



READING SCHOOL  
WELCOME TO OUR BOARDING FAMILY







Mr J Escribano Sánchez  
East Wing Housemaster



Mr A Lloyd  
South House Housemaster

**R**eading School has 80 weekly boarders aged 11-18 in our two boarding houses.

Our boarders consistently rate their experience here as 'outstanding' and we are delighted by the profound sense of family the boys share. We aim to make boarding a genuine 'home away from home' and feel proud of our success in this ambition.

Boys benefit greatly from boarding at Reading School, not just because of the outstanding academic success they achieve, but also because of the extra time they have for recreational activities including our supervised clubs and activities or playing sport and games together in their free time.

We believe that Boarding at Reading School should mirror the best of family life and in the interaction between boarders, staff and parents. The boarding family at Reading School is at the heart of the School and boarders are consistently the best young leaders and team players in the school. They are amongst those who participate the most in sports, music and enrichment activities, and achieve the most outstanding academic results.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- Excellent academic standards
  - our students consistently achieve over 90% GCSE grades 9-7 and awarded grades A-B at A Level
- Excellent standards of pastoral care
  - Student welfare is of paramount importance to us and we strive to ensure that all students leave Reading School as happy, content and well-rounded young men, fully prepared for their next steps into the world
- Small dormitories of 3 students in our COVID secure boarding houses for students in Years 7 - 9
- Dedicated matron in each boarding house
- Tailored support from a team of boarding tutors who are all academic staff at the school
- The opportunity to develop leadership skills, support community projects and contribute to boarding life
- Wide range of clubs and activities available every evening specifically for boarders
- Boarding trips organised for each term
- Student Voice - the opportunity for boarders to request clubs, activities and menus
- The chance to develop lifelong friendships and an ideal stepping stone to university life away from home

## Reading School Accolades

**Awarded the Sunday Times Southeast State Secondary of the Year 2020 and ranked 7th Nationally - for achieving the best GCSE and A-level results in league tables;**

- In Feb 2020, awarded Ofsted 'Outstanding' in recent Boarding Ofsted Inspection;
- In June 2020 we were awarded the Get Berkshire Active Award, for 'Active Secondary School';
- Listed as a finalist in the UK Social Mobility Awards 2021, for our flagship social mobility programme – Future Stories





## TESTIMONIALS

*"Boarding is an integral part of the school. It is highlighted as an area of excellence by staff and young people. Young people are proud of their progress, which they feel is a result of their boarding experiences. The extremely positive relationships between staff and young people enable them to develop as individuals, safe in the knowledge that they are secure, valued and respected"*

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*"Being a boarder has given me advantages that day school students don't have. As well as constantly being around my friends who I can study with, the fact that there are teachers who are willing to assist me with my academic studies is especially beneficial. In addition, the time saved from not having to travel to and from school every day means that I not only have more time to work, but also to socialise and pursue extracurricular activities like rugby. Boarding in the Sixth Form has aided my independent study, and has better prepared me for university and later life. Learning to live with others has led to me becoming a more cooperative and social individual, and has led to steadfast friendships."*

Will, East Wing

*"Boarding has not only supported me throughout my current A-level studies but also given me excellent preparation for my future at university. Being surrounded by my peers as well as teachers covering a wide range of subjects has provided me with a network of support that I've come to realise is a unique advantage that boarders have. "*

Andrew, East Wing



Sixth Form Boarding Prefects 2021-2022

## BOARDING FEES

Current Boarding Fees for Academic Year  
2021/2022

**£12,660 per year**

**£4,220 per term**

These fees cover every aspect of boarding life including:

- All evening activities
- Gym membership
- Boarding trips
- Meals and snacks

It **does not** cover:

- School uniform
- Curriculum school trips

We are a state funded academy so there are **no tuition fees**.

We believe this represents **excellent value**.





# MY 7 FAVOURITE PLACES IN BOARDING

- BY A YEAR 7 BOARDER

- Breakfast - is always an enjoyable social space where we get to hang out after a lie in. We look forward to the Traditional Full English as well as the Continental options.
- Clubs - one of the biggest boarding turnouts is to the tennis club held at the university each week. It's a great opportunity to have some fun whilst also developing new skills
- Community - the lounge is one of several communal spaces that we have in the boarding houses and this is definitely one of the favourite places for everyone to hang out.
- Dinner - with such a range of food available there is always something to like and second helpings too!
- Gym - the Akinfenwa mural is a favourite painting amongst basketball lovers as many go there after school for some intense games
- Prep - one of the biggest perks of boarding is having both staff and other boarders that are able to help you academically since we all live in the same place
- Sports - after what may sometimes be a long school day, it's always nice to play a variety of sports with friends

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