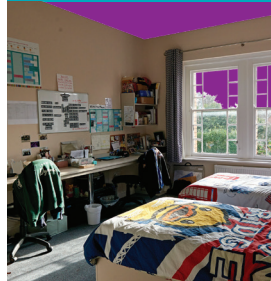
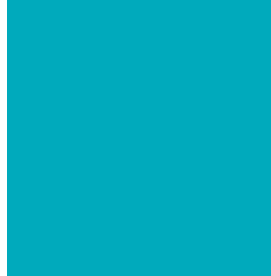
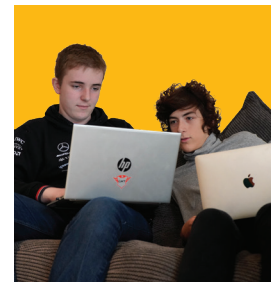


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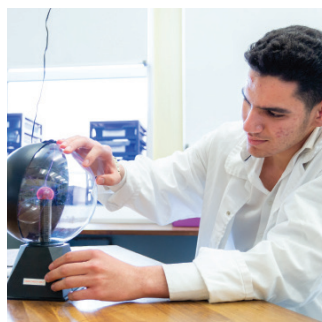


EXPAND YOUR HUISH EXPERIENCE



Huish is proud to offer a unique boarding experience, being one of only a few State Sixth Form Colleges in England to offer accommodation options including full-time and flexi-boarding.

The College's Ofsted Outstanding rating and reputation for consistently high results means that we have students coming to us from all over the UK, Europe and internationally. This exciting and unique blend of young people is one of the many reasons why Huish is a dynamic, successful and fascinating place to be. We actively promote values which ensure that our students develop a strong sense of social and moral responsibility.



BENEFITS OF BOARDING AT HUISH

Huish are proud to be members of the Boarding Schools Association (BSA) State Boarding Forum representing enormous diversity and opportunity, and there are many reasons why students and their parents choose Huish for their Sixth Form education.

- Huish offers affordable boarding education for all. We maintain excellent standards of care, education and facilities comparable to independent schools but without the tuition fees
- Sixth Form boarding is a popular option providing excellent preparation for university life or employment away from home
- Excellent education within an exceptional College which consistently achieves the highest results
- Top quality, purpose-built boarding facilities just a few minutes' walk from the College campus, supported by live-in house parents, plenty of home comforts and a warm welcome
- State-of-the-art modern facilities including; a multi sports arena including gym, spectator gallery and camera technology for performance analysis; a Centre for Music with recording studios, soundproof live rooms, Mac suite and practice rooms with specialist equipment; and dedicated Art and Graphic Design studios with all of the latest kit
- Over 45 A Level and Vocational courses to choose from, with something for everyone.

For more information on why students choose a State Boarding Forum College, please visit www.stateboarding.org.uk for a full list of benefits and frequently asked questions.



My son has raved about Oak House and is very happy. It was definitely the right move. I'm so grateful Huish's help with his swift move and their continued support. It's lovely to hear how happy and settled he is.

Parent

ABOUT OAK HOUSE

We are eternally grateful to Kerry, Maria and the rest of the staff for their exceptional care and unwavering commitment to our children's wellbeing. We wholeheartedly recommend Oak House to any parent who seeks an enriching environment for their 'soon to be adult'. You will be so glad you made the choice!

Claire and Marc Baker

Oak House, our purpose-built student accommodation opened in September 2017. The house offers you a more independent living experience in preparation for university life and beyond. Oak House is just a few minutes walk to the College campus, allowing for easy access into college life, both academically and socially. It's also only a 10-15 minute walk to town and there is a pedestrian and cycle path which links the College directly to Vivary Park and the town centre.

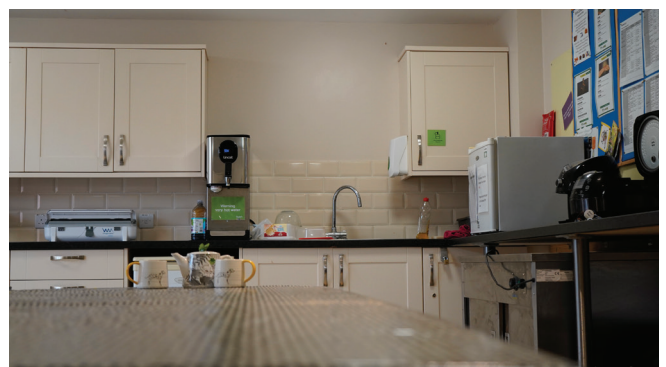
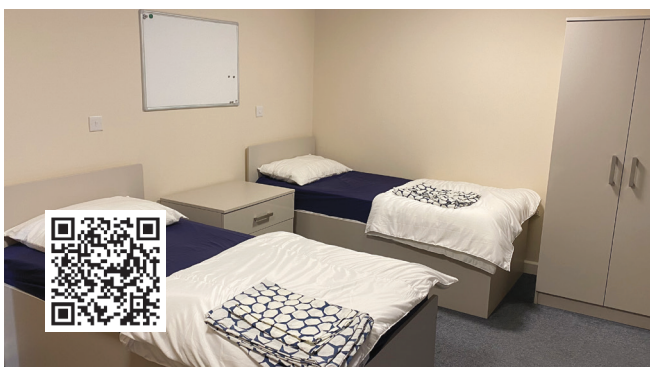
Oak House offers a fantastic communal area and living space downstairs and has 53 study bedrooms including a range of single, twin, accessible and premium bedrooms, with dedicated floors for male and female students. Breakfast and an evening meal is provided each day and served at Oak House.

