



“I feel as though I am at home in the boarding house”
Pablo Martino-Falero Suanzes - Spain

Boarding at Shaftesbury School - the benefits

- No tuition fees. Reasonable termly boarding fees
- Excellent modern facilities
- Boarding described as “home from home”
- “Provision for boarders clearly enhances their personal development”

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The School

Shaftesbury School is a thriving 11-18 voluntary controlled school overlooking Dorset's Blackmore Vale on the outskirts of the ancient and picturesque town of Shaftesbury.

The school has Specialist Sports College status, and is the only maintained school in Dorset offering boarding education. The boarding facility is at the heart of the school's internationally outward-looking community, which promotes harmony, participation, friendly competition and opportunities for recognition and celebration.

The school has been praised as a "good school with outstanding features" by Ofsted, and provides its students with a quality academic education, supported by a strong extra-curricular programme.

Shaftesbury has mainline rail links with London from Gillingham station. Heathrow and Gatwick are also accessible, as are regional South West airports: Bristol, Southampton and Exeter.



The accommodation at Barton Hill House



Situated a mile from Shaftesbury School, Barton Hill House is an 80 bed co-educational boarding house. The accommodation is centrally heated and well maintained. The Director of Boarding lives on-site and is supported by a day matron, three full-time houseparents and part-time tutors.

Facilities include common rooms with TV, games and a pool table, laundry, and computers linked to the school network.

The regulations are simply those necessary to enable the smooth running of a large 'family' and to encourage academic work. At certain times during the working week, the house is kept quiet for study.

The boarding house closes on the last day of any term, half term or exeat, and remains closed for the duration of these holidays. It re-opens the day before the start of lessons. All students must have a guardian in the UK who will accommodate them.

A state boarding school differs from the independent boarding sector in that boarders' families are required only to meet the cost of the boarding facilities provided they hold a British or EU passport.

Fees

Fees are updated annually and are available on request.

How do I apply?

1. Request application details from Tracey Dunn, Admissions Officer, by e-mail to: tracey.dunn@shaftesburyschool.co.uk
2. Return completed application form (including a copy of student's passport)
3. Shaftesbury School requests reference from current school
4. Student and family invited to interview with Headteacher and Director of Boarding
5. Students offered a place

Shaftesbury School

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What our students say....

"A very different culture from Japan. I enjoy sharing a room with students from Germany and Hong Kong".

Felix Hulbert - Japan



"If you need help then everyone will try their best to support you"

Jojo Fung - Hong Kong

"Barton Hill is very cosy and homely; there are also very good facilities at the school"

Zerlina Tench - Malawi

"Friendly, approachable staff - both at school and in the boarding house"

Alizee Saily - Union Island, St Vincent, West Indies

"The school is much bigger and with more facilities; the boarding house is like a big family"

Callum Boerenbeker - Sark, Channel Islands