

The Buckingham *Bulletin*

Success for All through Achievement, Challenge & Enjoyment

December 2017



School Show Beauty and The Beast JR.

Dear All

I wish to write a sincere "Thank you" to you all as my time at The Buckingham School comes to a close. I have worked at the School since September 2008 and in that time I have seen the School grow and improve significantly. I am so very proud of the students and staff, their commitment, passion and resilience. It is the whole community working together which has enabled the School to grow from strength to strength. I feel privileged to have secured the School on its wonderful journey and I truly believe there is every opportunity for even greater success going forward.

I will take away with me many fond memories of such a variety of activities and performances from the students. Students at Buckingham are polite, respectful, enthusiastic and proud of their School. They have always been at the centre of school improvement plans and I have always considered them to be the very best ambassadors any school could wish for. I will miss them and the strong community ethos, which is so special to The Buckingham School.

I also want to thank the many staff that have worked at the School, past and present. During my time here, their support, loyalty and commitment to improve the life chances of young people has been hugely inspiring.

As I now embark upon a new challenge in my role as Principal at Netherwood Academy, I thank you for your continued support over the years and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Wells
Headteacher



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Christmas Carol, Friday, 15 December 2017

Due to the adverse weather conditions and the School being closed on Monday 11 December, we unfortunately had to cancel our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. However, the School has decided to take Christmas cheer to the Senior Citizens by visiting them in their nursing homes. Our students will be singing Christmas carols and distributing gifts.

As the raffle was due to take place during the Senior Citizens' Party, this will now take place on Thursday 14 December in school. 50% of proceeds will go to school nominated charities and 50% towards next year's party.



Branding Seminar - Rocktails

Year 11 Business students were treated to a Branding seminar by Chris Yandell, the Co-Founder of the premium distilled botanic drinks brand Rocktails. Chris provided industry application advice of key branding principles as the Year 11 students work toward completing their final assignment on the Branding Unit. We'd like to thank Chris for his valuable time and effort with the students.



Maths Challenge by the Royal Institution and the Open University

From among private and state school applicants from several English counties, The Buckingham School Year 9 students Daniel Peplar (9DA), Ollie Downham (9EN), Adam Davies (9EN), Will Smith (9EN), Daisy Fisher (9FA) and Lexie McConnell (9BU) were selected to attend Mathematics Masterclasses run by the Royal Institution and the Open University at Bletchley Park on Saturday mornings in October and November 2017.

Photos of their activities at the first of these master classes are shown here.

Mr B Waine
Assistant Curriculum Leader, Maths



Working on the Bonus round, with a little help from Bletchley Park's Tom Briggs



Trying different shifts using a Caesar cipher wheel

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1	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1

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Example of how to find an error using the two-dimensional parity check method

We are proud to be an Ofsted Good School in ALL aspects of Inspection.

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Student Voice!

Welcome back to the Student Voice area! This has been another packed half term and we are very excited to share some of the things we have done since the last Bulletin. But before we do this we want to say a big thank you to the Student Voice Ambassadors who have stayed to help out during Year 8 and Year 9 Parents Evening. Fantastic work, as always!

**WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT**



On Friday 20 October, we held our annual whole school cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. As was the case last year, students were phenomenal in their efforts and the atmosphere was fantastic. As a school community we have raised £745.79 for this cause, which is outstanding. A huge well done to all the students involved and a BIG 'THANK YOU' to everyone at home for their incredible support.



The Learning Resource Centre also held a cake sale to raise money for Stand Up to Cancer. Well done, everyone, for all your amazing efforts.



Student
Voice!

Remembrance Sunday

Emily Adamson and Miss Jasmine Swain represented The Buckingham School at Buckingham's Remembrance Sunday Service, held on Sunday 12 November. Both laid a wreath on behalf of the School to honour and remember those who lost their lives during times of conflict.



Macmillan Cancer Support Leadership Team.

Senior Students Leadership Team

The senior students have set up a mentoring programme so they can give back to the school community and support some of our students. We hope that, not only will the younger students benefit from this new scheme, but that our senior students will develop and enhance their leadership skills.

(Pictured here: Alex Gilder, Jamie Oliver, Tom Hardy, Henry Judge, Lauren McPartlane, Lucy Wescombe, Alex Forward, Iris Hampton and Emily Adamson).



