NEW PARENTS' HANDBOOK 2021 - 2022

# "WHERE THERE IS BELIEF THERE. IS POSSIBILITY"

"I BELIEVE I CAN MAKE A SUSTAINED DIFFERENCE TO THE WORLD"

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#### Our Core Values

Luckley House School is built on the Christian foundations of love and service. We enable our pupils to thrive in a secure and encouraging environment, thereby equipping each one to be resourceful and resilient, and ready to take on life's challenges and opportunities.

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### THE SCHOOL DAY

We recognise the need to offer flexibility in our provision to meet the demands of modern family life. A number of options are available to enable you to drop off and pick up your child at times to suit your daily commitments.

Pupils can be dropped off for breakfast from 8am. Please note that unless your child is booked in for breakfast, there is minimal supervision before 8.45am when the school day starts.

The school day ends at 4pm when day pupils can go home if they wish. However, they may stay for tea, then either do supervised prep or take part in the extended day programme until 5.30pm.

Pupils can also stay for supper with our boarders at 6pm. Pupils staying for supper and prep should be collected from school by 7.30pm. There is also an extended prep option with pick up at 8.30pm. Book via Parent Hub.

Pupils also have the option to stay overnight with their boarding friends, subject to availability. See full details and costs on page 6.

#### MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

08:45 – 08:55 Registration 08:55 – 09.10 Assembly / Form Period 09:15 – 10:15 Period 1 10:20 – 11:20 Period 2 11:20 – 11:40 Break 11:40 – 12:40 Period 3 12:40 – 13:45 Lunch 13:45 – 13:50 Registration 13:55 – 14:55 Period 4 15:00 – 16:00 Period 5 16:00 – 16:30 Tea 16:20 – 17:30 Extended day

#### WEDNESDAY

- 08:45 08:55 Registration 08:50 – 09:45 Period 1
- 09:45 10:40 Period 2
- 10:40 11:00 Break
- 11:00 11:50 Period 3
- 11:50 12:40 Period 4
- 12:40 13:50 Lunch
- 13:50 14:00 Registration
- 14:00 15:00 Period 5
- 15:00 16:00 Period 6
- 16:00 16:20 Tea
- 16:20 17:30 Extended day



### ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We use a dynamic tracking and reporting system called Doddle, which allows teachers to assess how well pupils are working towards their targets and quickly identifies where they might need a little extra help, or are in need of some well-deserved praise. The programme also encourages independent learning, in that pupils can utilise the online teaching resources to work on any areas identified as a weakness. The online test allows the teacher, the pupil and the parents a chance to assess the pupil's progress and to offer more support if necessary. You will have live access to the assessment tool, so can easily see how well your child is doing in every subject with data that is constantly being updated.

#### Learning Support

The Learning Support Department aims to maximise opportunities and success for pupils who have learning differences via specialist support. In addition, we offer highly bespoke Study Skills courses for both GCSE and A level pupils, designed to promote independent study, motivation, and self-organisation. As a department, we embrace the use of assistive technology, and for those pupils who meet the examination boards' criteria, we can facilitate a range of Access Arrangements. Whole school literacy screening with the Lucid Exact online screening tool, together with in-house assessment carried out by specialist assessors, ensures that we have a full and detailed picture of any pupil's individual needs, as they progress through Luckley House.

#### Parents' Evening

You will be invited once a year to a parents' evening when you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

You are welcome to approach the Form Tutor, Head of Section or Deputy Head (Academic) if you have particular concerns to be addressed at any stage. If it is considered that a pupil is not making adequate progress due to insufficient effort, then a daily/ weekly report system may be used. This may also be implemented as a disciplinary measure in cases of misbehaviour.

### **ALUMNI SCHEME**

From the day your child joins Luckley House School he/she will become part of the Luckley community. This community consists not only of current pupils and staff, but also past pupils and staff members who continue to be involved with the school as members of Luckley Alumni.

Through Alumni membership we keep in touch with our pupils as they progress through higher education and whatever route their lives may take. Alumni members play an active part in school life, by engaging with current pupils and offering careers talks, advice, work experience and networking opportunities.

