of a shock!**



**“Although my family is far away...I have my family here so I never get sad or homesick. Boarding is a good experience as it helps you bond with people of different years and cultures who you might not normally meet around school.”**

“Boarding life is fun, you learn to value your life and how to achieve goals in the future. You learn to be confident and get the ability to speak in front of others.”



**Becoming a boarder in Brodwell was the best thing I ever did!**





Our House common room  
I love hanging out there  
with my friends.



## THE FOOD...

Seriously! There's something  
for everyone. Although I  
wish all the brownies were  
just for me!



The people. I've made some  
great friends here who I will  
stay in touch with forever.

## TOP

REASONS TO BOARD

## Home Sweet Home

My room. It feels like home.



There's loads to do when you are not studying  
like sport, drama and music and some brilliant  
excursions at the weekend as well as school trips  
and tours. You're never just hanging around. Unless  
you want to, of course!



# 10.

All the special things we do in Boarding like bonfire night and Christmas parties and summer barbecues. They make my time here feel very special.

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AT THE GROVE!

hello!

# 6

The teachers are great, they really take the time to get to know you and are always available for a chat.



**GO KARTING! TOTALLY MY FAVOURITE WEEKEND ACTIVITY.**



HOT CHOCOLATE IN OUR HOUSE AFTER PREP. IT FEELS SO COSY AND LIKE HOME.

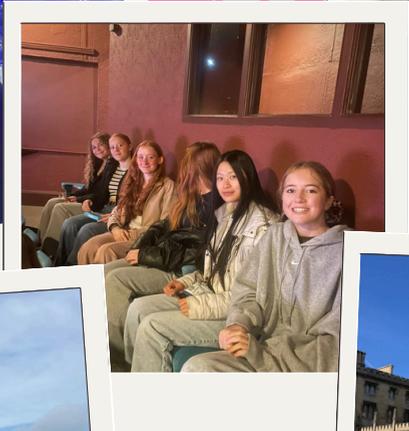


The lessons are actually fun and interesting. I'm not joking!

# Living the Dream

## One day in the life of a Grove Boarder.

- 7.30am No need for an alarm, the “wake up” bell certainly gets you up...
- 7.45am Wolf a bacon sandwich for breakfast. Grab some fruit too in an effort to be healthy!
- 8.15am Back to the House for a quick clean of the teeth, sort my hair out and get my stuff ready for the school day.
- 8.25am Head into school with my boarding BFF to do some crucial catching up with our day pupil bezzies.  
I know it’s only been a night – but so much to discuss!
- 8.35am Registration
- 8.40am Chemistry. My fave!
- 9.30am Design and Technology
- 10.30am Assembly
- 11.15am English. Watch a live stream of Macbeth. WOW.
- 12.10pm Lunch – thank goodness- absolutely ravenous! Chicken stir-fry, my favourite and a rocky road pudding. It would be rude not to!
- 1.05pm Biology
- 2.10pm Spanish – me estoy volviendo bastante Bueno!
- 3.05pm Art – the perfect way to finish off the school day.
- 4.00pm Head back to House to grab my gear for swimming training.  
Looking forward to swimming camp this autumn.
- 5.15pm Time for a quick shower and a chat with my friends in the quad before tea. Discuss plans for the weekend...
- 5.45pm Dinner in the dining room.
- 6.30pm Weekly House meeting with our Houseparent.  
A good chance to catch up on stuff with everyone together.
- 6.40pm Prep time. Decide to work in the library so I can really get my head down.
- 8.30pm Yes! History essay DONE! Swing by the gym for a quick workout before heading over to Brodwell House for a well-deserved hot chocolate and treats.
- 9.00pm Realise I have no kit for tomorrow so pop a wash on.
- 10.00pm Tucked up in bed. It’s been a good day.  
Read for a bit but can barely keep my eyes open...zzzzzzzz.....



# Words of Wisdom...

## From the boarding team!

Being away from home can be the most exciting - and the most worrying - thing to do. There's so much to take in when you are new into the Boarding Houses, and we of course know that it is likely to feel very overwhelming.

