



Lucton School

Founded 1708



Welcome, from the Headmaster

Mr David Bicker-Caarten

Lucton is a thriving, co-educational, independent day and boarding school. Set in historic buildings and idyllic countryside, we build on our 300 year heritage and traditions to provide a stimulating and forward-looking environment.

Lucton provides an exciting setting for young people to flourish academically and socially. Dedicated and enthusiastic teachers are committed to bringing out the full potential of each student whether in the class, on the sports field, in music, drama or through the many extra-curricular activities that we offer.

Small classes, a family atmosphere and a boarding house at the heart of the school, all combine to create a warm and homely place in which students feel accepted, valued and secure.

There can be few more important decisions than that of your child's education; it is an investment for life. At Lucton, we recognise the enormity of the trust you place in us, and our responsibility to build firm foundations, instil moral values and bring out the very best in your child.



Our History & Location

Lucton School was founded in 1708 by successful London Vintner, John Pierrepont. Having made a fortune under the reign of Charles the II, John was a man full of enthusiasm for the Church of England's new charitable endeavours and Lucton School was one of several philanthropic ventures.

Lucton was originally a grammar school for local boys where they could have expected a solid grounding in the classics as well as the strong Anglican values on which it was founded; however, as the school grew and flourished over time it began to attract students from further afield and in 1881 accommodation was expanded to cater for the increasing number of boarders.

The first half of the 20th century saw Lucton welcome students from Russia and Belgium as war ravaged Europe and beyond and in 1918, Headmaster Vernon Pitt introduced Lucton's very own Army Cadet Force, which was a precursor to our current CCF and recently celebrated its 100 year anniversary.

During the Second World War, as can be expected, the complement of boarders in the School practically doubled overnight as Lucton opened its doors to evacuees from Birmingham, Coventry and London. From the accounts of the Old Luctonians, squadrons could regularly be heard flying overhead; however, the students had found a safe haven at Lucton and passed the war in relative tranquility.

The post-war period saw a vast reorganising at the school, and a large programme of redevelopment as it continued to grow. These years saw a considerable stream of young men carrying the Lucton name on to university, and thence to the furthest corners of the globe, becoming captains of industry and many other professions.

The 1970s saw a number of important changes including the introduction of its own Junior School and, more importantly, making the progressive decision to allow girls to enter the school. Bolstered by the goodwill and generosity of many local people, Lucton's numbers continued to swell and in 2003 Gill Thorne, The School's first Headmistress, was appointed. Whilst much has changed over the years, Lucton continues to welcome students from all walks of life and religious beliefs and still embraces the solid moral values upon which it was founded. Floreat Luctona!



Lucton at a Glance

300+

years of history & tradition



55

acres including woodland, fields and meadows

Our average class size is

12

Almost

200

sports fixtures per year



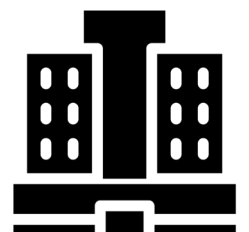
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clubs & activities



Diverse mix

of both international & day students

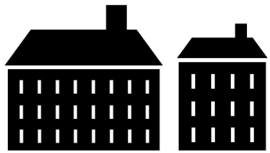


Boarders enjoy trips

every Saturday



Day, Weekly,
Full & Flexi
**boarding
packages
available**



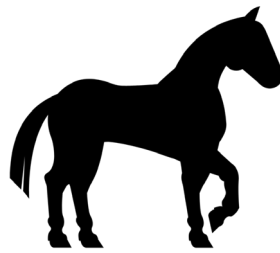
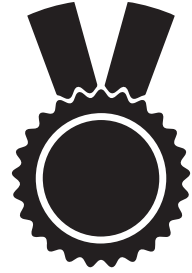
2 boarding
houses