Lifetime membership of Luckley Alumni is covered by a one off payment of  $\pounds 80$  on joining the school. This payment will be added to your initial bill.

Contact Mrs Sue Hawkins, Alumni Co-ordinator if you have any questions. Email sue.hawkins@luckleyhouseschool.org

### AMBASSADORS AND PREFECTS

Your child may be given the opportunity to become a Year Group Ambassador or Form Prefect. These roles give pupils the opportunity to take on additional responsibilities within the Luckley community, such as representing the views of their peers at School Forums and acting as tour guides for prospective families who visit the school. These opportunities are valuable for developing your child's confidence and are good preparation for the leadership roles that are available in the Sixth Form.



### ATTENDANCE

The school places a strong emphasis on the need for pupils to maintain the highest possible level of attendance. Pupils are regularly assessed on a variety of skills and many of these are acquired through pupil-centred learning strategies including group work and discussion. The school takes great care to arrange project and practical assessments at optimum times in the curriculum programme. It is therefore vital that absence is only because of illness. The school holidays are generous in recognition of the fact that Luckley is a boarding school and you are therefore strongly discouraged from allowing family holidays to trespass on teaching time.

When your child is absent from school, you should email the School Office and your child's Form Tutor by 8.40am on the first day of absence. Requests for permission for a pupil to be absent

from school should be addressed, in good time, to the Head.

Dental appointments, routine medical checks, etc. should be arranged out of school hours.

#### **OPEN EVENTS**

Our main Open Morning takes place on a Saturday in the autumn term. All pupils are required to attend this event and will be expected in school from 9am to 1pm. Pupils will be allocated across the subject areas and will take part in fun, interactive sessions which will showcase what the school has to offer to prospective families. Some pupils wil be required to act as tour guides during the morning.

We also hold an Open Evening in the summer term. It is not compulsory for all pupils to attend this event but support would be greatly appreciated. Ambassadors, Form Reps and Prefects will be expected to attend, and we will require a number of other pupils to act as tour guides and to help with sports, drama and music.

Dates of these events will be sent to you at the start of the autumn term.

### CALENDAR

A school calendar is available on our website.

### COMMUNICATION

The School Office is open from 8.30am – 5.30pm. Tel: 0118 978 4175 Email: office@luckleyhouseschool.org

You will have the opportunity to meet teaching staff at Parents' Evenings, but should contact Form Tutors in the first instance. Alternatively you may request to speak to any of the following:

Head: Mrs A Bizior (Ext 3209) LHSHead@luckleyhouseschool.org Deputy Head (Academic): Mr I Vallance (Ext 3241) ian.vallance@luckleyhouseschool.org Deputy Head (Pastoral): Mrs C Gilding-Brant (Ext 3231) claire.gilding-brant@luckleyhouseschool.org Head of Sixth Form: Mr R Battrick richard.battrick@luckleyhouseschool.org Head of Boarding: Mr C Hill (Ext 3206) boarding@luckleyhouseschool.org Registrar: Mrs C Crombie (Ext 3221) Registrar@luckleyhouseschool.org

The prefix for extension numbers is 0118 974. Should you wish to contact the Chair of Governors, please use the school address.

In an emergency pupils may contact parents during the school day from the School Office. Parents may also send important messages to their child via the School Office.

### DATA COLLECTION

To ensure that the information we hold is kept up todate and accurate, we will carry out a data collection exercise once a year, usually in the autumn term.

### **DRAMA TUITION**

Speech and Drama Tutorials are available as an extracurricular subject to all age groups in the school. Students work towards grade examinations in Individual Acting, Speech & Drama, Performing Texts and Pair Acting. The examinations are progressive, up to Grade 8, including Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

As with the Drama curriculum, the Speech and Drama course does not simply nurture acting talent; it broadens knowledge and appreciation of literature. Students find they develop clarity of thought and self-confidence in expression. Experience in this field sharpens communication skills and encourages effective self-presentation techniques, which are an asset in all walks of life.

Tutorials are arranged once a week, during lunchtimes and after school activity sessions. Students usually work as individuals or in pairs.

It should be understood that tuition will consist of guidance towards exam readiness, and that it is the responsibility of the student to work independently towards preparing their pieces between tutorial sessions. The Tutor will decide when they are ready to take the examination.

