



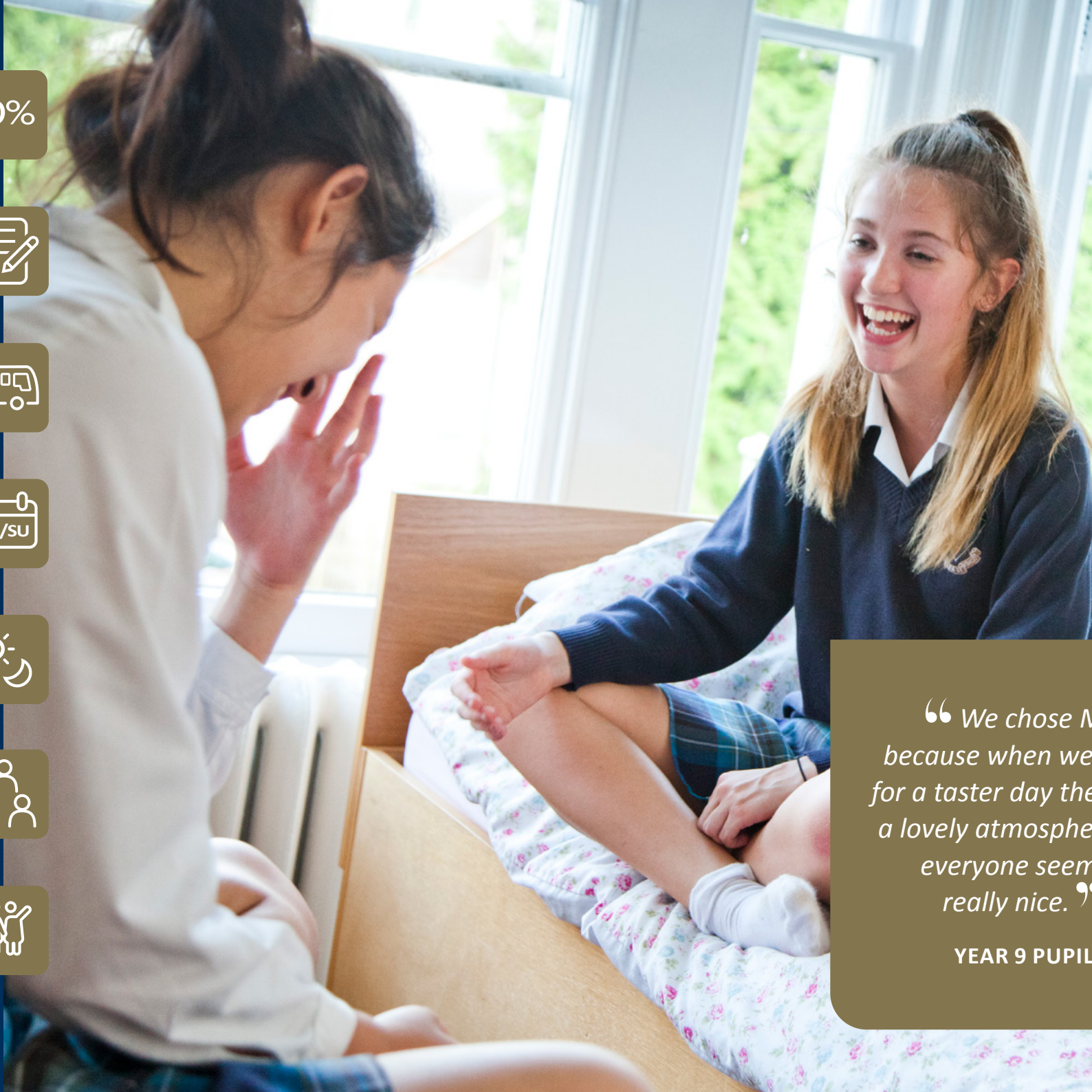
MALVERN ST JAMES

Girls' School

# FORCES FAMILIES







Pay only 10% of fees in addition to CEA

10%

Reduced registration fee of £50\*



£100 credit\* each term to spend on weekend excursions



Free Exeat weekends as needed



Free taster day and night



Refer a Forces Friend Scheme



Sibling discounts available for families not eligible for CEA



\* per child

# Malvern St James Girls' School: a home-away-from-home for daughters of Forces families

Malvern St James Girls' School is a leading independent school for pupils aged 4-18. What helps to make us distinct and refreshing is our recognition and active support of the individual talents, interests and passions of girls, and the liberating and inclusive ethos the school embraces.

