

Buckingham *Bulletin*

The Buckingham School – A Specialist Sports College

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Artwork by Aimee Sampson – Year 10

Dear All

At the end of this academic year, I wish to thank you for your continued support for our school. We have improved this year and this is most notable in standards of uniform, behaviour, attendance and teaching and learning. We strive to get the best from all students and I am certain that our hard work will be rewarded with improved examination results in August.

The academic year has seen many success including our first residential trip to France, National recognition as one of the top one hundred most improved schools, and Ofsted judging our School Sports Partnership to be outstanding and one of the top twelve nationally. Many trips, visits, events and performances have been organised by a committed and enthusiastic staff who always 'go the extra mile' to support our students and their learning experiences.

Student voice work continues to be outstanding and I am pleased to be able to share that the parent forum has grown in strength this year. I hope we continue to develop this partnership to improve communication and work together to drive school improvement on our journey to outstanding.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and enjoyable Summer break. I look forward to returning in September, to begin the new academic year with students and staff who are refreshed and enthusiastic about being a part of our learning community.

Miss Angela Wells
Headteacher

Summer 2011 Issue

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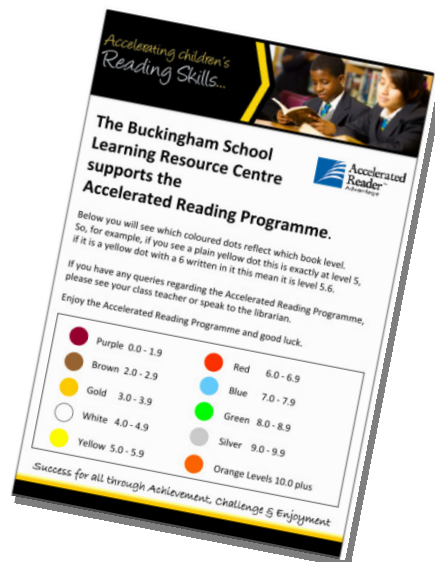


Learning Resource Centre News

The Summer term has been an extremely busy one. The school has recently brought into a new programme called Accelerated Reader.

Accelerated Reader Advantage (ARA) combines two key elements of baseline assessment and personalised reading practice to promote reading for pleasure and encourage students to use reading to learn.

- ✓ Motivate students of all ages and abilities to read more and better books
- ✓ Diagnose problems and direct ongoing reading practice
- ✓ Raise literacy standards amongst all students from Years 1 to 13
- ✓ Develop a lifelong love of reading



Accelerated Reader 'will be going live' in September 2011, so, in preparation of this, I have been busy in the LRC labelling 1700+ books with the new book levels and colour coding them so the Year 7 students will know what books they can read.

New books have been sourced, ordered and delivered. The books are currently waiting to be catalogued onto the LRC library system and then colour coded for the Accelerated Reader Programme. September 2011 is going to be a very exciting time for the Learning Resource Centre.

In addition to this, the LRC Reading Group, which took place every Wednesday tutorial, has proved to be very successful; many of the students are displaying improvements with their reading. Thank you to all the Sixth Form students who gave up their time to come to the group and support the younger students with their reading.

Well done to all the students for their improved efforts at returning the books on time and also a massive thank you to Gemma McPartlane for all her help and support in the LRC this term.

Mrs Swift-Clarke
LRC Manager

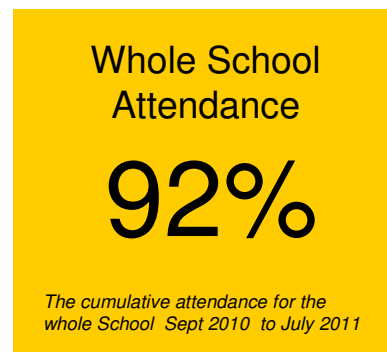
ASDAN Group...Awards

The Asdan Department are celebrating with six successful Bronze Awards and one COPE Level 1 Qualification.