3 hours
from London
Heathrow
90 mins
from
Birmingham
Airport

90%

of leavers gain a place
at their first-choice
university



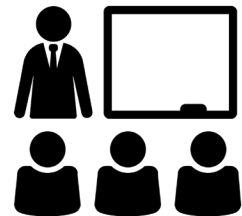
**13
acre**

Equestrian Centre
including an Olympic-size
area for show jumping and
dressage

With the school
day finishing
at 5pm, Lucton
students receive

20%

more learning
time than state
schools




Prep School

Ages 4-10

From their first days at the Prep School, Lucton provides an inspiring and happy learning environment where children nurture the fundamental skills that they need to flourish. Central to their growth at this stage is an emphasis on cultivating a genuine curiosity and enthusiasm for learning and developing the positive routines required to sustain this throughout their studies.

Reassuringly small class sizes, combined with excellent teaching staff mean that we are able to rigorously challenge the most gifted whilst having the flexibility to provide additional support for those who may need it.

The school day at Lucton is exceptionally well-balanced, allowing children to be involved in a wide variety of activities both in and out of the classroom. In fact, one of our greatest assets is our location: 55 acres of beautiful countryside allows children to explore fields and woodland without ever leaving the school! Lucton is the perfect setting to fuel their imagination.

A photograph of two young children, likely twins, in school uniforms. They are wearing dark jackets with red collars. The child on the left is looking upwards with an open mouth, while the child on the right is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is blurred, showing other people in school uniforms. A teal-colored banner is overlaid at the bottom of the image, containing a quote in white text.

“Our child has really grown in confidence and we couldn’t be happier with their start to school life.”

“There has never been a day when my children haven’t been happy to come to school.”

Parent Year 4

Lucton has a huge variety of sports: football, tennis, netball, cross-country running, rugby, cricket and many more, including a minimum of two swimming sessions per week in our indoor pool. In addition to this, we also offer private lessons in a range of activities including horse riding, at our very own Equestrian Centre, and ballet, and whilst not every child will choose to take part, the opportunities at Lucton are always there waiting for them. Being able to combine extra-curricular activities into the school day is also particularly appealing for busy parents, in many cases alleviating the need to attend out of school clubs and increasing all-important family time once the school day is over.

Through small class sizes and a supportive and nurturing environment, children at Lucton build a strong sense of confidence that they carry with them as they grow. In Years 3, 4

and 5 they take part in drama lessons every week, with regular opportunities to perform in plays and assemblies, and some will also take part in additional LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) sessions which help them to develop a clear speaking voice and positive body language through the spoken word. We believe that music lessons are an integral part of a child’s development. As well as time-tabled music lessons from Reception Class, children in Year 5 receive free small group instrumental lessons on an instrument of their choice and continue to perfect their abilities as they advance through the school.

We take immense pride in developing each and every child to their full potential and they all progress from our Prep School well-rounded, confident and ready for the next step...



Middle & Senior

Ages 10-16

The transition to Middle School represents a significant stepping stone in a student's development; however, Year 6 follows a similar learning environment to that of the Prep School, with students mostly being taught in their form room, predominantly by their Form Teacher. At Lucton, students do not take SATs, allowing them time to explore a full range of subjects in much greater depth and with far less pressure. This also contributes to making the transition in Year 7, when they begin to study a broader curriculum with the introduction of separate sciences and Latin, far smoother.

As they progress through the school, students will undertake an exciting and ambitious curriculum where they are actively encouraged to engage with subjects, to

ask questions and to develop viewpoints of their own. There is also an increased focus on independent study skills and exam preparation, as well as the pastoral care required to shape them into confident and respectful young adults with character. Lucton students consistently achieve excellent examination results in their GCSEs but, although expectations are high, with hard work, small class sizes and excellent teaching, younger students soon realise these goals are perfectly attainable. Our students have a diverse range of interests: some will be passionate musicians and artists, some will excel in sports, others will develop a love of academics or drama, but all will be supported, challenged and inspired to achieve far more than they imagined possible.

