



# Tettenhall College



# Boarding Brochure







Tettenhall College  
ENGLAND



# Welcome

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 give you the information you need as you decide on your next steps.

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 Houses



## 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

Thorneycroft is the girls' boarding house. Nestled in a tranquil, tree lined setting, Thorneycroft 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 three main ways to board at Tettenhall College.

## 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 on offer throughout the weekend allowing students to take full advantage of all of the activities, sport and music on offer.

## WEEKLY BOARDING

Like full boarders, students live at School throughout the week, arriving on a Sunday evening and returning home after the Enrichment Programme has concluded on a Friday.

## 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.

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.



# Life as a boarder

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
7.45am	Breakfast
8am	Collect mobile phones & tidy bedrooms
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
9am	Lessons begin
4.10pm	Lessons end
4.15 - 5pm	After School clubs and activities
5pm	Free time
6pm	Dinner
6.40 - 8pm	Prep (homework)
8pm	House Meeting followed by free time.

### Weekends

10am	Breakfast
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A programme of on and off-site activities is available for all boarding pupils. Off-site boarders' outings are very popular and, subject to where the trip is going to, may take a few hours, or the whole day. Some outings are compulsory and others are optional.

Lunch and tea are provided in the College Dining Room throughout the weekend.

Prep must also be completed, as per the level that a student is at.





# Life as a boarder

## 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.





# Life as a boarder

## LAUNDRY

The College takes care of the laundry needs of all full boarders. Each boarder will have laundry bags and they will use these so that their belongings can be looked after by the College Laundry team. Pupils are expected to remove their bedding ahead of it being washed, however the team will ensure all beds are remade and ready for the pupil. We expect every pupil to respect and tidy their rooms, so that our team of cleaners can ensure everywhere is clean and well serviced.

## OUTINGS & EXCURSIONS

Each weekend, boarding students are offered the chance to take part in organised visits. These excursions vary from places of local interest, sports venues, museums, water and theme parks, to the cinema and opportunities to go shopping. At the start of each term we listen carefully to ideas from the students on where they would like to visit, and build these choices into the schedule.





# Schedule of Trips

The list below is an example of weekend boarders outings at TC and the type of schedule we follow. Each year we work closely with our boarders to update these outings to ensure there is lots of choice and opportunities to do new things. They may take place on a Saturday or a Sunday - sometimes both.

## Autumn Term

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- Welcome weekend activities
- Drayton Manor Theme Park
- Go-Karting
- Meal out to a local restaurant
- Paintballing
- Chester City trip
- Manchester
- Bowling
- Merry Hill Shopping
- Cinema Telford
- Circus Skills
- Christmas Shopping & German Markets in Birmingham

## Spring Term

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- Harry Potter
- Cadbury World
- Chinese New Year meal out
- Cannock - McArthur Glen Designer Outlet
- London
- Ninja warrior
- Shrewsbury Climbing wall
- Escape Rooms
- International food festival
- Go-Karting
- Lichfield

## Summer Term

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- Crystal Maze
- Cat Cafe
- Trentham Monkey Forest and Shopping
- Go Karting
- Wild Zoo
- Dragon boat race
- Ninja Warrior
- Inflatable water park
- Seaside
- Alton Towers
- Fun day and BBQ



# 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
- Athletics
- 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.





# Facilities



Throughout the College we are blessed with 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
- A Sixth Form Study Centre
- Common Rooms, including a dedicated Sixth Form Common Room
- Coffee Shop
- Uniform Shop
- Theatre
- Music Department and practice rooms
- Sports facilities
- Computer Suites
- Health Centre
- Fitness equipment
- Fully equipped Sports Hall
- Gardening area and Bee-Keeping
- Acres of beautiful grounds and woodland.





# Facilities



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 BTEC 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.





# Facilities





# Travel Arrangements

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.

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 to stay with Guardians.

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. The safe transport of all students is a key priority for us at Tettenhall College.



# Holidays

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

They are:

- 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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

The Boarders Catering Committee meets regularly so they can share their views and suggestions with the Head of Catering about forthcoming menu planning.



# Health 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 and inhalers, must be checked by the College Nurses on arrival.





# 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.

## **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 in 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.







# The local area

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. 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





# How to reach Tettenhall

The College is within very easy reach of all main road, rail and air routes.

Close to the cities of Wolverhampton and Birmingham, the village of Tettenhall is surrounded by the beautiful counties of Staffordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire & Warwickshire.

For those coming via air, Birmingham International Airport is around 35 minutes drive, whilst Manchester can be reached in just over an hour.

London is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes by road or rail.



## Local Accommodation

There are a number of excellent hotels located very close to Tettenhall College.

The Admissions team will happily help make arrangements with anyone who is looking to visit or who wishes to book accommodation whilst bringing their child to join the School.





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