



Cobham Hall

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Summer Term

Boarding Newsletter

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Diary Dates for Boarding

Autumn Term 2023

All Boarders return - 10.00am to 4.00pm, Sunday
3rd September

Start of term - 8.30am, Monday 4th September

Exeat begins and Parents and Guardians Afternoon
Tea - 4.30pm - 6:00pm, Friday 29th September

Exeat ends - 8.30pm, Sunday 1st October

Half term begins - 4.30pm, Friday 20th October

Half term ends - 8.30pm, Sunday 5th November

Exeat begins - 4.30pm, Friday 24th November

Exeat ends - 8.30pm, Sunday 26th November

Carol Service 11.00am

End of Term - 1.15pm, Friday 15th December

All students are required to attend the Carol Service
on Friday 15th December.

If agreed, prior to the holidays with the Director of
Boarding and Pastoral, international students may
remain in School until 3.00pm on Saturday 21st
October and Saturday 16th December, at no extra
cost, to facilitate long haul travel arrangement only.
Please email lentona@cobhamhall.com if you would
like to request this.

(Parents and Guardians should kindly note that there is an
administration fee of £125, applied when a student either arrives late
at the start of term or leaves early before the end of term.)

Summer 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As ever, the Summer Term rushes by, a mere few weeks full of key events, which mark the end of another
academic year.

Most of us are now able to spend time with family, whilst others will be staying with extended family or guardians.

A number of students who joined us for the Summer Term have added a huge amount of fun, diversity and joy to
our boarding community, as you will know anecdotally, or see in the photos herewith. The longer Summer days
have enabled us to explore our vast grounds and walk into Cobham Village as well as to the Mausoleum in the
nearby woods. A plethora of outdoor activities have also taken place after school, from croquet, football, to
scavenger hunt and campfire fun. This has had a noticeable effect on wellbeing. We have also enjoyed our Flexi-
Boarders this term and I take the opportunity to remind you of this facility. All students are most welcome to join
the Boarding community, even for just one night. This often happens following a trip, but can be requested at any
time. To ensure arrangements are in place and that parental consent is given, please use this form to request and
book Flexi-Boarding here: [Flexi-Boarding Consent](#)

It was a delight to meet with some of you at Festival Day last Saturday, and to celebrate the year together.
Reflecting upon this academic year, I realise that, of all the Cobham Hall values, kindness is the one I have seen play
out most incessantly, ingrained in the nature of what we do, equally among students and staff - I am privileged to
be surrounded by kindness. This is not to be undervalued.

Our Student Voice has provided much input from our boarders, and we are delighted to share some of the results:

You said: 'the wifi is unreliable in our Boarding House' --> We added ports to ensure its quality.

You said: 'we would like more kitchen utensils and gadgets' --> We provided all the items requested

You said: 'we need a new gaming facility' --> We secured funding from the Unicorn PTA to purchase a new
Nintendo Switch for Brooke House and Bligh House

You said: 'we want a variety of trips' --> We included some of your suggestions in our provision and we will
continue to do so in 2023-2024

You said: 'Brooke wanted a later bedtime' --> Sixth Form lights out is now 11pm.

In September, we will be launching Stuart House, our new Sixth Form boys' boarding provision, which marks an
exciting new season in the annals of Cobham Hall history.

We very much look forward to welcoming returning and new boarders in September.

