



# Lucton School

Founded 1708



# Welcome, from the Heads

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Mr John Goode & Mrs Elmien Niblett

Lucton is a thriving, co-educational, independent day and boarding school. Set in historic buildings and idyllic countryside, we build on our 300 year heritage and traditions to provide a stimulating and forward-looking environment.

Lucton provides an exciting setting for young people to flourish academically and socially. Dedicated and enthusiastic teachers are committed to bringing out the full potential of each student whether in the class, on the sports field, in music, drama or through the many extra-curricular activities that we offer.

Small classes, a family atmosphere and a boarding house at the heart of the school, all combine to create a warm and homely place in which students feel accepted, valued and secure.

There can be few more important decisions than that of your child's education; it is an investment for life. At Lucton, we recognise the enormity of the trust you place in us, and our responsibility to build firm foundations, instil moral values and bring out the very best in your child.







# Our History & Location

Lucton School was founded in 1708 by successful London Vintner, John Pierrepont. Having made a fortune under the reign of Charles the II, John was a man full of enthusiasm for the Church of England's new charitable endeavours and Lucton School was one of several philanthropic ventures.

Lucton was originally a grammar school for local boys where they could have expected a solid grounding in the classics as well as the strong Anglican values on which it was founded; however, as the school grew and flourished over time it began to attract students from further afield and in 1881 accommodation was expanded to cater for the increasing number of boarders.

The first half of the 20th century saw Lucton welcome students from Russia and Belgium as war ravaged Europe and beyond and in 1918, Headmaster Vernon Pitt introduced Lucton's very own Army Cadet Force, which was a precursor to our current CCF and recently celebrated its 100 year anniversary.

During the Second World War, as can be expected, the complement of boarders in the School practically doubled overnight as Lucton opened its doors to evacuees from Birmingham, Coventry and London. From the accounts of the Old Luctonians, squadrons could regularly be heard flying overhead; however, the students had found a safe haven at Lucton and passed the war in relative tranquility.

The post-war period saw a vast reorganising at the school, and a large programme of redevelopment as it continued to grow. These years saw a considerable stream of young men carrying the Lucton name on to university, and thence to the furthest corners of the globe, becoming captains of industry and many other professions.

The 1970s saw a number of important changes including the introduction of its own Junior School and, more importantly, making the progressive decision to allow girls to enter the school. Bolstered by the goodwill and generosity of many local people, Lucton's numbers continued to swell and in 2003 Gill Thorne, The School's first Headmistress, was appointed. Whilst much has changed over the years, Lucton continues to welcome students from all walks of life and religious beliefs and still embraces the solid moral values upon which it was founded. Floreat Luctona!



# Prep School

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## Ages 4-10

From their first days at the Prep School, Lucton provides an inspiring and happy learning environment where children nurture the fundamental skills that they need to flourish. Central to their growth at this stage is an emphasis on cultivating a genuine curiosity and enthusiasm for learning and developing the positive routines required to sustain this throughout their studies.

Reassuringly small class sizes, combined with excellent teaching staff mean that we are able to rigorously challenge the most gifted whilst having the flexibility to provide additional support for those who may need it.

The school day at Lucton is exceptionally well-balanced, allowing children to be involved in a wide variety of activities both in and out of the classroom. In fact, one of our greatest assets is our location: 55 acres of beautiful countryside allows children to explore fields and woodland without ever leaving the school! Lucton is the perfect setting to fuel their imagination.



**“Our child has really grown in confidence and we couldn’t be happier with their start to school life.” Parent Year 5**

# “There has never been a day when my children haven’t been happy to come to school.”

## Parent Year 4

Lucton has a huge variety of sports: football, tennis, netball, cross-country running, rugby, cricket and many more, including a minimum of two swimming sessions per week in our indoor pool. In addition to this, we also offer private lessons in a range of activities including horse riding, at our very own Equestrian Centre, and ballet, and whilst not every child will choose to take part, the opportunities at Lucton are always there waiting for them. Being able to combine extra-curricular activities into the school day is also particularly appealing for busy parents, in many cases alleviating the need to attend out of school clubs and increasing all-important family time once the school day is over.