Senior Students Leadership Team

Change Makers

Miss Barten and twelve Year 7 students have started The Buckingham Change Makers. They have been collecting change since mid-November in hope of collecting £600 by the end of the school year. Working alongside the **We Organization**, the change that is being collected will **Make a Change** in a third-world country.

We would like to thank all of the staff and students for their outstanding support so far, and we hope you keep bringing in change to Make a Change! Please go to www.we.org/gb to learn more about what this organisation does.



Year 7 Change Maker Students

Bar Trial Competition

Fifteen Year 10 students competed in the Bar Trial Competition (open to students in Years 10-13) which was held at Birmingham's Crown Court on Saturday 18 November. Students assumed the roles of Barristers, Witnesses and Court Clerk and participated in a mock trial against other schools from the region.

The preparation for the competition started in July and continued in September. The commitment from students was outstanding and their attitude and conduct during the competition was superb. As importantly, students developed key life skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, ability to work under pressure and organisation.

A massive well done to Erin Talbot, Molly Mackay, Millie Holme, Nyobi Selver-Field, Calista Fox, Amber Fairall, Maya Wood, Ellen Poyntz, Holly Owen, Jessica Cook, James Peat, Blake Haywood, Harrison Turner-Robson, Chris Lloyd. A special 'Well Done' to Emily Adamson, who led and mentored the team from the start.



Year 10 students in Birmingham for the Bar Trial Competition



Centre of Further Education

Centre of Further Education Open Evening Sixth Form at The Buckingham School Thursday 18 January 2018, 6-8pm

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

Transforming whole schools into places where children feel safe, nurtured and in control of their futures.

Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are very excited to report that we have embarked on a journey that will see us become a Rights Respecting School (RRS).

The Rights Respecting Schools Award puts children's rights at the heart of schools in the UK.

Unicef works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

Using the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child \(UNCRC\)](http://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/about-the-award/impact-rights-respecting-schools-award/) as a guide, UNICEF is working with more UK schools than almost any other organisation. 1.5 million children in the UK go to a Rights Respecting School and more than 4,000 schools up and down the country are working towards the award. Schools work with UNICEF on a journey to become fully Rights Respecting. The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

Please go to

www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/about-the-award/impact-rights-respecting-schools-award/ to read about the impact this award can have on our students.

Watch this space! more updates on our RRS journey in the next bulletin

Swanbourne Endeavour

A number of students took on the 5k Swanbourne Endeavour. The race took them through ponds, scrambling under cargo nets, running through fire, crawling under electric fences and climbing hay bales stacked 10ft high. The students were fantastic and helped each other through the obstacles to get to the end. They were running for the charity Brain Tumour Research. Well done, to all.

Mrs Cowley
PE Teacher



Student
Voice!

If you want to know more about what we do in Student Voice, please contact Mrs Wallace at awallace@buckinghamschool.org or Mr Mandel at jmandel@buckinghamschool.org

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Computer Science

Project Mission Zero

The Computing Club just recently finished a project called Mission Zero - this means our students wrote code that is guaranteed to run on the International Space Station!

ESA's Education Office in collaboration with the Raspberry Pi Foundation (RPF) is challenging teams of school students who are 14 years old and younger to join the European Astro Pi Challenge – Mission Zero, and to write a short computer code in Python language.

Using Python, each team had to design a program to run within 30 seconds, take the current temperature on the Space Station and to send a message to astronauts (either as text or an image). The programs will then run sometime between 12 December and 1 February 2018. Each participant will then receive an electronic certificate recording the exact start and end of their code's run — their piece of Space Science history to keep!

Miss L Townes
Computer Science



Joyce Yabsley is pictured here receiving a Long Service Award. She has completed over 25 years continuous service with Bucks County Council.

This is Joyce's Nineteenth year at The Buckingham School and before working here, she was at Steeple Claydon School. **Congratulations, Joyce!**



Nasen Awards 2017

Congratulations to Julie Branch (SEND Manager) who was shortlisted at the recent Nasen Awards ceremony at the Museum of London.

Julie was shortlisted for Learning Support Staff Award. She was recognized for her breath of knowledge in Special Educational Needs for 25 years; her commitment to the School and passion that every child has the best education; and as someone who never settles for second best.

