

**BOARDING AT LUCKLEY**



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HOUSE SCHOOL

# LIVE AND LEARN TOGETHER

## WELCOME



Thank you for considering boarding at Luckley House School for your child. Our close-knit, family-like boarding community focuses on both exceptional pastoral care and academic growth. Whether you are interested in full, weekly, or flexi-boarding, we would be delighted to welcome you for a tour of our Boarding Houses or arrange a taster evening, which would give your child a first-hand experience of life in our supportive boarding environment.

***Mrs Claire Gilding-Brant  
Head***

## A WORD FROM THE HEAD OF BOARDING



Boarding at Luckley House School provides a unique and unforgettable life experience, one you will carry with you and cherish. My team and I are dedicated to creating a welcoming environment where every pupil can thrive. We emphasise respect, friendship, doing your best, tolerance, and curiosity; all while encouraging everyone to wear a smile.

A large dedicated boarding team enables every pupil's pastoral needs to be met, and, with an excellent activities programme run every day, there is always something going on.

***Mr David Rose  
Head of Boarding***



# BOARDING AT LUCKLEY

A WARM, SUPPORTIVE HOME AWAY FROM HOME

At Luckley House School our aim is to provide a home away from home for our boarders, in which friendships and social skills can be nurtured.

Through our close-knit and supportive approach where pastoral care is paramount, we are able to provide a truly warm welcome for all boarders.

## BOARDING BENEFITS

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

## BOARDING OPTIONS

Our boarding community is a lively environment and our provision is extremely flexible to meet the individual needs of the modern family. We provide both full and weekly boarding for pupils from the UK and overseas, and in addition, our flexi-boarding option enables a number of our day pupils to regularly stay overnight and at the weekends.

## FLEXI-BOARDING

Flexi-boarding is of great benefit for our families, particularly when parents have work or social commitments, or pupils have an evening event at the school. Flexi-boarding is also popular with our 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, without the worry of being late!

## SHORT TERM PACKAGE

We offer an all-inclusive boarding package for international students wishing to come to Luckley for a minimum of one term. Pupils from all across the world join us in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, to improve their English language and experience a British education.

## ROUTINES

Our boarders thrive within the routines set by the house - they have designated times to study. This structure is enormously beneficial for pupils in focusing their efforts and helping them to reach their potential, and the availability of staff to support and guide their homework is both reassuring and motivating.



# ADMISSIONS

## THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT LUCKLEY

Our Registrar will be happy to liaise directly with families or 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](http://www.luckleyhouseschool.org/admissions) or in our Annual Information Booklet.

### UK BASED FAMILIES

We admit pupils through an entrance examination process, where both academic ability and all-round potential are assessed. The tests comprise mathematics, English and verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning. We consider a report from the current school and all candidates will have an interview with a senior member of staff. A non-refundable registration fee of £150 must be submitted

with the registration form, which can be completed on our website.

### FORCES FAMILIES

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

### OVERSEAS FAMILIES

Where families live overseas, parents should complete the registration form and submit it with a £250 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 pupil. In addition to the usual entrance tests, applicants, where English is not their first language, will take an

'English as an Additional Language' (EAL) 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 virtual interview with the Head of Boarding if they are unable to visit the school in person.

### GUARDIANSHIP

All boarders whose parents live overseas are expected to have a guardian based in the UK. Guardians are responsible for organising care for boarders during holidays and when they need to go home at other times.



# PERFECT LOCATION & SETTING

CONVENIENT FOR TRAVEL FROM THE UK AND ABROAD

## PERSONAL AIRPORT SERVICE

Our team of Boarding staff always personally collect our international boarders from the airport at the start of term and drop them back at the end of term (including half terms). This personal service is free for our boarders and it ensures that pupils feel confident and at ease when they arrive.

## STUNNING SETTING

Luckley House School is located in the beautiful Royal County of Berkshire countryside with outstanding grounds and facilities. Our site, set in 25 acres, is simply stunning, with lots of green space and a majestic woods, complete with zip wires and an adventure trail.

## WOKINGHAM

Wokingham is a happy and safe place to live. It is a market town, with an array of shops, cafes and restaurants, with the centre only a 10 minute walk from the School.

## NEARBY TOWNS

Reading town centre, which has a great shopping centre, is a ten minute train ride away and Windsor and Ascot, for cultural trips, are on the doorstep.

## TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

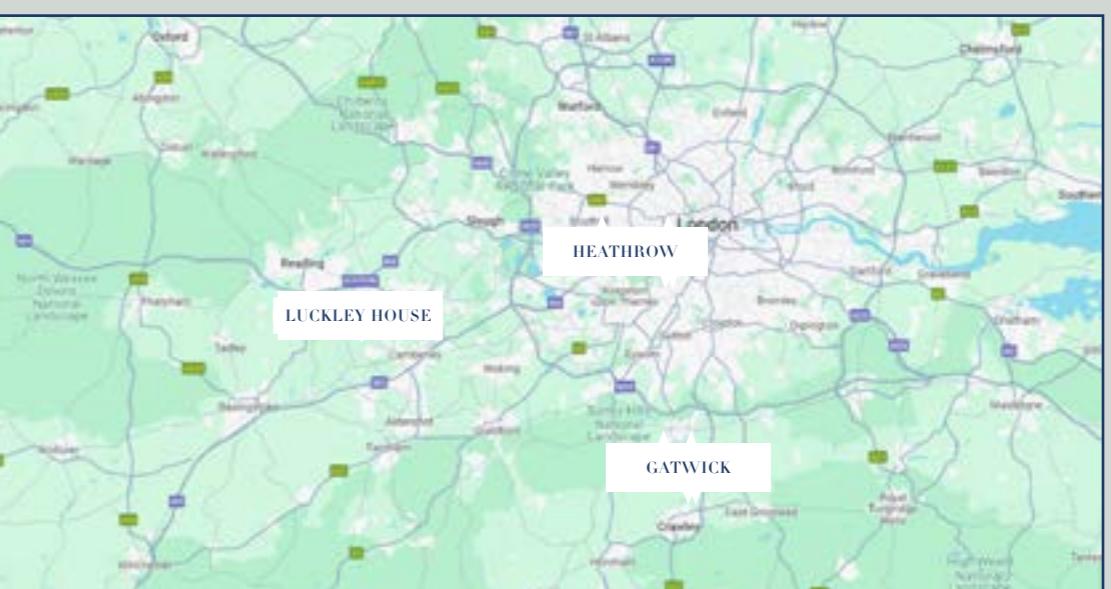
Our School provides the perfect location for national and international boarders, with easy access to main UK airports and close proximity to main railway stations.

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

Southampton Airport (for boarders from the Channel Islands) is a one hour drive.

## LONDON FAMILIES

Wokingham Station sits on the main cross-country train line to London Waterloo, or a short train ride to Reading Station (9 minutes) enables pupils to catch the fast train (21 minutes) to Paddington Station and the Elizabeth Line across London. We offer collection from Wokingham Station.





## PASTORAL CARE

### HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PUPILS IS PARAMOUNT

Our boarding staff are skilled at ensuring that new boarding pupils are absorbed into the 'Luckley family' with ease, and boarders soon become settled and happy. Each boarder is allocated a buddy and also has a choice of staff to whom they can turn for personal guidance. All boarders also have daily contact with their Form Tutor, who takes a close interest in their academic and social welfare, liaising regularly with boarding staff.

#### HEALTH & WELL-BEING

We have a well-equipped Health Centre run by fully qualified Nurses and an on-call Paediatric Nurse who lives in the boarding house.

Appointments are organised for boarders through the Health Centre for the doctors, dentist, orthodontist, opticians and vaccinations.

Boarders with families overseas who are staying at Luckley House School for less than six months should arrange adequate medical insurance for the duration of their stay. If the study program is six months or longer, boarders can access healthcare services through the NHS without the need for private health insurance as they will have paid a healthcare surcharge as part of their immigration application. Boarders who are staying longer than six months will need to be registered with a local GP, which the School will assist with.

All medication for boarders must be given to the medical staff, including any vitamin tablets or supplements. These are kept in a safe and administered by qualified staff when needed.

#### 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 that these can be incorporated into the menu planning. An example of a typical menu is available to view on our website.



## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

### FROM EAL TO STUDY SKILLS - SUPPORT WHERE NEEDED

#### EAL SUPPORT

We offer boarders, whose first language is not English, the opportunity to develop their language skills and to become confident speakers. Our well qualified, specialist English as an Additional Language teachers provide one-to-one and group lessons for boarders, focussing on general everyday and academic English.

During the application process, candidates 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 pupil 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.

#### LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support team aims to maximise opportunities for pupils who have learning differences, via specialist support.

We embrace the use of assistive technology, and for pupils who meet the examination boards' criteria, we can facilitate a range of access arrangements. Literacy screening with the Lucid Exact online screening tool, together with in-house assessment carried out by specialist assessors, ensures that we have a detailed picture of any pupil's individual needs, as they progress through Luckley House.

With the right support, skills, and strategies we are confident that our learners will be empowered to succeed, not just at school or university, but in the workplace and adult life.

#### STUDY SKILLS

Our six-week study skills course is open to all pupils and each session is carefully calibrated to enhance the academic performance of the individual, offering a highly bespoke learning experience. The course begins with effective goal setting and then explores how to collate those resources and materials that are key to academic success, before moving on to explore time management, how to deal with adversity and examination preparation and technique. The final session provides an opportunity to reflect on the course as a whole. All of the resources remain accessible via Microsoft Office 365 for future reference. At every stage, we encourage learners to take ownership of their learning to develop resourcefulness, resilience, and a sense of self-efficacy.



# WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL LIVE

## PROVIDING A HOMELY ENVIRONMENT FOR BOARDERS

### BOARDING HOUSES

Living accommodation for all our boarders is situated in the Main House and above the Sixth Form Centre. Both Houses have a vibrant atmosphere that is warm and friendly. Pupils share modern, comfortable bedrooms and are encouraged to personalise their own space with photos, posters and treasures.

The boarders have use of bright, spacious common rooms and a sunny conservatory, complete with comfy sofas and large screen TVs and there is a Games Room with a pool table and darts.

The well-equipped kitchen areas are popular for making snacks and drinks and even some home-baking!

The bathrooms are clean and bright and equipped with both baths and showers.

Outside is a large patio area and lawn, complete with BBQ, pizza oven, table tennis table, outdoor games and swing ball. This space is a hive of activity during the warmer months with the boarding community coming together in the evenings and weekends to enjoy social time together.

### SCHOOL FACILITIES

Luckley boasts superb facilities, including modern classrooms and laboratories, a state of the art music centre, professional performing arts and conference theatre, spacious art studios, a large sports centre with an all-weather pitch, a fitness suite, trampolines, indoor cricket nets, dance area and a climbing wall.

Our boarders have access to many of these facilities in the evenings and weekends.

Our high ratio of boarding staff enables a variety of activities to take place in the evenings, with at least two activity options each night.

Many of the boarders make regular use of the sports facilities, whilst others can be found on the zip wire, working on prep or rehearsing in the Music Centre for the Boarding Band!

Boarders enjoy a laundry service three times a week.





# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## WHAT WE DO IN THE EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS

### EVENINGS

The rich and varied programme of enrichment activities at Luckley House enables our pupils 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, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Combined Cadet Force, tennis, music and drama, art and crafts, fun cooking, science and board games, to name just a few.

### WEEKENDS

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.

This is balanced with giving the boarders 'down time' to rest and relax.

The boarders select activities with the boarding staff to accommodate everyone's ideas and interests. Many of our weekly boarders, or even day pupils regularly join the full boarders for weekend trips, so as not to miss out on the fun!

Activities range from visits of cultural interest, leisure pursuits, seaside trips, shopping and community engagement.

There are no lessons at the weekend, but independent prep is encouraged.

There is also the opportunity to attend a church service if wished.

### EXAMPLE WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 1	LONDON	CINEMA
WEEK 2	WOKINGHAM TOWN	THORPE PARK
WEEK 3	LAZER QUEST & BOWLING	JAPANESE SUSHI CLASS
WEEK 4	OXFORD	POTTERY PAINTING
WEEK 5	SHOPPING IN READING	TRAMPOLINE
WEEK 6	ESCAPE ROOMS	FAMILY GOLF
WEEK 7	INDOOR SKYDIVING	CHOCOLATE MAKING
WEEK 8	MUDEFORD QUAY TRIP	CLIP AND CLIMB
WEEK 9	VIRTUAL REALITY	GO KARTING



# WHAT OUR BOARDERS SAY

WHO BETTER TO DESCRIBE THE EXPERIENCE?

## ANNE - FULL BOARDER

As a full boarder, my experience has been both enriching and structured, providing the perfect environment for academic focus and personal growth. The ability to study during the day and evenings has been a great advantage, allowing me to manage my time effectively and balance schoolwork with leisure. Boarding activities during the week keep things engaging, whether through sports, creative workshops, or just spending time with friends. Weekends are always lively with planned excursions and activities, offering a fun break from the routine. The boarding house itself offers flexibility, with comfortable rooms and communal spaces that create a homey atmosphere while maintaining high standards.

## ELLA - FLEXI BOARDER

As a flexi boarder I have the ability to board whenever I want, often with quite short notice, making it considerably easier for me and my parents. Boarding not only provides structure to my evening, but gives me the opportunity to make friends across the school and enjoy the wide range of boarding activities. I really love the breakfasts, the lie-in and the opportunity for extra study-time, especially in the time leading up to my A Levels. The rooms are super clean, and I love sharing with my friends and being able to access a great boarding common room and kitchen room for baking in the evenings. I would recommend boarding to any pupil who wants to become more involved in the general Luckley community.

## PETER - WEEKLY BOARDER

Boarding has provided me with a renewed opportunity for education. I re-sat Year 12 at Luckley and became a Weekly Boarder. Boarding has helped me to stay in the school routine; I can organise my time effectively around the structured day ensuring that I do as much work as possible. I aspire to study at Oxford and have recently sat the admissions test for Experimental Psychology. Fingers crossed!