“Lucton has changed our daughter’s life; we will be forever grateful that we found this school” Parent Year 7



“Pupils’ self-esteem, confidence and resilience develop strongly as a result of public performance and the wide-ranging extra-curricular and outdoor activities programme.” ISI Inspection 2019

Lucton enjoys an enviable reputation for sport, and we sincerely believe that it helps instil many of the positive attributes needed to succeed in life, including team work, competitive spirit, determination and humility. Wednesday afternoons are entirely devoted to games and competitive fixtures as our students are pitted against the best schools throughout the West Midlands and Wales, regularly winning at district and county level. For some, however, this is just the start, and several of our current students also have the accolade of having represented Great Britain in international competitions. From swimming, hockey, rugby and football, to netball, lacrosse and equestrianism, there really is something for everyone and all are encouraged to try their hand at as many sports as possible.

Aside from academics and sport, students enjoy a rich programme of creative arts including music lessons, choirs and orchestras, drama productions and LAMDA sessions, and superb facilities for CDT and art & design including textiles and graphic design options. In addition to this, all students from Year 8 upwards will join our Combined Cadet Force, which was recently recognised as the number one CCF unit in England and Wales, for provision of First Aid. Most at Lucton will also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme gaining Bronze and Silver Awards, with many achieving Gold in the Sixth Form. Although not compulsory, students also have the opportunity to take part in cultural trips, competitions and expeditions across Europe in addition to bi-annual skiing trips.



Sixth Form

Ages 16-18

The environment in which students complete their A Levels can have a huge bearing, not only on which university they finally choose, but also on developing the focused and positive mind-set required to succeed in their future career.

Applying to the UK's top universities has never been more competitive and that's why at Lucton we concentrate on delivering a stimulating and challenging programme of A Levels designed to give students the very best chance of reaching their full potential at university.

Our students are also allocated their own dedicated tutor who will help them to select the very best university and course for them as well as provide expert guidance with the UCAS application process. In fact, we are

particularly proud that for several years now every member of our Sixth Form has gained a place at their first-choice university!

Our students come from a broad range of backgrounds; some will have been at Lucton for several years whilst others will choose to join us from different schools, some local and some from as far away as Europe, Russia, Africa and the Far East. Regardless of their route to us, all will find a friendly and welcoming environment where individuality is celebrated and curiosity keenly encouraged.



“Pupils show a willingness to contribute positively to the lives of others within the school, the local community and wider society.” ISI Inspection 2019

“Our daughter has made lifelong friends during her years at Lucton and it has given her the confidence to make the next step in her journey to university.”
Parent Year 13

Students enjoy their own common room where they can relax and socialise as well as a Sixth Form Study Room where they can access individual study areas with partition walls. Rather than being limited only to the facilities associated with their particular A Level choices, Lucton students are encouraged to take part in a myriad of extra-curricular activities, from social events and formal dinners to a comprehensive array of sports including swimming and horse riding.

Key to the success of every student is the confidence that we help instil. Smaller class sizes and a lively, social environment help develop this, but we also have many opportunities to gain valuable leadership skills through both our Prefect and our Combined Cadet Force programmes. Although not compulsory for Sixth Form students, CCF

teaches outdoor and life skills such as team work and discipline, as well as improving fitness and taking part in fun weekend activities including hiking, camping, rafting and paintballing. Many Sixth Formers have also garnered the accolade of achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award with us; an accomplishment which is not only extremely fulfilling but also a valuable addition to their university applications or CV.

At Lucton we provide an education that is broad, robust and develops students socially as well as academically, an education that creates confident, ambitious and well-rounded students who are able to seize opportunities and adapt positively to the challenges life will throw at them.



Boarding at Lucton

For many students, boarding is central to their life at Lucton. Based in the heart of the school, we have two independent boarding houses: School Cottage for children aged between 7 and 13, and Croft House which houses our older students.

