The Thomas Adams School and Sixth Form

Adams House

Boarding Handbook 2026/2027



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Welcome to Adams House!

May I warmly welcome you to Adams House. I hope that you will have a very happy time with us and although life as a boarder will probably seem very different to begin with, I am sure you will soon make some great friends and feel part of the Adams House community. We aim to make Adams House a real home from home with a family atmosphere. It's just that our family is larger than most!

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Adams House Values and Principles

Adams House is the biggest family in Shropshire!

Staff and boarders alike aim to promote an atmosphere which is warm, friendly and lively, whilst being ordered with courtesy and respect for others being shown by all.

Boarding at Adams House is based upon the following principles:

- Boarders and staff are always treated and known as individuals with mutual respect for each other.
- Boarders are treated fairly and with justice.
- There are good relationships between staff and boarders.
- There is equality of opportunity for all boarders, irrespective of ethnicity, culture, gender, age or disability.
- Every boarder has a right to be able to work, play and relax free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing or bullying.
- Staff and boarders acknowledge the right of each other to privacy.
- Boarders have a meaningful say in how the house is run and developed.







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The Aims of Adams House

- To provide a caring, fair, disciplined and moral environment with recognition of both individuality and equality of opportunity which allows full personal and social development.
- To provide the conditions for boarders to achieve their learning potential and take some responsibility for their own learning through well-structured homework conditions and access to staff and other students.
- To safeguard and promote the welfare of each boarder by providing an environment that is, as far as possible, free from physical hazards and dangers of any sort.
- To provide accommodation that is comfortable and suited to the needs of boarders, according to age and maturity, providing adequate levels of privacy.

Adams House policies are available upon request

A Typical School Day

8.00 - 8.15 am	Breakfast
8.30 am	Lower School sign out and leave for school
8.35 am	Sixth Form sign out and leave for sixth form
3.30 - 4.40 pm	Leisure time and refreshments in Adams House
4.40 pm	Homework for all years
5.45 pm - 6.30 pm	Dinner in The Ruscoe Centre
6.30 pm until bedtime	Study or leisure time
7.30 - 8.30 pm	On a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday recreational sport is offered. This is not compulsory, but boarders are encouraged to participate.

Homework

- Years 7 - 12 complete their supervised homework in the study hub.
- Years 13 may complete their homework either in their rooms or in the study hub.
- As the year progresses, boarders who demonstrate a good work ethic may be permitted to complete their homework in their rooms.
- The compulsory homework hour is considered to be the absolute minimum - boarders in Years 10-13 in particular are expected to plan additional study time.
- Where school or sixth form staff have concerns about any boarder's lack of effort/work, extra supervised study will be introduced.

Weekends

On Saturdays and Sundays, we have brunch at 11.15 am - this is compulsory for all boarders.

At weekends, Adams House often puts on group activities which include:

- Bowling
- Paint-balling
- Museums
- Shows
- Walks
- Cycling
- Sport activities
- Shopping trips
- Themed food evenings
- Alton Towers
- Swimming
- Quad biking
- Table-tennis
- Cinema
- Ice skating
- Take-away evenings
- Inter-house activities
- Trips to the beach, castles, the zoo etc.





However, anything else can be organised, according to your own interests and requirements. If there is a particular activity you want to attend/participate in, it can usually be organised, not only at weekends, but also during the week. Share your ideas with a member of staff.

A Quick Guide to Signing Out

Monday - Friday

Years 7 - 11	Sign out by 8.30 am
Years 12 - 13	Sign out by 8.40 am. You may return to your room to study, but must not go back to bed.

Weekend Sign In

Years 7 - 11	Must be up and signed in by 11.00 am
Years 12 - 13	Must be up and signed in by 11.15 am

A Quick Guide to Bedtimes

Years 7 and 8	To be in their bedroom/bathroom by 9.00 pm (lights out 9.30 pm)
Year 9 and 10	To be in their bedroom/bathroom by 9.30 pm (lights out 10.00 pm)
Year 11	To be in their bedroom/bathroom by 10.00 pm (lights out 10.30 pm)
Years 12 and 13	To be in their bedroom/bathroom by 10.00 pm (lights out 10.30 pm)

All boarders must be on premises half an hour before bedtime.