Fees for tutorials and examinations are added to the end of term bill.



#### **EMAIL**

During their first term, all pupils will be given a personal email address. The format will be first name.surname@luckleyhouseschool.org

### EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMME

Our rich and varied extended day programme enables our pupils to explore different interests and discover new talents. The programme is updated each term with new activities. All pupils are encouraged to take part and the variety on offer ensures that there is something for everyone.

A copy of each term's programme is available on our website. Bookings for the extended day must be made via the website, one week in advance.

www.luckleyhouseschool.org/school-life/extendedday-programme/

There is a late bus at 5.40pm for pupils who stay for the extended day activities.







### FINANCE

A school account is sent out at the end of each term and must be paid in full not later than the first day of the new term. Should fees not be received at this time, additional costs will accrue. Some extras will be charged retrospectively. These include the cost of outings, exam books, textiles and art materials and cookery ingredients.

#### **Instalment Scheme**

We offer an in-house monthly instalment scheme for fees and a fees in advance scheme. Details of both can be obtained from the Bursary Office.

#### **Insurance - Personal Effects**

It is expected that all the property of pupils including valuable items such as mobile phones and computers will be covered by parents or under home insurance policies - it should be noted that the school cannot accept liability for loss of or damage to any personal items. Whilst a UK policyholder's All Risks Policy may provide adequate cover, we suggest seeking advice from your usual source of insurance information.

We run a Personal Accident Insurance Scheme which is included within the school fees.

#### **Fees Refund Scheme**

The school offers membership of a Fees Refund scheme. A fully descriptive leaflet for your information is included in your joining pack. After continuous absence of at least eight days for boarders or five days in respect of day pupils (including weekends), a claim can be made for a proportion of the fees.

Any financial enquiries arising from school accounts or fees should be directed to the Bursar. Tel: 0118 974 3201 or email: bursar@ luckleyhouseschool.org.uk

#### **School Trips Payment**

School trips can be paid for online via SIMS AGORA <a href="http://www.sims-pay.co.uk/">www.sims-pay.co.uk/</a>



### FLEXIBLE DAY PROVISION

In addition to the Extended Day Programme, which is included within fees, we offer flexible before and after school care provision to meet the demands of modern family life.

Option 1: Early Start – Drop your child off at 8am for breakfast -  $\pounds$ 2.87 per day

Option 2: Supper – Your child can stay for extended day activities and join the boarders for supper until 6.30pm - £5.02 per day

Option 3: Twilight Care – Your child can stay for extended day activities, then join the boarders for supper and supervised prep up until 8.30pm -  $\pounds$ 17.94 per day.

All of the above - £19.27 per day.

Please book with at least 24 hours notice.

Book via Parenthub www.luckleyhouseschool.org/parents-hub/



### **FLEXI-BOARDING**

Many of our families with day pupils take advantage of our boarding facilities for ad-hoc nights. Pupils can stay overnight with their friends, enabling you to relax, knowing your child is happy, safe and well cared for. Flexi-boarding can also be invaluable during exam periods, offering our pupils reassurance that they will be in school ready for their exam the next morning, without the potential of being late. Ad hoc boarding costs are £47.15 per night (subject to availability) and should be booked in advance with the Head of Boarding. An overnight stay following a school event is £34.85.

### **HEALTH MATTERS**

#### **Medical Information**

While boarders become patients of the School Doctor, day pupils normally remain on the list of their own GP. In school, however, we have a wellequipped surgery and medical centre to which day pupils as well as boarders sometimes go during the day, if they feel unwell. To help us give the best possible cover to all our pupils, parents are asked to provide us with information when their children start their Luckley career, and to keep us up to date when circumstances change.

A confidential medical record on each pupil is kept securely in the surgery. The medical record contains the information provided together with the medical questionnaire that you completed when your child joined the school. It will also contain details of any treatment and immunisations that a pupil receives during their time at the school, including records of all accidents and injuries.

