

Dear Applicant,

Thank you very much for taking an interest in our senior boarding provision at Haberdashers' Adams and our home in Beaumaris Hall.

At Adams, we believe boarding provides the best opportunity for pupils to reach their various aspirations. Within both prep time and free time boarders are expected, and encouraged, to engage fully with their individual academic responsibility. The boarding house provides support in this respect, through advice from staff of varying academic disciplines, but also through peer mentoring and the spirit of mutual support that enables our best pupils to share and advise others, and those needing support to receive it.

Our boarders are interesting people, growing in independence; the structure and routine enables them to prioritise sensibly and focus on academic excellence, but it also provides opportunities for them to use their own time in a useful way. Through their tutor groups, the activities they take part in and their positive relationships with staff, they develop friendships that last a lifetime. Whether it is calling in to chat to matron, or discussing sporting, artistic or academic matters with each other, our boarders are able to express their individuality and yet simultaneously understand the importance of operating within a safe, caring, and considerate community.

The senior boarding house is located approximately 4 minutes' walk away from the main school site. This is a modern building which is very similar to university-style accommodation with an en-suite facility in each bedroom. Senior Boarding is all about preparing and supporting our pupils for their GCSEs and A-levels and for life after secondary education, whether that is University, a career or apprenticeship. In order to do this, we encourage students to mature, develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline, as well as learning key life skills which they will need when they leave us. We provide a safe, caring, and structured environment in which they can do this.

As the house parent, you are essentially the matron and house keeper of the house during your shift and therefore will join me and my team to share the responsibility for the academic, pastoral and safeguarding of every boarder under our care. In senior boarding, we currently have 4 matrons, including this role which are on a rota to provide 24/7 care to our boarders when the boarding house is open. The house parent would have hours that predominantly occupy Friday and the weekend, as well as providing on-call support overnight, should a boarder become poorly during the night.

The role you play in a boarder's life is crucial for their development. Some examples include; administering medication, first aid treatment, maintain accurate medical records, organising and attending various medical appointments, sorting the laundry, the daily running of the house, housekeeping jobs, kitchen supervision and taking a boarder to hospital, if the need arises. The list is not exhaustive, however, in general these are the tasks you would do at home for your own families and it is no different here, as the boarding house is the home for our boarders.

I do hope that you find the information about our boarding provision useful and thank you for taking the time to consider this application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bhalraj Chima

Head of Senior Boarding

