



**Lucton
School**
Founded 1708

Information Pack

Introduction to Lucton School

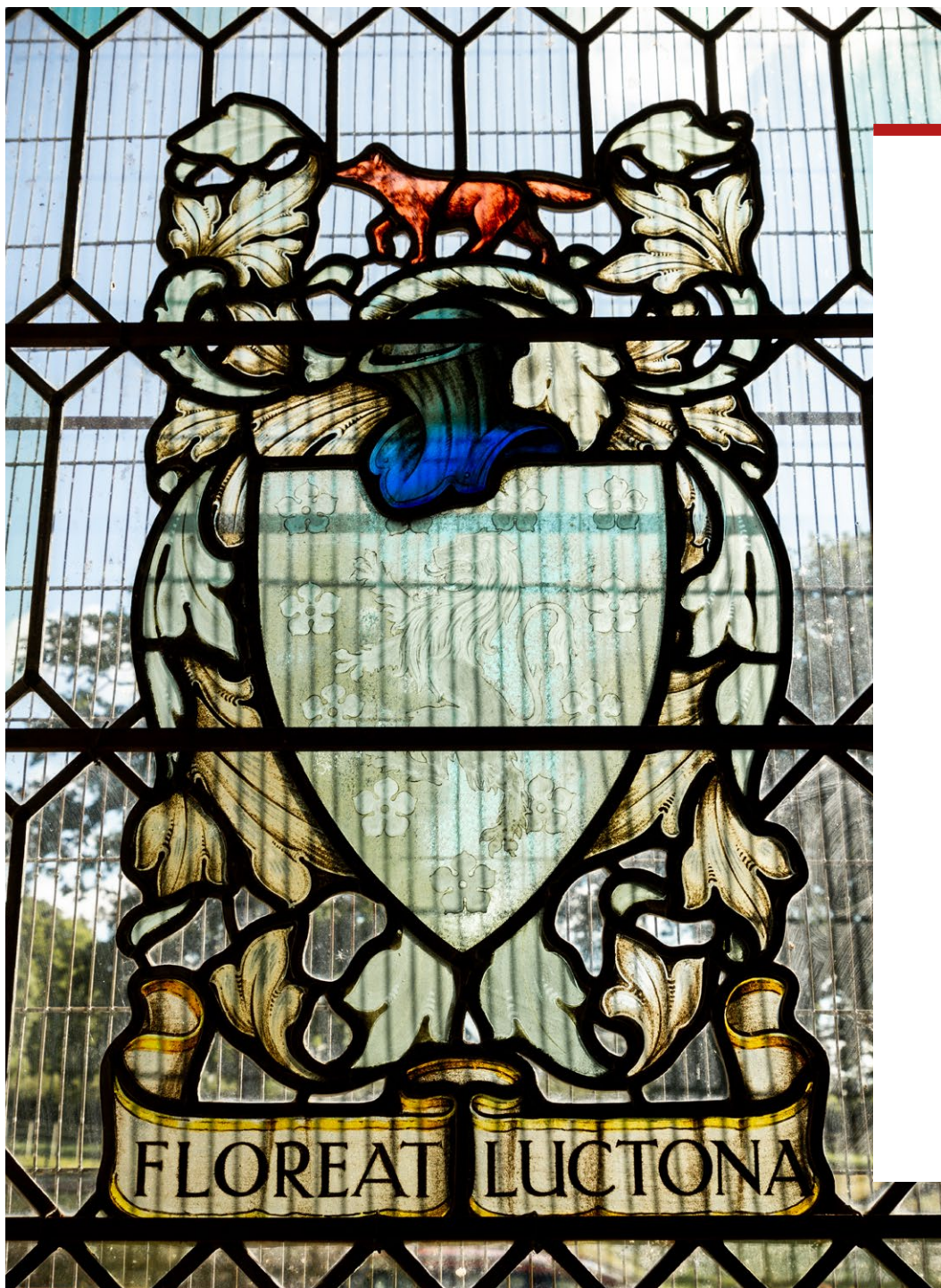
Lucton School is a historic, co-educational, independent day and boarding school set within idyllic Herefordshire countryside. Residing above the valley of the River Lugg, the School boasts magnificent views westwards to the Welsh hills and is a stone's throw from the nearby towns of Ludlow, Leominster and the city of Hereford.

An "all-through" school in the purest sense of the term; we welcome children from Nursery to Sixth Form, building upon our 300-year heritage and traditions to provide a stimulating and forward-looking environment for young people to flourish both academically and socially.

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. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field or through the many extra-curricular activities that we offer, our passionate teaching staff are committed to developing the full potential of each and every student.

The School currently has around 300 students, the majority being day pupils, with boarders coming from countries as diverse as Hong Kong, China, Russia and South Africa, in addition to a variety of European countries.





Key Features

- 300+ years of history, with a visit from Prince Edward marking its tercentenary in 2008
- Undergoing exciting change under new leadership and Governance
- Joined the Alpha Schools Group in December 2021, with big plans for the future development of the school
- Rare grade 2* main building, set in a 55 acre site with beautiful surroundings
- Secure rural location, even chosen by Pablo Escobar for his son to safely attend
- 100 bed boarding house, occupied by a range of nationalities (around 50% British)
- Elite on-site Equestrian Centre, which frequently helps pupils to achieve success in national competitions
- Impressive sports facilities, including a 20 metre Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Multi Sport Hall and expansive Playing Fields
- An excellent educational product, with around 40% A*-A grades at both GCSE and A-level in recent years
- An award-winning CCF, including a recently added RAF section
- An international brand, with a successful school in Shanghai and a new college opening in Chongqing in September 2022
- A distinguished and supportive network of Old Luctonians (alumni), including successful entrepreneurs, politicians and actors
- Accredited by leading education institutions, including the ISC, IAPS, BSA and ISA
- Average 10-year roll of c350 pupils, from babies to Sixth Form students



The Nursery

Nestled in the heart of the Prep School, the Nursery at Lucton provides a tranquil setting for children to grow, away from the hustle and bustle of larger towns and cities.