Through small class sizes and a supportive and nurturing environment, children at Lucton build a strong sense of confidence that they carry with them as they grow. In Years 3, 4

and 5 they take part in drama lessons every week, with regular opportunities to perform in plays and assemblies, and some will also take part in additional LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) sessions which help them to develop a clear speaking voice and positive body language through the spoken word. We believe that music lessons are an integral part of a child’s development. As well as time-tabled music lessons from Reception Class, children in Year 5 receive free small group instrumental lessons on an instrument of their choice and continue to perfect their abilities as they advance through the school.

We take immense pride in developing each and every child to their full potential and they all progress from our Prep School well-rounded, confident and ready for the next step...





# Middle & Senior

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## Ages 10-16

The transition to Middle School represents a significant stepping stone in a student's development; however, Year 6 follows a similar learning environment to that of the Prep School, with students mostly being taught in their form room, predominantly by their Form Teacher. At Lucton, students do not take SATs, allowing them time to explore a full range of subjects in much greater depth and with far less pressure. This also contributes to making the transition in Year 7, when they begin to study a broader curriculum with the introduction of separate sciences and Latin, far smoother.

As they progress through the school, students will undertake an exciting and ambitious curriculum where they are actively encouraged to engage with subjects, to

ask questions and to develop viewpoints of their own. There is also an increased focus on independent study skills and exam preparation, as well as the pastoral care required to shape them into confident and respectful young adults with character. Lucton students consistently achieve excellent examination results in their GCSEs but, although expectations are high, with hard work, small class sizes and excellent teaching, younger students soon realise these goals are perfectly attainable. Our students have a diverse range of interests: some will be passionate musicians and artists, some will excel in sports, others will develop a love of academics or drama, but all will be supported, challenged and inspired to achieve far more than they imagined possible.



“The energy and dedication of the staff are unlike anything that we had experienced previously.” Parent Year 8





# **“Pupils’ self-esteem, confidence and resilience develop strongly as a result of public performance and the wide-ranging extra-curricular and outdoor activities programme.” ISI Inspection 2019**

Lucton enjoys an enviable reputation for sport, and we sincerely believe that it helps instil many of the positive attributes needed to succeed in life, including team work, competitive spirit, determination and humility. Wednesday afternoons are entirely devoted to games and competitive fixtures as our students are pitted against the best schools throughout the West Midlands and Wales, regularly winning at district and county level. For some, however, this is just the start, and several of our current students also have the accolade of having represented Great Britain in international competitions. From swimming, hockey, rugby and football, to netball, lacrosse and equestrianism, there really is something for everyone and all are encouraged to try their hand at as many sports as possible.

Aside from academics and sport, students enjoy a rich programme of creative arts including music lessons, choirs and orchestras, drama productions and LAMDA sessions, and superb facilities for CDT and art & design including textiles and graphic design options. In addition to this, all students from Year 8 upwards will join our Combined Cadet Force, which was recently recognised as the number one CCF unit in England and Wales, for provision of First Aid. Most at Lucton will also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme gaining Bronze and Silver Awards, with many achieving Gold in the Sixth Form. Although not compulsory, students also have the opportunity to take part in cultural trips, competitions and expeditions across Europe in addition to bi-annual skiing trips.



# Sixth Form

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## Ages 16-18

The environment in which students complete their A Levels can have a huge bearing, not only on which university they finally choose, but also on developing the focused and positive mind-set required to succeed in their future career.

Applying to the UK's top universities has never been more competitive and that's why at Lucton we concentrate on delivering a stimulating and challenging programme of A Levels designed to give students the very best chance of reaching their full potential at university.

Our students are also allocated their own dedicated tutor who will help them to select the very best university and course for them as well as provide expert guidance with the UCAS application process. In fact, we are

particularly proud that for several years now every member of our Sixth Form has gained a place at their first-choice university!

Our students come from a broad range of backgrounds; some will have been at Lucton for several years whilst others will choose to join us from different schools, some local and some from as far away as Europe, Russia, Africa and the Far East. Regardless of their route to us, all will find a friendly and welcoming environment where individuality is celebrated and curiosity keenly encouraged.





**“Pupils show a willingness to contribute positively to the lives of others within the school, the local community and wider society.” ISI Inspection 2019**

**“Our daughter has made lifelong friends during her years at Lucton and it has given her the confidence to make the next step in her journey to university.”**  
**Parent Year 13**

Students enjoy their own common room where they can relax and socialise as well as a Sixth Form Study Room where they can access individual study areas with partition walls. Rather than being limited only to the facilities associated with their particular A Level choices, Lucton students are encouraged to take part in a myriad of extra-curricular activities, from social events and formal dinners to a comprehensive array of sports including swimming and horse riding.