We encourage girls to be ambitious, to follow their passions and to be confident: and to appreciate the value of hard work and determination. We want to show them the full spectrum of interests that contribute to a balanced and happy life, and demonstrate the joy of finding something they love and pursuing it.

At Malvern St James Girls' School we provide the consistency and stability to ensure Forces children continue to thrive. Your daughter will be surrounded by friends and supportive House Staff, who are experienced in caring for pupils from Forces families. We appreciate the particular needs, worries, understanding and support required to ensure your daughter's experience is both fulfilling and fun. With several of our boarding staff themselves from Forces families, this gives us further unique insight into the care and support your daughter may need.

Our Forces families value the flexibility and individual support we offer. With no School on Saturdays, girls are fully engaged with full weekend programmes of activities from mountain biking to shopping, trips to the cinema and theatre, House movie nights and bake-offs; as well as downtime to rest and relax.

We welcome day pupils from age 4 (Reception) and boarding pupils from aged 7 (Year 3), with full, weekly or flexi Boarding available. We understand the flexibility you need as a Forces Family and will support you and your daughter in every way possible. Exeat weekends are not compulsory, and girls can leave their belongings in their boarding house over the holidays. We are also happy to accommodate weekends out if parents have leave during term time.

If your family is eligible for the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), you will only need to pay 10% of our boarding fees. For families not eligible for the CEA, we offer a Forces Family Discount.

Choosing a school that's right for your daughter is an important decision. Please do come and visit, and we'll show you what we're all about.

*“ We chose MSJ because when we came for a taster day there was a lovely atmosphere and everyone seemed really nice. ”*

YEAR 9 PUPIL





# About Malvern St James Girls' School

Malvern St James Girls' School is a leading independent day and boarding School for girls aged 4-18 in Malvern, Worcestershire, offering exceptional academic, sport, music, drama and equestrian provision.

We are recognised as one of the leading Independent Schools in the region for A Level and GCSE exam results with superb value-added attainment. We encourage girls to be ambitious and to follow their passions whether that be as a high-flying academic, a passionate sportswoman, a shining star on stage, a dedicated musician, or some or all of these things.

Intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, considered risk-taking and collaboration are all encouraged and universities and employers value these attributes. The enrichment programme is varied with something for everyone, incorporating clubs for budding engineers and scientists, extra-curricular languages, drama, music, Leiths, photography, sport of every kind, Young Enterprise, debating and Model United Nations to name a few.

The Good Schools Guide describes Malvern St James as "... continuing to carve out a niche for itself as being at the forefront of thinking on girls' education... The school feels driven and full of girls who are going to change the world."

