



Welcome to

Bishop Luffa

Church of England

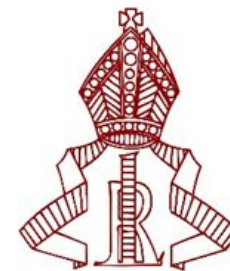
School

Year 8

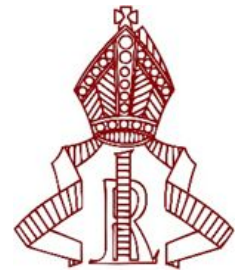
Parents' and Carers' Information Evening
Wednesday 10th September 2025

THE BIG WALK 2025

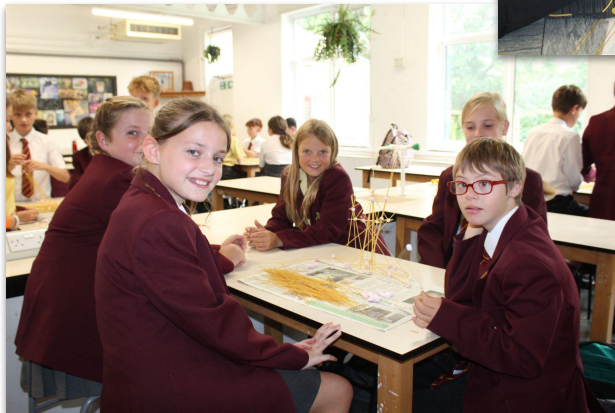
Tuesday 7th October



Last year

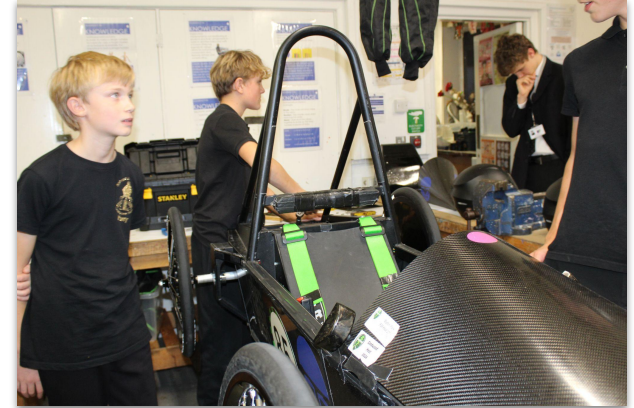


Their first day at
Bishop Luffa School



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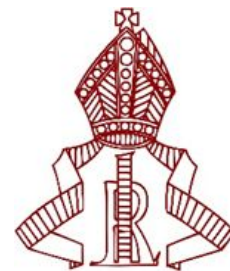




House Buddies

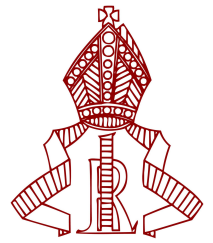


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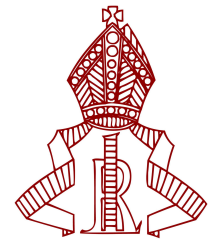
Making the most of Year 8

- 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

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	English
Humanities Faculty subjects- History, Geography, RE	Languages (and Communication Studies)	PE
Science		
Technology subjects (carousel)- Food Preparation and Nutrition Product Design Textiles		
PSHE		

Homework goes from
20-30 mins

Curriculum progression



- KS3 and KS4 prepare students for GCSE.

Assessment and reporting



Thursday 4th December 2025 (Effort and Target Grades)

- Effort Grades
- Targets for the end of KS3

Wednesday 25th February 2026 (Progress Grades)

- Effort Grades
- Target attainment (For the end of KS3)
- Current attainment (step and L,D,M)
- Projected attainment (For the end of KS3)

Friday 26th June 2026 (Written Report)

- Effort Grades
- Target attainment (For the end of KS3)
- Current attainment (step and L,D,M)
- Projected attainment (For the end of KS3)
- Written comment from class teacher

Assessment

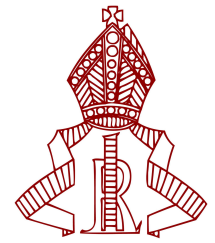


Assessment mapped by faculties to inform reporting and progress.

