



Welcome to Luckley Sixth Form

At Luckley we take Sixth Form education very seriously. These years will go by quickly and we appreciate that this time will be extremely important to you. Our job is to make sure that when your education at Luckley comes to an end, you will be well equipped for any challenge, whether that's employment, a gap year, or the route that a lot of our students take, moving on to university. In a nutshell, you will leave Luckley Sixth Form presenting your personal best!

Life in our Sixth Form will become the high point of your school career because we expect you to be able to manage your time as well as embrace all the new and exciting opportunities available. Join our extended day programme and step up and out of your comfort zone, enjoy our trips to various destinations in Europe, or develop your passion for drama and performance in our amazing Theatre and Conference Centre.

Being part of Luckley Sixth Form offers you the freedom to plan your study, stretch yourself academically and expand your horizons. It will be invaluable in helping you to gain an understanding of the transition from school to the wide world, whatever that pathway might be.

What to do now? Attend one of our regular taster days and come along to our Sixth Form Information Evening held in the autumn term. Alternatively, contact the Registrar to discuss opportunities to visit. Our open events throughout the year also give you the chance to see our wonderful school and speak to our current Sixth Form students about life at Luckley.

A warm welcome awaits you!

Mrs Claire Gilding-Brant
Deputy Head (Pastoral Upper School)
Head of Sixth Form

Mr Richard Battrick
Assistant Head of Sixth Form





The Sixth Form Experience

ENSURING YOU ACHIEVE PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

Our Aim

'To facilitate young adults who can adapt to an ever-changing society by providing them with the ability to be confident with self-resilience coupled with excellence in communicative and collaborative skills'



"Luckley transformed me into a confident and independent young adult by pushing me to the best of my ability in every field, whilst also treating me as an individual and recognising the skills I have to offer. I am pursuing a career in Music and I truly feel that I have been given the opportunity to flourish as a performer, through Luckley's immense support and encouragement." Lis, Arts Prefect 2018-19

At Luckley we see the Sixth Form as a whole lot more than just gaining academic qualifications. We also fully understand the importance of these and how vital they are when looking to post-18 planning. Our Sixth Form experience is a holistic one, where alongside a rigorous academic programme students are subject to a plethora of opportunities and activities that will provide you with the essential competencies required for life beyond school.

The all-round, fulfilling experience you will undertake during your time at Luckley Sixth Form will allow you to ultimately achieve personal excellence.





Academics

A LEVELS

We pride ourselves on specialist, small-group teaching, with one-to-one support from tutors. You will be given the freedom to stretch yourself academically while learning to use time responsibly, just as you will need to do at university or in the workplace. The outcome is a track record of exceptional outcomes and getting students into their university of choice.

We offer over 20 subject choices at A Level and details can be found in the Subject Choices booklet. You can choose from a variety of options, following a detailed discussion with the Head of Sixth Form to assist in your decision. Most students will follow a 3 A Level programme plus an EPQ.

LESSON 11

In addition to your taught lessons, each subject has an additional independent lesson. These take place over a two week timetable and allow the chance for you to consolidate the extensive content covered in lessons. These supervised lessons are often mixed with Year 12 and 13 students and may cover a range of subjects being studied. This helps to provide more structure in Sixth Form non-contact time.

THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The EPQ allows students to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. You will choose a topic, then plan, research and develop your idea. Creativity and curiosity is encouraged. A project topic can be directly related to your main study programme, looking further from the set specification, or it can be something totally unrelated to your A Level choices. The finished product may take the form of:

- a research-based written report
- a production (e.g. a charity event, fashion show or sports event etc)
- an artefact (e.g. a piece of art, computer game, realised design etc).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic, Art, Sports, Music and Drama scholarships are available for Year 12 entry. Examinations take place in the autumn term prior to entry the following September.

ACADEMIC RESULTS

Our students consistently gain places at prestigious universities on competitive courses. Recent leavers have gone on to study Medicine, Philosophy, Law, Physics, Art, Economics and Maths at establishments such as Durham, University College London, Bournemouth and Southampton, to give just a few examples.

