



# TETTENHALL COLLEGE

JUNIOR BOARDING - YEAR 6 - 9  
SENIOR BOARDING - YEAR 10 - 13

# BOARDING









# Welcome to Boarding at Tettenhall College

Welcome to Tettenhall College. Most especially, welcome to the boarding community; a wonderful, vibrant, exciting and fun place to live and study.

Living away from home is a time full of excitement and opportunity. However, it is also a new experience for many and we hope that the information in this guide helps answer many of the questions that you will have, and gives you the information you need as you decide on your next steps.

Founded in 1863, Tettenhall College is a leading British boarding school for both boys and girls. There are around 500 pupils in the whole school, with 300 of these in our senior division. Our boarding community has around 100 students who live at the school throughout term time. Whilst many of our boarders are British, we have students living and studying with us from more than 25 different countries.

Our team of dedicated House Parents are here to guide and support our boarders who range from the age of 10 to 18 years. They are assisted by boarding tutors, our Matrons, coaches, teachers and many other members of the Tettenhall College community. Ours is a warm, caring and family-oriented school, a place that works hard to know every pupil as the individual that they are, and to ensure they feel secure and fulfilled.

An exciting year lies ahead for all of our boarders. We hope you enjoy finding out more about boarding life here at Tettenhall College, and we hope you might consider joining us, so you too can experience all that there is, and all that there is to come.

With kind regards

Mr Matthew Jackson  
Head of Boarding





# Our Boarding Houses at Tettenhall



## **SCHOOL HOUSE**

at Tettenhall College

School House is the boys' boarding house. In the heart of the original College building, School House offers a range of single, twin and 3-4 bed rooms, with an outstanding common room and kitchen area. There are also fantastic views from the large picture windows.



## **THORNEYCROFT**

at Tettenhall College

Thornecroft is the girls' boarding house. Nestled in a tranquil, tree lined setting, Thornecroft is a real home away from home with a warm and welcoming lounge, kitchen and a mixture of single and twin bedrooms. We also have some 3 - 4 bed rooms for our junior girls, which they absolutely love.



## **STUDIES**

at Tettenhall College

Adjacent to School House, Studies is our boarding area for our most Senior Students. In Studies you will find single and twin rooms in a light yet peaceful setting. Having been recently totally renovated, these rooms are stylish and inviting, offering an oasis after a busy school day.





# Boarding options

**There are a range of ways to board at Tettenhall College.**

## **FULL BOARDING**

Full boarding students live with us throughout the week and weekend, and usually return home or visit their guardian during the school holidays. A full programme of activities is delivered throughout the weekend allowing students to take full advantage of all of the activities, sport and music on offer.

Full boarders receive all meals and are also able to have all laundry services fully included throughout term time.

## **WEEKLY BOARDING**

Like full boarders, students live at school throughout the week, arriving on a Sunday evening and returning home after lessons have concluded on a Friday.

Weekly boarders receive all meals, however laundry is not included with this option.

## **FLEXIBLE BOARDING**

This offers day students the opportunity to board on a short term basis, whether for a short number of nights or for a period of a few weeks, subject to availability. Many of our students take advantage of this during exam periods, allowing concentrated study time and additional access to staff for support. Flexible boarding can also allow those involved in extra-curricular activities chance to remain at school rather than return home late in the evening. Flexible boarding is charged on a daily basis and includes all meals but not laundry.

## **INTEGRATION OPPORTUNITIES: One term to one year**

Whilst the majority of boarders are with us at Tettenhall College for the duration of their school life, we also offer the opportunity for students to join us for a shorter period, whether a year or perhaps even a term. This is a wonderful opportunity to be fully immersed in the UK education system, culturally and linguistically.

Integration students have the same experience as all other boarders, living within the boarding community, attending all lessons with local students and taking part in the full programme of sports, arts, trips and activities.





