

Welcome to

Bishop Luffa

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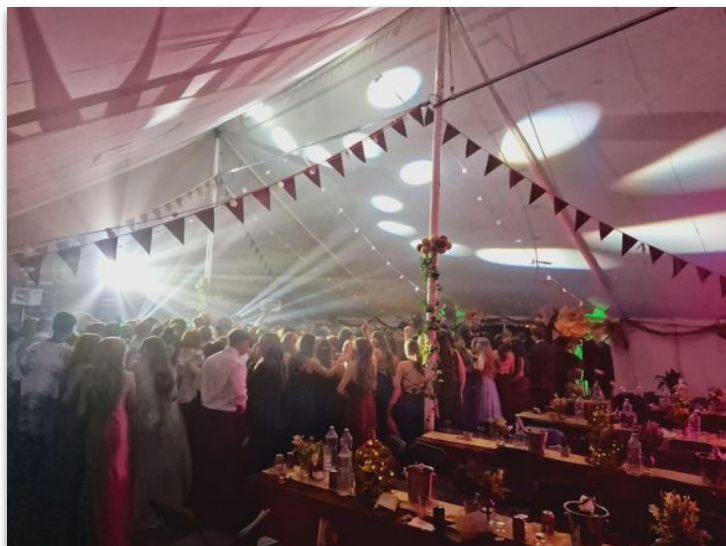
School

Year 7 into Year 8

Parents' and Carers' Information Evening

Tuesday 30th June 2026

Year 11 Prom



Bishop Luffa Parents and Friends Association



How can you help?



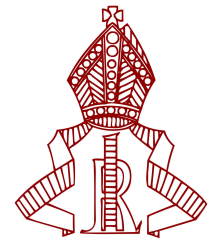
- Help at events
- Regular donation
- Attend events
- Buy raffle tickets

How do I contact the PFA?



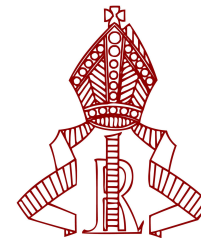
- pfa@bishopluffa.org.uk

What will change in Year 8?



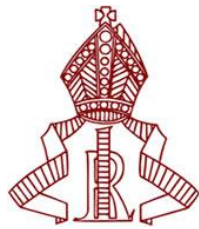
- Homework
 - *increases from 20 minutes to 30 minutes*
- New teachers
- New groups
- New friendships

Organisational changes from Year 7 into Year 8



Paired Tutor Groups Mixed ability	Half Year Groups Set by ability (where possible)	Half Year Groups Mixed ability
Arts Faculty subjects- Art, Computer Science, Music, Drama	Maths	PE
Humanities Faculty subjects- History, Geography, RE	Languages (and Communication Studies)	
Science	English Set 1 and 2 higher Set 3 and 4 middle	
Technology subjects (carousel)- Food Preparation and Nutrition Product Design Textiles		
PSHE		

Attendance



Attendance matters – make every day count



Our target for all students is 96% attendance



Attendance



Year 8 matters: keeping attendance strong after transition

Nationally, attendance often dips from Year 7 into Year 8 — something to watch together from September.

	% of all pupils year groups attending nearly everyday (95%+)
Y1	51%
Y2	55%
Y3	58%
Y4	58%
Y5	57%
Y6	57%
Y7	54%
Y8	46%
Y9	43%
Y10	43%
Y11	43%

Attendance



Year 11 GCSE results, by attendance

Attendance	Average GCSE Grade	
	2025	2024
Above 95%	5.9	5.7
90.1% - 95%	5.1	5.1
80.1% - 90%	3.9	4.6
50.1% - 80%	3.4	2.9
Below 50%	2.2	2.9

Attendance



If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school by:

- emailing the dedicated absence address absence@bishopluffa.org.uk
- or calling the dedicated absence line on 01243 832681
- or the main school switchboard 01243 787741 and selecting Option 1

Our phone lines can be busy in the morning, so we would appreciate it if parents and carers could **use the email address whenever possible.**

Wellbeing @ Bishop Luffa



Your child will be supported by their Form Tutor and Head of House as their first point of contact.