Many congratulations to The Year 9 ASDAN Group – Jamie, Joel, Connor, Brandon, Joe, Cameron and also to Olivia.



An interview with Bert Martin (ASDAN Challenge)



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New House Ties & New House for September 2011

As part of our new House system the House Representatives have been working hard in supporting each of our six Houses. Alongside this work, they have been involved in developing new House ties for the whole school and a name for our seventh House.

The exciting new House ties will be launched in September and presented to all students in their assemblies. Each tie clearly maintains the school colours and logo but also clearly highlights and shows which House each student represents.

Colours for each House are as follows:

Pietersen – White
Hamilton – Yellow
Holmes – Purple
Adlington – Blue
Beckham – Red
Phillips – Green
Thompson – Orange



Additionally, the House Representatives have also selected our new house name for September 2011, which is going to be **Thompson**, linked to the Paralympic Athlete Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson.



WINNERS...

100% Attendance Competition for the Summer Term

I am delighted to announce that as part of our Specialism incentives to reward success for 100% attendance, the winners of our Summer term competition to visit the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Stadium are:

Sophie Honor, Yr 8 Pietersen & Chelsea Markwell, Yr 9 Hamilton

Out of 172 students in Year 7 – 10 with 100% attendance this term they were selected to visit the Olympic Stadium on Friday, 15 July with some of our Sports College Council Students. They will see and hear how the stadium is progressing in preparation for next year's Olympic and Paralympic games.

Congratulations and well done to you both and we look forward to hearing all about your day.

Miss E Nulty
Assistant Headteacher – Voice & Specialism

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Food Technology – End of Year Report

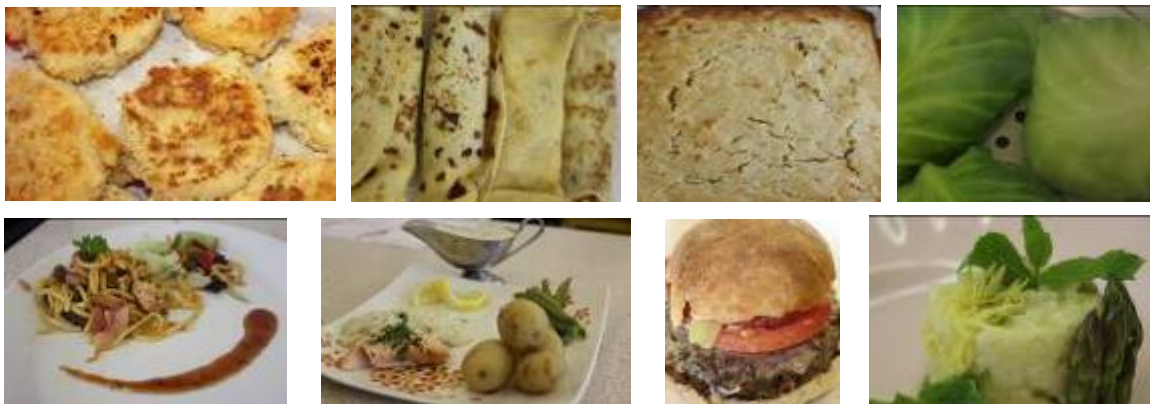
We have had a brilliant year in Food Technology with all year groups achieving well and making successful products and culminating with Year 9 and Year 10 Master Chef.



Year 7 and 8 have been completing a course of Food technology that enables them to learn basic recipes that they can then build on. Year 7 have been focusing on the basics and Year 8 on Healthy Lunch boxes.



Year 9 have been studying the Jamie Oliver BTEC Level 2. They took part in Gypsy Roma Traveller Awareness Week. Making traditional recipes and they have recently been taking part in Master Chef.



Year 10 have been studying BTEC Hospitality, including planning events, kitchen clean downs and prepare, cook and finish food. Year 10 are currently taking part in Master Chef.



Thank you to Mrs Piosek and parents/carers for your support in making our students so successful.

