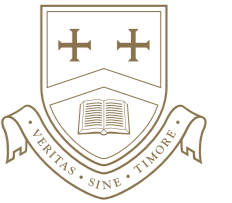
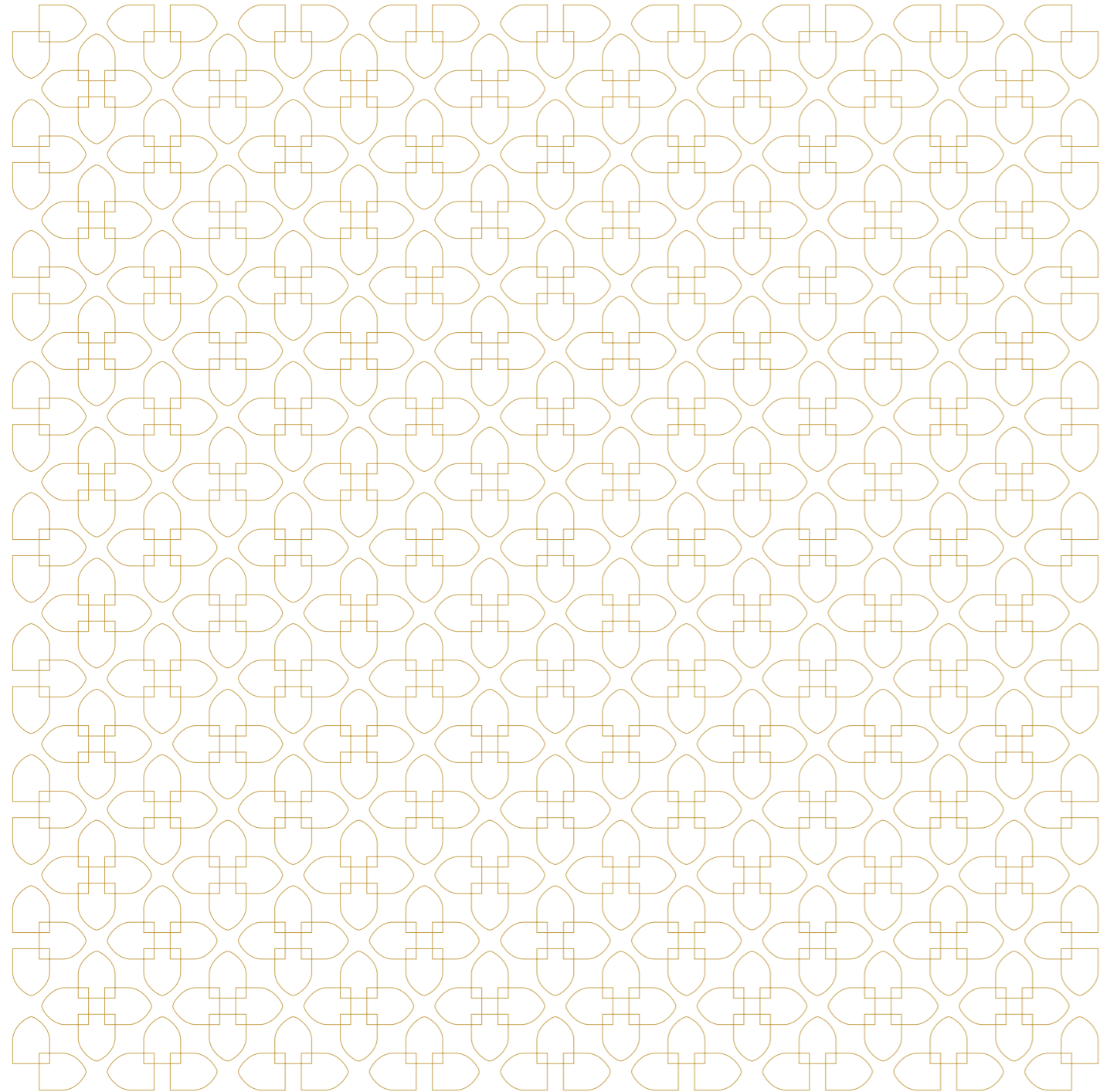




