



Centre of Further Education

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**Post 16 Education at
The Buckingham School**



Welcome

We are delighted that you are considering The Centre of Further Education (CFE) at The Buckingham School for the next stage of your education.

We offer continuity for those students who decide to stay with us and a fresh start within a supportive, caring and friendly environment for those who join us in the Sixth Form.

We have designed a varied and innovative curriculum to meet the needs of all students. This means that you can choose to follow a traditional academic A Level programme, or you can take a more vocational path, choosing courses which build your practical skills at the same time as developing your academic abilities. What is crucial is to make sure that the courses which you choose are right for your interests, skills and ambitions and our admissions process will help you in doing this.

We are very proud of the fantastic enrichment opportunities which our CFE students enjoy. These include taking on leadership roles within the school; participating in clubs, activities and trips, work experience, fundraising and volunteering.

What makes The Buckingham School's CFE different is the opportunity that it provides to pursue academic and/or vocational subjects, within a caring and supportive environment. We are absolutely committed to ensuring that all students achieve their full potential by equipping them with the right qualifications, experience and attitude.

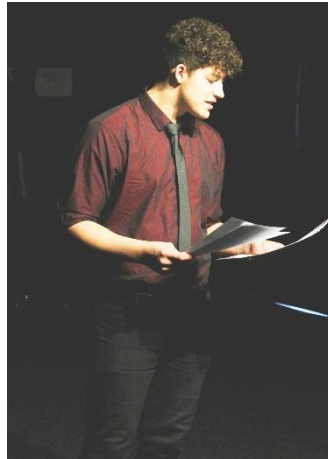
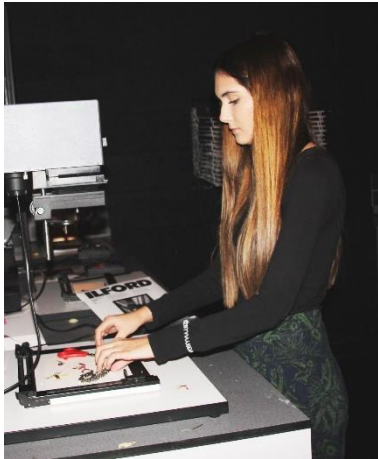
If you choose to come to The Buckingham School we will help you take the next step to achieving your dreams.

Mr J Ryan
Director
Centre of Further Education

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Curriculum

We offer a wide range of both traditional academic A Levels and vocational BTEC qualifications – detailed course information can be found in the separate Course Options Guide.

The Centre of Further Education is a vibrant and exciting learning environment, providing breadth of knowledge, creativity and enrichment opportunities, both within and beyond the classroom.

Students

The CFE's ethos is of care and challenge which pervades all aspects of school life. We all thrive in a highly inclusive, supportive, mutually respectful and tolerant environment. Everyone belongs and everyone is valued.

CFE students are treated as young adults preparing them for either university life, apprenticeship or the world of employment. We have a strong and enthusiastic specialist teaching team to support you throughout your Post 16 education with the CFE.

Facilities

The CFE has fantastic facilities after £1.8m Local Authority investment. The facilities are bright, modern and state of the art having been completely renovated, including new teaching rooms, a purpose built common room, IT room, art and photography studios and bespoke CFE Science laboratories.

All CFE students can take advantage of the school's extensive facilities including a dance studio with sprung floor, two drama rooms, music room, astro pitches, extensive sporting fields, tennis courts and the use the Swan Leisure Centre.

"Sixth Form students have been commended for being very good role models for younger students and contribute much to school life."
Ofsted 2016

Enrichment

We are proud of the enrichment opportunities offered to our students and these are very much part of everyday life. We expect our students to work hard and to contribute to the life of the school and CFE community.

Our enrichment opportunities have Student Voice and Student Leadership at their heart—both areas in which the school excels. Student Voice in the school is a key factor in helping students to make informed decisions and we believe that every student should be able to have their say.

Other opportunities which we offer to all our CFE students include:

- Head Boy, Head Girl and Senior Student Leadership positions
- University Open day visits
- Safe Drive, Stay Alive
- Many Extra Curricular clubs
- Main School Show
- Subject and mentoring support programme
- Charitable fundraising activities
- Trips and visits (subject related) and overseas
- Community service work including work with younger students and at local primary schools

Preparing for the future

We prepare all our students for life after the CFE. Students research university courses and institutions and learn how to write an effective personal statement. Students who plan to go into employment, explore and research employment and apprenticeship opportunities and learn how to write an effective CV and application letter. We have good links with local employers who help with work experience opportunities.



100% of students go on to meaningful education, training or employment.

We have seen the highest number of students in the school's history applying for university places including some of the top universities in the country (the Russell Group). Places accepted at universities have increased by 33% (with nearly all students obtaining their first choice).

Also, there are many students embarking on apprenticeship placements – a fantastic alternative to university allowing aspiring young people to start building the foundations of a strong career.

The Ofsted Inspection earlier in the year reported on the many strengths of our Sixth Form, including good and effective careers advice given and this is reflected in our students' Post A Level education, employment and training pathways.

Success Stories

Katrina Bridgman following her excellent achievements at The Buckingham School she has been awarded a First Class Honours Degree in Psychology at Durham University, one of the most prestigious Universities in the country, and is now following a career in Child Psychology.

Kayleigh Watts having been successful at The Buckingham School particularly in the fields of Sport and Psychology achieved a 2.1 at Exeter University in **Sports Science** and is now following a career in this field.

Josh Graham who excelled at The Buckingham School Sixth Form is now in his second year at Birmingham University studying **Sport and Exercise Science**. He is taking full advantage of the University experience, playing rugby for the University as well as being involved in a number of committees. He has been back to The Buckingham School to encourage current Sixth Formers to accept University offers.

Several of last year's Sixth Form are now studying at the country's prestigious Russell Group Universities. **Emily Herbert** studying **Criminology** at Cardiff University and four students are studying at Liverpool University. **Issie Else**, having achieved one of the school's highest UCAS point scores is studying **Marketing** and **Nicole Djahanbakhsh** is following a degree in **Architecture** which is a first for the school in this area. **Lauren Orpin** is studying **Communication and Media** at the same destination.

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How to Apply

Please read the Course Options Guide for more information about how to apply to the CFE or speak to us on

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