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BUCKSWOOD OVERSEAS SUMMER SCHOOLS

*Buckswood
Overseas Summer School*

A very British school, a very Global outlook



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The Programme

Welcome to Buckswood Overseas Summer School!

Buckswood Overseas Summer School provides top quality English Language Summer Programmes for individual students aged 10-19 – from all over the world – all set in a beautiful English countryside location, with extensive facilities and modern accommodation.

Our programmes focus on providing an amazing and fulfilling summer experience for our guest students, in a beautiful and secure campus near Hastings, the heart of 1066 country in the South of England. As well as the priority of their English Language studies, students at Buckswood Overseas Summer School participate in a wide range of afternoon and evening activities and go on fantastic cultural excursions and trips.

Whereas we believe that children need a certain amount of down time during what is, after all, their summer holiday, we believe that they can learn as well and that they learn best in a happy, pleasant environment with their peers. Our staff are highly trained individuals who will give them all the pastoral and academic care they need, as well as providing them with a fantastic British cultural experience, and lots and lots of fun!

Buckswood School is an academic community (September – June) with learning at the core of all that we do. Small class sizes within a small school environment ensure that we are able to educate each child with a level of personal care and attention that few schools or colleges can match. We push all our students to achieve their full potential; we push students to excel and to appreciate that industry is inevitably the foundation of success at any level. Our summer school is no exception.





Buckswood Overseas Summer School is situated in a beautiful part of the South of England – in sumptuous countryside, yet with easy access to the sea, London and its airports. The Main House is steeped in tradition, dating from the 16th Century, yet it offers every modern amenity known to man! The newly constructed accommodation blocks are spacious, clean and secure. On site, we have a riding school, full-size Astroturf, tennis courts and many other sports facilities, full internet access and even a jacuzzi, there is even a vineyard! Buckswood is a home and we believe we have a beautiful safe and secure campus, which we are very proud of.

The Campus

Overseas Summer School UK





A Sample Timetable

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| 07.30 | Time to get up |
| 08.00 | Bedrooms to be tidy for morning room inspection |
| 08.30 – 09.00 | Breakfast |
| 09.00 – 09.30 | Assembly and House/Dorm performances |
| 09.30 – 10.30 | Lesson 1: Grammar and Vocabulary |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Lesson 2: Pronunciation |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Break |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Lesson 3: A slice of Britain |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | A sum up of the day – a quick test |
| 12.45 – 13.45 | Lunch |
| 14.00 – 16.00 | Activity Session 1 |
| 16.00 – 18.00 | Activity Session 2 |
| 18.30 – 19.30 | Supper |
| 19.30 – 21.30 | Evening Activity |
| 22.00 | Bed time |
| 22.30 | Lights out |

Academic Programme

Buckswood Overseas Summer School is planned so that a sensible balance between academic and non-academic activities is maintained. We like to educate our guests, but also to keep them motivated and never bored! We work on a three-week timetable rotation, to minimise chances of repetition for the students. A sample timetable is shown on this page.

All of our teachers are overseen by the Head of English for Summer School, and use the vast amount of books and materials that are used throughout the year by the school. Teachers and students have access to the school library, the English as a Foreign Language self access area, Internet and the Channel 4 clip bank system. The morning assembly is an important part of the day, it is a time where each dorm or class group in turn have to put on a performance in front of the school – everything we do is practising English!



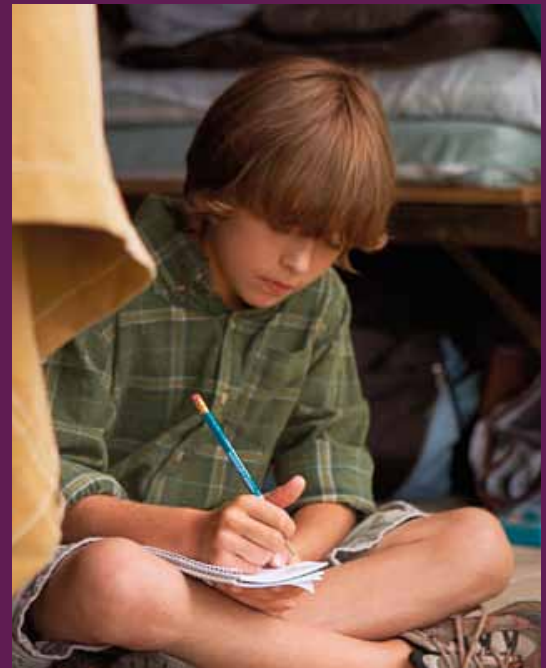


A Slice of Britain

Our popular daily Slice of Britain lessons allow students to develop knowledge of the United Kingdom as well as improving their language skills. We encourage discussion and participation in these lessons and use practical means wherever possible, eg. cooking English food and participating in English customs during lessons.