Yours,

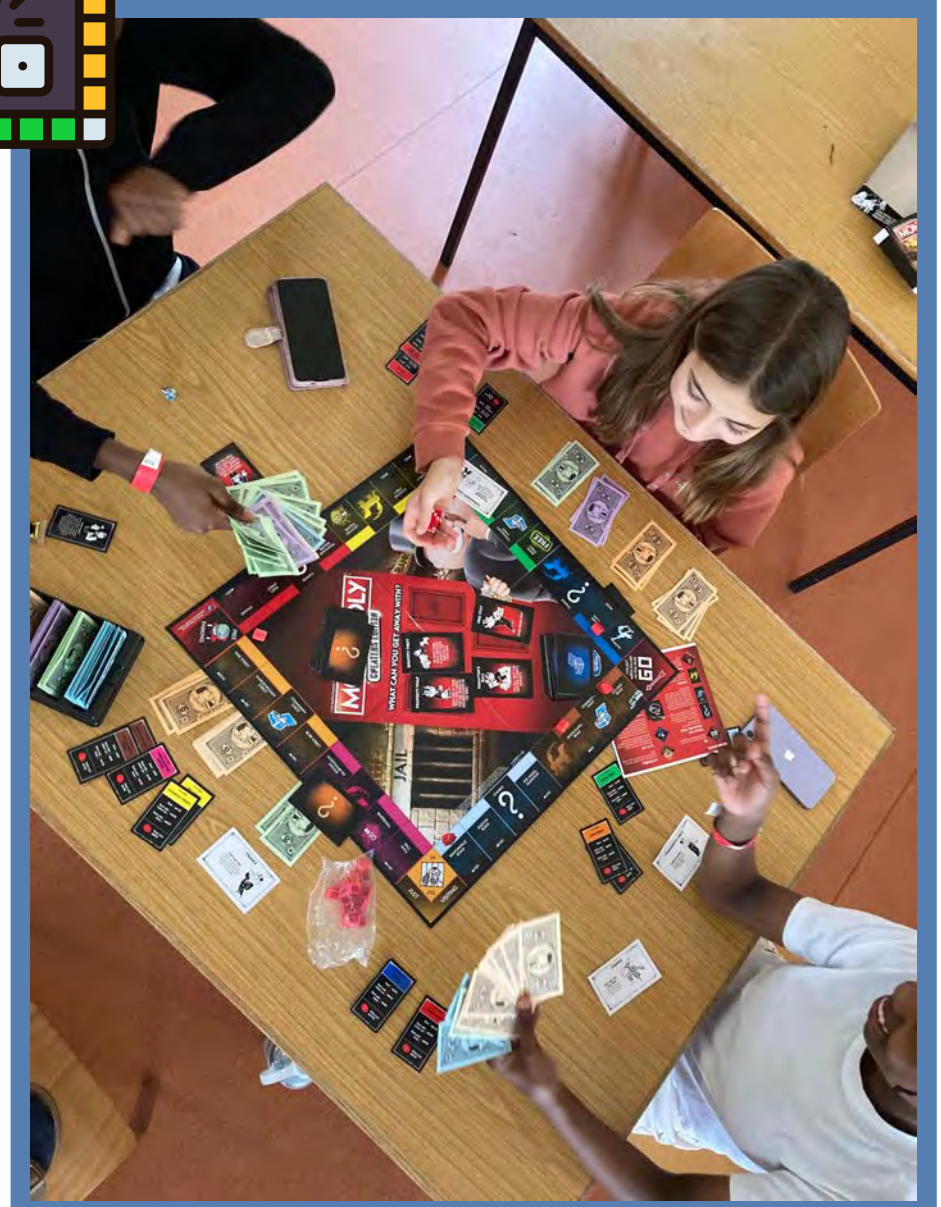
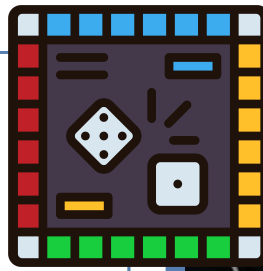
Anna Lenton

Director of Boarding and Pastoral

Bank Holiday Games Bligh House

Monopoly was a great experience playing it with Miss Wood, Ciko and Carmen. It was a lot of fun and had us all laughing. We can't wait for another game.

Eniola and Ciko, Year 8



Welcoming in Summer with a Garden Picnic Bligh House

It was nice to spend time with the girls in an environment outside of lessons. I really enjoyed the blossom tree around us, the food was amazing, and the weather was so sunny.

