

Welcome to

Bishop Luffa

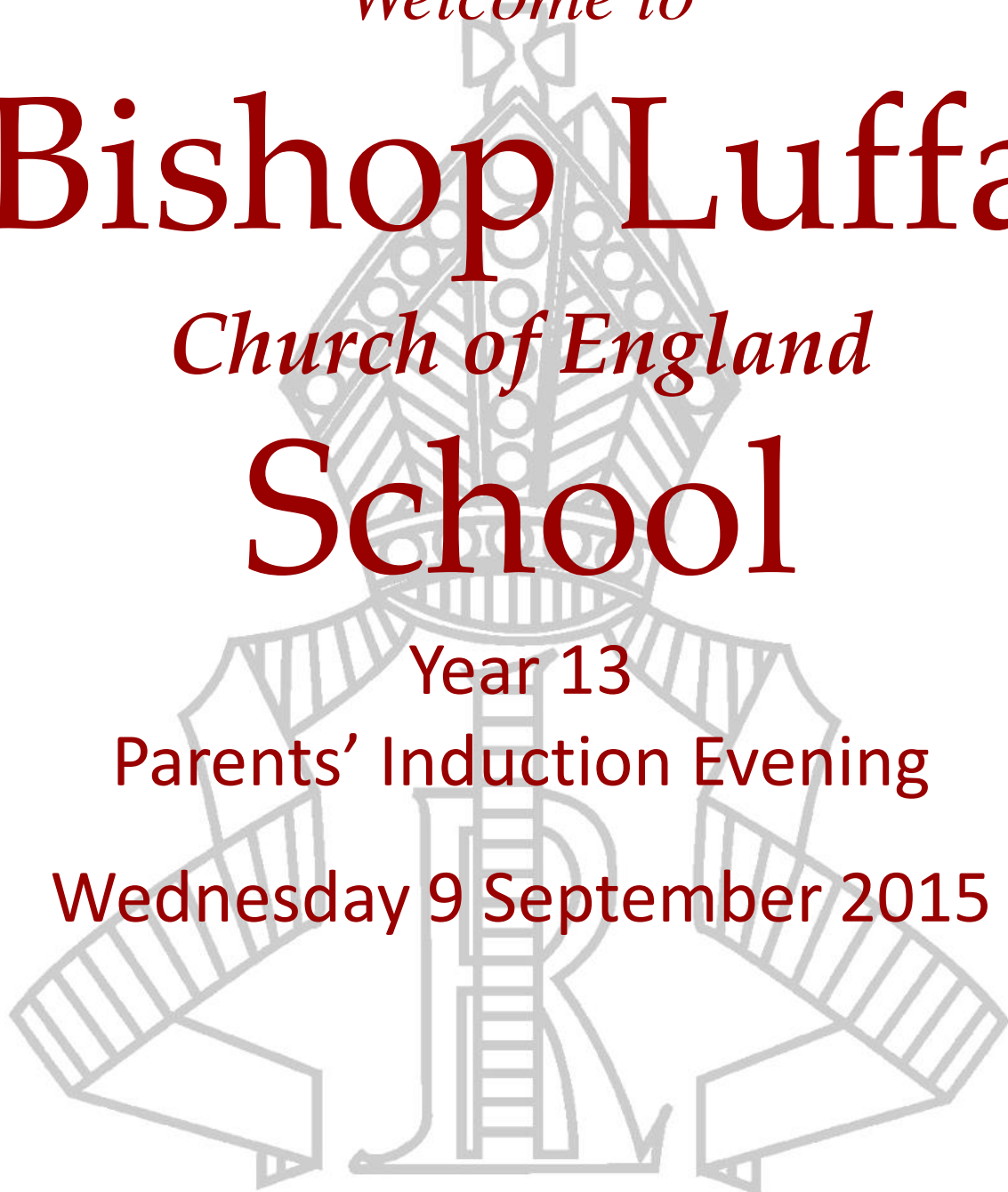
Church of England

School

Year 13

Parents' Induction Evening

Wednesday 9 September 2015



Our Results 2015

A-level:

- 65% A*-B, 99% A*-E
- 20 students achieved 3 A*/As
- 8 Oxbridge places secured & 5 for Medicine



AS-level:

- 42% A-B, 87% A-E
- 36 students achieved at least 2 A grades
- ALPS Grade 2 (top 10% of Sixth Form providers)

AS Results Scrutiny

- Recalls/remarks (by 20/9/15)
- Examiner's Reports/Mark Schemes
- Retake(s) of AS module(s) (May 2016). Entries in February 2016
- A2 modules two weeks later
- A2 builds on and reinforces AS (synopticity)
- Access arrangements (LS testing?)

