



# Special Group Programmes





# The Buckswood Education Group

Welcome to Buckswood! This booklet should be read in conjunction with the Buckswood School brochure, however as you read this booklet and try to discover the essence of the place, think of this comment from one of our former students – *“it’s difficult to say what makes Buckswood so special, it’s just everything.”*

Buckswood has a strong international ethos that shines through in all that we do. Our everyday environment is a global community wherein close to 30 different nationalities are represented, with the British contingent the largest single component. We operate the school within a British boarding school framework, believing structure, self-discipline and respect to be the foundations of success as an individual. We are a curious mix of the traditional and the innovative: we insist on all children using fountain pens, on table manners being adhered to, and chewing gum being banned – but also that all learn how to design a website, practise watersports in the summer term and complete a week’s work placement by the end of College.

Programmes can be tailor-made according to the group’s needs, for example, trips to London including West End musical theatre tickets (i.e. Disney’s The Lion King), or our Walking with Waterfalls weekend in Wales, or even a fabulous two day visit to the French capital, Paris (for more options, see our pick and mix schedule).

Groups will be accompanied by a dedicated Buckswood group leader at all times who takes care of the travel, accommodation and meals, and activities programme.



## English and the academic programme

### Integrated Groups – General English

Those joining the integrated group programme slot into the Main stream school timetable (eight lessons per day (9am – 3.30pm with two hours homework). Therefore students will study the full range of subjects from Maths to History. Their class mates will be those studying full time here at Buckswood. Extra English classes EAP (English for Academic Purposes) is also offered to help with specific vocabulary within closed groups.

### Closed Groups – Intensive English

This course totals 15-21 hours of tuition per week and takes place on weekday mornings and early afternoons (except Friday) according to requirements. It encompasses the General English course plus extra vocabulary and pronunciation. Fluency and cultural awareness are also taught. The evenings are taken up with various sporting and recreational activities.



## Sports

The sports and activity programme takes place each afternoon and evening and offers an abundant choice of football; basketball; golf; archery; swimming; table tennis; volleyball; and team games etc. For those who wish to learn a new sport or develop their skills further, qualified instructors teach the following sports: **Horse Riding, Tennis, Golf**



## Trips

**(Integrated and Closed) staying at Buckswood can expect full day and/or half day trips to**

**London:** general sightseeing plus The London Eye and shopping on Oxford Street



**Canterbury:** a tour of the ancient walled city plus the world-famous cathedral and excellent street shopping

**Portsmouth:** the Royal Naval Dockyards Museum; Nelson's flagship "The Victory", and a harbour tour

**Brighton:** the unique Royal Pavilion, the characterful Lanes and all the fun of the pier!

**Oxford or Cambridge:** visitors never cease to be amazed by these two eminent academic cities; combine the grandeur of college quadrangles and libraries with learning to punt on the river.

**Chessington or Thorpe Park:** teenagers from 8yrs - 80yrs always enjoy these theme parks and their latest "thrill of a lifetime" rides.



## Groups Accommodation

In our newly re-furbished Oaks House with the advantage of being on site to enjoy all school facilities but totally independent living. All our rooms are comfortably furnished to a high standard to accommodate up to 16 students plus 1 group leader.

### Facilities are as follows:

Twin/Triple rooms	✓
Fully fitted shower rooms	✓
Full Central Heating	✓
Laundry	✓
Daily Cleaner	✓
Daily room inspection	✓
Kitchen	✓
Pay Phone	✓
Towels provided by prior arrangement with Group Co-ordinator	✓



# The Buckswood Education Group Proposal Form (Fax +44(0)1424 812100)

## Basic Content

15 Hours of English Lessons per week	√
Residential Accommodation	√
All meals . . . with that home cooked taste	√
Tour of Hastings, the Castle and the Smugglers Caves	√
One afternoon of Sports activities	√
One half day study trip (choose from list)	√
One full day study trip (choose from list)	√
Loan of Blazers and skirts for girls	√
Return Airport Transfer	√
High quality Certificate of Achievement	√

## Evening Activities

Ten Pin Bowling	√
Cinema	√
Crazy Golf and other sea front attractions	√
Swimming	√
Local shopping	√