Stella, Year 10





Kind Charles III Coronation Weekend Celebrations

We celebrated the King's coronation today, we had tea with scones, jam and cream. It was a festive day for the whole school which was decorated and got into the spirit of it all. We played stick the diamond on the crown - unfortunately I didn't win, but we had fun doing it. It was really cool to be here for such an important part of UK history.

Pere-Ere, Year 9





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Walk to Cobham Village

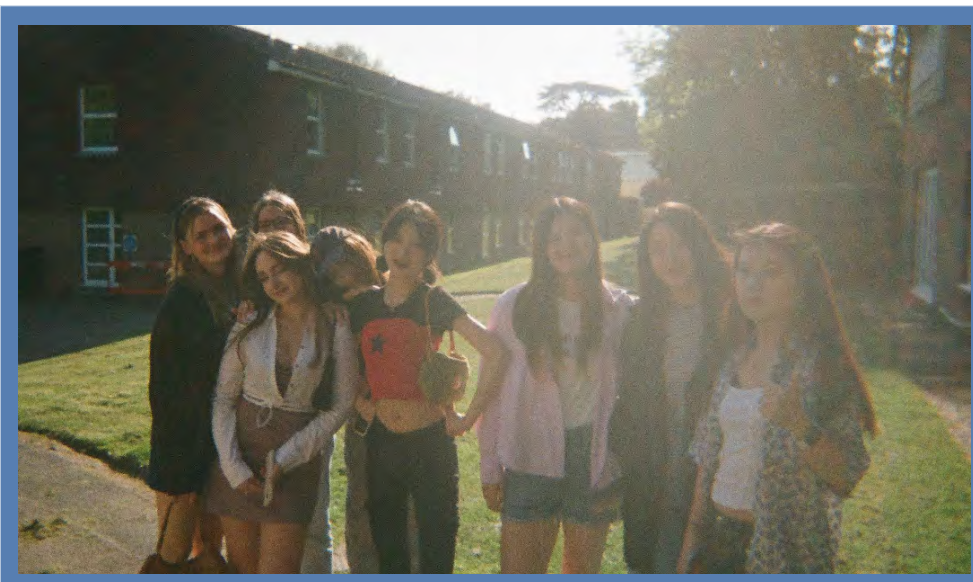
The walk to Cobham village in the gorgeous sunshine (with a pit-stop to say 'hi' to some friendly horses) set the trend for everyone wanting to make the most of the welcome weather and our amazing grounds.

Miss Wood

Decade Party Gilt Hall

The party was just great! The decorations, food, theme - everything was thought out to the last detail. I really liked it and had a great time!

Yeva, Year 11



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Tobogganing Chatham Snow Sports

The tobogganing trip was amazing and exceeded my expectations. It was probably one of the best trips I have taken part in. To summarize the trip in 3 words... I loved it

Ruk, Year 11



Chocolate chip Cookies

In Bligh House, I baked cookies with my friends and Miss Wood helped us. We had an amazing time because it was fun and chilled. We even turned it into a mini competition. I absolutely loved the experience and the cookies turned out to be delicious. I know we will do it again as we always enjoy baking together.

Jane, Year 8





Camp Fire and Games Night All years.

This activity was a lot of fun. Roasting marshmallows was funny because people kept hating my burnt marshmallows (Cajun) but then they found out they were good.

Reagan, Year 9



Tie Dye Day

Tie Dye was a nice time as we made tie dye bags and socks. Getting to being creative and helpful was just what we all needed. Thanks for the activities.

Eniola, Year 8





Cobham Neon Festival

All Years

Cobham festival was certainly an occasion that brought much fun and excitement to us all. There was good food, amazing weather, 'wipe out' games, and the most enjoyed moment for most was the water fight, in which our fearless Headmistress held her own!

