



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you and your families are keeping well and looking forward to a well-deserved summer break! We would like to take the opportunity to update you on a number of transition related items.

Moving Up to Secondary School Induction Day – Virtual Activity Programme

Following updated guidance received from Buckinghamshire Council to say, unfortunately, pupils cannot attend Induction in person, we have written to all primary schools with our revised plan to provide a virtual (not-live), activity based programme to run on Tuesday 6th July. This will include a set of transition videos and fun challenges for pupils to carry out in class. Alternatively, the Induction activities can be carried out at home. The Induction material will be posted to the school website www.buckinghamschool.org on the 'Joining us in Year 7' section (under the main navigation of 'Parents' section). The Induction material will go live on Tuesday 6th July.

Induction Evening – Live Zoom Session

We will be holding a live Zoom session with talks from the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher on the evening of Tuesday 6th July. The session will start at 6pm and will last approximately half an hour. We will send out Zoom invitations to allow you to join us – don't worry if you are unable to attend the event as recordings of the talks will be posted to the school website (under Parents/Joining us in Year 7) on Wednesday 7th July.

Transition e-Bulletin

We will be emailing our Transition e-Bulletin to all families next week, which will include the videos shared with your children during their Induction session and information which we hope you and your child will find informative. Included in the e-Bulletin will be our fun practical challenge grid too!

School House/Form Group

We will be writing to you during the week commencing 12th July to let you know which House and Form Group your child has been allocated to. You will then be in a position to purchase your child's House Tie from T King Associates.

Ordering School Uniform from T King Associates

Our uniform supplier, T King Associates, is open for business. They are happy for you to visit in person, however, due to COVID guidance, they are encouraging orders to be placed online wherever possible to avoid queues at the shop. They understand that new students will probably want to try blazers on, and they are open for sizing as per normal. However, they would like customers to be aware that limited numbers of customers are allowed in the shop at any one time and therefore delays may occur during this time. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about your uniform purchase, T King Associates' telephone number is 01280 824836.

[Here is a link to the Uniform section of the website to see the School's full Uniform Standards, PE Uniform and a current price list from T King Associates.](#)

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 office@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



Online Admissions Papers via Admissions Plus

This is the first year we have used an online portal to capture all the important information we are required to record on our systems before your child starts with us in September. We have seen an incredible 90% of families accessing and completing the required data. If you have struggled to get online, don't worry as we will be sending out printed Admission Forms for you to complete and return to us.

ParentMail

You will soon receive a ParentMail registration email. Please register as soon as possible as ParentMail is the School's communication method for letters. It is also the place to make payments for school meals, trips and other items. Further information on ParentMail can be found on the school website and detailed in the Transition e-Bulletin.

First Day Arrangements

We understand the importance of ensuring your child's transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible and the best way to do this is in person. As such, the first day of School on Friday 3rd September will be an Induction Day for Year 7 students. On this day, Year 7 students will familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. First day arrangements will be communicated with you separately.

We will be back in touch with you during the week commencing 12th July with final details ready for your child to start with us. We very much look forward to welcoming your child to The Buckingham School on Friday 3rd September, looking smart in their uniform and ready to start their secondary school journey with us!

Kind regards,
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