

The Buckingham School - GCSE Results Day

Thursday 23 August 2018

Students at The Buckingham School have achieved encouraging results in their GCSE exams.

We are today celebrating some of the best Ebacc results the school has ever had.

We have seen many students not only attaining high grades but, making significantly more progress than the national average.

The school is proud of its Science outcomes with continued growth in grade 5s (A*-B equivalent) in Biology, Chemistry and Physics – 21%, 10% and 10% increases respectively, on last year.

Eight subjects have shown significant improvement in attaining the highest 7+ / A*-A grades. We are pleased to report the majority of subjects have improved in A*-C / 4+ / D*-D grades.

Among many delighted students celebrating today:

- Archie Fisher achieved an amazing nine 7+ / A*-A (equivalent) grades, including seven grade 8s in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Literature, History, Geography and Religious Studies.
- Maia Green achieved a fantastic eight 7+ / A*-A (equivalent) grades, including a grade 9 in English Literature, two grade 8s in History and Maths and five grade 7s in English Language, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Art.
- Katie Thrift gained eight 7+ / A*-A (equivalent) grades, including a grade 9 in Biology, three grade 8s in Maths, History and PE.
- James MacAleese achieved an amazing ten GCSEs, including three grade 9s in Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science.

We are tremendously proud of all of our students who have done so well.

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Additional Information – The Buckingham School GCSE Results Day 2018

Mr McGinnes, Headteacher of The Buckingham School comments on these results.

“This time last week, we were celebrating some of the best A Level results the school has seen and now today, at GCSE results day, I want to be transparent and honest - although I am delighted for the many students with superb GCSE results, we recognise that the improvements made in the last six months haven't had their full impact yet. There are things to celebrate, for example, it is great to see some of the best Ebacc results the school has ever had.

I joined this amazing school in January 2018 and, this, my third Headship, is the most rewarding opportunity of my career to date. I am excited by my first full academic year ahead of me, and feel encouraged and excited by the solid foundations in place. There is so much potential and my mentality is to continually build and improve, to ensure that we can give our students the best opportunity to progress.

School improvements have been implemented in my first two full terms as Head, with further changes ready and in the pipeline for the 2018/19 academic year, such as the cessation of subject setting/streaming in the lower years, rejuvenating the school House system, a more structured enrichment program and a re-energised focus on teaching and learning: the key factor and heart of everything we do.

Many of our Year 11 students have applied to join the Sixth Form and I look forward to welcoming them and other students from other schools in September.

We are excited to hold an Open House on Friday 24 August from 10am until 2pm for all Year 11 students, both from The Buckingham School and from other schools, to come in and talk about their GCSE results, what life is like in Sixth Form at The Buckingham School and their plans for the next two years of their education.

We believe our Sixth Form provides a wonderful opportunity for students to truly fulfil their potential in a caring and vibrant community and we look forward to more students joining us.

Our Sixth Form curriculum is wide, with a variety of traditional academic A Levels and vocational BTEC qualifications, as well as a breadth of enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Suzy Pykett who joins as Assistant Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form from September. Suzy brings extensive experience teaching A Level and supporting young people through the Years 12 and 13 and the next stage of their lives. The addition of Suzy to the team is one of a handful of strategic recruitment appointments made to strengthen our already dedicated and inspiring Buckingham School team.

Finally, I must say how proud I am of all our students who have done so well. Well done all students, and teachers for preparing students for their exams. I would also like to extend my gratitude to parents and carers for supporting their children leading up to and during the exam period.”

For further information regarding our Sixth Form and how to apply for a place, please contact our Admissions Officer, Kate Bones at kbones@buckinghamschool.org