



THE BUCKSWOOD
BOOK



BUCKSWOOD
A VERY BRITISH SCHOOL AND VERY GLOBAL OUTLOOK...

Buckswood
Putting **time**
into *your*
child

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A VERY BRITISH SCHOOL WITH A

VERY GLOBAL OUTLOOK

EDUCATING BOYS AND GIRLS

10-18 YEARS OLD

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BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL

Welcome to the Buckswood book ... this is a home-grown organic book rather than an over-formal over-dressed prospectus – it is US as we are !

The Buckswood way is very much about family; when you come to the school, you are visiting a home, campus and country estate. You will find a warm, loving family atmosphere where our students excel in their academic studies as they are supported throughout their development by gifted, passionate mentors whose single purpose is to inspire their charges, ignite a spark of curiosity and push and guide them to fulfil their learning potential, using all the facilities, tips and tricks that we have developed over many years.

Our passion for creating this haven of learning is a firm belief that every child needs to build self-confidence and self-belief. It really has to be seen to be believed, but by creating this book, I hope to transmit some of the genial Buckswood atmosphere that resonates around the campus and breathes a curiosity to learn into every student. Whether it be myself, my teachers, ICT technicians, cooks, cleaners, gardeners and of course the students, everyone is a valued member of the Buckswood family: a family that extends beyond these walls and spreads across decades and across every continent of the globe.

Buckswood is about achievement, about success, about winning. It is about seizing every opportunity that's going - be it joining the football or rugby team, going horse riding, playing the bagpipes, or going to a Knowledge is Power session or listening to a visiting lecturer. The more that you can experience, the wealthier the person you will be.

But succeeding in life is like training for a race, painting a masterpiece or discovering a cure for illness; success doesn't come easily or overnight; it takes expertly guided preparation and a self-belief that anything is possible.

At Buckswood, our school motto is 'we prepare for life' and knowing that every child is different. Our warm family atmosphere cultivates a safe, secure space for everyone to flourish without fear of failure, building confidence and discovering new strengths to give every student the tools to succeed. We are in the business of education for the long run; we want to see students succeed in exams - but not

only in exams - because we want to see students succeed well beyond that. We want to see them succeed in life!! And that only happens if we help and guide them to be the very best they can be.

Buckswood challenges students to challenge themselves, identifying strengths they didn't know they had; it builds their confidence, and confidence is the key to their success in life. Buckswood has created an environment where everyone feels secure and is comfortable to raise their hand and ask questions; we want every student to be curious and approach learning as a journey of discovery.

We seek to foster a sense of ingenuity into every student, a creative approach to life with broad horizons and such a wealth of experiences they are resilient and can think around problems, with solutions that are sensitive to their environment, because Buckswood Students are culturally and emotionally aware as well as academically qualified to make decisions.

In all of our students we aim to instill a 'can-do' attitude where students must opt out, because the assumption is that no one is afraid to try something different. We aim to nurture within every student an inner confidence where they know they are capable of great things. We aim for every student to possess a sense of:

Curiosity

Which we believe fosters a sense of pioneering discovery that prepares each child to navigate their way through life. Learning to pass exams equips a child to pass exams, and how many exams do we sit as adults? How many times have you been asked recently when was the Battle of Trafalgar and how many pets you have at home, in Spanish?

We must allow our children to stretch themselves to develop a pioneering thirst for discovery that pushes them beyond the text book and outside the classroom.

Creativity

This is as important in education as literacy, and we should treat it with the same status. Children should not be frightened to express themselves in whichever form allows them to communicate best. Children must not be frightened of being wrong, because if you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original!

Well-roundedness

Which we believe also means learning values and manners. We are all products of our upbringing and our environment. I am a firm believer of sitting around a dinner table, talking and breaking bread. Communicating as a group we can learn from each other and from our peers; prefects at school, sports captains and or fathers, mothers, grandfathers or grandmothers. The values within the family

unit, the school and/or home set the foundations that remain for the rest of our lives. Looking up to our peers we plant seeds of leadership; we learn to have a vision to reach and strive for more – so that when questioned by those that just don't get it – as to why we do not have a cafeteria system in the dining room – why we have to do our top buttons up – why we have to stand up as guests come in and why on earth we have to squash our peas on our forks. They understand that it is... the Buckswood Way.

