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St. Andrew's College Cambridge aims to provide a high standard of pastoral care through a well-established boarding system which aims to provide a warm, secure, friendly and family style environment for boarders.

The following aims are intended to ensure that boarders at St. Andrew's College Cambridge are confident, open-minded people who can develop a strong sense of community in a multicultural setting. A proactive approach to life in the community is encouraged and sensitivity to others, leadership and independence are fostered. At St. Andrew's College Cambridge we follow the National Minimum Boarding Standards.



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PRINCIPLE 1

TO PROVIDE A SAFE BOARDING ENVIRONMENT

St. Andrew's College Cambridge recognises that it is of paramount importance for boarders to live and work in a safe environment.

PRACTICE:

- All staff are trained in safeguarding and Prevent and those who recruit have completed the 'Safer Recruitment' on-line training.
- Akeva, a Health and Safety Consultancy, carries out annual building risk assessments and supports the college on an ongoing basis.
- REACH SISO Systems are in place to ensure the house staff know the whereabouts of the boarders at all times.
- If house managers have any concerns over a student's physical or mental health, there are procedures in place to address this.

PRINCIPLE 2

TO PROVIDE A FAMILY STYLE ENVIRONMENT

St. Andrew's College Cambridge believes that each individual is best able to develop successfully within a happy family style environment. Each boarding house functions as a closely-knit family style unit.

PRACTICE:

- Small houses, each with their designated houseparent ensure that student are well looked after and closely monitored.
- We encourage students to contact their parents regularly by telephone and electronic means.



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- Student meetings are held to discuss relevant boarding issues.

PRINCIPLE 3

TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY AND TO LEAD A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- There are fixed study times so that students have allocated slots to focus on their work.
- We encourage students to take part in sports.
- We encourage students to take part in the school social programme so that they can get to know other students better.
- We encourage students to speak English so that they improve their language to the level required for university.
- We endeavour to provide healthy and nutritious meals and snacks.
- We encourage students to see the college counsellor if they feel they could benefit from her service.

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