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# Boarding accommodation & facilities

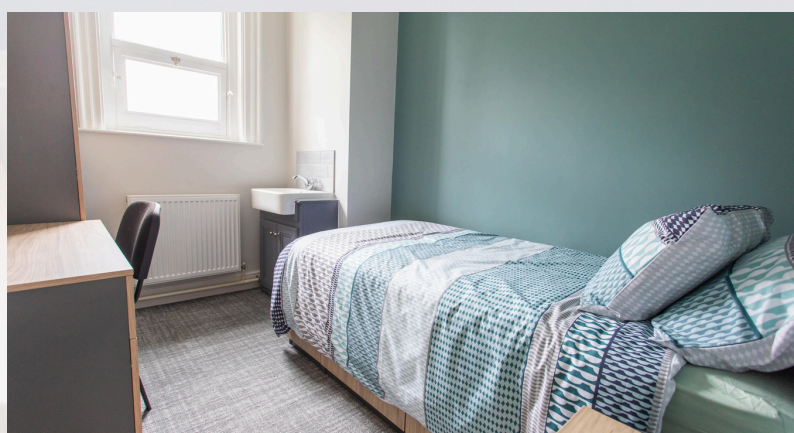
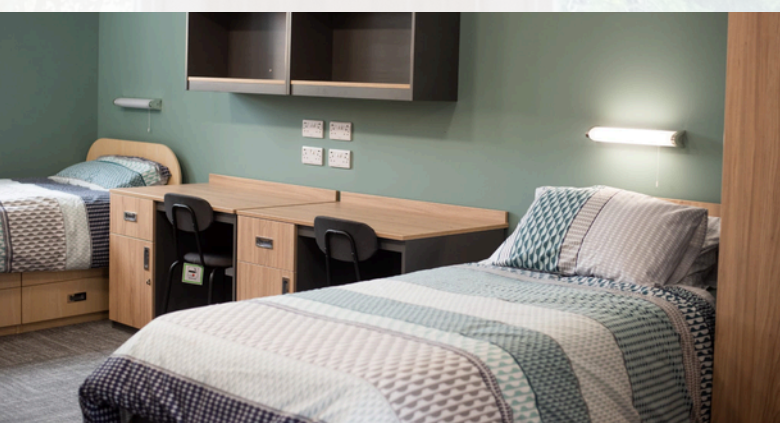
Our three boarding houses offer modern, comfortable accommodation, with bedroom areas divided for boys and girls, but with social areas open for everyone to mix together.

Junior boarders, typically aged 10 - 14 years old, share their bedrooms, usually as a group of three, but with a maximum of four. Our rooms are warm and inviting bedrooms, as opposed to bigger 'dormitories'. These rooms have shared bathrooms, which are modern, fresh and designed to ensure a student has good privacy.

A series of new bedrooms were completed recently, delivering typically triple rooms which have ensuite facilities. These are usually available for students aged around 13 - 15 years.

Students aged between 15 - 17 years will typically share a twin room with one other student. Where possible, we will make sure that the other student is of a different nationality or language group. The majority of our twin rooms are en-suite.

Our most senior students are offered single study bedrooms, very similar to those you might find in good quality university accommodation.





# The daily routine in boarding

When you board at Tettenhall College, you really do have the best of both worlds. Whilst some day pupils are already up and travelling to school, you can have a timely start, followed by a cooked breakfast in the College Dining Room, before joining all the other pupils to follow the daytime routine of the school.

## BOARDING ROUTINE: Monday to Friday

7.15am	Rise
7.30am	Collect mobile phones and devices
7.45am	Breakfast
8.10am	Room checks
8.15am	House registration
8.20am	Leave the House for the start of the School day
8.30am	Form Tutor time and class registration
8.35am	Lessons begin
4.10pm	Lessons end
4.15 – 5pm	After School clubs and activities
5pm	Free time
6pm	Dinner
6.30 – 7.30pm	Prep (homework)
7.45pm	House Meeting followed by free time & activities

## SCHEDULE OF LESSONS

8.30am – 8.35am	Morning Form Registration
8.35am – 9.35am	Period 1 lessons
9.35am – 10.35am	Period 2 lessons
10.35am – 10.55am	Morning break time
10.55am – 11.55am	Period 3 lessons
11.55am – 12.55pm	Period 4 lessons
12.55pm – 1.50pm	Lunch time
1.50pm – 2.10pm	Afternoon Form Registration
2.10pm – 3.10pm	Period 5 lessons
3.10pm – 4.10pm	Period 6 lessons

Each Thursday, classes end at 3.10pm, and all students in Years 6 – 13 take part in the Enrichment Programme

You can find more information about bedtimes, evening and weekend activities and village leave in the Boarding Handbook.