Mrs Gibson-Smith
Food Technology

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Confidence Week 27 June – 1 July

Our final Specialism focus week of the academic year saw our students set pledges to improve their 'Confidence – achieving their personal best'. The week opened with Craig Gibbons ex-student and GB Swimmer speaking to all Year 7 - 10 students about his life since leaving The Buckingham School and how he is now preparing for trials in March 2012 for the London 2012 Games. His future Olympic dream rests solely on a 20 second race!

Within departments students got involved in lessons to support and build their confidence through the 7 Olympic and Paralympic values receiving Olympic Positive Postcards if they demonstrated this in lessons. The English Department embraced 'Confidence Week' through a Poetry Slam linked to their Inter-house Competition, which has now encouraged 72% of students to ask for a poetry club within the school.

The finale to the week was a fantastic Sports day delivered by the PE department where students paraded down to the field representing their houses and striving to achieve their personal best in the different events taking place. Performances from 'Confidence Week' were also showcased during the day and our staff band even performed 2 musical numbers to highlight how they had improved their confidence over the week too.

Well done and thank you to all staff, students and parents that got involved and supported the week and don't forget you can still help us become part of the Olympic Torch Relay by pledging your support:

www.lloydstsb.com/nationalschoolsportweek

Put in; Buckingham School and the postcode and pledge your support today!

Miss E Nulty
Assistant Headteacher – Voice & Specialism



**National School
Sport Week**

Your local school could win tickets to
London 2012 or carry the Olympic
Flame

Boccia Win for Beckham Year 7 Boys

During Confidence Week, Brandon Robinson, Year 7Be, spent extra time practising Boccia which was the event he was entered into for Sports day.

Brandon is interested in sport and enjoys being involved in his PE sessions when he can. Boccia, however, is a sport that he can participate in, in spite of his physical difficulties.

In addition to timetabled PE sessions, Brandon utilized appropriate school time and the good weather to get more time on the field. This encouraged Brandon to become more comfortable moving around the school grounds amongst his peers – something he has been reluctant to do until now.

Being in the fresh air and being able to observe all the various sporting events on the field was both enjoyable and educational for Brandon.

On Sports day, Brandon together with Thomas Dudley won the Boccia for Beckham Year 7 Boys, a great achievement for them both and one that put a huge smile on their faces and gave them a lot of "high fives" from their team mates.

Article by Brandon Robinson
Year 7 Beckham



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Artwork from Year 10 students on display at The Gallery Dental Surgery

Patients waiting in the dentist's surgery at The Gallery now have some pleasant distraction to while away the time.

Year 10 and GCSE students have some of their work on display around the aptly named The Gallery Dental and Implant Centre, in Cornwall Place.

Victoria Richardson, Curriculum leader for Art said, "It was great to have a more permanent exhibition space for the students' work outside school, which is important."



Arran Matthews and Lauren Wilkins with their work



Pride of Aylesbury Awards School of the Year Award – "Highly Commended"

The Buckingham School has been awarded Highly Commended at the 2011 Pride in Aylesbury Vale Awards, in its School of the Year category.

The event was held at The Oculus Chamber on Thursday, 2 June, where a number of guests were honoured at a glittering presentation night. The special guest for this year's event was Adam Woodyatt, who plays Ian Beale in the BBC's top soap, EastEnders.

The Buckingham School was awarded Highly Commended, in a line up of five schools from the community. Miss Angela Wells, Headteacher, and Dr David Gamble, Chair of Governors, collected the prize on behalf of the school.

The Buckingham School was amongst many people young and old who have served the community in a unique way, with categories such as Child of Courage, Best Volunteer and Young Achiever. The winner for the School of the Year award was Pebblebrook School and we congratulate the school on this worthy accolade.



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PE Department – Sports Presentation Evening

On Thursday, 7 July was the Annual PE Departments Sports Presentations Evening. This year our guest speaker was Gail Emms MBE, Olympic Silver Medallist, Gold Commonwealth Games medallist and World Gold Medallist.