Friday and Saturday bedtimes are normally one hour later than weekday bedtimes.

If boarders are not in bed at their allocated time, or do not get up in time for breakfast, a sanction may be that they go to bed earlier than the stated time.



Boarders Equipment List

All students should bring:

- 2 duvet covers (single)
- 2 pillowcases
- Alarm clock (battery operated)
- Table lamp
- Laundry bag (these are available from Adams House)
- 2 sheets
- 2 bath towels
- 2 hand towels
- Small padlock

Adams House is happy to provide duvets and pillows. However, some boarders do prefer to bring their own.

Uniform
There is no uniform for sixth form students. They are however expected to dress in an appropriate manner and may need smart clothes for special occasions. For Years 7 - 11, the uniform list is on the next page.

Home Clothes
These are worn after school and at weekends. Please bring a sensible amount but not the whole wardrobe! It is also advisable to bring sportswear and swimming kit. A warm coat is essential for the winter months.

Laundry
All items of clothing and bedding must be clearly labelled with the boarder's name. It is the boarder's responsibility to inform the member of staff on duty of individual items which cannot be tumble dried.

We are unable to wash clothing, although suitable for tumble drying, if boarders request we do not put in the tumble dryer. In this case, boarders will be responsible for washing and drying their own laundry - time slots will be available during the weekend for boarders to do their own laundry. All washing will be washed with non-biological washing powder/liquid and tumble dried on "low".

Our School Uniform - Lower Years only (Years 7 - 11 not Sixth Form)



- It demonstrate students' pride in attending The Thomas Adams School
- It enables all students to look smart at a reasonable cost
- It promotes our good name in the local community and further afield
- It helps prepare students for the world outside of Thomas Adams where particular codes of dress are often obligatory (despite not always being stipulated).

The governors and staff request your assistance in helping us to achieve our goal of a consistent, smart school uniform worn by all students.

Everyday Uniform Years 7 - 11

Thomas Adams Blazer
Thomas Adams V-neck jumper (optional)
White collared shirt (short or long sleeved)
Black leather shoes (no trainers, no logos, motifs or boots)
Thomas Adams House Tie (this will be issued on first day)
Plain coloured outer coat (no logos)

Girls
Thomas Adams approved school skirt
Charcoal grey straight-leg trousers
Charcoal grey knee length city shorts
Plain black or grey socks (below the knee)
Plain black tights

Boys
Charcoal grey straight-leg trousers
Charcoal grey knee length city shorts
Plain black or grey socks

Hair Styles/Hair Cuts
It is expected that all students will wear their hair appropriately to reflect a serious learning environment. “Exaggerated” hairstyles and colours which are not natural are not acceptable, neither are bandanas. Any all over short hair must not be below a grade 2 and any lines cut into the style are also not acceptable.

Jewellery and Nails
Students are not permitted to wear jewellery which is a risk to health and safety e.g. tongue piercings, eyebrow rings and bars, nose studs. Large dangly earrings, heavy rings, etc. are also not allowed. Acrylic nails are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Tattoos
These are not allowed.

Physical Education Kit - Lower Years only (Years 7 - 11 not Sixth Form)



PE Kit

Thomas Adams Navy performance polo-shirt
Thomas Adams Navy Shorts
Thomas Adams Tracksuit Bottoms (optional)
Thomas Adams Fleece (optional)
Thomas Adams 1/4 Zip top
Blue Football Socks (boys and girls for football only/can wear white ankle socks otherwise)
Trainers (with non-marking soles)
Blue Rugby shirt (boys)
Football boots (only needed for part of the year's activities)
Mouth guard
Bands for long hair

SCHOOL SHOP direct

www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

Students are required to wear shin guards for their own safety during team contact.

Swimming caps MUST be purchased for students with long hair. These can be bought from Wem Swimming Baths.

All uniform can be purchased from School Shop Direct based in Shrewsbury.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Permission is not normally given for pupils to leave earlier than the dates given or arrive back late so parents are asked not to arrange early flights home or late flights back to Adams House as missing lessons is disruptive to your child's education. If, for any reason, you need to extend the length of your child's school holiday, please contact the Director of Boarding before booking flights.