All confidential medical/health data is computerised and records are kept securely with access strictly restricted to medical staff only. Medical information is not routinely accessible by all administrative staff. A designated staff member may provide a list of the names of current pupils with medical conditions, or social information of a sensitive nature that may be of relevance to designated staff in their dealings with pupils in the classroom or, for example, when arranging trips and visits. The catering staff may also be given the names of pupils with food allergies. All medical records are stored securely in the relevant file until the pupil's 25th birthday, when they will be securely destroyed.

#### If Your Child Becomes III

The school will always contact you if your child suffers anything more than a trivial injury, or if they become unwell during school day, or if the school has any worries or concerns about their health. The school may ask you to collect your child if they become ill during the school day.

#### **Emergency Medical Treatment**

In accepting a place at the school, you authorise the Head, or an authorised deputy acting on their behalf, to consent to the advice of an appropriately qualified medical specialist to your child receiving emergency medical treatment, including general anaesthetic and surgical procedure under the NHS if the school is unable to contact you in time.

#### Medicines and Treatments in School

You should advise the school nurse of any medication that your child has brought into school. If they have a medical condition which necessitates regular access to medication, please inform the school nurse, so that an appropriate regime can be devised. The relevant academic and pastoral staff will be informed, in strict confidence, of any condition that is likely to affect the child in any area of school life.

Please keep in contact with the school nurse on a regular basis if your son or daughter is unwell.

#### School Health Centre

The School Medical Centre is staffed between 8.30am and 17:30pm by Nurse Doel and Nurse Lan, the School Nurses. Tel: 0118 974 3203.

### HOMEWORK

Each pupil will have a homework timetable and you are encouraged to keep this for reference. Homework is set for all pupils ranging from on average one hour per night in Year 7 to two hours by Year 11.

Clearly all pupils do not work at the same speed and you should inform the subject teacher if problems arise. Please contact the Form Tutor or Head of Section if you have more serious concerns.

### LOCKERS

The school will issue a locker to your child at the start of the academic year. All the pupils are responsible for their locker and must provide their own lock. Any type of padlock is acceptable, but we would recommend the following styles (preferably with a combination code rather than a key).



### LOST PROPERTY

There is a box for each year group for collection of named lost items. Those items which are not named are collected separately in a trunk. If items are misplaced, pupils should check these areas periodically. Any items not claimed by the end of the term will be disposed of.

### LUCKLEY HOUSE FRIENDS

You automatically become a member of Luckley House Friends (LHF), the Parent Teacher Association when your child joins Luckley. Providing pupils with a wide range of extra curricular activities is a key strength of Luckley House School and the LHF are here to support and help fund many of these events. The LHF Committee is a group of parents and members of Luckley staff who aim to achieve the following:

- Increase parent engagement with the school
- Support the school delivering its long-term plan
- Build awareness of the school with local community and business
- Raise funds to enrich school life for pupils and staff
- Leverage expertise and skills of parents.

Luckley House Friends raise funds through a termly subscription of £5 per pupil and by organising events such as the annual bonfire and firework display. The money raised is used in various ways around the school. In addition to purchasing equipment for the majority of school departments over recent years, last autumn LHF bought the school a zip wire which has proved very popular with pupils and staff! The committee also hosts an annual Easter Egg Hunt and makes donations to school events, such as the Year 11 Prom.

To support the school, LHF are very keen to leverage the skills, ideas and contacts that all the parents have to continue to create and fund exciting opportunities for all the pupils. Whatever you can do to help these events is a great benefit to the whole school. Even two hours a term, or helping at an event on an ad hoc basis can make a real difference.

Why Join? It is a great way to meet other parents and the school's leadership and find out all that is taking place in and around the school. So if you would like to make an impact and support the school please contact the Luckley House Friends via the School Office.



### **MOBILE PHONES**

Mobile devices may be brought to and from school under the following conditions:

#### Years 7 - 9

Mobile devices must be switched off and put away into lockers by 8.45am, where they must remain until 4.00 pm. They must not be kept in blazer pockets. At any other time, if it is necessary to contact parents, pupils should report to the school office or ask a teacher who will supervise the call. Devices may not be used in lessons.

#### Years 10 & 11

Mobile devices may be brought into school and kept out of sight in either blazer pockets or school bags. They may be used in the Year 11 Common Room and in the Year 10 & 11 form rooms. No photographs may be taken unless under direct supervision of a member of staff. Photos taken during the school day must not be posted on the Internet.