The evening celebrated the year of Sporting Achievement both in and out of school. Awards were given in sports for each Year group, Dance Awards, Leadership, Team of the Year, Victor and Victrix awards for Highest Achiever in each Year group and the main award of the evening, The Buckingham School Sports Personality of the Year.

The Year 8 Basketball team picked up the Team of the Year award for being County Champions, Brett Moran (Year 12) and Rebekah Wood and Kat Holland (Year 13) picked up the Sports and Dance Leaders Award.

The main award for the Evening went to Sam Reddrop in Year 11 for his continued success as a National Level Equestrian. Some of his success this year have been winning the regional round of the National Schools Tournament (he will represent the school in October at the finals), placed at County Shows and a Scope and Blue Chip qualifier. **Well done to all the winners of awards and also to those that were nominated.**

(Victrix and Victor winners - Year 7 Emily Wilcox and Ryan Weatherley, Year 8 Rosie Anderson and Ryan Marsden, Year 9 Chloe Hill and Joshua Ogden, Year 10 Michaella Reddrop and Terence Freshwater, Year 11 Nicola George and Josh Hill, Year 12 Lewis Dench, Year 13 Dominc Hoey.)



Sam Reddrop with Gail Emms MBE



Gail Emms MBE and Chris West

Overall House Points for the Year!

Students have been working since January in their Houses towards winning the House Trophy. Through attendance leagues, Inter-house competitions and the finale of Sports Day the points have now been added up with the following results:

House	Attendance & Inter-house	Sports Day	Total	Position
Hamilton	259	33	292	5th
Holmes	280	22	302	4th
Beckham	308	27	335	1st
Adlington	220	20	240	6th
Phillips	276	31	307	3rd
Pietersen	285	27	312	2nd

Congratulations to Beckham for their efforts and hard work - we will be announcing your House reward in September through the House Assemblies.

Next Year's Inter-house competition will be started with the English Department launching their Poetry Slam competition.

Good Luck one and all!

Beckham House Earns the Title Whole School Mathematics Grand Champions

This year, the Mathematics Department held its first ever Whole School Inter-house Mathematics Competition. Year 7 - 11 competed in a panel game show against students in their own year groups. Teams of five students were selected by their forms to compete in the Main Hall in the audience of their entire year group. The tension was high as the questions were read out and the suspense while students were working diligently to calculate answers was immense. After teams submitted final answers, points were awarded and Houses cheered for their respective teams. In whole, the student audience was supportive and the general atmosphere was one of excitement and enjoyment.



At the end of the day total points were scored and a Champion House was selected for each year group and a Whole School Grand Champion was awarded. On behalf of the Mathematics Department we would like to congratulate Beckham House for being the first ever Whole School Mathematics Grand Champions with runners up being Holmes House and Phillips House. As a department we would like to thank the drama department for providing the venue for the event. Additionally, we would like to extend our appreciation to The Buckingham School's National Mathematics Student Leaders for helping to facilitate, plan and promote the event. The hard work the Student Leaders have put into this event has helped them complete their certification in the National Mathematics Student Leaders program.

Mr James Toyer
Curriculum Leader, Maths



Coming Soon

Look out for the 'new look' Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The VLE is having a facelift and will be re-branded ready for September 2011.

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Your views count...

Look out for a campaign planned to start in the new Autumn term. The aim is to keep you, parents and carers, informed and updated about the many improvements the school has made as a result of suggestions and ideas you have raised. Your views really do count and have real impact on what happens at The Buckingham School.

Listening to you...

You said:

You have asked for changes to be made to the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

We did:

One of the VLE changes made is to give parents access to see what homework has been set.

You said:

You wanted to have more information at events such as Parent Evenings.

We did:

We now produce booklets for each event, including a seating plan and pages for you to make notes.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, or wish to discuss a specific topic, the school's Parent & Community Forum meets once every half term and is a great place to meet other parents, raise and discuss important issues. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Also, there is now a Suggestions Box on the home page on the school website for you to email your suggestions.

