Preface from the Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to the University of Buckingham Handbook 2018.

Buckingham is Britain’s oldest independent university, created 40 years ago to show that independence provides a better education than does direction from the state: and since 2006 the University has been topping the National Student Survey, which is a national poll of undergraduate students conducted for the Government by the independent research organisation Ipsos MORI. The survey is important because it is an indicator of the satisfaction levels of our students. Being voted top for nine years is an endorsement of the value of a University of Buckingham degree, and, most importantly, it reflects our students’ view of the quality of life at the University.

This Handbook provides essential information on our programmes of study, and it is packed with useful general details about the additional support available to students and staff. It provides some insight into the range of activities at the University and the Handbook also contains information about our committees and our regulations.

This is one of a series of Handbooks published by the University, which includes the Governance Handbook, the Research Degrees Handbook, the New Students' Welcome Handbook and a range of Codes of Practice, all of which are available to students, staff, members of Council and, of course, to our representatives abroad. These are supplemented by Programme Booklets provided for their students by our Schools of Study.

Buckingham is special, and I hope that you not only find this Handbook useful but that it also conveys to you our vision of a caring and professional institution.

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