Welcome to the University of Buckingham’s School of Education Newsletter

We won’t be filling your inbox, but just twice each year we would like to let you know about all that we have been working on whether it’s a new course, being featured in the media or an addition to our team. Not interested? Don’t worry, we won’t be offended, just hit this unsubscribe link and we will remove you from the list.

Update from the Dean of Education, Professor Barnaby Lenon.

We welcomed several new admissions and operations staff to the School of Education this year and they have settled down brilliantly. Our numbers this year are up overall and we have launched new courses – a Masters in Educational Leadership and an MA in Residential Education (in conjunction with the Boarding Schools Association). In September Bethany Kelly flew to Abu Dhabi to train teachers wishing to take her MA in Education in that part of the world.

This term the focus of the School has been on ensuring our PGCE students all make the best possible start. We continue to receive good support from the university, not least in terms of IT, HR and Collaborations. We have started to run smaller courses in the magnificent new Vinson Building in Buckingham.

We have been joined this term by several academic staff – Hannah Wilson, an experienced school leader, is running the secondary PGCE, Stephen Cook running overseas projects and SCITTs, and Amanda Parker-Jones developing new projects - including online courses. Professor James Tooley joined us from Newcastle University. James is a well-known expert in low cost schools in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Our aim is to double our numbers within two years and to this end we are developing numerous courses for British schools overseas and are bidding to become consultants to two governments.
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At the end of my first year in post I have been hugely impressed by the quality of both our permanent staff and the many tutors and external speakers who add so much to our training. At a time of quite severe teacher shortage and poor teacher retention nothing could be more important that the team we have working with us at Buckingham.

Professor Barnaby Lenon, Dean of Education

School of Education in China

Our new Director of SCITTS and Overseas Programmes, Stephen Cook accompanied Prof. Barnaby Lenon to China in October to launch University of Buckingham’s teacher training work in Beijing. The event, which took place at the British Embassy attracted a number of high profile guests and Headteachers of International Schools in Beijing.

Commenting on his first couple of months in post, Stephen said:

“What has really struck me in my first couple of months is the excellent reputation that University of Buckingham has both domestically and abroad which clearly has been well earned through hard work, rigour and academic integrity over many years”.

The next day the team, which also included Marianne Collier from the University International Marketing team, headed to Shenzhen for the RAISE Asia Conference where Prof. Lenon delivered a keynote speech. The conference also allowed the team to spread the word about the international work the University is engaged in.

Stephen added:

“We are currently in discussions with other overseas partners for many other new exciting ventures that we hope will see some great work and improvements in education in the coming decades. It is a real privilege to be part of that”

2020 on-line applications are open!

We are now accepting applications for September 2020, including the recently launched MA in Residential Education running in partnership with the Boarding Schools’ Association. We await final approval for the new online MA in Teaching and Learning, but are happy to take registrations of interest in the meantime. Click here to take a look at all that we now offer and do get in touch if there is anything we can do to help.