

# Welcome to Boarding at Repton Senior School

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*Working in partnership with you  
to achieve the very best for your child.*



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**Preparing for Boarding at Repton  
2022-23**  
**Wednesday 6th July 4.00pm-5.00pm**

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We ask that you please  
remain muted until the  
end where you will have  
the opportunity to  
ask questions.



# Welcome from the Boarding Team



- Mr. Sean McDermott
- Assistant Head:  
Senior School



- Mrs. Rachel Weston-Betts
- Head of Boys'  
Boarding



- Miss. Charlotte Cory
- Head of Girls'  
Boarding

# Aims of this session

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- A brief overview of Repton Boarding
- Key information and points of contact to help you and your child with the transition into next year
- Provide you with updates and expectations
- Opportunity for questions

#### A sense of Independent Living

Boarding school children are often independent & self-reliant. As they have to solve their problems on their own.



#### Becoming Responsible

Children become more responsible when they live far away from their parents & family. They know that only they have to manage their chores.

#### Better focus on Studies with fewer distractions

Many boarding schools have big classrooms with a smaller ratio of students. This works well for the children as each & every child gets equal attention in class.



#### Holistic Development

Students at boarding schools are often exposed to a multitude of activities. This ensures they have full-rounded education: addition to fine arts.



#### Stability

What all we perform every day, become a part of our daily life. Thus, living & studying in boarding schools ensures the stability of students.



#### Relationship

Living with the students of same age group, children tend to establish new relationships with each other. They form a positive & life-long friendship.



#### Pastoral Care

When children live away from their families, they lack family love, which is needed for a child. But in boarding schools too, they get care & love.



#### Opportunity

Boarding schools offer various academic opportunities to the students living & studying under their school campus, providing opportunities to try new things.



#### Diversity

In boarding schools, children from far-flung areas come & gain an education. This enables them to live in unity.



#### New Experiences

Students at boarding schools experience new rewarding things which are also essential for overall development of their personality.



# Boarding Benefits

Students develop a strong sense of personal responsibility, accountability and increased independence compared to day students of the same age. This promotes readiness for University.

Opportunities to evolve sophisticated interpersonal and communication skills as well as important character traits such as patience, humility, compassion, empathy, cooperation etc.

Boarders can avail themselves of additional academic support through boarding staff and a wider network of teaching staff.

Boarders undertake a wide variety of rich and memorable learning experiences including participation in the Dubai Tough Mudder, kayaking and Desert Camps etc.

Boarders are noted for their commitment to school life and boarding, excellent manners and work ethic.



# Principles and Expectations

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## **Boarders' Code of Conduct:**

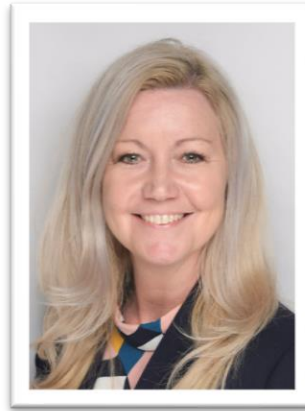
- To be respectful to other boarders and staff in the language and tone that you use as well as through helping others wherever possible.
- To be tolerant of the views of others, appreciating that Repton boarders come from a range of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.
- To take care of the boarding environment and be respectful of the personal spaces of others as well as of their property.
- To observe punctuality at all times - being on time for roll call in smart uniform and back in on time from sign outs.
- To adhere to the latest COVID protocols of mask wearing, social distancing etc. in order to facilitate health and safety.
- To take personal responsibility for the tidiness of bedrooms, tidying up in the kitchen and taking dirty clothing to the laundry.
- To work hard in the day school, have very good attendance and use boarders' prep time wisely to ensure that good academic progress is made.



