



Boarding at Luckley

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INTRODUCTION

At Luckley House School our aim is to provide a warm, supportive home for our boarders, in which friendships and social skills can be nurtured. We have a small but lively boarding community and our boarding provision is very flexible to meet the individual needs of the modern family. We provide a home for both full and weekly boarders from the UK and overseas, and in addition, our flexi-boarding option enables a number of our day students to regularly stay overnight.

Boarding at Luckley House develops life skills, teaching pupils to be tolerant and considerate team players. They learn responsibility for themselves, their study, their belongings and their relationships with others. The friendships created in our boarding environment are long standing. Pupils and staff are, in effect, a second family, where close and supportive relationships are the norm.

Our pupils thrive within the routines set by the boarding houses - they have designated times to study, either in one of our study areas or, for older students, in their rooms. This space and structure is enormously beneficial for students in focusing their efforts and helping them to reach their potential and particularly for younger pupils, the availability of staff to support and guide their homework is both reassuring and motivating.

Flexi-boarding is of great benefit for our families, particularly when parents have work or social commitments, or students themselves have an evening event at the school. Flexi-boarding can also be beneficial for pupils during exam periods, enabling them to spend valuable time revising, with the added reassurance that they will be in school ready for their exam the next morning, with no worry about being late!

Through our close-knit and supportive approach where pastoral care is paramount, we are able to provide a truly warm welcome for all students, whatever their nationality or culture. We would be delighted to show you around our boarding houses and answer any questions you may have about the Luckley boarding experience.

Dave and Kim Elwood
Heads of Boarding



ADMISSIONS

Our Registrar will be happy to liaise directly with families, or relocation and education agencies, to provide information and advice about boarding at Luckley House School. Information about our boarding fees can be found on our website at www.luckleyhouseschool.org/admissions or in our Annual Information Booklet.

UK-based Families

We admit students at age 11, 13 and 16 years through an entrance examination process, where both academic ability and all-round potential are assessed. Entrance examinations are sat in January which test students in mathematics, English and non-verbal reasoning. We consider a report from the current Headteacher and all candidates will have an interview with our Head or senior member of staff. Students sitting the examination must ideally be registered by November of the preceding year. We will also consider entry into other year groups, depending on spaces available. A non-refundable registration fee of £100 must be submitted with the registration form to the Registrar.

Forces Families

We offer a generous discount to forces families. When this discount is used in conjunction with the MOD Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) this reduces our fees significantly. See our website for current discounts.

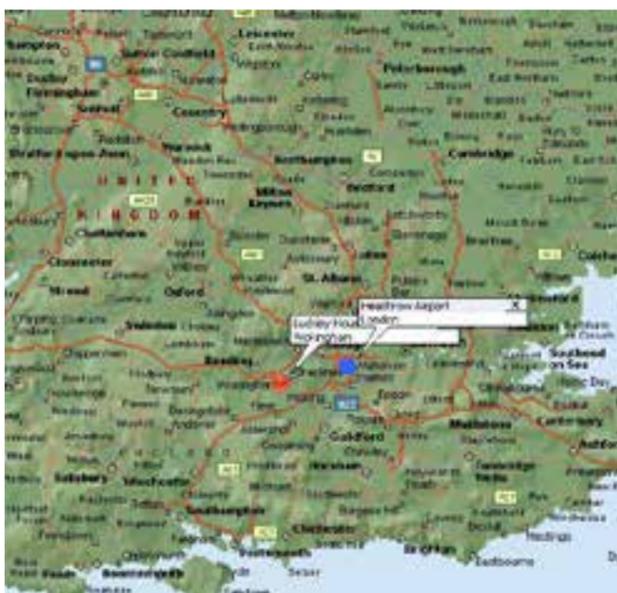
International Students

Where families live overseas, parents should complete the registration form and submit it with a £100 registration fee, either directly, or via an agent. The school will require an initial report giving an account of the academic achievements and personal qualities of the student. The applicants will be required to sit appropriate entrance papers under examination conditions and take an 'English as a Second Language' (ESL) written test to determine their level of English. Arrangements can be made for applicants to sit our exams at their current school. Applicants will also be invited to have a SKYPE interview with the Head if they are unable to visit the school in person.

