



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to The Buckingham School

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to welcome you to The Buckingham School. From the very outset, we want to establish a close relationship between you, your child and the School, as working together we can ensure that each and every student achieves their fullest potential.

The transition from primary to secondary school is an important milestone in the lives of children and their families. We understand this and pride ourselves on providing all new students with a comprehensive transition programme. We want all students to develop new friendships, become more independent, increase their confidence and at the same time, get used to their new routines of secondary school life.

'All About Me' Video

To help us get to know your child a little better, we would really like your child to make a 30 second (maximum) video about themselves. The video should include their name, primary school, hobbies, favourite subjects, what they are looking forward to most about joining The Buckingham School and finally, an interesting fact about themselves!

Please then email the videos to transition2021@buckinghamsschool.org with your child's name clearly noted in the file, by Friday 28 May. We look forward to learning more about each and every child joining The Buckingham School and this should be a fun task for all involved.

Admissions + Parent Portal

During the next two weeks, you will receive a registration email to gain access to the School's Admissions Parent Portal. This is the place for you to provide us with the important information we are required to record before your child starts with us. The Parent Portal will also guide you to the relevant documents you and your child need to read and give consent to. The Admissions + Parent Portal eliminates the need for paper admission forms and should save you time! The Portal will also include a link to the School's Uniform Standards and current Price List.

Dedicated Hub on The Buckingham School Website

We have created a dedicated Hub which can be found at www.buckinghamsschool.org under Parents section, 'Joining us in Year 7'. The Hub contains a wealth of useful information and will be updated during the Summer term with welcome videos, useful resources and content to help make your child's transition from primary school to secondary as smooth as possible.

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



Working with your child's primary school

We work closely with Year 6 teachers and SENDCos, gathering information about all the children starting with us, and in normal times, our Transition team visit all primary schools to meet every student joining us.

Two Day Induction Programme

The Induction days are set by Buckinghamshire Council and this year are planned for **Tuesday 6 July and Wednesday 7 July**. We usually welcome all our new students to a two-day Induction programme. As well as getting to know their new classmates, students have the opportunity to experience lessons, meet their Form Tutor and Year 9 'Mentors' (the Year 9 Mentors are volunteers from our current Year 9 who look after the students during the Induction days and in the first few weeks of the new term in September).

We will let you know further details regarding visiting your child's primary school and the two-day Induction Programme nearer the time, and as to whether these events will be in person or virtually via Google Meet.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, or any aspect of your child's transition from primary school to The Buckingham School, please do not hesitate to contact us at our dedicated email address: transition2021@buckinghamschool.org

Finally, if you are not already following us on Facebook, you can find us @thebuckinghamschool. Our Facebook page will give you an insight into some of the wonderful achievements and student success stories, news and announcements we regularly share with our school community.

I look forward to meeting you and your child very soon.

With my best wishes



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