For some, boarding may appear a daunting experience and the first occasion that many of them have spent time away from home; however, both School Cottage and Croft House have a strong family feel, both with live-in houseparents, who are on hand to provide help, support and guidance whenever it is needed.

Both houses feature communal lounges where students can relax, chat, watch television and play games, and for older students, Croft House also has its own Cinema Room as well as American Pool and

Table Tennis tables and a large kitchen cafe where students can perfect their culinary skills. During the evenings, they are also able to access teacher-supervised homework sessions allowing them to get the most from their education.

On weekends, boarders enjoy a fantastic programme of activities which typically include cultural trips, theme parks, visiting major cities and attractions like Cadbury's World, hiking, river rafting, go-karting, ice-skating, paintballing and much more.

Lucton offers a variety of boarding options including full time and weekdays only, as well as flexi boarding packages, which are ideal for parents with busy working schedules during the week.

“The boarding house is like a big family. I can get help with my homework in the evenings and weekends are brilliant fun.”
Student Year 8



Overseas Students

Studying in the UK is a fantastic opportunity for students, not only to further their education and gain well-respected qualifications, but also to experience a different culture and way of life, and to make memories and friendships to be cherished for years to come.

We have a long history of welcoming students from all over the world and, as such, have an enviable reputation for providing a safe, comfortable environment where international students flourish and feel at home.

The British education system is renowned throughout the world for its ability to provide a learning experience that is wide-ranging and thorough, and many choose to study at Lucton for this very reason.

Life here is varied, challenging, and fun. The school day runs from 8:40am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, with class sizes generally comprising of between 12-15 per class in the lower years and slightly fewer in the Sixth Form. Amongst many benefits, this allows our excellent teaching staff encourage and support every student to achieve their very best, with many increasing their grade averages considerably during their time here.

Some will choose join us in the Sixth Form, where we provide a solid preparation for university. We specialise in offering an excellent programme of A Level qualifications, which are universally accepted throughout UK universities and many other educational institutions across the world.

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All students receive expert assistance in finding and applying to the very best course for them and a considerable amount of our students gain places at prestigious Russell Group universities within the UK, whilst others have also joined noteworthy institutions in China, Japan, USA, Germany, and many other countries.

In addition to academic lessons, Lucton has a huge selection of sports, clubs, and activities that are accommodated within the school day and many international students are able to experience a much broader education that they many have been used to in their home countries.

Boarders are accepted from the ages of 7 to 18, with students placed into one of two boarding houses dependent on their age group. Both boarding houses act as a home from home, and have a strong family-feel, with live-in house parents who provide first-

class pastoral care in addition to help with homework in the evenings.

Lucton is a particularly easy school in which to form friendships; we make very few distinctions between day students and those that board and as such, students mix well and form wide social groups.

We are also fortunate to have a very diverse mix within our international community, with students joining us from Russia, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Spain, Germany and China, complimented by a significant number of UK boarders, ensuring that English is constantly in use throughout their time at Lucton.



Sport

At Lucton, we wholeheartedly embrace the ability of sport to build confidence and character, and to forge resilience (through competition) and competitive spirit.

Unsurprisingly, the School enjoys a reputation for sport, both in terms of quality and in the sheer variety of activities on offer. Popular mainstays such as football, netball, hockey, and cricket are complemented by an array of additional sports including lacrosse, swimming, badminton, and triathlon. Whilst sport won't be a motivating factor for every student in choosing Lucton, there really is something for everyone and we encourage all to take part and to strive to achieve their very best.

There are opportunities to engage in sports throughout the week, with Wednesday afternoons devoted to competitive fixtures; our students facing the best teams from the local area and beyond. In fact, we regularly

face competition from schools throughout the UK in Independent Schools Association (ISA) events.

We are fortunate to have an array of excellent sports facilities including outdoor pitches, tennis courts, a heated indoor swimming pool, and a large sports hall for badminton, basketball, indoor cricket practice, and much more.

