



CHELTENHAM  
PREP SCHOOL

# BOARDING FOR MILITARY FAMILIES



# Welcome to Cade House

Welcome! Situated at the heart of the main school building, Cade House is our co-educational Boarding House at The Prep. We run the House as one huge family, with my wife, Mrs Avery, and our three girls, Olive, Fleur and Gigi. In House, we focus upon creating a culture where each child feels safe, happy and valued; it is a friendly home from home for the children.

Having both boys and girls from Years 3 to 8 under one roof helps create the sense of an extended family. Under our guidance as Houseparents, with the support of Assistant

Houseparents, Boarding Graduates, House Tutors, Matrons and Parents, we believe the children are well supported to thrive within Cade House and The Prep as a whole - creating fond memories to look back on from their boarding experience.

We can't wait to welcome you to our Cade House family. If you have any questions, we would love to speak to you about how your child and how Cade House can support you.

**Mr Jack Avery, Head of Boarding**

# Your Boarding Adventure

Cheltenham College has a long and distinguished connection with the military dating back to 1841. It is a connection and understanding that remains just as strong within our community today. We are one of only three schools in England to have its own military colours!

With around 50 Full Boarders, more than half of which are from military families, Cade House is bustling, busy and exciting every single weekend. A typical weekend involves Sport fixtures on a Saturday morning, followed by lunch and an afternoon of

activities and trips. The evening is spent together in House - popular events include movie nights, bingo, House quiz, silent discos and more! Sundays are a lovely family day in the Boarding House. Children have an easy start to their day with a pyjama breakfast. This is followed by a Sunday activity, such as Crazy Golf, cinema trips, climbing walls, GoApe, Aquaventure, Ninja Warrior, Thorpe Park and many more. We always work hard to put together a programme of activities and we encourage our boarders to help choose activities so they are involved from the start.



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# Heart of The Cotswolds

Often referred to as the ‘Heart of The Cotswolds’, Cheltenham is a thriving town, with over 118,000 people.

Also known as ‘The Festival Town’, Cheltenham’s festivals attract thousands of regional and international visitors. The town is famous for holding the world’s oldest Literature Festival, along with Jazz, Science, Music and Food Festivals. The world-renowned Cheltenham National Hunt Festival takes place at The Racecourse in March and Cheltenham College is home to the annual Cricket Festival, the world’s longest running cricket festival.



## The Perfect Location

Cheltenham Prep is within easy reach of the main Army and RAF bases across the South West. Cheltenham Spa train station is only five minutes by car, with a direct train to Paddington and links to Bristol, Birmingham, Bath, and Oxford. Major road and motorway links include the A40, M4, M5 and M6. Heathrow, Bristol and Birmingham airports are all easily accessible in under two hours.



ARRC at Innsworth	25 minutes by car
RAF Brize Norton	42 minutes by car
Salisbury Plain	1 hour and 50 minutes by car
Shrivensham	47 minutes by car
MOD Abbey Wood	54 minutes by car

# FAQs

## What happens if my child is missing home?

At some point every child misses home. The Boarding House staff are very experienced in supporting children who feel like this. After a chat with House staff and their friends in House and a busy weekly schedule, they soon feel better.

## What happens if my child is unwell or needs to attend regular medical appointments?

We have a Health Centre on campus with Nurses, Mental Health Practitioners, and two GPs. For external hospital or dental appointments, a member of staff can chaperone your child.



## How do parents stay informed about how their child is getting on?

You are welcome to contact the Boarding House at any point on [prep.boarding@cheltenhamcollege.org](mailto:prep.boarding@cheltenhamcollege.org).

There is a weekly newsletter, ‘Prep Connected’ emailed to parents every Friday afternoon, and this includes highlights from the past seven days across The Prep community.

Our Instagram accounts, [@cheltprep](#) and [@cadehousecc](#) are updated weekly and are a great way of seeing what the boarders are up to.

## How are boarders supported with homework?

All homework is finished either during the school day or in after school clubs. However, if children need extra help with their homework, Cade House staff are always happy to support them.

## What is the after school routine in House?

At 5pm, children sign into House and change into home clothes, put any uniform/sports kit in the laundry, and then enjoy some down time: playing games, relaxing in their dorms, playing outside. After-school clubs take place between 5pm and 6pm, followed by supper (6pm) and a House meeting (6.45pm). On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Music practice takes place for those who play an instrument (6.45pm – 7.15pm). Evening activities take place from 6.45pm followed by the bedtime routine starting at 7.30pm.

## What are the weekend activities?

Weekend activities range from Laser Tag, Theatre trips and zorbing to cinema, bowling and more!

What is the phone policy in the Boarding House?

Boarders can use their devices every evening between 7pm – 8pm. We advise parents to select two weeknights as check in nights, however boarders can call parents to celebrate successes or to talk something through whenever they happen. Children must only be on the school Wifi, and we have a no social media policy (excluding WhatsApp).

How do you manage international time difference?

Boarders are able to collect their phone from Matron throughout the day if parents are in a different time zone. For example, at breaktime, children can collect their phone to chat with their parents and family.

How many children sit down for breakfast on a Sunday morning?

We usually have 40-50 boarders in over the weekend who enjoy a Sunday brunch in House.

Do you take childcare vouchers for boarding?

Yes. You can discuss this further with our Finance Department.



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Transition to College (13-18)

To join College, pupils at The Prep attend an Entrance Day in November of Year 6. During the day, children sit an English Paper, a Maths paper, have a group interview, attend a few lessons, and spend time in the Boarding House of their choice. Pupils arriving in Year 7 or 8 sit one set of Entrance Papers for both Cheltenham Prep and Cheltenham College.

Parents can request two preferences of Boarding House at College and parents should contact the College Visits Team to arrange a tour via [visits@cheltenhamcollege.org](mailto:visits@cheltenhamcollege.org).

All pupils at The Prep have an opportunity to have an annual taster day at College from Year 4 onwards. This ensures a seamless transition from Year 8 to Year 9.

Fee Information 2023-24

Cheltenham College supports the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) from the Military of Defence. In addition to the CEA we offer Military discounts to Day and Boarding families at The Prep and College. These discounts can be combined with a means-tested bursary.

Discount	25%	15%
Army	All ranks Captain and below	All ranks Major and above
Navy	All ranks Lieutenants and below	Commodore, Captain, Commander and Lt Commander
Air Force	All ranks Flt Lieutenant and below	Air Commodore, Group Captain, Wing Commander and Squadron Leader



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