## Senior Leadership Team



Mrs. Annette Drake  
Deputy Headteacher  
Welfare, Boarding, Inclusion and  
Wellbeing



Mrs. Tracy Crowder-Cloe  
Vice Principal &  
Head of Senior School



Mr. Michael Strachan  
Deputy Headteacher  
Teaching, Learning, Assessment & Outcomes



Mr. Sean McDermott  
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs. Jacqueline Lee  
Assistant Headteacher  
Pastoral



Mr. Greig Barnes  
Assistant Headteacher  
Curriculum, Assessment &  
Reporting



Mr. Andrew Durcan  
Assistant Headteacher  
Teaching and Learning

## Meet the Fry House Team



***Mrs. Rachel Weston-Betts***  
***Head of Boys' Boarding***



***Mr. Joseph Sheahan***



***Mr. Andrew Weglemoed***



***Ms. Zeinab***  
***Nurse in Residence***



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## Meet the Field House Team



***Miss. Charlotte Cory***  
***Head of Girls' Boarding***



***Ms. Robyn Macdonald***  
***Assistant Head of***  
***Girls' Boarding***



***Miss. Caitlin Brown***  
***Boarding Assistant***

***Ms. Zeinab***  
***Nurse in Residence***



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# Boarders' Handbook



## Boarding Handbook



2022/2023

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- Distributed to each family before your child's arrival
- Outlines routines/uniform/policies and procedures/ rewards and sanctions
- FAQ and contact information

# Daily Life in the House

## Weekday Mornings

6:30am All years are woken up by the member of staff on duty.

7:00am Roll call for all year groups: report to reception area dressed and ready for the school day.

***We leave for breakfast when the whole house is present.***

## Weekday After School

3:00 – 4:00pm Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs): Sunday, Monday and Wednesday

4:00pm – 5:00pm Organised boarding activity or free time

5:30pm Roll call for all year groups and head to dining hall to enjoy dinner together.

***N. B. There will be a house meeting each week to discuss the week's activities, weekend trips and any issues for the upcoming week.***

## Weekday Evenings

6:15 – 7:15pm Supervised prep. Older students have the option of studying independently in their rooms or common areas.

7:15 – 7:45pm Quiet time. Students continue studying/prepare school uniforms and equipment/read independently

7:45pm – 8:45/9:00pm Organised boarding activity or free time

9:00pm All years return to house and younger years to hand in electronics

9:15pm Years 7-9 bedtime

9:30pm Years 10-IB2 go to their rooms

Daily life in the boarding houses is a fine balance of consistent routine mixed with new opportunities to learn and enjoy new experiences.

At the weekend, our boarders enjoy a more relaxed approach – some choose to sign out of the house and visit friends or family whilst others make the most of the on-site facilities.

Saturday morning includes an extensive brunch, an in-house afternoon tea and students are permitted to order takeaway of their choice in the evening.

Sundays are a hive of activity as we head out on our weekly trip. This could involve visiting a local heritage site, a waterpark, enjoying kayaking in the mangroves or a healthy dose of competition with a treasure hunt around the famous Dubai souks.