# The daily routine in boarding

## STUDIES

Central to the College ethos is the belief that boarding life instils in our pupils a mature approach to independent learning, and thus provides an excellent platform for meeting the challenges and demands of University and life beyond School. Despite the importance we attach to sport, recreation and extra-curricular development, the College's commitment to a culture of serious 'study' has always been, and remains, a priority.

Each weekday, on Saturday mornings and on Sunday evenings, all boarders are expected to study formally. During Prep, pupils will complete the homework set by their teachers. Sixth Form students use Prep for private study and research. ICT facilities are available to pupils in the Study Centre, however pupils are warmly invited to bring their own laptops or other technology.

## FREE TIME

Much of the day is taken up with lessons, activities or Prep. However there is also some free time. On weekdays, once after-school clubs have finished, boarders have some free time before they have Dinner and attend Prep. Once Prep has been completed, there is also time for some recreation which might be sports, time in our beautiful grounds, or time to watch some TV or media with friends.

During the evening, boarders must not leave site without specific permission from the member of staff on duty. However, when permission has been received, pupils can visit the local village, just outside the College gates, where there are cafes, restaurants, a convenience store and other independent shops. Older boarders are allowed as much freedom as possible. However, all excursions are at the discretion of the Head of Boarding and permission must always be received.

## OFF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The vast majority of activities take place onsite at Tettenhall College, using our extensive range of facilities. However, we do have a special partnership with a high level Tennis Academy, which is located just a few minutes from the main campus. Membership of the Tennis Academy is available students aged 13+ and is an additional option. Here at the Tennis Academy, students can practice on both indoor and outdoor courts, and also take the option of high level coaching.





# Your food at Tettenhall College

Food is of real importance when joining a new school, especially when you are boarding. Here at Tettenhall College we are proud of the high quality, tasty and nutritious food that we serve every single day.

It's important to remember that you are coming to school in the UK, so it may take a little while to get used to the food, not just what we eat but also how we cook. However, we have decades of experience working with international and British boarders, so our team of chefs are highly experienced in providing a wide range of options to hopefully suit the tastes of as many people as possible.

Each meal time there are a range of hot and cold choices. At lunchtime, there are homemade soups and bread, a variety of meat, vegetarian and vegan options, sandwiches and wraps, salads, deli bar options and a range of tasty desserts.

In the evenings and at the weekends our food is a little more international in flavour. Our catering team regularly meet with representative students from boarding to listen to new ideas for dishes and to take feedback.

We also love to celebrate a range of international cuisine and we showcase this in our monthly 'International Food Festival' days. Boarders can also get involved themselves when we welcome our students into the main kitchens for the day and have a wonderful International cooking day, with dishes served from a wide range of counties that our students come from.

Allergies and food intolerances are also well catered for each day. Our catering team ensure that all food is prepared safely to avoid any type of contamination to those who have an allergy. Nuts are not served at all and individual plates are served where necessary.





# Schedule of weekend trips & excursions

## Autumn Term (typical)

Welcome BBQ and party	Ghetto Golf (6th Form)
Cinema	Bowling
Telford shopping & ice skating	Circus Skills
Go-Karting	London
Wild Zoo	Christmas Shopping &
Paintballing	German Markets
Oxford City trip	Drayton Manor Theme Park

## Spring Term (typical)

Bear Grylls Adventure Centre	National Space Centre,
Cadbury World	Leicester
Blue Planet Aquarium	Escape Room & Meal Out
London	Lichfield
Casino Night	International Food Festival
Dessert Shop Trip	Imperial War Museum &
Ninja Warrior	Trafford Centre
Bowling & Cinema	London Art Galleries &
Shrewsbury Climbing Wall	Museums

## Summer Term (typical)

Crazy Golf, Wolverhampton	Walk the Wrekin & Picnic
Black Country Museum	Warwick Castle
Dragon Boat Race	Cat Cafe
Cinema	Inflatable Water Park
West Midlands Safari Park	Severn Valley Railway
Alton Towers	Seaside Trip





