

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parent / Carer and Students of Years 11 and 13

We are hopeful that circumstances will allow students to attend school to collect their results in August, as we would very much love to share this occasion with them. However, in light of Covid-19, we are planning an alternative method of sharing the 2020 examination results to our individual students, in the event that 'in person' is not possible.

This method would be to share the examination results through the SIMS Online Portal. Each student would be able to access their examination results through the SIMS Student App, either on their phones or a computer. Parents/Carers would be given access to this part of your child's academic record, later in the day, through the SIMS Parent App. This would give students the chance to see their results first, as instructed by the exam boards and then allow us to meet our duty as a school, by notifying Parents/Carers of the results later the same day.

Some Parents/Carers have already registered for the SIMS Online Portal to complete a data checking exercise that took place last year; it should not be necessary to re-register and you should still have access to the SIMS Parent App and/or web portal.

Some students may have already registered for the SIMS online portal to complete their option choices in Year 12. This same registration will give you access to the SIMS Student App and/or web portal.

For those Parents/Carers/Students who have not registered with SIMS online already, later today you will receive an email from noreply@sims.co.uk – check your Spam/Junk mailbox in case it has gone in there. Students' emails will be sent to their school email account. Parents/Carer's should receive the email to the account registered with school.

To join, simply click on the link provided in the email. The link is valid for the next 14 days. You will be directed to the sign in page where:

• Users that don't have a SIMS ID account should click on the icon for the type of account you would like to use (Microsoft/Office 365, Twitter, Facebook, Google) and you will be directed to sign in using your existing details for that email provider. Students are to use their school email account for authentication purposes.

If the link does not work then please enter this URL into your browser: <u>https://id.sims.co.uk/registration/home/soscode</u>

When prompted, enter the invitation code. This will be unique to each student. You will then be taken to the registration page to complete the step above.

This stage is now completed and you have registered your email address with the online system.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.









Student users:

Once registration is complete you should be able to download the SIMS Student App to your mobile phone or access the website <u>www.sims-student.co.uk</u> and log in using your school email account details.

You will be able to see your current timetable (although this may change once we reach the end of term) and on results day, you will see your exam results under the Reports section.

Parent/Carer users:

Once registration is complete you should be able to download the SIMS Parent App to your mobile phone or access the website <u>www.sims-parent.co.uk</u> and log in using your registered email account details.

You will be able to click on your child's image and view their timetable and check their data details in the Data Collection section. On results day, exam results will be available to view in the Reports section.

In conclusion, we would like all Parents/Carers and students to register with the SIMS online system and ensure they have access to the above portals, so that in the event we have to use the system you can be assured that you will receive the results in a timely manner.

Please email <u>cbrearley@buckinghamschool.org</u> if you have any difficulties with this process. Any exam related questions should go to <u>exams@buckinghamschool.org</u>.

With my best wishes

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