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Dear Parents,

Re: Boarding

I am writing to let you know about some changes to our boarding offer in Junior House, why we remain committed to full boarding in the Senior School, and to ask for your views on the introduction of an exeat in the Lent Term in the 2027-28 academic year.

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 and there is little going on at weekends.

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 stay on ad hoc nights (for a fee), allowing access to all the opportunities of a full boarding school. The ability for our day students to stay overnight should not be confused for flexi-boarding, which is not a package we offer. Some day students regularly stay one or two nights a week, which works well for everyone.

Junior House boarding options

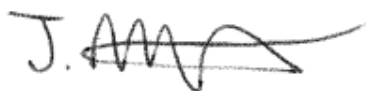
Our Junior House, for pupils in Years 7 and 8, benefits from all the facilities, teaching expertise, and opportunities that the Senior School offers while being run in a way that best suits 11 and 12 year old children. On reflecting about where our offer should perhaps differ, we have decided to introduce 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 can be seen at the end of this letter.

Exeat Consultation

You will be aware that we have two exeats and a ten-day half-term to break up the long Autumn Term (which runs for 14 weeks next academic year). Our exeats start on a Thursday night and finish

on Monday night so that boarders from across the UK and in Europe can get home. Currently, we don't have exeats in the other two terms for a number of reasons. Some parents have been asking for an additional exeat, so we are running a consultation about adding one to the Lent Term in the academic year 2027-2028. If you would like to add your views to the consultation, please read all the information in this [Exeat Consultation Form](#) and submit your response by **Friday 31 July**.

With best wishes



Jon Mutton
Headmaster
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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](#) and details of our school fees [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 contact Hugh Ainscough, Head of Junior House, on haa@ampleforth.org.uk or our Admissions Team on admissions on admissions@ampleforth.org.uk.