The Buckingham *Bulletin*

Success for All through Achievement, Challenge & Enjoyment

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The Buckingham School Equestrian Team

Dear All,

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely and restful Easter Break. I am pleased to share the next School Bulletin with you, where you will see a significant amount of extra-curricular work has been going on, in particular, the Apprenticeship Show for our young people, which was successful in providing opportunities and aspirations for the next stage of their educational career. We are fully committed to ensure every single student has a future which enables them to contribute to society.

The whole school production, 'Oliver!' was brilliant to see and I am so proud that so many students from all year groups, including our Sixth Form, were involved – a real community event – well done, all!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr Mike Siu back to the school as Lead Practitioner for Maths. Mr Siu will strengthen our teaching team further, as we strive to achieve outstanding outcomes for all.

We have recently launched our Breakfast Business Club and are reaching out to the local business community to build real partnership links that support our students in their journey to enhance employment skills, apprenticeships and future employment.

As we enter another important and busy term, we must focus on examinations and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed – we wish all our students much luck in achieving their full potential in the forthcoming weeks.

Best wishes,

Miss A Wells
Headteacher

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Welcome Back Mr Siu, Lead Practitioner for Maths

We extend a very warm welcome to Mr Mike Siu who re-joins the school as Lead Practitioner for Maths.
Lead Practitioner for Maths is a specialist role within the Maths Department, working to develop and implement initiatives and strategies to achieve outstanding teaching and learning throughout the department. As a school, we are bold and unique, striving for excellence and we place students at the heart of the learning experience. We are confident Mr Siu will help build character and skills and to develop young people, giving them every opportunity to achieve the highest standards in their academic journey and our journey to be an outstanding school.

Year 12 Sports Leaders at Stoke Mandeville Stadium

In partnership with The Buckingham School Sports Partnership, 170 primary school students joined together for a day of fun Leadership training at an event held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Year 12 Sports Leaders delivered leadership training to primary school students who have been trained as one of the following:-

Change4Life Champions
School Sports Organising Crew
Playground Leaders

Nathan Rooney, former professional tennis player, attended the event, to share his experiences and motivate students. The Leadership training was supported by the Youth Sport Trust and Leap. Primary school students finished the day ready to lead and inspire students back at their own schools.

Change4Life Champions will encourage students in their schools to be physically active and lead a healthy active lifestyle. Playground Leaders will make break times active and fun for younger students and the School Sports Organising Crews will shape and lead inter-school competitions and sports days.

Ice Skating

Tamsin Baillie Year 7 represents Milton Keynes International School of Skating, having just competed at a competition at Lee Valley Sevens. She has only been skating for a year and already performing at a high standard. Tamsin trains four times a week and represents MK ISS all over the country. This is fantastic Tamsin, keep up the hard work – your progress and performance is outstanding!

bittersweet music
Vocal tuition + guitar tuition + live music

Bittersweet Music provides unique and fabulous music tuition during the school day at The Buckingham School. We currently have a few available places for individual, or shared lessons (2 max) on a weekly, or fortnightly basis.
Lessons are available this term in singing and acoustic guitar. Parents of students deal directly with the tutor, who can readily advise on your child's progress - plus offer advice regarding all aspects of lessons and instruments.
Performance opportunities are offered throughout the year and several students have taken place in local music events and showcases.
Bittersweet Music is a locally based and established music tuition service and offers something highly reputable and bespoke. To find out more about our singing and guitar lessons - contact Suzy at Bittersweet Music 07814367187 or email suzyasmith@aol.com www.bittersweetmusic.co.uk FB Bittersweet Music (Buckingham)

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 24 March

Thank you all for your donations for Red Nose Day – an amazing £791.77 raised on the day!
We are extremely proud of how our students engage in charity events - we will have raised in the region of £4000 so far this year for charity, which is incredible.

