



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

London Road
Buckingham
MK18 1AT

Tel: 01280 812206

Fax: 01280 822525

Email: office@buckinghamschool.org

Website: www.buckinghamschool.org

Headteacher: Mr A McGinnes

15 July 2022

Dear current and prospective Sixth Form students and families,

Sixth Form – September 2022

I am writing to you as I will be taking on the role Director of Sixth Form from September 2022. This new opportunity to work with students who are keen to be experts in their fields is very exciting for me. I unreservedly feel that the purpose of all Sixth Forms is to provide its students with all of the tools and opportunities they need to open doors to their future pathways. This will not always come easy. In fact, students that do well are often out of their comfort zone more than they expected to be, but, believe me when I say, this is where the magic happens.

Success for Sixth Form students comes in many forms, including: getting into their first choice Universities; securing jobs in their chosen career fields; and being selected for prestigious apprenticeship positions. There are well-established systems in place in the school to support our Sixth Form students, both academically and pastorally, and when students have engaged whole-heartedly with these, great success has been seen.

The Sixth Form takes the opportunity for learning and challenge to the next level at The Buckingham School and, as a result, Sixth Form students are expected to be role models in all that they do. This includes attending lessons with the full intention to actively participate in learning, using the resources and time afforded to them to grow their passion for the subjects they have chosen to study and exploit any and all opportunities to develop their character.

As part of starting my new role within the Sixth Form, I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and families of our most fundamental expectations, which will allow all students to make the best possible start to the 2022/23 academic year.

Preparing for the day

We expect our students to wear business-dress at all times, unless participating in practical PE lessons. The students' attire should reflect the fact that they are attending Sixth Form in order to maximise their chances of success when they leave and they should be ready at all times to represent themselves appropriately with internal and external adults.

Examples of business-dress can be found in the Sixth Form handbook, however, as a general rule, if members of the school's Senior Leadership Team would not wear it, neither should the students.

All students should attend initial lessons with a notebook, fully-stocked pencil case. Further guidance will be given by subject teachers about what to bring, and when, to lessons.

During the day

Successful students attend lessons on time, interact positively with everyone they encounter, and actively participate in lessons.

The Buckingham School is concerned 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.



We understand that as young adults with independent study time to use and manage, Sixth Form students may wish to use their mobile phones for study purposes or to listen to music whilst studying. Mobile phones for Sixth Form students are therefore permitted in the Sixth Form area. Whilst around other areas of the school, students are expected to observe the same rules as the rest of the school and keep all phones and ear pods/headphones out of sight and on silent.

At the end of the day

Reflect on your lessons and your interactions - if there is something you have struggled with in lesson, research it and read around it. If there is something that has happened that does not sit right, write about it, gather your thoughts, ready to address it the next day. Take ownership of your role in your learning.

Please take the summer to reflect on your achievements so far, and what it is you want to achieve in the future. We are all human. We all make mistakes. Those who make the most mistakes are the ones who have the opportunity to learn the most – and surely, we all want to learn that little bit more than those around us? We don't take our past with us into the future, we take the lessons we have learned from it. We move and we grow and we do better – regardless of where we started.

September 2022 is a new opportunity to start as you mean to go on, meet new people, reinvent yourself, study the subjects you are really interested in, to explore opportunities for the future and achieve. Keep pushing and we will be there with you, every step of the way.

Yours faithfully,

Miss R Branson and the TBS 6F Team

The Buckingham School is concerned 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.