On the ground floor you will have access to the large and modern open-plan kitchen, dining area and lounge complete with TV, games consoles and piano. The house is equipped with free WiFi access throughout. You will have free access to a laundry room equipped with washing machines, tumble dryers and detergent. Outside includes a private garden with seating and bicycle storage.

All bedrooms are en-suite, meaning you have your own bathroom (toilet, sink and shower) and we are able to offer some larger premium rooms detailed in the Accommodation Options section. In your room you will have a single duvet, pillow, mattress protector, fitted sheet, desk and chair, bookcase and notice board included.

You will need to bring with you a duvet cover and pillowcase and your own towels. Our Housekeeper will clean your bedroom and bathroom on a weekly basis. Oak House is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your pastoral care is very important to us and we have two live-in House Parents and several part-time House Parents who will help you settle into life in Taunton, and with your studies at Huish. They are supported by a team of support staff, housekeepers and groundsmen who are always on hand to help. The house has an electronic card entry system allowing staff to know which students are in or out of the house and you are expected to follow the house rules as outlined in the Boarding Handbook, which is distributed to you following a successful application.

Note: Students must be a minimum of 16 years old to board in Oak House.



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

At Oak House, we have a variety of students who choose to either board full-time or on a flexi-board basis. If your journey to college is long or you are used to boarding at your current school, Oak House could be just what you need.

FULL-TIME BOARDING IS SUITABLE FOR:

- Students with sporting commitments, such as evening matches or training
- Students who have after-college enrichment
- Students who have a long commute
- Students who are returning to the UK for education after living abroad e.g. armed forces, work
- Students who are used to boarding at their current school.

THE 2024/25 PROVISIONAL FULL-TIME FEE FOR A STANDARD ROOM IS:

- £14,500.00 per annum, plus
- £1,500.00 refundable deposit

Full-time boarding fees will be invoiced yearly in advance. A payment schedule will be sent to you outlining the fees payable and requesting confirmation of payment in one, two, or three instalments. Your invoice will be generated on receipt of this.

Once your yearly invoice has been issued, your first payment will be required within 30 days of the invoice (usually raised in June/July), or by the first day of term, whichever comes first. If payment is not received on time, we reserve the right to withdraw you from boarding. Refunds will not be given for nights missed.

FLEXI-BOARDING AND OCCASIONAL BOARDING

Flexi-boarding means you stay at Oak House for 3 or more nights per week. Students who apply for 1 or 2 nights per week will be considered as occasional boarders.

IT IS SUITABLE FOR:

- Students with sporting commitments, such as evening matches or training
- Students who have after-college enrichment
- Students who have a long commute.

THE 2024/25 NIGHTLY FEE IS:

- £60.00 per night, plus
- £1,500.00 refundable deposit



First time for my son living away from home, the house parents helped make that transition as gentle as possible for both my son and myself. If it weren't for the boarding facilities my son would not have been able to attend the College and benefit hugely from the Cricket programme which has helped him move forward with the County team. The House Parents are always contactable and supportive, I can't fault the communication between Oak house and myself.

Parent



Fees include bedroom with en-suite facilities, dinner and breakfast. Flexi-boarding fees will be invoiced yearly in advance, and any additional days incurred will be invoiced at the end of each month. You will be sent a booking form in June/July in order to pre-book your nights, and the invoice will be generated on receipt of this.

Once your invoice has been issued, the first payment will be required within 30 days of the invoice, or by the first day of each term, whichever comes first. If payment is not received on time, we reserve the right to withdraw you from boarding.

Monthly invoices will be issued thereafter for any additional nights incurred. These must be agreed with the House Manager beforehand to check room availability. Refunds will not be given for nights missed.

STANDARD	STANDARD TWIN	PREMIUM BRONZE	PREMIUM SILVER	PREMIUM GOLD
Included in overall fees	-£1,250 per person (full-time) reduced fee	£2,000 additional cost	£2,750 additional cost	£3,500 additional cost
En-suite room	En-suite room	En-suite room	En-suite room	En-suite room
Single bed	(shared bathroom)	Larger bed	Larger bed	Larger bed
Desk with chair	x2 Single beds	Desk with chair	Desk with chair	Desk with chair
Wardrobe	x2 Desks with chairs x2 Wardrobes	Wardrobe	Wardrobe	Wardrobe
		TV Screen Beanbag	TV Screen Sofa	TV Screen Sofa
		Large room	Extra large room	Extra large room
		College gym membership (free)	College gym membership (free)	College gym membership (free)
				Premium furnishings Better views

OTHER PACKAGES

We also offer the following additional packages

- Lunch Vouchers (term-time) at £950.00 per year (£5.00 per day) to be spent in Huish Kitchen/Café only
- Bedding provided at £95.00 per year.