The Buckingham Bulletin
is a regular news round up – if you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Claire Sherwood at **csherwood@buckinghamschool.org**

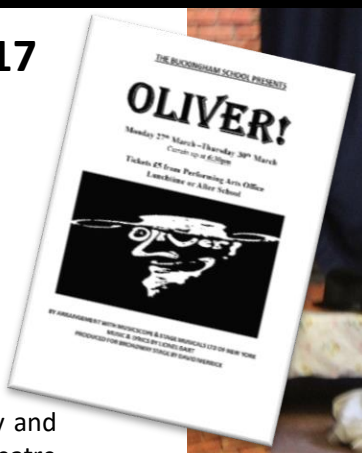
National Apprenticeship Show

Students from Year 11 and 13 had the opportunity to attend the National Apprenticeship Show at the Arena MK in Milton Keynes. Over 100 employers and providers from various sectors were showcasing their programmes and opportunities available in the local and national area. This is a fantastic extension of students' learning giving them the perfect opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of what an Apprenticeship is, the benefits you gain from doing an Apprenticeship along with speaking with future potential employers.

Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

The Science and Computer Science Departments travelled to Birmingham with a group of students to attend The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair. This is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK.
Visitors to the event were spoilt for choice with 12 mind-boggling shows, over 150 hands-on activities and the opportunity to talk to thousands of scientists and engineers from leading companies across the UK. The Big Bang Fair aims to show young people the exciting and rewarding opportunities out there for those with the right experience and qualifications, by bringing classroom learning to life.
Students experienced activities at the Fair such as how to become a rocket scientist, create your own lie detector, meet a range of unusual animals or experience bouncing across the surface of Mars. The Fair also hosted the prestigious Big Bang Competition, inviting young people from across the UK to compete for lots of amazing prizes, including being crowned UK Young Scientist and UK Young Engineer of the Year.

Oliver! School Show 2017



Nothing works on the stage like a well-crafted tale, and OLIVER! is just such a show. Based on the Dickens novel, it engages the audience with its pathos and drama, while delighting everyone with its outstanding musical numbers such as food, Glorious Food, I'd Do Anything, Where is Love?, Consider Yourself, As Long As He Needs Me, Who Will Buy and Reviewing the Situation are musical theatre classics. Dickens' characters are brought to life—perhaps larger than life—with all their facets glowing in this production.

The Buckingham School production was no exception and what a brilliant show and performance by all. Well done to all cast, production and crew. Ms Hunt and her team have excelled again!

Performing Arts

On Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March, Ellie Stubbings performed in the Ballet Etudes and The Nutcracker Suite, brought to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre by English Youth Ballet.

Ballet Etudes is a one act homage to classical ballet training. The rigours of the daily ballet class are given a theatrical spin from ballet exercises at the barre that ends with spectacular bravura displays in a grand finale. English Youth Ballet's professional principals give virtuoso performances, backed up by a corps de ballet of talented local dancers and accompanied by the orchestration of the beautiful arrangements of Carl Czerny's piano studies.

The Nutcracker Suite, Tchaikovsky's magical score, follows a Prince who escorts young Clara to the Kingdom of Sweets where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy. A divertissements of spectacular dances, each representing a sweet, is given in her honour with the spectacular grand Sugar Plum pas de deux with the Prince bringing the finale to a glorious close.

National Careers Week

The Buckingham School fully embraced National Careers Week with at least one lesson in each subject area being dedicated to investigating career opportunities in that sector. In **English,** students were involved in interview techniques and how to present yourself well and be articulate in interview. Alongside this, they took part in a carousel of the careers available to students with an English degree. In **Maths,** they focussed on trading, banking, and investments and looked at the types of jobs that use Maths at various levels. Each class took part in a lesson where they replicated these skills by playing the role of a worker in the given industry. In **Business,** a carousel of visiting speakers were invited in to discuss employability skills and ask questions for their coursework.

In **Geography,** Years 7 and 8 brainstormed careers associated with Geography and designed a facebook/internet page for a job linked to Geography. In Years 9 and 10 they researched career paths that require GCSE/ A level Geography and identified two contrasting choices that appealed to them.

