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Dear Parent / Carer,

YEAR 7 INDUCTION PROGRAMME TUESDAY 2 JULY AND WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019

We are looking forward to seeing your child at The Buckingham School for our two-day Induction programme on **Tuesday 2 July and Wednesday 3 July**. We would also like to invite you as parents/carers and your child to our Induction Evening on Tuesday 2 July, from **5.00pm until 7.00pm**. From 5.00pm there will be the opportunity to browse 'Market Stalls' and purchase hot food and refreshments and then from 6.00pm there will be a presentation from our Headteacher and a meeting with your child's new Form Tutor. More details about this are contained further on in this letter.

Timings for the Induction Programme – Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 July 2019

You will need to arrange for your child to be at The Buckingham School (Student Entrance) at **8.30am** where they will be met by members of our Senior Leadership Team and escorted by Peer Mentors to the Sports Hall. The children will need to be picked up from the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area – at the top end of school) at **3pm**. *Please note that the local school buses are not available to transport Year 6 children for insurance purposes, even if students have brothers or sisters currently attending The Buckingham School.*

The Induction programme has been designed to help your child:

- Have a meaningful and positive experience of The Buckingham School
- Find out more about our school
- Meet their Form Tutor for Year 7
- Meet students who will be in their tutor group
- Experience lessons in some of our curriculum areas.
- Engage with character building and enrichment activities

On both days, your child will need to:

- bring a pencil case with them
- **come dressed in their PE kit**

On the **Tuesday**, please make sure that your child either brings with them a packed lunch or cash, approximately £3.00, to buy lunch with. On the **Wednesday**, we will be holding a complementary barbeque for the students; **do please let us know of any dietary requirements at least a week beforehand.**

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 S Gallagher or Mrs K Bones at office@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



On the first day of the Induction Programme, your child will meet their Form Tutor, mix with new friends and enjoy a full day of activities, including lessons. In addition, they will register their biometric print, providing consent has been given, so they can purchase food immediately in September.

We will start the second day with timetabled lessons, after which your child will experience team-building games and sports for the rest of the day. The days are intended to help prepare your child for September by making the school and our routines feel more familiar.

Induction Evening

Refreshments in the school grounds from 5.00pm until 6.00pm

You are invited to join us from 5.00pm where we will have hot food, teas and coffees and cake available to purchase from the canteen, and drinks and ice creams available to purchase from our Snack Shack. In the Sports Hall, we will also have 'Market Stall's which you are welcome to browse; these will include our Uniform Provider, the School Nursing Team, the Library Service, plus stationery and Nearly New Uniform available to purchase. Please note that we can only take payment by cash or cheque as we do not have a credit card machine. Also present in the Sports Hall will be our Student First Team, comprising our specialists in Student Welfare, Attendance, Anti-Bullying and Mental Wellbeing, who will be more than happy to answer any questions or queries that you may have.

Induction Evening – from 6.00pm in the Jubilee Building

We have planned an evening to provide more information about how we will be working with parents and children from September.

The format of the evening will be as follows:

- Welcome by Mr McGinnes, Headteacher and Miss Collie, Head of Year 7
- A few words from our Head Boy and Head Girl
- Presentation by current Year 7 students
- Meet the Tutor and receive additional paperwork

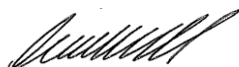
The welcome speech given in the Jubilee Hall and will be addressed to Parents' first while students will be in classrooms with their Form Tutors. Parents will then meet with the Form Tutors while the students come through to the Jubilee Hall.

Due to the expected high numbers of people attending this evening, please may we politely ask that, where at all possible, we limit attendees to the students and their parents. If circumstances are such that siblings have no option but to be in attendance then they will, of course, be welcome.

We very much look forward to meeting you and your child and hope that you find the Induction Programme interesting and informative.

In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding the Induction programme or in relation to your child starting at The Buckingham School in September, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below, or Kate Bones, our Admissions Officer on 01280 818927 or at kbones@buckinghamschool.org.

Yours faithfully,



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