



# Joining Information

Now that you have made the decision to join Denstone College in September, there are a number of questions you will want to ask. We hope that this Joining Information pack will answer at least some of them. If not, please do not hesitate to call or email and we will be very pleased indeed to help.

## Contact Information

Up until the first day of term, your contacts remain Audra and Lindsay in the Admissions Office. The direct line for Admissions is 01889 591415 or you can email [admissions@denstonecollege.net](mailto:admissions@denstonecollege.net)

Once your son or daughter joins the College, your first point of contact will be the Head of House for day pupils, and the Head of School or Head of Moss Moor for boarding boys and boarding girls respectively. The Head of House takes care of the pupils on a day-to-day basis, and holds pastoral responsibility for all pupils in the House. The Head of School / Moss Moor supplements this, acting *in loco parentis* for boarders.

The member of staff relevant in your case will be in contact before the start of the term, but if you need to speak with them before then, their numbers are shown here. If you have any queries, please speak to Audra or Lindsay.

The Lodge Reception can be reached on 01889 590484. It is at the front of school and it is probably where you came on your first visit to Denstone. It is open from 8am until 5.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 8am until 4.30pm on Wednesdays, and 8am until 1.30pm on Saturdays. Once your son or daughter is in school, there will obviously be occasions where you need to get information to a member of staff or, more importantly, your child. In this instance you should ring or email your child's Head of House initially, (for day pupils) or Head of School (for boarders). If you are unable to make contact with the Head of House or School as appropriate, then ring the Medical Centre and the duty sister will take your message and pass it on. The Medical Centre number is 01889 594318. We do ask parents only to use this number in an emergency.

## Heads of School

**Senior School** Mr Nic Horan: 01889 590484 ext 244  
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## Heads of House

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## Medical Centre

Sister Angela Smith: 01889 594318

## Term Dates

Term dates are published well in advance and we ask parents to observe them. They can be found on the website and in the printed calendar produced for the start of each term. The holidays are generous and we do not encourage the erosion of term time except in exceptional circumstances. This is particularly important for overseas pupils and we ask parents to book flights in good time to avoid early departures and late arrivals. Of course we understand that sometimes parents need to request absence for good reason. In these circumstances, please refer your initial enquiry to the Head of House or School. Where an absence or departure means missing more than a minimal amount (24hrs) of school, you will be asked to request permission from the Headmaster. Each term, two or three weekends are designated "Exeat" weekends. On these weekends school finishes at 4.30pm on the Friday, and all pupils have a weekend off. The buses for day pupils leave at 4.30pm, and parents of boarders make individual arrangements for their sons and daughters. Boarders should return by 9.00pm on the Sunday of the Exeat. Returning on Monday morning is also possible, by arrangement with the Head of School / Moss Moor. Parents of boarders who wish to take their son or daughter away from the school at the weekend or outside the school day should let the Head of School / Moss Moor know by 6.00pm on the preceding Thursday in writing, or in the case of an evening absence please speak to the Head of School / Moss Moor.

## Leave of Absence

Please remember that all pupils are required to fulfil their games commitment on Saturday afternoons. This will generally mean that they will be free to go home after games around 4.15pm (except during the cricket season). However, when they are involved in home or away matches they may need to remain at school longer. In these cases it may be possible to pre book an occasional boarding space if family circumstances require it.

Parents of day pupils are asked to contact Heads of House for leave of absence from schoolwork or activities. When a day pupil is unable to attend school, Heads of House should be informed as soon as possible by telephone. Heads of School should be informed in the case of boarders.

Parents of boarding pupils should let the Head of School / Moss Moor know if your son or daughter will be absent overnight for any reason.

Exeat arrangements are subject to school commitments and pupils may be required to leave later or return earlier if they have school obligations (e.g. games, play rehearsals, exams etc.). Exeats and half-terms enable boarders to visit their parents or official guardians. Parents of boarders are asked to notify the Head of School / Moss Moor in writing of any other arrangement that has your approval. The College closes completely for half-terms, exeats and the three main holidays and unfortunately we are unable to allow pupils to remain in school under any circumstances





## Buying Uniform

Parents often tell us that the trip to the School Shop for uniform is a highlight of the joining process. All items of uniform and sports kit are stocked in our friendly on-site shop, and appointments are available during term time and in the summer holidays. Please do always book in advance to ensure that we can see you at your preferred time. To make your appointment, please speak to Carol, the shop manager on 01889 590669 during term time or during the summer holiday, please either email [shop@denstonecollege.net](mailto:shop@denstonecollege.net) or telephone 01889 594328 and ask for Jennie.