Claire Sherwood
Web & PR Administrator

**The next Parent & Community
Forum will be on
Wednesday, 5 October 2011.**

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STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL SPORTS DAY

Media team coverage

On 30 June, Years 7 to 10 joined together for the big event of the school's academic year, Sports Day 2011. The students had been preparing themselves over the past couple of weeks creating their own banners for their Houses; Phillips, Beckham, Hamilton, Adlington, Holmes and Pieterston. Just like the Olympics, there was an opening ceremony.

A new addition to the usual running of events is the introduction of coha which is a Paralympic sport to co-inside with those with disabilities joining the school in September. When speaking to Sports Day organizer Miss Collie, she said; "It's been interesting. There are a lot of different things such as the opening ceremony and closing ceremony like the Olympics themselves. The staff band is new too. Everything else is in line with

what was laid out from previous Sports Days." The staff band consisted of Mr Toyer, Mr Grout, Miss Richardson, Miss Checkley, Miss Scholes, Mr Chart, Mr Macdonald and Mrs Gibson-Smith. The band performed a Glee favourite 'Don't Stop Believing' which gained a phenomenal response from the student crowd.



The Staff band



STUDENTS EVENTS

We managed to talk to the students who took part in each event that took part during the morning;

100m - Emily Hall, Year 7, Phillips House "I was really nervous at first but when I was running I was really happy. I came First."

200m - Becki Pegg, Year 10, Hamilton House "It was good, I was placed Second."

300m - Lee Manson, Phillips House "It was very tiring, it was hard. I came Second."

400m - Callum Ayres, Year 8, Phillips House "I found the event fun but difficult as I went too fast at the start. I came Third."

800m - Sam Hill, Year 7, Hamilton House "I found the 800m quite easy but it's difficult at the same time. I came Second."

Javelin - James Wright, Year 9, Beckham House "I found javelin quite hard as I came Fourth and the other competitors were very strong at throwing their javelin quite far."

High Jump - Faye Barns, Year 7, Hamilton House "I found it easy, I came Second."

Hurdles - Amy, Year 7, Hamilton House "I did hurdles and found it quite tiring. I came second."

Discus - Steven Cordes, Year 7, Hamilton House "It was fun, but it was quite hard on how you have to hold it. I came Fifth."

Year 7 Tug of War Adlington "It was really hard and everyone did their best. It was fun at the same time."

Triple Jump - Ben Skimming, Year 8, Phillips House "I found it quite interesting as it was quite a difficult event, everyone tried their hardest."

Hammer - James Harvey, Year 7, Phillips House "I did hammer and it was okay."

Shot Put - Aidan O'Sullivan, Year 7, Phillips "It was difficult, because when you threw it, it was quite heavy."



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COLLINS HELP MONICA

Media team coverage

Whilst Monica Watkins was taking part in her event of 100 metres, her competitors were running far ahead. Mr Collins kindly stepped in and raced against her, and she won. We spoke to Mr Collins about his kind gesture.

“Monica beat me so obviously I need to get back to the gym to shape up again. Those cheering, were for Monica and not for me. She is in my tutor group and you always want to support your kids don't you?”

That's why I ran along, it's great when kids give you encouragement rather than thinking he's a gym-going, cockney teacher; it was nice to be appreciated like that.”



STUDENT SUPPORT

The day couldn't have gone well without the support of the HSLA, CSLA, Dance and Football Academy help for the teachers and the events. We spoke to three CSLA participants, asking which events they did when they were at school:

Ben Cassidy – “Today is hot and exciting, my favourite event is javelin as I get to do something I enjoy. If I was described as an event I'd be a high jumper, as I'm a good jumper.”

Becky Davies – “The weather has been good today which has helped with motivation.”

Janay Tucker – “Today has gone really well, it has been well organized and the kids are having lots of fun. I would normally do running events.”



