



# MILTON ABBEY

## **Policy on Requesting Weekend Leave**

### **Introduction**

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, Middle Sixth Form floating exeats or occasional special requests by Lower Sixth and Lower School pupils, all boarding pupils remain in school at weekends. Family emergencies and bereavements do not of course come under this policy.

### **Floating Exeats**

Middle Sixth Formers can, should they wish, request to take one additional weekend at home per term which is called a 'floating exeat'. If a Middle Sixth Former has a special occasion which they wish to attend during the term they must use their floating exeat for this purpose; additional weekend absences will not be granted. If a Middle Sixth Former does not have a special reason for taking leave they may still request to take their floating exeat as it is their privilege to do so.

Floating exeats cannot be carried forward. Requests must be submitted by parents to Housemasters/Housemistresses 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 attendance at sport lessons/fixtures) and must return by 21:30 on Sunday evening.

### **Other requests for absence**

Requests to be absent for a weekend for a pupil in the Lower Sixth or Lower School must be made by parents to the Housemaster/Housemistress who will obtain permission from 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.