## School Buses

The College runs an extensive network of buses serving pupils across Derbyshire and Staffordshire. The buses are managed by the School Marshal, Mr Kevin McCammon.

Parents of day pupils and weekly boarders who wish to book a place on one of the buses should complete the enclosed form and return it to the Marshal at the earliest opportunity as places on buses are very popular. 1 July is the very latest date for booking a space, but we strongly advise that you make contact before then with the School Marshal who will telephone to confirm receipt of the form and answer any questions you might have. Buses arrive at Denstone at 8.30am and leave at 5.50pm on Summer Timetable and 5.40pm on Winter Timetable. Pick up on Saturdays is 45 minutes later than during the week. Buses do not run on Saturday afternoon, so parents are asked to pick up their sons and daughters at approximately 3.50pm, depending on games commitments. Information about the bus routes can be found on the website, but please do contact the Marshal if you would like to talk to him. He can be reached on 01889 594306 or on [kmccammon@denstonecollege.net](mailto:kmccammon@denstonecollege.net).



Please note that pupils travelling on buses remain subject to school rules until they alight.

## Weekly and Daily Routine

### Registration

All pupils should attend morning registration at 8.45am on weekdays and 9.30am on Saturdays. If for any reason your child is late they should report to the Lodge on arrival. Parents of day pupils are asked to ring the Lodge before 10.00am when their child is absent for any reason. If any pupil is to be late back from a weekend exeat or half-term break we also ask that the Head of School / Moss Moor or Head of House be informed. All pupils then attend a second registration each day at the beginning of the afternoon session. Again, any pupil missing this registration must report to the Lodge.

### Chapel

We are always pleased to see parents at the Eucharist in Chapel on Friday afternoons. You are asked to be seated by 4.50pm when we are on Summer Timetable, or 4.40pm during the Winter Timetable. If you are a communicant member of a church other than the Church of England, do please come up to the altar to make your communion, or receive a blessing, if you wish.

Confirmation is held annually in Chapel. Parents of pupils who express a wish to be confirmed should make contact with the Chaplain. Boys and girls are encouraged to make this commitment but confirmation is in no way enforced.



## Academic

### Prep

All pupils are required to do homework (known as prep). Junior and Middle School pupils have regular supervised prep sessions as part of their normal day. The amount of prep varies according to year group. First Formers will have approximately 40 minutes per day whereas Second and Third Formers can expect to have around one hour. During the GCSE years, Fourth and Fifth Formers will need to complete an hour and a half of prep, and in the Sixth Form, Senior School students are expected to have about 20 hours of prep per week (5 hours per subject). There will be free periods during their day however as well as evening study. For boarders, prep is timetabled in the evenings.

### Reports and Grades

Effort and attainment grades and reports are issued for all pupils, in all examined subjects. Parents can expect to receive grades at half-terms, and at the end of term there is a report. The exception to this is that during the term in which a year group has a Parents' Evening (Parents' Evenings are calendared, and are largely on Thursdays or Fridays after Chapel), that year group receives effort and attainment grades at the end of term. The main purpose of reports and grades is to keep parents informed and to allow teaching staff (including Tutor, Head of House, Head of School and Director of Studies) to monitor the academic progress of each pupil. You can however contact your son or daughter's Head of House or tutor at any time if you have concerns, and we would encourage you to do so.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents of all pupils are invited annually to the school, in year groups, to talk to those teaching their children at a formal Parents' Evening. Should a parent be unable to attend a Parents' Evening, guardians are most welcome to come instead. To give new parents the opportunity to meet teaching staff and other parents, there is a Reception of new pupils and parents on Sunday 4 September, beginning at 4.15pm.

## Dyslexia and Other Learning Difficulties

Individual or small-group tuition is provided on a weekly basis and qualified staff deliver a range of solutions to a range of problems. These include Study Support, English as an Additional Language, Maths Support and Literacy Support. Learning Support usually takes place outside the mainstream curriculum so that a child's academic lessons will not be affected.

If extra time in public exams is proved to be necessary then the College or parents can arrange an assessment with an Educational Psychologist or specialist tutor in order to provide the exam boards with the evidence they require. Full details on this, on tuition costs and on the range of options available, can be obtained from Mrs Clare Burrows, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator [cburrows@denstonecollege.net](mailto:cburrows@denstonecollege.net).

## Personal Property

We would suggest that pupils do not bring valuable personal items to school. During his or her first few weeks your son or daughter will discover which items can be accommodated and they can bring them to school after the first Exeat if necessary.