# Pastoral and Academic Guidance

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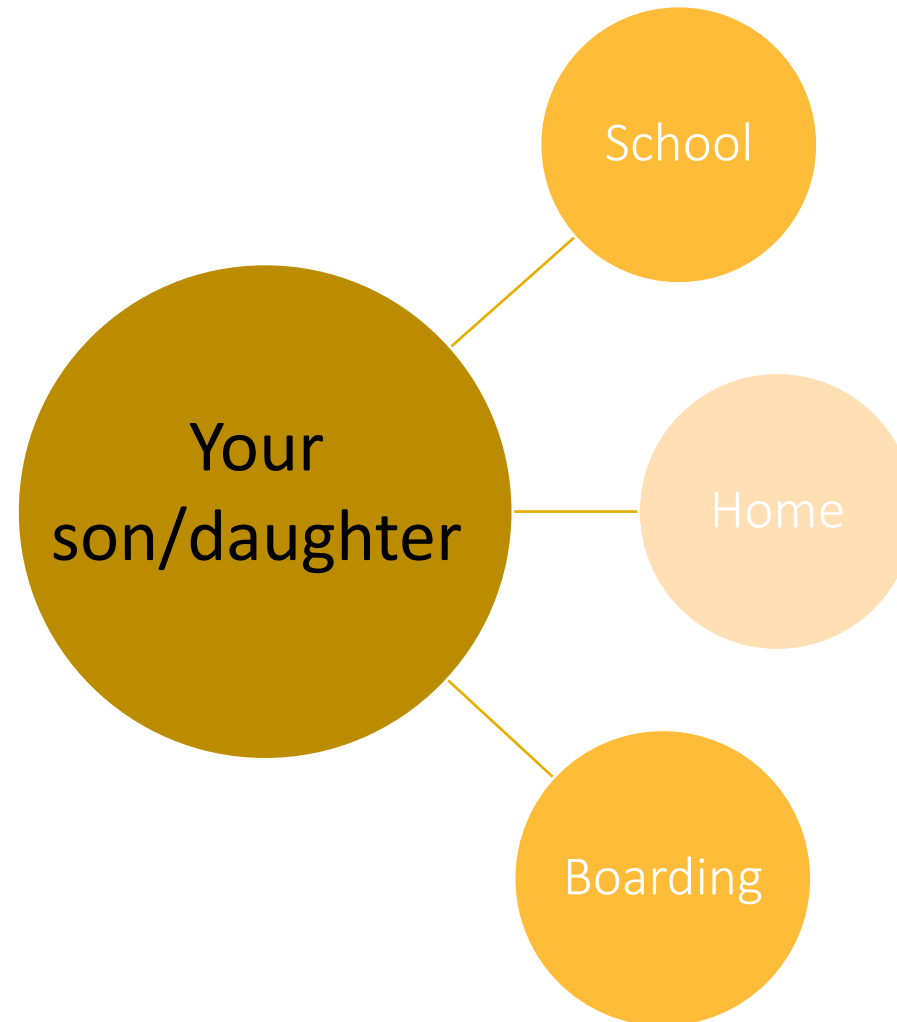
Your son/daughter will receive academic and pastoral support both within school and in boarding

## **Within school:**

- Tutor is the first port of call in school
- Head of Year
- Academic team (mentoring)

## **Within boarding:**

- Direct communication with school
- All Senior School members of staff
- Subject specialities
- Supervised prep session
- Informal reviews





# Trips and Excursions



- ❖ Dubai Rugby 7s
- ❖ Museums
- ❖ Tough Mudder
- ❖ Theme parks
- ❖ Karting
- ❖ Paintballing
- ❖ Waterparks
- ❖ Cinema trips
- ❖ Paddle boarding
- ❖ Indoor skiing
- ❖ Mall trips
- ❖ High ropes
- ❖ Escape Rooms
- ❖ ...and many more





# Devices in House

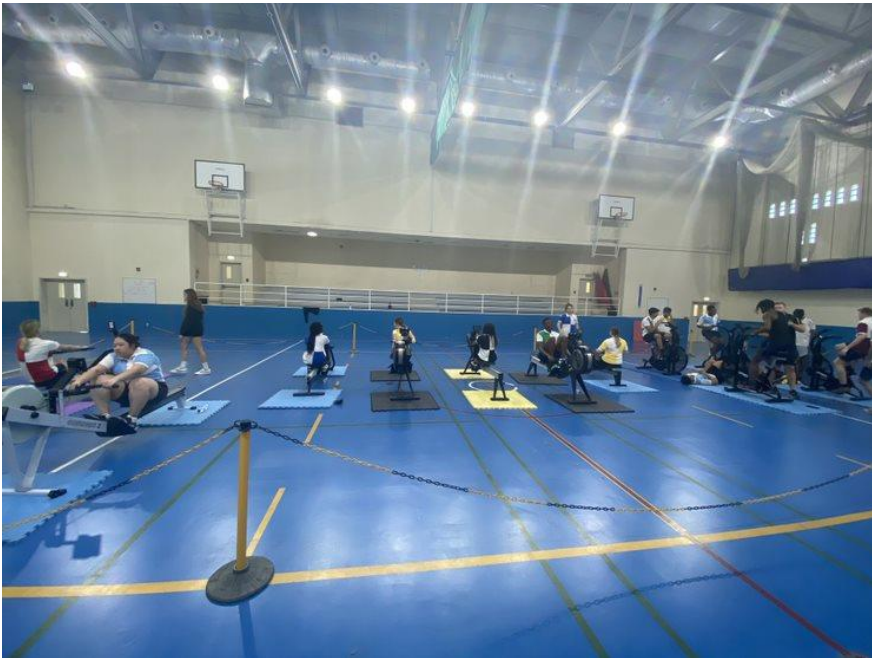
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- We operate a bring your own device scheme at Repton, where students can bring in their own device to use within lessons.
- We use Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Office and Zoom. Any device brought into school should be fully compatible with these pieces of software.
- Phones are not permitted in lessons unless permission is given by the class teacher.
- Within the house, we try to limit the use of devices to encourage social interaction. This is essential for social.emotional literacy and the development of positive relationships.
- All students in Years 7 – 9 are required to hand in all electronic devices overnight.
- In Years 10/11 this routine is at the discretion of the Head of House.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices are a privilege. They can be confiscated from pupils if the student uses them inappropriately.
- No phones are permitted at the dinner table.
- We ask for parental support regarding devices – if you are aware that your son/daughter has a second phone, please let us know.
- The boarding houses have parental controls in place to limit student access to inappropriate sites.

