THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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7th October 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Health and Social Care Trip to Ashbrook School and Oracle Ear Care
Monday 2nd November 2026 & Monday 16th November 2026

The Buckingham School values the benefit that school trips can have on a student's wider cultural understanding. It is for this reason that we are planning to run a trip, split over two dates, for Year 12 Health and Social Care students to Ashbrook School in Milton Keynes and Oracle Ear Care in Thame.

The first part of this trip will take students to Ashbrook School on Monday 2nd November and the second part of the trip will be to Oracle Ear Care on Monday 16th November.

This trip is designed to support students' learning; enabling them to experience local cultures as well as enhance and supplement their education in terms of their moral, cultural and social development.

The cost of this trip, including transportation, administration and insurance is £14. Places are limited, but we have secured 10 places. If you would like your child to go on this trip, please secure their place by making payment, in full, via ParentMail by Wednesday 21st October 2026.

Should you have any issues accessing ParentMail, please contact our Finance Team by emailing finance@buckinghamschool.org.

If your child gains a place on this trip, you will be sent a Trip / Medical Consent Form via email from Buckinghamshire Council (please check your spam folder in case it is delivered there) prior to the first trip date; please ensure this is completed and submitted by 12pm on Friday 23rd October 2026. Your child will not be able to take part in this trip if we have not received this consent form and payment in full.

Please ensure you read the Parental Agreement that has been along with this letter. You will be asked to agree to this in the Trip / Medical Consent Form.

During the trip to Ashbrook, students will:

- Actively support classroom activities across two different Year Groups.
- Work directly with the children in small groups and one-to-one settings.
- Gain experience of how teaching and learning are adapted for different ages.
- Gain first-hand experiences of the developmental differences that occur between Reception and Year 2

During the trip to Oracle Ear Care, students will:

- Engage in a 90-minute session delivered by an audiologist
- Work with models of the ear to deepen their understanding of its function
- Ask questions to a trained professional on the inner working of the ear
- See a range of tools and techniques used to diagnoses and treat ear conditions
- Observe how development, sensory loss and functional impacts appear in real people

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We believe these visits will be fantastic opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of real-world and the experience links directly to their studies in BTEC AAQ Health and Social Care by:

- Observing child development at different key stages.
- Understanding how learning and behaviour differ across ages.
- Applying theory from their courses to real-life practice.
- Developing key professional skills such as communication, teamwork, and empathy.
- Develop their knowledge of unit 1 Human Lifespan and Development as well unit 2 Human biology (which they will study in year 13)

Students are required to wear their normal Sixth Form dress and should bring a drink and a snack for break time should they wish. No changes are required to your child's lunch arrangements for the day as we will arrive back at The Buckingham School in time for students' normal lunch break.

On both dates, students should arrive at 8:15am to be registered, ready for an 8:30am departure. We will arrive back at The Buckingham School by 1:00pm on both occasions.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or would like further information regarding these trips, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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