Welcome to Boarding at Caterham School

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the boarding community at Caterham School. We are delighted that your son or daughter will be joining us in September.

The many opportunities that we offer for work, sport, activities and socialising will be very exciting for new pupils. We do understand, though, that the task of getting to know everything and being in the right place at the right time can sometimes seem daunting. We would like to introduce you to some of the people who will be looking after your child, and to reassure you that we will be helping and supporting them not just at the beginning but throughout their time at Caterham. Our caring boarding staff and existing pupils are looking forward to welcoming your child and to meeting both them and you when you arrive at Caterham.

Heads of Houses and our International Student Co-ordinator have written separate letters to introduce themselves. We have three boarding houses with a total capacity for one hundred and sixty three pupils. Beech Hanger is the girls' boarding house. It is situated in its own grounds with Mrs Clare Quinton as Head of House. Viney, the Senior Boys' boarding house (Fifth Year and Sixth Form) is located on the first two floors of the Main School building. Mr Mills is Head of House. Townsend is the Junior Boys' boarding house (First to Fourth Years) and is situated on the first floor in the Main School building. Mr Andion Van Niekerk is Head of House. Miss Elisabeth Gibbs is Head of EAL and is also the International Students’ Co-ordinator.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns - and once again, welcome!

Yours sincerely

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Welcome to Beech Hanger House

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be welcoming your daughter to Beech Hanger this September, and hope it will be the start of many years of happiness. She 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 routines of boarding life here at Caterham. Every new girl is well looked after after when she first arrives, and we make sure that she is teamed up with a “buddy” to help her through those daunting first few weeks, and to conquer those natural feelings of homesickness. Our Sixth Form Boarding Prefects have a wealth of experience and are on hand to support and encourage everyone, new and old, in the house. It is also hugely helpful to have so many “older sisters” to help with a difficult prep, or friendship conflict, and with such a diverse mix of cultures and nationalities, there is always someone who your daughter can identify with and turn to.

Along with my family, Dan (Head of Science and Biology), Duke (21), Bethany (19) and Isaac (16) I have lived and breathed the life of girls' boarding at Caterham for the last thirteen years. I have seen the house expand and develop in so many positive ways during this time and am so pleased that your daughter is to become part of our home in Beech Hanger. 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. Our fantastic matrons give their all and help me to 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!

If you have anything that you would like to discuss with me concerning your daughter in any aspect of her School life, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am really looking forward to meeting you and your daughter, and welcoming her into our large and vibrant family.

With best wishes

Clare Quinton
Head of Beech Hanger House

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We will do everything we can to help your son settle quickly into school life. He will take part in an induction programme in the week before the start of term and this will help him to begin to make new friends and to learn the pattern of Caterham life. In addition each new boy 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 a new boy settle into their new environment. They will help in the first few weeks to make sure that your son knows his way around and will help answer any questions your son may have.

I live with my wife, Kathryn, and our children, Stanley (8) and Mary (5), in a flat attached to the first floor of the boarding house and I am always happy to talk to any boy about any concern he may have. My teaching background is in History and Politics and in addition we have three other experienced resident Tutors working and living on the School site. One of us will be on duty every day for 24-hours. We are available to the boys throughout this time and will be happy to offer advice, help and guidance with any pastoral or academic questions.

We have three Matrons in Viney, and each day there is always at least one Matron on duty. They are there to help your son with day-to-day tasks and help me to keep an eye on how the boys are getting on. They are based in the centre of the house and often boys just drop in for a chat (and a biscuit!)

We are very confident that your son will be happy here. If there is anything that is worrying you or that you are unsure about do not hesitate to contact me. I hope that after reading this you feel assured that your son will be well looked after. We think of boarding as being 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.

Nick Mills
Head of Viney House

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Welcome to Townsend House
Boarding for Junior Boys

Dear Parents,

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I welcome you to become part of Caterham School boarding community. Caterham School prides itself on the fact that it has junior and senior sections in boys’ boarding. The juniors and seniors do unite doing many activities, and yet the two sections run as separate units, which allows for very special care and attention right through the age groups.

I have been involved in boarding here at Caterham School for many years now and before that worked at a boarding school in Switzerland.

As you arrive at Caterham School as a junior, you plunge into a carefully designed integration programme that helps you settle in quickly, make friends and get to know the Boarding House and the School. These activities will include activities that will unite juniors and seniors, boys and girls. There is also a trip into a local town where the juniors will eat out and play ten pin bowling. There will also be barbeques and other, ‘get-to-know-each-other’ games, and by the time school starts, the juniors will feel at home and ready for a new term to start.

The junior boys will also be helped along by an amazing group of prefects, boarding ‘buddies’ and day pupil ‘buddies,’ who will help guide them through the different parts of the school to get them to their lessons on time.

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; everyone finds some sort of club or sport that suits their needs. The Junior Boarding House has an excellent academic support system and we strive to bring out the best results from every child. This applies not only 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.

One of the most important factors for all of us is to create and maintain a friendly, caring and homely family environment in the boarding house. There is a Matron here from wake- up to bedtime to help make sure everything runs smoothly. This is a huge team effort and we constantly hear pupils say such things as:

-‘we are glad to be back in the boarding house’
-‘this is like a home with a very big playground’
-‘this is like a home with my boarding family’

‘With sheer determination you should tackle that which others claim to be impossible, and prove to yourself that anything is, in fact, possible.’

I hereby warmly welcome you to Caterham School Junior Boys’ Boarding House.

Andion van Niekerk
Head of Townsend House

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