

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

'Squad in Touch' – Improving Links between Parents and TBS for Sporting Fixtures and Extracurricular Clubs

Our vision for PE is to 'To prepare students for life, through positive and meaningful opportunities within PE'. As part of that vision, I am writing to you today to advise you that our school has recently subscribed to Squad in Touch, a platform that helps manage sporting fixtures and extracurricular activities. The primary benefit is to enable the school to improve communications with parents/guardians regarding all sporting fixtures, clubs and activities at both an individual child/children and school level. This will be the school's principal method of communication regarding sporting fixtures, clubs and activities. This is also a chance for students to take ownership of their participation within sport (with the help of parents/carers) to fully grasp the opportunities we have to offer.

For Parents/Guardians to maximise the benefits they will need to subscribe to Squad in Touch which is completely free and only takes a few minutes. This will ensure you are sent specific notifications regarding your child/children's sporting selections, club bookings and any changes to the events. It will provide details of dates, time, venues, and opponents.

General information regarding all sporting fixtures will be available via the Squad in Touch website: https://buckinghamschool.squadintouch.com. Therefore, if your child participates, or could, in any sporting fixtures or activities, you need to register in order to ensure you and your child/children receive all the relevant information.

Via the app on your phone or the Squad in Touch website, when you log in, you will be able to access only information relating to your child/children. However, if you would like general information regarding all sporting fixtures and results for Buckingham School, these can be accessed via the website: https://buckinghamschool.squadintouch.com.

Student Accounts

Your son/daughter(s) account has already been set up using their Buckingham School email address. To activate their account, please follow these steps:

- 1. Follow this weblink (Or go to the Squad in Touch app / website log in page (https://app2.squadintouch.com/login) and click the forgotten password link
- 2. Input their school email address which will then generate a password reset email (if it doesn't get

- sent through to their inbox they may need to check their spam / junk folder)
- 3. Click on the link and input their chosen password it must contain at least 8 characters, one capital letter and one numeric character
- 4. Log into their account using their email address and password

Parents/Guardian Accounts

Parents/Guardians accounts will automatically be set up if the email matches the one that is associated with the student on the school system. If this doesn't work however, we would recommend you to create an account with Squad in Touch – it takes less than two minutes and is completely free. You can register using the Squad in Touch website or via our mobile application which is available for free on the App Store as well as Google Play.

Register in three easy steps:

- 1. Sign up at https://app2.squadintouch.com/ or install the mobile application from the Android Play Store or from the App Store for iOS.
- 2. Enter your details and verify your mobile phone and email address. These need to be identical to those of the primary contact already held by the school or your account will not be authorised.
- 3. Select your school. You can locate your school by entering the school name in the relevant field. If you need any help during the registration process, contact Squad In Touch via email at support@squadintouch.co.uk or use the live chat box (located at the bottom right of the home page of the Squad In Touch website).

Once you have registered on the Squad in Touch website, notification will be sent to school for your account to be authorised. Once your account has been authorised you will be able to access all aspects relating to your child/children's account(s).

I have attached the How to Guide to help you with setting up your account.

Upon creating fixtures for the school, both you and your child(ren) will be notified via the Squad in Touch App, enabling quick and convenient access to everything we do in PE here at The Buckingham School. Students can also enroll in extracurricular clubs from the convenience of their mobile phone. Attendance and progress can also be monitored from the App. We anticipate this will enable an easier way to communicate between all parties involved. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me at iribbans@buckinghamschool.org

Finally, thank you for your continued support and we hope your child continues to grasp the sporting opportunities here at The Buckingham School.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Jack Ribbans

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