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Boarding Diaries

On weekdays, my morning begins at **7:00** am. I start the day by taking a shower and putting on my uniform before preparing my bag for the busy day ahead. By **7:45** am, I head down for breakfast. Depending on how I'm feeling, I'll either have a light bowl of fruit or a full English breakfast to fuel up for my lessons.

My academic schedule is quite demanding as I study the IB. My Higher Levels are English Literature, Economics, and Politics, while my Standard Levels include ESS, Maths AA, and French B. Whenever I have a study period, I choose to spend it in Otway, our school's Sixth Form centre, as it's a great environment for focused work. At **12:55** pm, I head to the dining hall with my friends for lunch or to the Sixth Form café if I want a snack.

In the afternoons, I make sure to stay involved in school life. Every Wednesday, I attend the Economics Society, and on Fridays, I go to the Politics Club, which is a great way to dive deeper into my HL subjects. For the rest of the week (excluding Fridays and weekends), I dedicate the hour between **5:00** pm and **6:00** pm to prep. I always choose to do this in the library to ensure I stay on top of my IB workload. On weekends me and my friends often go to London to visit museums, go to the gym or choose to participate in the boarding house's activities such as laser tag or pottery.

At **6:00** pm, we have assembly where we discuss the various notices going around the boarding house. After the meeting, we go for dinner, after this I usually squeeze in a bit more work before starting my night routine. I love to end the day blasting music in my room for a while before finally heading to sleep at **10:30** pm.

To do list:

- IB English Lit reading ☐
- Economics Society notes ☒
- French B vocab practice ☐
- Politics club research ☒
- Organise prep folder ☒

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Daily reflection:

Being in L6 and starting the IB program has been an exciting challenge. I've really valued the independence that comes with boarding, especially having dedicated spaces like the library and Otway to manage my studies. Balancing my Higher Level subjects with societies like Economics and Politics has already helped me look at global issues in a much more critical way.

I am enjoying the routine of boarding life, from the social atmosphere at lunch in the dining hall to the high-energy music sessions in my room at night. It's a busy lifestyle, but it's helping me grow both academically and personally as I navigate my first year of the Diploma Programme.