



21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Year 9 End of Year Update

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to write to congratulate Year 9 on completing another stand out term.

As a Year Group, they have accumulated well over 80,000 positive points between them. We have continued our drive for student recognition and alongside the rewards in place, the following have been recognised this year:

- Students received a Bronze, Silver, and Gold badge in honour of their fantastic achievements with House Points
- Weekly Golden Tickets awarded every Friday, entitling students collect a treat from the main playground
- Weekly 'Queue Jump' pass awarded to individuals from a member of staff
- Shout Out postcards
- 'Pizza and Pop' lunches
- Weekly letters from curriculum areas celebrating student success.
- Brick assemblies - recognising the achievements of our top 25%

This term, we held our Year 9 Celebration Evening, sharing success stories from all subject areas. I can honestly say that it was an absolute privilege to be part of something so special and seeing so many Year 9 students recognised. Well done to all involved.

We have seen many highlights this year. Enrichment Week has always been a firm favourite for the students, where they have an opportunity to explore their passions and delve into new areas of interest. From workshops and field trips to hands-on activities, it was heartening to witness the enthusiasm and joy our students displayed as they learned and discovered new horizons.

Our sporting fixtures and successes continue to be nothing short of extraordinary. Throughout the year, our students displayed remarkable dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship, both on and off the field. From the countless hours of practice to the exhilaration of competition, their achievements have been outstanding. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and we are grateful for the support from parents and teachers that made it all possible.

Sadly, this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Clayton and Mrs Wilks. I wish them all the best for their future roles. Mrs Clayton will be pleased to hear that Whittlebury 1 will be in great hands as we welcome Miss Shephard to the team, joining The Buckingham School in the English department. Taking over from Mrs Wilks will be Mr Kong, working alongside Miss Prichard with Stowe. I know they will be in touch with parents when they have settled in, to formally introduce themselves. We look forward to welcoming them to the team.

Next year will see students beginning the next chapter in their journey at The Buckingham School as they begin their chosen pathways with their GCSE subjects. I have emphasised to students how important it is to make a positive impact at the start of the academic year and ensure they are fully prepared and equipped on their first day back. I, for one, cannot wait to see what September brings!

We understand that whilst this is an exciting time for our students, this will also bring some concerns and worries for some. We want to reassure our students that staff are available to support them upon their return and if they have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact their subject teachers who will assist when we are back in September.

I am sure that many of you are welcoming a well-deserved rest. Although many are looking forward to the break, we recognise that this continues to be a challenging time for others. Below is a link to our school website with support helplines available.

<https://www.buckinghamschool.org/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=3511>

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the School and we wish you and your family a fun-filled summer break.

Best wishes to you all!

Yours faithfully,

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