

ACADEMICS



SUBJECT OPTIONS
& COURSE COMPONENTS
2017/18



BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL
HASTINGS, UK

Choice is important

All through our lives we are faced with choices and have to weigh up the costs and benefits of the options available to us. The good news is, that you have already made the smartest decision by selecting Buckswood for your education, because at Buckswood you can combine your studies with a wide variety of extra-curricular activities that will equip you with the skills, character and qualifications you need to succeed in life.

Core subjects – the foundations

Everything in life needs a solid foundation on which to build and at Buckswood your academic studies have a core of subjects which give you a grounding in life's fundamentals but also serve as a platform to spring board into specialist areas of study later on in your academic career. Having a set of core subjects allows the Buckswood student to explore where their academic strengths lie, identify possible career paths which fit their aptitudes and work with the school to tailor their learning.

Choice – to specialise in

With over ten years of preparing students to enter the UK's top universities, Buckswood has the experience to guide students at every junction of their careers to help them make the right choices in terms of knowing University course requirements, knowing how to boost your UCAS application with preferable extra-curricular activities and qualifications and having the expertise to set students on the right path towards securing their future.

Choice of courses – GCSE – A level and IB

Some fashions come and go, and the same is true when it comes to areas of study. With the benefit of a long history, the choice of courses available at Buckswood at GCSE, A Level and IB reflect this history and experience of a 100% University entrance rate. And it's not just academics, at Buckswood you can work towards many externally recognised qualifications in everything from the London stock exchange, European Computer Driving Licence, Equestrian studies, DofE, LAMDA for speech and drama and RCM courses in music, all with the sole aim of making you stand out from the crowd...

Extra Lessons

The Buckswood approach is about flexibility and provision, so if there is an area of study you are interested in that is not covered in this booklet let us know and we will look to provide provision as an added extra!

Enrichment program

The 'Buckswood Difference' is all about pushing you through the door towards independence and being a young adult with the study and life skills to thrive. Students are enrolled on an enrichment programme to ensure that every student is taking advantage of the opportunities that a Buckswood education affords them. Going the extra mile, trying something new, and building the confidence to shine in any social situation like a job or university interview are the principles that underpin the Buckswood education philosophy. Every student's journey is unique at Buckswood, a true adventure where talents are discovered and nurtured in an inspiring learning environment.

Extend – adventure – journey

So where will your Buckswood journey take you? Across the globe as a geographer in Icelandic waters, treading the floors of the London Stock Exchange on a LAT course, taking to the skies and flying a plane over the campus in the Flying Club? The choice is yours, but at Buckswood you can be sure that the guidance, support and experience you need to make it in life is here for you.

2 Year GCSE Option Form

1. Core subjects taken by all

English Language (*First or Second Language*)

English Literature (*Taken by most students studying First Language English*)

Combined Science (*Double Award*)

Mathematics

2. Option Choices – please select three from the subjects listed below and one reserve choice

French; Spanish; Mandarin; ESOL; ECDL (Computing); Religious Studies; History; Drama; Art and Design; Graphics; Media Studies; Geography; Physical Education; Triple Science; Study Skills and Business Studies

Note: If English is tested as below a certain level for International Students, ESOL must be selected as 1 option; Students not taking ESOL must select at least 1 modern foreign language (French, Mandarin or Spanish) unless following consultation with parents/guardians this is not felt to be appropriate and Study Skills must be taken instead; When choosing option subjects, students must take into account their own academic strengths and weaknesses and also possible future career paths. It is expected that they will discuss possible choices with their teachers/house tutor/form tutor as well as their families.

3. Extra Subjects

Students may also select extra subjects which will take place outside of the regular timetable – either on Saturdays or during lesson 9 after prep in the evenings.

These may incur an additional cost. Music; Latin and Own Language

In addition to studying subjects at GCSE/IGCSE all students will have 2 lessons per week of sports instruction.

Learning Support (Personal Educational Needs) is also available at an extra cost.

Please read details about the different subjects in the GCSE information booklet before making your choices. Option choices should be submitted to the school at the start of the Summer Term.

1. Core subjects taken by all

English Language; English Literature; Combined Science *and* Mathematics

2. GCSE Option Choices

(All students must complete this table)

First Choice	
Second Choice	
Third Choice	
Reserve Choice	

Please complete the above table, using subjects from the option choices in order of preference. It is occasionally not possible to satisfy preferences for particular combinations so please also provide a reserve choice that could be studied in place of one of the first three choices.

3. Extra Subject Choice (Optional – additional costs may apply) – tick the box underneath the subject chosen

Music	Latin	Own Language

Additional Learning Support (Personal Educational Needs)

– tick the box if required

Personal Education Needs	
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Summary

Below shows what students on the 2 year GCSE programme at Buckswood will be expected to study. Core subjects will be timetabled as blocks so that students can be allocated to the sets appropriate to their abilities.

English Language/Literature or English as a Second Language
Mathematics
Combined Sciences
Three Option Subjects
2 Lessons per week Sports
Extra Subject(s) evenings/Saturdays

1 Year GCSE Option Form

Courses are designed* to offer a combination of the following subjects:

English Language and/or English as a Second Language	
Mathematics	
Combined Science	
One or Two Humanities Subjects**	
Own Language***	
Computing (ECDL)	
Art (non-GCSE)	
Other foreign languages are available as extra-curricular electives	

* Dependent on requirement and language proficiency.

** Humanities subjects that may be offered include Geography, History, Business Studies and Global Perspectives.

*** Where a GCSE examination is available.

A Level Option Form

Block 1 (select one only)

Chemistry	
Mathematics and Further Mathematics	
Business	
Spanish	
History	
Mathematics	
Art	
BTEC Sport	

Block 2 (select one only)

Physics	
Mathematics	
Business	
Photography	
Economics	
Geography	
BTEC Sport	

Block 3 (select one only)

Biology	
Mathematics and Further Mathematics	
Mathematics	
Business	
French	
Politics	
English Literature	
Media	
Accounting	

Block 4 (select one only)

Accounting	
World Development	
EPQ	
Mandarin	
Psychology	
Environmental Science	
English Language (native speakers only)	

Block 5

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) (non-native speakers only)	
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Students selecting Mathematics and Further Mathematics in Block 1, must also select it in Block 3 (it is a double A Level).

All non-native speakers, must select EAP in Block 5.

Non-native speakers should select at least 4 subjects (including EAP).

Native speakers should select at least 3 subjects.


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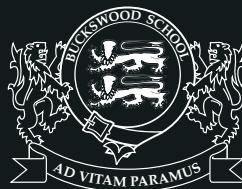
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