

Westbrook House School

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Folkstone

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SITUATION.

Westbrook House, Folkestone, has an excellent sunny position in an extremely healthy and bracing climate. It is easily accessible by both rail and road routes, and so is very conveniently situated for parents who wish to visit their sons. The class-rooms and dormitories are light and airy, sanitary arrangements are up-to-date and all the equipment is modern.

NUMBERS.

As it is the aim of the Headmaster to be in close personal touch with every boy in the school, the number of Boarders will not exceed sixty. Day-boys, provided they take a full part in all activities, are encouraged.

CURRICULUM.

Boys between the ages of 5 and 14 are prepared for the Public Schools and the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. A junior department, in a separate building adjoining the school grounds, will take all boys between 5 and 8 years old (Leaflet in back of Prospectus.)

The aim of the school is to give a sound general education in which character and good manners are given first place. Boys of exceptional ability are encouraged to enter for scholarships, (there is a special scholarship form for those possessing the requisite ability) but every care is taken to avoid all forms of 'cramming.' The curriculum includes drawing, singing, nature study and, for the senior forms, elementary science. Clubs are

formed to foster interest in music, art, debating and natural history. Classes are kept small so that individual attention may be given. Members of the staff are fully qualified, each master being a specialist in his own subject, and the younger boys are under the care of highly trained mistresses.

GAMES.

Adjoining the school is a level playing field of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Cricket, Association football in the Christmas term, Rugby football in the Easter term, and swimming are taught, and boys of all ages are given an equal amount of attention. Special emphasis is placed upon the physical development of the boys, who exercise daily out of doors whenever weather permits. The P.T. is taken by a fully qualified resident instructor. A fine gymnasium on the premises will be repaired[†] immediately circumstances allow.

Hobbies are given every encouragement. There is a large playroom, 60 ft. by 20 ft., with a model railway, billiard and ping-pong tables. Facilities are given for gardening, and a variety of other recreations is provided. Each boy may follow and develop his own special interest. A well-equipped carpenter's shop is open daily and boys are able to develop this hobby under the direct supervision of one of the masters.

HEALTH AND DIET.

The foremost considerations for parents selecting a school are those of health and diet. Both of these receive very special attention. All boys have mid-morning milk, and care is taken to ensure that the menus are well-

[†] *New in use*

balanced. Fresh vegetables and fruit are grown in the kitchen garden. All boys are medically examined at the beginning and end of every term, and are weighed and measured three times during the term. The health of the boys is supervised by the Matrons. The senior Matron is fully qualified with special experience in dealing with young children.

Rest after lunch is compulsory for the whole school. Bed-time varies, according to age, between 6.15 and 7.30 p.m. and no work is done before breakfast. Remedial exercises when necessary are carried out under the direction of a qualified Instructor.

SCHOOL BANK.

Threepence per week pocket money is distributed; any larger sums must be kept in the school bank. Each boy has a cheque book, on the counterfoil of which he must fill in the amount remaining to his credit after drawing the cheque. Thus a boy is not only protected against loss, but at the same time learns the elements of account keeping.

GENERAL.

To encourage *esprit de corps* the school is divided into clubs, each captained by a senior boy, which compete throughout the year, marks being awarded for all the various interests of school life.

The equipment includes a cinema and shows are given every Saturday throughout the winter terms.

The holidays are arranged to correspond as nearly as possible with those of the principal Public Schools.

RULES.

The food is ample and any extra received will be shared by the whole form.

The usual work is done on the first and last day of term, so it is hoped that the boys will return and leave on the scheduled day.

No boy over the age of ten is admitted without a certificate of good character from his previous headmaster.

A health certificate, signed by a parent or guardian, is required at the commencement of each term and, after an infectious illness, a medical certificate.

FEES.

BOARDERS Fifty guineas per term payable in advance.
The fees include **laundry**, Games, Singing, Drawing, Gymnastics,

Physical Training and the use of the Library. The only extra charge is one guinea per term for School Books and Stationery.

Medical attention is provided at an inclusive fee of one guinea per term, or alternatively the doctor will visit a boy when necessary at his usual fee.

DAY-BOYS Fifteen guineas per term payable in advance.

The fees include Singing, Drawing, Gymnastics, Physical Training and the use of the Library.

The only extra charges are :—

School Books and Stationery	...	...	1 guinea per term.
Games	...	...	10/6d. per term.
Mid-day dinner	...	...	^{1/9d} 17d . per meal.
High-tea	...	...	9d. per meal.

The following are optional :—

Piano	...	...	...	3 guineas per term.
Boxing	...	...	...	1 guinea per term.
Carpentry	...	...	...	1 guinea per term.
Riding	...	...	...	7/6d. per lesson.

A term's notice in writing is required when a boy is leaving the school ; full fees are chargeable in lieu of notice.

There is an insurance scheme which covers school fees in the event of a boy's absence from school through illness, but no allowance can be made for absence owing to illness.