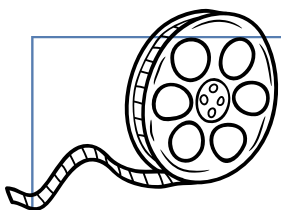




*Creams welcome trip.
Bligh House*

The Creams trip by the river Medway was a great time as we spent time together with our new House mates. The ice cream desserts are to die for! We all shared our food and had great conversation. We had a fun night together. Thank you Mrs. Lenton for taking us there.

Eniola, Year 8



Guardians of the Galaxy
Odeon Cinema

The Guardians of the Galaxy trip was so fun. I really enjoyed watching the entertaining movie in the cinema, especially with my friends it definitely made my day. Fantastic movie + freshly baked popcorn = perfect.

R. Year 11





Jar of Good Stuff Winner

Winning the Jar of Good stuff was really exciting as I won a meal out to a restaurant of my choosing. The Jar of good stuff is really appealing to me and my fellow boarders to always be helpful and nice. Be good, stay happy and always smile.

Eniola, Year 8

Jewellery making All years

Making our own jewellery was awesome as we could create our own shapes and colour by mixing clay. There were lots of shape and size options, so everyone found something they liked.

I really loved how you could be creative and make jewellery that fits your personal likings and style. I really enjoyed this activity and hope to do it again sometime soon.

Therese, Year 10





Summer students

As a French summer student at Cobham, I can share a little of this great experience! During the day, I take lessons with the other students, and I discover the enjoyment of different activities like tennis, other sports, painting, video games, and just relaxing with the other boarders. During the weekends, trips are planned, for example we went to a theme park which was really fun! Everyone is very nice, and these 3 weeks will surely be unforgettable.

Garance, Year 10





Football
All years

Football was so much fun! It was very competitive and it was really nice playing outside on the field. It helped us to all make new friends.

Carmen, Year 8



Baking
All Years

I loved the lemon cake baking activity, especially because a lot of boarders from both Brooke and Bligh baked together. I thoroughly enjoyed both the baking process and the munching. The cake tasted very nice.

Molly, Year 12



Boarding Awards

I am honoured to be awarded Boarder of the year by my fellow peers, this is really touching. Boarding awards was once again an amazing night with dancing, awards, laughter, birthday celebrations and spending time with all our fellow boarders. I can definitely say it's my favourite time of the year where we can all come together with our lovely Housemistresses and their teams, who make boarding so enjoyable each year. Many thanks go out to them and everyone who has made boarding once again so successful.

We love you all.

Taina, Winner of Boarder of the Year in Brooke, Year 12



Boarding Awards

It is my pleasure to win the boarder of the year in Bligh, which was voted by my fellow boarders. It's been an amazing year in Bligh House, we have had students from all different parts of the world gathered in Cobham Hall. The atmosphere in Bligh has always been warm and friendly, where I believe everyone deserves to win the boarder of the year. Lastly, shout out to all the staff members that work in boarding, we love you :)

Yannes, Year 11, Winner of Boarder of the Year in Bligh House.

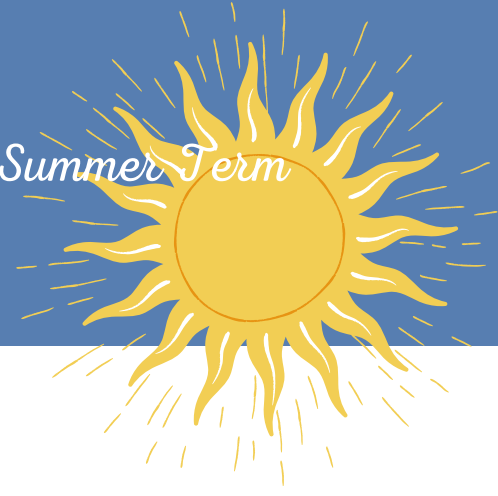


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This year I celebrated my 14th birthday during the Boarding awards and I did not expect it! it was very nice because there was a Housemistress who was also celebrating hers and it was also nice to know that everyone shared a special moment for me. I really liked this party because there were certificates and a talent show. There were some who did dances and others who sang, then we all danced together.