We try really hard to make sure that new boarders feel part of the House as soon as they sign up to boarding. You will receive a letter from your Houseparent, enclosing your Boarding Handbook and other useful information and will be assigned a boarding "buddy" who will show you the ropes around the House - it can be bewildering knowing what time you need to go to breakfast or trying to work the washing machine, and local knowledge is key!

All essential timings and information are posted on House noticeboards to refer to - we don't expect you to remember everything all at once - and there are weekly house meetings where we all get together and catch up. Our meal time menus are posted up in House for the term - so you can plan what you are going to have for lunch and for tea - that's important!

There are also loads of staff in the Boarding Houses - and between us we cover a lot of the subjects - so someone is always on hand for academic work worries. Of course, there's also a good chance that there will be someone in the years above you who has done it all before and can lend a hand - and our buddies are often paired by shared subjects and interests too.

Our weekend and evening programme helps new boarders to settle in and get to know their new housemates and the local area. We also organise orientation trips - helping you get to know the routes to local shops and unravelling the mysteries of the British public transport system! Taking a trip into Leeds to go shopping is really easy once you know how.

The boys and girls are split into either Red or Green teams at the beginning of the year and competition is fierce - with tug of war, softball and loads of team games spread out over the year to help you get to know other year groups and genders.

Lastly, the thing to remember is that boarding staff are here to help - most of us have experienced life as boarders, have children of our own, or both, and we are here to look after you and make your life in boarding as happy as possible. We are here to hear about your day, assist with your homework, chat through any troubles and help you as best we can.

# Girls Miller House



# Boys Brodwell House



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# Questions, Questions...



**Our boarders reveal the answers to all the questions they get asked most.**



## Is it like Hogwarts?

Not really, we play cricket not Quidditch and the staircases don't move.

## Do you have a bunkbed?

Nope, single beds with drawers or storage underneath - and each room has a desk, chair and wardrobe.



## Are you allowed your phones?

Yes!

## What's the youngest age you can board from?

Year 7 upwards can board. You can try it and see - come and stay when your parents are away. You can board weekly or full time.



## What's the food like?

Really good - and the choice on evenings and weekends is different to lunchtimes.

## Can you choose who you are in a room with?

Houseparents try to be as accommodating as they can with requests.



## Do you have a TV in your room?

No - but there are TVs in the common rooms, with Sky.

## Do you get your own space?

Yes, most of us share a room, but if you fancy a bit of alone time, there's always a quiet corner - or a few acres - that you can have to yourself.

## Do you go to school on Saturdays?

Noooo! Instead, there are loads of sports fixtures and boarding activities for us to take part in over the weekend.

## Do you live with the teachers?

Ha! Yes, some of them. Each House has resident staff who have their own flats in the Houses. They look after us overnight if we feel poorly - or if the fire alarm goes off, they check that we are all out and safe.

## What's it like having to see the same people every day?

Ace - it's like having a LOT of siblings!



## Do you do your own washing?

You can if you want to, or you can send it to the school laundry, at no cost - which is a bit magical...

## Do you have to put your uniform on at weekends?

No - and you can have breakfast in your PJs like at home on the weekends, as it is in Houses.



## Do you have WiFi?

Yep.

## Do you have a kitchen?

Yes, both Houses have kitchens for making snacks, and Miller has an oven where we do baking and cooking.

## Do you share with the boys?

Nope - but the boys come and socialise in Miller all the time, and the girls go over to Brodwell - they've got the pool table!



## Do you sleep in the classrooms?

NO! But having the run of all the grounds and facilities to ourselves at the weekends and on evenings is fun!



## Do you have a bedtime?

Yes, each year group has their own bedtime.

# Weekend Vibes

What does the weekend hold for a Grove boarder? Here's just some of what they get up to...



## Saturday

- Chilled out breakfast in PJs in House. Mmmmm.
- Play cricket for the U15s at home with all my boarding mates camped out on the lawn and cheering me on.
- Basketball! Some unfinished on court business to deal out following last weekend's annihilation.
- Head to Miller for some afternoon baking. Make enough buns to last the week!
- Load up with popcorn for film night in Miller.
- Floodlit 4G footy. Been looking forward to this all week.

