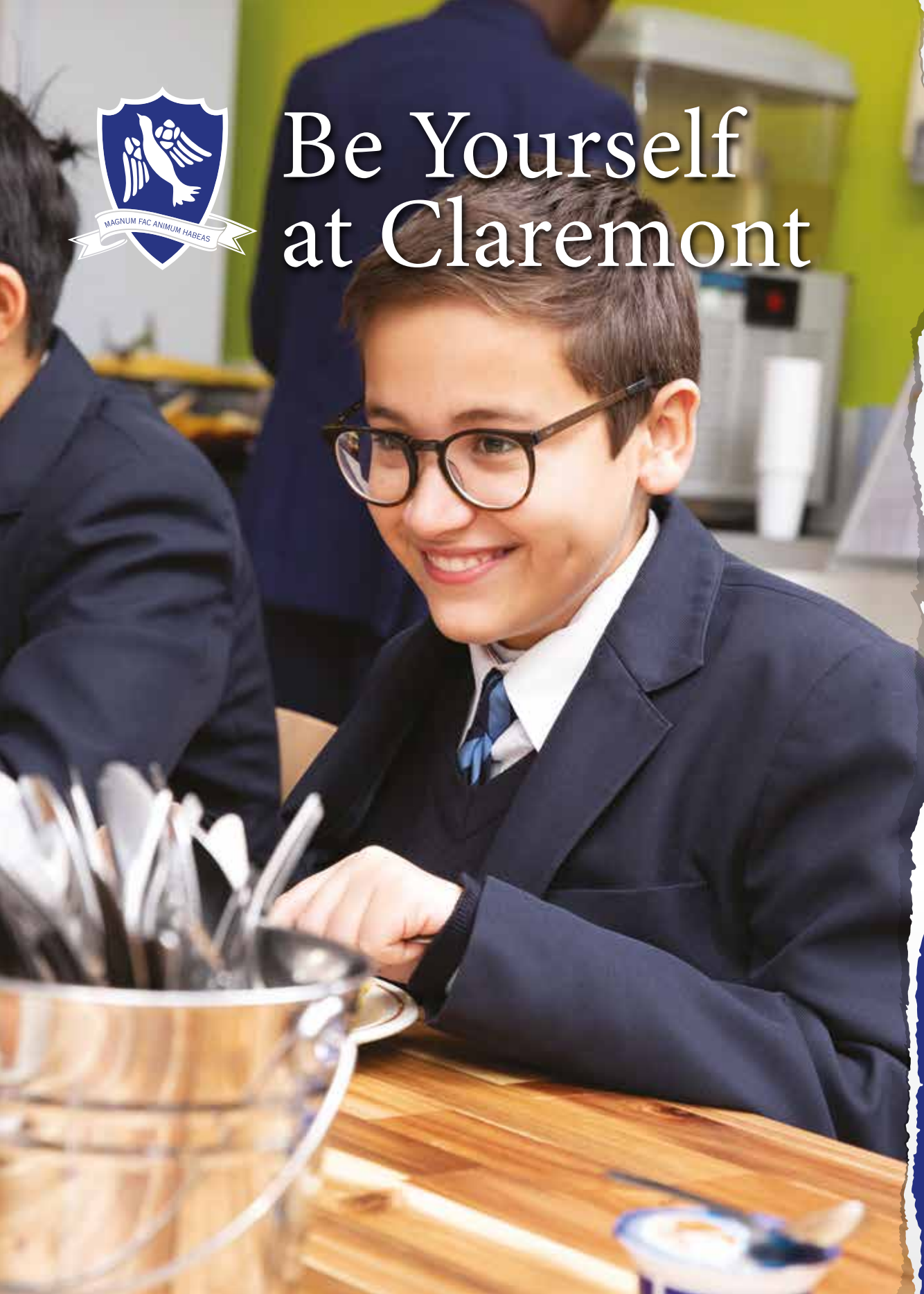




# Be Yourself at Claremont



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## WELCOME TO Claremont Boarding



Boarding at Claremont gives students the opportunity to join a close-knit international and British community within a caring and homely environment where everyone is valued and supported by an attentive and experienced staff team. Whether students board to further develop their English skills, to become more independent, to access a British university or

simply to enjoy the conviviality of our setting, their experience at Claremont is always enriching. Our ultimate aim is to enable our boarders to achieve their full potential in all areas of life: academically, creatively and personally.

*F. Armstrong*

FRANCOISE ARMSTRONG  
Director of Boarding

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The head of care is a whirlwind of energy, passionate and available for students and staff. She stays in regular contact with parents, who describe the relationship as brilliant.