Our general advice is that articles of great value should not be brought to school. The school cannot accept responsibility for personal effects because of insurance implications. It is therefore essential that expensive items, such as iPods, sports equipment, personal computers and mobile phones are privately insured. Additionally we cannot accept responsibility for items left over a holiday period.

Please ensure that all items are clearly marked with the pupil's name. This applies to articles of uniform too.

### Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should only be used in pupils' free time. If phones are brought to school, their details must be registered in the Student Planner. Pupils may not have mobile phones in examinations.

## Pocket Money

It is essential that pocket money for boarders is deposited with the Head of School / Moss Moor. We very much prefer that this is in the form of a cheque, payable to Denstone College.





## Medical

### All Pupils

On admission it is helpful for us to know as much about your child's health and past medical history as possible, to enable the College medical staff to make informed choices when they need to provide any kind of health intervention. Please do note that it is essential that you let us have a full printout of your child's immunisation history, and that this can be provided by your GP.

Please complete the enclosed medical questionnaire and return to us in the enclosed envelope by 1 July 2016 along with a note of any other medical issues you would like us to know about. You will notice that the questionnaires include consent to first aid, action *in loco parentis* and the administration of medicines. If at any time the people taking parental responsibility changes, please let us know immediately so that we always contact the correct people in a medical situation.

There are clear guidelines on confidentiality to which all staff adhere. There may be the odd occasion, such as where child protection issues come into play, notification of a communicable disease or in a medical emergency when it may be necessary to breach confidentiality and pass on information to a person or body.

### Boarding Pupils

Shortly after arrival, the School Doctor will assess each boarder's general state of health and review their immunisation status as part of an initial medical. A personal health plan will be drawn up based on the outcome of the assessment. If your child has an underlying medical condition they will be seen at regular intervals for check-ups as deemed necessary by the School Doctor.

All boarders are registered with the School Doctor, who is a local GP holding two surgeries each week in the Medical Centre at the College. Any boarder who wishes to see a female doctor may do so; this will be arranged by the Medical Centre at the local surgery in Uttoxeter.

Should your child become ill during term time he or she will be admitted under the care of the School Doctor in the Medical Centre. The school nurses will provide nursing care as required. The nurses are either on duty or available on call 24hrs / 7 days a week during term time. If your child needs to stay in the Medical Centre for longer than 24 hours, parents or guardians will be informed and kept updated until he or she leaves the Medical Centre.

If hospital treatment is required we will take your son or daughter to one of the nearest hospitals in Derby, Burton-on-Trent, Stafford or Stoke as appropriate. In this situation every effort will be made to contact parents and guardians. In the unlikely event that this is not possible, then appropriate action will be taken by the College medical staff in consultation with the Headmaster.

If your child boards but requires medical treatment during the holidays he or she can be treated as a 'Temporary Resident' by your family doctor or any other doctor who works in the NHS. Parents should keep a record of their child's NHS number for these occasions.

The School Doctor is available to pupils at any time whilst boarding at Denstone College. Appointments can be made to see the doctor via the Medical Centre and the nursing staff are available to advise both day and boarding pupils about any health concerns. Confidentiality is maintained according to the law and confidential information is only shared with the appropriate persons when it is deemed to be in the best interests of the child or for the protection of others. Medical records are stored in line with Data Protection legislation.

Boarding pupils who need to self-medicate should discuss this with the Medical Centre staff and the relevant Head of School / Moss Moor. Pupils self-medicating should be over 16 years of age and the medications must be stored safely in the lockable facilities provided in all boarding house accommodation.

Emergency medication must also be stored safely but be accessible immediately if required and this should be discussed with the Medical Centre staff. This includes medication such as asthma inhalers, EpiPens and diabetic medications.

In line with NMS Boarding Standards, the school nurses will assess the competence of any child over 16 years of age wishing to self-medicate. This is to ensure their safety.

### Day Pupils

Day pupils will not routinely be on the School Doctor's list unless they are registered at Balance Street Surgery in Uttoxeter, where he is based. This is because day pupils usually consult their own family doctor for routine illnesses.

On joining us, all day pupils must have a completed medical questionnaire to provide the Medical Centre

staff with health information which we undertake to store confidentially. This information will help the Medical Staff intervene and act appropriately should an emergency or illness occur during the school day. Day pupils will have their height and weight measured and a routine eye test carried out. We will then let you know if we have any residual concerns.

The Medical Centre facilities are available to any day pupil who becomes ill or is injured during the school day. Should this be your son or daughter, we will make every effort to contact you immediately. In the unlikely event that this is not possible, then appropriate action will be taken by the medical staff in consultation with the Headmaster.

Day pupils may be sent home when it is considered necessary by the Medical Staff and a convenient time will be discussed with parents.

