



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

## A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school, including the Sixth Form, are keen to engage more frequently with the school community and wider community in the town and surrounding areas. We would love to celebrate and share so much more of everything that goes on in school. We would also love to engage more closely with opinion.

Communication is at the heart of all successful change that we introduce. With this in mind, we would like to make sure that all students, parents and carers are kept up to date with all school communications, however big or small.

Living in a rapidly changing digital age, it is important how our school community wants to be communicated with. If you are a user of Facebook, we are inviting you to join the 'The Buckingham School' Facebook page. We would also welcome feedback on what information you would like to hear more from us about. Please email any suggestions of how we can further improve communication to [sixthform@buckinghamsschool.org](mailto:sixthform@buckinghamsschool.org).

We will be expanding our digital platforms using feedback from students, parents, carers and the wider school community.

The first Sixth Form Student Voice e-newsletter was published on the last day of the Autumn term. The students are ambitious and motivated to drive the e-newsletter forward. Their aim is to write a newsletter that represents and speaks on behalf of the diversity of the school community; that represents The Buckingham School virtues and celebrates the achievements of the school. Developing student voice, working in closer partnership with our parents/carers and community is important.

The school is striving to continue to develop in spite of the pandemic. Whilst recognising the opportunities and the challenges that schools face during such changeable times, we are striving to ensure that our students get the very best from their school experience, regardless of obstacles faced.

The Careers curriculum has been a huge part of raising aspirations of our students in recent years. We are pleased to report that we now have more students applying to Russell group Universities and more students studying the Sciences and Geography at University than in previous years.

If you are on the LinkedIn platform, please take a moment to join 'The Buckingham School' LinkedIn community. We will be using this platform for a range of activities. This term we are focusing on keeping in contact with our school leavers, through building an Alumni portfolio. We are heartened by the volume of students who leave the school and Sixth Form who want us to know how well they are achieving!

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*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@buckinghamsschool.org](mailto:finance@buckinghamsschool.org), if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.*



Former students and local businesses are keen to offer advice and support to current students in school. We have a great opportunity to not only use LinkedIn for all the benefits businesses do, but also for our school leavers to keep in contact with each other and remain part of the Buckingham School and Sixth Form community.

We are also keen to find out if your workplace has Apprenticeship opportunities or can offer work experience to our students. Our Year 12 students undertake a full week of work experience in July each year so it would be fantastic to hear of the vast range of opportunities available to them locally.

Or perhaps you have a big project that needs completing, that an extra pair of hands could help with? Do you have work experience opportunities for students lower down in the school?

We also regularly host virtual guest speakers and careers events in school and maybe you feel you or your business can offer support here.

If you would like to support our expanding careers provision in any way, further enriching and equipping our students to thrive in their future careers, please do contact Mr Cunningham via email at [pcunningham@buckingham-school.org](mailto:pcunningham@buckingham-school.org).

We cannot stress enough how important our collective support is to the future success of all our school leavers.

Increased communications throughout the wider community will benefit the students, the future leaders of tomorrow and the community of Buckingham Town.

With best wishes



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