



Aims and Ethos of Boarding at Vinehall School

Boarding at Vinehall is based upon the following nine principles:

1. The formation of the whole person, including learning habits and personal values.
2. Being an open and trusting school, boarding is based upon mutual respect and **kindness** for all members and should encourage boarders to be **collaborative**.
3. Each boarder has the right to be able to work, play, and relax free from unacceptable behaviour, particularly teasing and bullying.
4. There is equality of opportunity and **respect** for all boarders, regardless of race, religion, culture or gender.
5. Each boarder and each member of staff is to be treated as an individual and with respect by other pupils and by staff. Students have a voice and may express their opinions; these opinions will be respected within the boarding community.
6. Although living under one roof the staff and boarders acknowledge the right of each person to privacy.
7. Each boarder has the right to extend his/her intellectual growth and to be **inquisitive** and **ambitious** in an atmosphere of positive encouragement and in conditions which are conducive to work.
8. All boarders should be able to develop spiritually, culturally, morally, and socially during his/her time in boarding, **reflecting** on the world around them and growing **confident** in their convictions.
9. Despite the often-great distance separating boarders from their families, links with parents are seen as an indispensable part of the support and development of boarders in this school, encouraging them to be **courageous** and **resilient** within a nurturing environment.