Making Friends and Supporting You in School:

Residential provision is available to support you in your school life, it is a great place to spend free time with friends taking part in after school activities. There are lots of opportunities to socialise and work together either in small groups or large groups. The residential staff work to support our students to make friends and interact with each other.

There are many onsite activities you can regularly enjoy such as cooking, sporting activities, computers, bikes and snooker.

There are facilities within school in the evenings including the school sports hall, bikes, muga, cooking and art and craft rooms. There are also opportunities to visit the school farm and use the extensive grounds.

Learning New Skills and Setting Goals

Residential provision is a place that allows students to enjoy essential life experiences and offers learning that is acquired through active experiences.

A few examples of skills that are supported:

- Independence and life skills
- Empathy and understanding
- How to keep safe
- Personal Hygiene
- How to behave respectfully towards others
- How to be a good friend
- Managing Emotions
- Social Skills and Development
- Cooking Skills
Experienced, qualified and friendly staff support residential students in providing guidance and support to achieve.

Although the homes eat separately and you sleep in your own unit, we do a lot of things together. If the weather is nice you may go out for the evening, to the park or for a walk. There is always a football being kicked around, come rain or shine and we have bikes that you can use if you want to. During extreme weather and dark nights activities will sometimes be based in the school gym and staff will plan and work with you in structured activities. We visit the local swimming baths to support with swimming for pleasure.

We have plenty of board games and art materials should you want to stay indoors or if the weather is bad. We sometimes offer cooking sessions getting you to make your own tea and learn about healthy eating and living.

All units have a PC connected to the school's filtered internet and you have access to a games console with a choice of age-appropriate games which you can play on - but not for too long! We do have a lot of fun in residence and the students who stay always look forward to their nights, but we still expect you to follow the school rules and to try to 'be the best you can be'.

We work closely with parents and carers to achieve the best possible outcomes for young people we look after, and with this in mind, residential staff will always keep in close contact with whomever is at home to keep them informed and up-to-date on your progress.

The residential experience adds quality to a student’s life in the aim of improving both emotional stability and academic achievement.
Preparing for the Future

Residential provision is a fun opportunity to gain skills to have the best possible future after you have left school. Each student learns independence skills through their residential experience. These skills prepare you for the next chapter in your life.

At the end of your residential experience you should leave with the skills and confidence to look after yourself and live successfully in your home community. These experiences will prepare you for the adult world and live as independently as possible and be the best you can be.

When you are in residence you come over to the homes straight from school, where you are looked after by the team of Care Staff, on arrival to the homes you will be encouraged to work on your targets, everyone has individual targets, which are discussed and agreed with you.

You will have privacy in your bedroom.

All homes work to the same routine. Breakfast is at 8a.m. after which you will be will be walked over to school. You will go in the dining room for lunch at 1.15 and sit with your residential home to eat your lunch and then come straight over after assembly when school has finished. Tea time is from 5pm to 5.30pm and supper from 7pm to 7.30pm, there are activities in the evening.

Free time and structured activities are available every evening to ensure everyone is playing, building and maintaining positive peer friendships.

You are expected to have either a bath, shower or good wash before bedtime which is at 9pm. When you stay in residence you can telephone home every evening to speak to your parents or carers or they can telephone you. There is a member of staff on sleep-in duty every evening, one in each home, so should you need anything during the night, there will always be somebody there for you.
Accommodation:

There is accommodation in Hunters Hill to offer residential provision for 24 students in Key Stage 3, with a further potential to have extended evenings.

Every student has his own bedroom in one of five different homes. You are encouraged to personalise your rooms.

Each of our five homes has its own lounge, dining area, kitchen, bathroom and toilets. Students stay overnight after school on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Our five homes are called:

- Scott House
- Shackleton House
- Raleigh House
- Frobisher House
- Cropwood House

Joining Us in Residential

If you are interested in becoming a residential student then let us know. Speak with your home staff.
Before you join residency we can have meetings and conversations to discuss why you would like to join and what benefits it may bring to you. Requests for residential provision can come from your parents/carers too, all requests will be considered.