

# HUISH BOARDING 2025/26







360°  
VIRTUAL BOARDING TOUR



# 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 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.





# REASONS TO BOARD AT HUISH

- Rated Outstanding by Ofsted (2024)
- Members of the Boarding Schools Association (BSA) State Boarding Forum
- Exclusively for students aged 16–19 Years
- No tuition fees
- Modern student accommodation – 53 bedrooms available with en-suite facilities
- House Parents on duty 24 hours a day
- Choice of over 45 A Level or Vocational subjects
- State-of-the-art facilities on campus including a multi sports arena, gym, 3G pitch and rugby pitch; a Centre for Music with recording studios, soundproof live rooms, Mac suite and practice rooms; and dedicated Art and Graphic Design studios
- More access to campus facilities, activities and college life
- Excellent preparation for independent living.



*My son has raved about Oak House and is very happy. It was definitely the right move. I'm so grateful for 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 the Huish 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 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 where you have access to a 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 53 bedrooms are en-suite, meaning you have your own bathroom (toilet, sink and shower). In your room you will have a single duvet, pillow, mattress protector, fitted sheet, desk, chair, bookcase and notice board included.

Oak House is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and your pastoral care is very important to us. We have two live-in House Parents and several part-time House Parents; they will help you settle into life in Taunton and assist you with your studies at Huish. They are supported by a team of support staff, housekeepers and estates who are always on hand to help.

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



# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS AND FEES

We offer full-time, weekly or flexi-boarding. Priority placements are given to full-time boarders. A nightly fee is applicable to weekly or flexi-boarding.

FULL-TIME BOARDING

Oak House is open all year round, apart from the Christmas and Summer holidays. Full-time fees include half terms and Easter holidays.

WEEKLY AND FLEXI-BOARDING OPTIONS

Weekly boarders stay Sunday night to Thursday night (term-time).

Flexi-boarding means you stay at Oak House for 4 nights or less per week (term-time).

Any additional nights must be agreed with the House Manager in advance. These will be dependent on the availability of rooms and are invoiced at the end of each month.

Refunds will not be given for nights missed, nor can we bank or carry them forward.



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

The 2025/26 provisional full-time fee for a standard room is £16,500.00 per annum, plus a £1,500.00 refundable deposit.

The 2025/26 provisional nightly fee is £65.00 per night, plus a £1,500.00 refundable deposit. Fees include a bedroom with en-suite, evening meal and breakfast.

Payments:

- All boarding contracts are yearly regardless of boarding type
- All invoices are issued annually with a breakdown of payment dates
- 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.

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 (shared bathroom)	En-suite room	En-suite room	En-suite room
Single bed		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

ADDITIONAL LUNCH PACKAGE OPTION

The current value for Lunch Vouchers (term-time) is £1,200.00 per year (£6.00 per day) to be spent in Huish Kitchen/Café only. This may increase slightly in accordance with our Kitchen meal deal/prices for 2025/26.



# OAK HOUSE





# huish EnRICH

PROGRESSION & EMPLOYABILITY | LIFE SKILLS | COMMUNITY & CHARITY | HEALTH & WELLBEING

The EnRICH programme becomes an important part of your life at Huish and Oak House.

HERE IS JUST A SELECTION OF WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

## OAK HOUSE

Oak House offers enrichment activities to boarders every weekday, evening and weekend during term-time.

The activities range from crafts and baking to sporting activities on our 3G pitch. You will also have exclusive access to the Huish gym one evening a week.

There are several trips available throughout the year, with past favourites including Flip Out Trampoline Park, ice-skating, visits to a local beach and shopping trips to nearby cities.

We are always open to suggestions of activities and trips that you would like to take part in.



## SPORT

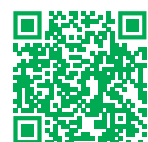
Sport can play a major role in your life at Huish. You can play competitive sports or participate in social sports for your enjoyment.

We work closely with the Huish Tigers Football and Basketball clubs to offer a competitive outlet outside of college. We have links with Somerset Cricket Foundation and Bristol Bears Rugby to support those wishing to access a performance pathway.

## MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

A variety of choirs and ensembles are on offer, including Orchestra and Choir. Specialist groups include Jazz Combo, Rock Choir, String Group, Samba Drumming and smaller ensembles. As well as regular concerts, you can act, sing, dance or assist with stage crafts in our theatre production.

For more information on the wider EnRICH programme at Huish visit our website.





# HOW TO APPLY

When you apply online to Huish you will need to register your interest in boarding and this will be discussed at your Advice and Guidance meeting with our Admissions team.

Applications open in the Autumn Term for the following academic year. Boarding places are limited so we recommend applying early (November – March). Your room will be secured once you have paid your booking deposit.

For a Level 3 A Level/Vocational Study Programme you need to achieve five GCSEs or equivalent at Grade 9-4 including Mathematics and English Language. For a T Level or Extended Diploma, a Level 2 Vocational qualification can be accepted in place of a GCSE. 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 mainly Grade 3s including Maths and English Language.



# PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

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. This is currently £1,500.00.

## BOOKING DEPOSIT

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

## PAYMENT

Once confirmed, your booking will be for the full college year. For weekly and flexi-boarders, we allocate the days of the week you wish to board for the whole year (excluding Christmas, half terms and Easter holidays) and are therefore not able to allocate those days to anyone else.

## LATE PAYMENT FEE

If you fail to pay your fees within the deadline 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

The required notice to leave Oak House or change boarding type is 1 term from the date the notice is given. We will endeavour 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 1 term notice period will be charged.

## ALLOCATION OF ROOMS

Priority is given to full-time boarders. Once we have allocated bedrooms to full-time boarders any remaining beds will be allocated to weekly and then 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 annually. We appreciate that you will want to know any increases in fees as soon as possible; in the current economic climate, we anticipate fees increasing by no more than 10%.

## REFUNDS

For us 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 for alternative nights.



# 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.

Huish actively works with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, 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.

We believe safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with young people 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 young person.

Oak House has an electronic card entry system allowing staff to know which students are in the building. Students must follow the house rules as outlined in the Boarding Handbook.



Oakie Dokie, our resident Hamster

*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

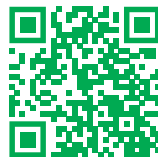
For more information or a tour of our boarding facilities, please contact our Boarding Coordinator Maria Smith at [boarding@richuish.ac.uk](mailto:boarding@richuish.ac.uk) or telephone 01823 320800.





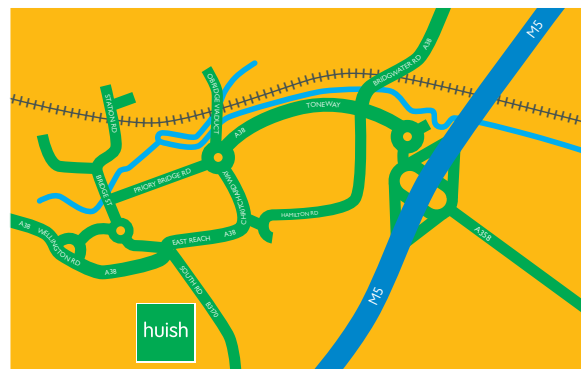


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