OVERALL WINNERS: PHILLIPS



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Football trip to Germany

Moretonville Junior Football Club participated in a major football tournament held in Germany. The trip was planned by The Buckingham Town Twinning Association & Moretonville Junior Football Club.

Many students from The Buckingham School played in the tournament and what a fantastic tournament they had. The team started in a group stage, where they faced three other teams all hoping for success. The boys managed to secure second position within the initial group stage and progressed into the semi finals. The boys showed fantastic team work and determination to overcome their opponents with Ryan Marsden (8Ph) securing the win of the semi final with a super strike. A busy Friday and Saturday of football saw the boys reach and play the final on the Sunday. An extremely tired but excited squad were determined to secure top position in the final and managed to overcome their opponent to be crowned champions with Matthew Cruse (8Be) scored the winning goal for a 1-0 win.

The students playing for Moretonville FC who currently study at The Buckingham School are Nicholas Moodie (8Ho); Jordan Waumsley (8Ad); Jack Carter (8Ph); Conor Stygal Watson (8Ph); Ryan Marsden (8Ph); Matt Cruse (8Be); Jamie Palmer (8Be) Jack Roberts (8Ph) and Jack Wood (8Pi). A massive congratulations to all students involved and good luck for the 2011-2012 season.

Whilst this was primarily a sporting occasion, the trip also helped develop team bonding & language skills (strong links were developed with players from the opposing teams). Everyone agreed the event was a huge success.

Mark Chapman, Committee Member of Buckingham Town Twinning Association & Moretonville Junior Football Club commented, **“Every one of the participant’s behaviour was exemplary, they were a credit to Moretonville Junior Football Club, the town of Buckingham and The Buckingham School.**

Examination Results 2011

The results for Year 12 & Year 13 AS & A2 GCE exams will be available in the Jubilee Hall from 10.30am – 11.30am on Thursday, 18 August 2011

GCSE Results will be available in the Jubilee Hall from 10.30am – 11.30am, on Thursday, 25 August 2011.

After the times shown, results will need to be collected from the Exams office which will be open until 3.30pm on both days.

Please note that Exam results can only be given to the student in person UNLESS they have given written, signed authorisation for a third party to collect their results on their behalf.

For students who are away and want their results posting, they should leave an SAE in Reception, marked for the attention of Clare Hawker, Exams Officer, before the end of term. Please note results cannot be posted out before the dates shown above.

We wish all our students the success they deserve.

Bonus Ball Club

The lucky winners for the Bonus Ball Club lottery are:-

2 April	No winner
7 May	Linda Day (no. 3)
4 June	Mr P Holmes (no. 27)
2 July	Betsy Cook (no. 6)

A big thank you to all students and parents for the Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers. We managed to collect over 2,000 and bought some very much needed equipment for the Food Technology department.

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Sixth Form Review

It has been a great year for the Sixth Form. They have truly worked as a team, being involved in a number of leadership roles and events in the local community. Here are the Sixth Form in pictures for 2010-2011 Academic year.

Football Academy students refereed a Junior Football tournament and were an absolute credit to the school. CSLA and HSLA students have been involved in arranging and running sporting events with local primary schools through the Sports Partnership and supporting in school events such as Sports Day.



Sixth Form students took part in a variety of community events including the Young Variety performance for The Buckingham Fringe, Phoenixbury, a local charity music festival, and MADD at Waddesden Manor.



Together with Year 12's and the whole Sixth Form team, we say farewell to our wonderful Year 13 students and wish them every success in the future!



I would like to thank the staff, the students and parents for making this a great year for the Sixth Form. I wish the students every success in their examinations and I look forward to seeing Year 12s and the new Sixth Formers in September.

Mrs Gibson-Smith
Co-ordinator of Learning, Sixth Form

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Performing Arts

We have very talented students within Performing Arts, here's a snap-shot of Sixth Form final shows for both AS and A2.