'Formal' exams in the sports hall build familiarity with the demands of this environment.

Revision and preparation for these exams allows students to develop the skills needed to be successful.

Dates for your diary



- **Thursday 19th March 2026**
Year 8 Parents' & Carers' Consultation Evening
- **Tuesday 16th June 2026**
HPV vaccinations for Year 8 girls & boys



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.

Attendance



- You can view your child's statutory AM and PM attendance on Arbor
- Parent / Carer update regarding your child's attendance will be sent every half-term
- New, stricter guidance from the DfE regarding attendance, punctuality and absences that can and cannot be authorised
- Authorised holiday in term time absence code has been removed
- Every day in school helps students learn, grow, and belong
- There is a proven link between attendance and better outcomes



Attendance

Attendance Matters – Make Every Day Count



Our target for all students is 96% attendance



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.**

Artificial Intelligence Benefits



- Personalised Learning Support
- On-Demand Tutoring
- Enhanced Support for Special Educational Needs
- Online Safety and Monitoring
- Creative and Cognitive Development
- Early Exposure to Digital and STEM Skills
- Life Skills Reinforcement

Artificial Intelligence Risks



- Privacy
- Bias and Misinformation
- Excessive Screen Time
- Mental Health Implications
- Reduction in Human Interaction
- Manipulative Marketing Techniques
- Critical Thinking Challenges

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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**Parents' and Carers' Induction
Evening**

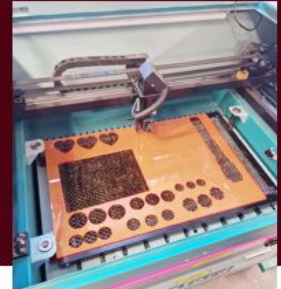




Who Are We?

- The Parents and Friends Association at Bishop Luffa
- The PFA helps support the school, providing those 'extras' that the school budget simply cannot cover.
- Some of our costs include
 - providing minibuses,
 - contributing to the school Counselling service
 - Large expenditure on equipment for various departments
 - Providing start up money for ventures

What We Do



Events We Put On

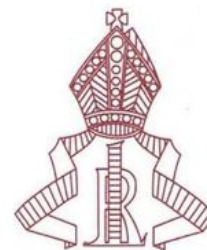
- Burn's Night
- Year 11 Prom
- Discos
- Quizzes
- Raffles
- Pre-Loved Uniform Shop
- Prom Dress Sale
- Cheese & Wine Evening

How We Support The School

- The Big Walk
- Fruition
- Inter House Events
- Refreshments for many school events
- Purchase of Equipment for various Departments
- Providing startup capital for initiatives
- DIAMOND LEGACY PROJECT as part of 60th Celebrations

How Can You Help?

- **Without support the 'extras' cannot be provided.**
- **Events we put on need to be well attended to generate funds for the children**
- **Micro-Volunteering**
 - Helpers always needed to serve refreshments.
 - PFA events amount to approximately 582 hours of volunteer time per academic year.
 - 1 hour a year volunteer time from one parent or carer of each child would allow more events and raise even more important funds for the school
 - Join our Facebook page to keep up to date with PFA matters.
- **Come to a meeting or two**
 - Meetings are informal. Meeting dates are on the Parents and Carers section of school website or on PFA Facebook page
 - No idea is a bad idea. You may just be the person to help turn an idea into a reality
 - You might have skills you can offer, even if just for a one-off event
 - You just need the desire to want the best for the children
 - AGM on November 13th when committee members for a year are elected.
- **Gift aid or donate**
 - If you can't help in person, please consider a small regular monthly donation as little as £1.
 - With Gift Aid we receive a rebate increasing your kind donation by 20%
 - [Easyfundraising](#) – no cost to you. Just register and generate funds for the school when you shop online.



ON BEHALF OF THE BISHOP LUFFA PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings!
Or email us : pfa@bishopluffa.org.uk

Thank you for attending

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