By instilling all these small life lessons, every hour of every day they become a vast tome of learning which truly prepares our students for life. At Buckswood there is no such thing as a 'free lesson' or 'free time' once the school bell rings at the end of the day, for students are occupied in study, sports, competition, or being active members of their communities; becoming self-disciplined and self-motivated individuals who will go on to great things.

The Buckswood curriculum, wide range of clubs and activities, woodland activity centre and specialist sports academies takes every student on a voyage that is as unique as they are. Wherever their talents lie, their journey will tailor itself around them to bring out their best and reveal strengths that can be applied in the classroom and beyond. A Buckswood education seeks to educate the whole child, and our international family from 48 different nations widens every student's horizons and develops within them a global understanding. Every Buckswoodian leaves with an international address book of friends and network of contacts to help them go further, get further and get ahead...

Our beautiful English country estate, small class sizes and inspirational teaching from industry professionals create an exceptional educational experience. Combining traditional British boarding school customs focusing on manners and deportment, with the latest classroom technology, drives every student to realise their potential and achieve their ambitions. Our aim is for every Buckswoodian to go to a top university and take their place on the global stage with the courage to change the world for the better.

To stand out from the crowd you need to be different, confident about who you are and know that you are the best. Buckswood believes in its mantra of 'preparing for life'. Give your child the edge and choose a school that puts your child first.

A Very British school, a very global outlook!

Headmaster

Broomham Hall



AD VITAM PARAMUS

Heritage

From its earliest days, Buckswood has inhabited large old country houses just far enough from the hubbub of modern life to benefit from the freedom of the countryside whilst at the same time remaining within striking distance of the Metropolis. The two genteel spinsters who founded the original school near Crawley in 1933 boasted that 'the school is run for children whose parents are abroad' and that 'languages are a special feature of the curriculum'. This is still the case. There were also 'organised games' and 'riding taught using our own ponies kept for this purpose.'

During the War, the school moved to Uckfield before being reborn in the seventies as an international school gaining British Council status. Two rambling houses later, Buckswood's present custodians have of course moved on, but in a sense the school has come full circle. Buckswood's current home is Broomham Hall, a 16th century manor house, three miles east of Hastings. Like the original Buckswood, it also 'stands in forty-three acres of land in a very sunny position' but this time sixty miles (or an hour and a half by train) from London.

There are riding stables and sport is still thriving. The flavour of the school is still, at heart, international. Over two hundred day-pupils socialise and learn with the same number of international boarders (receiving their education in English) allowing everybody to benefit from the constant cultural exchange that is everyday life at the school.



The original School advert



The Percussion Band, Buckswood Grange, Crawley, Sussex



An afternoon in the hayfield, Buckswood Grange, Crawley, Sussex

THE TEACHING STAFF

... THOSE THAT TEACH AND CARE FOR YOU...

Recognition

“I am not a teacher, but an awakener”

Robert Frost

A school is all about the people in it – not the buildings (even though we have a magnificent estate).

The teachers are the mentors for your child. You are entrusting your child to us so that we can impart, enthuse and enlighten. Inspiring them to want to learn – not because they have to but because they want to

A Buckswood teacher is more than an imparter of facts. At Buckswood we teach not only to pass exams, but to equip every student with a deeper understanding and a greater appreciation of each subject from an international perspective.

At Buckswood we select staff that have had world experience before they teach so that they are worldly people. We do not look for teachers that have never experienced their subjects in the commercial environment. We look for industry mentors with practical knowledge of the ‘real’ world so that they can teach from a real world perspective and not just from books.

We select staff that have international experience so that they can bring an open-minded approach to education and know what it is like to find yourself in another country where people are not speaking your language.

We select staff who are passionate about achieving the best for every student in their care, getting to know every student as an individual and knowing how to get the most from them.

Every teacher has to ‘get-it’ the Buckswood way and deliver their lessons with passion. The Headmaster’s Charter sets out ten points from selling your knowledge, making memories, to teaching a wider awareness, and teachers are regularly observed and have weekly development sessions as we seek to enrich them as well as the students – because learning is a life-long journey.