#### **MUSIC TUITION**

We have a very busy Music Department with plenty of activities and music lessons to choose from. Lessons are offered in the following:

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PIANO	THEORY	DRUMS
VIOLIN	VIOLA	CELLO
BASS	FLUTE	CLARINET
MUSICAL THEATRE		SINGING
Saxophone	TRUMPET	TROMBONE
CLASSICAL & CONTEMPORARY GUITAR		

Lessons take place in the school day and work on rotation. (Fees advised on application). Pupils are encouraged to take Trinity and ABRSM Music exams which are generally here at school. There is also a wide range of lunchtime and extra -curricular activities to join. Music Clubs held at lunchtime, before school and after school include:

- Orchestra
- Senior Choir
- Drumming Club (Junior and Senior)
- Music Theory
- Junior Choir
- Chamber Choir (by audition)
- Rock School
- Chamber Music
- Showtime (Musicals)
- Wind Band
- Ukulele Club
- Open Music Studio



### NEWS - KEEPING INFORMED

Luckley Life is our enewsletter which is sent to parents most weeks. As well as sharing news and photos about events in school, we also celebrate the achievements of our pupils outside of school. Please let us know about your child's special achievements by email to the Marketing Department - marketing@luckleyhouseschool.org. Visit our website and follow us on social media for regular news and photographs of life in school.

facebook.com/LuckleyHouseSchool twitter.com/luckleyhouse twitter.com/lhsboarding twitter.com/luckleysport youtube.com/ LuckleyHouseSchoolWokingham

### PHOTO PERMISSIONS

Our Marketing Department takes photographs at most of our school events and activities, which are used within publicity materials. This includes newsletters, promotional literature, our website and social media sites, as well as within advertising in the local and national media. The authorisation form in the joining pack **MUST** be completed and returned to the Registrar, to ensure that we comply with data protection rules on the use of photographs.



## SCHOOL RULES

Rules are kept to a minimum, consistent with safety and good order. Pupils render themselves liable to immediate suspension if, without permission, they leave the school premises by day or the school building by night, or bring cigarettes, alcohol or drugs into school.

Pupils using school transport are permitted to travel on the late buses only if they have participated in an activity endorsed by the school.

While every effort is made to inform parents about serious breaches of school rules, it must also be accepted that the Head has complete discretion in the imposition of sanctions, including suspension or expulsion. The Behaviour, Discipline & Exclusions, Rewards & Sanctions policies are available on our website.



### SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

Our preference is for Casio calculators as we find them to be good value, robust and easy to use. These models can be purchased in a variety of shops such as Tesco, Staples and WH Smith as well as online. Examples of ideal calculators are:

• Casio fx-83 GT PLUS (battery powered: latest model)

• Casio fx-85 GT PLUS (solar/battery powered: latest model)

We would advise the solar powered calculators as the batteries last longer.

Older models are perfectly acceptable, of course, and there is no need to buy a new calculator unless your son/daughter has lost or broken his/her existing one. More advanced models are not necessary, unless you want to make an investment that will last him/her through university.

If your son/daughter is doing A level we recommend the "CASIO fx-99ES PLUS" as it allows for numerical integration and solving of quadratic and simultaneous equations to help with checking of calculations.



### SOLVING DIFFICULTIES

We are committed to the welfare of our pupils. We are concerned for natural justice, for truth, fairness and high standards of community conduct. Most concerns are likely to be straightforward issues of mistake or misunderstanding and can be readily sorted out by immediate reference to the individual responsible.

#### One way forward

School Forum, chaired by the Head Student, provides a way for pupils to air ideas or grievances which are heard by the Bursar, General Services Manager and Deputy Heads. Minor problems of housekeeping or food service can be addressed here if not already sorted by individual approach. In addition, innovative, constructive suggestions can be put forward for consideration.

#### Academic queries

If you become aware of a concern, please approach your child's Form Tutor in the first instance. Alternatively, subject teachers or Heads of Department may be contacted if appropriate. Contact should be made through the School Office or by email.

