

FREWEN SENIOR SCHOOL: A PARENT'S VIEW

"My daughter and I were recommended to Frewen by an experienced educational psychologist but we chose to do our own research... first in the good schools guide, online and then in person. I was impressed by the confidence of the "buddy" who whisked her away during her trial run. That buddy remains one of her closest friends more than three years on despite moving to France.

After her trial my daughter was clear Frewen College was the right place for her despite being nervous about moving from her London home to become the youngest weekly boarder. I was worried about her being away from home with teen influences. Neither of us needed to be worried at all. Boarding has been a learning curve for both parent and child and one I think we have both gained greatly from. The care is unquestionable so much so that I take safeguarding for granted and can focus on the "extras" that would enhance my daughter's social and academic life. Boarding has afforded my daughter with the confidence to hold her own with her peers and adults - she frequently presents proposals/ideas to teachers including the Principal! However, it is not just boarding staff that have helped to develop my daughter with me; it is all the committed and qualified staff including teaching, therapeutic, catering, leadership and support teams.

My daughter (who was too scared to speak about academic results yet alone her future) now wants to take GSCE's that may lead to a career in architecture, law or politics - don't hold it against her! She regularly performs flute exam pieces, speaks or performs to large audiences with confidence that makes me know the school has a formula that works. Attending the Christmas concerts always reinforces this, as all students of all ages and abilities amaze a packed church where we have struggled to get standing room! The students also should be credited, as they are the best testament to the school, since they care for and look out for each other in a way we have not experienced before.

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