

Boarding at Mary Ward House

An exceptional, safe home-from-home in the centre
of Cambridge, where you will live, learn and grow



St Mary's School
CAMBRIDGE



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Welcome to Mary Ward House

*Girls from Year 5 to 13 live together in one house, creating a family-like atmosphere with the **older students** supporting younger girls*

Set in tranquil surroundings, close to the centre of Cambridge, St Mary's School is a safe, secure place in which every girl is valued, supported and inspired.

Our boarders live at Mary Ward House, where our **experienced team** excel at helping girls to quickly feel at home.

St Mary's School provides exceptional pastoral care and the safety, well-being and happiness of all our boarders is our first priority.

Mary Ward House is filled with fun, friendship and laughter; whilst allowing for privacy and quiet moments when needed. We offer beautifully furnished facilities, with comfortable bedrooms and spacious communal areas.

With students from over 15 different countries, life at Mary Ward House is enriched by diversity and our girls enjoy living in Cambridge, a culturally vibrant city, with a long history of learning.

Whilst day to day life here is busy and full of excitement, we encourage girls to stay in close contact with family and friends. Building a **partnership with parents** is crucial to us and boarding staff are regularly in touch with parents and guardians.

I warmly invite you to visit us to discover more about life as a boarder at Mary Ward House.

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Home from home at Mary Ward House

Located in a quiet, safe residential area in the centre of Cambridge, Mary Ward House is home to all our boarders and provides spacious student and staff accommodation, plus large communal spaces over a beautiful, three-storey house.

Mary Ward House provides modern boarding accommodation, and creates a comfortable, homely atmosphere for our girls. The common rooms are comfortable and roomy, perfect for relaxing and socialising. Cosy sofas, TVs, DVD players, a Wii and board games are all available. There is also WiFi throughout the boarding house, together with communal PCs and printers for everyone to use and enjoy.

Our food is restaurant-quality and as well as regular mealtimes snacks and drinks are readily available in the dining room.

If you are able to visit us in person, we would be delighted to offer a guided tour of Mary Ward House. Alternatively take a virtual tour at: stmaryscambridge.co.uk/MWH

"On my birthday my day girl friends came over and celebrated with me. One of my friends made a huge rainbow cake and we had lots of fun. I think it was the best birthday ever!"

**Ava, Year 9,
boarder**



A typical week day at Mary Ward House

We have a routine for each week day to ensure the students get a healthy balance of academic study and leisure time. Below is an example of a typical day at our happy boarding house.

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| 7am | Girls are woken up by a Sixth Form student |
| 7.15-7.45am | Breakfast |
| 8.30am | Join day students for registration |
| 4.00pm | School day ends. Free time and a light snack at Mary Ward House |
| 4.30-5.30pm | Supervised homework for Years 5 and 6 |
| 4.45-5.30pm | Years 7 to 9 attend a structured activity. This can be a boarding activity or an after-school club. Older students can opt to get a head start on homework, or to attend extra-curricular activities. |
| 6.00pm | Dinner for all |
| 7.15-8.30pm | Supervised Homework Club for Years 7 to 9 |

Boarding meals

All our food is labelled, and care is taken to cater for students with medical or religious dietary needs wherever possible.

Our kitchen team create a wide range of high quality, nutritious and varied school meals. Breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner are provided during the week with the addition of a breaktime snack on weekdays.

Boarders are expected to attend all mealtimes where there is a range of delicious food on offer such as hot dishes, salads and fruit. A register is taken at each meal time.

Activities

There are many organised activities to keep girls busy during their down-time including craft sessions, dance and cookery classes, and regular trips are organised by the boarding staff. Punting, bowling, the cinema and theatre trips are always firm favourites.

Many of our wider school facilities such as the No. 47 – our Visual Arts centre, Music and Textiles rooms, badminton, rowing and tennis courts are available to boarders. Girls also enjoy complimentary use of a near-by fitness centre and free entrance to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.

Weekends

The weekends are more relaxed with flexible times for breakfast, brunch between 11am and 12 noon before enjoying a wide range of boarding activities and a more formal meal in the evenings.

At weekends students may choose to cook for themselves. Students in all years may cook their own food, order in or eat out on Friday and Saturday evenings. Sixth Formers have an extra privilege of being able to do this on a Sunday evening too.

Inspiring Cambridge

Our learning environment extends beyond the classroom. Cambridge - a renowned seat of learning - inspires and enthuses a passion for knowledge in all our students.

Education on our doorstep

Our Senior School, Sixth Form and Mary Ward Boarding House offer stunning views of the Cambridge University Botanic Garden, whilst our Junior School looks out on the idyllic meadowland of Coe Fen. At St Mary's School, Cambridge learning goes beyond our school gates.

Not only do we offer the best of a British education in Cambridge, and a reliable pathway to some of the best universities and careers in the world, but in addition, while studying at St Mary's School, Cambridge our students become immersed in Cambridge life.