# Social Time

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- Social time is very important!
- Throughout the week there will be a mixture of free time and organised events for your son/daughter to take part in.



Gym Sessions  
Pool tournaments  
Football  
Basketball  
Games nights  
Badminton  
Quiz evenings  
Baking  
Boxing



# COVID Protocols

We are awaiting updates on this. As such we continue to work to the current protocols released by KHDA and the DHA. Including:

- Mask to be worn at all times in school
- Social distancing to be adhered to
- Sanitisation of contact areas throughout the school
- Classrooms and lunch areas adapted to ensure social distancing
- Seating plans in place to allow track and trace

## Vaccinations

Whilst there is no formal requirement for your son/daughter to be fully vaccinated prior to joining boarding, it is strongly recommended due to us living in such close proximity of each other.

# Key dates for the diary

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**New students to Repton School** Induction Day: **Friday 26th August**

Year 7 and Year 12 all day

New students in Years 8-10 from 8.00 - 10.00 am

## **Returning students**

Boarding houses open on **Sunday 28th August** at 12 pm for new students and 4pm for returning students.

School resumes for ALL students on **Monday 29th August.**



# Expectations: Uniform and Equipment

## The Uniform Shop will be open from 15th August

- Repton School shirt
- Repton School skirt for girls and trousers for the boys



- Fry/ Field House tie
- Smart black leather shoes

- **PE uniform:**

- **Boys:**

- Repton white PE top
    - Repton blue PE shorts

- **Girls:**

- Repton white PE top
    - Repton blue PE shorts/loose black tracksuit bottoms
  - Same rules apply with hair and jewellery as they have this year.





# How can you help us?

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- Please complete sign out forms with as much notice as possible – at least 24 hours
- Weekend sign outs to be sent to the relevant Head of Boarding by the Wednesday evening prior to the weekend sign out. All students must be back in boarding at the very latest by 9pm on Sunday evenings.
- No online tutoring during mealtimes or planned activities
- Please ensure that your child is ready with all necessary uniform and equipment for the next academic year
- Please communicate regularly with your child and contact us if there are any issues that we should be made aware of
- When your child arrives in boarding, they must have any medication, along with the prescription, in order for us to administer it
- We are here to help and support. Please do get in touch!

# Key Contacts

- General enquiries: [info@reptondubai.org](mailto:info@reptondubai.org)
- Uniform Shop: [reptonuniforms@ginzaretail.com](mailto:reptonuniforms@ginzaretail.com)
- Catering: [dominic.gruening@ginzarestaurants.com](mailto:dominic.gruening@ginzarestaurants.com)
- Parent Portal: [Portal@reptondubai.org](mailto:Portal@reptondubai.org)
- Admissions: [admissions@reptondubai.org](mailto:admissions@reptondubai.org)



# Questions?

**Miss Cory and Mrs. Weston-Betts**



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