



**D'OVERBROECK'S
OXFORD**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Welcome to Islip House

2026-2027

WELCOME TO ISLIP HOUSE

Welcome to your new term-time home! On behalf of the whole Islip boarding team, we cannot wait to meet you and we hope that you will be very happy here. I am your Head of House and I am joined by Jayme, Ruby, and Rose, who all live in the house, and Rhoda who is on duty during the day. Jayme, our full-time boarding assistant, is an Egyptologist and linguist. Ruby is also part of the PE department, and Rose also teaches Classics at d'Overbroeck's. Rhoda is our day matron, she gives very good hugs and excellent advice!

There will be many new experiences come September; for some, it could be learning how to best load the dishwasher, for others, the increased responsibility in organising your own time. For many, it will be the first time you have shared a room, all our rooms are for two people, and we try to pair you with someone who has a shared interest. You will board in Islip for your first year at sixth form. It is, literally, a 15-second walk to the main school site (called 333) and the dining hall.

Living in a community has fantastic benefits. There is always someone around to play table tennis or get stuck into the latest Netflix series with. It also comes with its challenges; waiting to use the washing machine, being mindful of others' needs, and being patient and understanding. We have planned lots of activities in Week 1 for you to meet your new housemates and become familiar with house routines and expectations.

Our common room is where we hang out together. Students in Islip come from many different countries; the language of the common room is always to be English so that no one is excluded, including staff! This is also good practice for your IELTS exams.

There is a British proverb: "A problem shared, is a problem halved". Your happiness and wellbeing are very important to us. We are always here for a serious chat, ready to listen if you need to rant or just share a piece of news ("I have just found the best nail bar!" "I finally gained an A for my Sociology essay!"). We are here to help you through illness, arguments with friends, a blister on your heel, writing your first CV, and to watch you star in the school production. Whatever the occasion, there is always someone around to support you.

There will also be parties! I love to cook for Halloween, Christmas and other cultural celebrations, weekend treats and birthday cakes. As an A Level Biology teacher, I'm also available when you get stuck with your homework!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Rebecca

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Emergencies

In an emergency, you should call the boarding house telephone or mobile number. If you can't make contact on either of these numbers and you have an emergency situation out of school hours, and you need to speak to a senior member of staff, you can call the **boarding emergency number - 07990 076248**.

Daily routine

We take the responsibility of looking after our boarders very seriously and your safety is always our primary concern. This is why daily routines and making sure we know that you are safe is really important.

Lessons at d'Overbroeck's start at 8.35am. Students are expected to get themselves up in the mornings with plenty of time to arrive punctually.

Monday – Friday mornings

Students are expected to leave the boarding house no later than 8.15am. Students should therefore register with boarding house staff between 7.45 - 8.15am and then make their way to school.

Please be aware that if you are late for registration, you will incur sanctions.

In order to allow for cleaning and daily maintenance work, we ask that once you have left the house in the morning, you do not return before 12pm.

If you want to return to the House after 12pm, you are welcome to do so. Please remember to sign in on arrival and sign out again when you leave.

Monday –Friday meals

All served in the dining hall at 333:

Breakfast 8am - 8.30am

Dinner 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Study sessions

Another house registration is held in the boarding house between 6.45-7pm, Monday – Thursday. Study sessions take place after evening registration Monday – Thursday in student bedrooms or communal areas with permission with staff. All students are expected to attend study sessions. There is no study session on Friday.

You must have authorisation to miss a study session and this should be for a legitimate reason (such as a school activity or club).

The House staff will carry out random room checks every night during this time to ensure that you are studying effectively.

House meetings

We hold regular House meetings to share important information, discuss upcoming events, and celebrate birthdays. House meetings usually take place twice each week at 7pm, and the days on which they are held will be communicated to students at the start of term. These

meetings will normally take place on the same days each week, and attendance is expected unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with House staff.

Friday evening registration

Students must register with house staff on a Friday between 5-7pm. We must see you face to face.

House duties

There is a list of house duties to do each evening (Monday – Sunday). You will take turns to do the duties on a rota basis and they are completed just before bedtime. If you are on house duties, you need to start them at 9.45pm when the common rooms and kitchens close for the day. More information is available in the Sixth Form Boarding Handbook.

Curfew

Quiet time in the House is between 7pm and 9pm from Monday to Thursday to support students who wish to continue studying after the compulsory study session ends at 8.30pm. During this time, students are expected to keep noise to a minimum and be mindful of others who are working. If you would like some fresh air or a short walk after study time, you may sign out between 8.30pm and 9.15pm.

All students must be signed back into the House by 9.15pm from Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays and Saturdays, curfew is slightly extended and students must be signed back into the House by 10pm. However, if you have been away on a day trip or an overnight stay, you must return and sign back into the House by 9pm, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with House staff. Year 13 students are permitted an extended curfew on Friday and Saturday evenings and may return to the House by 10.30pm. On their return, they must sign in immediately and go straight to their rooms.

