

# Your Pocket Guide to Bishop Luffa School

*Always our best because everyone matters*

'I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness' John 10:10



# What happens on my first day?

- Wear your full uniform.
- You just need to bring your bag with pens and pencils – no other equipment is needed.
- Arrive at 8am. House Buddies will be there to welcome you and direct you.
- Go to the Bartlett Hall.
- Have breakfast with your Tutor Group, Form Tutor and Head of House.
- After breakfast, you will do activities with your Tutor Group, which will help you make friends and learn some study skills.
- Your Form Tutor will give you your timetable, important information about how things work at Bishop Luffa and all the brilliant things we offer!

In your first few weeks, we will help you find your way around and take you to your lessons.



## Student quote

"My first day of secondary was really good I enjoyed it so much"

# What does a normal school day look like?

## The School Day:

<b>08.00</b>	Warning bell for Registration/ Assembly
<b>08.05–08.23</b>	Registration/ Assembly
<b>08.27–09.23</b>	Period 1
<b>09.27–10.25</b>	Period 2
<b>10.25–10.41</b>	Break
<b>10.45–11.43</b>	Period 3
<b>11.47–12.45</b>	Period 4
<b>12.45–13.25</b>	Lunch
<b>13.30–14.30</b>	Period 5

You will move between classrooms and have different teachers for each period. Use your locker so you aren't carrying all your books and equipment with you all day.

At lunchtime, you can visit our brilliant Year 7 Canteen. We have a fantastic range of food. Don't worry about bringing cash as we use a scanner to access your online account!



## Student quote

"Enjoy your first week at school and make loads of friends and then you will have a great time."

# What about Faith at Bishop Luffa?

We are a Church of England School but give everyone space to make their own decisions about personal beliefs.

We have Christian imagery and messages around the school to help us think and reflect. Our Year and House Worship Assemblies involve staff and students and include Bible teachings, prayer, music and reflection. We also celebrate the Eucharist.

The 'Connect Programme' is daily tutorial-based worship. Students will often lead and support their Tutor with this, by suggesting ideas and making contributions.

## Where do I fit into school life?

You will join one of the following houses:

Andrewes  
Burrows  
King  
Otter  
Ridgeway  
Sherborne  
Story  
Wilson

Each House has students from across each year. Our Houses help you form friendships outside of your Tutor Group and across different years. You will take part in inter-house competitions and challenges.

When you have done well, you will be awarded House Points and the House that gets the most points, will win the House Cup!



## Student quote

"Bishop Luffa is an incredible school!"

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## What if I need help?

Everyone feels worried or unhappy from time to time. You can speak to any teacher at Bishop Luffa but your Form Tutor will see you every day and get to know you well. You can also speak to your Head of House or the nurse if you have a medical problem. If you just need to talk to another student, our House Buddies can offer help and advice about settling in.

It helps to talk so don't keep your problems to yourself.



## Student quote

"The teachers are really nice and will help you with anything!"

## What subjects will I study?

There will be a mix of subjects you have studied before and completely new subjects.

Maths, English, Science and RE plus History, Geography, PE, Languages (Latin, French, Spanish and German in Year 7), Design & Technology (one term each in Textiles, Product Design and Food Preparation and Nutrition), Music, PSHE, Computer Science, Art and Drama.

We have brilliant facilities:

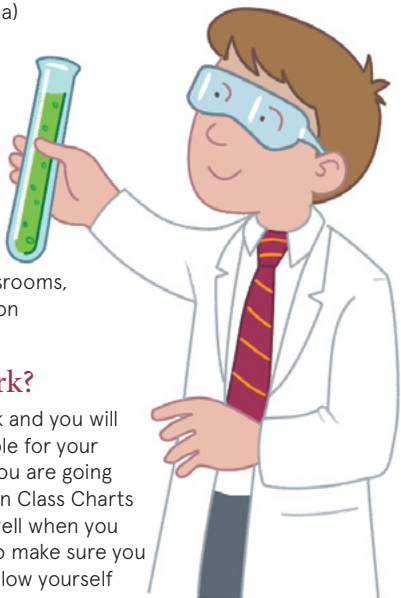
- MUGA (Multi-use Games Area)
- Drama Studio
- Dance Studio
- Sports Hall
- Gym
- School Hall (with stage and lighting)
- Recording Studio
- Outdoor sports pitches
- Fully equipped Science classrooms, DT facilities, Food Preparation and Nutrition rooms

### What about homework?

You will get regular homework and you will be given a homework timetable for your subjects so you know when you are going to get it. It will be recorded on Class Charts but log it in your planner as well when you are given it. Plan your week to make sure you can do your homework and allow yourself time for your other activities.

### Student quote

"Don't worry about homework. It only takes about 20 minutes per piece!"



## What clubs and trips can I take part in?

We have a wide variety of clubs:

- Sports – Futsal, Netball, Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Dance and Rounders
- STEM science
- Music
- Art
- Drama
- Christian Union

You can also take part in our school productions, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, go on trips and help with charity fundraising.

### Jump in and try something!



### Student quote

"Joining clubs certainly helped me make friends. I have made almost half of my friends from the after-school clubs I do."

# Here is some more expert advice from Year 7s:

"Everyone in my class was really nice... you will soon become good friends with everyone in your class."

"Try to learn your way around, but don't worry because there are lots of people to help."

"The teachers are lovely and are always there to help."

"There are always lovely people... everyone worries about (making friends) I think but, seriously you really don't need to worry!!"

"Joining clubs did help me make new friends and become more confident."



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