## Sunday

- Brunch in the dining hall.
- Do a little extra prep in the library - leaving more time for mid-week fun!
- Laser Zone time! Pile into the minibus for an afternoon of mayhem.
- Protein flapjack and smoothie creation in Miller. Healthy and delicious!
- A few of us head to the fitness suite for a weekend workout.
- A load of us toast marshmallows around the firepit outside Brodwell. Aaaah - love these guys!



# STUDY. PLAY. STAY.

Hate waking up early to drive to Saturday fixtures? At the Grove, you can stay over and make the most of every opportunity without the rush home.

**Whether it's an early morning fitness session, late-evening coaching, or an important fixture the next day, our flexible boarding option removes the stress of long commutes and tight schedules. Stay over one or two nights a week - whenever it suits your training calendar - and arrive fresh, focused and ready to give your all.**



**Being part of our flexible boarding scheme means you're part of the boarding family from day one. You'll get your own bed and space to keep your things, and you'll be part of the action from the minute you arrive. You'll join our wonderful close-knit boarding community and give yourself the chance to properly rest and prepare for those all important Saturday fixtures.**



# GAME ON

Sport is a big thing at The Grove, whether you're a player or a supporter. Our facilities are outstanding and there is a full fixtures list for team sports, with regular practices in the week and matches most weekends. If team sport is not your thing, then you can use the gym, pool or climbing wall to get your fitness fix.

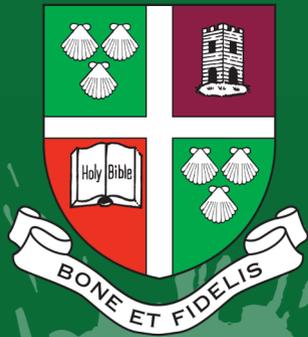
## The Grove

### Your home from home and what it has to offer

Set in 70 acres of beautiful Yorkshire countryside, yet conveniently located between Leeds and Bradford, The Grove offers the best of both worlds; rural surroundings in easy reach of city life.

Each of our Boarding Houses has its own unique character, whilst providing a warm, homely and secure environment under the care of resident House staff.

Each House offers modern amenities, wifi, Sky TV, kitchens, laundry facilities, well-appointed bedrooms and relaxing common rooms. Check out [www.yorkshire.com](http://www.yorkshire.com) to find out more about this wonderful county.



# Meet Paige!



## What was it like when you arrived as a new boarder?

I found the school and the boarding house very welcoming and felt the house had a good atmosphere.

## What is your favourite thing about boarding at the Grove?

All of the activities that are available.

## What is your least favourite thing?

The packing and unpacking at the end of term - I've got 2 sisters in boarding as well, so its tricky fitting it all in the car!

## What do you think about Woodhouse Grove as a school?

I like the subject options we have available and all the sports that we can do.

## If you could change one thing about boarding or school life what would it be and why?

That we have a half day on a Friday!

## What are your plans for the future?

I'm not sure yet, but something to do with Chemistry.

# Meet Luca!

My life at Woodhouse Grove so far has honestly been a thrilling journey. From meeting my roommate to learning the ropes to a completely new school system, and so much more in between, I was encouraged from the very start to be curious. Anything and everything I wanted to ask, I always had someone to approach, and I'm surprised myself at how easy my transition to this new life was.

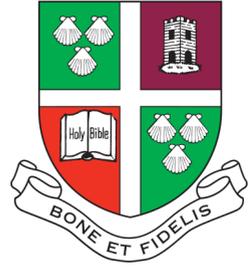
Even when classes are finished, there is always something going on - either a boarding house trip, friends' gathering or a random obstacle course on the rugby fields, I can never say I'm bored. With Leeds also just a short train ride away, weekends have never been more chaotic, in the best way possible!

Just last week I went from having a chemistry test on Friday to walking on the beaches of Whitby with my best friends and eating fish & chips on Saturday. It's truly amazing at how many things we've already visited in such a short amount of time and yet I still feel like I have so much to see!



Friendships were one of the things I was most worried about before coming here. Would I lose the friends I already had? Would I manage to find people who I can be myself with?

In the end, the people who truly mattered from back home remained, and I am confident in saying that I've found incredible friends here and the memories we have created really make this school feel like a second home. I am extremely grateful for each one of them for making this experience so worth it!



# Interested in applying for a boarding place or Study, Play and Stay?

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