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Dear Parent / Carer,

GCSE Business Studies

As part of our continued commitment to providing the highest quality education and ensuring every student has the best possible opportunity to succeed in Business Studies, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £30 per student towards the resources and learning materials used throughout the course.

At The Buckingham School, we continually strive for excellence and are committed to equipping students with the tools, resources, and support they need to achieve their full potential. Over recent years, we have invested in a range of high-quality resources that have proven to enhance student engagement, knowledge retention, and examination performance. Your contribution will help us continue to provide these valuable learning opportunities.

Smart Revise Subscription – £11

£11 of the contribution will provide students with access to Smart Revise, an online learning and revision platform specifically designed for GCSE Business Studies. Smart Revise uses research-based learning strategies such as retrieval practice, spaced repetition, and diagnostic questioning to help students retain knowledge and improve exam performance. The platform contains hundreds of exam-style questions, personalised revision activities, flashcards, and progress-tracking tools, enabling students to focus on areas that require further development. It also allows teachers to set homework tasks, monitor progress, identify learning gaps, and provide targeted support throughout the course. The platform has been shown to raise student attainment by making revision a continuous part of learning rather than something that only happens before examinations.

Classroom Resources – £19

The remaining £19 will contribute towards a range of classroom resources that students will use throughout their GCSE Business Studies course. These include:

- A bespoke Business Studies booklet covering Theme 1 and Theme 2 content, used extensively during lessons.
- Revision guides and workbooks.
- Flashcards to support retrieval practice and revision.
- Essential classroom resources such as pens, highlighters, and other study materials.
- Additional learning and revision aids that support students' understanding of the course content.

These resources will be kept in school and used primarily during lessons, ensuring that all students have consistent access to the materials required to support their learning and progress.

Our aim is to remove barriers to learning and ensure that every student receives the highest level of support possible. This contribution will help us maintain and further develop the resources available to students, enabling them to engage fully with the course and maximise their achievement.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of the Business Studies Department and thank you for helping us provide the very best educational experience for our students.

Yours faithfully,

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The Buckingham School is committed to ensure 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 finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.