

OPPOSITES

Each month, CROWN meets two teens who have different lives.

BOARDING SCHOOL* TEEN

CROWN talks to Henry who lives at school and Lily who never goes to school!

HENRY

CROWN: What time do you get up?

We have to get up at 7.30 am. We get dressed, clean our teeth and go to a meeting at 7.50 am.



CROWN: What do you wear to school?

We have to wear a blazer* and tie.

CROWN: What time do you start studying?

School starts at 8.50 am.

CROWN: What are your teachers like?

Some teachers are very strict. If you do something bad, they give you a detention* on Saturday!

CROWN: How often do you do P.E.?

We have two hours 15 minutes a week of exercise and team games.

CROWN: What time do you finish school?

It finishes at 3.30 pm. Then we have two hours of free time.

CROWN: How much homework do you have?

We call it 'prep' at boarding school.

We have to do 45 minutes before dinner and 45 minutes after dinner – in silence!

CROWN: Who are your friends?

I sleep in a dormitory* with five other boys. They are my best friends. There are no girls at my school.

CROWN: What time do you go to bed?

We have to take a shower at 9.15 pm and then read in bed in silence for 15 minutes. Lights out is at 9.45 pm.

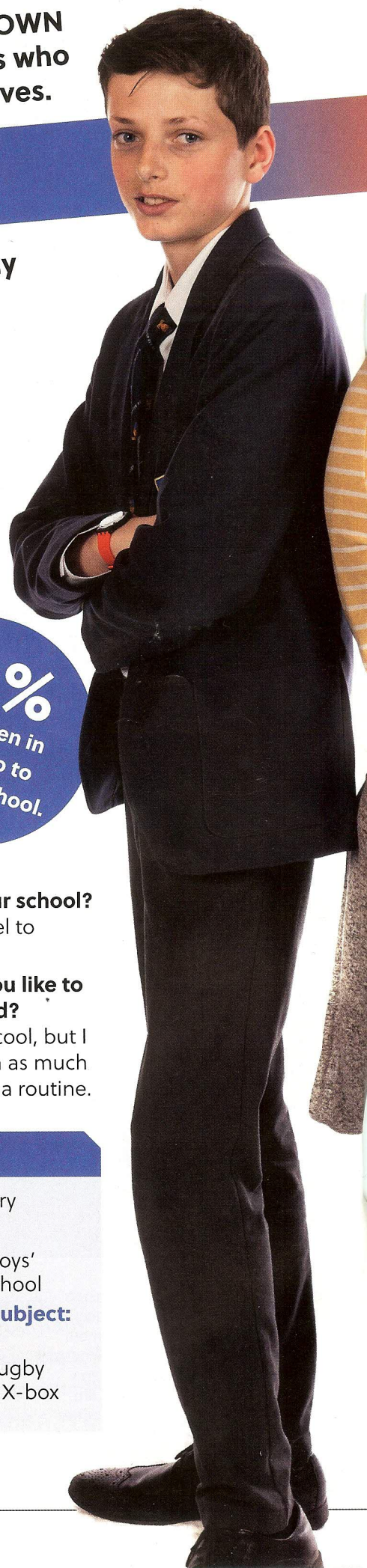
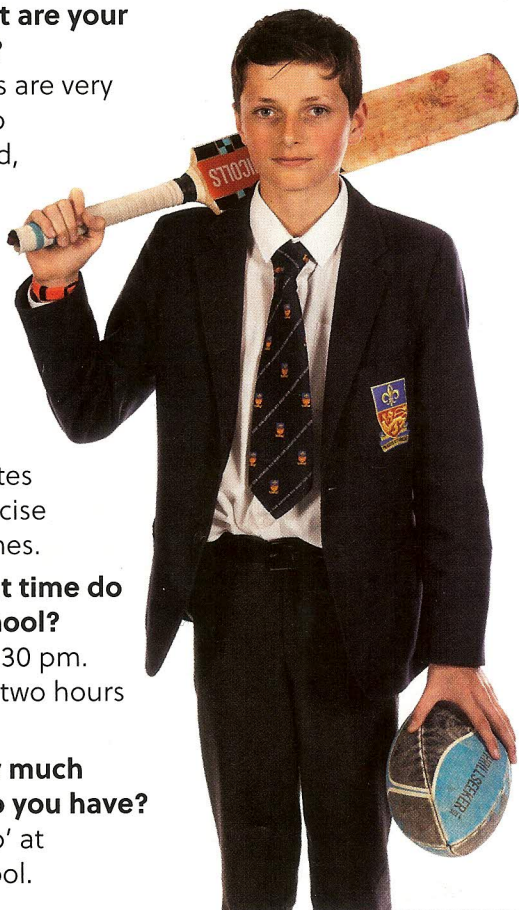
13%
of children in the UK go to boarding school.