## Our location

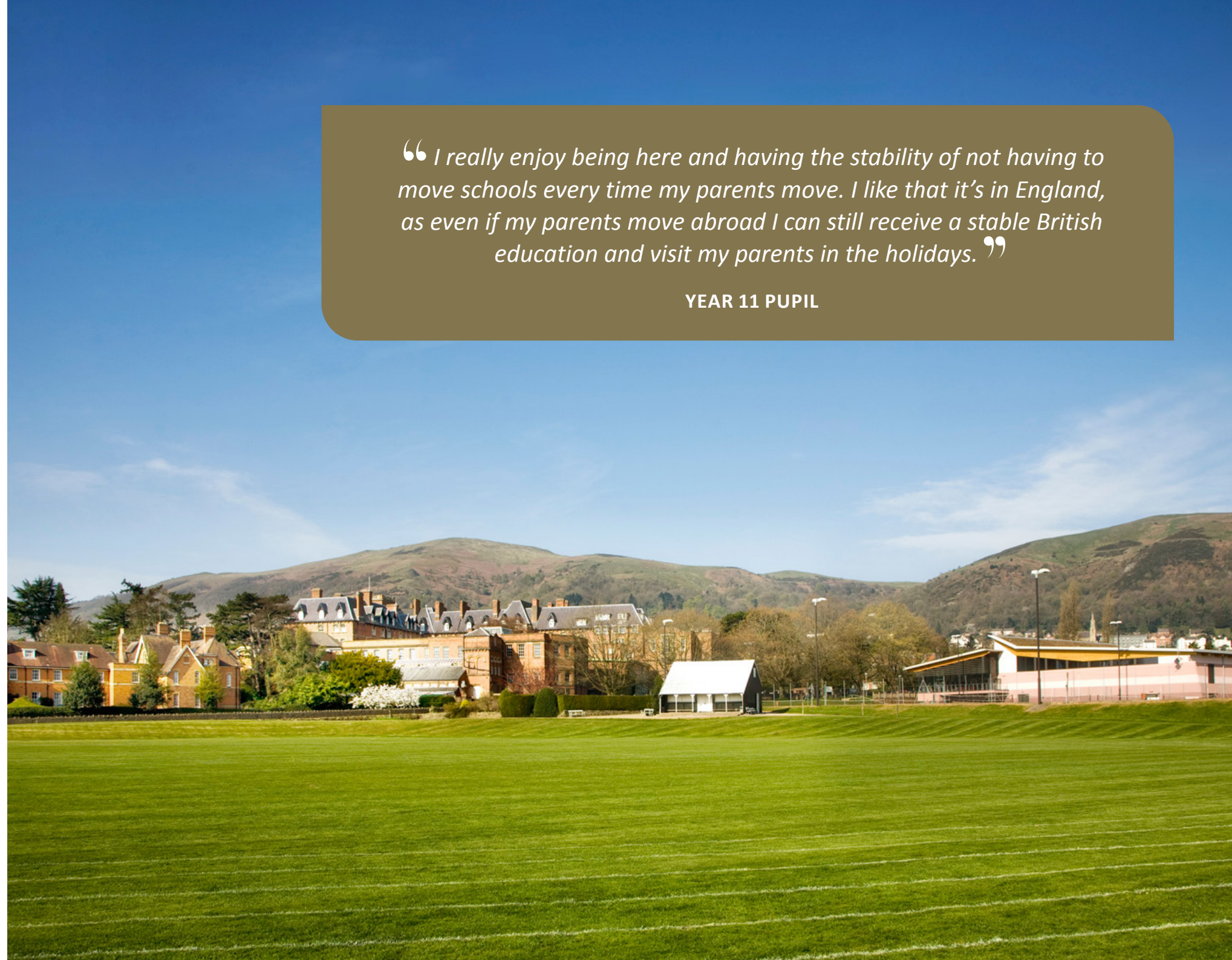
Malvern St James Girls' School is located in the small town of Great Malvern in the heart of England, at the foot of the picturesque Malvern Hills. It has all the facilities that students want including cinema, theatre, restaurants, a buzzing independent coffee shop scene and boutique shopping, and has bags of traditional charm. An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the hills are popular for walks and picnics, and on a clear day you can see more than ten counties from the top. Our surroundings offer a safe home-from-home environment but with plenty to do and great accessibility to London, Oxford, Stratford, Bath, Cardiff and more for cultural trips.

The main School building, boarding houses and facilities are all located within easy walking distance of each other.


Being centrally located, we have excellent transport links, with Birmingham and London airports within easy reach. Great Malvern train station is located opposite the School with direct trains to London and Birmingham and connections across the UK.