## Groups Activities & Half Day Trips

Historic Rye and Camber sands	√Tick
Battle Abbey and All our Yesterdays Exhibition	
Herstmonceux Castle and Scientific Observatory	
Eastbourne and Beachy Head Cliffs	
Bodiam Castle	
Groombridge Place and Royal Tunbridge Wells	
Hever Castle	
Batemans House and Estate Home of Rudyard Kipling (Jungle Book)	

These are subject to seasonal openings

## Full Day Study Trips

√Tick

Buckingham Palace, Westminster & Trafalgar Square	
Tower of London	
Tower Bridge (the workings of London's most famous bridge)	
St Paul's Cathedral	
Natural History and Science Museum	
British Museum	
Madame Tussauds	
London Eye	
Regents Park (London) Zoo	
Chelsea FC (tour of stadium) or Wembley Stadium (EXTRA)	
London Theatre eg Lion King production (EXTRA)	
China Town	
Brighton . . . Royal Pavilion, Pier and shops	
Canterbury Cathedral	
Oxford and Blenheim Palace (Sir Winston Churchill)	
Oxford . . . Harry Potter/Christ's College	
Cambridge . . . Historic University Town	
Leeds Castle	
Windsor Castle and Thames Riverboat trip	
Thorpe Park (Fun Theme Park)	
Chessington World of Adventure	

Agency Name	
Group Name	
Contact Person	
Tel	Fax

We also offer a whole range of additional extras to make the programme even more rewarding for the students. Please select any of the following and we will incorporate them in to the quotation for your clients.

	√Tick
Printed Buckswood T-Shirt	
Pro Horse Riding Lessons at £35 per hour	
Pro Golf Lessons	
Football Coaching £35 per session (minimum of 6 persons)	
PARIS (2 nights /3 days) at £395	
ITALY details of the varied programmes on request (see the website)	
EDINBURGH fly (2 nights / 3 days incl travel) Coach (3 nights / 4 days – 1 night in York)	

One leader comes free for every 10 students in the party. The courses are well structured and can be designed to meet your precise requirements and budgets using our "Pick and Mix" options.

*The basic content is priced at £442pp per week after deducting your 15% commission (£520 gross to client) – but this can be enhanced with a range of extra lessons and visits, activities and features.*

