

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY BOARDING TASTER WEEKEND

What makes a pupil want to go to boarding school? The chance to be independent, spend more time with friends, engage in more extra-curricular activities or perhaps just to cut down on or avoid a potential long commute home? There are many reasons why a family might decide to try boarding life for their child. With more and more children engaging in after school activities, clubs and sporting fixtures the commitment of trying to ferry your offspring to each event can frazzle even the most organised parent.

Gresham's Prep School in Holt has been running a range of Boarding Taster weekends for a number of years, providing children with the opportunity to sample school life and get a real taste of what life is like in a modern boarding and day school. Pupils get the chance to participate in a range of activities, familiarise themselves with the school, meet new friends and staff. Many children before they start a new school really appreciate the chance to get a flavour of what school life is like where the chance to have a sleepover with new found friends adds to the excitement and will often go a long way to dispel any concerns or worries they might have.

This year Gresham's Prep School plans to run a Design and Technology (D&T) Boarding Taster weekend on 15th and 16th November which is open to children in Years 5 and 6.

The D&T weekend provides five sessions for children to design and make a project using a range of materials and components. They get the chance to use hand tools and workshop machinery including pillar drills and disc sanders. Part of their project also includes computer-based tasks in the School's ICT room. Not only will children make a project to take home, they will also record their research and ideas in a design portfolio. As well as D&T activities the weekend allows children to try out some of the School's facilities, meet new friends, and sample the delicious school dinners - yes they really are delicious - before retiring to the warm, comfortable dorms.

Gresham's Prep School is a coeducational day and boarding school for children aged 8-12 years offering a warm and welcoming environment where all children thrive and enjoy a range of exciting activities from inter-school events, school plays, musical concerts and performances and educational field trips. If you are interested in finding out more information about the Design & Technology Boarding Taster weekend, please contact Peter Laycock (Head of Design & Technology) pmlaycock@greshams.com or visit www.greshams.com/admissions/taster-weekends.

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