



One of the common areas for students at St Michael's Senior School

## Home away from home

ST Mikes Senior School's two boarding houses offer the 'home away from home' environment desired by overseas students. They are Park House, a historic mansion in an acre of grounds in the village of Llangennech, just a few minutes away from the school, and Ty Mawr House, the newly opened boarding house next to the teaching blocks on campus.

House parents live on-site at Park House with their families to provide a homely and nurturing environment for students while in Ty Mawr House, an experienced boarding manager lives on the property to provide a living regime that keeps the students safe and yet offers them a sense of independence.

But it is not just the facilities in the boarding houses that make the difference. Supervised study takes place in the boarding houses in addition to the supervised study at school.

St Mikes Senior School has a long history of academic excellence since its establishment in 1923. The School has been consistently been in the top 100 schools in the United Kingdom.

In 2002, St Mikes was 32<sup>nd</sup> in the Financial Times Top 500 Independent Schools in Britain and 27<sup>th</sup> place in The Times 'A' Level League table, above the prestigious public schools like Eton and Harrow.

Over the last ten years, St Mikes has moved up the ranks. In 2012, it was at the 22<sup>nd</sup> position in The Times Top 100 Mixed schools in UK. It is regularly the top school in Wales. Additionally, over the last 10 years, six of the A level students have won the Independent Schools Association Student of the Year Award for best A level results.

In 2012, the school's A level students achieved a staggering 30% A\* grades and 67% students scored A\* & A grades. Top Student was Head

Girl, Aleena Haider who achieved 5 A\* grades at A level in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Economics and French. She is now studying medicine at Christ's College Cambridge University. Aleena and three other students gained Oxbridge places and 10 students in this cohort secured places to read medicine, veterinary medicine and dentistry in various top UK universities.

St Mikes stands in its own private grounds of several acres in the village of Bryn which overlooks the Gower Peninsula. It is about 30 minutes by car from Swansea or three hours from London.

Class sizes at St Mikes are small, no more than 10. This allows the teacher to have better rapport with the students and encourages them to be more participative in class. The teacher is also better able to monitor the students' progress and give extra help to the less able students.

St Mikes Elite Scholars Programme (ESP), under the School's international student funds, is offering eight scholarship places for deserving students who wish to study A-levels in the UK and aiming for Oxbridge universities.

ESP is a merit scholarship. The assessment is based on the candidate's academic results, extra-curricular profile as well as other contributions that the candidate can bring to the School. The percentage of the scholarship is based on the performance assessment carried out by the School and it defers for every individual. The assessment also includes an interview by the Headmistress and a panel interviewer.

Applicants are required to sit for the entrance test, and the next test dates are: 10, 14 and 17 August at ASA Overseas Education Specialist, the one and only representative in Malaysia for St

Mikes Senior School.

The Selection Scholarship Meeting will take place in August (1<sup>st</sup> round of selection) and October (2<sup>nd</sup> round of selection). Only candidates who have passed the tests will be invited to meet with the principal and the panel interviewer.

International admission advisor Emily Wood from the UK will meet potential students in Malaysia. If you would like to find out more about the school or to discuss the possibility of studying at St Mikes, do not miss this opportunity. Wood's schedule is as follows (by appointments only):

**August 21** (Penang)

**August 22** (Kota Kinabalu)

**August 23** (Kuala Lumpur/Petaling Jaya)

For more information or to register for the Elite Scholars Programme (ESP), contact ASA Overseas Education Specialist, St Mikes' Senior School's sole representative in Malaysia:

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