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# Pyke House

Our two boarding houses, each with its own distinctive atmosphere, allow us to meet the individual needs of every student, while offering high standards of care and professionalism.

Pyke House is our dedicated Girls' house. It offers a safe and cosy home to our female boarders from the age of 11 to 18, within the lovely little town of Battle where they can enjoy peaceful rural landscapes and a vibrant high street with cafes and boutiques. The London train line is within walking distance for the older girls. Pyke House also welcomes younger boys up to the age of 13 in a separate wing of the house. Junior boarders have access to their own common room where they can relax and do their homework under the careful monitoring of members of the Pyke team. The high ratio of resident Boarding staff creates a genuine home-away-from-home environment and ensures an exceptional level of care.



## Pyke House

Upper Lake, Battle, East Sussex  
TN33 0AN



# Clyde House

Located on the outskirts of the seaside town of Hastings, and in close proximity to the Prep School with its extensive playing fields and sports facilities, Clyde House offers a familiar family-style environment for our senior boys from the age of 14 to 18. This spacious house with modern rooms and a home gym offers a more mature atmosphere that allows our boys to grow towards independence under the watchful eye of a caring and supportive team.

Both Houses are just a few minutes drive from the Prep and Senior School and combine traditional English settings with modern facilities and home comforts.

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I recommend boarding because it is fun, you are in a house with your closest friends and great staff. I have made friends for life.

YEAR 13 BOARDER

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## Clyde House

258 Sedlescombe Road North,  
St Leonards, East Sussex TN37 7JL





# Home from Home

At Claremont, we understand that happy students are more productive students and this is why we are extremely proud of our two safe and supportive boarding houses, both of which provide a genuine home-away-from-home and a familiar family-style environment.

Claremont School boarders range between the ages of 11 and 18 and come from both the local area and many nations around the world. They reside in either of our two welcoming and very comfortable boarding houses. Pyke House is located in the historic town of Battle, and Clyde House is on the outskirts of Hastings, a famous south coast seaside town. Both are just a few minutes drive from the Prep and Senior School and combine traditional English settings with modern facilities and home comforts.

There is a very high ratio of resident staff in each house and they form strong, supportive relationships with the students. As a school Claremont takes the issues around online safety very seriously, with filtered WiFi and restrictions on the use of personal devices, especially at night.



“Students live in an environment that is maintained to a high standard. It is warm, welcoming and cosy and feels like home.”  
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The staff are incredibly helpful and if you need something they will solve it instantly and try to help you as much as possible.

BOARDER

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# Wellbeing

Our boarding staff work hard to deliver outstanding welfare provision for each student. Peer companionship, coupled with a busy life inside and outside the classroom, and easy contact with parents, helps boarders settle in quickly. Taking advantage of everything that the boarding experience has to offer helps to stave off any feelings of homesickness too.

A designated 'Health Lead' is assigned to each house to coordinate medical appointments, liaise with the highly qualified School Nurse, and manage and safely store medication. We have a doctor's surgery nearby and appointments can be made at no extra cost. Parents are always informed of medical issues, treatments and outcomes.







# Mealtimes

All food is freshly prepared on the premises and students enjoy breakfast and dinner in the boarding house, with lunch at school. At weekends all meals are provided in the house, with packed lunches for days out. The menu operates on a 3-weekly cycle and is carefully designed to provide a healthy, balanced diet.

Students are also able to prepare themselves snacks outside of mealtimes in fully equipped house kitchenettes.

We are a nut-free school and can cater for most dietary requirements, which parents can advise us about during the application process.

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The food is very good and it is a balanced diet, I like that there are two options of food in case you don't like one. If you are hungry, cereals, toasts, yoghurts, juice, milk are always available.

SPANISH BOARDER

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# After School



Opening young eyes to new experiences and challenges is a particular area of strength at Claremont. Our extensive and varied Clubs programme is designed to develop free-thinking and skills-based learning that inspires leadership, creativity, team spirit, community-mindedness and academic excellence, such as:

- Eco Club
- Music Production
- Maths Challenge
- Sports Leaders
- British Sign Language
- Space Society
- Chess
- Academic Support
- Homework Club

Looking further afield, one of the many benefits of being part of a global education group is the scope for connecting and collaborating with students from all around the world. The ISP 'Buddy programme', annual Film Festival, Leaders' Conference and Model United Nations programmes are among some of the most popular on the programme.



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As well as making friends and learning about other cultures, they enjoy a wide range of meaningful and stimulating activities, such as mountain climbing and cycling...