*“ I really enjoy being here and having the stability of not having to move schools every time my parents move. I like that it’s in England, as even if my parents move abroad I can still receive a stable British education and visit my parents in the holidays. ”*

**YEAR 11 PUPIL**







*“We chose MSJ for its friendly nature ... MSJ provides lots of support with subjects I struggle with, and therefore was a good choice academically.”*

**YEAR 11 PUPIL**

## Teaching and Learning

“The girls at Malvern St James are the reason we go to work each day; their successes are our rewards, they are the reason we entered the teaching profession and they are the lifeblood of the school. The more complex and challenging the questions that are asked, the more engaging and rewarding our role becomes. Laughter and learning go hand in hand and the relationship between pupil and teacher is incredibly special.”

**LUCY HUTTON, DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**

We passionately believe that Pre-Prep, incorporating Reception to Year 2, here at Malvern St James provides the best possible start for your child. By building solid foundations to last a lifetime, we begin each child on their personalised learning journey. Our staff are incredibly committed, dedicating time and care to ensure your daughter feels safe, confident and happy from her very first day.

Girls joining us in MSJ Prep (Year 3 – 6) learn a variety of subjects including English, Maths, Science and many more. MSJ Pre-Prep and MSJ Prep is in the same building as the Senior School, meaning that younger girls benefit from the specialist facilities of the Senior school, such as science labs, sport and art facilities.

For Senior and Sixth Form girls the focus is to empower each girl to reach her personal potential and achieve results that exceed expectations. We equip girls to think independently, discover their own interests and become intellectually curious. Our personalised approach will ensure your daughter will develop her confidence and self-esteem by discovering new areas and ideas through which she can truly excel.

At both GCSE and A Level, our results are outstanding with excellent value added. Girls move onto a diverse list of graduate courses at the most prestigious Russell Group universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, London UCL, Imperial and Bristol. Our alumnae of over 4,000 women is exceptional and provides extensive and valuable career guidance and support to current pupils.



# Co-curricular

We believe for girls to be all-rounded individuals, co-curricular activities need to be embraced alongside academic studies. We help girls to ensure a balance is struck between co-curricular and academic activities, and between developing existing interests and talents and encouraging girls to step out of their comfort zone and try new activities.

There are over 100 co-curricular clubs and activities to choose from: here is an example of just some of those.

Co-curricular clubs and activities	
Art Club	Law Society
Book Club	Leiths School of Food & Wine
Classics Club	Medicine Society
Choir	Model United Nations
Computer Science Coding	Orchestra
Dance	Pottery Club
Debating	Science Club
Drama Club	Sports Clubs including: Badminton, Hockey, Kayaking, Lacrosse, Netball, Riding, Tennis and Football
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Swimming
Eco Club	Women in Science Society
History & Politics Society	Young Enterprise
Language Clubs	

“ We have the Military Kids Group and if you ever need someone to talk to there is always someone to listen. ”

YEAR 9 PUPIL







# Boarding

Boarding is at the heart of Malvern St James Girls' School and all girls, whether they are full, weekly, flexi or day pupils, are a part of the boarding community. Boarding adds a special, holistic dimension to the pastoral foundation of the School.

We have five Boarding Houses which are dedicated to caring for specific age groups. Each of the Boarding Houses has an experienced team of staff dedicated to looking after the health and wellbeing of the girls. Each team is made up of three staff members with two on duty overnight. All of our Boarding Houses are located a short walk from the main School building.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all served in the Alice Dining Room, located in the main School building. Our experienced team of chefs create a variety of delicious and nutritious menu choices which cater for all dietary needs.

Weekends are never dull while boarding. At Malvern St James Girls' School, we do not have timetabled lessons on a Saturday but instead offer a full and varied weekend programme, encompassing all kinds of trips and activities. These include theatre, museum and shopping trips to the surrounding area and larger cities such as Birmingham and London, Model United Nations Conferences, sports matches home and away, reeling, socials with other schools and much more.

The schedule also incorporates a full range of Outdoor Pursuits with rock-climbing, abseiling, caving, skiing, snowboarding, kayaking, canoeing, mountain biking, windsurfing and sailing being just some of the activities on offer. These are valuable opportunities to learn and enjoy, be challenged and be adventurous in a safe environment, to make new friends and enjoy new experiences.

