

CHALK HILL ACADEMY

Residential Department



Welcome to boarding

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Welcome

Introduction: Welcome to our parents and carers guide to the residential provision. We hope this guide will provide you with a clearer understanding of the residential department and how to start the process of securing a placement for your child if you are interested.

Chalk Hill Academy provides a residential provision which is split into two services known as: Residential and Link. Our Residential provision, is the main service we offer and it; provides after school and overnight care, learning and activities for up to 12 pupils.

Our Link provision runs alongside boarding up to 7pm each evening, after which Link pupils are collected by their parents/carers and return home rather than staying overnight.

Link is used to support students' transition into an overnight stay and for those who are unable to access our residential provision due to complexities.

Residential and Link are available from Monday to Thursday during term time. We have a staff ratio of 1:3.

Throughout the afternoon/evening session until residential students have gone to bed there will always be a minimum of 2 members of staff supervising students . If a parent/carer would like their child to access Link or Residential please complete a referral form at the back of this 'Welcome to Residence' handbook.

Aims and Objectives:

Residential placements are provided specifically for students who require additional '24 hour curriculum' support to enable them to reach their full potential in all areas including extra curriculum, emotional and both life and social skills. Individual additional needs are met. Targets are developed alongside the Teaching team to support the students to meet their ILP's and EHCP outcomes. We offer extra-curricular and social opportunities in order to ensure their

Care Teaching Support



BETHANY PARKINGTON

Head of Residential

BA Honors degree in Education Studies

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Residential Child Care.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Level 3 in Residential Child Care

Level 3 First Aid Trained

Level 2, Certificate in Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism

BYRON HIGGINS

Deputy Head Of Care

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Residential Child Care.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Level 3 in Residential Child Care

Level 3 Diploma in Sports Coaching and Facility Operation,

Level 3 First Aid Trained NFPS Positive Handling



HENRY Page-Molloy

Residential Child Care Officer

NVQ Health and Social Care

NVQ Level 2 Painting and decorating.



JOE TUCKER

Residential Child Care Officer

Level 3 Football Coaching



Meet The Team

All of the Residential and Activities Child Care Officers have or are working towards a level 3 Diploma in Residential Childcare or equivalent. For a full list of qualifications for all of the residential team please look at the residential statement of purpose.

Residential

Keyworkers will liaise with the School form tutors on the students engagement and areas of need. Life and independence skills, school behaviours and well being in class and how residential is benefiting those areas.

From these assessments the students will be set 3 targets every term, one of their choice, one of their key workers choice and the last will be a target for the home environment.

Daily Schedule:

7:30am students are woken, make beds and collect laundry.

8:00am make drinks

8:30am clean teeth and prepare for school

8:45am down for breakfast club

9:00am school

15:10pm Residential student briefing, snack and drinks

16:00 activity one

17:30 Teatime

18:00 activity two

19:30 bath and settling

20:30 Key stage 2 bedtime

21:00 Key stage 3 bedtime settling and in bed by 21:30pm

Accommodation



The residential department is upstairs in the main building with 12 bedrooms, split into two sections. Over 12's and under 12's. There is a play room for both sections as well as a lounge for movies and games.

There are three bath rooms and four extra toilet rooms plus extra sink space outside bedrooms for oral hygiene.

We have access to all the facilities in school and use spaces such as the school field, forest school, playground, library and food tech room for our activity sessions. We eat our meals in an open planned room which consists of a kitchenette, dining table and sofa. We also use the room to play board games and other learning activities.

To ensure the safety and security of residential students all bedroom doors have alarms which goes off in the senior staff sleep room.

. Bedroom windows have restricted opening. Two members of the Residential team will sleep in every evening and a member of the Senior Leadership Team on call overnight to support the care staff if necessary.

Please note, we do not have any waking night staff.



Activities

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Our evening activity programme is designed to improve attitudes to learning through experiencing success, feeling secure in a safe environment and building positive relationships.

The students are asked for their suggestions and where possible (and practicable) we facilitate, offering a choice of 2 activities each evening. The students can agree on a alternative activity and when weather dependant. Each evening the activities on offer will change giving the students a variety of activities throughout the term. All activities are organised and run by the Residential staff and they take place on the school site and off site. Community based activities require careful planning and risk assessing to make sure they are safe and staffed well enough.

We have a football pitch for after school practice or team matches, playground, bikes, keyboard, forest school, as well as computers, games consoles, lots of crafts, baking activities and loads of books and movies to enjoy.

We organise lots of activities including Swimming, Camping, Skating, Cycling, crabbing, den building, fishing, cinema, bowling, and have day trips to local parks and attractions.



Time to rest

Under 12's Bedtime Routines

From 19:00pm students will take a shower or bath

At 19:30pm phone calls home offered

From 20:00 will be supper time

From 20:30pm students will be in their own room. Staff will start "settle time" – read a story, have a chat, play cards – for 10 minutes. There will be no phone calls after this time. Tv's out of bedrooms and settled for bed.

Over 12's Bedtime Routines

From 19:30pm students will take a shower or bath

From 20:00 will be supper time and time for those phone calls home

From 21:00pm students will be in their own room. Staff will start "settle time" – read a story, have a chat, play cards – for 10 minutes. There will be no phone calls after this time. Tv's out of bedrooms at 21:15 and settled for bed at 21:30pm.

Bedtime



Regulation

OFSTED is a government organisation that inspects all children's homes to make sure they are run well and that we follow students placement plan and look after them properly and safely.



An Inspector visits us once a year. Sometimes before they come, they will send you a questionnaire to fill in and during the visits the Inspector will want to speak to the students and may ask questions about the care provided at Chalk Hill.

OFSTED's phone number is 08456 404040.

Standard 3 Visitor or Independent Visitor - They visit the School every half term and produces an independent report, which goes into great detail about students care, and the way the school operates.

The independent Visitor is interested in hearing what students think about the home. Students can speak to them about anything in a quiet space. We also have their posters and phone numbers on the walls so students can take their number and call them anytime should they have any complaints or concerns.

All our visitors have the relevant DBS checks .

If you are interested in a residential placement for your child then please fill in the referral form and return to school or email it to Nicola.jennings@eastermeducationgroup.ac.uk. If you require more information or would like to discuss further please feel free to contact the department on the school number 01787 373583 or via the email listed above.

Please be aware that a residential placement is not always appropriate or suitable for all children and we can only offer placements as and when spaces are available. We may not be able to accommodate your child straight away but will add your child's name to the waiting list.

Students Name:

D.O.B:

Address:

Year group:

Name of parent:

Contact details:

Please specify your reason for the referral:

What would you like from residential:

- Activities and new experiences
- To recognise they can be successful
- To build and maintain positive relationships?
- Improved sleep
- Improved routine
- To behave appropriately
- To achieve a level of independence and self resilience
- Other (please specify in the space below)



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