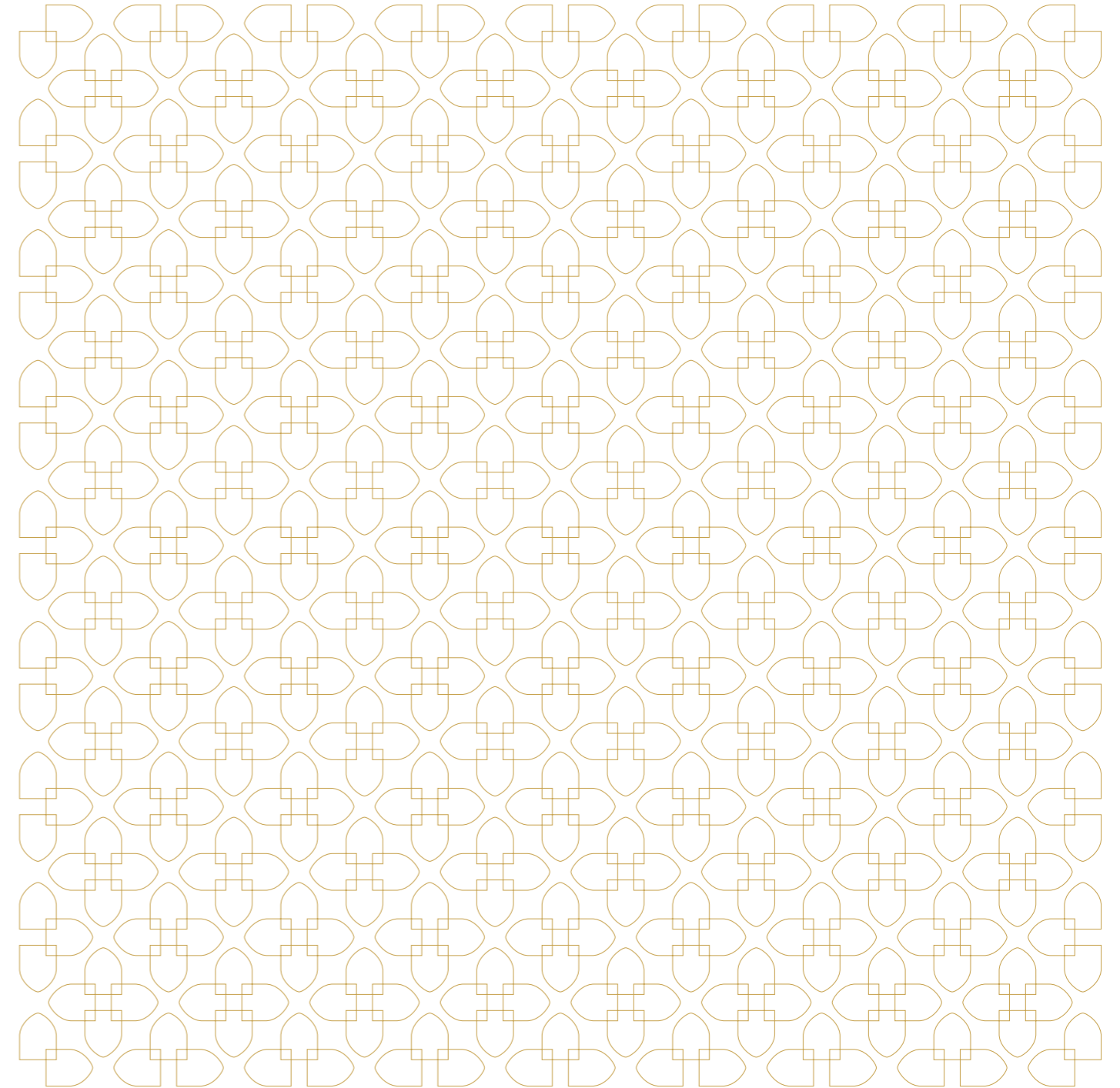
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# A THRIVING BOARDING COMMUNITY



# WELCOME



**Caterham School has a thriving and long-standing boarding community. An experienced and dedicated team of staff ensures a warm and caring atmosphere across all boarding houses.**

Caterham offers either full or weekly boarding, with everyone benefitting from the warmth of community, academic excellence and breadth and quality of sport and co-curricular activities that are the signature of a Caterham education.