Key to the success of every student is the confidence that we help instil. Smaller class sizes and a lively, social environment help develop this, but we also have many opportunities to gain valuable leadership skills through both our Prefect and our Combined Cadet Force programmes. Although not compulsory for Sixth Form students, CCF

teaches outdoor and life skills such as team work and discipline, as well as improving fitness and taking part in fun weekend activities including hiking, camping, rafting and paintballing. Many Sixth Formers have also garnered the accolade of achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award with us; an accomplishment which is not only extremely fulfilling but also a valuable addition to their university applications or CV.

At Lucton we provide an education that is broad, robust and develops students socially as well as academically, an education that creates confident, ambitious and well-rounded students who are able to seize opportunities and adapt positively to the challenges life will throw at them.







# Boarding at Lucton

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For many students, boarding is central to their life at Lucton. Based in the heart of the school, we have two independent boarding houses: School Cottage for children aged between 7 and 13, and Croft House which houses our older students.

For some, boarding may appear a daunting experience and the first occasion that many of them have spent time away from home; however, both School Cottage and Croft House have a strong family feel, both with live-in houseparents, who are on hand to provide help, support and guidance whenever it is needed.

Both houses feature communal lounges where students can relax, chat, watch television and play games, and for older students, Croft House also has its own Cinema Room as well as American Pool and

Table Tennis tables and a large kitchen cafe where students can perfect their culinary skills. During the evenings, they are also able to access teacher-supervised homework sessions allowing them to get the most from their education.

On weekends, boarders enjoy a fantastic programme of activities which typically include cultural trips, theme parks, visiting major cities and attractions like Cadbury's World, hiking, river rafting, go-karting, ice-skating, paintballing and much more.

Lucton offers a variety of boarding options including full time and weekdays only, as well as flexi boarding packages, which are ideal for parents with busy working schedules during the week.

**“The boarding house is like a big family. I can get help with my homework in the evenings and weekends are brilliant fun.”**  
**Student Year 8**



# Testimonials

**“Children are encouraged to interact with other age groups and it gives the school a wonderful sense of community.” Parent Year 5**

**“Lucton has provided our daughter with an amazing foundation for her future and helped shape her into a confident young woman.” Parent Year 13**

**“The staff at Lucton are excellent and are, without exception, approachable and professional in all aspects.”  
Parent Year 10**







**“Positive attitudes are seen throughout the school, where pupils are helpful, eager to learn from each other and enjoy exploring cultural traditions and celebrations.”**

**ISI Inspection 2019**

**“Lucton has offered me unique opportunities in sport, academic and CCF. I have built valuable life skills that I’m sure will aid me in the future.”**

**Student Year 13**

**“There are so many sports on offer and our boys have had the opportunity to represent the school in multiple events in a relaxed, competitive environment in which they are thriving.” Parent Year 6**

# Admissions

## UK Admissions

The majority of students at Lucton will join in September; however, we will accept applications at any point throughout the academic year subject to the suitability of the applicant and a place being available. The admissions process begins by visiting the school where potential students will be able to tour the facilities, meet fellow students and staff and have an informal conversation with the Headmistress. Applicants will typically follow the visit by taking part in a Taster Day where they will have the opportunity to experience a normal day at the school whilst being informally assessed. We offer places based on a review of the applicant's current school reports, an interview with the Headmistress and staff feedback provided during the Taster Day.

Once an offer letter has been issued, a registration form must be completed along with a non-fundable fee of £75. Once an offer has been accepted, an acceptance form must be returned in addition to a £500 deposit which will be kept until the student leaves Lucton.

For more information please contact a member of the admissions team by calling 01568 782 000 or by emailing [admissions@luctonschool.org](mailto:admissions@luctonschool.org)

## International Admissions

We pride ourselves on having a truly diverse student body and every year welcome students from a huge variety of countries throughout the world. In many ways the admissions process is similar to that of our UK students; however, there are also some significant differences, particularly regarding visas.