If your child requires any medication during school time, please send this in the original box clearly labelled, with their name and a letter advising the Medical Centre what dosage and under what circumstances this should be administered.

If your child has a particular health problem that you wish to discuss the nurses will be in the Medical Centre on Sunday 4 September after the New Parents' Reception.

## Medical Leave Off (MLO)

If your child is unable to participate in their timetabled sporting activities due to illness or injury, he or she will require a note or email from home explaining this. The note or email should arrive at the Medical Centre before 11.30am and pupils will be advised of the alternative arrangements.

MLO is only given if the Medical Centre staff feel it is necessary after a medical assessment. If MLO is given your son or daughter will be sent to the supervised area where they will be registered by a teacher and allowed to do schoolwork or read. MLO cannot be given as a result of a verbal request by the pupil, or because they have forgotten or lost their kit.

Our nurses have all attended sports trauma management training and are fully trained in the initial assessment and effective management of sports trauma. The course we use has been approved by the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports Medicine to Gold Level.

The medical team nurses are able to provide sports trauma management as follows:

- Competence to manage trauma and spinal injuries effectively
- A structured approach to the assessment of traumatic injuries in sport
- Competence to take charge of an incident
- Resuscitation: cardiopulmonary resuscitation & automated external defibrillation Airway Management: (The automated external defibrillator is situated in the Lodge)
- Anaphylaxis management
- Head injury management: concussion, head trauma and unconsciousness
- Fracture management: injury assessment and splinting devices
- Spinal injury management: spinal assessment, cervical immobilisation, collar application, spinal boards and strapping
- Injury assessment including: structured assessment, soft tissue injuries and patient clinical records

Medical Centre landline: 01889 594318

Medical mobile: 07976 710272

Email: [medicalcentre@denstonecollege.net](mailto:medicalcentre@denstonecollege.net)





## School Fees

All fees are due in advance and become payable on or before the first day of each academic term. Alternatively, parents may opt to use School Fee Plan, an independent company, which enables fees to be paid by instalments. We also have a Fees in Advance Scheme whereby a discount is given in return for the advance payment of fees. The Bursary is able to supply details to parents who wish to choose either of these methods of payment. In accordance with the College's Terms and Conditions, if a pupil is to be withdrawn from the College, a term's notice is required or a term's fees are payable in lieu of notice. Unfortunately, should a pupil have to leave the school for disciplinary reasons a refund for the current term cannot be made.

## Music Tuition

Tuition is available in all orchestral instruments as well as piano, organ, singing, guitar and percussion. Lessons are 40 minutes long and are given by visiting teachers who are all specialists in their instruments. They fit into the normal school day on a rota basis. No doubt, children who have begun an instrument at their previous school will want to continue, but those with no earlier musical experience are encouraged to begin having lessons on an instrument of their choice. The fees are currently £240 per term of 10 lessons, per instrument and cancellation is subject to a half-term's notice in writing. The Director of Music is always happy to speak to parents, either personally or by telephone. Please return the Music Tuition Form as soon as possible, and certainly by 1 July 2016.



## Insurance, Accident and Fees Protection and BUPA

All boys and girls are insured against permanent disability resulting from an accident which occurs whilst they are pupils of Denstone College, with a separate policy covering dental emergencies. Cover is for both term time and holidays. As the school is unable to return fees if your son or daughter is away through illness or injury, a School Fees Refund Scheme is also made available.

Details of these schemes will be sent to you by the Bursar who will help you deal with any claims. We insure our pupils automatically, unless you write to us saying that you do not wish this. Premiums are payable in arrears and are raised on termly invoices.

Parents can also arrange for their sons or daughters to participate in BUPA by completing a form which you can obtain from the Bursary.

## Day Pupils Staying Overnight

Many parents avail themselves of our 'occasional' boarding facilities either whilst they are away on business or on holiday, or simply so that their child(ren) can trial the boarding experience. A charge of £50 per night, which includes supper and breakfast, is payable in arrears. This is subject to availability, and arrangements can be made with the relevant Head of School / Moss Moor.

## Guardians and Personal Details

If you are not resident in the UK, or if you are likely to be absent from the UK for more than 48 hours during term time, please write to the Headmaster or Head of School or House with the name, address and phone number of a guardian in the UK for your time away. The College is unable to arrange guardians. Parents not resident in the UK are responsible for arranging guardians before their child starts at the College. Please remember that the College cannot accept any responsibility for the welfare of your son or daughter whilst they are with a guardian, and such responsibility will remain with you. Any consequent financial arrangements and obligations are also a matter between you and the guardian.