“The small size of Luckley has been particularly beneficial during university applications as it allowed my personal statement and UCAS form to be tailored to the universities I applied to. The balance of work and fun has allowed me to thrive. I am leaving Luckley prepared and looking forward to university.” Sarah, Head Student 2018-19



Making Things Happen

PLANNING AHEAD

Pre-U and Post 18 Opportunities

All Year 12 students take part in Pre-U and Post 18 Opportunities sessions. This dedicated time off timetable gives our students the best possible start when it comes to planning ahead for life after Luckley.

Activities include:

- Signing onto UCAS
- Apprenticeships presentations
- Gap year seminars
- Year 5 Taster Day work experience
- Practice interviews
- Guest lectures
- University Road trip
- Mentor programme
- A chance to speak with current and past university pupils

UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Services)

One of the key areas of Pre-U time is signing onto 'UCAS Apply.' This involves uploading vital information into the centralised system, most importantly your five choices of University. This form will be completed and sent off before the end of the autumn term, with offers expected very soon after. It is important this process is completed with 100% accuracy as it is the universities' first contact with you and gives them the 'perfect picture' of who you are. Your GCSE grades, AS grades (if taken), music or Trinity qualifications and many more achievements can be included on this form, as well as your personal statement and reference.

Personal Statements

This process begins in Pre-U time with a very detailed presentation from an expert in writing personal statements. The session begins with students completing a pro-forma, which will help you to think about all the information required, which is sometimes very difficult! Throughout this time you will have significant exposure to the personal statement process via the Post-18 Choices evening and a talk given by a guest lecturer from a Russell Group university. You can expect to submit several drafts before you get close to your final version. It may seem a long process but it is well worth the time and effort. It is advised that you return from the summer break with a draft statement ready for your academic tutor to check.

References

The Luckley system is exceptionally thorough. Our staff boasts an excellent record of reference writing, with many students gaining offers from all of the institutions they apply to. Your Academic Tutor will write the first draft of your reference, which is perfect because he or she will know you well, and this will be evident in the detail of the writing. Your subject staff will submit their own specific references and the academic tutor will compile these reports into one, adding any information about extra-curricular commitments and positions of responsibility in school. The reference is then passed to the Head and Assistant Head of Sixth Form who will add extra detail and give the reference more structure, making sure that there is no repetition between the personal statement and reference. The document will then be passed to the Head, who will add even more information if needed and will meet with you to go through your reference and personal statement before they are submitted.

Oxbridge Applications

Although Oxbridge states that, with the exception of medicine and veterinary medicine, there are no GCSE requirements, all students applying for a place at either establishment will undoubtedly have attained very high grades at GCSE, with most achieving at least four to five 8/9s. If you aspire to a place at Oxbridge, the hard work definitely begins with your GCSEs.

Luckley students attend one of the annual Oxbridge conferences held around the country in the spring term of Year 12. If you are interested in attending Oxbridge or a Russell Group university, you should apply for a place at this conference, where you will have the opportunity to speak to current students, admission officers and lecturers from both universities. You will also get a chance to experience a typical lecture by one of the college professors.

We have a number of alumni that have attended these elite establishments and through our excellent mentoring programme can offer different insights into the application process. Assessments differ depending on which university you apply for. Cambridge uses assessment as part of the application process, however Oxford uses assessment before considering an application, although each course is very different. For many courses you will need to complete tests and send written work as part of your application. Cambridge requires you to complete an SAQ (supplementary application questionnaire) following your UCAS application.

If you are invited to an interview, we will prepare practice sessions for you and it is essential that you do some additional reading around your chosen degree course. During your interview you may be asked to complete a written assessment. All candidates with a realistic chance of being offered a place will normally be interviewed.

USA Universities

Do you want to study abroad? Once you have made the decision to study in America you will need to start applying. Fortunately, it is not as complex as the United Kingdom system but does take a little more time. There is no central body like UCAS, so you simply apply for each university or college separately. Applications can be made via post or online and you can apply to as many as you want!

