



ST EDMUND'S
SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

SENIOR SCHOOL

Short-Stay Package





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My short stay at St Edmund's was a great experience. I quickly felt part of the school community, and living on campus meant I could focus on my lessons while also enjoying time with friends in the evenings. It felt welcoming, supportive and really good fun.

Year 12 pupil

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BOARDING (YEAR 7 - 13)

Boarding is at the heart of life at St Edmund's – a welcoming and supportive community where pupils live, learn and grow together. During their short stay, pupils are fully integrated into boarding house life, becoming part of a friendly and inclusive environment from the moment they arrive.

Our boarding houses provide a safe and structured setting, with dedicated staff on hand to offer both academic guidance and pastoral care. Even over a short period, pupils benefit from shared mealtimes, evening activities, quiet study spaces and time to relax with friends.

A short stay at St Edmund's offers more than accommodation – it is an opportunity to experience the rhythm of school life, build confidence and feel genuinely at home within our community.

EXAMPLE OF A SHORT-STAY PROGRAMME

Below is an example of a two-week programme for Summer Term 2026. We are happy to adapt the structure to two, three or four weeks to suit individual preferences and circumstances.

| Monday B | Tuesday B | Wednesday B | Thursday B | Friday B |
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| EAL | Outdoor Education FLD | Maths Ms Wang | Stage Crew | Dover Castle and White Cliffs Visit |
| Class PSHEE Miss Scally | Outdoor Education FLD | Stage Crew | Stage Crew | Dover Castle and White Cliffs Visit |
| English Mr Bonfiglio | Stage Crew | Stage Crew | Maths Ms Wang | Dover Castle and White Cliffs Visit |
| PE Mr McHugh FLD | Stage Crew | English Academic Hub | English Academic Hub | Dover Castle and White Cliffs Visit |
| Stage Crew | Games Mr McHugh | DRUM LESSON | Music Mr Swatman | Maths Academic Hub |
| Stage Crew | Games Mr McHugh | DRUM LESSON | EAL | Drama Mr McCrea |

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| English Mr Bonfiglio | EAL | Stage Crew | Class PSHEE | EAL |
| Maths Ms Wang | Maths Ms Wang | Stage Crew | English Mr Bonfiglio | Maths Ms Wang |
| DRUM LESSON | Stage Crew | Stage Crew | Stage Crew | Canterbury Visit |
| PE Mr McHugh | Stage Crew | Stage Crew | Stage Crew | Canterbury Visit |
| Stage Crew | Games Mr McHugh | FESTIVAL | FESTIVAL | FESTIVAL |
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Please note that the co-curricular programme for Summer Term 2026 has not yet been released; this example timetable has a performing arts focus, but we can tailor it to reflect alternative interests once the full programme is available.

THE BOARDING BENEFITS



- Life Skills - Encourages independence, organisation, resilience, co-operation, patience, and kindness.
- Community Spirit - Builds a strong sense of belonging based on trust, respect, and shared responsibility.
- Academic Support - Supervised prep sessions with access to tutors and teaching staff.
- Flexible for Families - Ideal for busy schedules, late rehearsals, sports fixtures, or long commutes.
- Pastoral Care & Comfort - Safe, welcoming houses with experienced staff offering daily support.
- Access to Facilities - Boarders enjoy after-hours access to:
 - Sports hall
 - Gym
 - Swimming pool
 - Astro all weather Football pitch
 - Cricket ground
 - Cricket Nets
 - Theatre
 - Library
 - Music Recital Hall
 - Music practise rooms
 - Evening Activities
 - A varied programme encouraging friendships, creativity, and new interests.

Set within 62 acres of beautiful grounds, St Edmund's offers an exceptional range of activities all on one site, giving pupils space to explore, participate and thrive. During their stay, they may also experience our vibrant St Edmund's Festival, with opportunities to enjoy pupil-led performances alongside visiting world-renowned artists and performers.



MEET THE TEAM



James Clapp Director of Boarding

James has been part of the St Edmund's community since 2008, with a background in Biology teaching and extensive pastoral experience. Formerly Housemaster of Baker House, he brings warmth, empathy and a deep understanding of boarding life to his role as Director of Boarding. James, along with his wife Harriet, is committed to creating a supportive and enriching experience for all boarders.



Lucy Harding Head of Girls' Boarding

Lucy has been part of the St Edmund's community for over 10 years and has led Girls' Boarding for the past four. As both Head of Girls' Boarding and an Outdoor Education teacher, Lucy is passionate about supporting pupils' wellbeing and personal growth. She brings energy, care and a strong sense of community to the boarding houses, helping girls thrive both in and out of the classroom.

HOW TO BOOK A PLACE

1. After registering with the school at www.stedmunds.org.uk, please confirm your interest in the Three-Week Short Stay Programme by emailing admissions@stedmunds.org.uk
2. Our Admissions Team will then send you the short stay application form and provide full details regarding arrival arrangements, accommodation and programme information.
3. Once your completed form is received, we will confirm your child's place and share all relevant joining information.



LOCATION

- 10 minute walk to central Canterbury
- 20 minutes from Dover port
- 55 minutes from London
- 1 hr 15 to Gatwick
- 1 hr 30 to Heathrow