CROWN: What do you like about your school?

I don't have to travel to school every day!

CROWN: Would you like to be home-schooled?

I think it would be cool, but I don't think I'd learn as much because there isn't a routine.



HENRY

Name: Henry

Age: 13

School: A boys' boarding school

Favourite subject: Geography

Hobbies: Rugby and cricket, X-box

VS

HOME-SCHOOLED* TEEN

LILY

CROWN: What time do you get up?
I get up at nine o' clock.



CROWN: What do you wear to school?
I wear leggings or jeans, a hoodie – and often I have bare feet*.

CROWN: What time do you start school?
I usually go to my room at 9.30. Sometimes I learn things online or watch a TV programme. But if I don't want to study, I don't.

CROWN: What are your teachers like?
I don't have any teachers! I decide what and when I study. My dad teaches me Maths for two hours a week at the kitchen table.

CROWN: How often do you do P.E.?
I can't do team sports, but we often go walking or cycling for the whole day!

CROWN: What time do you finish school?
I finish when I want to. For me, there is no difference between day and evening, weekday or weekend!

CROWN: How much homework do you have?
I don't have any homework – ALL my work is HOME work!

CROWN: Who are your friends?
I meet with a group of home-schooled kids on Wednesdays. They are all ages from 10 to 16 years old, not just my own age.

CROWN: What time do you go to bed?
I usually go to bed at midnight.

CROWN: What do you like about your school?
I like the freedom*. Also, there are no tests or bullying*.

CROWN: Would you like to go to boarding school?
Maybe for just one day! But I'd miss* my freedom!



Less than 1% of children in the UK are home-schooled!

LILY

Name: Lily
Age: 13
School: None! She studies at home with her dad or on her own.
Favourite subject: Art
Hobbies: Drawing, walking, mountain-biking, horse-riding

YOU!

• Which life do you prefer? Why?

Henry's Lily's

• Now answer the questions about yourself.

Prepositions of time

Tick (✓) the correct preposition:

- at in on 2.45 pm
- at in on Tuesday
- at in on the evening
- at in on midnight
- at in on the summer

* WORDWISE

English	French	Italian	German	Dutch	Spanish
boarding school	internat	collegio	Internat	internaat	el internado
home-schooled	scolarisé à domicile	istruito a domicilio	zu Hause unterrichtet	thuisonderwijs krijgen	escolarizado en casa
blazer	blazer	giacca	Blazer	vestje	la chaqueta
detention	retenue	punizione	Nachsitzen	strafstudie	el castigo
dormitory	dortoir	dormitorio	Schlafsaal	slaapzaal	el dormitorio
bare feet	pieds nus	piedi nudi	nackte FüÙe	blote voeten	pies descalzos
freedom	liberté	libertà	Freiheit	vrijheid	la libertad
bullying	harcèlement	bullismo	Mobbing	pesterijen	el acoso
to miss	manquer	sentire la mancanza	vermissen	missen	perderse

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