Boarding at Caterham is an enjoyable and beneficial experience, full of opportunities for discovery and personal development. We support

and encourage our boarders to grow as confident and responsible young people, ready for education and ready for life in every direction. They live and work together in a relaxed, friendly, family environment. Whether boarding or day, all pupils are fully integrated in the School, with everyone benefitting from the wrap-around care and support provided.

Partnership with families is a cornerstone of Caterham School, and none more so than in boarding. We recognise the responsibilities entrusted to us by parents and encourage every opportunity for communication between pupils, boarding house and family.



#### Full Boarding

Living at School allows pupils to make the most of each day, with time beyond lessons to reflect, relax and engage further in activities, sport or study. Boarding pupils are at the heart of the School with each pupil belonging to a boarding house (essentially a pupil's 'school family') and a form, led by their form tutor, alongside day pupils.

When lessons are finished, the boys and girls return to their boarding house for after school snacks and a catch up on the day with friends, all under the warmth and care of their Head of House and matrons. Evenings and weekends are filled with activities on site with regular excursions locally including to theatres, museums and attractions in London and the South East. The School's Sports Centre, with indoor pool, sports hall and fully equipped fitness centre, is popular with boarding pupils.

#### Weekly Boarding

Family-friendly weekly boarding secures time at home each weekend to balance an action packed week at School. There are no Saturday lessons at Caterham allowing pupils more freedom to spend weekend time at home. Weekly boarding can provide a welcome support where busy family life puts pressure on the logistics of senior school which can bring increased involvement in co-curricular activities and sport.

Our boarding staff live on site, ensuring flexibility for weekly boarding pupils to return home on a Friday evening or remain for a Saturday sports fixture.

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If I had to describe School, I'd say it's like a home with my boarding family – and a really big playground and garden!

Year 9 boarder

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It's like a big, vibrant family with big sisters on tap to offer advice. I actually miss not being around everyone in the holidays!

Year 8 Boarder

## THE BOARDING HOUSES

### Beech Hanger House Girls Boarding

A beautiful Victorian mansion set in its own grounds within the School campus, Beech Hanger is home to girls boarding at Caterham. Around 60 girls from Year 7 to 13 board in the house, under the care of the Head of House and her team of matrons and tutors who offer wrap-around care.

Every care is given to ensure that all girls settle happily into life at Caterham. Before term begins girls enjoy an induction programme of relaxed 'getting to know each other' activities. From day one the girls know that staff and fellow pupils are on their side to support them and guide them through their time at Caterham. The School's strong network supports our girls both pastorally and academically, as is evident by the warm atmosphere for which Beech Hanger is known.

"I am extremely proud of my dedicated team of staff, who assist me with the running of the house and who are extra sets of eyes and ears to make sure everyone here is settling in well and is happy. Our fantastic matrons give their all and help make sure that everything runs smoothly in the house, so that the girls return to a harmonious home at the end of a long day at school, for a chat and a well-earned biscuit!

Your daughter will be joining a fantastic group of girls, who all remember only too well how it felt to be 'the new girl', and will be keen to help your daughter to settle into the fun and routines of boarding life here at Caterham."

**Mrs Clare Quinton**  
Head of Beech Hanger





#### Townsend House

##### Junior Boys Boarding

Overlooking Home Field and the School's woodland, Townsend is home to around 30 junior boarders who are looked after by the Head of House and a team of matrons. One of the most important factors is to create and maintain a friendly, caring and homely family environment in the boarding house. In addition to the Head of House, a Matron is on duty from wake up to bedtime to help make sure everything runs smoothly.

The junior and senior boys houses run as two separate units, which allows for very special care and attention right through the age groups. The junior boys benefit from uniting with the senior boarders for many activities giving the benefit of friendships across the age range.

