



## Preparing for Boarding

### Essential Items:

- Duvet (inner and cover) and pillow
- Dressing gown
- Pair of slippers or boots
- Nightwear
- Swimming costume
- Towels x3
- Face cloths
- Toilet bag containing personal items
- One dozen coat hangers
- Sewing kit (needles, safety pins, cotton (white, navy, green) spare name tags or laundry pen)
- Coffee mug and plate
- Small padlock for locked drawer (Julius)
- All school uniform items and regulation shoes
- Mufti clothing, including underwear and wet weather gear

### Optional Items:

- Bicycle with lock and helmet
- Items to personalise your room

*\*There is limited space so please pack thoughtfully and remember all personal items need to be taken home at the end of each term\**

### Useful tips and handy hints from other boarders about settling in:

- A basket to put all your toiletries in is useful to keep all your things you will be taking to and from the bathroom together.
- Remember to bring crazy clothes in your house colour for the house competition and 'Big Weekend In'.
- Get involved and join helps of sports or groups. Being busy and occupied helps avoid homesickness.
- Practice making your own bed and learn how to use a washing machine at home before you come.
- Try and get along with everyone because you will be living together for a long time.
- Name all your belongings to keep track of them.
- Use the school laundry often to keep on top of your washing so you don't run out of anything
- A few personal or special things from home, like photos a teddy or blanket, will help when you are missing home.
- Don't be scared to ask questions, even if you think it is silly, someone else might be wondering the same thing.
- Your Boarding Big Sister (buddy system) is there to help and support you.