All students received an assembly on Local Labour Market Information that looked at the jobs likely to be available in Buckinghamshire in 2020, including those that would be in most demand. This provided essential information for career path planning.

Under 15's Girls Football County Cup Final

The U15 girls travelled to Thame United on Friday 17 March for the County Cup Final. An action-packed game resulting in 2:2 but unfortunately 3:5 after penalties. We are very proud of the tremendous effort getting to the final and for such a great match on the day!

Mock Trial Competition

A group of 12 students participated in the annual Mock Trial Competition in Milton Keynes Magistrates Court.

The effort and commitment shown by the students before and during the competition was truly outstanding. They worked as a team, supported one another, prepared for their roles and were proud to represent The Buckingham School. It was fantastic to witness.

Though we did not advance to the next round, the team deserves a massive well done for how they competed.

It was also great to then see the students talk about their experiences in assemblies and talk about the skills they have gained and enhanced, such as public speaking, teamwork, planning and critical thinking.

A huge well done to Ebony Bone, Erin Talbot, Molly Mackay, Millie Holme, Ewan Barnard, Tom Green, Maya Wood, Daniel Pepler, Daisy Kensett, Ellie Kirsop, Calista Fox and Chris Lloyd.

Mr Mandel

Fairtrade

We have recently celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight for the fifth year running! This year, we were so excited to host Patrick Kaberia - who is a Kenyan tea producer - who talked about his experiences in working with the Fairtrade organisation. Patrick's assemblies were fascinating as he was able to really take us into his community in Kenya and made us all understand how life is for farmers in this part of the world. Students were captivated by the talk and asked some fantastic questions at the end.

We were delighted to be included in the Advertiser paper and to be mentioned as an active supporter of Fairtrade. For the work we are continually doing, the Fairtrade organisation has extended our status as a 'FairActive School, which is something we are very proud of.

NEWS

Fairtrade fortnight kicks off

AVDC first authority in the country to adopt AI

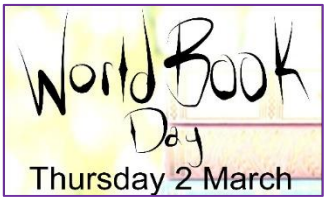
United World Schools Duplo Collection!

In the last edition of the Bulletin we asked students and people at home for Duplo, as part of our desire to contribute it to the school we are supporting in Myanmar, in the village of Mae Yae.

We are extremely proud to be partnered with United World Schools, which is the organisation that directly works with schools in remote parts of the world.

As part of our efforts to support the school in Mae Yae, we are planning to visit the offices of United World Schools in London and give them the Duplo students and staff have donated. We would love to see the Duplo that we have donated in the hands of children who do not have the resources to purchase this themselves.

A massive thank you to Megan Drew (Year 7), Will Green (7), Alex Spencer (7), Elizabeth Smith (8), Tom Green (9), Katy Winget (10) as well as Miss Spekkens. Finally, thank you to Miss Hatton, who donated an amazing amount.



A massive thank you for your support with World Book Day. We raised in ***total £801.10*** which is amazing! Well done everyone!

Parent Forum – 16 May

The next Parent Forum will take place on Tuesday 16 May, 5:50 - 7pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend - your views really do count and do have an impact on what happens within the school.

Year 11 Visit to a Buddhist Vihara

On Tuesday 14th March, a group of Year 11 Philosophy and Ethics students visited a Buddhist Temple (Vihara) in Birmingham. It was, as was hoped, an enlightened experience!

We were greeted by a Buddhist Monk and then were escorted to the Vihara, where Buddhist meditate and learn. After taking our shoes off we sat on mats and one of the monks told us about the story of the Buddha, which was incredibly interesting.

After the brief talk, we were given a session on meditation and even tried it - it's not as easy as people might think!

We then had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the Buddhist way of life, which we thought was fascinating.

The following day we all gave a brief presentation about what we learned and saw to the rest of the students in our class. It was a brilliant visit that taught us about other people's beliefs but also helped our revision ahead of our exam.