Autumn Term 2026
Boarders return Tuesday 1st September between 1pm and 5pm.
Term starts Wednesday 2nd September

Term ends Friday 16th October. Boarders who are travelling overseas or who have a journey of over 2 hours may leave after school on 15th October or during the day on 16th October. All other boarders may leave after lunch (1.20pm) on 16th October.

Boarders return Monday 2nd November between 1pm and 5pm

Term starts Tuesday 3rd November.

Term ends Friday 18th December. Boarders may leave after school on Thursday 17th December or during the day on 18th December. Boarding will close at 4pm on Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027
Boarders return Sunday 3rd January between 1pm and 5pm
Term starts Monday 4th January.

Term ends Friday 12th February. Boarders who are travelling overseas or who have a journey of over 2 hours may leave after school on 11th February or during the day on 12th February. All other boarders may leave after lunch (1.20pm) on 12th February.

Boarders return Sunday 21st February between 1pm and 5pm.
Term starts Monday 22nd February.

Term ends Thursday 25th March. Boarders may leave after school on 24th March or during the day on 25th March. Boarding will close at 5pm on 25th March.

Summer Term 2027
Boarders return Sunday 11th April between 1pm and 5pm. Term starts Monday 12th April.

Exeat Weekend Friday 30th April - Monday 3rd May 2027. Boarders may leave after 1.20pm on 30th April and may return after 1pm on 3rd May. Boarding will close at 5pm on 30th April.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Term ends Friday 28th May. Boarders who are travelling overseas or who have a journey of over 2 hours may leave after school on 27th May or during the day on 28th May. All other boarders may leave after lunch (1.20pm) on 28th May.
Boarders return Sunday 6th June between 1pm and 5pm.

Term starts Monday 7th June.

Term ends Friday 23rd July (please see below).

Year 11 and 13 students may leave as soon as their last exam is finished. (Please ensure they check their exam timetable thoroughly before booking flights). Students are welcome to reside in Adams House after their exams have finished in order to attend any organised activities such as Prom or open days.

Year 12 students who are not returning in Year 13 may also leave after their last exam. Students continuing into Year 13 must remain in boarding until the end of term.

Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience is from Monday 19th July 2027 - Friday 23rd July 2027. Further information will be discussed with students at the start of the academic year.

Parents are requested to adhere to holiday dates – failure to do so will seriously affect your child's education and may result in them being withdrawn from certain subjects/examinations. Any absences outside the agreed holiday dates will be marked as 'unauthorised' and parents may be subject to a fine.

We aim for all of our boarders to have an attendance record of 95% or above.



Information on Holidays and Travel

Boarders are not permitted to reside in Adams House during holiday times. We are happy to book rooms at a local bed and breakfast if boarders arrive early or leave after specified holiday dates. Please give as much notice as possible as there are limited rooms available.

National Minimum Standards for Boarding require us to hold on file confirmation from parents/guardians that they accept responsibility for their child whilst travelling to and from boarding. At your request we are able to organise travel, but we need you as a parent/guardian to agree with and be fully aware of the arrangements and accept responsibility for your child during their journey.

Unaccompanied Minors
With regards to boarders travelling by air, most airlines will not take responsibility for minors until they are ready for boarding. This means that, even if a student feels confident travelling alone, they must be accompanied by an adult at the airport until they are called for boarding and met by a named adult upon arrival.

If your child is under 16 and travelling alone, please contact us to ensure all of the necessary documentation is in place for your child to travel.

We can organise taxis and train tickets – this may be paid for through the boarders' expenses account. Such arrangements cannot be made if there are not sufficient funds in the expenses account. Travel forms must be handed in irrespective of whether we need to make transport arrangements or not – we need to know when and where every boarder is going during holiday times.

House Rules

There are some House Rules that everybody must obey. Many of these rules are requirements placed upon Adams House by English Law.

Our rules are quite simple and very much based upon mutual trust and respect for others.

Failure to abide by Adams House rules may result in sanctions, suspension or expulsion, depending upon severity.

Rooms
Male and female boarders must NEVER enter the bedrooms of the opposite sex. Failure to abide by this rule will be taken very seriously and will most likely lead to automatic exclusion.

After lights out, all boarders should remain in their rooms.