#### Friendship problems

In the first instance a pupil with a difficulty or unhappiness should approach his/her Form Tutor or Houseparent. He/She will be carefully listened to, and every effort made both to establish facts and put right what may have gone wrong. Year 7 pupils may also choose to talk to one of the Sixth Form peer mentors. If problems persist, a pupil may choose to approach the Head of Section. Beyond this level of referral is the Deputy Head (Pastoral) or the Head who will always listen to serious problems or difficulties which have not been resolved by earlier procedures.

#### **Bullying concerns**

Bullying is not tolerated. Any pupil experiencing or witnessing such an occurrence is encouraged to speak about it to the adults responsible for his/her welfare. Sixth Form prefects provide another line of counselling and support. A copy of our Anti-Bullying Policy can be found on the website.

#### **Medical** matters

Confidential medical advice is always available from the School Nurses.

#### School Counsellor

Pupils can make an appointment with the School's Counsellor via Mrs Gilding-Brant, Deputy Head, Pastoral.

#### Complaints

The Head has full discretion in dealing with matters of good order and discipline within the School whether they affect pupils or staff. A dissatisfied parent who has exhausted all these procedures has final right of appeal to the Chair of Governors at the school's address. A copy of the formal complaints procedure was issued to parents with the offer of a place at Luckley House School. Additional copies may be downloaded from the website. Policies regarding child protection and school visits are also available on the website.

### TABLETS/PERSONAL NOTEBOOKS

Your child will be issued with a Notebook tablet during the first few days in school, to keep for the duration of his/her time at Luckley.

The tablet will be used regularly in lessons throughout the day, so it is essential that your child brings it to school fully charged.

Full terms and conditions regarding use of the tablets is included within the Joining Pack.

### TERM DATES

Details of term dates are available on the school website at: <u>www.luckleyhouseschool.org/school-life/</u><u>term-dates.</u>



### TRANSPORT

The school operates a single transport service in the morning and a double service in the evening, to provide the option for pupils to enjoy after-school activities. The transport leaves at 4.10pm and 5.40pm Monday – Thursday and 4.10pm on Fridays. We have partnered with Vectare, a specialist school transport management company, to provide you with a dedicated booking website for school transport. This will also offer you a host of other benefits, including tracking the school bus and receiving email notifications of when your child has boarded the service.

For more information about the school bus service or to make a booking please visit: <u>https://</u> <u>luckleyhouseschool.vectare.co.uk/</u>

### **UNIFORM**

The majority of uniform can be purchased from the Luckley House School Uniform Shop which is located on the school premises. The Uniform Shop is run by The Direct Clothing Company and managed by Sian Jones who is a current parent at Luckley House. Please make an appointment for a uniform fitting by visiting the Direct Clothing website where you will find a range of available dates. Visit www.thedirectclothing.co.uk, select 'School Shops' and then Luckley House to choose a suitable time. The fitting will take up to one hour.

A list of the uniform required is enclosed and samples will be available to try on at the fitting. If your child's size is in stock it will be issued at the time of your fitting. Items which need to be ordered will be issued before the beginning of term. Please note that payment in full, either by cash, cheque or credit/debit card will need to be made on the date of your fitting. A price list can be found on the websites of both Luckley House School and Direct Clothing. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the uniform shop via email at uniformshop@luckleyhouseschool.org.

#### **General Appearance**

- Long hair must be worn off the face and collar, tied back in a style that does not interfere with clear vision or safety requirements.
- Hair must not be coloured and make-up must not be worn.
- Girls' skirts must be on, or no more than 5cms above, the knee.
- The blazer is compulsory throughout the year.
- Pupils may wear a wrist watch, a discreet plain gold/silver cross (or other religious symbol) and chain and one pair of simple studs, one in each pierced earlobe. Other items will be confiscated for at least one week.

#### Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform (SHU) Shop is run by Luckley House Friends and all monies raised are used to fund projects at the school. The SHU has a dedicated space in school and is open at set times during the term for parents to come and purchase items. If you would like to make an appointment or find out if a particular item is in stock, please email Luckleyhousefriends@luckleyhouseschool.org. Items of clothing and sports kit are generally sold at 50% or less than the price of new items.

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