University Applications

- Predicted grades from teachers (by end of September)
- 5 choices (need for realism)
- Firm choice and insurance choice
- 3 grade offer (e.g. AAB) and/or Tariff points offer (e.g. 300 pts)?



UCAS Deadlines

- 15th October:
Oxbridge/Medicine/Vets/Dentistry
- October half-term: all UCAS applications complete
- By Christmas: all applications sent (to meet 15/1/16 UCAS deadline)
- 4th May: 2 choices confirmed
- 18th August: A-level Results Day



Alternatives

- Clearing + Adjustment 2016 (quota cap now lifted)
- (Re-) Apply in Sept. 2016 through school
- Y14 (with retakes) sometimes possible
- Careers guidance
- Apprenticeships

UCAS
Clearing



Oxbridge/Medics/Vets Support

- Friday afternoon workshops from 11/9 (personal statement)
- 29/9: St John's College, Oxford seminar
- Mock interview (with Mr Taunt)
- Nov/Dec (tbc): Oxford University Interview workshop
- Liaison with Admissions Tutors



Building Skills for HE and Careers

- The extra-curricular:
 - Getting involved in the Sixth Form
 - Leadership of the school community
- The super-curricular:
 - independent learning

(Essential for the personal statement/tutor reference and/or CV.

Helps to build character too!)



Top 'Soft' Skills for Success

- Communication
- Teamwork & collaboration
- Adaptability
- Problem-solving
- Leadership
- Responsibility
- Initiative and drive
- Self-respect



Opportunities in the Sixth Form

Charity Work:

The Fashion Show

Non-Uniform Days

Charity Week

Volunteering (OUTSET)



Hope & Homes for Children



Save the Children

**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

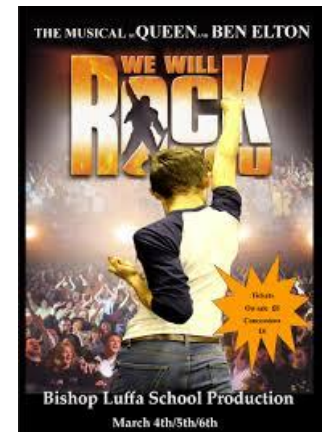
Helping to lead the school community

- Mentoring younger pupils
- Assisting the Head of House
- 'Toe-by-Toe' Reading Scheme
- Paid lunch duties
- Open Evening guides
- Sixth Form Information Evening



Other Activities on Offer

- Bar Mock Trial
- Debating team
- Duke of Edinburgh (Silver & Gold)
- Whole School Play/Musical
- Music groups & concerts
- Sports teams (Interhouse etc.)
- Subject trips & conferences



How to get involved

- Tutor time (opportunities promoted)
- Assemblies (information/notices)
- Plasma screen & noticeboards
- Twitter & Frog
- Sixth Form Committee
- Social events (Winter Ball)



The Super-Curricular



To boldly go beyond the specifications...

Making the difference at A2

- A2 requires even greater evidence of independent learning
- Final A2 units are about ‘synopticity’ (pulling all strands of the course/subject together)
- Using knowledge and understanding gained from wider reading is vital to show independence and synopticity

EVALUATIONS:

- AO2 = synopticity (culture, gender, ethics, reductionists, free-will, determinism) , commentary, strengths, limitations, counter-arguments, opposing or supporting studies,
- AO3 = methodological strengths, limitations and effects on the findings. Way research conducted. Is psychology a science?
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Where to start?

- Students should get into the habit of reading a quality broadsheet newspaper, by using an app, website or buying a hard copy

theguardian

The  **INDEPENDENT**

The Telegraph

Magazines & Journals

The Sixth Form Library has the following:

The Stage

E-Magazine

Law Review

Physics Review

English Review

Chemistry Review

The Week

Phosphore

Society Now

Economic Review

English Review

The Media Magazine

RS Review

Biology Review

20th C History Review

Sight and Sound

Business Review



New/Digital Media



iTunes U

- Free podcasts, video lectures, reading recommendations
- A whole range of resources from leading universities (Oxford, Yale)

YouTube

- Has its own educational channel – EDU
- TED Talks



Radio 4 (live or via BBC i-player)



Websites of Professional Organisations

- www.rsc.org – Royal Society of Chemistry
- www.history.org.uk – The Historical Association



It's not just about 'reading' ...

