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Dear Parent/Carer

Term 6 – Headteacher Update

As we launch into Term 6, we are looking forward to five weeks of flat-out commitment, followed by the opportunities that Enrichment Week brings.

Term 6 – “Moving Up”

We have the following programme in the coming weeks:

- Monday 06 June: Moving Up. The students have made a head-start on the next school year. Year 7 are now known as Year 8, etc. In particular, Year 9 have started Year 10, and have started their new Level 2 options (GCSEs/BTECs). We are expecting five weeks of committed study from our students.

Between us, Mr Wardle and I have delivered assemblies to the new Year's 8-11, about Moving Up and the opportunity to make the next five weeks of learning count.

- Monday 11 July: Enrichment Week. Our week of “cultural capital”, when students will engage in their chosen activities and have the opportunity to widen their experience of the world.
- Monday 18 July: This day will include our end-of-year celebrations – assemblies, etc.
- Tuesday 19 July: Our final day, Sports Day

Term 6 – End of Term

At this point, I would like to remind families that the school year ends on Tuesday 19 July. This is a day earlier than the original calendar but, because of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, schools have been asked by the government to take an extra day of holiday. This is because the extra Bank Holiday for the Platinum Jubilee was at a time that was already a school holiday.

Senior Leadership at The Buckingham School

At the end of the school year, there are inevitably departures in our staff body. We will write to you again, about those who are leaving at the end of the year, and about the new staff joining us.

There are two changes at Senior Leadership level that I would like to share now. After sterling service, two Assistant Headteachers are leaving us at the end of the school year. Mrs Pykett, takes up the post of Vice Principal at Aylesbury Vale Academy and Mrs Baxter, takes up the role of Director of SEND, at Ousedale School.

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.



I am pleased to announce that Miss Branson will take over as Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form, from September.

We have decided to grow leadership in the school and to appoint a second Deputy Headteacher. I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Richard Peel, currently a senior leader at Cottesloe School. We are now recruiting a SENDCo.

The school has come a long way in the last four years, but still has considerable ground to make. I thank all of the senior team for their dedicated support of the school. In particular Mrs Pykett and Mrs Baxter have made significant contributions in The Buckingham School's journey, and I thank them in particular.

The Buckingham Way

In the assemblies, referred to above, we have yet again been making reference to The Buckingham Way. In displaying the school's Virtues of Ambition, Confidence, Curiosity, Empathy, Integrity, Respect and Resilience, students will have every opportunity to flourish at our growing school.

The Buckingham Way glues these things together:

- We take responsibility for our choices
- We reflect, and try and make even better choices next time
- We respect each other, not least the authority of the adults in the school

The school is currently working on its plans to continue to improve, next year. We have key areas to continue to work on, including:

- Attendance – back up to pre-pandemic levels and aiming for 100%, always
- Behaviour – still embedding our improved behaviour into a lasting culture
- Literacy – ensuring that all of our students are strong enough to succeed in school, and in life and, for example, inspiring a life-long love of reading in all
- Meeting Need – ensuring that our most able students genuinely experience challenge and that our most vulnerable learners receive all the support that they need

I thank the whole community for their continued support, and look forward to seeing the achievements of your children in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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