No boarders are permitted into another boarding sleeping area without permission from a member of staff.

If a boarder wishes to go into the room/area of another boarder, they should seek permission of the boarder living in that room/area.

Alcohol
Boarders under the age of 18 may not purchase alcohol. All licenced premises including pubs and off-licences are out of bounds to boarders who are not 17.

Smoking and Vaping
Adams House and its environment are no smoking/vaping zones. Boarders in lower school and under 16 are not permitted to purchase or smoke tobacco or vapes under any circumstances.

House Rules

Non-Medical Use of Drugs
The use and possession of drugs other than those specifically prescribed by a doctor is forbidden. The improper use of solvents is also strictly forbidden. Breaking this rule will lead to automatic suspension from Adams House and may lead to expulsion.

Vehicles
Boarders may not travel in a car driven by another student or person under the age of 21 without the written permission of the boarder's parent/guardian and the specific permission of the Director of Boarding. The vehicle must have comprehensive insurance.

Behaviour
Any act of uncivilised behaviour towards people or their property and breach of common sense or courtesy is interpreted as a breach of the Rules of the House.

Overnight
SIGNING OUT If you wish to sign out overnight or for a weekend, you must have permission from either the Director of Boarding or Senior Houseparent. You must fill in the 'Overnight Signing Out' sheet, leaving details of where you will be staying. You must not sign out until the form has been signed by the Director of Boarding or Senior Houseparent. You must be back for homework on Sunday evening unless you have made prior arrangements with the Director of Boarding or Senior Houseparent.

Meals
You must attend all meals unless you are ill or you have made prior arrangements with a member of staff.

- Please remove all hats and coats.
- Mobile phones must not be seen or heard during mealtimes. Therefore all phones must be switched off and either handed in to a member of staff or put in a pocket.



Lower School Rules

- Monday-Friday, you must sign out to school by 8.30 am and must not return until the end of school unless you have prior permission to do so.
- You must hand in all electronic devices to a member of staff at lock up – these items will be returned to you in the morning unless there is a reason why this cannot happen. As a reward for good behaviour in boarding and/or positive contributions to boarding house life, lower school may be permitted to keep their electronic devices on a Friday and Saturday evening.
- You must always ask permission from a member of staff if you wish to sign out.
- You are welcome to sign friends in after school but must appreciate that you are responsible for your guests and must respect the space and possessions of others.
- You must ask permission to sign a guest in over a weekend and the same rules apply as when you sign a guest in after school.

Sixth Form Rules

- During the day Year 12 & 13 may return to their rooms to study during free periods and at lunchtime. They must sign in at the office and MUST NOT RETURN TO BED.
- If you wish to eat your lunch in boarding, this must be in one of the kitchens or communal areas. No food should be taken to bedrooms.
- Alcohol must not be consumed from Sunday morning to Thursday evening. On Friday or Saturday evenings, if you intend to drink alcohol, you must ask the member of staff on duty. Only boarders who are 18 or over may purchase alcohol, according to English Law – Staff will never purchase alcohol for boarders. You must also show a member of staff what you have bought to drink, along with the receipt. Strong spirits are not permitted. (See alcohol policy). Alcohol may only be consumed in the Sixth Form common room with a substantial meal. It must never be stored or consumed in bedrooms.
- The consumption of alcohol must never be seen as a ‘right’ of Sixth Form students. It should not be a regular occurrence and will always be closely monitored by staff.
- Sixth Formers must always sign out if they are going off-site.

Sanctions

When rules are broken or expectations are not met, the House may impose sanctions. All boarders should be aware of these.

EARLY RISE	Report to a member of staff before breakfast as directed.
EARLY BEDTIME	Being sent to bed earlier than normal bedtime for that year group.
REMOVAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES	Not being allowed to have devices when other boarders are.
GATING	Confined to the buildings of Adams House for a set period of time.
SUSPENSION	Being sent home for a time specified by the Director of Boarding.
EXPULSION	Being sent home for good.

The School reserves the right to suspend or expel any student from Adams House for serious breaches of discipline in relation to House rules. There is a separate set of rules and sanctions that are applied within the School to all students whether they are boarders or day students. Any appeal against suspension or expulsion may be made to the Chair of the Governors.