# Outstanding campus & sports facilities

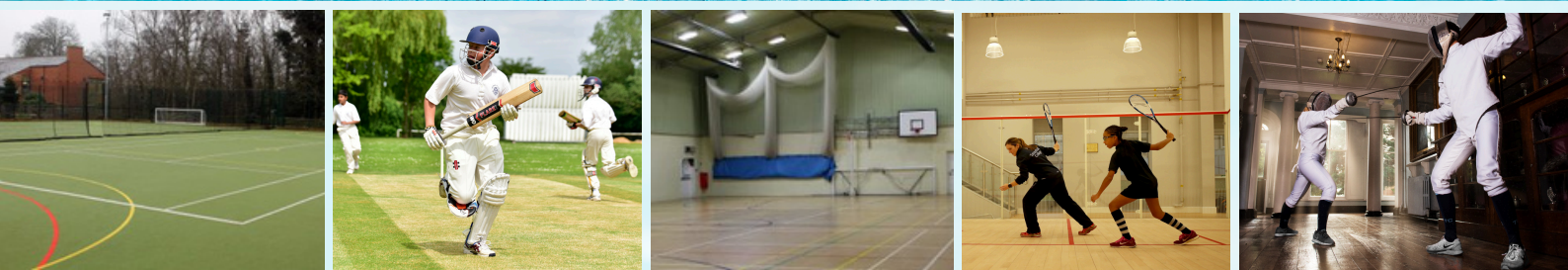
We are extremely fortunate to have a full and expansive range of sporting facilities here at Tettenhall College. Within our 33 acre site we have:

- Indoor swimming pool
- Multi Sports Centre with indoor cricket nets
- Rugby pitches
- Football pitches
- Cricket wickets
- Astro Turf for Hockey, Netball & 5-a-side football
- Tennis courts
- Squash courts
- Fencing
- Laser shooting
- Basketball court
- Rounders pitches
- Cross country track through the ancient woodland
- Sports Pavilion

Sport is played both during the School day, in both Games and PE lessons. Physical Education (PE) may also be studied at both GCSE and at A Level.

Sport is on the timetable for all students all the way through to the end of Year 13, allowing physical activity and well being to be an integral part of the programme we offer here at Tettenhall College.

There is a wealth of opportunities through the seven day boarding programme for sport to be played each day. We have daily Swimming and Squash Academy sessions, alongside a broad range of extra-curricular sports clubs and training sessions.



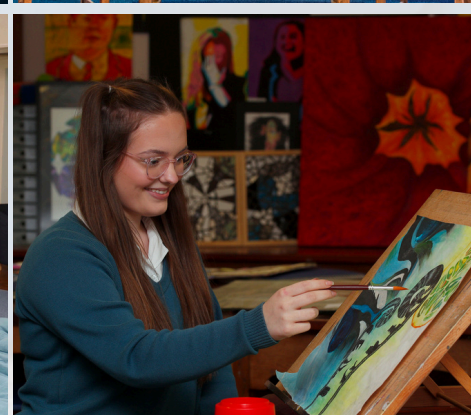


# Outstanding campus & sports facilities

Throughout the College we have a range of excellent facilities.

We offer:

- Excellent science laboratories
- Art rooms and studio spaces
- Classrooms for all subject areas with interactive technology boards
- College Chapel
- Beautiful library
- A Sixth Form study centre
- Common Rooms, including a dedicated Sixth Form common room
- College coffee shop
- Uniform shop
- The Towers Theatre
- Music Department and practice rooms
- Grand pianos and additional practice pianos
- Sports facilities, pitches & pavilion
- Computer suites
- Health centre
- Fitness equipment
- Fully equipped Sports Hall
- Gardening area and Bee-Keeping
- Acres of beautiful grounds and woodland.





# The Towers Theatre & Performing Arts

In the heart of Tettenhall College, nestled within the historic Towers building, we are very fortunate to have an original Victorian Theatre. This amazing facility allows us to put on regular productions, concerts and performances, host public speaking events and deliver workshops and lectures.

The theatre has a full sized stage, with flying wings and a flying tower. The main theatre space has a sprung floor which is ideal for dancing.

We also have an excellent range of Theatre Technology, so that pupils who wish to get involved with the back-stage element of the theatre can learn how to operate lighting, sounds systems and become involved in set, costume and production design.

