

Boarding Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply for Boarding?

A candidate can apply through the Beaconhouse Newlands Admission Officer after successfully gaining a place in the school.

2. How secure is the Boarding House?

The Boarding House is bounded from all sides by high security walls, fitted with concertina wire. The premises are also staffed by security guards round-the-clock and are further reinforced by electronic surveillance measures 24/7.

3. What happens if a student falls ill?

The Boarding House is staffed with a trained and qualified resident Nursing Assistant who provides basic care in the Sick Bay. If necessary, the student is referred to the National Hospital in DHA, for expert opinion and further treatment.

4. Is the Boarding House open during the school holidays?

The Boarding House is closed during the school long breaks i.e. summer/winter breaks, but operates partially with reduced staff during the spring and half-term breaks.

5. Are students allowed to go out on their own? Is there a curfew?

Students are supervised/escorted during their official outdoor trips/activities and town trips. There is a fixed return time for all outings and leaves. Students are permitted to proceed on leave on their own only with the consent of the parents.

6. Are meals and snacks provided? Do you cater to special diets?

Yes. Regular meals and snacks are prepared in-house by our resident chef. Complimentary meals on outdoor trips/examinations/study and excursion tours are also provided. The provision of special diet is also catered for sick boarders on the advice of a doctor. Special arrangements are also considered at the request of the parents.

7. Is there a laundry service?

The laundry service is provided by a vendor twice a week at standard rates. The fee for this service is paid directly by the student.

8. Are there specific study times?

There are two self-study periods during weekdays, one each before and after dinner and one on Sunday before dinner, their length varying. The prep periods are supervised.

9. How late can a student stay up at night?

- a. Weekdays 10.30 pm (Monday – Thursday and Sunday)
- b. Weekends. 11.00 pm (Friday/Saturday)
- c. During the examination period or special occasions, the lights off time is slightly flexible.

10. Is there free internet in the Boarding House?

Yes.

11. What electronics can boarders bring with them?

Laptops, mobile phone and tablets.

12. Are weekend leaves allowed?

Yes, but there is a calendar for weekend leaves.

13. Can students have their own car?

No. Students are not allowed to ride motorbikes either, as a driver or passenger.

14. Is there a dress code?

Yes. The dress code is set for all occasions in the Dress Regulations Form, which is given to all applicants as part of the Boarding House information brochure.

15. Is smoking allowed in the Boarding House?

Smoking is not allowed in the Boarding House nor in the School. Please see the Health & Safety section of the website for more details.