



Welcome to Otter House



7 Otter - Class of 2026 (2031)

Form Tutors:
**Mrs Wallace +
Miss Short**

Mrs Stone - Head of House







A huge thank you to everyone who bought a potted spring daffodil or muscari last week.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Otter House raised £130 for Macmillan

Tip: once your plants have finished flowering in the pots, you can plant them out. Be careful with the muscari (the purple one) - it spreads like mad, so think carefully about where you put it!

Hilliers donated all the compost and bulbs so the money is pure profit!



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 Wallace
Teacher of English
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Miss Short
Teacher of English
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The Role of the Tutor

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



Role of the Head of House



- Support the transition from KS2 - KS3 and beyond
- Monitor pupil progress / attendance / behaviour
- Support tutor on pastoral issues / interventions
- Reward success and endeavour / bowling
- Nurture House identity / promote positive culture
- Help pupils achieve their true potential
- Liaise with families
- Support charity ideas for Macmillan Cancer Support



Year 7 - PFA Cheese and Wine Evening

- Tuesday 15th September - 6:30pm - 8:00pm



Year 6 Induction Day

Wednesday 1st July: 9:00am - 2:15pm

- Drop children off at front or back of school
- Assembly and breakfast with the Head, Tutors and HoH
- Spend the day with Mrs Wallace 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 2:15pm**
- Children to come in **current school uniform**
- Bring water and a snack



Phones and Social Media

Our staff have discussed the impact of social media on children's development for many years, and we have reached the conclusion that 14 is the earliest that a child should have access to a smartphone.



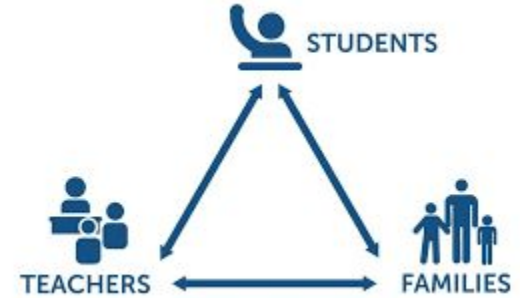
Our policy is that no student should access a mobile phone of any type while they are on the school site. As our students come from a large geographical area, we understand that phones can be useful for the journey. We suggest a 'brick phone' for students in Years 7-9.

The consequence for students who are caught using phones in school is dramatic: they have to hand their phone in every day for the rest of their time at Bishop Luffa.

We have all noticed a positive change in behaviour since we brought in the ban. It is lovely to see children playing together, whatever the age. We have had to deal with an increase in boisterous behaviour, but this is so much easier than having to try and undo the damage after a child has said or done something on social media that they immediately regret. School should be a place where you can make mistakes, learn from them and move on. Social media doesn't allow you to do that.

Working as a Home / School Team

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



First day in September - Induction Day

- Thursday 3rd September
- Year 7 and Year 12 **only**
- Year 7 escorted to and from lessons
- School photos / thumb prints for cashless catering
- Timetable / locker keys

Isle of Wight Residential

- Wednesday 21st October - Friday 23rd October
- **Otter** and **King** House
- Westbrook House - team building



Housekeeping and Contact Information

- **Tutors** remain the main point of contact for your child:
 - WallaceV@bishopluffa.org.uk / ShortE@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
- If your child is ill, they go to the **School Nurse** who will contact you:
 - Nurse@bishopluffa.org.uk
- **Emergency contacts** - please keep up to date
- **Arbor** - Check timetables / homework / payments / consents / letters / reports / top up cash onto cashless catering