If your child needs to talk to somebody in school, we now have 4 pastoral support staff: Mrs Conway, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Smith and Mrs Barkey.

The school website has a Wellbeing section with useful websites and information.

The school has subscribed to [TeenTips](#) which has a variety of resources for teenagers and parents to access. You will shortly receive an email with login details.

Specific subject advice



- **History-** topics are **Tudors/Stuarts Industrial Revolution Transatlantic Slave Trade-** we are aiming to encourage more ‘enquiry-based or creative’ homeworks in Y8 and Y9 (a bit like the castles in Y7) and these may well be ongoing across a half term, so any encouragement to help students read around the subject or in getting creative would help!
- **Music-** there is the opportunity to learn an instrument outside of lesson times. For more details contact Mrs Bowen Melfi- Bowen-MelfiJ@bishopluffa.org.uk

Specific subject advice



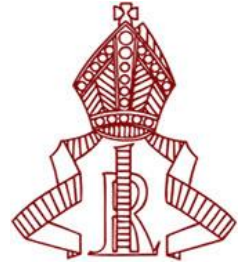
- **Arts** offer a wealth of learning opportunities beyond the classroom for those who want to know and do more. We would actively encourage students to ‘give it a go’ and get involved. We see so much talent in lessons and feel that many who haven’t (but should) been involved in Art Club, Film Club, Music enrichment / instrument lessons, Dance Club, Drama Club, House Drama, Tech Team and School Show should make next year their year to be involved!

Specific subject advice



- **Maths** - homework is so much more worthwhile when completed in the proper way, no calcs for non-calc, not using AI assistance. Students that have parental involvement in this and are doing homework properly are making much better progress.

Artificial Intelligence Advice



- Stay Informed and Involved
- Encourage Digital Literacy
- Use AI Tools Together
- Set Boundaries and Screen Time Limits
- Prioritise Human Connection
- Aim for Transparency

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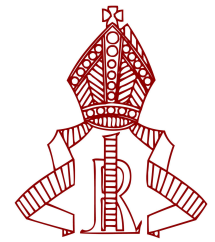
I came so you can have life
- life in all its fullness

JOHN 10:10



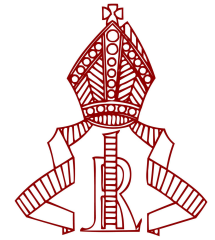
SIXTH FORM

Making the most of Year 8 - how can you help?



- Reinforce routines
 - Homework
 - Workspace at home
 - Equipment
 - Bedtime (and sleep!)
- Celebrate achievements
- Continue with / try new clubs and activities
- Encourage them to embrace change
- Talk to them (and us) about their wellbeing
- Talk to them about online safety

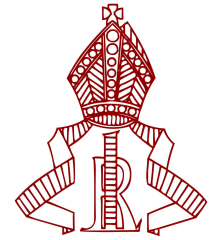
Assessment



Three Reports this year:

- **Thursday 3 December 2026 (Effort and Target Grades)**
 - Effort for Learning Grades
 - Targets for the end of KS3
- **Wednesday 24 February 2027 (Progress Grades)**
 - Current attainment
 - Projected attainment (For the end of KS3)
 - Target attainment (For the end of KS3)
 - Effort for Learning Grades
- **Friday 25 June 2027 (Written Report)**
 - Current attainment
 - Projected attainment
 - Target attainment
 - Effort for Learning Grades
 - Written comment from class teacher

Dates for your diary



- **Friday 4th September 2026**
1st day in school for Year 8
- **Thursday 11th March 2027**
Year 8 Parents' & Carers' Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 17th June 2027**
HPV vaccinations for Year 8 girls & boys

