

Welcome to Otter House!

The House system at Bishop Luffa is an integral part of our pastoral care. We are divided into 8 Houses, each with an identity and sense of community and it will be your child's school family during their time with us.



Bishop Otter

William **Otter** (23 October 1768 – 20 August 1840) was the first Principal of King's College, London, who later served as **Bishop** of Chichester. He was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge where he was later made a fellow.



7 Otter - Who we are



Head of House

Mrs Jas Stone

Teacher of English

Tutor

Mrs Kate Christie

Head of Languages



The role of the Head of House



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

The role of the Tutor



- ▶ First point of contact
- ▶ Registers pupils daily in the same room - L3
- ▶ Assemblies (House / Year)
- ▶ Use of the school planner
- ▶ Weekly rota
- ▶ Daily worship - Connect
- ▶ Uniform checks
- ▶ Initial point of contact for parents



What's different about Luffa?



- ▶ We start early - no matter what time you get up, you'll feel like you're running late!
- ▶ You will get tired
- ▶ The school is bigger than you're used to
- ▶ Different subject specific teachers and rooms
- ▶ A two week timetable
- ▶ Over 10 subjects per a fortnight
- ▶ Getting (and staying) organised
- ▶ Homework / Equipment
- ▶ School planner
- ▶ Arbor - timetable / homework

Year 6 Induction Day - Tuesday 4th July, 0900 - 1415



- ▶ Tuesday 4th July is allocated as the transition visit day for all West Sussex secondary schools
- ▶ Assembly, time with me, Mrs Christie, House Buddies, sample lesson
- ▶ Lunch (£3.00) - dietary requirements
- ▶ *Transition Tuesdays* will continue until we reach the summer holidays
- ▶ The *Transition Pages* on the website will also be updated with resources
- ▶ There will be **Parents' and Carers' Information Booklet 2023**, coming out to you

Next Term - Monday 4th September



- ▶ Be ready for the early start - a dry run might be a good idea.
- ▶ Pack your bag the night before
- ▶ Have lunch money pre-loaded
- ▶ Have all your equipment / uniform ready
- ▶ An appropriate school bag
- ▶ Take care of valuables - mobiles, keys, bus/train pass, lunch card, locker key
- ▶ You will be walked to and from lessons for the first few weeks
- ▶ You will be taught in your tutor groups initially



Additional Information



- ▶ House points recorded on Arbor in lessons and commendations for effort and achievement at the end of each term
- ▶ Inter-House competitions and extra-curricular activities, Fruition, School Band, School choir at Christmas, Sports Day, Charity Week, Macmillan Cancer Charity events, school play, Drama competition...
- ▶ Absences – You must phone in each and every day your child is absent
- ▶ Emergency contacts - please keep up to date on Arbor
- ▶ Procedure if a child is ill - they go to the school nurse – they should not contact home themselves

Settling in



- ▶ Encourage your son/daughter to get involved where they can in extra-curricular activities and clubs
- ▶ Residential – 2 nights on the Isle of Wight
- ▶ Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th October – with King House at Westbrook House
- ▶ Year 7 Parents' and Carers' Induction Evening: Cheese and Wine evening - Tuesday 19th September



Year 7 IOW Residential



Contact Information



- ▶ School website: www.bishopluffa.org.uk
- ▶ Transition Page: www.bishopluffa.org.uk/year-6-transition-2020
- ▶ Tutor email: christiek@bishopluffa.org.uk
- ▶ Head of House email: stonej@bishopluffa.org.uk
- ▶ Alternatively on school website use 'Otter HOH'
- ▶ School telephone number: 01243 787741 (reporting absence):
absence@bishopluffa.org.uk

IT applications:

- ▶ Arbor(homework / consent / payments / letters)
- ▶ Google Drive / Google Classroom
- ▶ School Outlook email address

Any questions



Otter House Info



- ▶ Our motto is that It's all about that 'BASE'
 - ▶ BELIEVING
 - ▶ ACHIEVING
 - ▶ SUCCEEDING
 - ▶ ENJOYING
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- ▶ House points system Otter are currently 4th on the leaderboard!
 - ▶ House Charity - Macmillan
 - ▶ House Colour - purple

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