

9th September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of our continuous strive to improve the boarding provision for the boys during their time with us, we are looking to introduce an additional opportunity to the boarding programme to allow Year 11s to develop more independence and fundamental life skills they will require when they leave at the end of the year. As a boarder, your son has many opportunities to grow his maturity and independence through being away from their home during the week and for our full-time boarders up to six weeks at a time, which we would like to develop further.

Year 11s are now at the age where they will be enjoying more freedom and time where they can enjoy social situations not directly supervised by adults, which is a key skill and opportunity they must experience before they enter adulthood over the coming years. We, as a boarding provision, recognise that many of our boarders may experience this during the holidays and weekends when out with their friends, but currently all their social experiences as a boarder are on the school site under the direct supervision of school staff.

Under the guidance of the boarding team with specific rules and expectations clearly in place, which are explained to boys, we would like to offer Year 11s the opportunity to organise, plan and submit up to a maximum of three group exeats per year (one per term) that allows a group of between 3-5 boys within the year, to apply for an exeat on a Monday or Wednesday evening during term time, with the exeat not having a member of boarding staff attending the exeat. We would like boys to take the opportunity to book an exeat to the local cinema, bowling or enjoy a group meal at a restaurant socialising with their friends outside of the school environment, whilst also being responsible for paying for, booking, and organising the transportation and activity themselves, which are key skills they need to develop. Staff will support them with this process, as any group wishing to apply for an exeat will need to complete a request form, providing the school with all the relevant information (please see attached request form). Exeats will not be granted for any activities or locations we feel are higher risk, including bike/skate tracks, beaches, open water swimming, contact sporting events, or visiting private residences etc.

The boarding team will monitor and discuss the exeat requests with the group and ensure the location, timings and groupings are suitable, and if required the exeat request may be amended or denied if deemed necessary. We would appreciate your support with this addition to the Year 11 boarding provision, and if you have any further questions regarding this then please contact Mr Watts or Mrs Featherstone.

To reduce the need for all boarder parents to contact the school giving consent for their son to have authorisation for individual group exeats, we would like to provide your consent for these exeats unless you directly contact the school (within 15 days of receipt) informing us you do not consent to your son being granted any group exeat during the year.

We appreciate your support with this and hope this is another small step to your son growing in confidence and maturity, whilst widening the experiences available to him as a boarder at Brymore.

Yours faithfully

Mr Watts & Mrs Featherstone
Head of Boarding & Deputy Head of Boarding