We also appreciate the importance of rest before another busy week at School. The boarding houses are all relaxing spaces where girls can have quiet time to reflect and recoup or join in with some house activities such as baking, crafting, or group games. There are no enforced exeat weekends, allowing our Forces girls the flexibility to stay at School if required due to family circumstances.

ANOUSKA VAN RAVENSTEIN, DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

“I love boarding. It has become one of the best things in my life and it means I can be around my friends for longer in a day. It's like one continuous sleepover!”

YEAR 9 PUPIL



# Pupil Testimonials

“Boarding life is fun ... I enjoy having my own room, making my own food, going shopping. The lounge areas are fun to hang out in, too- some of us come together and play board games or just chat, and it really feels like a family. One that anyone can easily fit into.”

YEAR 11 PUPIL

“I love boarding so much, it’s my second family and I don’t know what I would do without it. I also really appreciate the support I get here.”

YEAR 9 PUPIL

“Boarding life is the best part of school but also I love how much support we get with lessons and in prep time ... I like how there are small classes it helps a lot when you don’t understand something because the teacher can help you more often and for longer.”

YEAR 9 PUPIL

“I settled in very quickly and the House Staff, as well as my Form Tutor, made sure that I was comfortable with being away from home which helped me feel comfortable enough to make friends. I really enjoy going on trips with the Boarding House as you get to go out and do things which you might not be able to do if you were at home.”

YEAR 11 PUPIL

“It’s really nice being a boarder at Malvern St James. We set up a military kid’s group and if you ever need someone to talk to there is always someone to listen and knows how you might be feeling.”

YEAR 8 PUPIL

“If I need support I can speak to members of staff who are equipped to support me if something is troubling me based on military status. If, for example, my parents are unable to drop me off at school due to work, the school supports and helps my parents to get me back safely, which is helpful considering my family is always quite busy!”

YEAR 11 PUPIL







# Parent Testimonial

## MR AND MRS WILLIAMS, PUPILS IN YEAR 8 AND 9

“ Upon reaching a decision point for an extended ‘second’ career in the Army, as a family we recognised that opting for boarding school for our two daughters would be a critical enabler. A future move was inconveniently forecast to coincide with our eldest starting GCSE’s. My wife has also worked in defence, so her employment can usually synchronise with mine.

Due to an overseas posting we were unable to visit potential schools and rationalise our choices when selecting a ‘forever’ school. Our eldest daughter started at an extremely large local comprehensive school in Year 7 on our return to UK. Our collective experience of this setting has since, only galvanised our decision of why we opted for boarding in the independent school sector, specifically Malvern St James (MSJ).

We chose MSJ primarily due to a glowing recommendation from a family friend who are also a fellow military family. Moreover, the single setting at MSJ suited our girls. Other schools we shortlisted had geographically separate prep and secondary settings, which for our eldest felt like a step back having already completed Year 7 in a regular secondary. Additionally, separation of the sisters was something else that would only add unnecessary worry.

Our daughters are both soon to complete their second year boarding at MSJ, 7 & 8, 8 & 9 respectively, and we highly commend the entire team for making the girls feel at home! If it was dealing with those early homesickness woes, to managing the inevitable occasional fallout between girls amicably, right through to the outstanding level of tuition that also continued faultlessly during the pandemic.

Opportunities at MSJ? Well, I don’t even know where to begin and just too varied and wide in scope to list here. The MSJ ethos of developing young women in all areas not just academically is certainly evident. Even during the pandemic with MSJ participating in numerous extra-curricular digital events too, some globally. Our youngest daughter was a nationalist finalist in TeenTech awards with the project and prizegiving all completed virtually.

Both girls now view MSJ at their home, as we are inevitably about to be assigned somewhere new again, for us with wider family support nearby, it really completes the package. The sporting opportunities, extra-curricular activity and the caring, loving nature of the boarding houses all set in the fantastic surroundings of the Malvern Hills really makes MSJ the independent boarding school of choice. In summary, the academic and boarding provision at MSJ completely alleviates most if not all of the concerns and worries of what it is to be a military family! ”







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