



31st March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to write to congratulate Year 8 on completing another stand out term.

As a Year Group, they have gathered 16,845 positive points between them. This shows the commitment they have to their learning and the drive they have to succeed.

The start of the term saw some key changes to support our students. Following student feedback, it became clear that there were concerns with movement in corridors, so January saw the re-introduction of our 'one-way system'. Students also highlighted that the Canteen was particularly busy at lunch time, so new timings to the School day allowed for split lunches to occur, creating a more settled environment. We will continue to encourage our students' ideas to help shape their learning experience at The Buckingham School.

We have continued our drive for student recognition and alongside the rewards in place, the following have also been introduced this term:

- Students now receive a Bronze, Silver and Gold badge in honour of their fantastic achievements with House Points. This will accompany a Certificate.
- Weekly "Golden Tickets" are given out every Friday, where students collect a treat from the main playground.
- Weekly "Queue Jump" passes awarded to individuals from a member of staff.
- "Shout Out" postcards sent home
- "Pizza and Pop" reward lunch (this term recognising improved attendance).

Year 8 students took part in a 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshop at the back end of the term. The students involved were commended by the workshop staff and the Headteacher for their engagement and contributions to group discussions. I was very proud to receive such glowing feedback for my Year Group.

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 Happy Easter break.

Best wishes to you all!

Yours faithfully,

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