Topics that we focus on include:

- ✓ The Royal Family
- ✓ Famous British Prime Ministers
- ✓ Famous British foods
- ✓ The Beatles
- ✓ English holidays and customs
- ✓ British etiquette and behaviour
- ✓ Important history and dates
- ✓ London landmarks
- ✓ English sayings
- ✓ Cultural highlights
- ✓ Wales, N.I., Scotland
- ✓ Famous British landmarks
- ✓ The British class system
- ✓ English fashion
- ✓ The education system
- ✓ British eccentrics
- ✓ British authors
- ✓ British films and television





Trips and Excursions

This popular part of our courses takes advantage of the rich and unending British cultural heritage and some good old-fashioned fun! There are 2 full day trips per week (Sunday and Thursday). There are also various half-day trips out per week. The school owns its own fleet of coaches and mini buses so it is easy to hop on and hop off when needed! These trips ensure that students are immersed in British culture as well as the English language.

We provide caps and T-shirts that they are encouraged to wear on trips so that they are instantly identifiable to our staff when out and about. Trips and excursions are included in the course price.

Here are some of the places that we plan to visit this year.

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| London | Greenwich |
| Portsmouth | Canterbury |
| Thorpe Park | Hever Castle |
| Smugglers Cove | Leeds Castle |
| Hastings | Eton |
| Windsor Castle | Brighton |
| Canterbury | Eastbourne |
| Guildford | Winchester |
| Bluewater Shopping Centre | Oxford |







Activities and Events



The sports programme here at the Buckswood Overseas Summer School has been put together with a British theme running through it. We have many sports for our guests to enjoy, including Football, Cricket, Rugby, Volleyball, Table Tennis and Badminton.

We like to put our students into Houses (just like the students at Hogwarts in the Harry Potter tales!) so that we can have in-house competitions which helps students to work together as a team, have pride in their own house and to become friends as well.

The afternoon sports and activities programme helps students learn new vocabulary as well as develop the language of social interaction and increase oral communication skills.

Students enjoy doing many different activities, sports and games because they are having fun but at the same time, they are developing their language skills – it is the natural way to learn.

The end of a busy day.

There has to be some relaxation at the end of a busy day, but even here, spoken English is the cornerstone of our activities, even if the students don't realise it!



Evening Activities

We have a full programme of social events, games and entertainment every evening. By encouraging the mixing of nationalities and developing students' cultural awareness and social skills, we are helping to create a harmonious international community in which students can live, study and enjoy themselves. In addition, these events give students the opportunity to practise their spoken English in real-life situations and of course, have lots of fun!

Examples of entertainment include

Cinema evenings

Talent shows

Scavenger hunt

Casino night

Kite making

Disco

Capture the flag

Arts and craft nights

Who's the boss?

Black and white night

Who wants to be a millionaire?

Camp fire and marshmallows

Quiz shows

Karaoke

Blind date

Bowling

Bingo

Colour wars

Nationality evenings

Talent shows

American evening





Optional Extras

We offer a range of extras where students can receive personal coaching in small groups or on a one to one basis. All coaches are qualified in their various disciplines. Maximum of one hour's tuition per day and one subject per week.

- ✓ **Pro Football coaching**
- ✓ **Pro Horse riding tuition** – on our campus based riding school
- ✓ **Pro Tennis tuition**
- ✓ **Specific academic 1-1 English** – Additional English language in small groups
- ✓ **Dance**

All these activities are available in the afternoons at an additional cost of £30 per hour. They should be booked at the time of registration. They are available on 3 afternoons each week, during a time when students would be undertaking campus based activities, so they need not miss out on excursions. However please bear in mind that this will mean missing out on pre arranged campus based activities.

Riding

The Riding School

Buckswood has its own riding school on site with 8 horses and floodlit sand school.

As part of our riding programme students are encouraged to accept a certain responsibility in the welfare of the horses they ride, in terms of feeding, cleaning and grooming.

