



# MILTON ABBEY

## **Policy on Requesting Weekend Leave**

Milton Abbey is a unique and profoundly pastoral environment, brought about by the small size of our School and complemented by our beautiful setting and surroundings. Our full boarding offer is one of the primary reasons that parents choose Milton Abbey. We are very proud of our full-boarding status and of the comprehensive academic and extra-curricular provision, including a full weekend programme. We run a wide-ranging programme of engaging and rewarding extra-curricular activities which enhance pupils' experiences of living and learning at Milton Abbey. As part of the full-boarding experience, Milton Abbey pupils are kept busy throughout the weekend as well as during the working week. As such, we are keen to ensure that with the exception of calendared exeats and half term holidays, Sixth Form floating exeats or occasional special requests by Lower School pupils, all boarding pupils remain in school at weekends. Family emergencies and bereavements do, of course, not come under this policy.

Sixth Formers can, should they wish, request to take one additional weekend at home per term which is called a 'floating exeat'. If a Sixth Former has a special occasion which they wish to attend during the term they must use their floating exeat; additional weekend absences will not be granted. If a Sixth Former does not have a special reason for taking leave they may still request to take their floating exeat. It is a Sixth Form privilege. Floating exeats cannot be carried forward. This request must be submitted to Housemasters by noon on the Wednesday prior to the weekend requested. Pupils will only be permitted to leave once they have fulfilled their commitments on Saturdays (including sport) and must return by 2130 on the Sunday evening.

Any request to be absent for a weekend for a pupil in the Lower School must be made to the Head's Office. Any request should be made, in writing, well in advance but at the very latest should be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to the weekend requested. If you wish to make a special request please contact the Head's Office via email on [head@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:head@miltonabbey.co.uk).