



Joining Luckley
in 2021

The next steps

Luckley
HOUSE SCHOOL

Choosing the right school for your child can be a momentous and daunting task. The staff at Luckley House feel we have a part to play by making sure that all children who are offered places will thrive, succeed and benefit from being at school with us. We are happy to discuss entry into the school at any stage during the year and into all year groups, subject to availability of places.

We are privileged to work with some wonderfully talented pupils and offer a range of scholarships including academic, sports, music, drama and art awards. If you wish to discuss bursaries and Forces discount, please contact the Bursar's Department on 0118 974 3201 or by email to bursary_email@luckleyhouseschool.org

I hope that this booklet will guide you through the admissions process but please do contact me at any time if you require clarification or have further questions. We encourage pupils to experience a taster day with us and for parents to visit as many times as they feel necessary before making this important decision.

Mrs Claire Crombie, Registrar



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The first step is to visit us, have a look around the school and talk to the staff and pupils about life at Luckley. There are various options available for arranging a visit and details are available on the back page of this leaflet.

Your child will be invited to attend a Taster Day in the summer term, when he/she will spend the day with lots of other children who are considering Luckley for their senior school.



If you decide that you would like to apply for a place, the next stage is to complete a registration form. You can do this via the Admissions area of our website, or you can request a form from the Registrar. The non-refundable registration fee of £100 can be paid via cheque or BACs (Sort Code 60-24-21 Acc 67743811). Registrations must be received by the end of November 2020 for September 2021 entry.

The Entrance Process

Your child will sit the entrance exams in January 2021 for a Year 7 place in September 2021, or for a deferred Year 9 place in September 2023.

We use Cognitive Ability Tests, (CAT) along with a piece of creative writing as part of our assessment process. Your child will spend the day with us during which he/she will sit online tests in Mathematics, English and Non-Verbal Reasoning. The candidates will then take part in fun activities, which will give them a chance to relax and enjoy some social interaction with their peers.

The online CAT4 tests give scores that are standardised to the age of each child. The tests give valuable insight into your child's ability to reason across four distinct areas: verbal, non-verbal, mathematical and spatial, as compared to the national average. We do not expect candidates to do any preparation for these tests. The entrance examination is our means of assessing what the pupils are able to do. Although our school is selective, we do accept a relatively wide ability range. Most importantly, we are keen to ensure that the curriculum we offer is suitable to all the pupils in the school.

As we offer the traditional GCSE and A level qualifications, all pupils must be able to access these. Therefore we would expect successful candidates to have reached the average standard expected of pupils in Year 6. This indicates that they will be able to achieve passes in at least five GCSE subjects, including Mathematics and English.

Although the entrance examinations are an important indicator of the candidate's level of academic attainment, we do not make our decisions based purely on the results. We offer places to children who we feel will thrive within the Luckley environment, both academically and personally, and to whom we are confident that we can provide the right level of support to ensure that the child reaches his or her full potential.

We also consider a report from your child's current Headteacher and all candidates will have an interview with our Head or senior member of staff.

Scholarships

All candidates will be considered for an academic scholarship automatically. Non-academic scholarship assessments will take place either just before, or just after the entrance exam day. Candidates can audition for any of the following disciplines; Art, Drama, Music and Sport. Full details will be sent in October 2020 and all candidates should be registered by the end of November 2020.

Preparing for the Interview

The interview will take place on the entrance exams day within an informal setting. Every effort will be made to ensure that your child is relaxed and at ease. The interviewer will be a senior member of staff. The aim of the interview is to find out more about your child and his or her interests, talents and aspirations.

Accepting a Place

We will send out letters by the end of January following the entrance exams. If successful, the offer of a place will be held until our deadline for acceptance. To accept a place for your child you will be required to return the acceptance form, along with a deposit of £600. All deposits are set against the final term's disbursements.

SEN Support

Where additional educational needs have been identified, offers may be conditional upon the child receiving learning support at Luckley. An assessment will be arranged with our SEN Co-ordinator, followed by a meeting to discuss the support proposed.

Story Boards

As part of the interview process for Year 7 entry, we invite candidates to complete a personal 'Story Board' to demonstrate their hobbies, achievements and interests. This can be as simple or creative as the child desires.

EXAMPLE



A typical classroom where the exams take place.

KEY DATES FOR 2021 ENTRY

Registration by Friday 27 November 2020

Bursary applications by Friday 30 October 2020

Entrance Examinations Day - Wednesday 6 January 2021

Scholarships Assessment Days - early January 2021 (Dates TBC)

Deadline for accepting a place - Monday 1 March 2021

OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT

Open Events

Open Morning - Saturday 3 October 2020, 9am

Open House

Most Friday mornings during term time. Arrive at 9.30am for coffee with the Head, followed by a tour of the school.

Individual Appointments

Contact the Registrar to arrange a meeting with the Head.

Taster Days

Year 6 - Tuesday 3 November 2020

Year 6 - Thursday 12 November 2020

Book via our website at: www.luckleyhouseschool.org

All events are subject to change in line with Government guidance during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



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