

# Alexandra House



There is always something going on in the House, whether it be our weekly special suppers and movie nights, our inter-house competition with our sister house or our bigger events, such as Canadian Thanksgiving, The 30 Days of Happiness challenge and the *Go, Grow, Glow*, a healthy eating challenge. We are always encouraging the girls to come up with new events—we love any reason to celebrate and eat good food!

Alexandra House is a senior girls' boarding house; we are home to 63 girls ranging from Year 7 to Year 13. There are another 90 flexi boarders who call us home during the day. Our aim is to instil a sense of pride and unity amongst our girls. Assuring that each individual young lady is able to call Alexandra House home.

We believe a student's growth and development hinges on the environment and influences at home. We believe in a sense of discipline, which does not try to inhibit growth but rather encourages growth in the right direction without demanding it. We want the girls in our care to make their own decisions and, good or bad, to be able to withstand the results of those decisions. We want to instil a sense of resilience in our students, because this job is not just about taking care of their needs in the here and now but preparing them to take care of their own needs when they are ready to leave us and venture into adulthood.

## *A Little Bit About Our Staff*

### ***Trista Gladstone—Head of House***

Miss Gladstone is from Montreal, Canada, where she completed her degree in fine arts with a specialisation in theatre performance. Four years ago, she made the move to the UK to work at the Royal Alexandra and Albert school as a boarding tutor in Cornwall house. Over the past four years she took over the roll as Deputy Head of Cornwall house, became a French speaking assistant to GCSE and A Level students, and at the beginning of the last academic year, she took over as the Head of Alexandra house. It has been an exciting and eventful year. She looks forward to many more to come. To clear her head from all the daily excitement, you can often find her attending a yoga class in Reigate, spending time with friends and family or traveling the world.

### ***Vicki Mulcock—Matron***

Mrs M has worked in Alexandra House part-time for three years as a matron. She enjoys working with the girls, spending time with them, and talking and supporting them. She is married with two children, a girl and a boy. Her daughter also attends the school. With juggling work and the children, the children's activities, she doesn't get too much time to have too many hobbies but she has recently taken up running and swimming. She also has a great group of friends that she enjoys spending time with, and gets to enjoy the odd weekend away with each year! She also chairs the PTA at her son's school (for her sins) and has done so for five years now! Her ideal evening is to snuggle with her family at home and watch a movie

The House is also supported by two non-teaching/resident tutors as well as teaching members of staff that do duties in the house.

"Miss Gladstone makes sure you're good and comfortable in the house" - Claudia Yr9

"Miss Gladstone always puts us before herself" – Jada Yr8

"Mrs M is like the mother of the house. The Mother Goose." – Jess Yr9