Teachers are mentors – leaders and guiders; they shape a child’s life. We all have fond memories and some nightmares about teachers from our own school days, and our career paths have often been influenced by a spark lit by an inspirational teacher.

The pie chart is the Buckswood teacher’s guide to planning their time with a focus on the students.



WHAT MAKES A BUCKSWOOD TEACHER?



JUNIOR SCHOOL

10 – 13 YEARS OLD

Discovery



The junior years (key stage 3, years 7, 8 & 9) are the bedrock on which a secondary school student's education is based. They not only encompass the individual subjects within the academic curriculum (including three foreign languages), but also focus on a wider programme of valuable educational experiences designed to prepare pupils, not only for the next stage in their learning, but also for their future lives. In order to achieve this objective, Buckswood offers its students a stimulating programme of visiting speakers, a comprehensive list of clubs, participation in professional workshops, educational visits and overseas trips, for we view these elements of an enriched learning experience as the 'fourth dimension' of education, such that it helps to place all learning in context.

We are committed to ensuring that all our pupils develop a secure understanding of key concepts and that they master essential skills through high-quality teaching and rigorous continuous assessment. This helps teachers to determine how well these concepts and skills have been understood and mastered by students as



they prepare for the rigours and demands of the two-year GCSE course at the end of year 9. In addition, it helps teachers to identify a student's strengths and weaknesses, and it assists the teacher in planning and delivering lessons tailored to meet each student's individual needs, while offering parents a continuous window on their child's progress.



"The mind once enlightened cannot
again become dark"

Thomas Paine

MIDDLE SCHOOL

14 – 16 YEARS OLD

Challenge



The transition from junior school to sixth form is perhaps one of the most challenging times in anyone's life. We all cringe when we think back to those formative years with all the angst that accompanied them. Today the pressures faced by our teenagers are even greater with the constant availability of social media and more academic testing than ever before.

The structure, discipline and routine of school life at Buckswood necessitates a self-discipline and respect that every teenager needs to help focus the young mind on academic progress. Support goes beyond the classroom with 1:1 Access Time every evening for students to seek help from the subject tutors, the VLE (virtual learning environment) that is accessible twenty-four hours a day with homework, extra reading and the annotated notes from the Smartboards during lessons and weekly reports that keep everyone informed on the progress being made and advice on how best to achieve every last percentage point possible!





BUCKSWOOD

- 1:1 Access time
- Virtual learning environment
- Weekly reports
- 17 languages
- 14 sports
- 5 humanities

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think”

Margaret Mead

SIXTH FORM – 3 CHOICES

17 – 18 YEARS OLD

Ambition

A LEVELS

A Levels are the traditional route to British universities. Students select 3 – 4 subjects and study them in depth over two years sitting exams at the end of the course and earning as many UCAS points as possible to gain entry to the best universities.

For over a decade, Buckswood Sixth Form has built an enviable reputation among university admissions offices for producing well-rounded, globally aware and academically strong candidates that really stand out from the crowd. Whether it be for the wealth of extra-curricular activities that have supported their field of study, an amazing work experience placement, their sporting achievements or their passion for their studies, a Buckswood Sixth Former is able to write a university or job application that has the ‘wow’ factor that more often than not secures exceptional offers: because our graduates are exceptional!

We offer a range of subjects that best prepare our graduates for the top courses, where universities prefer traditional subjects that lay solid foundations for more specialized study at degree level. All our international students study English for Academic Purposes, and there is ample personal 1:1 support for all.

See the separate options and course components and university placement booklets to find out about the annual Buckswood University Fair, subject options and the extensive range of degree courses and universities we are immensely proud to achieve with our graduates.



“Intelligence plus character – that is
the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King

BUCKSWOOD

100% University entrance
100% IB pass rate at 36+
73% A Level A*-C pass rate
87% GCSE & IGCSE pass
rate



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



Recognised worldwide, the International Baccalaureate is a challenging, broad-based diploma where students take six subjects over a two-year period.

In contrast to the A Level pathway, the IB calls for a wider range of six subjects to be studied at either higher or standard level and must include an additional language; so the programme is ideally suited to the international student or the student who is a gifted all-rounder who does not wish to specialise at this point of their academic career.