For information regarding the admissions process for international students please refer to the Current Information booklet enclosed or contact [admissions@luctonschool.org](mailto:admissions@luctonschool.org)

# Scholarships & Exhibitions

At Lucton we offer a wide cross-section of awards that recognise outstanding ability in a range of areas. Available for Year 7 and Year 12 entry, scholarships can represent up to a 25% reduction in school fees, whilst exhibition prizes reward notable students with up to a 10% reduction. For those hoping to join our Sixth Form, there are also a select number of 100% and 50% scholarships available for truly exceptional students who would benefit from the quality of education available at Lucton. Awards are offered in the following areas: Academic, Music, Drama, Equestrian, Art, Sport, and all all-round ability.

Students who live in one of the "nine favoured parishes" of Lucton, Croft, Yarpole, Bircher, Luston, Eyton, Kingsland, Aymestrey or Shobdon are also eligible to apply for the Pierrepont Scholarship. Named after Lucton's founder, John Pierrepont, the award recognises gifted students from the local area.

All awards are assured for the period of time the student studies at Lucton and are subject to excellent behaviour and maintaining consistent academic progress.

# Bursaries

We also offer a number of bursaries aimed at assisting academically gifted students who may not be able to consider us otherwise. Bursaries can vary in size but all are means-tested and awarded after an assessment of household income.

For further information regarding awards and bursaries, please call 01568 782 000 or email [admissions@luctonschool.org](mailto:admissions@luctonschool.org)







# Lucton

## Yang Xi

From a young age I decided that I wanted to study at an English University but my parents felt that it would be of benefit to me to understand the British education system and experience the culture before doing so. A friend of my father recommended Lucton and after visiting the school with my family I loved it. I was really impressed with the history of the school and I thought the countryside setting would be the perfect choice.

The teaching style was different to what I had experienced elsewhere; critical thinking was encouraged and the staff were able to

push me academically. I studied at Lucton for five years and I actually went on to take six A Levels, three of which I achieved an A\*, before completing my degree in Statistics, Economics and Finance at University College London. I was offered a place at Cambridge to an MSC but chose instead to take a job at KPMG. I had a wonderful time at Lucton, so much so that I now run a company that promotes educational exchanges between Britain and China.

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## Sir Tom Knill

I left Lucton in 1971, however, as a member of the Old Luctonians Association, I am still very much involved with the school and it's great to see that it has continued to thrive year on year. I joined Lucton in the early 1960s. My parents were concerned by the volatility of the cold war missile crisis and felt that I would benefit from continuing my education in the countryside. Much as it is today, the school had a real focus on sport, which I loved, and placed particular emphasis on developing resilience and independence.

After leaving Lucton at 19, I enjoyed a varied career; from studying at Art College to joining the City of London Police, travelling the world, joining the civil service and a lot more. The strength of character that I built at Lucton gave me a tremendous sense of confidence which I have carried with me throughout my career. Through my involvement in the Old Luctonians Association, it has been wonderful to watch the school flourish and to see the positive characteristics and values I experienced being instilled in future generations of students.

# Alumni

## Camilla Pudge

I was quite young when I started my education at Lucton and joined the nursery at the age of two! As I progressed through the school I had some really fantastic teachers, particularly for science, where they taught above and beyond the syllabus and supported me in my pursuit to become a Doctor. My time at Lucton was also full of extra-curricular activities; there were many sports on offer and I regularly competed in team and individual sports to county level which was something I may have overlooked had I attended a larger school.

The leadership experience that I gained through CCF and becoming Head Girl helped place me above other candidates when I applied for university and, even now, the skills I learned through drama have shaped me into a confident public speaker which is invaluable in dealing with patients in my current role as a Paediatric Registrar. When I reflect on my time at Lucton, I have so many fond memories and I am grateful for the opportunities that were available to me.

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## Charlie Urmston

I looked at several schools before choosing Lucton but I loved the fact that it was relatively small compared to others. We were encouraged to try absolutely everything and so when I wasn't on the sports fields, I would often be found playing drums in one of the orchestras or, more often than not, experimenting with different techniques in the art room. In fact, art at Lucton was particularly inspiring and by the time I left I knew that I had no doubt that I wanted to pursue it as a career.

After leaving Lucton I went on to study Photography at Bath Spa University before moving to London to work as a freelance

photographer specialising in fashion. Over the years I have been fortunate enough to have assisted Mario Testino and Nick Knight on fashion campaigns for companies including Burberry, and in addition to my freelance work, I currently shoot for online designer retailer Net-a-Porter.

I had a wonderful time at Lucton and the communication skills and confidence that I rely on in my career as a photographer, were instilled during my time there, not to mention my adaptability!

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