For those pupils who wish to study theatre and performance as part of their academic programme, we offer a GCSE in Drama and also a CTEC in Performing Arts. Both options are extremely popular and the talented team of teachers and performance coaches are always busy supporting our pupils to achieve the highest levels that they can.





# The Tettenhall Enrichment Programme

Every Thursday we offer an extensive Enrichment Programme to all students in the Senior school and Year 6.

At the start of each term, a student will select one activity from a wide range of options, including Arts, Technology, Physical Pursuits, Well Being and much more. They participate in this activity throughout the term with students from a range of year groups, and then move to a different option at the start of the next term.

Each Enrichment Activity is designed to offer new challenges or an opportunity to take part in something different from a student's regular routine.





# Travel & Transport arrangements

The College works closely with families to ensure that travel arrangements run smoothly and safely. We work with an approved airport transfer company, where drivers are fully vetted and are well known by our boarding staff. Once flight details are confirmed, the College transport team will make arrangements for both pick ups and drop offs, with students safely escorted to the departure area or from the arrivals area. They then come directly to school, either individually or in a group as is usually the case at the beginning of a new school term. The safe transport of all students is a key priority for us at Tettenhall College.

When boarders first arrive at Tettenhall College, they will be welcomed by a member of the boarding team and taken to their House to settle in. Appointments can be made in advance of arriving at School to be seen in the Uniform Shop, and students will also receive all of their technology information at this time.

Parents wishing to bring their son or daughter to School in person are very welcome, and we actively encourage parents to come and meet with members of the boarding team. If you would like details of local hotels or guesthouses, please contact the School Office or Admissions Team.

On the first day of the academic year, very early in September, we hold a 'Boarders' Arrival Day' which is especially designed to welcome new student, allow them to meet the rest of the boarding community and our house parents, and to become more familiar with their new school. There is time to get settled into your new bedroom and unpack, have a tour around the school campus and facilities, visit the village and have food and refreshments. All of our teachers and senior leaders are also here on Boarders' Arrival Day, so there are plenty of people to help answer questions or give more information.

Other than the published school holidays, we do not have exeat weekends. This means that there is no requirement to leave school, other than during the holidays. The academic dates are published a year in advance to facilitate travel arrangements for students who live overseas. Convenient air flights on the days prior to the end of term are not considered a reason for asking to leave school early.

Where students are arriving into the UK before the start of term, or leaving after the close of school for the holidays, arrangements must be made for staying with Guardians.





# School Holidays & Guardianship

During each academic year, there are three main holidays and three short holidays.

They are:

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| • October half term  | Two weeks                                 |
| • Christmas          | Three weeks                               |
| • February half term | One week                                  |
| • Easter             | Two weeks                                 |
| • May half term      | One week                                  |
| • Summer             | From early July to the start of September |

At no time during the school year do we have Exeat weekends – this means that every weekend during term time, a full boarding student will remain resident at the school with a full programme of activities.

During the holiday period, most students will either return home (in the main holidays) or spend time with their Guardians. Guardians are appointed directly by a family to provide holiday home stay and also support their child during term time, if this is needed. Tettenhall College has strong and established links with a range of individuals and companies who provide excellent Guardian services. All these are members of AEGIS and we are happy to recommend a range of options for families to choose from. A charge will be made by guardians for their services.

However, if an international student would like to stay at school for the October, February or May half term breaks (not Easter or Christmas) they are welcome to do so, for a small additional charge.

There will also be opportunities for students to take part in school trips which often take place during holiday periods. These range from language trips in Europe to sports trips, music trips or perhaps geography, business or art trips around the world.

The boarding team works closely with families well ahead of any holiday period to ensure that arrangements have been made and all travel needs are looked after.





# Communication between home & school

At Tettenhall College we know how important it is for students to have regular contact with their family. Each day, all students have access to their phones or phones provided here at school. Emails, messages and online calls can all be made, allowing everyone to keep in touch and up to date. Our Boarding team will also be in regular and frequent contact with families and parents can be assured that they will have the direct contact details of those who are looking after their children. Form tutors, Heads of Section, Pastoral staff and College Nurses will also be in contact with families.

