

# **The Buckingham School - A Level Results Day 2018**

**Thursday 16 August 2018**

The Buckingham School is today celebrating a strong set of A Level results. The hard work of students and staff has been rewarded with these fantastic results.

This year we have seen A\*-B grades and A\*-C grades increase by 13% respectively on last year. Value Added (measuring the progress made by students) has increased significantly and our excellence in vocational BTEC courses continues to be a real strength of the school.

The following students who have gained remarkable results:

- Michalina Wegierska – gained A\* grades in Psychology, Criminology and B grades in English Literature and Extended Project.
- Isobel Suttill – gained an A\* grade in Criminology, and B grades in Media and English Literature.
- Emily Poppe – gained an A grade in Maths, and B grades in English Literature and Film.

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## **Additional Information – The Buckingham School A Level Results Day 2018**

Mr McGinnes, Headteacher of The Buckingham School comments on today's results.

"I know it's my job to tell you how wonderful the results are, but they are the best results we have on record.

I am extremely proud of the determination and effort of our students and am also delighted to be able to share in our students' successes and the excitement about their futures. However, as a school, we can improve on student outcomes and we can still do better, in terms of overall grades.

Today's results allow our students to follow their chosen pathway, whether that be into higher education, apprenticeships or other meaningful routes into employment. We have a significant number of students (50% of the cohort) who applied for university and obtained their first choice preference. It is very encouraging to see a high percentage of students commencing on Apprenticeship placements, which is a great way to start building the foundations of a young person's chosen career path.

As well as thanking students for their contribution to school life, I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and parents for their continued support.

I joined this amazing school in January 2018 and, this, my third Headship, is the most rewarding opportunity of my career to date. With a strong leadership and teaching team in place and a re-energised focus in many areas within school, I am very excited by my first full academic year ahead of me, and future years too."

In terms of Sixth Form, the school is delighted to welcome Mrs Suzy Pykett who joins as Assistant Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form from September. Suzy brings extensive experience teaching A Level and supporting young people through the Years 12 and 13 and the next stage of their lives. The addition of Suzy to the team is one of a handful of strategic recruitment appointments made to strengthen our already dedicated and inspiring Buckingham School team.

Even in his short time as Headteacher of the school, Mr McGinnes has already implemented a number of school improvements with further enhancements ready for the start of the 2018/19 academic year, such as the cessation of subject setting/streaming in the lower years, rejuvenating the school House system, a more structured enrichment program and a re-energised focus on teaching and learning: the key factor and heart of everything we do.

There is so much potential to build on here at The Buckingham School and we are committed to building every opportunity that we can to ensure that our students get every opportunity to progress.

We believe our Sixth Form provides a wonderful opportunity for students to truly fulfil their potential in a caring and vibrant community and we look forward to more students joining us.

Our Sixth Form curriculum is wide, with a variety of traditional academic A Levels and vocational BTEC qualifications, as well as a breadth of enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. For those Year 11 students who are undecided on their Post 16 education pathway, there are still a few places available for the 2018/19 academic year. If you are interested, please contact [kbones@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:kbones@buckinghamschool.org)

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