Guardianship

All overseas boarders are expected to have a guardian based in the UK. Guardians are responsible for caring for boarders during holidays. There is an optional exeat weekend each half term, when full boarders are encouraged to leave school to stay with friends or family, but will still be catered for in school if they prefer to stay on site although there will be no arranged activities.

THE PERFECT LOCATION



Luckley House School is set in beautiful Royal County of Berkshire countryside with outstanding grounds and facilities. Wokingham is a happy and safe place to live, recently crowned the best place in the UK to raise children. It is a small market town, with an array of shops, cafes and restaurants, with the centre only a 10 minute walk from the school.

Our School provides the perfect location for national and international boarders, with easy access to main UK airports and close proximity to main railway stations.

For international students, Heathrow Airport is a 30 minute drive and Gatwick Airport an hour and 15 minutes.

For London boarders, we offer a weekly transport service and Wokingham Station sits on the main cross-country train line to London Waterloo Station.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Support

Our boarding house staff, supported by current boarders, are skilled at ensuring that new boarders are absorbed into the 'Luckley family' with ease, and students soon become settled and happy. Each boarder has a choice of staff to whom she/he can turn for personal guidance or help with a personal problem. All pupils also have daily contact with their form tutor, who takes a close interest in their academic and social welfare, liaising regularly with boarding staff.

Medical Care

We have a well-equipped Medical Centre run by a fully qualified Nurse. Appointments are organised for boarders through the surgery for the doctors, dentist, orthodontist, opticians and vaccinations. Medical insurance schemes are available on request. All medication for boarders must be given to the medical staff, including any vitamin tablets or supplements.

Healthy Eating

Healthy eating is very much on the menu at Luckley. Our dedicated catering team provides nutritious, varied and tasty meals for pupils throughout the year. Vegetarian and vegan options are always available and special dietary requirements are easily catered for. Boarders are able to share their favourite dishes so these can be incorporated into the menu planning. At the weekends boarders enjoy a Saturday brunch and a special Sunday meal. An example of a typical menu is available to view on our website.



Communicating with Parents and Guardians

All students have the opportunity to speak to their families regularly using their mobile phones in the boarding houses. Calls can be made before and after school, before supper and after prep. Wi-fi is available, so students can also keep in touch via email and social networking. The school has a strict internet policy to ensure online safety measures are in place. Our relationship with families is of utmost importance and this is reflected in our approach to home/school communication. We send communications home using Parentmail® which is an email and text communication service. We also produce a termly newsletter, Luckley Life, which provides a colourful round-up of news and events. Our website contains up to date information and news: www.luckleyhouseschool.org. Family and friends can also keep abreast of news and photos by joining our social media pages: [Facebook.com/luckleyhouseschool](https://www.facebook.com/luckleyhouseschool) and [Twitter.com/luckleyhouse](https://twitter.com/luckleyhouse). In addition, the Heads of Boarding and tutors will have regular contact with families to keep them informed of their child's progress.

Language Support for International Students

We offer students, whose first language is not English, the opportunity to develop their language skills and to become confident speakers. Our well qualified, specialist EAL teachers provide 1:1 and group lessons for pupils.

During the application process, students will be tested using the online Oxford Placement Test. They will be given a unique online code and can sit the test at their current school or within the offices of an education agency. On arrival the student will be re-tested and asked to complete a short written assessment. This will allow us to determine the level of their English and how we can best meet their needs.

The school offers small group conversation classes geared around general everyday and academic English.

