



FISHER HOUSE

HANDBOOK

2010 - 2011

HOUSE STAFF

Housemaster: Noah Wood [NJTW]
Housemaster's wife: Rachael Wood
Matron: Tracey Cameron
Deputy Housemaster: David Milsted [DPM] (*Head of Woodwind*)
Tutors: James Bessent [MJB] (*Chemistry*)
Dale Burrow [DAB] (*Classics*)
Ben Evans [BJE] (*Director of Studies and Chemistry*)
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DAILY ROUTINE

MEAL TIMES

Mon –Fri	Breakfast	0745
	Lunch	1315
	Supper	1900
Saturday	Breakfast	0745
	Lunch	1230
	Supper	1900
Sunday	Breakfast	0830
	Lunch	1300
	Supper	1830

MISSING MEALS AND SIGNING OUT

It is the pupil's responsibility to inform the Housemaster if a meal is to be missed. For some events packed lunches will be ordered centrally, but for individual activities the pupil should order a packed lunch via the Kitchen, giving at least 24 hours notice whenever possible.

A signing out sheet will be available at supper for any boy who will be out of the house for an activity after supper. The Duty Tutor must be informed if anyone wishes to leave the house later in the evening (NB there is no house visiting after prep).

BEDTIMES

Sun – Fri	Third Form	In Bedsit by 9.45pm, lights out at 10.15pm
	Fourth Form	In Bedsit by 10.00pm, lights out at 10.30pm
	Fifth Form	In Bedsit by 10.15pm, lights out at 10.45pm
	<i>Time before lights out should be spent reading!</i>	
	Lower Sixth	In Bedsit by 10.30pm
	Upper Sixth	In Block or Senior TV Room by 10.30pm
Saturday	Third Form	In Bedsit by 10.00pm, lights out at 10.30pm
	Fourth Form	In Bedsit by 10.15pm, lights out at 10.45pm
	Fifth Form	In Bedsit by 10.30pm, lights out at 11.00pm
	Lower Sixth	In Block by 10.45pm
	Upper Sixth	In Block or Senior TV Room by 10.45pm

HOUSE BUSINESS

The Housemaster will be available straight after lunch in his front study most days to hand out chits – for the Bookshop, School Shop, Sports Shop, Trains, Taxis, Haircuts etc. and answer any queries, give advice etc. Chits can also be obtained for certain items from Matron at Surgery times.

NOTICES

Pupils must be alert to the numerous important notices circulating each day. Main notices are read out after lunch but notice boards must also be looked at regularly.

HOUSE BANK

This is run by the Deputy Housemaster in the Music Room straight after lunch usually on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SURGERY

Matron runs a surgery after breakfast, lunch and supper. See notices for San surgery times.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SANCTIONS

Fisher is not a prison, however tutors and prefects will impose a fair and consistent set of sanctions on miscreants for offences such as misbehaviour / moving around during prep, poor punctuality, unacceptable untidiness etc. A time penalty (usually 15 minutes) will be noted in the book in the front study for each offence during the week and a just punishment for the benefit of the house will be imposed on the individual for the appropriate length of time, usually on a Sunday evening before bedtime.

BALL GAMES

For obvious reasons these are not to be played in the House or against the back of the House. Please go onto 2 Acre or the fields. Table Football, Pool and Table Tennis are provided for your enjoyment.

BICYCLES

These are not recommended but may be brought to school with the Housemaster's permission and in special circumstances and if the appropriate registration and safety precautions are undertaken.

BREAKAGES

Inevitably, in a boys' boarding house, there are going to be accidents and items will get damaged or broken. Please ensure that you let the Housemaster, Matron or the Tutor on Duty know at once so that they can arrange for repairs to be undertaken. Sadly boys will be charged for the damage caused.

CLOTHING

Space is obviously somewhat limited so please do not return with all your fashion statements! Clothes must be labelled and suitable to be washed in the school laundry and tumble dried.

COMPLAINTS / COUNSELLING

You can see NJTW, DPM, Matron or the Head of House as you see fit. Beyond these, your personal tutor is always available for advice and the Chaplains and a professional counsellor if necessary (contact details in the school Blue Book and on the intranet). We also have a weekly visit from an Independent Listener.

COMPUTERS / ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT / PHONES / VALUABLES

We do not live in a totally secure environment although we stress and monitor security as much as possible. Please limit the expensive equipment brought to Fisher, note serial numbers and take out the appropriate insurance policies just in case. Mobile phones are particularly vulnerable. Each boy has a lockable area for valuables.

