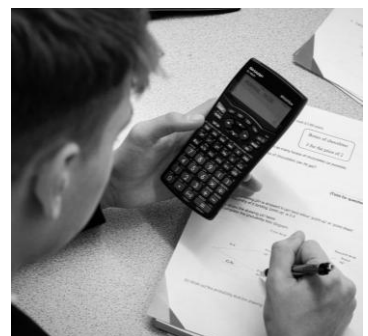


The Buckingham School at a Glance

- Is an Ofsted Good rated school in all areas of Inspection.
- Has a great reputation for being inclusive, supportive and mutually respectful.
- Offers a vibrant and solid academic environment.
- Has a team of strong, enthusiastic, supportive teachers and leaders.
- Has extensive sporting facilities including a full size astro-pitch, athletics field, tennis courts and use of the Swan Pool Leisure Centre for swimming.
- Has specialist teachers offering an engaging and exciting curriculum.
- Offers a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Offers an extensive enrichment (extra-curricular) programme with activities being held each week including clubs at breaktime, lunchtime, after school and evenings. The school has re-launched an Enrichment Week, offering a wide variety of activities running throughout a full week in the Summer Term.
- Provides Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold) from Year 9 upwards.
- Is proud of Student Leadership and Student Voice which is a real strength of the school. Around 150 students take on Leadership roles, making a valuable contribution to school life.
- Has a House system that gives a real sense of belonging with every student assigned a House.
- Is at the heart of the community and this is very important to us. Students contribute to our community in a variety of ways and we are immensely proud of the charitable work undertaken by our fundraisers.
- Is open for breakfast and after school homework and revision clubs.
- Participates in a range of sporting fixtures taking place throughout each term for Inter-School and County fixtures.
- Offers opportunities available in conjunction with business/sporting mentors and organisations. The school has strong links with Buckingham University.
- Organises over 60 educational trips and visits each academic year (including overseas).
- Has great technology in school – students can access computers and printers for homework and research purposes and iPads are used in class. Cutting edge Design & Technology including specialist cutters, 3d printers and a well-equipped Food Technology facility.
- Has a strong Performing Arts Department (Dance, Drama and Music) with an annual show involving over 80 students across all year groups; various projects in conjunction with Stowe School, The Royal Latin School, Activate (Youth Dance Festival) and Luffield Festival (Music, Dance and Drama).



Key Results for Academic Year 2018/19

A Level Results

- A Level Psychology shows continued strength with 53% of students achieving A*-B grades.
- The vocational courses also continue to be a real strength of the school with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) excelling. We are particularly pleased with 75% of students achieving A*-B grades.
- The Extended Project is a single piece of work requiring a high degree of planning, preparation, research and autonomous working. It takes the form of a dissertation and will require a detailed preparation/planning stage, the production of the report and a presentation that sums up the report. It has been praised by universities for guiding students into higher education and carries UCAS points.
- The school sees a number of subjects with a 100% pass rate, including Art, English Literature, Media, Psychology, BTEC Business Studies, Computer Science, Performing Arts and Sports.
- We have a significant number of students (52% of the cohort) who applied for university and obtained their first choice preference.
- A high percentage of students have commenced on highly competitive apprenticeship programmes, which is a fantastic way to start building the foundations of a young person's chosen career path. Alongside this, it is great to see one of our students taking the new degree Apprenticeship.

GCSE outcomes

- As a non-selective school in a heavily selective area, we prepare students for the full range of outcomes. We are delighted that students have achieved top Grade 9s in 12 subjects, with significant numbers of results at Grades 7-9. On its debut, 15% of GCSE Psychology students achieved a Grade 9.
- We celebrate all of our students' successes and we are delighted that the number of students achieving 5 or more Grade 4s and above (including English and Maths) has increased by 8.5% since last year to 64.3%. Grades at 5 or above have increased in Maths and the number of students achieving two or more Science grades at Grade 5 and above has also increased.
- In its debut at KS4, Psychology has performed particularly well with 80% Grade 5s or above. Business Studies has also achieved this high percentage of Grade 5s or above, seeing a significant increase in attainment from last year.

Particular congratulations go to:

- James Gordon for achieving six GCSEs at Grade 9 and four at Grade 8
- Olivia Williams for achieving GCSE Grade 9 in Biology, Business Studies, English Literature, History and Psychology
- Emily Cooper, Thomas Gaskin, Millie Holme, Jessica Knight, Molly Mackay and Harriet Smith also all achieved Grade 9 in various subjects, as part of a good sets of results.