We offer:

- ✓ **Beginners – Advanced**
- ✓ **Stable management**
- ✓ **Hacking**
- ✓ **Show jumping**
- ✓ **Cross country jumping**

Lessons available from experienced and qualified instructors. The Stables and Riding Centre is licensed with Rother District Council.

Riding Mistress: Mrs Karen Prebble





Football

Jim Colston runs our Football Academy within the main school and BOSS. The academy is available to everyone who signs up to our Summer School.

We offer:

- ✓ Opportunity to take your unique Buckswood SAFA Community Skills Certificate
- ✓ Tour of Chelsea FC
- ✓ Football fitness testing with results certificates
- ✓ Technique sessions
- ✓ Professional scouts overseeing your coaching sessions
- ✓ Sessions on forward play, finishing, Ivls, midfield play and defending techniques
- ✓ Futsal Competitions with medals and prizes for winners
- ✓ Coaches challenges
- ✓ S.A.F.A. Skills challenges
- ✓ Scouts assessment and player performance profile

Dance

Miss Stacey Caister ISTD and IDTA qualified, Principal of Splitz Dance Academy and Director of Dance at Buckswood School shall be offering the following lessons to all students who wish to undertake dance training during the Summer School.

We offer:

- ✓ Dance Fitness and Aerobics
- ✓ Flexibility/Body Conditioning
- ✓ Street/Modern Dance
- ✓ Classical Ballet
- ✓ Jazz Dance
- ✓ Hula Hoop Aerobics

English

Extra Tuition can be offered, taught by our qualified EFL trained staff.

We offer:

- ✓ One-to-one
- ✓ Small groups
- ✓ Subject specific courses
- ✓ Exam preparation
- ✓ UK boarding school English preparation

Tennis

Gary Rens a Level I tennis coach and Buckswood staff member since 2007 directs the tennis tuition.

We offer:

- ✓ Saq's – bleep testing – fitness
- ✓ Building your Core Strength
- ✓ Focus on movement on court
- ✓ Hand-Eye co-ordination – helping to develop your hitting zone
- ✓ The serve and using it as your biggest weapon
- ✓ Forehands and backhands – correct techniques
- ✓ The volley and finishing the point at the net



Pastoral Care and Staff

We are in charge of your children's health and wellbeing during their stay with us as well as their education. You can rest assured that our highly-trained staff will ensure that your children are happy and safe during their time with us and that any issues are addressed promptly and successfully. If you have any concerns, you are welcome to call at any time during your child's stay. Our CCTV cameras ensure maximum security at all times. We aim to provide an environment where young people can enjoy new experiences and learn in a safe, nurturing environment. We want you as parents to be confident that your child is in safe hands at Buckswood Overseas Summer School.

Children are also immersed in mixed nationality groups where possible, to increase their understanding of other cultures and nationalities, and also to encourage English as the common language.

Please be assured that Buckswood Overseas Summer School staff are with students 24 hours a day, and ensure that they are settled, happy and making friends easily.

We have staff responsible for accommodation and welfare, who ensure that the children are happy and integrating with their fellow students. We check bedrooms regularly and ensure that behaviour is kept at a good level at all times.

We also have staff responsible for monitoring the academic achievements of the students, checking their English level is improving and that all students are included in lessons and are learning effectively.

Our activities are a vital element of the Buckswood Overseas Summer School experience, so we ensure that staff are well briefed and organised in preparing all activities to represent all abilities and interests.

Food – Buckswood has the food for life certificate

Eating and dining are such an important part of life and an important part of the educational process. The food is home cooked, there are three chefs employed by the school. Bread and cakes are baked in the school daily. The menu is varied and the School Managers eat exactly the same meals as the students. The school does not have a fat fryer. No pork is served. Special dietary requirements are catered for – the chefs are very approachable and encourage your feedback.

The Staffing Structure:

The Centre Manager looks after all areas of the Centre and in particular how our students are settling in and integrating with the other international students. The Centre Manager will see your child every morning at morning inspection. They will also hold daily feedback sessions with the children.

The Director of Studies is in charge of the English Language Programme. The DoS knows every student's English level and is constantly monitoring how they are performing in their lessons.

The Activity Manager is in charge of the afternoon and evening activities and the excursions. The Activity Manager oversees the quality of the programme as well ensuring that every pupil gets involved.