Contact with our boarding team can be made by phone, text message, WhatsApp, email or WeChat. When your child first joins us at Tettenhall, we will ask you which of these methods of communication are your preferred choice.

We hold regular parents evenings where subject teachers speak individually to parents about the progress their child is making. For those parents who are overseas, a guardian is welcome to attend on their behalf, or we are very happy to arrange digital appointments at a convenient time. School reports are issued four times each year – this is at the end of a 'Learning Cycle'. Parents will receive a Grade Card at each of these checkpoints, and a detailed written report at the end of the Autumn term and at the end of the Summer term.

All parents will be able to contact their child's form tutor for a conversation about their progress, as well as the boarding team and the Heads of Section. The senior leadership team are also very happy to speak to parents, should they wish to do so.

At Tettenhall College we truly value the ideas and views of our boarders and we provide as many opportunities as possible for students and the boarding staff to come together to share these, both formally and informally. Boarders in each House meet regularly with their House staff to discuss any issues and to plan social events. Every boarder is valued and we work hard to make sure everyone feels they can join in these discussions. House staff welcome the views of parents, and take these into consideration when discussing and formulating policies and procedures. In addition there is a Prefect Team, chosen by the boarders, who meet more formally with the Head of Boarding. This provides boarders with an opportunity to represent any concerns or suggestions to boarding staff through other students, should they find this easier.





# Health & Medical Information

The health and well being of all our students is of paramount importance. Working as an integral part of our boarding team, our College Nurses are available for all health concerns and often a listening ear.

Tettenhall College has its own on-site Health Centre which is staffed by our qualified nurses. If a student becomes ill during the day, they must report to the nurse on duty after they have sought permission from their teacher.

The School is also connected to local medical practices where all boarding students are registered once they arrive. The College Nurses will ensure that all boarders have all and any necessary access to the doctors surgery.

All new boarders will have a medical screening examination during their first week at Tettenhall College. It is essential that all medical forms are completed fully and accurately so that the College Nurses are fully informed about any condition, injuries or allergies that a student may have.

All medication, including herbal remedies, must be checked by the College Nurses on arrival.

We also know that being a young person can be challenging at times, and we are very proud of the superb pastoral support that we offer here at Tettenhall College. For any student experiencing anxiety, worries or any other emotional or mental health challenges, we have a team of counsellors who are able to offer appointments and give structured and experienced support. The key issue is communication. Our health team are keen to speak to families ahead of a student joining us at Tettenhall College, if there are any physical or emotional health concerns. By doing this, we can ensure that appropriate support and care is available from the beginning, and we can discuss openly and honestly whether there are any needs that we may not be able to meet.

Food and nutrition is also an important part of boarding life. The health centre staff work in conjunction with our catering team to ensure that all menus are well balanced and offer the widest range of healthy and nutritious food for all students here at Tettenhall College.





# Frequently asked questions

## **Is there an ATM on site or close by?**

Just outside the College gates we have a branch of Lloyds Bank. Here there is an ATM that accepts all major cards and pupils may also open an account here if they wish to. Most shops in the village and around the country accept contactless or card payments. The same applies to the school coffee shop.

## **Does my child require a laptop computer?**

The College has ICT facilities so we do not require students to bring their own computer. However, many students do bring their own laptop computer or tablet and those in the more senior years will find these helpful with their work.

## **What are the rules about technology and mobile phones?**

Pupils are allowed to have phones, laptops and tablets when they come to Tettenhall College. However, mobile phones must not be used during the course of the School Day and they will be confiscated if they are seen by a teacher. Each evening, the boarding staff will collect all technology, including mobile phones and keep them safely until the following morning when they can be collected. In this way, we know that students can have an undisturbed nights' sleep.

## **Can musical instruments be rented?**

Yes, the College does have a number of instruments which are available to hire for an additional charge. The Director of Music will be very pleased to discuss this and also the availability of one to one music lessons with any family who are interested in this.