Over many years, Lucton has been connected with rugby, in part through its association with Luctonians Rugby Club. This relationship has developed more recently into an exciting new partnership providing a host of benefits including access to expert coaching, in addition to offering a pathway for students to play competitively for Luctonians.





Lucton

Launched in 2019, Lucton Typhoon are a Swim England affiliated competitive swimming club which gives members a highly technical programme combined with race pace training to develop swimmers in to athletes in a fun and friendly environment.

From September 2022, Lucton Typhoon introduced the Lucton Performance Swimming Squad at Lucton School, exclusively for Lucton students offering up to 10 hours of pool and dry sessions.

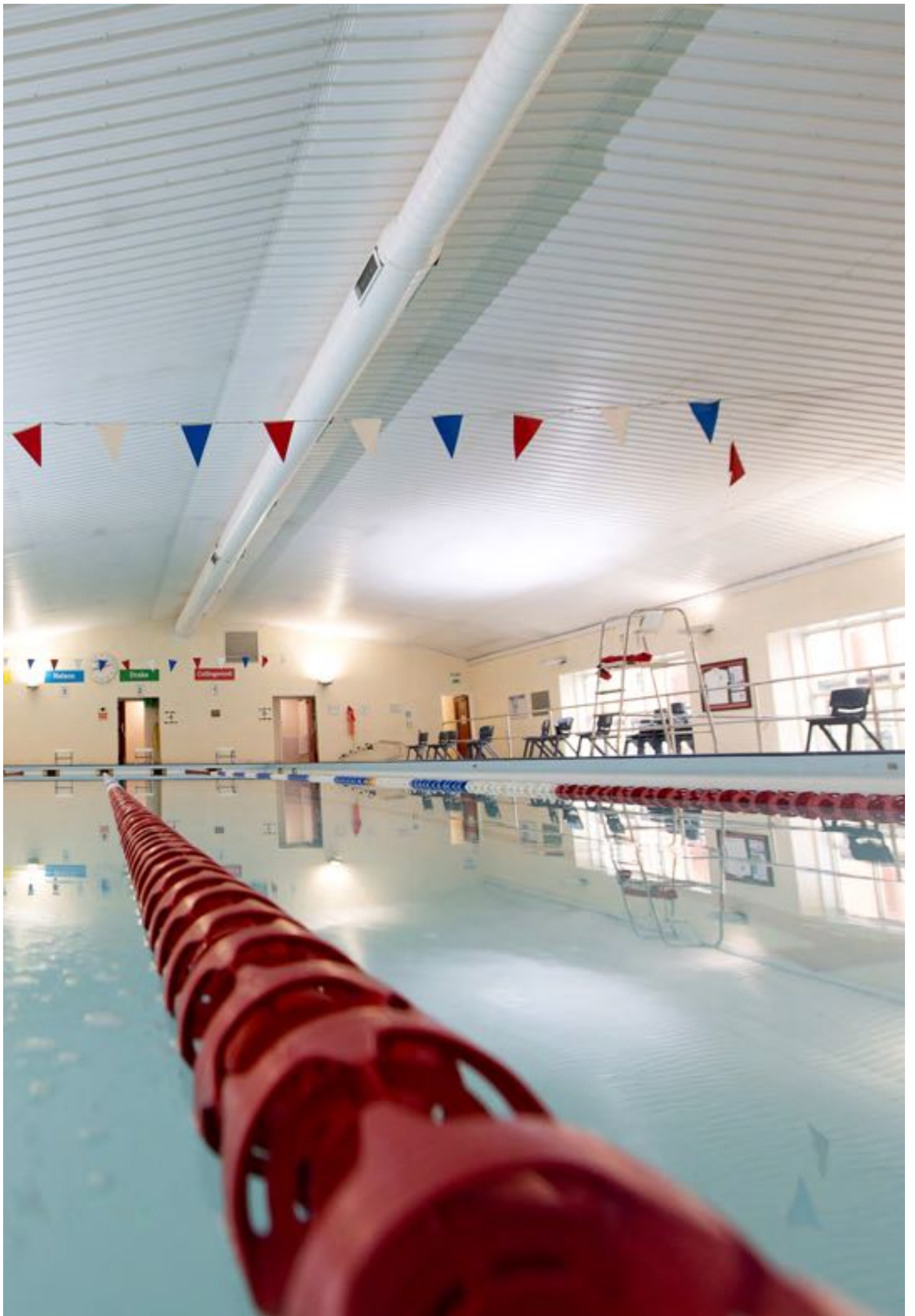
Swimming

Lucton has an excellent reputation for swimming and whilst some come to Lucton with very little experience in the water, we also attract competitive swimmers specifically because of the programme we offer. We are fortunate to have our own indoor heated swimming pool located next to the senior boarding house, which was officially opened by the Duke of Wessex. All children from Transition to Year 8 have the opportunity to swim twice a week throughout the school year as part of their curriculum, whilst older students also have regular access to the pool.

We are delighted to have partnered with Typhoon Aquatics; providing our students with high quality teaching through an ambitious swim programme. As a result, our pupils make exceptional progress and are able to take part in many events, from inter-house galas to national competitions, throughout the year.

For many of our swimmers, the annual highlight is the Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Swimming Finals, held at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. Every year, our strongest swimmers are entered into a regional heat where they compete for a chance to represent the West Midlands region in the finals. Not only do our students regularly accomplish the accolade of reaching the finals, they often achieve medals as well.

The swimming programme also plays an important part in the children's involvement and success in multi-sport events. Lucton are currently ISA National Triathlon Boys' Champions, Midlands Champions in both Aquathlon and Triathlon and Herefordshire Schools Champions in Aquathlon.