Nasen (National Association of Special Educational Needs) is a charity who support practitioners by providing information, training and resources to enable staff to meet all pupils' needs.

The evening, which was hosted by comedian Lucy Porter, saw nearly two hundred guests come together in order to recognise and celebrate the fantastic work of those who make a real difference to children and young people with SEND.



Gold Youth Sports Trust Mark

We are delighted to announce that The Buckingham School has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust Gold Quality Mark.

The Youth Sports Award is a reward and recognition scheme for young people aged between 7-24 years to evidence their learning, progress and achievement in, and through, sport. It aims to build positive lifestyle habits and behaviours and empowers young people to take ownership of developing their own skills.

Supported by partners Loughborough University, this programme is the first of its kind to develop and grow leadership and management skills using the power of sport. It helps to support wider academic achievement and improve physical and emotional wellbeing by incentivising daily physical activity.



Wednesday 8 December saw a fantastic evening of celebration at The Buckingham School, with seventy-three students across Years 10 and 11 collecting their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The evening was attended by students, parents, Matthew Watkins (Chair of Governors), Robin Stutchbury (County Councillor) and Kate Aldersley (Duke of Edinburgh Operations Officer for the area). The evening celebrated the hard work and commitment of our DoE students over the past 12 months. As a group, they have completed 767 hours in the community during their volunteering. Our students have been volunteering in a variety of organisations from local charity shops, local primary schools, local sports clubs and Brownies, to name a few. The evening allowed parents to see some great videos of the expedition and scrap books about their experiences. The Duke of Edinburgh Award has grown hugely in our School with us offering the Silver Award for the first time to Year 10's and Gold Award to Year 12's. A huge Thank You, to our staff who have given up their own time to help out with the Award. Well done, to all students. Good luck, to those taking on the Silver adventure and I look forward to seeing some of our students take on Gold next year!

Mrs V Cowley
Duke of Edinburgh
Co-ordinator



Rugby Success

Year 8 team beat local rivals, Royal Latin School 20-5. It was an excellent team display with tries from Rhys Jordan, Jobe Read, Will Glistler and Zak Harwood. The School wishes Freddie Goss a speedy recovery after an injury he sustained in the match. He played superbly and we look forward to having him back fit and healthy.

Year 9 and 10 teams also played with our Year 9 team winning against Waddesdon 7-5. A real solid team performance in the cold November weather. Lewis Linford converted the all important extra 2 points which won the game. Year 10 narrowly lost out against Waddesdon school 21-17. Excellent team displays and tries from Kyle Cummins helped the team on their way but they couldn't quite claw their way back into the game.

Katie Lee Rugby Bucks County Selection

Following a series of trials attended by over sixty girls, one of our Year 10 students, Katie Lee, was selected for Bucks RFU U15 Girls County Rugby Squad for this season.

Congratulations, Katie and good luck for the season.



Football News

Individual praise goes to Kelvin Mupungu of 9EN who was signed by Luton Town's Football Academy recently. He has performed excellently for the school over the last 3 years and this has clearly been rewarded with a fantastic chance at developing at a professional football Academy.

Well done, Kelvin.



School Equestrian Team News

If you are thinking of joining the Equestrian team in 2018, please have a look at the Show Schedule for Saturday, 20 January. If you wish to find out further information or want to know how to join the School Equestrian team, please contact Louise - info@ajscontracting.net or jenny - jennyheir@aol.com



Olympian Greg Rutherford honoured on special night for heroes of sport in Bucks and Milton Keynes

Olympic Gold Medal long jumper, Greg Rutherford MBE, was given a special honour at a glittering sports awards night on Friday 1 December. He took centre stage as nearly three hundred people gathered at Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre for the 12th annual Bucks & MK Sport Awards. The evening is organised to pay tribute to the people and organisations who make grass-roots sport happen in the area. The Buckingham School was nominated in the Secondary School of the Year category (out of 20 secondary schools in MK and Bucks) and we were delighted to be placed as a runner up. Pictured here is Leigh Churchward, Curriculum Leader for PE, and Olympian, Greg Rutherford.