USE OF COMPUTERS

Computers are a great asset to the modern student but must not be abused. They must be used only for academic purposes during prep. School rules must be followed regarding use of the Internet. The watching of DVDs will be closely monitored and must not occur after bedtime. Misuse of laptops and computers will sadly result in temporary confiscation.

DOORS

All entry doors to the House have a docket system. Each boy is given a docket at the start of the year that they should carry at all times to gain entry to the House. If lost, a new docket can be ordered at a charge of £10 per docket.

EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency see NJTW, Matron, Crosby Hsm or Matron immediately. Medical emergencies should go to the San.

ENVIRONMENT

Please think about others and general wastefulness. Unused lights, stereos and computers should be switched off and there is now a recycling system in the house. Put litter in bins, recycling in recycling!

FOOD

As with clothing, the amount brought to school should be limited. We have no freezers in the kitchens so please no frozen food.

FIRE ALARMS

If the Fire Alarm goes off, it is essential that you make your way immediately to the assembly points at the Front of the House (Years 3 – 4) and on the grass outside the Swimming Pool (5th & 6th form). There will be fire drills each Quarter that will act as a practice. You must wear something on your feet and have a dressing gown or jacket with you to keep warm. You must not re-enter the building until you are told that it is safe so to do.

GAMES AND CCF KIT

Lockers are available in the changing rooms to store all such kit and this is where it should be kept. Juniors are not meant to keep such items in their bedsits.

GIRLS VISITING

Girls must sign in BEFORE visiting a boy in the house and are restricted to the ground floor of the house and the hours agreed in the school rules.

HAIR

It is a school rule that sensible haircuts are worn and that hair remains its natural colour. We have an arrangement with the local hairdresser to rectify problems!

HOUSE BAR

This is run by two Lower Sixth boys each Quarter and supplies sweets, snacks and soft drinks etc. Boys may put the cost of this on end of Quarter bills if agreed by parents. The House Bar is located opposite the Senior TV Room.

ILLNESS

If a boy feels unable to attend lessons he MUST see Matron BEFORE lessons. She will judge and treat his condition and post him as absent on the school intranet.

LAUNDRY

Please ensure that all your dirty clothes are put out in good time to go to the Laundry. Clothes should be put in the labelled baskets and bins by Friday and only sports items put out on Sundays. The Laundry goes on a Monday morning and should be returned to you by Tuesday lunchtime. See Clothing.

NEWSPAPERS

Boys may receive a quality daily newspaper. These are ordered at the start of Quarter and the cost of these can be shared in dorms if preferred.

POST

Incoming mail will be put in the lettered pigeon holes in the Junior Common Room. Pupils are NOT to sort through the mail when it is first delivered to the front hall.

POSTERS

These should be attached to pinboards. Walls, skirting boards etc should not be damaged with pins etc. Posters will be allowed only at the Housemaster's, and Matron's, discretion!

TELEPHONES

Apart from those in the Upper Sixth, pupils must not use the telephone – either House or Mobile – during prep-time or after bedtime. Third Formers are not allowed mobile phones until the first exeat. The use of mobiles must be restricted according to the school rules.

TV VIEWING

For Juniors (years 3 – 5) TV is normally watched in the week ONLY between the end of prep and bedtime (ie not before 9pm) unless it is a special event (like a World Cup!). At weekends there may be a little more latitude at the Housemaster's discretion. Lower Sixth can watch as above plus 5.30-6.55pm Monday – Friday. Upper Sixth must not watch TV after 11.30pm Sunday - Friday. The Housemaster reserves the right to ban individuals from the TV if work is suffering.

TIDINESS

There will be dorm/bedsit inspections by the Duty Tutor and Prefect at bedtime and all rooms should be in a tidy state by lights out.

TUTORS

Your Tutor will be around on Monday lunchtimes, on his duty night and some other occasions. Talk to him! Besides formal tutorials, much of value is gained by discussing things on an informal basis.

WEEKEND LEAVE

Parents are very welcome to take boys out on a Saturday evening or Sunday after Chapel as long as prep commitments have been met and permission has been sought from the Housemaster. Occasionally, especially in Sixth Form, a weekend out (from Saturday after sport to Sunday evening) may be granted for a special occasion.