

THE ROYAL SCHOOL HASLEMERE

# A home-from-home in the English countryside

*Situated in Haslemere, Surrey surrounded by beautiful countryside and the wonders of nature but within easy access of London.*



**United Learning**  
The best in everyone™



**The Royal  
School**

# Welcome to Boarding

As a boarder at The Royal School you are part of a tight-knit community, where local and international pupils feel equally at home and enjoy each other's company in our vibrant and buzzing boarding houses; QEII opened by our late Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the recently re-furbished Prince of Wales.

It is hard to beat the position of our school; nestled in an area of outstanding natural beauty and safe at the top of Farnham Lane, yet close enough to Haslemere train station to hop on a train to explore the busy hotspots of London or the cobbled streets, shops and cultural venues of Guildford.

Our dedicated and highly experienced boarding team make sure that you feel happy and at home when you are here. There is always someone to talk to, whether you need help in your academic studies or just a listening ear.

The fun and fulfilling schedule of activities and trips gives you access to a wide range of enriching experiences that make for an unforgettable boarding experience.

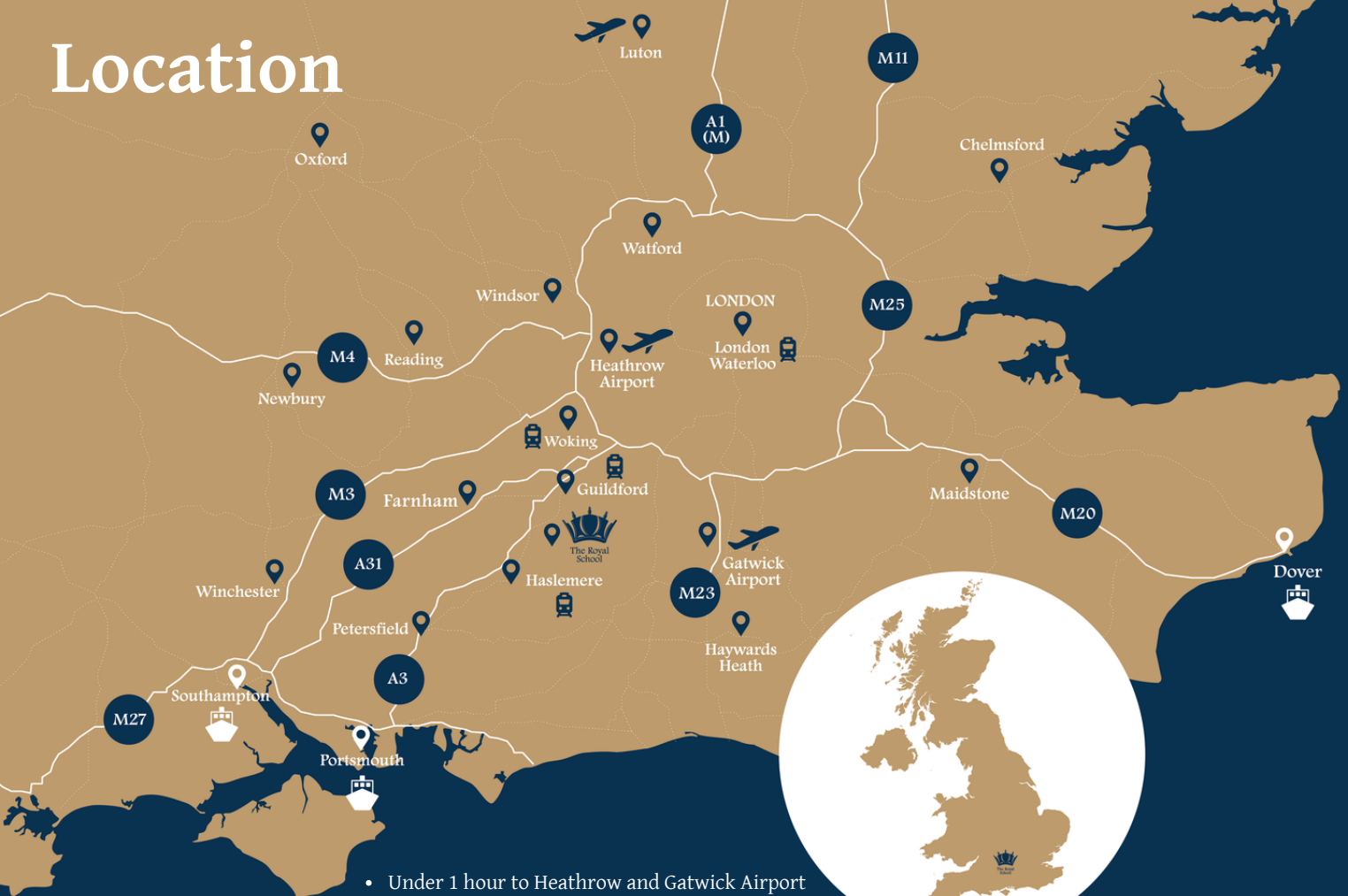
I look forward to welcoming you to our school soon.