Ellen Skelton and Ellen Coote
Year 11 students

The Buckingham School Equestrian Team out in action at Addington Manor EC - Headington School Show - NSEA

The new equestrian team were out in action for the first time with some amazing results.

65cm – well done to Izzy Ford for taking part in this class.

75cm – A fabulous team 1st for Lauren Smith, Charlotte Louise Smith and Katie Robinson.

85cm – A fabulous team 2nd for Hollie - Anne Heir, Lauren Smith, Charlotte Louise Smith and Katie Robinson. Also an Individual 2nd for Katie Robinson.

95cm – A fabulous team 3rd for Hannah Heir, Hollie - Anne Heir , Katie Gilsenan and Katie Robinson. On Hannah's second Horse she was placed 6th in a mixed team. Also an individual 1st for Katie Robinson and a 4th for Katie Gilsenan.

105cm – A fabulous team 4th for Hannah Heir and Katie Gilsenan. Also an individual 4th for Hannah Heir.

All the girls rode brilliantly and they were very supportive of each other, it was an amazing day out. We look forwards to the next competition, so if you are keen to join in and take part please email Louise info@ajscontracting.net or Jen : Jennyheir@aol.com For more information.

Well done girls – Fantastic Results !!

Centre of Further Education

Sixth Form Sales Challenge

A team of sixth formers is currently involved in a sales challenge in competition with schools and colleges throughout the county. They recently spent a day of sales training at Webmart and now preparing for the final presentation in April when they will be selling Buckinghamshire as a place to live and work after they have finished college/university.
Good luck to them in this challenge!

Business Breakfast Club

The school also hosted its first business breakfast with a number of local businesses attending including The Buckingham Group, WIPAC and Gilroy Steel alongside Buckingham Rotary Club and representatives from the county careers group Adviza. The meeting looked at how the school could work with these businesses and each business offered to support the school in areas such as work experience, visits, group mentoring and mock interviews. Discussion also took place on how the parties could work together to provide Apprentice opportunities for our students. A great reason to take on an Apprentice is to keep our young talent in Buckingham!
The next Business Breakfast takes place at **The Buckingham School on Thursday 4th May, 7.30 – 9:00am. Come along to this FREE event** for coffee and pastries and find out how you can benefit from taking on a local Buckingham Apprentice.

To attend contact info@teeg.co.uk, call 01296 749944 (Carly Ward, CEO & Co – Founder TEEG Digital) or email Mr Roberts, Int. Deputy Headteacher at proberts@buckinghamschool.org.

Buckingham Rugby Boys (Year 7s)

Congratulations to Buckingham Rugby Boys (some of our Year 7s) – Rhys Jordan, Will Glister, Henry Robertson, Zak Harwood, Jobe Read and Josh Meara, were part of the Landrover Worcester Warriors winning team on Saturday 15th April – they did not concede a try! Fantastic performance boys!

They have won themselves tickets to the Aviva Cup Final at Twickenham at the end of May. One of our players, Rhys, unfortunately, won't be able to go as that is when he will be representing London Irish in Lyon.
Also, over the Easter holidays Rhys Jordan took part in an athletics open event and a pentathlon. He managed to set a new Personal Best in Long Jump of 4metres 70cm!
A very well done Rhys!

Careers Fair

Careers Fayre for Year 10 and Year 12 students – 14 July 2017

We are holding a Careers Fair on 14 July 2017 aimed at our Year 10 and Year 12 students (and also our younger years at lunchtime) to start them thinking about what they want to do in the future and what is needed to get to that point.
If you are a business and you would like to take part in our Careers Fair, please do drop us a line by emailing
pcunningham@buckinghamschool.org
aswiftclarke@buckinghamschool.org
and we will be happy to send you more information about the day.

Diary Dates

Mon 1 May - Bank Holiday
Tues 16 May – Parent Forum
Thurs 18 May – Y7 Parents Evening

Please check school website for trips and visits and also for Summer term Exam dates.

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