When boys first arrive at Caterham School as a junior, they enjoy a carefully designed integration programme to help them settle in quickly, make friends and get to know the staff, the boarding house and the School. These activities include social and sport events, team and problem solving challenges. Welcome barbeques and other, 'get-to-know-

each-other' games ensure that, by the time school starts, our juniors feel at home and ready for the new term to start.

The junior boys are also helped along by prefects, boarding 'buddies' and day pupil 'buddies,' who help guide them through the different parts of the School.

Once school has started, the fun and games definitely do not stop. Caterham School has an enormous range of sport and co-curricular activities that pupils can choose from and as a boarding house we promote the development of pupils as balanced individuals and everyone finds some sort of club or sport that suits their needs.

"Townsend House has an excellent academic support system and we strive to bring out the best results from every child. This does not only apply to the academic, but also to all aspects of life. It is extremely important for us to see pupils develop as a whole and strive for the best, while having fun and staying young for as long as possible."

**Mr Andion Van Niekerk**  
Head of Townsend House

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I actually like coming back to school! I'm glad when we're back in the boarding house and all together again. There's a buzz and a good feeling.

Year 8 Boarder

#### Viney House

##### Senior Boys Boarding

Viney House is situated in the heart of the main school building and is home for almost 70 senior boys. The Head of House lives alongside the house with his family and is supported by a team of matrons and tutors who between them offer 24 hour support.

Whether boys are moving up to Viney House or joining boarding at Caterham for the first time, we do everything we can to help settle them in quickly. Even before term starts boarders are supported with an induction programme where new friendships are formed and the pattern of Caterham life quickly becomes familiar. Each new pupil is allocated a 'buddy', a pupil from the Lower Sixth who has been at the School for a good period of time and knows what is needed to help settle into the new environment.

"Boarding here is a real opportunity to become part of an extended and diverse family and we look forward to welcoming your son to our happy community, where we are sure he will grow academically, culturally and spiritually."

**Mr Nick Mills**  
Head of Viney House

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I have such a fondness for my time boarding at Caterham. Even though I've now moved to university, I like to come back and visit. The friendships established in Viney have endured beyond simply our time at school.

Former pupil

### The Boarding Family

The Deputy Head of Boarding is a member of the Senior Leadership Team and is supported by the Heads of House and a team of matrons who play a key pastoral role in looking after our pupils.

The Health Centre and the health of our pupils fall under the expertise of our onsite Health Centre staff who are all trained healthcare professionals. If a pupil is unwell they can be assured of the best care and support within dedicated facilities. When a pupil is unwell, our health staff liaise closely with boarding house staff to ensure continuity of care. The School Medical Officer, a qualified doctor in General Practice, visits the school twice a week and is always on hand to offer advice.

Meals and snacks are taken either in the boarding houses or in the School dining room. In partnership with our caterers, the School takes seriously its responsibility to provide nourishing, appetising food that is appropriate for growing pupils. Good nutrition

is vital in helping pupils achieve their best in and outside of school. Our caterers take special care in the selection of ingredients and produce to ensure that the provenance of our food is second to none. The meals we provide are developed to be appealing and appetising to the pupils, all with a focus on sustainability, seasonality and provenance.

### Fun and Games

In addition to the School's extensive co-curricular and sports programme, boarding pupils enjoy a wealth of special activities that unite the community and are quite simply great fun! Whether onsite events celebrating festivals and calendar dates, regular excursions to go bowling and go-karting or trips to London's museums and theatres, pupils get stuck in and expand their horizons. Senior pupils enjoy the freedom to visit the village and sixth formers enjoy planned small group trips to London as part of their progression towards independence and young adulthood.

### Achievement

The boarding environment is designed to support boarders (full and weekly) in striving to achieve all that they are capable of within the context of a school well known for its strong academic results.

In addition to benefitting from our unique approach to Learning and Teaching, boarders are actively involved in our award-winning 'study buddy' programme. Weekly academic enrichment for boarding pupils is led by the Sixth Form boarders. There is a culture of academic aspiration at Caterham in which boarders are keenly supported by their peers.



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