*Sylvie Bartlett-Rawlings*



**Mrs Sylvie Bartlett-Rawlings**  
**Head of Boarding**

# Location



- Under 1 hour to Heathrow and Gatwick Airport
- Under 1 hour to London Waterloo
- Under 1 hour to Portsmouth, South Coast





Area of Outstanding  
Natural Beauty

*Haslemere, Surrey*



# Location, Location, Location

Our boarding houses are located on a 26-acre site in Haslemere's historic, charming market town. The school is surrounded by some of South East England's most beautiful countryside, much of which is owned by the National Trust. Located halfway between London and the South Coast, we ensure pupils visit nearby historical and cultural attractions as part of their stay with us.

Nestled between wooded hills in the south west corner of Surrey and surrounded by National Trust land, Haslemere is one of the gems of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and gateway town to the South Downs National Park. The town makes a great base for exploring the miles of beautiful rolling countryside, heathland, valleys, attractive market towns and picturesque villages. The rich and diverse landscape has helped to inspire many great artists and authors. Both visitors and residents are spoilt for choice as the Haslemere area provides the perfect countryside for all leisure and sporting activities.





# Local Attractions

There are plenty of attractions in the surrounding area. Just 15 minutes walk from the school is the renowned Devil's Punchbowl, a large hollow of dry sandy heathland. The Punchbowl has a long history and tradition. Legend has it that the devil spent his time tormenting the god Thor by pelting him with enormous handfuls of earth, leaving the great bowl that visitors can see today. In reality the large depression was created by erosion as water percolated down and hit an impervious layer of clay. A large number of small springs sprung up across the area as the water pressure built up. The hollow is overlooked by the 894 feet Gibbet Hill, the second highest hill in Surrey.

Just 10 minutes away from the school is Haslemere station, with direct trains straight to London Waterloo.

The Royal School is ideal for parents wanting a wholesome, safe environment for pupils that is close enough to London to experience the culture and magnificence of our capital.



# Boarding options to suit all

At The Royal School, we offer a number of flexible boarding options to suit the needs of modern UK and overseas families.

Full, weekly and flexi boarding can support families by allowing parents and children to find the right solution for them. Boarding in the 21st century is structured to complement academic life, promoting independence, allowing boarders to become fully immersed in school life, developing a strong sense of belonging and an understanding of different cultures.



**Co-Ed Boarding**



**10 - 18 years old**



**Full Boarding**  
7 nights, term time only



**Weekly Boarding**  
4/5 nights



**Flexi Boarding**  
Up to 3 nights



**Short Term Boarding**  
One school term  
Half a school term



Pupils respond positively to the cultural diversity within the school and have a mature understanding of the benefits of working with those from different backgrounds and faiths.

**Excellent**

in all areas



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# Qualifications that count

The Royal School's International Department welcomes pupils from all over the world. English language learners work towards internationally recognised qualifications, including Cambridge University Language Assessment Examinations IGCSE in Year 10 & 11 in English as a Second Language and IELTS in Year 12 & 13).



**Year 7 to 9**  
**KS3 Course**



**Year 11**  
**One-Year GCSE**



**Year 10 and 11**  
**GCSE**



**Year 12 and 13**  
**A level**



**Year 10 and 11**  
**English language learners**  
**Cambridge IGCSE**



**Year 12 and 13**  
**English language learners**  
**(IELTS)**

# Year 11 - One-Year GCSE

A one-year GCSE course is the international equivalent of a GCSE but is offered in one academic year. The one-year GCSE gives pupils the ability to gain the pass grades they need to apply for A levels and/or BTECs in just one year. The course is also suitable for those international pupils who wish to study A levels but who first need an introduction to the British curriculum, seen as a pre-A level course.

Over the course of one year, learners study up to six GCSEs, depending on ability.

