

THE MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL
SOUTHWELL

Prospectus for Boarders.

Head Master :
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General Aim of the School.

The advantages of life at a boarding school are many. Its regularity is in itself a valuable and natural discipline, which has its effect on character and health.

A life with common interests inculcates a spirit of service to the community, it leads to the cultivation of courtesy as the outcome of consideration for others, to the establishment of frank relationship between boys and masters and between boy and boy.

The development of character is regarded as of the first importance; and since it is only in a free atmosphere that the full powers of the individual can be developed, rules and restrictions are reduced to a minimum.

The boys are treated from the first as responsible beings, a habit of self-reliance is fostered, and they are encouraged to bring an enlightened reason to bear on all questions of conduct.

The scope of the work in school is outlined in the general prospectus. Boarders have the additional advantage of some direction in the cultivation of their leisure time, a point in education that is often overlooked. Thus apart from the usual activities of organised games, boys can find an outlet for their energies in other interests and hobbies. Since the acquisition of the new House, Sacrista Prebend, with its three acres of garden, these opportunities have become greater.

Boarders are frequently read to on winter evenings and are thus introduced to good literature in a way which is often more effective than the class-room approach. Our actors are generally chosen from amongst the boarders and the standard of production by the Grammar School Players has been widely appreciated for many years.

Visits and Leave,

In order that full advantage of this life may be had, continuity is essential. Week-end leave, with its damaging effect on steady progress, is no longer granted.

Sunday is a day of special value in a boy's life at Southwell with its long association with Southwell Minster, while the evening services through the winter in the beautiful House Chapel at Sacrista give opportunities which all will appreciate.

Parents wishing to visit the school are asked to do so on Saturday afternoons or on Sundays and should notify the Headmaster. Such visits are more valued and less distracting when they are rare and we have found it advisable to limit them to twice a term, once in each half. There is a half-term break of three days.

All household arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. Matthews. The dormitories are pleasant rooms with four or six boys in each. The younger ones sleep at Sacrista, the older boys sleep at the School where there are three resident masters. Boys make their own beds six days a week and are expected to take a pride in the orderly appearance of their rooms.

House arrangements.

There is a large isolated sick room for infectious cases and in the case of an epidemic a trained nurse will be in attendance.

The smaller boys go to bed at 7.45, the older boys at 9.

Every precaution is taken against fire or other dangers.

The meals are carefully prepared and varied. The needs of growing boys are well understood, and while the food is simple it is good and plentiful. Vegetables are freshly supplied from our own garden. The mid-day meal is cooked by an Aga cooker and the food values are thus conserved. "Tuck" is wholly unnecessary and parents are asked to send nothing unless it is a birthday cake.

Meals.

Each boy must bring the full complement of clothes, a list of which can be had at the school. Every article must be plainly marked and a supply of name tapes sent for replacements. During the holidays the supply of clothes should be carefully gone into, the necessary renewals and repairs carried out, and the obliterated markings replaced.

Clothes.

On Sundays all boys must wear black coats and grey trousers with black ties. Soft collars or grey shirts with collars attached may be worn during the week, but stiff linen collars must be worn on Sundays. The junior school will wear Eton collars.

In the summer, straw hats are worn; in the winter, mortar-boards have long been the traditional dress.

School ties, coloured jerseys, and gymnastic kit can be had at the school.

Pocket Money. Responsibility in the management of money cannot be learnt too early. At the beginning of each term parents should forward to the Headmaster an allowance for 12 weeks, which will be paid out weekly at the rate of 6d. a week for boys in the three lower forms, and a shilling a week for boys in the upper forms.

The school has a branch of the National Savings Association and boys should be encouraged to save.

Letters. Boys are expected to write home every week. Sundays give the best opportunity and a special time is set apart for this. A supply of stamps should be sent.

These letters will be a perfectly free expression of a boy's own interests and feelings and parents will do well to encourage this. The letters will also be a sure index of progress. Parents are requested to inform the Headmaster if the letters are not regularly written; they should remind the boys themselves, if the letters show carelessness, how much an interesting and well written letter is appreciated.

Fees. Fees (payable in advance on or before the first day of term):
Including Board and Tuition - - - ~~£20~~ a term. *20 guineas.*

A reduction of two guineas a year is made for younger brothers.

Laundry varies from term to term and is generally from 20/- to 25/-.

Music, a valuable feature in education, is encouraged. Lessons in piano, violin or other instrument are provided for and practice times arranged. Fees: £2 - 2 - 0 a term.

Regulations as to admission, removal, damage to school property are given elsewhere.

Any further particulars will be supplied by the Headmaster.

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