The programme is academically challenging, and requires students to undertake physical challenges, charity work and a ToK (theory of knowledge) components. At Buckswood, IB students can take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which sees them hiking over the beautiful English countryside or delivering charity work in Africa with the aim of promoting further personal development, as well as earning extra UCAS points!

The IB is a popular choice with international students as the IB diploma has a reputation for thorough assessment, giving diploma holders access to the world's leading universities in over 100 countries. Scored out of 45, an IB score of 38 is cited as the equivalent to 5 "A" grades at A Level by UCAS.

Buckswood has been running the IB Diploma for over five years now and is very proud to have achieved a 100% pass rate with an average of 36 points; enabling graduates to access their first choice of university.

See the separate Subject Choice and Course Components booklet to discover what IB study pathways are available.



UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COURSE

Business Management

The University Foundation Course (UFC) offered at Buckswood School is a one-year or two-year Business Foundation course and is preparation for undergraduate study.

The course is ratified by London University Royal Holloway and accepted by around 20 UK universities. Mirroring a degree course, the UFC is a blend of seminar lectures and self-study assignments that require good writing, analytical, evaluative skills and is a course-work based qualification.

The course provides a good grounding for employment in many areas, including: Marketing Management, Human Resource Management and the Public Sector, as well as preparing budding entrepreneurs who wish to start their own business.

In addition to completing the Business Management modules, students will be expected to achieve a level of English Language acceptable to UK universities. This may be a C grade (or better) in GCSE English Language or 6.5 IELTS.





IGCSE English Language
Cambridge IGCSE
Cambridge KET
Cambridge PET
Cambridge First
IELTS



“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.”

Nelson Mandela

For centuries, English has been the business and diplomatic language of the world; and the mastery of the English language has been the key to industrial trade and political relations success. At Buckswood we believe that good English skills underpin all else and have tailored approaches for native speakers and non-native speakers.

At Buckswood we not only deliver exceptional IELTS, PETS, KETS and Cambridge scores, we offer full immersion into English culture that makes all the difference in a world where you need to know more than vocabulary. With the formal aspects of ‘Englishness’ taken care of, our students are also prepared in the informal aspects of British life through their boarding and day-to-day interactions - what are the latest popular culture trends or the current slang terms? All of the Buckswood teaching staff are ESOL trained, so students are supported across the curriculum as well as in English lessons, and the ‘learning scaffold’ around every student including the VLE, weekly reporting and Access Time ensures that every student can achieve their potential.



MUSIC

“Music can change the world because it can change people.”

Bono (Paul David Hewson)



The Buckswood Music Department is possibly one of the most diverse on the campus. We believe that everyone possesses music; we all have rhythm because we all have a heart beating away in our chest! Without the need for words, everyone can benefit from learning to express their emotions through a musical instrument; and at Buckswood we teach them all!

Music and our love of the eccentric (we have the most Southerly Pipe and Drum band in the UK) is an integral part of everyday life at Buckswood; everyone is encouraged to perform in public. Our ‘give it a go’ atmosphere is an inviting stage!



THE ARTS



Part of the Buckswood mantra of 'preparing for life' is to prepare our students for life beyond the classroom. Whether they go on to work in finance, law or engineering they will only succeed if they have the ability to think outside the box. At Buckswood we look to the Arts Department to widen our students' minds through creativity in drama or artistic expression.

