



I joined Lairthwaite Boarding House in 2015 and 7 years later it's the best decision I could have made for my future. Everyone's new when they first join but it's a very welcoming environment. Boarding gives you opportunities for extracurricular activities (no problems for transport there and back!) and academically having other students with differing ages and strengths around is a big help especially during exam season. After completing my GCSEs at Keswick, I didn't think twice about moving on to 6th form and believe the independence I have gained, whilst still being in a supportive upbeat environment, has helped me thrive enormously in my A level years



My time at Keswick has been thoroughly enjoyable and I'm still amazed by the vast amount of opportunities available to me in my five years at the school. The boarding house is a place where I have been able to enjoy my time away from home, and has become a second family to me. I've been able to enjoy a range of activities on a Saturday afternoon, from Go Karting to skiing at the Chill Factore. Keswick School has also given me the resources to do well in my chosen GCSE's, and to take that success forward into my A-Level studies. I aim to study History at the University of Sheffield or Loughborough University and this is only possible due to the supervised study prep sessions the boarding house provides on a school night. Keswick and boarding are two things that I would thoroughly recommend for students of any age hoping to find a place in which they can further themselves as well as having an appreciable location in which they can enjoy their time outside of school.



My name is Sophie and I have been boarding for almost five years. I joined in year seven in 2018, and I must say joining was a daunting experience, even though my older brother, Tom was already a boarder at Keswick. Boarding was very new to me and something I had never experienced before, but the staff and other boarders around me, who I quickly made friends with, really helped me to settle in. During my time at boarding, I have moved house three times in the course of four years. Boarding has given me stability and I haven't had to worry about changing schools or making new friends. Next year I am going to be taking my GCSEs and boarding has helped me keep focused and I am able to ask other boarders or staff for help with certain topics as most have been in my shoes preparing for an exam. Boarding has a range of activities on the weekends and it gives you the opportunity to do things you would never think of doing. Some things I have enjoyed over the years include; Horse riding, Tree top walking, Judo, Paddle boarding, laser tag and more. I know after leaving boarding I will always remember the people who made my time here special and it will be something I will keep with me for the rest of my life

I joined boarding in year 7, in 2018. Lairthwaite Boarding House has enabled me to gain independence and take care of my responsibilities from a young age. The staff here are gentle and kind and I've never felt the need to hesitate when asking for support. When I first joined, I immediately received a warm welcome from everyone and they made me feel at home. Boarding also has a large range of weekend activities which are highly entertaining and they're also a great chance to make new friends. I am currently in year 10 doing my GCSEs and I'm really looking forward to carrying on my journey in Lairthwaite Boarding House to do my A levels.





I moved from Dubai to join boarding in Year 8 in 2020. One of my favourite things to do is play and watch sports. Being a boarder is great because you have access to all the school sports fields and courts if you would like to play netball, basketball and hockey etc. and the town community club sports are also welcoming where I play club rugby and cricket for Keswick town. My favourite sport is rugby and the boarding house allows me to watch all sports like F1, football, etc. (I am a Newcastle fan!) . All the teachers at Keswick school are nice, as well as the students. I have just chosen my GCSE subjects which proves how happy I am boarding at Keswick as I would have moved before then if I hadn't been. One of my highlights so far has to be free time to enjoy mountain biking. Keswick has it all, from fairly decent jumps on Latrigg fell to the Threlkeld railway line if you want something more relaxed. Lastly, I also enjoy the weekly planned activities, they are always fun packed, especially Blackpool pleasure beach and the outdoor activities in summer. Jake

I'm 12 years old and in Year 8. I'm from Dubai and I have been boarding for nearly two years. I have one brother called Jake and we both like to do a lot of sports. Boarding is an experience you will never want to forget because you make so many good memories and everyone in the boarding house is like your family. The house staff and other boarders are nice to you and there is nothing to be worried about. Josh