



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents, Carers, Governors and Colleagues

We are very pleased and proud to publish our Ofsted report to the community.

Given our journey as a school, we are delighted to have been reaffirmed as a Good School and to have received recognition for many improvements that have been made. Given our passion for the students' entitlement to be safe and to feel safe, it is a point of huge satisfaction to have The Buckingham School recognised for its stance on bullying and for even further improved standards of behaviour. The students universally reported that the few cases of bullying are rapidly and fully dealt with.

In the feedback received directly from the Ofsted Lead Inspector, the Governors and Local Authority representatives heard for themselves that students, parents and staff strongly voiced in their interviews and questionnaires that the School has improved significantly in the last two years. Year 11 students told the Inspectors that they wished that the Headteacher had been in the post longer!

At The Buckingham School, leaders wear their hearts on their sleeves. Our commitment to the School's mission is total. We care so much about our community and the mission is that Success is for All. Is The Buckingham School good enough? Probably, yes it is, but not by our standards. Not for these students.

“As Chair of Governors, I would like to congratulate students and every member of staff for their contribution in maintaining our Good School status. Strong leadership from Mr McGinnes since his appointment in early 2018 has enabled the School to challenge itself to deliver a strong, broad-based curriculum that is inclusive for All. The feedback from this latest inspection has identified many areas of strength that we should all feel very proud of and where improvements are needed, we should embrace the challenge. I cannot be prouder to be part of a school that continues to grow in its ability to deliver good education to All.”

“As Headteacher, I reaffirm my commitment to this School. Under my Headship, we will continue to work tirelessly to take our journey further. The future of the School lies in a living and breathing culture; a culture of pride, whereby the 210 students admitted every September realise just how lucky they are. In a previous Headship, I can remember myself saying that the only way to be recognised as the best school in the area is simply to become the best school in the area. It can be done. The standards that are now beginning to prevail are resulting in rising attainment in the classroom, however, we are nowhere near finished yet.”

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



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Governors, Staff, Parents, Carers and students for all their ongoing support. It goes without saying that I am extremely proud to be Headteacher of this wonderful School and look forward to the next step in our School journey.

Yours faithfully



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