## **The programme includes:**

- Joining Year 11 in September of each year
- Year 11 form group
- GCSEs in up to six subjects: maths, English as an Additional Language (EAL), native language (if offered), further maths (for the most able mathematicians), a science, geography
- Games and PE lessons
- Future Ready lessons
- EAL lessons with highly experienced specialist teachers
- British Culture Programme
- PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)/RSE (Relationships & Sex Education)



## **Additional qualifications that could be gained are:**

- Arts Award
- LAMDA
- Duke of Edinburgh



A warm and  
inclusive  
community





# A home-from-home

For some boarders, this may be the first experience of living away from home, and we understand it can take some time to adjust to boarding life. However, our experienced boarding staff are on hand to make this transition seamless, offering support and advice to pupils and parents alike.

We provide a secure and stable environment where we support and encourage pupils. There is always plenty to do, friends to spend time with and events to look forward to. As with the rest of the school, the boarding house is underpinned by a strong pastoral ethos, with someone on hand for guidance, encouragement and support, just like home. Our boarding houses are warm, comfortable and happy environments where pupils thrive and develop skills for life. As soon as boarders join The Royal, they benefit from a first-class onboarding programme, including a 'boarding buddy' system to help them adjust to life at The Royal quickly and easily. As a result, many of our boarders establish life-long friendships across the globe.





Boarding at The Royal is fantastic, you can interact with boarders from different year groups, nationalities and there is always someone to talk to and be there for you.

*Bridget L, Year 10 International Full Boarder*

# Prince of Wales Boarding House

Our junior boarding house is located in Stroatley Hall, a majestic grade II listed building dating back to 1900. It is home to all our Year 7-10 boarders. Spacious rooms in Prince of Wales accommodate two to four pupils.

The boarding house is split into different areas for different age groups. Each floor has its own toilet and showering facilities and there is a common room on each floor as well as an equipped kitchen. Junior boarders from Year 9 can use the gym, supervised, in the evenings and at weekends. They can also use the kitchen in the Nelson Café to cook with our GAP students or the member of staff on duty at weekends. Boarders are encouraged to personalise their bedrooms with pictures, posters and photographs.





# QEII Boarding House

Our Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Boarding House was opened in 1989 by our late Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. QEII provides a home-from-home for Year 11-13 boys and girls that board with us. It comprises single and double study bedrooms. Each boarder has their own furnished area, including a bed, wardrobe, drawers and a desk. In addition, there is a large and comfortable common room where pupils can relax and socialise. Kitchenette facilities (complete with a kettle, toaster, fridge, etc.) are available to make evening snacks, with staff on hand to supervise where necessary. There is also a fully equipped gym onsite. It has captive weights machines, cross-trainers, Concept2 rowers, treadmills, barbells and bikes. Pupils can also make use of our tennis/basketball courts, and a full-size sports hall.

The girls' rooms are on the top floor and boys' rooms are on the ground floor.





Pupils demonstrate excellent levels of self-confidence, self awareness, resilience, and self-esteem.

**Excellent**

in all areas



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# Weekend Activities





# Weekend Activities and Adventures

## No 'compulsory' exeat weekends

At The Royal, we take the cost and worry of going to guardians for exeat weekends out of the picture. We remain open and buzzing with activities throughout the term. This is a unique offering and is popular with parents and pupils alike. Royal pupils have the choice to stay with us over the weekends (except holidays and half terms) to enjoy a range of activities led by our experienced Head of Boarding.

Whatever the weather, we offer a range of exciting social, cultural and sports activities, encouraging everyone to join in and try something new. International students will benefit from a full British experience whilst at The Royal.

The full programme of activities encourages pupils to develop their personality and talents, supporting and celebrating each other's achievements and helping them discover new interests and hobbies.





Pupils demonstrate excellent appreciation of diversity, both with regard to different cultures and individuals' diverse characteristics.

**Excellent**

in all areas



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# Future Ready- An educational Philosophy

**We believe that everything we do, every single day, prepares our pupils for the future** and that education is not about forcing pupils to fit a predetermined mould. Our Future Ready philosophy goes beyond traditional academic knowledge and focuses on fostering and developing emotional intelligence, practical skills, and critical thinking abilities. We aim to empower students to become adaptable, resilient, and caring individuals who can thrive in an unpredictable future.

Academic excellence remains a cornerstone of Future Ready education and our pupils gain excellent academic profiles which become their passport to accessing the life-defining opportunities they so richly deserve. Our approach to academic learning is ever evolving, and we embrace the challenges that new technologies bring. We focus on cultivating a deep understanding of subjects, fostering curiosity, and promoting a love for learning.





# DISCOVER BOARDING

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