Deciding which university or college to attend requires research which can take up to 18 months, so you really need to be thinking about it at the start of Year 12. Once you have a shortlist, it is worth contacting the establishments to check whether they admit international students. The Head of Sixth Form will guide you through the application process, but in brief, you will need to complete the following:

- Mission statement (similar to the UK personal statement)
- Previous work i.e. coursework or an essay (the more the better)
- References
- Pass your SATs (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or CATs (Common Admission Test)
- Make sure you have the funds
- Get a student VISA for America

All this will need to be completed by the end of the autumn term in Year 13.

Not going to University?

Although a large proportion of our students go straight on to Higher Education following the completion of their A Levels, there are other routes available for those who feel that university is not for them. As part of our Pre-U sessions we invite apprenticeship and gap year specialists in to explain about other pathways and a number of our past students have chosen alternative routes. The Mentor Programme is also very effective in offering advice about opportunities available once you leave Sixth Form. We have a dedicated Head of Careers who will be able to offer advice and help when needed.



Making Things Happen

EXPERIENCING LEADERSHIP & INDEPENDENCE

LEADERSHIP

You will be given many opportunities to develop your leadership and team working skills. All Sixth Formers will become prefects and role models, however there are more senior positions within the prefect system for those who are keen to develop these leadership skills. The Senior Team are responsible for leading their charges in all Inter-House competitions, and the termly RAG Week. These important leadership roles help develop management and organisational skills, as well as the mentoring and coaching of younger students. Regular meetings with the Head of Sixth Form are key for these important roles and those selected play an active part in the running of the school.



INDEPENDENCE

The personal and social welfare of each of our students is paramount, however we do encourage independence. Your academic tutor will be your first point of contact for any concerns or issues and will also celebrate your achievements over the course of the two years.

Boarding provides the ideal environment to dedicate quality time to A Level studies and coursework, as well as helping you to prepare for life away from home. Weekly, flexi and full boarding options are available, and full boarders enjoy a range of leisure and social activities at the weekends. In the spring term, Year 13 students are offered a home study arrangement following mocks.

For those who wish to drive to school there is a dedicated area within the car park set aside exclusively for Sixth Form use.

"Luckley Sixth Form has been a brilliant experience, teaching me to work independently whilst being productive and encouraging me to achieve my potential." Molly, Deputy Head Girl 2018-19





What Else?

PROVIDING A BALANCED EDUCATION!

ENRICHMENT

We offer a fabulous enrichment programme at Luckley. We use this time to expose students to everyday events within our lives and how to deal with them. Activities such as cooking demonstrations from our head chef, how to change the wheel of your car, as well as general car maintenance, completing academic profiles to build up your CV and work experience are only a few from the list. We also attend a very thought-provoking driver awareness training session which gives a valuable insight into the dangers of driving and how to ensure your own and others' safety when you become a driver. Every half term we enjoy a Friday Service with the rest of the school and in this time students are encouraged to reflect on themselves and others around them.

BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

The need to balance academic studies with rich and varied experiences outside the classroom is always at the forefront of our minds. Many departments arrange trips to academic lectures, conferences and theatres to complement classroom studies. Residential trips in Biology and Geography have proved very successful, as have our cultural trips to South Africa, Paris, Venice and America, to name a few.

There is a wide range of clubs and activities on offer to enable you to explore and develop your talents and passions. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Combined Cadet Forces give you the opportunity to experience outdoor adventures whilst learning some valuable life skills such as basic first aid, navigation and outdoor cooking.

The termly RAG Week is run entirely by the Sixth Formers, who arrange a programme of lunchtime activities which engage the whole school in having fun, whilst raising valuable funds for the school's chosen charities.





What Else?

EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS AND TALENTS

SPORT & KEEPING FIT

You will have lots of opportunities to take part in sporting activities and keep fit at Luckley. All Sixth Formers enjoy a weekly lesson of PE and in this time you can choose to play fixtures or participate in recreational activities, such as ultimate frisbee, tag rugby, climbing, trampolining or tennis.



Many students also use the sports centre facilities during non-contact time, which is a great way to relieve stress and enjoy that feel-good factor for the rest of the day. We are very supportive of students who have sporting interests and talents outside of school, particularly in terms of allowing time out of lessons to compete in national competitions. Over the years we have been proud of our students' talents in rowing, cricket, dancing, climbing, riding, ice dance and karate, amongst others.