Marie, Year 8





Thorpe Park

I had so much fun in Thorpe Park! I am normally terrified of roller coasters and like to be the mum of the group and hold my friends' stuff, but I stepped out of my comfort zone and went on 6 different rides multiple times. I had the time of my life; it has been one of my favourite trips which we go on annually. I cannot wait to go on my last Thorpe Park trip next year.

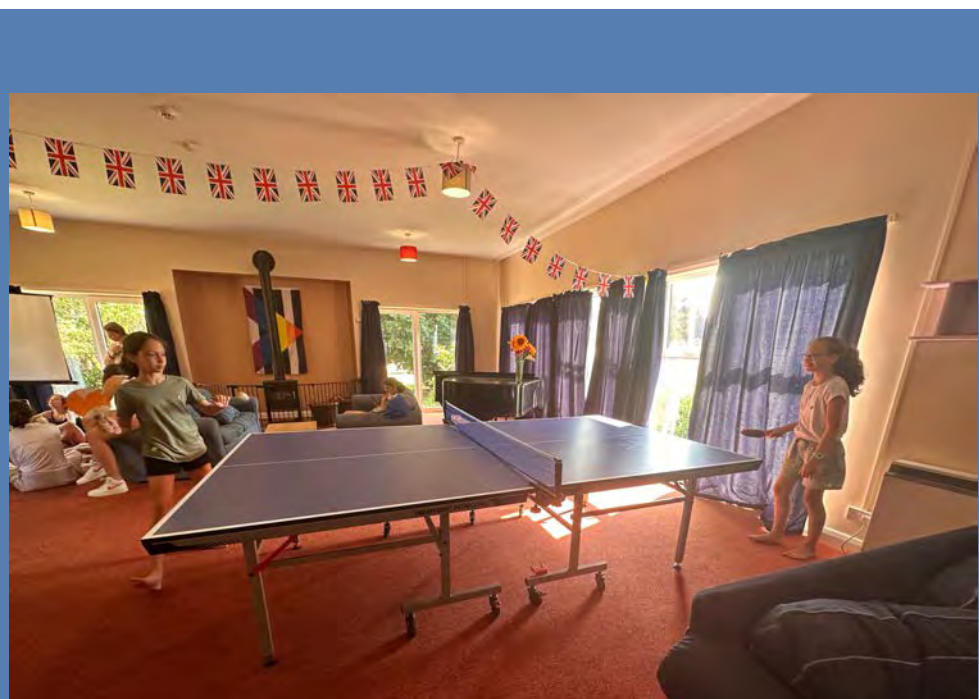
Jasmine, Year 12



Fun Sunday All Years

On Sunday we made the most of what Cobham Hall has to offer, enjoying the beautiful sunshine along the way. To begin with we had group activities and games involving all boarders, ending in a large group water fight to cool down. Later we joined together for a dinner party, where all staff and boarders came together to socialise and celebrate the end of the term, before rounding the day off with a pool party. Much fun was had by all.

Miss Samantha Shipton, Bligh Housemistress





Year 11 Prom

Prom was a really an enjoyable night, with exciting music and dances. Everyone looked amazing, and the Gilt Hall was decorated beautifully. It was a memorable night.

Year 11





6th Form Leavers' Ball

On Tuesday 27th June, Sixth Formers and staff celebrated the end of the year. Everyone enjoyed the 3-course meal in the lovely floral setting in the Gilt Hall. Staff and students were able to share memories and stories that they had shared, to send us off into the new journeys in our lives. The photo booth was an absolute hit where many fun memories were captured. I will always remember the night and the many memories I made with my friends and staff.

Tyler, Year 13