You must be in your own room by 10pm from Sunday to Thursday and by 10.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays. House staff will carry out registration at these times to ensure that everyone is safely in the House and to say goodnight.

Key curfew and registration times

Monday to Thursday

- Quiet time: **7pm - 9pm**
- Compulsory study: **7pm - 8.30pm**
- Optional extended study: **8.30pm - 9pm**
- Sign out: **8.30pm - 9.15pm**

Curfew (back in House)

- **Sunday to Thursday:** 9.15pm
- **Friday and Saturday:** 10pm
- **Returning from a day trip or overnight stay:** 9pm (unless otherwise agreed with House staff)

Registration and in-room times

- **Sunday to Thursday:** in your room by 10pm for registration
- **Friday and Saturday:** in your room by 10.30pm for registration

House staff will complete registration at these times to ensure all students are safely in the House and to wish everyone goodnight.

Saturday and Sunday morning registration: 11am – 1pm.

If you have an early morning commitment such as an appointment prior to morning registration, arrangements must be agreed in advance with House staff, and you must sign out with a member of staff in person before leaving the boarding house. Students can leave the house from 8am at the weekends with prior approval, and must return to the house to register in person by 1pm. We must see you face to face.

Weekend meals

All served in the dining hall at 333:

Brunch – 11.00am - 11.30am

Dinner – 5.15pm - 5.45pm

You can sign in and out of the house on the weekends as you please.

Saturday and Sunday evening registration is between 5pm – 7pm. We must see you face to face.

Please be aware that if you are late for any registrations, you will incur sanctions

For your safety you must sign out every time you leave the house and sign in again on your return. You will be given the house duty telephone number - please make sure you have this with you at all times in case of any emergencies.

General information

Arriving at Islip

Unfortunately, we do not have any parking available at the house for visitors or drop-offs. Islip is located in a residential area where parking is restricted to permit holders. There are a limited number of unrestricted parking spaces on Hernes Road and Summerhill Road. Students must not bring a car to Oxford while staying in one of our boarding houses.

On arrivals day, Sunday 6 September, parents will be able to park in the main school staff car park opposite the house while unloading luggage and helping their child settle in. We kindly ask that vehicles are moved promptly once unloading has been completed to ensure parking spaces remain available for other families.

Door access and Salto cards

A key card system is used giving access rights tailored to each student. Students will be given a key or card which accesses their boarding house, their bedroom, and school, so it is very important that you do not leave it behind or lose it. These should never be lent to anyone and if lost, students should tell their Head of House as soon as possible, and will be charged £10 for each replacement. Cards should be returned to the Head of House before leaving the boarding house for half terms and holidays.

Oxford and the local area

Getting to school

At Islip, we are lucky enough to live just across the road from school, this makes getting to and from school very easy!

Getting around

There is a good bus service to get you to the city centre and a bus stop right outside the house.

We also recommend walking, Oxford is a beautiful city, so make the most of it and get some fresh air!

There are also a number of taxi companies. We recommend **001 Taxis**, who you can contact on 01865 240000. Should you have any further questions or queries, feel free to speak to a staff member.

Safety outside the boarding house

Oxford is generally a safe and welcoming city, and its compact size makes it easy for new students to find their way around and become familiar with their surroundings. If you have a

bicycle, there are dedicated cycle lanes on many of the city's busy roads to help keep cyclists safe. Always remember to wear a helmet and follow local road safety rules when cycling.

Whether you are travelling on foot, by bicycle, or by bus, it is important to be aware of your personal safety at all times. We encourage students to travel with friends whenever possible and, if you are out after dark, to stick to well-lit main roads and populated areas.

Islip House is conveniently located with easy access to both Summertown and Oxford city centre, giving students the opportunity to enjoy everything the local area has to offer. Whether you are visiting shops, cafés, libraries, or meeting friends, please make sensible decisions about your travel plans and let staff know if you need any advice.

If you ever feel uncomfortable, unsafe, or worried about anything, please speak to a member of the Islip House team as soon as possible. Your safety and wellbeing are our highest priorities. If you have any concerns while you are out, you can contact the boarding house at any time for advice and support. If something happens that worries you, please call the boarding house immediately or let us know as soon as you return.

If at any time you feel that you are in immediate danger, please call 999 and ask for the police.

We want all students to feel comfortable talking to us. No concern is too small, and our team is always here to listen, support, and help. We encourage you to get in touch whenever you need us, whether it is for practical help, reassurance, or simply someone to talk to. Our aim is to ensure that every student feels safe, supported, and cared for throughout their time at Islip House.