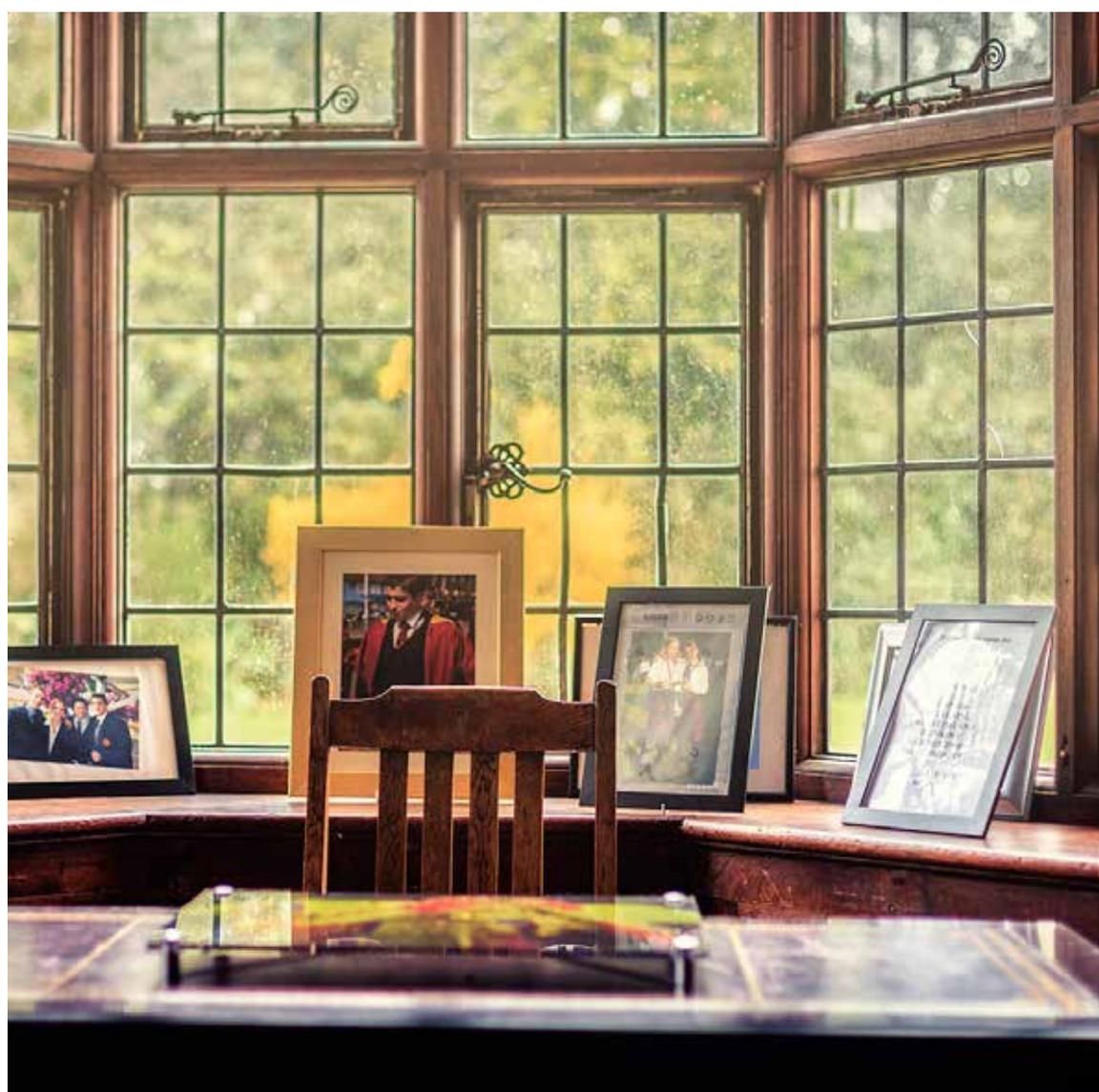
From form one pottery lessons, to dressing up as a Victorian street urchin in 'Oliver' or an Upper Sixth trip to London Fashion week, through the Arts our students study the past masters and define their own style, building confidence in their abilities and themselves.