Inadmissible Sanctions
Corporal punishments, fines, imposition of lines and unreasonable deprivation of liberty.

Please refer to our website for the policy.



Adams House Anti-Bullying Commitment

WE WILL NOT TOLERATE BULLYING

Staff at Adams House are committed to maintaining a positive atmosphere in which young people can develop as balanced human beings. Encouraging all members of the house to behave considerately towards others is central to maintaining this positive atmosphere.



ANY FORM OF BULLYING IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PREVENT IT OCCURRING

We appreciate that victims of bullying may be reluctant to talk about their concerns either to staff or their parents. To assist in breaking this barrier, we have:

- Fostered an atmosphere where boarders feel they can talk openly to staff who will treat their concerns with respect and deal with them in an appropriate manner.
- Briefed all staff about how to be alert to signs of bullying.
- Displayed our anti bullying stance on notice boards.
- Produced ‘boarder friendly’ “Who can I talk to?” posters which are displayed throughout the house
- Adams House has a prefect system to assist new boarders during the settling in period in the hope that students feel they have another person to talk to if other options are proving difficult.
- We ensure good communication between the school and the house so that problems may be acted upon quickly through cooperation between house and school staff.

Adams House staff will react firmly and promptly where bullying is identified. There are a range of sanctions available to the staff depending upon the perceived seriousness of the situation. These include:

- Discussions with boarders and parents
- Withdrawal from favoured activities
- Exclusion from Adams House at weekends
- Exclusion from Adams House

Adams House Anti-Bullying Commitment

If a boarder from Adams House is perceived to be bullying a student from school who is not a boarder, as well as the above, school sanctions may well apply. These include:

- Detentions
- Referral to senior staff
- Exclusion from school during lunchtime
- Exclusion from school

Adams House will:

- Take bullying seriously and find out the facts of any incident
- Support boarders who are being bullied
- Help bullies to change their behaviour
- Work closely with staff at school if bullying is occurring within school rather than at the boarding house
- Use peer pressure to actively discourage bullying
- Involve parents where necessary
- Assist boarders to develop positive strategies to deal with bullying behaviour
- Report and record incidents of bullying in a consistent manner in order to monitor behaviour
- Involve boarders in drawing up the policy
- Ensure that the information on who students can talk to is displayed throughout the buildings

We appreciate that, during term time, parents may find it difficult to detect signs of bullying. However, we still ask that during communication with their child and at holiday times, they are vigilant to signs of distress. With their responsibility ‘In Loco Parentis’ staff and prefects at Adams House are also asked to look out for these signs which include:

- Disturbed sleep
- Unwillingness to attend school
- Unwillingness to return to the house after a weekend/holiday
- Headaches/stomach aches
- Leaving and arriving back at the house early/late to avoid contact with certain people

Staff and boarders are asked to report any concerns about bullying to the Director of Boarding as soon as possible and always before the end of a shift for staff or bedtime for boarders.

Please refer to our website for the policy.

Drug and Substance Abuse Policy

The staff and Governors of Adams House are committed to the well-being and safety of the boarders.

Drug and other substance abuse threatens well-being and safety and their misuse is rejected.

Definition

The range of materials that could be included is wide but most commonly are:

Group 1: Solvents – butane cylinder, household solvents, tippex thinners

Group 2: Drugs – powders, individual tablets, resin and cannabis bush, 'tabs'

Prevention through education

Thomas Adams School has a co-ordinated approach to drugs education delivered through the curriculum from Years 7 – 13.

In their role 'In Loco Parentis' pastoral staff at Adams House receive information from the school via letters, leaflets and parents meetings.

Adams House staff fully support the school programme and in addition, on a more informal basis, encourage debate and discussion about the misuse of drugs

Staff are expected, through their own behaviour and comments to demonstrate to boarders a responsible attitude towards these matters.

Dealing with substance related incidents

If a member of staff suspects a boarder may be mis-using drugs/solvents or they suspect such items are on the premises they must follow the guidelines set out in the full policy.

The Director of Boarding will liaise with Mrs Whitfield (Deputy Headteacher responsible for drugs and substance related incidents) to ensure that any incidents are dealt with in line with the full policy and the law.

Adams House will consider any substance incident individually and recognises that a variety of responses will be necessary.