Celebration Evening

The Buckingham School held its annual Celebration Evening last Thursday, 7 December 2017. The evening is a special event to recognise both the academic and personal development achievements of our students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

Prizes were awarded to students who have excelled in each subject. We also award several special recognition prizes. As well as a certificate, each winner receive a gift voucher to reward their hard work.

We would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to the following local businesses who very kindly donated towards our student rewards. We thank you, all. The evening was a tremendous success and we could not have made such rewards to our students without your support.



The Buckingham Bulletin

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

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This year's All School Production was Disney's **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.** The 60-minute musical, designed for school aged performers, is based on the 1994 Broadway production and Disney's 1991 animated feature film. The school cast contained approximately 50 students led by the Performing Arts team at The Buckingham School.

Here's a selection of photos taken from last week's show. "The best school production ever" was heard over and over. Congratulations, to the Performing Arts team and absolutely everyone involved (cast, crew, production, staff) for their hard work, dedication and passion!



On Thursday 7 December, we invited Year 6 pupils from Roundwood, Great Horwood, Steeple Claydon School and St James & St John to watch our matinee performance.

We received a lovely message from Steeple Claydon, *"Our Year Six class returned to school absolutely buzzing after their wonderful experience today watching your pupils perform in Beauty and the Beast. Pupils and staff alike were all smiling and couldn't stop talking about how good it was and what high quality the acting and singing. Thank you so much for including our school in your invitation."*



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Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message

Season's Greetings to all students, staff, parents, carers, governors and the whole community. We hope you have a festive, peaceful and restful break.

Term Dates Spring and Summer 2017/18

End of Term (Autumn)

Friday 15 December

Spring Term (4 January - 29 March)

Students return to school

Half Term (school closes at the end of)

Students return to school

End of Spring Term (school closes at the end of)

Thursday 4 January 2018

Friday 9 February 2018

Monday 19 February 2018

Thursday 29 March 2018

Summer Term (16 April - 24 July)

Students return to school

Half Term (school closes at the end of)

Students return to school

End of Summer Term (school closes at the end of)

Monday 16 April 2018

Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 4 June 2018

Tuesday 24 July 2018

INSET Days (no students in school)

Wednesday 3 January 2018

School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018.

Nearly New Uniform

Firstly, I'd like to extend a huge 'Thank You' to all of you whom have so kindly donated uniform items for our Nearly New stock.

Please find following a list of items which we are now holding in stock. The prices shown serves as a guide as I am happy to take donations for the items.

If you would like to purchase an item, please contact me by email at kbones@buckinghamschool.org and we can discuss; alternatively, stock will be available at Parents' Evenings, so do come along and see if we have anything which you might be interested in.

Thank you again for your support.

Nearly-New Uniform

Price List

Blazer	£10.00
Skirt	£5.00
Trousers	£5.00
Jumper	£5.00
Rugby Shirt	£5.00
Fleece	£5.00
Tracksuit Top	£4.00
Tracksuit Bottoms	£4.00
PE Top	£3.50
Skort	£4.00
PE Shorts	£3.00



3 days of football fun while Santa sorts those last gifts!

EX PREMIER LEAGUE & WELSH INTERNATIONAL

JACK COLLISON - CHRISTMAS CAMP

FOR ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-14

Dates - 20th, 21st, 22nd December

Times - 10am - 3pm

Venue - Elizabeth Woodville School (Deanshanger) MK19 6HN

INDOOR & OUTDOOR facilities.


Price - £49.50 for 3 days

1 or 2 days - £17.50 per day.

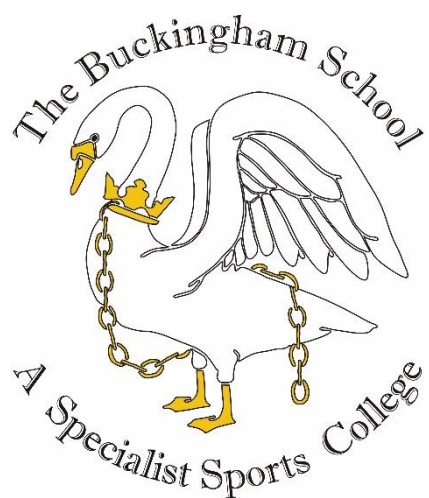
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