Equestrian

Set within 14 acres of beautiful north Herefordshire countryside, our Equestrian Centre features two all-weather outdoor arenas and miles of off-road hacking. The centre is managed by Miss Coates, (BHSAI, SM, UKCC L2) who, in addition to being a highly experienced coach, regularly competes at the Horse of the Year Show on her home bred and produced show horses.

Riding lessons are available within the school day, and we have a range of well-schooled horses and ponies to suit all abilities from complete novices to competent riders, keen to improve their dressage, jumping, and competition skills.

For those wishing to compete on their own horses or ponies, we have teams for show jumping, dressage, and eventing that train and compete regularly. The National Schools

Association (NSA) actually deliver a Hicksted Arena Eventing Challenge at Lucton, which sees a number of schools competing, along with our own teams.

Some students will work towards professional qualifications; our Sixth Formers having the opportunity to study for the BHSQ (formerly BHSAI) qualification in coaching, and we are also justly proud of our accreditation as a Pony Club Centre, allowing students to enjoy weekly riding or stable management sessions as they work towards their achievement badges.

Students can bring their own pony or horse to school, with either full or working livery options and looked after by our BHS qualified staff to the highest standards. Please visit our website for more information.



Extra Curricular

Lucton offers a broad programme of extracurricular activities including cultural and historical trips, equestrian events, adventure days and many in-school clubs; these vary from year to year but typically include journalism, chess, book club, drama, electronics, ICT, and astronomy.

There are also opportunities to perform both in and out of school in drama productions and orchestral performances and, for active students, to further their sporting abilities by taking part in additional swimming classes, running club, lacrosse, and football to name but a few. Although the school day is slightly longer at Lucton, one of the many advantages is that many of these clubs and activities can be accommodated within it.