Our Boarders have organised activities each weekend – from punting, visiting Evensong at King's College and cream teas on the lawn by the River Cam, to trips to museums and attractions such as the Fitzwilliam, The Scott Polar Institute and Ely Cathedral. We ensure our students truly embrace their local surroundings.

At our Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form, local visits form a huge part of our academic year. Whether it is viewing the latest art installation at Kettle's Yard, watching a ballet at the theatre or a talk from a speaker from the hub of Silicon Fen, Cambridge's home to high-tech industry, entrepreneurs, and innovation; we take advantage of the wealth of inspiration and opportunities to learn that are all within walking distance.

Find out more:

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"We go on trips at the weekend and they are really fun. I have been to: Fitzwilliam Museum, Grantchester and Harry Potter World."
Trinity, Boarder



“The boarding house is very cool, there are a lot of activities that you can do at weekends and during the week. The staff are very nice and always there to help you. There are a lot of different girls, of different ages from different countries and I am still in touch with them. The food at the boarding house is very good and there are a lot of different meals. Each experience is different and each time you learn so much and you enjoy so much. This experience is unforgettable, and you keep so many good memories”
Solene, Y9 short stay boarder

Our boarding options

Boarding is offered for girls from Year 5 upwards, and throughout our Senior School and Sixth Form.

- **Full time boarding** - Available from Year 5 upwards: boarders live at school throughout term-time, returning home for half terms and school holidays.
- **Weekly boarding** - Available from Year 5 upwards: most weekly boarders go home at the end of the school week and return on a Sunday evening or Monday morning.
- **Flexi boarding** - Available from Year 5 upwards: for adhoc nights, a regular night each week or for several weeks at a time.

Find out more about our fees and download our prospectus: stmaryscambridge.co.uk/boarding

Well-being

Happiness is important here, and we support student well-being from day one.

Keeping active

Our boarders have access to a wider choice of fitness and sporting activities. From our well-being room in Mary Ward House, through to yoga, competitive sport and rowing on the River Cam, there are plenty of opportunities to keep active.

Healthy eating

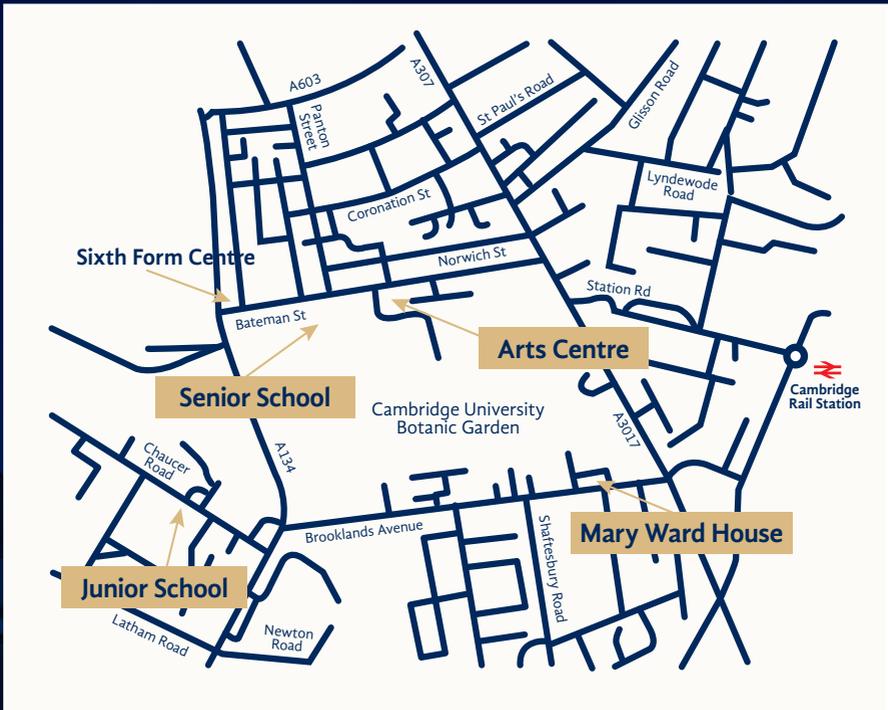
It is important for our girls to have a balanced and healthy diet, packed with nutrients, to keep them healthy and provide the energy that their bodies and minds need to function at their best. Our Sixth Form students are encouraged to study for the Leiths Academy Cookery Certificate a comprehensive course provided by the most prestigious cookery school in the UK.

Pastoral Care

St Mary's offers exceptional pastoral care to all students. Our boarders are supported by an experienced team of staff who live at Mary Ward House. In our wider school community, teaching staff are committed to guiding students through their educational journey, by nurturing new talents and opening doors to creativity, self-development and friendship.

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Where are we?

Mary Ward House is:

- 10 minutes walk from the train station (then 45 minutes to London)
- 70 miles of all international London airports – Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Luton (all in easy reach by coach and train)
- 20 minutes walk into Cambridge city centre
- 2 minute walk to coffee shop and small supermarket
- 3 minute walk from cinema and restaurants



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