



BOARDING AT DULWICH COLLEGE SUZHOU



Information for Parents and Students

2020-2021



Boarders have their own bedroom with en-suite bathroom. Students may personalise their rooms but must remember that timetables and posters are restricted to the pin board and must not be attached to painted surfaces.

The rooms are cleaned and bins emptied each day. Student bedding will be changed once a week, or more often if required.

All bedrooms and common rooms are equipped with air-conditioning as well as an air purifier and a dehumidifier. All rooms have Ethernet points by the beds. Access to the Internet is limited by a timer system that turns off at 11 pm. There is wireless access in the communal areas which may be used at the discretion of the House Parent.



WELCOME FROM THE HOUSE PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS AND STUDENTS,

Welcome to Dulwich College Suzhou and to boarding life in Alleyn House. We hope that you enjoy your time in the Boarding House and the many academic and co-curricular opportunities that the College and boarding provides. My wife, Diana, and I are your House Parents during your stay in Boarding. We are experienced teachers and have been working as House Parents over the past three years, having been Boarding Tutors before that. We are very familiar with the Boarding House program and will bring our understanding as teachers and parents into our roles.

We come from Australia and are the parents of three successful, adult children.

We are always ready to provide help and advice to parents and students.

Paul Carter

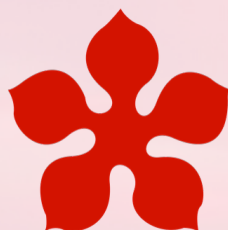
Supervisor International Boarding

Diana Carter

Head of Year 9; AEN coordinator

If you have any questions, please contact:

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The House Parents

Mr and Mrs Carter are your “House Parents”.

They act as proxies for parents while students are enrolled as boarders at Dulwich College Suzhou. They are responsible for boarding student welfare at the College. Dulwich boarding has a wonderful tradition of helping all students make the very best of their abilities and it is their role to ensure that the ethos of the House and the aims of boarding at Dulwich are upheld at all times.

We hope that students will be able to think of the House as a home from home and hope that students will feel that they are able to speak to them and seek their counsel.

Additional Staff, Interns and Gap Students

Assisting the House Parents and providing cover when they are away from Boarding, we have additional staff members in residence, either permanently or on a negotiated timetable. They play a key role in facilitating and extending our afterschool activity programme and widening the activities on offer in Boarding.

The boarding house also accommodates gap students who stay at our school at different times in the year, usually over a school term. These young people have been specifically selected for their skills as successful students, school leaders and excellent communication skills. They serve as role models and mentors for our boarding students and having just finished their schooling, they offer valuable insights into study and organisation during the final years of school.

Nursing staff and the Infirmary

Our team of nurses working in The Infirmary provides assessment and care for minor injuries and illnesses. Boarders must seek permission to see the nurse and get a permission slip from the Boarding Supervisor unless in an emergency situation.

In the event of an emergency, a student will be taken to the nearest hospital. A staff member will accompany the student to hospital. If a student has to be admitted to hospital, the School will inform parents immediately. A member of staff will accompany the student to the hospital and remain there until relieved by a parent or family member. Medical assistance is available 24 hours a day either through our on-site medical staff or through the local hospital and SOS medical assistance.

We require that every boarder has medical insurance and provides the House parents with the details.

Term Dates and Boarding closures



Please see school calendar PDF on our website for up to date school calendar. A Boarding calendar with the dates and times of House closure and opening will be sent to each parent. Please check the dates carefully.

- Students must have departed by 4 pm on closure days (12.30pm on half days in December and June)
- Students must return after 4 pm on Boarding re-opening but before 9.30 PM.
- For safety reasons, we require any unaccompanied students flying home, to catch daytime flights. To assist parents in making appropriate travel arrangements, Boarders may return home a day before the end of term.

Below are some key dates for the 2020/21 academic year.

12 AUGUST - Family Orientation day Boarding opens

1 OCTOBER- Mid autumn Festival public holiday & National Day Holiday Week begins. Boarding Closed

11 OCTOBER - Boarding Reopens

6 NOVEMBER - Staff training days. Boarding Closed

8 NOVEMBER - Boarding Reopens

11 DECEMBER - Christmas Holidays begin. Boarding closed from 12:00

3 JANUARY - Boarding Re-opens

5 FEBRUARY - Chinese New Year Holiday. Boarding Closed.

21 FEBRUARY - Boarding Reopens

2 APRIL - Staff Training Day followed by Spring Holiday. Boarding Closed.

11 APRIL - Boarding Reopens.

1 MAY - May Day Holiday. Boarding Closed.

3 MAY - Boarding Reopens.

18 JUNE - End of Term 3. Boarding Closed



Types of Boarding



Full boarding

Seven days a week during term-time. Students play a full role in the boarding program and often return home only during the half term and end of term holidays. Full time Boarding is offered to students at Year Eight and above.

Weekly boarding

Five/six nights a week, going home after school finishes on Friday and returning on Sunday evening / Monday morning. Often weekly boarders arrive at school on Monday morning and return home on a Friday afternoon. Weekly boarders have the same facilities as full boarders. It is possible for weekly boarders to return to school after dinner on a Sunday. Weekly boarders are usually residents of Suzhou or nearby cities and benefit from less daily travel, a structured study environment and a friendly social atmosphere. Weekly Boarding is offered to students at Year Eight level and above.



Flexi-boarding

Between one and four nights a week. This option fulfils the twin aims of helping parents to juggle the various demands of family life and allowing children to experience the benefits of boarding for part of the week. We aim to be as flexible as possible within our available capacity. Flexi-boarders are treated as full boarders on their chosen boarding days. This arrangement is open to senior school students from Years 7 to 13. In some special cases, Junior school students will be considered but this is always at the discretion of the Supervisor of Boarding and the School Leadership Team.

Day boarding

A few hours between the end of school and collection by parents. Day boarding is offered for students whose parents find it difficult to pick them up from school at the end of the normal school day. Having extra time on campus is beneficial for students who would like to complete their homework before returning home, or who would like to have some social time playing sports with other students. Day boarders can stay for school dinner which is from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