The Counsellors wake the students up, put them to bed, teach them English, supervise their meals, guide them on excursions and trips and motivate them during activities. They also act as role models and are constantly on hand to listen and help our students at all times.



| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
|----------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Sun Week 1 | Arrival | Arrival | Welcome Party and BBQ |
| Mon | Testing and Placement Slice of Britain | Sports Programme Eastbourne | Karaoke |
| Tues | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme Brighton | Cinema Night |
| Wed | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Talent Show |
| Thurs | Full Day out | | Blind Date |
| Fri | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Disco |
| Sat | Lessons 1-3 | Free Time in Hastings | Theme Night |
| Sun Week 2 | Arrival Full Day Out | London | BBQ |
| Mon | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Arts and Crafts Night |
| Tues | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Who wants to be a Millionaire |
| Wed | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Theme Night |
| Thurs | Full Day Out | Thorpe Park | Murder Mystery |
| Fri | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Treasure Hunt |
| Sat | Lessons 1-3 | Free Time in Hastings | Quiz Night |
| Sun Week 3 | Arrival Full Day Out | Free time: arts and crafts/dance/sport | Casino Night |
| Mon | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Karaoke |
| Tues | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Disco |
| Wed | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Film Night |
| Thurs | Full Day Out | | Mini Olympics |
| Fri | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Quiz |
| Sat | Lessons 1-3 | Free Time in Hastings | Bingo |

| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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| Sun Week 4 | Arrival Full Day Out | | BBQ |
| Mon | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Blind Date |
| Tues | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Bowling |
| Wed | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Who's the Boss? |
| Thurs | Full Day Out | London | Camp Fire Night |
| Fri | Lessons 1-3 | Sports Programme | Theme Night |
| Sat | Lessons 1-3 | Free Time in Hastings | End of Week Party |

The Schedule





Rates and Dates (Summer 2012)

BOSS courses begin with arrival on a Sunday and departure on a Saturday.

You may book as many weeks as you like (please contact us to discuss discounts for multiple weeks).

1st July – 7th July

8th July – 14th July

15th July – 21st July

22nd July – 28th July

29th July – 4th August

5th August – 11th August

12th August – 18th August

BOSS courses are £720 per week and a £100 deposit is required at time of booking.

What's included:

- ✓ 20+ hours of English tuition per week
- ✓ All course material
- ✓ 2 full day excursions
- ✓ At least 1 half day excursion
- ✓ 24 hour supervision and security
- ✓ All meals, snacks and laundry
- ✓ T-shirt, cap and end of course certificate
- ✓ Full internet access and fully stocked library
- ✓ All transportation to excursions and entry fees
- ✓ Evening activities each day
- ✓ Afternoon activities on non excursion days

By the end of your stay with us you will have:

- ✓ Strengthened your grammar
- ✓ Developed your confidence and accuracy in speaking
- ✓ Improved your reading and writing ability
- ✓ Had the best Summer EVER and made loads of friends!

Application Form

Attach a recent
photograph here

Student's Name

Gender Boy Girl

Nationality.....

First Language.....

Email.....

Student's Address

Parent's Address.....

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EMERGENCY

CONTACT Name

CONTACT Phone Number

Any health problems? Yes No *(If yes please give details on separate sheet)*

Any special dietary requirements? Yes No If Yes please give details.....

2012 School Dates

1st July - 7th July

8th July - 14th July

15th July - 21st July

22nd July - 28th July

29th July - 4th August

5th August - 11th August

12th August - 18th August

Deposit of £100 to confirm Booking

Cost is £720 per week *this includes accommodation, English teaching, all food and drink, trips and excursions, all activities*

Travel Arrangements Yes No *(If yes the relevant Transfer Request Form will be sent to you with your confirmation)*

Heathrow Airport £120

Gatwick £100

Stansted £145

Ashford Railway Station £50

Extra Lessons *(Please tick what extra lesson you require)*

Extra English Please indicate how many hours per week you would like.....@ £30 per hour, per activity

Dance Please indicate how many hours per week you would like.....@ £30 per hour, per activity

Pro Tennis Please indicate how many hours per week you would like.....@ £30 per hour, per activity

Pro Football Please indicate how many hours per week you would like.....@ £30 per hour, per activity

I:I Academic Please indicate how many hours per week you would like.....@ £30 per hour, per activity

Horse Riding Please indicate how many hours per week you would like.....@ £30 per hour, per activity

Please email summerschool@buckswood.co.uk if you have any queries

Please call us on **+44 (0)1424 815912** or **+44 (0)1424 813813**

Full balance is due one week before start date

a detailed bill will be sent to you with your confirmation letter and information pack.

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