12th Luffield Festival of Creative Arts

Luffield Festival of Creative Arts is where a number of students (nominated as Able, Gifted & Talented by subject areas) work with students from other schools, The Royal Latin, Stowe School, Magdalen, Winchester House, Beachborough Prep & Thornton College, on various projects.

This year, the focus was creative writing, art and photography, drama, music, choral and science.

The week culminated in an evening performance at The Roxborough Theatre at Stowe School. The performance was based on Willy Russell's Blood Brothers.

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French Exchange Student

The Buckingham School has had the pleasure of welcoming a French exchange student to Year 10.

Chloe Dumont, who is from Lycée Notre dame de Bury in Margency (near Paris) broke up from school three weeks earlier than we do in England. Instead of enjoying a relaxing holiday in the French sun, Chloe wrote to our school and asked if we would accept her as an exchange student. Chloe has been studying at The Buckingham School for three weeks. She has been given a normal school timetable and been buddied with Hannah Smart in lessons and during break times. Chloe has loved the experience and found her English has improved greatly due to all the lessons she has attended. Students in the school have enjoyed meeting Chloe and finding out all about how school life is different in France.

Chloe has been wearing the full school uniform something she is not used to as in France school uniform does not exist!! The exchange has been very successful and in the future we hope to send our students for extended visits to Chloe's school to rapidly improve their French speaking skills.

Chloe says "Thanks to all the students and the teachers who have helped and welcomed me particularly to Hannah Smart and Miss Bennett who have cared for me during my time in England. I really hope to see you again!"



MFL French Project

Year 7 and 8 students in French have been completing an independent research project. Students were put into groups and given a specific French topic to research. The topics included: The French Revolution, Paris, French Art, French Cuisine and Le Tour de France. Each group had to come up with an appropriate team name and delegate a team leader who was in charge of making sure each member of the group had a distinct role.

Students conducted their research in the library where they had access to a large number of books related to their topic. They also had access to the computers.

Students were asked to produce leaflets, posters and a Powerpoint and also had to present their research to their class and a judge who watched their presentations and voted for the best one. The Buckingham Twinning Association have been extremely supportive of this project and after a tour of the school and more specifically a look round at the great things happening in the languages department, decided to donate cinema tickets as prizes to the best group presentation in each class.

The presentations were of an extremely high standard and students enjoyed the project. Winners will receive their prizes during the last week of term when Jane Mordue, Chair of the Buckingham Twinning Association will come in and present them.

Miss H Bennett
Curriculum Leader, Modern Foreign Languages



The Buckingham School French Trip

The Buckingham School French trip was a fantastic success. Organised by the Modern Foreign Languages ("MFL") department, 70 students and 8 staff spent five days exploring French culture and brushing up on their French language skills.

After crossing on the Channel Tunnel, we arrived at our lovely hotel in Le Touquet. The itinerary for the week was action packed. We began by visiting a quiet village called Naours where there is an extensive underground city in the form of some spectacular caves. These caves are largest underground hideaway in France.

During both world wars the caves were requisitioned by the military, in World War 1 allied forces, mainly Australian and then in World War 2, the Germans. The students really appreciated the history of these caves and certainly enjoyed exploring the hundreds of little underground alleyways.

We also spent some time discovering Etaples Military Cemetery where the students were given a brief history of the battles that had taken place in Etaples during the war. Students were moved by the large number of gravestones and had many questions for the teachers.

A trip to Naussica Aquarium was also very popular. Students were able to watch sea lion shows and explore the largest collection of aquatic species in France.

We also had lots of fun visiting an outdoor high wire assault course. Students loved the zip wires and tree top adventure. The theme park and water park were also very popular with the students. Much fun was had by all, including the staff!

Our evenings were spent on the beach having fun and swimming in the sea, the weather was excellent during our trip. There was also plenty of opportunity to go shopping and buy souvenirs.

The behaviour of the students was outstanding, both the hotel and coach company have since written to the school thanking students for their excellent behaviour and manners!

