



# BOARDING AT ROCKPORT SCHOOL





## A VIEW WORTH SEEING

A young woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing glasses and a green school uniform, is seen from the side, looking out a large window. The window offers a view of a green landscape with a body of water in the distance. The room has dark green plaid curtains on either side of the window.

Our refurbished Boarding accommodation has been welcomed and applauded by students, staff and parents. We recently reconfigured Boarding in order to improve the layout, facilitate improved functionality and more effectively use the space available. Our stunning location, on the edge of Belfast Lough, with unrestricted views across the water, means that the majority of our rooms benefit from a fantastic sea-view.



# THE RIGHT FIT FOR EVERYONE

We have enhanced our accommodation, offering a range of room types (from 6 bedded rooms, to twin rooms, to single rooms). Newly-created common rooms have been a welcome addition to the area and the refurbishment of our top floor has significantly increased overall capacity.




# WHERE MODERN MEETS TRADITIONAL



Our boarding furniture has been replaced and updated with modern modular, dorm-style bunks or storage beds with study space and lockable cupboards for students. With our Boarders representing over 10 different nationalities, there is a truly international feel in Boarding, which is reflected throughout the school, where we have close to 20 overall nationalities.




## A HOLISTIC APPROACH

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a bright pink long-sleeved shirt and white trousers, stands in a kitchen area. She is smiling and looking towards a group of students. In the foreground, a young woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a green school blazer, is seated at a light-colored wooden table, holding a white mug. To her left, a young boy in a green school blazer is also seated at the table, looking towards the woman. In the background, another student is partially visible. The kitchen features a white refrigerator, a wooden countertop with various items like a toaster and jars, and a framed picture of a street scene on the wall. A window with plaid curtains is visible on the right side of the frame.

The Boarding team, consisting of the Boarding Manager, House Parents and House Staff, work tirelessly to provide wraparound care for the students, ensuring that, not only are their academic needs met “downstairs” in school, but also that their social and emotional welfare is always considered.

## THE PUPIL'S VOICE



The Boarding Committee, a representative team of Boarders nominated and elected by the Boarding Students, meets regularly to discuss plans and suggestions and provides effective feedback, which helps staff plan boarding events tailored to cater for individual needs. The Boarding Committee also plays a vital role in helping tailor the entertainment programme provided for students at the weekends and on “treat” night, as well as reviewing catering arrangements.



## WE LOVE ROCKPORT...



### JESSE (NIGERIA):

“ *My room has bunk beds with a desk for me to study which I really like. Boarding has allowed me to make friends with people from different parts of the world.*

*I love Rockport because the people are really nice and I'm never bored!* ”

### “ RUBY (HONG KONG):

*You can spend more than just school time with your friends. In Boarding you have time to catch up outside lessons too. You are also more comfortable mixing with people who are not in your year group.*



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## WE KNOW YOU WILL TOO

### JUNG-HUN (S. KOREA):

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*You get to stay with your friends. You can ask the staff if you have any worries or questions. I have enjoyed all our trips and would say to someone who's thinking of boarding Definitely do it!*

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### JACK (IRELAND):

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*The best thing about Boarding is the people. There are lots of different nationalities and everyone is very friendly. I also get to play lots of golf!*

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## TRUST OUR EXPERTISE



Boarding has always been central to Rockport's ethos of developing the 'whole child', and our provision for Boarders has been designed to reflect this.

Our Boarders are happy, content and develop a sense of independence during their time with us.

We have a dedicated in-house visa specialist taking care of the often complex requirements, including Tier 4. At Rockport, we truly put the child at the centre of all we do. We have also fostered strong links with guardianship services who can assist families during vacation periods.

“ *As the first Chinese Rockport Boarder from Hong Kong back in the early 90's, Rockport has always been my favourite school. Under the care of my Guardian and my Boarding family, I knew I was very much loved.*

*My first taste of snow is an especially fond memory and in the future I would love my children to study and experience all the goodness Rockport has to offer.*

-Chris Leung, currently of Auckland, New Zealand

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# ROCKPORT LOCATION





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