



## STATEMENT OF BOARDING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

Astrum Education provides a boarding service for Kensington Park School and Chelsea Independent College through its central boarding department. Boarding at Astrum Education believes that the community atmosphere of the schools is greatly enhanced by the presence of boarders. Boarding is offered to those students (from the UK or overseas) who wish to board as full, weekly, or flexi boarders.

The strategic leadership for boarding across all Astrum Schools is provided by the Executive Principal. The Head of Boarding and Deputy Head of Boarding manage the day-to-day operations of the boarding house, and oversee a team of houseparents, whose pastoral work is essential to maintain the smooth running of the boarding community, and enhances the quality of life of the students. Also centre to our provision is the role of the nurse, who reports to the Executive Principal and oversees boarding medical provision.

- Admissions into Boarding:

The students are assessed for admission along the same lines as all other students in the school; by interview, in person in the UK or in their home country, or alternatively by Skype. Some scholarships are also available for boarders. The admissions staff, under the direction of the Director of Admissions, handles all registrations and admissions for the schools (whether boarding or day students).

- Facilities:

Princess Beatrice House (PBH): Opened in 2014, facilities include its own catering and dining room, providing breakfast and evening meal; lunch is provided at the respective school sites. The boarding house has a communal recreation space to be used for both socialising and studying. There is filtered Wi-Fi throughout the boarding house. Each student is allocated to a single gendered floor in en-suite triple, double, or single rooms. Currently students from both CIC and KPS are accommodated in PBH.

- Boarding Ethos:

The ethos of the boarding house is one of inclusion and support for boarders, with high quality pastoral care being provided by specialist boarding staff who themselves are an integral part of the school communities. Astrum Education and its schools, Chelsea

Independent College and Kensington Park School, seek to develop the whole student, by addressing what we consider the important facets of a rounded education, which prepares students for life after school. In line with the whole school aims and ethos, we offer activities for students which stretch and challenge their academic life, and which enhance and add quality to the extra-curricular. We provide an environment for students in which they can achieve at the highest level academically and otherwise.