## **Is Wifi available at the College?**

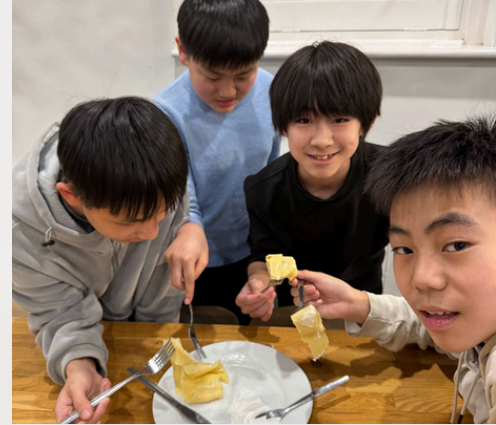
Yes, there is a free wifi connection throughout the College site. However we do have strong firewalls and we constantly monitor internet usage to ensure everyone is being safe and responsible in this regard.

## **Can I visit my child during term time?**

Of course. We warmly welcome families who wish to come and see us at Tettenhall College. We do not recommend that students are taken out of any lessons to visit with their family, however they are very welcome to have quality time together, visit a local restaurant or place of interest and then return students to site, as per an agreement with the Head of Boarding. Please do let us know well in advance if you are planning to visit so we can ensure you receive a full welcome.

## **If my child comes as a short term boarder, can they extend their stay?**

Yes, this is actually very common. Each year a number of students begin their time at Tettenhall with a one term stay. They then look to extend either for the rest of the year, or longer, with some choosing to complete the full GCSE or A Level programmes. In these cases, we will need to ensure all visa obligations are met, so it is recommended that you speak to the admissions team as soon as possible, if this is something that you are considering.





# Tettenhall village - a perfect location

We are very lucky to be located in such a beautiful setting. The village of Tettenhall is a traditional, quintessentially English location which offers a range of independent shops, cafes, restaurants and parks. Boarders are able to visit the village when permitted by their House Parent.

Boarding students can visit the village when there is 'Village Leave'. This is typically on three evenings during the school week, and at weekends. Facilities include:

- Bank
- Pharmacy
- Hairdressers/ Barbers
- Boutiques
- Supermarket
- Coffee shops
- Gift shop
- Chinese take away & restaurant
- Italian restaurant and gelaterie
- British steakhouse restaurant
- Indian take away & restaurant
- Post office
- Bakery
- Opticians

The village also has a large amount of beautiful park spaces, including a 'lido pool' which is very popular in the summer months. Most importantly, Tettenhall is a safe, peaceful, residential area which is very sought after by professional families, creating a wonderful location for our boarding students.

There is also the opportunity to explore areas a little further afield, easily accessible by train, tram, car or taxi. Opportunities include:

Wightwick Manor

Royal Air Force Museum: Cosford

Art Gallery

Wolverhampton Racecourse

Wolverhampton Wanderers Museum

Tamworth Snow Dome

Moseley Old Hall

Baggeridge Country Park

West Midlands Safari Park

Warwick Castle

Severn Valley Railway

Birmingham Bull Ring (shopping)

Birmingham Science Museum

Cadbury's World

Bear Grylls Adventure Centre

National Sea Life Centre

National Space Centre

Alton Towers

Stratford-upon-Avon

National Exhibition Centre

Trentham Monkey Gardens

Botanical Gardens

Silverstone Formula One Circuit

007 Escape Rooms









# Ways to reach Tettenhall College

A key reason many students and their families choose Tettenhall College is our superb location in the centre of England.

The school is in a beautiful, safe village with plenty of amenities, yet is very well connected to all major road, rail and air routes.

## International Airports (distance by car)

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- London Heathrow 2 hours 15 minutes
- Manchester International 70 minutes
- Birmingham International 40 minutes

## Railway options

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If you are coming to Tettenhall by train from London, there are hourly direct train options. The fast trains reach us in one hour 50 minutes. You should choose a train that departs from London Euston, and alight when you reach Wolverhampton station. Here you can easily take a taxi or Uber to the school in just a few minutes.

## By road

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Tettenhall is just a few minutes drive from the M54 and 10 minutes from the M6 motorway which allows easy access to Birmingham and Telford.

## Where to stay

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There are a range of hotel options in the local area.

The closest and most popular hotel is The Mount Hotel which is just two minutes drive from the school or a 15 minute walk. A special rate for families of Tettenhall College is available.

Other options can be found in and around Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Shropshire. For more information, or to ask for assistance with travel or accommodation, please contact our Admissions team.







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