



Welcome to Otter House

7 Otter - Class of 2025 (2030)

Form Tutors:

Mrs Darlow (Mon, Thurs, Fri)

Mrs Pegram (Tues, Wed)

Mrs Stone - Head of House



Otter House Origins

Otter House became the seventh House at Bishop Luffa in 1990.

We are named after William Otter - educated at Jesus, Cambridge, the first principal of King's College in 1831 - and became Bishop of Chichester in 1836.

Otter had a passion to provide *education for all*, and a teacher training college - now the Bishop Otter campus at Chichester University - was set up in his name in 1840.

I like to think that we uphold all the values for *education for all*, founded by William Otter.

The House system at Bishop Luffa is an integral part of our pastoral care. Each has its own identity and sense of community and purpose. It will be your child's school family during their time with us.



Bishop Otter and King's College, London



Otter House Tutors



Mrs Darlow
Teacher of Maths
Tutor on: Monday, Thursday, Friday
DarlowJ@bishopluffa.org.uk

Mrs Pegram
Teacher of English
Tutor on: Tuesday, Thursday
PegramK@bishopluffa.org.uk



The Role of the Tutor

- First and main point of contact
- Register pupils in the same room (0805 - 0825)
- Assemblies (House / Year)
- Weekly rota of events
- Daily worship - *Connect*
- Uniform and equipment checks
- Initial point of contact for parents



Role of the Head of House

- Support the transition from KS2 - KS3 and beyond
- Monitor and assess pupil progress
- Support tutor on pastoral issues
- Reward success and endeavour
- Nurture House identity
- Help pupils achieve their true potential
- Support charity ideas for Macmillan Cancer Support



Year 7 Cheese and Wine Evening for Parents

- Tuesday 16th September: 6:30pm - 8pm



Year 6 Induction Day

Wednesday 2nd July: 9am - 2:15pm

- Drop children off at front or back of school
- Assembly and breakfast with the Head
- Spend the day with Mrs Darlow and Mrs Stone - getting to know the form
- Lunch in the canteen - please bring £3.00 in cash - dietary requirements
- Sample lesson
- Please collect children on the playground outside reception at 2:45pm
- Children to come in current school uniform
- Bring water and a snack



Working as a Home / School Team

- Early starts
- Tiredness
- A two-week timetable
- Getting (and staying) organised
- Good habits
- Phone hygiene - establish your 'non-negotiables'
- Homework / equipment
- Arbor - timetable / homework
- Clubs - after half-term
- Somewhere quiet to work / internet - independence
- Uniform - PE kit on PE days



First day in September

- Thursday 4th September
- Year 7 and Year 12 only
- Year 7 escorted to and from lessons
- School photos / thumb prints
- Timetable / locker keys

Isle of Wight Residential

- Wednesday 24th September - Friday 26th September
- Otter and King House
- Westbrook House - team building



Housekeeping and Contact Information

- Tutors are always the main point of contact for your child:
 - DarlowJ@bishopluffa.org.uk
- All absences - planned and unplanned - please email:
 - Absence@bishopluffa.org.uk
- Head of House email:
 - StoneJ@bishopluffa.org
- Subject specific issues: SurnameFirstInitial@bishopluffa.org.uk
- No phones between 8am and 2:30pm
- If your child is ill, they go to the School Nurse who will contact you
- Emergency contacts - please keep up to date
- Arbor - Parents can check timetables / homework / payments / consents / letters