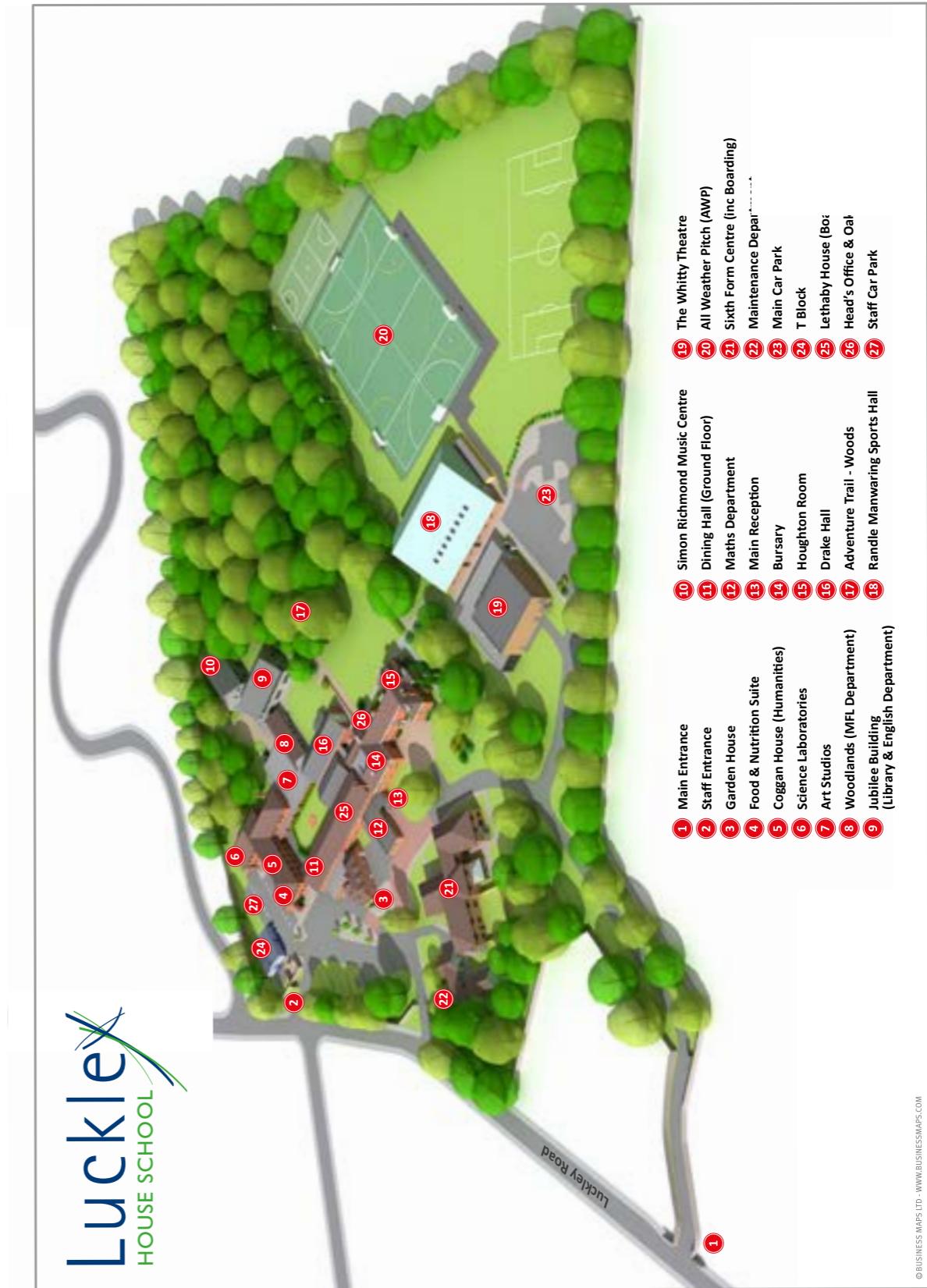
## PLUM - SHORT TERM BOARDER

My time at Luckley House School was an incredibly enriching and unforgettable experience. The location and environment are truly beautiful. Situated in the peaceful countryside of Wokingham, just a short train ride from London and very close to Reading, the school offers the perfect balance between a serene setting and easy access to the city. The welcoming community, beautiful setting, caring staff, fantastic food, exciting weekend trips, and cultural activities all contributed to making my stay one of the best experiences of my academic journey. One of the most remarkable parts was the friendships I made. I met students from different backgrounds, and everyone was so friendly and approachable. This camaraderie was essential to creating a positive and supportive learning environment. My friends were always there to lend a helping hand, whether it was to review a lesson or simply chat about life. The support I received from my peers made my stay even more enjoyable.



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PASSION FOR SCIENCE TO  
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