London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA)

LAMDA lessons embody the transformative power of the dramatic arts; creativity, innovation, and authentic, confident communication. For many of our students it is incredibly positive and rewarding and has benefits far beyond dramatic performance, and for those in our Sixth Form, it can also provide valuable UCAS points. Individual or small group LAMDA lessons are available to all, at an additional cost, from Year 2 through to Sixth Form.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

From Year 9 onwards, students are encouraged to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (DofE). Designed to provide young people with fundamental life skills through challenges and activities, DofE helps build confidence and discipline, and is a particularly worthwhile addition to university applications, demonstrating an ability to go the extra mile.



Cadets

Lucton's current Combined Cadet Force (CCF) actually began its life as an Army Cadet Force over 100 years ago. Originally designed as a distinct pathway into the armed forces, it has changed considerably over time and its primary purpose nowadays is a fun way for students to develop teamwork, self-reliance, confidence, leadership skills, and to experience the importance of stepping out of their comfort zone.

In recent years Lucton has introduced the option of RAF cadets for those that have an interest in aviation and the many other roles that the service includes.

All students, boys and girls, begin cadets in Year 8 and spend the first year being taught basic navigation, first aid, and other essential skills, before choosing to join either the Army or RAF in Year 9.

In order to reflect the broad range of roles available within the RAF, cadets will study a variety of areas including radio and communication equipment, marksmanship, and adventure training, in addition to learning to fly through the use of flight simulators, gliders, and Grob tutor aircraft.

Army Cadets will have the chance to take part in fieldcraft exercises and gain an understanding of military tactics, as well as outdoor activities including kayaking, mountain biking, paintball, and an annual week-long camp.

Students that take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme will also be able to complete many of the requirements through the CCF, particularly the skill, physical, and expedition elements.



Admissions

We welcome students from all backgrounds and religious faiths. The School accepts applications from students who, in the opinion of the Headmaster, have the potential to benefit from a education at Lucton School. The final decision as to whether a student is accepted for entry rests with the Headmaster.

Most students will join in September; however, we accept applications throughout the academic year, subject to the suitability and a place being available. The admissions process begins by visiting the School where potential students will be able to tour the facilities, meet fellow students and staff and have an informal conversation with the Headmaster. Applicants will typically follow the visit by taking part in a Taster Day where they will have the opportunity to experience a full day whilst being informally assessed.

We offer places based on a review of the applicant's current school reports and an online CAT4 assessment, an interview with the Headmaster and staff feedback provided during the Taster Day.

Once an offer has been accepted, an Acceptance Form must be returned in addition to a £500 deposit (UK) or one term's fees (International) which will be kept until the student leaves Lucton. A Registration Form must also be returned along with a non-refundable fee of £75 (UK) or £150 (International).

SEN

Personalised learning support is actively provided throughout the school. Children are consistently monitored and tracked for appropriate progress and development. We are able to support a variety of needs and mild learning difficulties, and all applicants will be assessed prior to an offer being made.

Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarships

At Lucton, we offer a range of awards that recognise outstanding ability in academics, art, drama, music & choral, sport, and all-round ability. Applications are welcome from both UK and international students, and those who live in one of the "nine favoured parishes" are also eligible to apply for the Pierrepoint Scholarship, which recognises gifted students from the local area.

UK applicants are invited to attend our annual Scholarship Day, where they will take part in a series of assessments, including a CAT4 test and a formal meeting with the Headmaster, in addition to reviewing school reports and references. The scholarship application process for international students is similar; however, with interviews taking place via Zoom.

All awards are assured for the period of time the student studies at Lucton and are subject to excellent behaviour and maintaining consistent academic progress.

Bursaries

We offer a number of bursaries each year in order to provide financial support to families who would not otherwise be able to support their child's education at the School.

Awards are subject to an independent parental means test, which considers savings, investments, and realisable assets in addition to income.

Bursaries are taken from a limited fund, therefore not all applications made will be successful.

For further information regarding awards and bursaries, please call 01568 782 000 or email admissions@luctonschool.org

*For a complete list of eligible areas please visit www.luctonschool.org/scholarships

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