DRAMA

If you have a passion for drama, you can certainly express your creative talents here with our amazing new performing arts theatre. All students can take part in school productions, whether in an acting role or working behind the scenes on costumes or stage management. Regular House competitions give students the chance to display any hidden talents, such as the Christmas Cracker and Spring Musical Entertainment competitions. Optional speech and drama lessons are on offer resulting in high levels of success in Trinity examinations.



MUSIC

If you are musical, you will adore our state-of-the-art Music Centre, with its acoustically perfect performance hall, high tech recording studio and many practice/tuition rooms. Senior and Chamber Choirs are always looking for new members and tuition is available in both instruments and singing.

Our students' success in the Associated Board examinations is always excellent (Grades 1 – 8). The Carol Service and Spring Concert, together with more informal events such as the Christmas Cheer Concert and music masterclasses, are held throughout the year creating a rich, varied and challenging musical programme.



Sixth Form Facilities

THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR PURPOSEFUL STUDY

Luckley Sixth Form Centre is the focus of Sixth Form life. Set away from the main school, the centre provides the perfect environment for purposeful study, including a silent study room, bespoke Sixth Form classrooms and a spacious common room, with kitchen area to relax and socialise between lessons.

In addition, students have access to the excellent facilities in the main school such as the modern laboratories, an outstanding music centre, stunning theatre and conference centre, dedicated Sixth Form art studio and a well-equipped sports centre, with fitness suite, fully sprung dance floor and climbing wall. Library and careers resources are located on the mezzanine floor of the Jubilee Library, which is set aside exclusively for Sixth Form to use for study and research.

Our boarding facilities are bright and contemporary living spaces, complete with common rooms furnished to the highest standard. The homely environment allows you the space and security to relax and enjoy yourself with your friends at the end of a busy day, with the all important wi-fi available for keeping in touch online with family and friends back home.

LOCATION

Our location in the small market town of Wokingham makes our school incredibly accessible, as we are just 40 minutes from Heathrow and one hour from Gatwick.

Our local train station has a direct link to Waterloo and is therefore perfect for students who join us from the London area. Our fleet of minibuses cover a wide area offering a superb transport service for our day community.





The Admissions Process

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PLACE?

Students wishing to join the Sixth Form at Luckley are expected to have achieved at least 5 GCSE passes at 9-4, including English and Mathematics. It is expected that at least grade 5 has been obtained at GCSE for a subject to be studied at A Level. Some subjects may require a grade 6.

You will need to complete a Registration form and pay a registration fee of £100.

You will attend an interview with the Head of Sixth Form and references will be taken up with your previous school if you are an external applicant.

Current and prospective students are invited to apply for Academic Scholarships and awards in Art, Drama, Sport and Music. The examinations and assessments for these are held in the autumn term prior to admission.

If you are interested in learning more about Luckley Sixth Form and would like to arrange a visit, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Crombie. Email Registrar@luckleyhouseschool.org Telephone 0118 978 4175

“The admissions process was so smooth, from my initial application to the offer of a place at Luckley Sixth Form. The Taster Day was particularly useful for me to explore subject choices and find out more about life in the Sixth Form.” Lauren, current Year 12



How to Find Us

By Road

From the M4

- Exit Junction 10
- Take A329M to Wokingham
- Exit A329 to Wokingham town centre
- Through town centre, take A321 signposted Camberley and Sandhurst
- Pass under bridge, straight over the roundabout with Tesco on your left, pass under second bridge
- Second turning on the left is Luckley Road
- School entrance is 100 metres on the right

From the M3

- Exit Junction 4
- Follow A321 northward for Sandhurst and Wokingham
- Inside town boundary, at Ford Garage, bear right at roundabout
- Turn right into Luckley Road
- School entrance 100 metres on the right

By Rail

- London Waterloo to Wokingham direct
- London Paddington to Reading InterCity, change at Reading for frequent rail service to Wokingham
- Taxis are readily available at Wokingham Station

By Plane

- The School is a 40 minute drive from Heathrow Airport
- The School is a 60 minute drive from Gatwick Airport

Luckley House School, Luckley Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 3EU