Overseas parents are asked to let Audra or Lindsay have their guardian details by 1 July 2016.

Any change of address for any parent, any change in pupil boarding or day status or change in guardian should be communicated, in writing to the Headmaster's Office.

## Parents, Teenagers and School Rules

We trust that parents will give their full backing to the rules, regulations and customs of Denstone College. If you are unhappy about any of our rules, please discuss this initially with the Head of School or Head of House, rather than criticise the rule to their son or daughter. Life becomes difficult for us all if home and school are setting different standards.

We have written policies on various issues, all of which are available from the Headmaster's Office on request, and some of which can be found on the website. These include the following:

Admissions Policy

Behaviour policy

Discipline & Exclusion

Drugs, Alcohol and Smoking

Restraint

Searching Pupils

Learning Difficulties

Curriculum

Anti-Bullying

Health and Safety

First Aid

Medical Policy – Caring for Pupils who are unwell

Complaints Procedure

Safeguarding

Pupils may not bring into school any item that might be used as an offensive weapon.

Teenage parties can cause difficulty. If you do allow your son or daughter to organise a party during term time at which Denstone pupils are present, we ask you to: -

- a)** arrange for responsible adults to be present throughout the party;
- b)** take great care to ensure that pupils do not drink too much alcohol;
- c)** ensure that if full boarders are present, they have their Head of School's permission and that you are perfectly happy with the arrangements to get them back to school by the time stated by the Head of School;
- d)** insist that the party ends at a reasonable time.

The combination of alcohol and teenage peer pressure can lead to serious problems. We know that everyone will have fewer worries if all parents observe the above and make sure that they are happy with the arrangements for any party which their son or daughter might attend.

All pupils receive a Student Planner to be used for day-to-day organisation and future planning. This also contains key College Regulations.

## Parental Support

We cannot stress too strongly that we want parents to be involved in the life of the College. You are always most welcome at Friday evening services in Chapel, at concerts, at school plays, at school matches, and at Prize-giving and Speeches Weekend.

After Friday services, refreshments are usually available for parents of the House which is sponsoring the Chapel service that week. On Saturdays, tea is served in the Dining Hall after school matches. You are always most welcome.

## Welfare

If you ever have concerns about your son or daughter while he or she is at the College, please do not hesitate to contact someone. We would rather that you contacted someone before a problem becomes greater.

Heads of House are responsible for the welfare particularly of day pupils, and Heads of School / Moss Moor for the boarders. Should there be a problem, we are always ready to assist and find a solution.







## Boarding Principles and Practice

Boarding is central to life at Denstone and our boarders are at the heart of the College, their presence anchoring the social and cultural fabric of the school. The hallmark of boarding is the provision of a safe, caring and friendly environment offering a wealth of opportunity for personal development. The aim is to provide a home from home. The College operates as a small community with all residential staff helping to provide a positive environment for the nurture of individual pupils.

### Boarders:

Boarding helps to develop

- Confidence
- Community spirit
- Independence
- Social skills
- Cultural awareness
- Respect for others
- Self-motivation
- Responsibility
- A wide variety of interests

Boarders feel that they have a

- Full social life
- Enhanced education
- Close relationship with their family
- Friends for life
- Greater access to College facilities
- Good working relationships with staff
- Wide variety of activities available



Boarding at Denstone is based on the following principles:

- 1.** All pupils have the right to pursue Happiness, Confidence and Achievement.
- 2.** The development of the whole person and the communication of values are vital.
- 3.** Being an open and trusting school, boarding is based on mutual respect for one another.
- 4.** Each boarder has the right to be able to work, play and relax free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying.
- 5.** There is equality of opportunity and respect for all boarders, regardless of ethnicity, culture, gender or disability.
- 6.** Each boarder and each member of staff is to be treated as an individual and with respect by others.
- 7.** Living in a community, staff and boarders respect the right of each other to privacy.
- 8.** Each boarder has the right to extend his or her intellectual growth in an atmosphere of positive encouragement and in conditions that are conducive to work.
- 9.** All boarders should be able to develop spiritually, culturally, morally and socially.
- 10.** Links with home are seen as a central part of the support and development of boarders at Denstone.

### Boarding at Denstone aims to:

Safeguard and promote the welfare of each boarder.

Develop the whole person to be happy, confident and to achieve in all areas.

Provide an open and trusting ethos in which each boarder is able to approach any other member of the College community for support.

Create an atmosphere of trust, tolerance and openness to enable all boarders to thrive.

Develop boarders' responsibility for self, for others and for their community.