The Director of Boarding will consider very carefully the implications of any action to be taken, balancing the interests of the boarder/s involved, other boarders and the local community.

The full Adams House Policy on Drug and Solvent Abuse is available on the website or from the Director of Boarding.

Adams House Internet Access and Use Policy

The computer system is owned by The 3-18 Education Trust and is made available to students to further their education and to staff to enhance their professional activities including teaching, research, administration and management. The school's Internet Access Policy has been drawn up to protect all parties - the students, the staff and the school.

The school reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its computer system or to monitor any internet sites accessed or e-mail messages whether sent or received.

- Access should only be made via the authorised account and password, which should not be made available to any other person;
- Activity that threatens the integrity of the school ICT systems or that attacks or corrupts other systems is forbidden;
- All internet use should be appropriate to staff professional activity or to students' education;
- Sites and materials access must be appropriate to work in school. Users are expected to recognise materials that are inappropriate and should expect to have their access removed if these are not rejected.
- The same professional levels of language and content should be applied as for letters or other media, particularly as e-mail are often forwarded;
- Posting anonymous messages and forwarding chain letters is forbidden;
- Copyright of materials and intellectual property rights must be respected;
- Use for personal financial gain, gambling, political purposes or advertising is forbidden, any form of harassment of other students is forbidden;
- Boarders bringing their own laptops must ensure they bring the correct cables, etc. and must be prepared to have their laptops checked by a member of the IT team.

If you wish to view the full Thomas Adams School ICT Security & Access Policy please contact Mrs Belinda Howells, PA to Headteacher



Boarding Fees and Expenses

FULL BOARDING:	**£15,000 Per Year**
	£5,000 Per Term for the first child
	£4,500 Per Term for younger siblings
WEEKLY BOARDING:	**£12,000 Per Year**
	£4,000 Per Term
	£3,800 Per Term for younger siblings

BANK DETAILS FOR FEES AND EXPENSES

(Inc Registration fee)

Account Name: The 3-18 Education Trust, Thomas Adams School

Account Number: 59367260
Sort Code: 30-97-62
Bank Address: Lloyds Bank Plc
1 Pride Hill
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SYI IDG

IBAN: GB91LOYD30976258364760

SwiftBIC: LOYDGB21B83

What goes into the Expenses Account?

A registration fee of £350 is payable when parent(s) accept a place for a child at the Boarding House. The Registration Fee does not form part of the term's fees and is non-returnable. However, once the boarder has arrived, any extra sums will be charged against this fee each term and if, during the term, the sum held drops below £50, parents will be asked to put in an additional sum as agreed with the School Business Manager. £50 of the registration fee will be taken from this account at the start of the academic term to cover all transport within the local area, organised trips, medical appointments and the use of the school sports hall. When the child leaves Adams House, any sums remaining will be reimbursed to parents.

We would request that a minimum balance of £50 be left on this account to cover any unexpected expenses that may arise after your child has left Adams House. Extra sums may include extra-curricular activities, taxi and train bookings, educational visits, music and language lessons and other Adams House organised activities.

Boarding Fees and Expenses

A security deposit shall be paid into the fees account two months before commencement of the student's first term, this sum will be £1,500. The security deposit will form part of the general funds of the school and will be refunded when the boarder has left.

Adams House reserves the right to keep part or all of this security deposit if the boarder has caused damage to boarding property. In this case, parents will be informed in writing.

Pocket Money
Students are encouraged to open a pocket money account at a local bank, so parents are able to organise the payment of pocket money to their child as a private arrangement.

Adams House operates a 'cashless' system, therefore we are unable to give boarders cash as pocket money from their expenses account.

Insurance

Personal Effects Insurance

Adams House does not accept responsibility for the loss or damage to the personal property of pupils. We strongly recommend that parents insure all property that their child brings to Adams House.

Medical and Dental Care

Doctor

All students are registered with the local doctors surgery. Staff will make doctors appointments when necessary and students do not have to discuss the reason why they would like an appointment with house staff. This service is free for all boarders.

Dentist

Boarders are normally expected to receive their dental and orthodontal treatment at home during the holidays. We are able to book emergency dental treatment but there will be a charge (from the dentist) for this service.