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From the Headmaster's Study

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Dear Parents,

Re: Boarding options

I am writing to let you know about some changes to our boarding offer in Junior House and why we remain committed to full boarding in the senior school.

Full boarding from Year 9

In the independent school sector, full boarding has become less common. Boarding schools in general have become increasingly local in terms of their catchment area and more flexible in their boarding offer in response to market demands. We carefully monitor market trends and are confident that there is still a market for full boarding. Indeed, with increasing regularity, we are attracting pupils from other schools where they have found themselves to be one of very few boarders.

Ampleforth is now one of a relatively small number of schools that offer either full boarding or day. We are committed to this from Year 9 onwards because we firmly believe in the benefits of full boarding, the great many additional academic, co-curricular and social opportunities, the depth of the relationships with friends and with staff, and the encouragement of independence, self-reliance, and responsibility that it fosters. Day students benefit from being able to drop off early, leave late, be here at weekends, and to board on ad hoc nights, allowing access to all the opportunities of a full boarding school.

Junior House boarding options

Our Junior House, for pupils in Years 7 and 8, benefits from all the facilities, teaching expertise, and opportunities that the Senior School offers while being run in a way that best suits 11 and 12 year old children. On reflecting about where our offer should perhaps differ, we have decided to introduce a flexible approach to boarding in Junior House, to give younger pupils the opportunity to experience the benefits of boarding life in a more gradual way. In addition to full boarding and day options, families will be able to select either 3 boarding nights of their choice per week, or weekly boarding from Monday to Friday nights inclusive. This will be available from September 2026. Full details are available at the end of this letter.

Exeat Consultation

You will be aware that we ran a parent consultation about whether to add an exeat to the Lent Term. This was in the weekly update over the three weeks before half-term. Unfortunately, we didn't receive many responses and those we did receive were pretty evenly split which makes it hard for us to action. We have decided to re-open the consultation and run it until the end of term. Please read the information provided in the form and let us know your views, noting that if an exeat is to be added, this would not happen until the academic year 2027-2028.

Best wishes,

Jon Mutton

Headmaster

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Junior House boarding options

In addition to full boarding and day options, we will be offering a **3 Night Flexi** offer which enables families to select 3 boarding nights per week. These can be any nights, however, up to 3 nights must be taken each week and cannot be accumulated.

Alternatively, we are offering a **Weekly Boarding** offer from Monday to Friday nights inclusive. These are set nights and cannot be swapped for others.

Fees are as follows:

Boarding Options	Termly Fee (including VAT)
Full boarding	£14,228
Weekly Boarding: 5 nights Monday-Friday	£12,601
3 Night Flexi	£11,411
Day	£9,249
Ad hoc night	£69

More information on the Flexible boarding options [can be found here](#).

Please note that from Year 9 onwards, the options are to board fully or be a day pupil (with the option to book ad hoc overnight stays).

If you would like more information or to discuss changing your child's current status, please speak to Mike Slingsby or Hugh Ainscough.