## Boarding Lifestyle

Boarding life is characterised by the formation of enduring friendships. The pupils share joys, successes and disappointments and are encouraged to appreciate the strengths and individuality of others as they establish their own personal goals and visions for the future. The boarding lifestyle represents an integrated and comprehensive package of high quality education together with excellent pastoral care. Whatever their background (overseas or across the UK), boarders encapsulate the Denstone spirit of friendship, commitment and success.

## Organisation of Boarding

The College aims to create a warm and friendly environment in which each boarder can be happy, grow in confidence and achieve. The girls' boarding house is divided into three areas, Endways (younger girls), Moss Moor (older girls) and Green Wing (Upper Sixth Form girls). The boys board in schools. There are three schools, Junior School (pre GCSE, Forms One, Two and Three), Middle School (GCSE, Form Four and Form Five) and Senior School (A Levels, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth).

Each boarding area has its own common rooms where boarders within that area can socialise. This arrangement allows pupils to socialise and develop within their own age group. Provision in each of the schools is tailored to meet the needs of pupils in a specific age range.

Each School and Moss Moor has its own resident Head, as well as an Assistant. There is also a team of tutors in each school and Moss Moor. Junior School and Moss Moor also have a Matron. The boarding staff are responsible for the welfare of boarders.



## Types of Boarding

Boarding at Denstone offers great flexibility, tailored to the needs of modern family life, ensuring that school and home work together. Pupils can board on a full, weekly and occasional basis, with Termly Boarding offering day pupils a chance to try boarding for a term. The key is in taking the best aspects of this system and fitting them to the individual needs of the pupil and their family.

## Welfare Support Services for Boarders

The welfare of boarders is of paramount importance and all College staff are committed to the needs of individuals to nurture the development of a caring, friendly, vibrant and sensibly structured family environment in which boarders can thrive. There are strong and open trusting relationships between boarders and staff. Boarders can discuss issues with any member of staff. All staff have been trained in Child Protection (Level 1 Safeguarding). In particular, boarders may choose to talk to their Tutor, Head of House, Head of School / Moss Moor, Boarding Tutor, Medical Centre staff, School Doctor, Senior Mistress, Senior Master, either of the Second Masters or indeed any member of staff. We also have a counsellor available for pupils.

## Special Religious and Cultural Aspects

As a Christian school within the Woodard family of schools we welcome all other denominations and cultures who are equally encouraged to play a full and active role in all areas of College life.

## Day Pupils

To a large extent, these principles and aims also apply to day pupils who are integrated with boarders in the three schools and each of the six houses. Day pupils share many of the benefits of a modern boarding school and many of our boarders started out as day pupils.



## Uniform, Equipment and Clothes List

Denstone College pupils should take pride in their turnout both in class, and on the playing field. Combinations of school uniform and informal clothing are not allowed. School uniform is worn throughout the working day until the time of day pupils' departure. To uphold our standards of dress, we ask for your help in ensuring that your child meets uniform requirements and has sufficient uniform and kit to allow for laundering.

Uniform is available from the Denstone College School Shop. Please remember that all clothing must be named as previously described. Equipment for PE curriculum lessons will be provided by the College. However, all other equipment for sport (tennis racquet, hockey stick and shin pads, cricket bat, cricket pads and helmet, etc.), should be provided by parents, dependent on their child's sporting commitments.

NOTE: We strongly recommend that all pupils involved in rugby or hockey have a gumshield, which is custom made by a dentist. O-Pro will be attending the school early in the Michaelmas term. Whilst we will encourage pupils to wear their gumshield, staff cannot be held responsible if pupils fail to bring them to training and games and are subsequently injured.

All pupils should have one padlock to fit a 1cm hasp (Boarders should bring two) for lockers.

All pupils in the College should have their own calculator. At the present time the Department recommends the Casio FX 82 ES. Pupils are also required to own and bring a protractor, compass, ruler and pencil. Please note that the Casio FX 82 ES and the stationery are available in the school shop. GCSE and A Level pupils to have the Casio Fx-991ES Plus Calculator.

Overseas pupils whose first language is not English will require their own bilingual dictionary and electronic translator. These should be obtained before joining the College. An electronic translator is allowed for use in lessons. However, it should be noted that the use of an electronic translator is not permitted in examinations. Bilingual dictionaries are allowed in all exams apart from language exams.