The Nursery has a real family-feel, and our highly experienced staff, many of whom have placed their own children here, provide a caring and stimulating environment where curiosity is keenly encouraged. Every child is unique and special and should be treated as such, and we pride ourselves on being able to nurture their individuality and build confidence.

Whether exploring our meadows and woodland, clambering over our adventure playground and pirate ship, or learning to swim in our indoor pool, Lucton provides the perfect environment for them to grow their imagination, in addition to supporting the social and gross-motor skills needed to thrive. We also place a particular emphasis on using sensory and messy play to encourage creativity and further develop the whole child.





The Prep School

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: 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.

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.

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 and 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 and Senior

The transition to Middle School represents a significant stepping stone in a student's development.

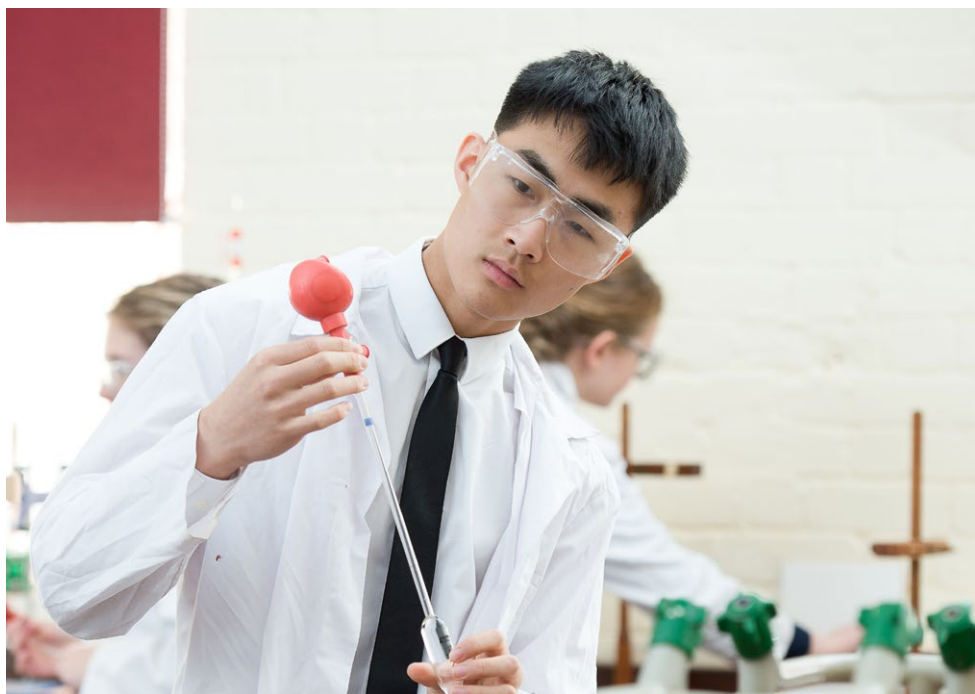
As they progress through the school, students undertake an exciting and ambitious curriculum where they are actively encouraged to engage with subjects, to ask questions and to develop viewpoints of their own. There is also an increased focus on independent study skills and examination preparation, as 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 GCSE's 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.

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 teamwork, 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, athletics, hockey, rugby and football, to netball, lacrosse, triathlon 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 and 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

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.

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.

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. 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 teamwork 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 Curriculum Vitae.

Leadership and Vision

New Management

A new and ambitious leadership team has recently been installed. Jon Tyler joined as Headmaster in September 2021 (see opposite), and a partnership with Alpha Schools was announced soon after in December 2021.

There is a new emphasis under this new management on building on all of Lucton's many strengths and making it a truly outstanding school in every respect. It already has a long history, beautiful surroundings in rural Herefordshire, and a top community of students and staff. There are now bold plans in place to fund the School's future development and take it to new heights.

Applications are welcomed from candidates who are keen to work at one of Herefordshire's leading independent schools, and who have the appetite and ambition to play a leading role in the exciting journey ahead.

Message from the Headmaster

I hope that you will read all of this information and feel, as I do, that it is a really exciting time to join Lucton School.

It is simply a brilliant community to be a part of. We are fortunate to have committed staff and the most amazing students. Perhaps I am bound to say that as Headmaster, but please do come and see for yourself.

The emphasis here is on providing students with the best care that we possibly can. If you work here, you will frequently hear me talk of wanting students to be happy and to achieve - and in that order.

We are moving in a very positive direction with the backing of Alpha Schools and I am looking forward to working with new staff who share my ambition and passion for taking this wonderful school forward.



Jon Tyler, Headmaster

Jon became Headmaster of Lucton in September 2021, having been Deputy Head (Academic) of Dauntsey's School for six years during a period of record growth and results for the school. With a first-class honours degree from the University of Durham (where he was awarded the History Prize), Jon has also been a Head of History, Housemaster and Head of Gifted and Talented at previous HMC schools. He won a national teaching prize from O2 Learn in 2012, and has always enjoyed coaching sports teams and running extra-curricular activities alongside his teaching.

Alpha Schools

Alpha Schools was founded in 2003 by Mr Ali Khan and has grown to be one of the largest operators of independent schools in the UK. Mr Khan has over a decade of headship experience and an excellent track record of supporting schools. He and his team are passionate educationalists, and were delighted to welcome Lucton School into their ever-growing Group in December 2021.



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