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Monmouth
SCHOOL

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Boarding Overview

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Boarding Life

Monmouth is the home from home for over 250 boarders who live across six houses, each with their own unique, family feel. The junior house, located at our St Catherine's campus welcomes both boys and girls from year 3 to year 8.

Our structured evening routines feature nightly prep time balanced with ample downtime relaxing with friends. There are many organised activities, which include joint socials and the popular pool inflatable sessions. Boarders can also use our sporting facilities which include swimming pools, gyms, multiple pitches, a climbing wall, tennis courts and large sports halls.



Pastoral Care

Our boarding community is founded upon a robust pastoral structure, ensuring that every student thrives academically and emotionally.

Each boarding house is led by an experienced Housemaster/mistress all of whom are part of the academic teaching community. They are supported by a wider house team, comprising a Resident Tutor, at least two Non-Resident Tutors, and a Matron team that takes the lead for all domestic and medical matters, providing the house with a close link to our School Nurses.

In the middle school, each boarder is assigned an Academic Tutor, working closely with the Housemaster/mistress and providing a link with the teaching staff and parents. Boarding Tutors have a small group of tutees and visit the boarding house regularly. In the Sixth Form, a specialist A-level Tutor is assigned to support the pre-university phase and UCAS preparation. Our youngest boarders also belong to a day house, which provides an additional layer and ensures integration at school from the outset.

Our Boarding Houses

Monnow: Junior boys' and girls' house, Y3-8

Twiston-Davies: Middle girls' house Y9-11

Weirhead: Middle boys' house Y9-12

New House: Middle boys' house Y9-12

Augusta: Girls' Sixth Form house Y12-13

Buchanan House: Boys' Sixth Form house Y12-13



Augusta

Boarding Weekends

A varied weekend programme is carefully planned enabling boarders to enjoy activities including city shopping, theme park visits, surfing lessons, canoeing, bowling and go-karting. Regular Saturday evening cinema trips take place throughout the term and, by popular demand, boarders can also take part in competitions with basketball, football and badminton proving firm favourites.



Buchanan House

Boarding Options

There are 4 categories of boarding to suit specific needs:

Full boarding:

Boarders are welcome to stay every weekend but can go home after sports commitments or other activities if they wish.

Occasional boarding:

For day pupils who require occasional single nights, weekends or longer stays for up to 15 nights per term. It's flexible and aimed to give everyone the option to have extra support when they need it, or to sample boarding life.

Day boarding:

Day pupils can join the boarding house but leave every night at around 9pm. They benefit from the boarding structure and routines, evening prep, food and activities, but skip bus routes and traffic, offering convenience for busy families.

Flexi boarding:

For those looking to board on fixed nights only, for up to four nights per week.

Sample Menu

Breakfast:

Fruit juice

Daily selection of cereals

Hot food; either egg, bacon and tomato or baked beans

Toast, preserves and tea

Full cooked brunch on Sundays

Lunch:

Soup of the day with fresh bread

Two main serveries (hot meat and/or fish dish and a vegetarian option)

Supper:

Main servery: Hot meat and/or fish dish and a vegetarian option

Salad bar selection

Selection of desserts, fruit, cheese and biscuits

Freshly made tea and cakes are provided every day after school

Tea, coffee, squash, hot chocolate and basic cooking ingredients are all supplied in the boarding kitchens.

FAQs

How does the school support my child's transition to boarding life?

Our house teams have many years experience welcoming new boarders into our community. We offer a full induction programme at the start of every academic year which includes a host of ice-breaking activities across year groups and houses. Boarders also arrive at school two days before lessons commence to enable them to settle in.

All Housemasters/mistresses contact families before their child joins the boarding house, offering video tours and introducing the teams.

Can I visit my child?

Parents and Educational Guardians are always welcome to visit their child in their house. We do politely ask for advance notice so we can ensure that your child is available.

Who takes care of my child's laundry?

We have a full laundry service onsite, and this is managed by staff. In addition, each boarding house has a washing machine and tumble drier.

Will my child have support with their prep work?

Each house has supervised prep (homework). This is for one hour in the junior house and two hours in the senior houses.

Does my child require a laptop?

There are computers and printers available to pupils in each boarding house. Many pupils bring their own device as well.

Will my child be allowed access to their mobile phone?

Pupils are allowed their mobile phones in the boarding houses. Pupils up to and including Y10 hand their phones to duty staff at bedtime. Pupils in Y11+ may retain their phone.

Does my child have access to Wi-Fi and what measures are in place to ensure they are safe online?

Access to Wi-Fi is available to all boarders and there is a strict filter in place on the school network to ensure pupils are safe online. Wi-Fi is turned off at different times in the evening according to year group.

Do you offer support with travel?

Yes, we have a dedicated transport department offering Heathrow and West Wales transfers at the beginning and end of every half term and term. Additionally, a bus service to Newport Train Station is available every Quiet Weekend and half term.

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