ACCOMMODATION

A 'Home from Home'

Living accommodation for all our boarders is situated in the Main House and in the Sixth Form Centre. Both houses have a vibrant atmosphere that is warm and friendly. Students share modern, comfortable bedrooms and are encouraged to personalise their own space with photos, posters and treasures. Younger pupils may share small dormitories, and there are twin rooms for senior school students.



Typical Bedrooms



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ACCOMMODATION

The boarders have use of spacious, modern common rooms, complete with comfy sofas and large screen TVs and DVD players. The well-equipped kitchen areas are popular for making snacks and drinks and even some home-baking! The bathrooms have all recently been refurbished and are clean and bright and equipped with both baths and showers. Other facilities include the use of washing machines in-house, as well as the school laundry facilities.



Boarders' Common Room



FACILITIES

Outstanding Facilities

Luckley boasts superb facilities, including modern classrooms and laboratories, a state of the art music centre, new performing arts and conference theatre, spacious art studios, a large sports centre with extensive playing fields, cross country tracks, netball and tennis courts, a fitness suite, trampoline, dance studio and a climbing wall. Additionally, students have access to many of these facilities outside of the school day for extra-curricular activities.



Cutting-edge Science Laboratories

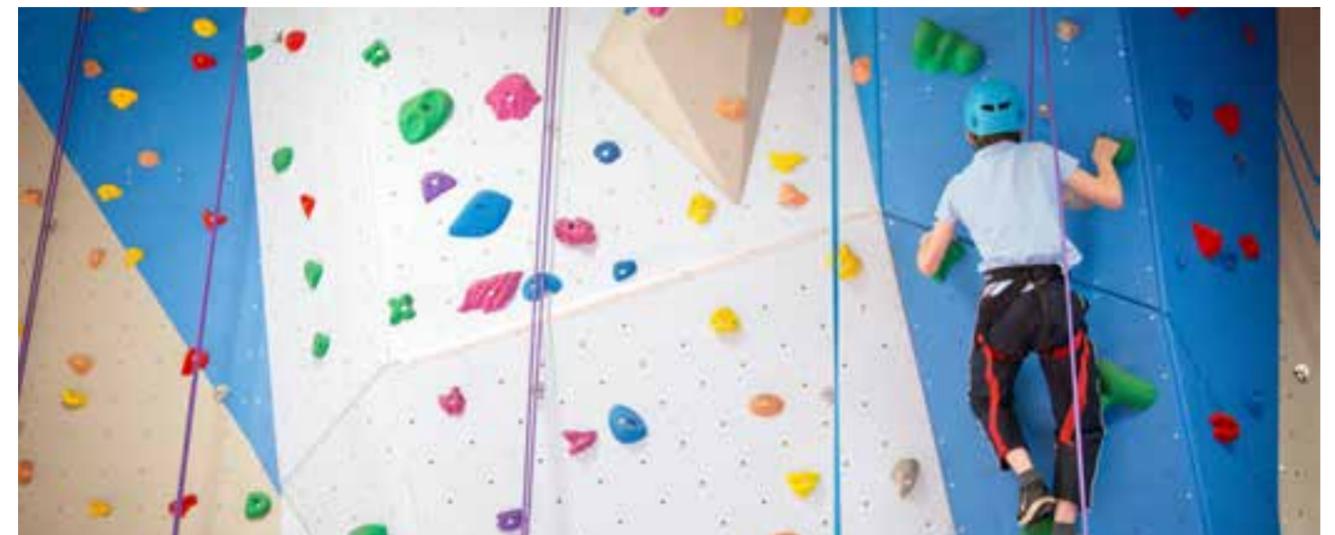


Performing Arts Centre and Conference Centre