Due to the excellent success of this year's trip, Miss Bennett is already planning a few trips next year. Watch out for the trip to Paris at Christmas!

Miss H Bennett
Curriculum Leader, Modern Foreign Languages



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The Buckingham School French Trip photos



Well Done Ryan!

Ryan Marsden (8Ph) is a football player to keep a close eye on for the future. This young individual has recently been signed by Northampton Elite Squad and has been asked to train with the squad once a week in Northampton. Ryan was scouted for the Under 13 squad but has now competed in trials for the Under 14 squad trying to secure a place for next year within this elite academy. Ryan has played a number of friendly fixtures for the Elite Squad including games against Coventry and Brighton. Ryan is currently signed for local team Mortenville Football Club and trains with Mortenville once a week as well as training with Northampton Elite Squad. Ryan plays the position of centre midfielder for both squads and states "The elite squad is developing me as a player. I love being part of the squad". The PE Department wishes Ryan the best of luck for the future and we look forward to hearing more stories about all his goal scoring experiences and opportunities.

Well Done Ryan!

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The Buckingham School Uniform

I am pleased to give you an update on the new uniform with effect from September 2011. The uniform remains the same, however, in consultation with parents, students, staff and governors there are a few modifications to enhance and improve how our uniform looks.

Students must wear a blazer at all times apart from lunchtime, girls skirts must be of tailored (no lycra) and shirts must be able to do up at the top. The new House ties will be given to all students from Year 8 upwards. This is an exciting time for our students who will now wear a tie that denotes their own House.

Thank you.

Ms H Tyrrell

Assistant Headteacher, Attendance & Behaviour

School blazer must be worn apart from lunchtime.

Plain white school shirt must be tucked in and be able to have all buttons done up to the top.

T-shirts may be worn underneath shirts or blouses, but must be plain white and not be visible. No other colour is permitted.

School tie must be done right up to the top. Top button done up.

V neck school jumper to be worn with school and Sports College logo. (Optional)

Plain black trousers.

Plain black belts only.

Plain black socks / tights.

Only black scarves allowed, not to be worn in the building.

Outdoor coats and jackets must be plain. No denim, leather or 'hoody' / track suit tops / sweatshirts are allowed.

Mobile phones and iPods/MP3 players are the student's responsibility. They are not to be switched on, used or seen in lessons.

Plain black trousers or plain black tailored skirt for girls, no more than 8cm above the knee which allows shirts to be tucked in.



No extreme hairstyles; only natural colours. No nail varnish.

Black shoes, a small heel is permissible, no trainers or plimsolls.

Stud / sleeper earrings only. No other jewellery or piercing.

Creating a positive impression.

The way you look matters – make sure you look good.

**Enterprise:
Stowe Landscape Garden Cycle Trail Challenge
16 June & 6 July**

Year 9 tutor groups were set a challenge to develop a **new** marketing opportunity to promote the Stowe Cycling Trail. This challenge was taken during the school enrichment day where Year 9 tutor groups initially competed amongst teams within their tutor group and the winning team then went to Stowe Gardens to visit the cycle trial and then develop a marketing plan to be judged by members of The Education Business Partnership and representatives from The Stowe Garden National Trust.

The judges were looking for extremely creative and innovative enterprising marketing plans. The final six House tutor groups presented their plans and the judges were extremely impressed by the wide range of creative ideas.

The winners were 9Pi (Miss Scholes) Vicky Neal, Pip Allen, Abbie Clarke, Molly Kayll & Polly Higgins. Their unique selling point was an application that promoted the Stowe site from a smart phone. The presentation was clear, concise and hit the target audience.

Well done!

Mr D Patel
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Stowe Landscape Gardens

Autumn 2011 Term Dates

Monday, 5 September & Tuesday 6 September 2011	INSET
Wednesday, 7 September	Start of term
Friday, 21 October	End of half term
Monday, 31 October	Start of second half term
Friday, 16 December	End of Autumn term

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