### Boarding Pupils Only:

- 1 Duvet
- 1 or 2 Pillow(s)
- 2 Duvet covers
- 3 Single fitted sheets
- 3 Pillow cases
- 3 Bath towels
- Suitable number of underclothes
- 3 changes of nightwear and 1 dressing gown
- Sensible casual clothing
- Sponge Bag – Toiletries, hairbrush and comb etc.
- 8 Coat hangers
- Shoe cleaning equipment

For uniform and sports kit information please see the enclosed leaflet. As PE kit is only required once a week, it is suggested that one set should be sufficient. Games training kit is required at least three times a week and therefore at least two sets should be considered to allow for washing. Only one tracksuit is necessary.

### Senior School Boys' Attire

All boys in the Upper and Lower Sixth may wear their own suit as school uniform. The following colours are acceptable: mid-grey, charcoal, navy blue or charcoal blue with black or brown shoes.

In addition, boys may also choose a suitable collared shirt in quiet colours or stripes but not highly patterned, to wear with their uniform. T-shirts, polo shirts and denim are not appropriate.

### Senior School Girls' Attire

All girls in the Upper and Lower Sixth wear their own tailored suit as school uniform. Suits may be either a trouser suit or skirt suit. Skirts must be at least just above the knee. The following colours are acceptable: black, mid-dark grey, navy blue or mid blue with black or brown shoes.

In addition, girls may also choose a suitable shirt or blouse, with collar in quiet colours or stripes but not highly patterned, to wear with their uniform. T-shirts, polo shirts and denim are not appropriate.



## Required Uniform and Clothes List for Girls

Item	Shop Prices From	Suggested Quantity Day Girl	Suggested Quantity Boarding Girl
Blazer (style)	£109.00	1	1
Skirt (long)	£45.00	1 or 2	2
Skirt (knee length)	£30.00		
Blouse	£17.00 – £22.00	6	6
Sixth form – suit		2	2
School tie	£5.00	1	1
House tie	£11.50	1	1
Tights (navy, black or skintone)		6	6
Black formal shoes with sensible heels		1 pair	1 pair
* Pullover	£22.50 – £27.00	1	2
White PE top (1st, 2nd, and 3rd form)	£17.50	1 or 2	2
White PE shorts (1st, 2nd, and 3rd form)	£17.50	1 or 2	2
Games top	£28.00	1 or 2	2
Games skirt	£25.00	1 or 2	2
Tracksuit	£59.50	1	1
GCSE PE top (4th form and above)	£18.00	1	2
GCSE PE shorts (4th form and above)	£18.00	1	2
Games socks	£7.50 – £9.00	2	4
Swimming costume		1	1
*Sports gilet			
*Sports fleece			
*Beanie			
Swimming cap		1	1
Gumshield (see enclosed leaflet)			
School bag	£30.00		
* House scarf			
Padlock to fit 1cm hasp		1	1
Casio FX 82 ES calculator		1	1
Casio Fx-991ES Plus calculator (4th form and above)		1	1
Geometry set		1	1
Duvet			1
Pillow(s)			1 or 2
Duvet cover			2
Single fitted sheets			2
Towels			3
Suitable number of underclothes			
Nightwear			3
Dressing gown			1
Sensible casual clothing			
Sponge bag – toiletries, hairbrush & comb etc.			
Coat hangers			8
Shoe cleaning equipment			

