



COTHILL HOUSE

THE INSPIRATIONAL BOYS' BOARDING PREP SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Q1: Will the introduction of Cothill Juniors change the school's aims, ethos and values?

The school's aims, ethos and values have been established for 150 years and will remain unchanged. We do, however, believe that the developments outlined will enable a greater number of younger boys to benefit from all Cothill House has to offer.

Q2: Why has the school decided to make these changes, and why now?

For some time, the school has been aware that prospective families are seeking more options for younger boys. Similarly, the Independent Schools Council's annual census has reported an increase in demand, across the country, for weekly boarding places for boys.

We firmly believe in the benefits boarding provides for boys, from developing personal skills such as patience and participation, to increased independence and the ability to take advantage of the exceptional opportunities on offer. Cothill Juniors will enable a greater number of younger boys to benefit from our boarding offer.

Q3: Who has taken this decision and how was it made?

With the school's 150th anniversary approaching, the senior leadership team have carried out an in-depth strategic review, focusing on strengthening the school's current provision whilst simultaneously considering its long term future. The school invested in significant market research as well as surveying current parents. A detailed analysis of the market demand was prepared prior to making any decisions.

Many possible options for the future were considered, and after lengthy discussion, it was agreed that these changes are the right ones, which will guarantee the school's future for generations to come.

Q4: Will Cothill Juniors be allowed to come in daily?

Cothill House is a boarding school and firmly believes in the benefits of boarding. In exceptional circumstances and to ease their boarding transition, boys will be able to come into school daily. From the beginning of Year 6, all boys will become full boarders.

Q5: How will the Cothill Juniors weekend boarding system work?

Except on closed weekends, weekend leave will be allowed from the end of school commitments on Saturday (usually after games or matches) until Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Boys and parents will be free to make as much or as little use as they wish of the new arrangements.

Q6: Will the school function as normal at weekends?

Absolutely. Cothill House will continue to be a full boarding school and will function as normal each and every weekend. The vast majority of boarders will continue to stay at school during weekends.

The facilities of the school will be open each weekend, with a full and exciting range of activities planned on a termly basis. A calendar of weekend events will be published to enable the boys and their parents to make informed choices about the weekends they would like to stay in, or go home.

Q7: Will there be weekends when boys cannot come home?

Yes. There will be a maximum of three 'closed weekends' per term, more generally two. These are likely to be the first and last weekend of each term, plus special days such as Remembrance Sunday in the autumn term.

Q8: As a prospective parent, who can I talk to and when can I visit?

Please contact Jane Woodcock, our Registrar. She can be contacted on 01865 390800 or on jane@cothill.net. She will be pleased to answer any questions you have and to arrange a visit in due course.

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