Students should:

- Join a club or society
- Visit museums, galleries, exhibitions
- Enter competitions, essay prizes etc.
- Get out into natural habitats or the built environment
- Attend lectures, seminars, tasters at local universities



Our Basic Expectations

- Attending tutor time (Tuesdays + Fridays)
- Coming to assemblies (Wednesdays)
- Undertaking the PSE programme (Tues B2)
- Maintaining 100% attendance (+ punctuality)
- Using study periods productively
- Working hard at home
- Following our safeguarding procedures

Importance of Tutor Time

- Student monitoring and academic mentoring
- UCAS guidance (and reference-writing)
- Information (deadlines etc.)
- *Spiritual Spaces* programme
- Current Affairs (*The Day*)
- Study Skills
- Links to PSE programme

UCAS



Flying Start



Assemblies

- Whole Sixth Form (Wednesday B week): spiritual reflection, community, worship
- Year 13 (alternate Wednesday A week): teaching & learning focus
 - How to read more widely
 - Fixed and Growth Mindsets
 - Managing stress
 - UCAS final steps
 - Commendations



PSE Programme

- 15/9: Choosing a University + Course
- 29/9: Student Life (Univ. of Surrey)
- 13/10: UCAS form completion
- 3/11: Sixth Form Charities
- 17/11: Growth Mindset
- 1/12: Student Finance England
- 15/12: Stonepillow (Alcohol Awareness)



Notifying us of Absence

- Phone student reception (or e-mail tutor)
- Notification of authorised absence (green form): signed by all teachers and passed to tutor
- Atypical requests to Head of Sixth Form
- Detailed attendance data recorded on SIMS



Study Periods

- Majority of students have 21 study periods every two weeks
- Sixth Form Library (open at 8am until 4pm/extended opening until 5pm on Mondays and Fridays)
- Collaborative working in Sixth Form cafe
- 'Free' Wi-Fi in Sixth Form Centre (for laptops/tablets)



Working at Home

- For every hour of lessons at least one hour of private study recommended (= 27 hours over two weeks)
- Using student planner to help organise workload and meet deadlines
- Logging onto FROG
- Importance of wider reading



Safeguarding in the Sixth Form

- Requirement to wear an identification badge and lanyard at all times whilst on the school site
- Signing in (morning + Period 5) and out
- Dressing appropriately for a school environment



Sanctions

- Text message home if tutor time or assembly missed
- Tutor to contact home if two consecutive activities missed
- Meeting with Head of Sixth Form (and placing on Monitoring report) if tutor time, assemblies, PSE continue to be missed (place in Sixth Form at risk)

Sanctions (cont.)

- Request for exam fees if lesson attendance below 95% (i.e. >5% unauthorised absence)
- Monitoring report by librarians (for study periods)
- Sent home to change if dressed inappropriately
- Sent home to fetch ID and lanyard (if persistently forgotten)
- Letter home if not scanning in/out

Key Dates

- UCAS references completed: 28/9/15
- Progress Review Grades: 18/11/15
- Y13 PCE: 3/12/15
- January Internal Exams: 4/1/16 – 15/1/16
- Written Reports: 23/3/16
- Last day of A2 lessons: 26/5/16
- A2 examinations: 8/6/16 to 29/6/16
- A-level Results: 18/8/16



Some More Key Dates

- Open Evening: 8/10/15
- Fashion Show: 23/11/15-25/11/15
- Christmas Jumper Day: 11/12/15
- Year 13 Exploration Day/RE Conference: 17/12/15
- Christmas Banquet & Ball: 17/12/15
- Sixth Form Information Evening: 7/1/16
- Charity Week: 14/3/16-18/3/16
- Leavers' Event: 27/5/16
- Leavers' Ball: July 2016 (tbc)



Contacts

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Bishop Luffa School Parents & Friends Association



Forthcoming events

- 20th September Yr. 7 Family Picnic
- 14th November PFA Quiz
- 1st December Grand Draw & PFA AGM
- 23rd January Burns Night
- 11th March Year 7/8 Disco
- 14th May PFA Family Quiz Night & Hog Roast
- 1st July Year 11 Prom

Contribute towards . . .

- Counselling Service
- Two School Minibuses
- Newspapers for Library
- Students' work experience
- Defibrillator and nurses training

Last five years larger donations

- £35,000 Bartlett Hall refurbishment
- £20,000 new Sixth Form Library
- £5,000 stained glass windows
- £20,000 Creative Arts Centre
- £20,000 new foyer
- £5,000 50th Anniversary
- £15,000 outside dining area and “Pagoda”
- £16,000 redevelopment of 6th Form Common Room
- **£136,000**

6th Form Common Room



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**All of this has only been possible by
the continued support of the parents**

SO THANK YOU



Our Vision

***Always our best
because everyone matters***



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*With the shared involvement of every individual,
we aspire to be a confident outward-looking
Christian community in which every member*

- enjoys creative, dynamic and reflective learning*
- is supported, challenged and equipped for the future*
- values and takes responsibility for themselves and others*
- relies on and builds supportive and lasting relationships*

Ratified by Governors 25 June 2013

Bishop Luffa Parents' Prayer Group

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First meeting

Monday 21 September 2015

We will meet outside the school gates at 7.15pm
and will then move inside to the school library.
The meeting will end by 8.30pm at the latest.