\* non compulsory items

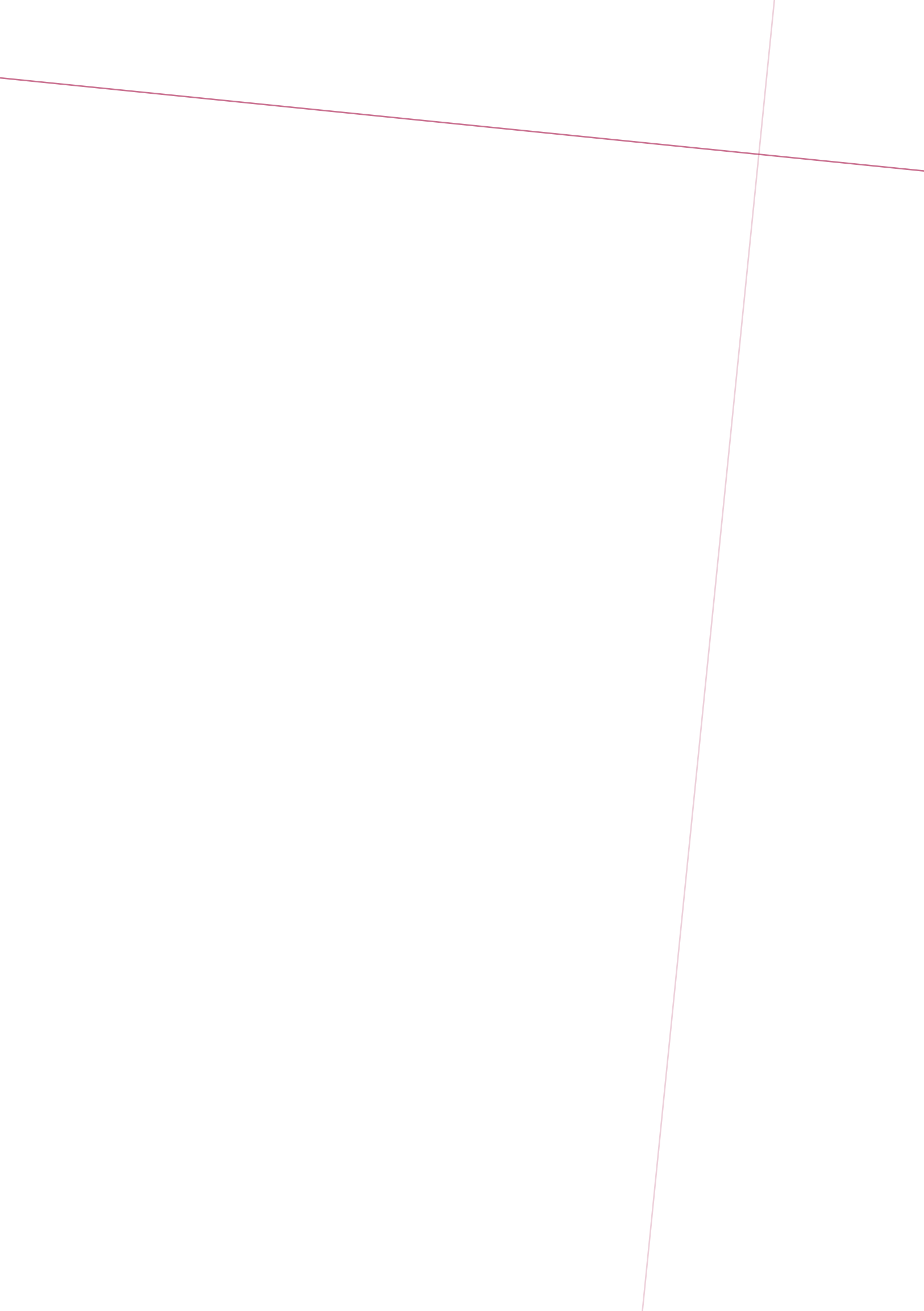
## Required Uniform and Clothes List for Boys

Item	Shop Prices From	Suggested Quantity Day Boy	Suggested Quantity Boarding Boy
Blazer (style)	£109.00	1	1
Trouser	£20.00 – £25.00	2	3
Shirt	£15.00 – £18.00	6	6
School tie	£5.00	1	1
Sixth form – suit (dark colour)		2	2
House tie	£11.50	1	1
* Pullover	£22.50 – £27.00	1	2
Dark grey socks		3	6
Black shoes (not boots)		1 pair	1 pair
White PE top (1st, 2nd and 3rd form)	£17.50	1 or 2	2
White PE shorts (1st, 2nd and 3rd form)	£17.50	1 or 2	2
Games shirt	£37.50 – £42.50	2	2
Games shorts	£17.50	2	2
Tracksuit	£59.50	1	2
GCSE PE top (4th form and above)	£18.00	1	1
GCSE PE shorts (4th form and above)	£18.00	1	1
Games socks	£7.50 – £9.00	2	4
*Sports gilet			
*Sports fleece			
*Beanie			
Swimming trunks		1	1
Swimming cap		1	1
Gum shield		1	1
School bag	£30.00	1	1
* House scarf			
Padlock to fit 1cm hasp		1	2
Casio FX 82 ES calculator		1	1
Casio Fx-991ES Plus calculator (4th form and above)		1	1
Geometry set		1	1
Duvet			1
Pillow(s)			1 or 2
Duvet cover			2
Single fitted sheets			2
Towels			3
Suitable number of underclothes			
Nightwear			3
Dressing gown			1
Sensible casual clothing			
Sponge bag – toiletries, hairbrush & comb etc.			1
Coat hangers			8
Shoe cleaning equipment			1

\* non compulsory items









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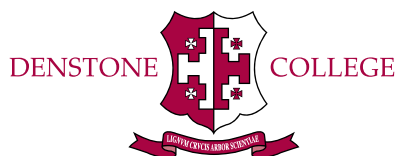
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To deliver excellence in the classroom and through wide ranging opportunities on the sports field, in music, drama, art or outdoor pursuits.

To remain true to our belief in Achievement, Confidence and Happiness, and the College's founding aims of widening access to a sound, Christian education.

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