STATEMENT OF BOARDING PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE

2026-27

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Statement of boarding principles and practice

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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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