

## Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice

Boarding at MPW London offers our students a unique opportunity to pursue a personalised academic programme, whilst enjoying the parks, galleries, shops, theatres and other cultural features that only London can provide. Living in the heart of London means that boarders have access to a diverse range of co-curricular activities and trips. We aim to help boarders acquire personal independence and life skills which are excellent preparation for university and beyond.

Students join a small and caring boarding house of 72 students, designed to give them a sense of community, security and well-being. The boarding house is co-educational and accommodates students from a wide range of countries. The experience of living and working together in an international community fosters respect for different cultures and students join a friendly, inclusive and welcoming extended family where they have positive life-changing experiences and form life-long friendships.

Boarders will live and work together in high-quality, fully furnished individual rooms, all of which have en-suite bathrooms and Wi-Fi access. Meals and nutritious snacks are available throughout the day in the college restaurant. Boarders' safety is of paramount importance to us, and the boarding team ensure that the balance is struck between boarders' privacy and ensuring that all students feel safe, comfortable and at home. Students will be directly supported by Houseparents and their Directors of Studies (pastoral tutors) but also have access to college counsellors, the Boarding Nurse and an Independent Person to act as an external listener if they have difficulties.

Our boarders' views form an important part of our development planning. All boarders have the opportunity to be involved in offering their views via the Student Council, the Boarding Committee, as well as Whisper – the safeguarding reporting app – and regular surveys. Through these, students have a meaningful voice in how boarding operates at MPW, which allows the college to respond quickly to resolve concerns. Open dialogue and the strong pastoral care system at MPW mean that each boarder is known and valued. There is no place for harassment, discrimination or bullying.

Boarding is formally monitored and supervised by the Principal and the Board of MPW.

## Boarding Principles and Aims

- The experience of boarding encourages students to be resilient and community-minded.
- Boarders are encouraged to become independent learners with good working habits and self-discipline.
- Our boarders will acquire the values of tolerance, self-confidence and mutual respect that are at the heart of the MPW ethos.