OAK HOUSE





PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

Regardless of boarding type, a refundable deposit will be returned to you at the end of your stay providing all fees are paid to date and no damage has been caused to your accommodation. This is currently £1,500.00.

BOOKING DEPOSIT

When applying for boarding we will require a booking deposit to secure a room. This is non-refundable but will be deducted from your boarding fees invoice. This is currently £1,000.00 for full-time boarders, and £500.00 for flexi-boarders.

PAYMENT

Whether you are a full-time or flexi-boarder, your booking once confirmed will be for the full college year. For flexi-boarders this is particularly important as we will be allocating the days of the week you wish to board for the whole year (excluding Christmas, half terms and Easter holidays only) and will therefore not be able to allocate those term days to anyone else.

LATE PAYMENT FEE

If you fail to pay your fees within the given deadline (as stated on your invoice), you will incur a late payment fee of £100.00 per overdue payment to cover administration costs, this may also jeopardise your boarding place.

NOTICE FOR WITHDRAWAL/CANCELLATION, OR CHANGES TO BOARDING TYPE

For boarding students of all categories joining us, the required notice to leave Oak House or change boarding type is 3 months from the date that notice is given. We will make best endeavours to secure a substitute of the same category to minimise the financial impact of the notice period. Should we be unsuccessful in securing a substitute, the full boarding fee for the 3-month notice period will be charged.

ALLOCATION OF ROOMS

Priority is given, in the first instance, to students wishing to board on a full-time basis. Once we have allocated bedrooms to full-time students, any remaining beds will be allocated to 'flexi-boarders' on a 'first come first served' basis. Premium rooms are allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

BOARDING FEES

Boarding fees are revised yearly. We appreciate that you will want to know any increases in fees as soon as possible, in the current economic climate we are anticipating fees to increase between 5% and 20%. We will endeavour to update families as soon as fees are confirmed.

REFUNDS

In order for Richard Huish College to consider any claim for a refund/reimbursement of fees, the claim must be submitted in writing no more than 30 days after your course end date/last day of lessons if you have left the course early.

Rooms are booked in advance, so please note that no refunds will be given to boarders for nights missed, nor we will carry forward or bank, any bookings to alternative nights.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications to study at Huish can be made through our website, using the QR Code below. On the application form, you will need to register your interest in boarding and this will be discussed at your Advice and Guidance meeting with our Admissions team.

The number of places available to study at Huish is not limited and you can apply at any point of the year, however boarding places are limited, so we would recommend you apply early (November – March) to register your place at Oak House. Your room will be secured once you have paid your booking deposit.

For an A Level /Level 3 Vocational Study Programme you need to achieve five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Mathematics and English (Language or Literature). For some courses there may be additional requirements (please refer to the individual course pages on our website for details). The entry requirements for a Level 2 Pathway is a GCSE profile of Grade 3s.







SAFEGUARDING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

All young people will have the same protection regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity. We are committed to anti-discriminatory practice and recognise the additional needs of students from minority ethnic groups and disabled students and the barriers they may face, especially around communication.

Richard Huish College actively works with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, the Police and other external agencies to promote all aspects of safeguarding.

The Director of Student Support will evaluate the College's performance against its commitments set out in this policy and keep up to date with child protection legislation. Support will be given to all parties as appropriate to the allegations, the seriousness of the matter and the needs of the individual.

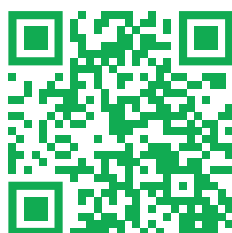
At Richard Huish College we believe safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

Communication between the boarding house and us, as parents, has been outstanding. Personalised emails, calls and face-to-face meetings with both ourselves and the children's grandparents/guardians reassured us all that both children were in safe hands.

Parent

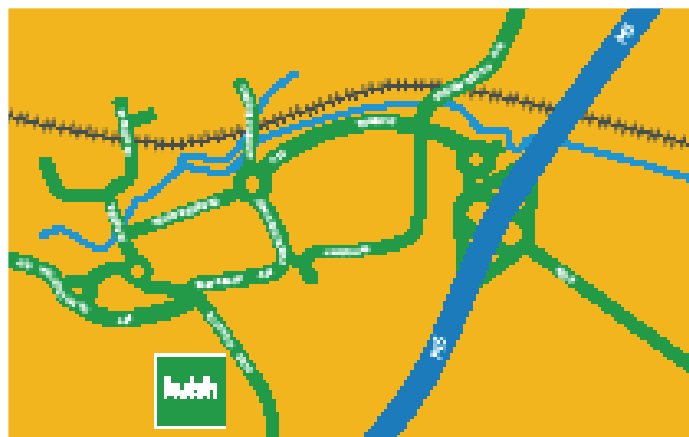
CONTACT US

For more information or a tour of our boarding facilities, please contact our Boarding Coordinator Maria Smith at boarding@richuish.ac.uk or telephone 01823 320800.



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