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Well-equipped Art Studios



Superb Sports Facilities



State of the art Music Centre

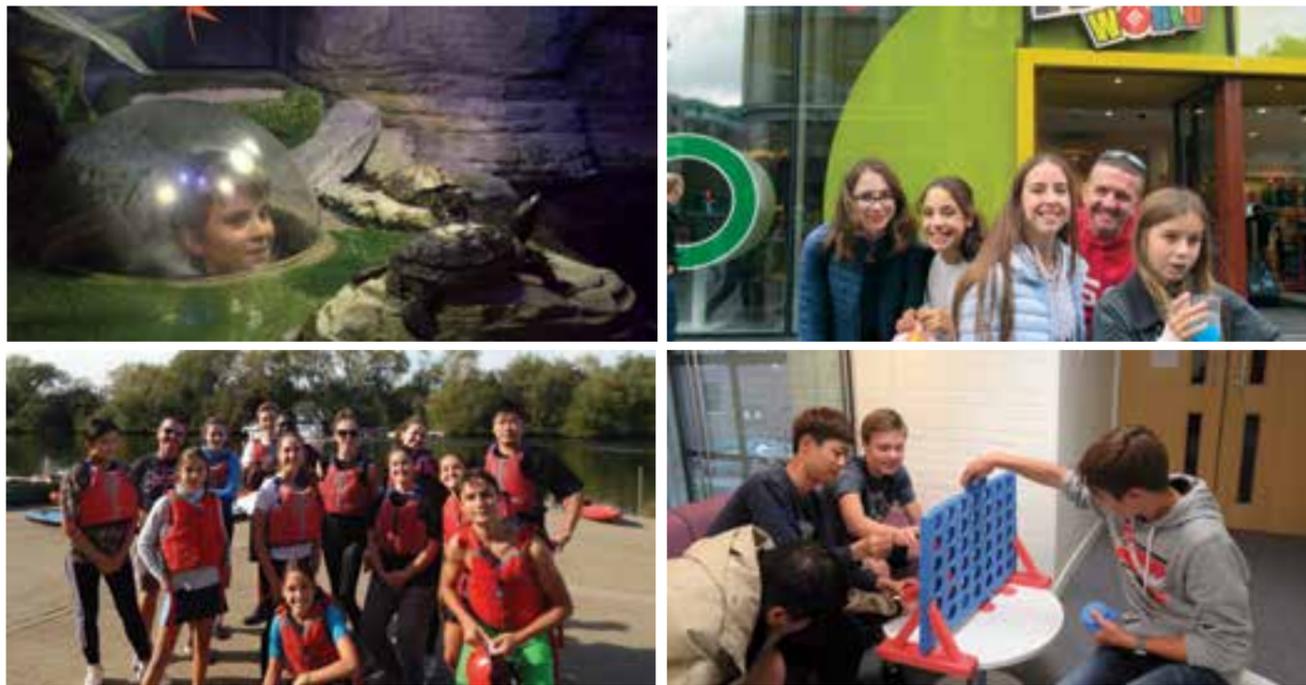
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

After-school activities

The rich and varied programme of extra-curricular activities at Luckley House enables our students to explore different interests and discover new talents. All boarders are encouraged to take part and the variety on offer ensures that there is something for everyone. After-school activities include; sports fixtures and clubs, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Combined Cadet Force, tennis, music and drama, art and crafts, fun cooking, science and board games, to name just a few.

Weekend activities

An enriching programme of activities take place over the weekends to develop important life skills, such as team work, communication, relationship building and challenging oneself. The boarders select activities with the Heads of Boarding to accommodate everyone's ideas and interests. Activities range from visits of cultural interest, leisure pursuits, seaside trips and community engagement. There are no lessons at the weekend but independent prep is encouraged and there is also the opportunity to attend a church service if wished.



A TYPICAL DAY

7:45 - 8:15	Breakfast	18.00 - 18.30	Supper
8.40 - 16.00	School Day	18:30 - 19:30	Prep Time
16.00 - 16.20	Afternoon Tea	19:45 - 20:45	Boarding Group Time
16.20 - 17.30	Enrichment activities or Prep	20:45 - 22:00	Staggered bedtimes
17.30 - 18.00	Free time	Routines for Friday evening and weekends vary	

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