



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

## A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of our fourth whole week back since the summer break. I am feeling so positive and happy about how the term has restarted and it has been summed up by the photographer from Fizz Photography, who visited the school yesterday: "I have travelled 5,000 miles this month and visited 25 schools. It's been an absolute privilege to be here today, probably the best school I've ever been in."

We'll take that. How many schools will have such glowing comments made about Year 11, amongst others?!

We're not too sure what you did to your children over the summer, but the school has reopened on excellent form this term. Our record intake in Year 7 (214 pupils) have settled so well, and we now have over 1000 pupils here for the first time in the school's history. Under our refreshed behaviour procedures, our pupils have earned 14 times more rewards than sanctions. We have given out just under 25,000 reward points already! Chandos is the house leading the charge, and Year 7s are the top earning year group.

I have been constantly delighted with the climate of the school. Our students have upped their game. Teaching staff have too, and we are seeing consistently good and frequently excellent lessons being delivered to engaged and willing students. In the values statement laid down for us by our governing body, it says "we strive for excellence in all that we do." The truth is, that is the feel of the place at the moment.

Our work as a community is far from done, but I congratulate all of my colleagues and all of our students for the huge leap forward we have made so far this term. The challenge is obvious: keep it going!

With best wishes

**Mr A McGinnes**  
Headteacher

*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](mailto:office@buckinghamschool.org), if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding*