### Proposed Dates

Arrival Date

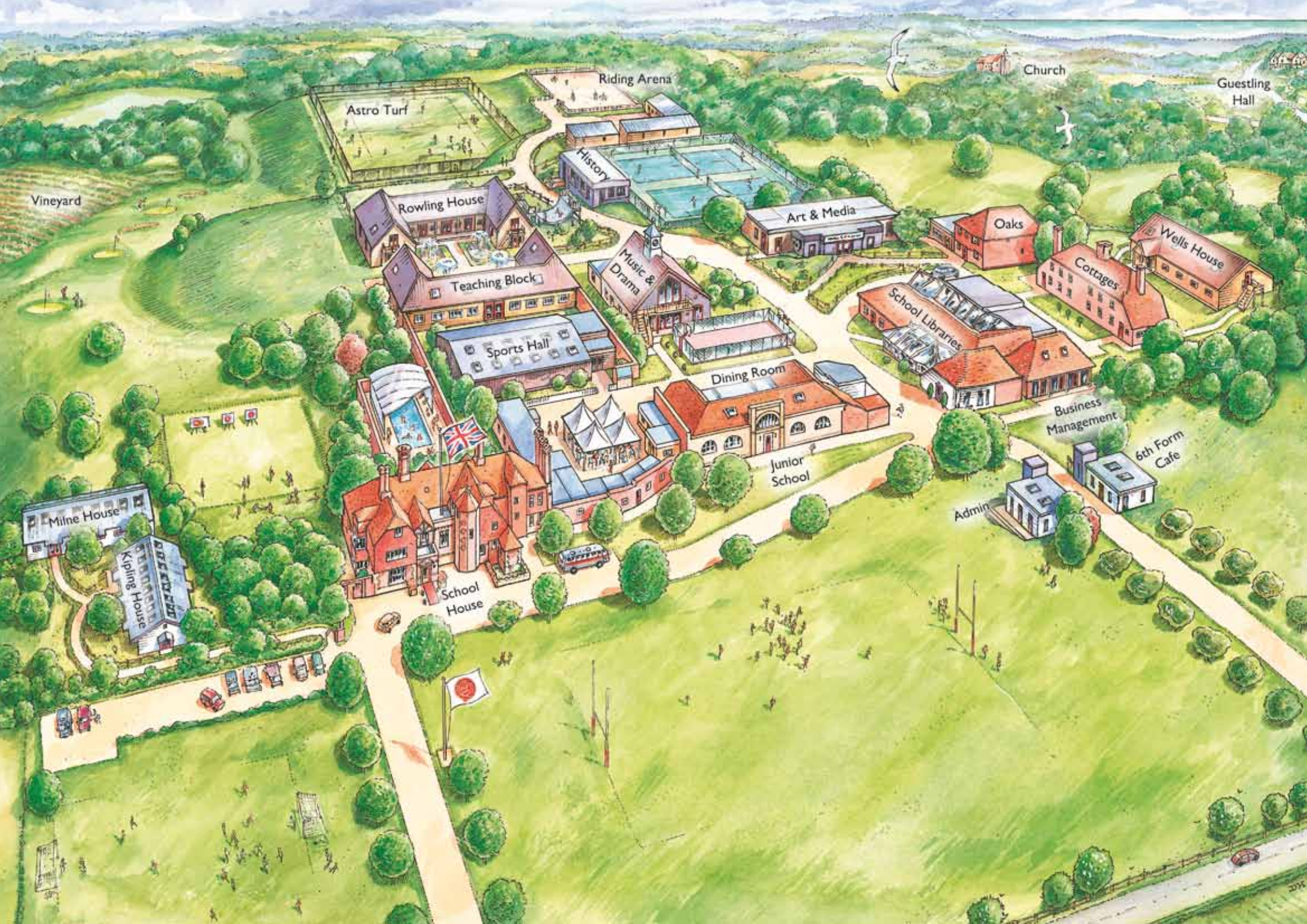
Departure Date

### Group Size

Boys Girls

Leader(s) Male Leader(s) Female





Vineyard

Astro Turf

Riding Arena

Church

Guesting Hall

Rowling House

History

Art & Media

Oaks

Wells House

Teaching Block

Music & Drama

Sports Hall

School Libraries

Cottages

Dining Room

Business Management

6th Form Cafe

Milne House

Kipling House

Junior School

School House

Admin

# How to get to Buckswood

## From Heathrow:

Take M25, south/east, A21 towards Hastings; before going into the town of Hastings take the B2093 then the A259 towards Rye. A few miles out of Hastings you will find Buckswood School on the right, at Guestling.

## From Gatwick

Take M23 to London to join M25 eastbound, take A21 to Hastings; before going into the town of Hastings take the B2093 then the A259 towards Rye. A few miles out of Hastings you will find Buckswood School on the right, at Guestling.

## From Ashford

Take A2070 southbound to Brenzett, join A259 to Rye and Hastings. Before reaching Hastings, you will come to the village of Guestling. Buckswood School is on the left.



# About Hastings and Rye

**Hastings** is the premier Cinque Port and is home to the largest beach-launched fishing fleet in Europe, a magnificent Old Town and the first castle that William the Conqueror built in England. The town has also played host to the likes of Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens and Catherine Cookson. Hastings is now a large seaside town offering all the amenities that students want: shops; restaurants; cinemas; theatres; nightspots; supermarkets and the usual seaside attractions.

**Rye** rises up from the flat marshland like a haunting reminder of things past. Its winding streets, full of medieval and Georgian buildings, dominated the dreams of writers Henry James and E.F. Benson. Rye is surely one of the prettiest towns in Britain. This historic town, now a fishing port and tourist centre, was once a seaport of great importance, especially during the 13th and 14th centuries when opposing Kings ruled on both sides of the Channel.

Both Rye and Hastings offer a wide selection of hotels and guest houses for parents and visitors to the school.