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# Study



Claremont School is possibly unique in having a Director of Boarding who is also Assistant Head (International) within the school, a position that allows the school to tailor international students' timetables according to their more complex requirements. A student's motivation, longer term goals and preparation for the eventual return to their home educational system are all factors that are also taken into consideration.

Through the detailed pre-registration interview and study of current school reports we gather a lot of information about our international students prior to arrival. However, we remain flexible and will monitor progress constantly and adapt educational packages accordingly.

Tutors from the school visit the boarding houses regularly to help with homework and maintain the link with the school's programmes, further enhancing the support already offered by the Houseparents.

We aim to have the students well-rested and prepared for the working day and teach them how to organise themselves effectively so that homework is handed in on time and the right sports kit is in their bag.

At school we cater for a wide range of interests through our Co-Curricular programme, as well as being able to offer coaching in more elite level pursuits such as through our highly renowned Football Academy and Award winning performing arts department.



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Education and boarding staff work effectively together to ensure that each student has the right level of support. Consequently, students excel in their learning.

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# Weekends

At Claremont we consider boarding life to be an important part of the whole educational experience. Our boarding houses remain open throughout the school term and really come into their own on weekends when we offer a wide range of activities and trips according to age and boarders' preferences. The events are always staffed appropriately with written risk assessments to ensure student safety. They cater for all interests with cultural trips to London, paint-balling, cycling in a nearby forest or visits to the local planetarium, amongst others.

Boarders are also able to visit local towns such as Battle or Hastings where they can get a haircut, purchase a few snacks, shop for clothes and generally be part of their local community. Parents are involved in deciding the level of freedom they wish to allow their child to enjoy by completing a yearly permission form. Exeats for boarders to visit their guardian or see family members can, of course, be arranged.



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It's a once in a lifetime experience where we grow, mature and develop into a better version of ourselves. Activities inside the boarding house help build strong bonds between us. Without question, the best part is making new friends with people from all over the world and learning about their language, customs and culture.

CHINESE STUDENT

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# Independence

An important element of the boarding experience at Claremont is to develop and promote independence and an appreciation of the importance of self discipline and having responsibility for one's actions. As a school we prefer rewards over sanctions, but of course there are rules that need to be followed and these are published and understood by all.

Our ultimate goal is to see students leave Claremont School ready to face the world and its ever-changing challenges. So, as students advance through the school, and where there is clear evidence of a developing maturity, they are afforded greater freedoms and some house rules can be relaxed.

In boarding as in school, students develop leadership skills, with Year 12 Prefects helping to organise and manage trips and events, as well as act as spokespeople for their peers.

'Voice' meetings are regular opportunities for all students to air their views and share their ideas, regardless of age, and to discuss or negotiate on matters that are important to them.



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Residential students make excellent progress, not only in their academic achievements but in, for example, improved confidence and social skills.

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Staff go to great lengths to support students to reach their first-choice destination when they leave the school.

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## University Preparation

For many young people, swapping the structure of a school Sixth Form (Years 12 & 13) for the almost limitless freedoms of university life is one of the biggest challenges they will ever face. Our job as they approach this milestone is to ensure they are as prepared as they possibly can be.

In the senior boarding house, single, en-suite rooms are offered exclusively to our Year 12 and 13 students, in a layout similar to that of a typical university hall of residence. Our Sixth Form boarders also have their own common room, kitchen and laundry room. We still offer the laundry service but like to encourage students to at least have a go!

Unlike the younger students, the Sixth Form boarders are permitted to keep their electronic devices with them overnight, although we will still carefully monitor internet activity to guard against misuse and keep our students safe.

With the agreement of parents, boarders who are on track with their academic work and have demonstrated they can be trusted are permitted to travel further afield unaccompanied. With London just 90 minutes away by direct train that's a real incentive to work hard!

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The approach to e-safety is phenomenal. All staff and students are engaged in the process and contribute to the culture of continual learning.

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# Connect

Claremont is ideally located in the stunning Sussex countryside, surrounded by mediaeval villages and castles, lush vineyards and miles of rolling green hills, yet close to the seaside and easily accessible from central London and the main airports and international train hubs.

The boarding houses are only a 15-minute drive from the beach and facilities of historic Hastings, and a 90-minute direct train into London's Charing Cross, London Bridge and Waterloo stations. Trains to the continent are available from Ashford International, which is a 45-minute drive away whilst Heathrow airport is a 90-minute drive and Gatwick 60 minutes.

From Coast to Countryside to Capital life - at Claremont, our boarders experience it all!



For more information about our admissions please visit or contact us:

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Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UJ  
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[claremontschool.co.uk](http://claremontschool.co.uk)



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