

START OF TERM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF OVERSEAS BOARDERS

As we begin to prepare for a new academic year I am writing to clarify details of the start of term arrangements for our overseas boarders. Our new term will start with registration on the morning of Wednesday 9 September but boarding pupils are expected to arrive at their boarding house on Tuesday 8 September.

Study Visa

All overseas students who require a student visa to study in the UK will be asked to submit a Certificate of Acceptance for Study (CAS) as part of their visa application. These will be issued by the school in early June and forwarded to you to ensure adequate time to make the application. It is important that parents contact the school immediately if any of the information included on the CAS changes, either before or during their child's time with us, as we have a duty to keep the immigration authorities informed of such changes.

Guardians

Boarding pupils whose parents will be residing overseas during term time must have an appointed Educational Guardian, who is resident in the UK and who would be in a position to act for the pupil in case of an emergency. Please note that for students requiring a student visa the guardianship arrangements need to be in place before the CAS can be issued.

Full details of our Guardianship Policy and the forms required to submit details are in the document 'Kimbolton School Policy on Educational Guardianship'.

Airport Transfers

In order to help keep transport costs to a minimum for parents, the school is happy to organise shared taxi/coach transport to Kimbolton for overseas pupils, arriving at Heathrow airport in the early morning on the **day before** the start of each term. A coach will also be available to take pupils back to the airport on the final day of term (arriving at the airport at approximately 5.00pm UK time). By booking flights to allow your child to use this facility your transfer costs are likely to be significantly lower than arranging individual taxis between the airport and school. Please note however that, whilst we only use approved taxi and coach companies for these transfers, pupils will not be met or supervised by Kimbolton School staff until arrival at school.

For new pupils who will arrive unaccompanied in the UK for the first time, a separate arrangement for your child's Educational Guardian to meet them at the airport and travel with them to school will be more appropriate on that particular occasion.

As soon as travel arrangements are finalised please complete and return the Travel Arrangements form, giving details of flights and onward travel requirements, so that we can prepare to meet our students on arrival.

English Language Support

For all overseas students who do not have English as their first language, we will arrange an assessment with our EAL Teacher, during their first few days at Kimbolton. The purpose of this will be to determine their current level of language skills, in order to provide appropriate English lessons or in class support. We will contact you once the assessment is complete with the tutor's recommendations

For pupils joining in the Sixth Form, an extension course, focusing on English for Academic Purposes (EAP), will be provided and is compulsory. This will cover all aspects of academic language and enable pupils to sit their International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination, towards the end of their lower 6th year. Sitting the IELTS exam is necessary for entrance into any British or English speaking University.

We are all very much looking forward to meeting our new boarding pupils in September. Further joining information will be sent in due course, but should you have any further questions regarding boarding then please do not hesitate to contact the housemaster of the appropriate boarding house as follows:

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