THE CURRICULUM AS A WHOLE

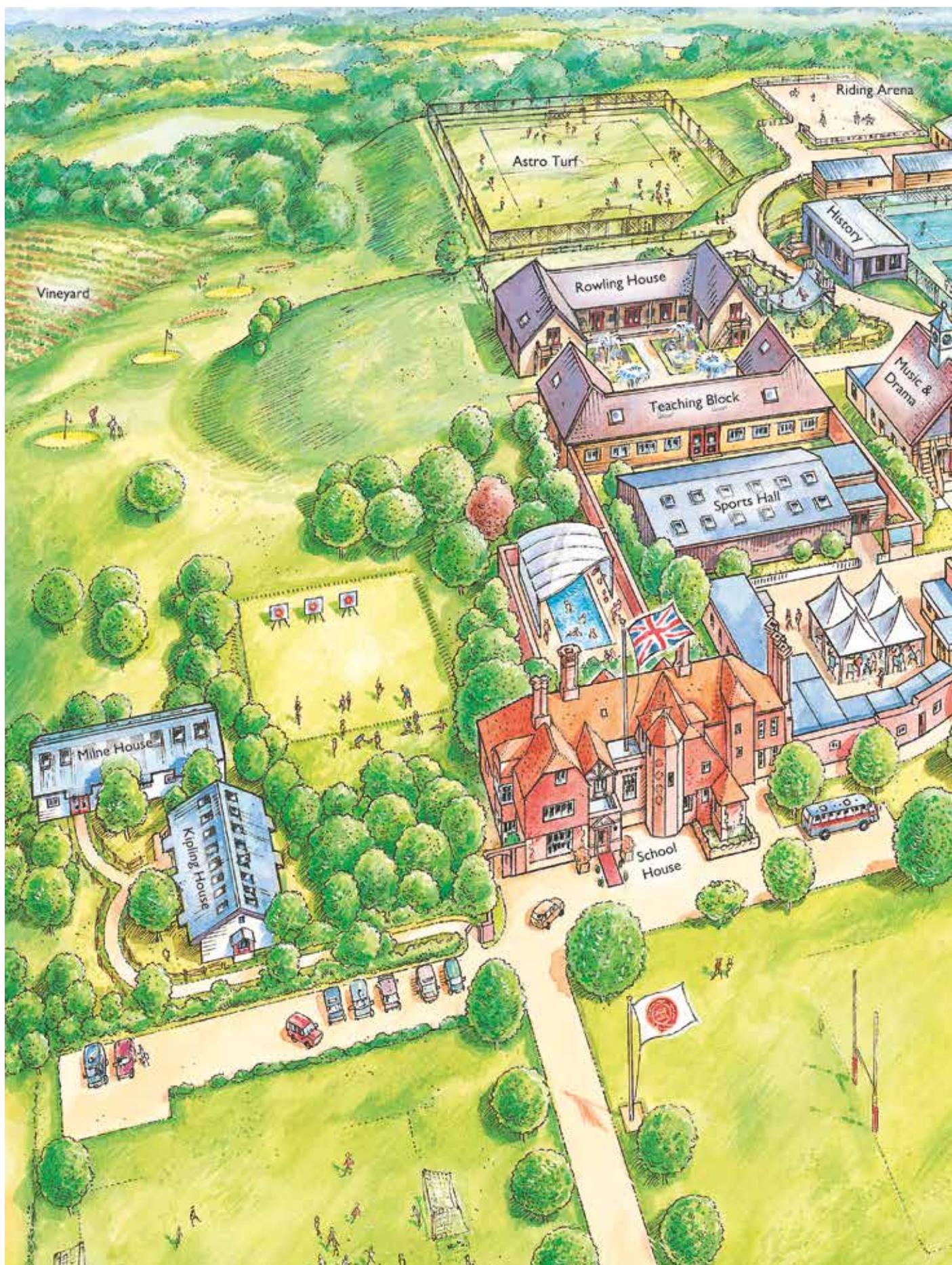


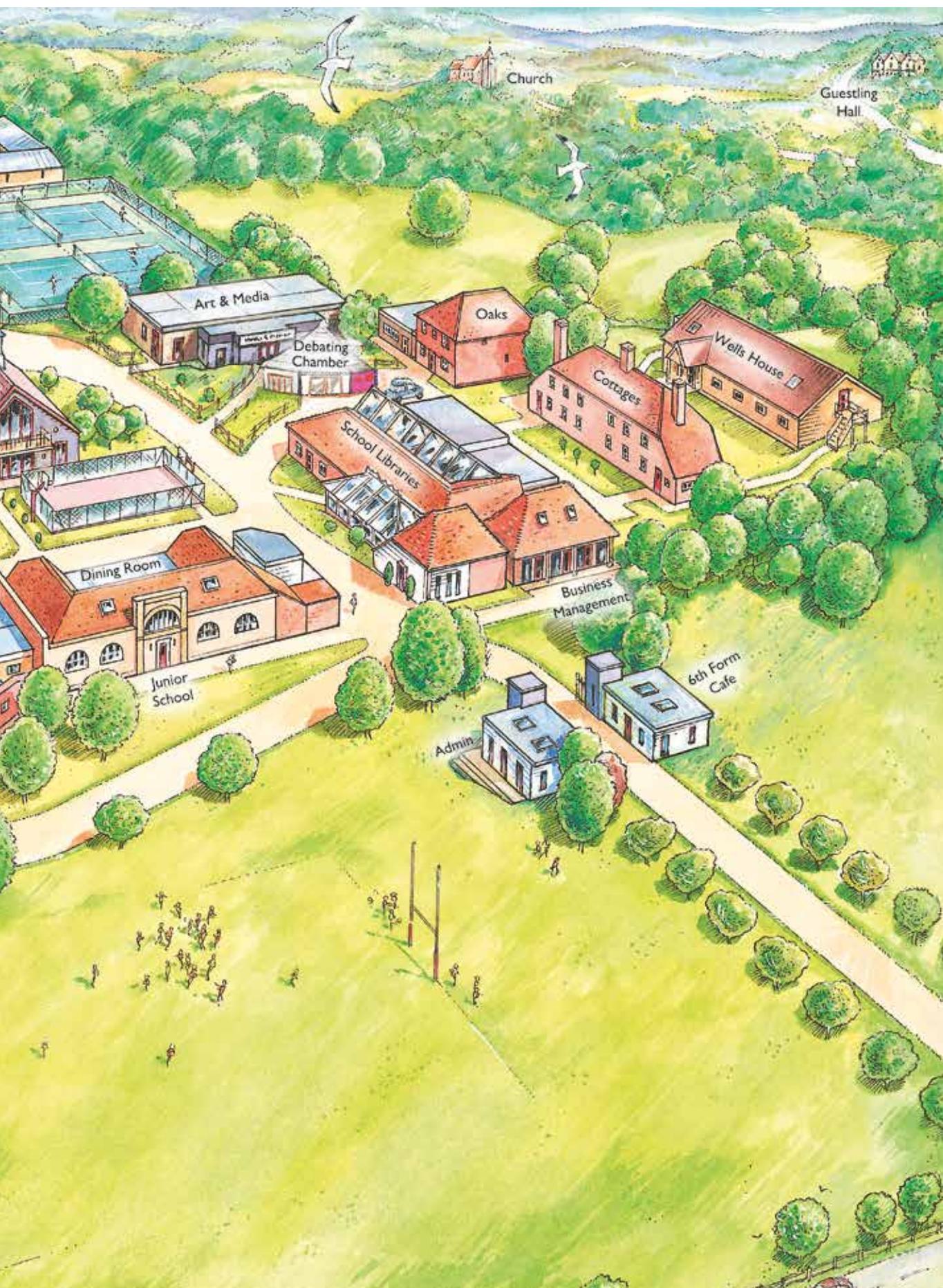
Not to neglect the less photogenic subjects, our curriculum is as broad as it is wide with 17 languages, dedicated sports academies, advanced courses in maths and science, to name-drop just a few. With rigorous academics and a 'learning scaffold' around each student, our aim is for everyone to reach their full potential. See the separate course options and course components booklet for more information on all of the subjects available.





A GLOBAL VILLAGE









SPORTS

Achievement



We all know that sport isn't for everyone; we might not like football or be a fan of cross-country running; but we all know that learning to have grit and determination is what gives us the stamina to see things through.

At Buckswood, we believe that sports should be competitive; the world is competitive and all our students have to learn what it takes to win. Every student represents the school and with a £200k professional gym, professional sports coaches and dedicated sports academies with associations with top-flight teams, every student gains strengths in leadership and tactical play that transfer into classroom success.

At Buckswood there is a sport for everyone! From archery, chess, fencing, flying, fishing, kick-boxing, judo, basketball, hockey as well as the traditional British sports played throughout the seasons like tennis, cricket, football and netball, Buckswood is a place where the beginner can dip their toe and try new sports or international champions can further their training.

See the supplementary Sports Academies (Golf, Rugby, Football, Equestrian and Performance) summary brochure and the Football Academy for more details and information on one-to-one tuition in sports, such as Tennis and Riding.





ACADEMIES

SEE SPORTS ACADEMY BROCHURES FOR MORE DETAILS.



Football Academy

Run by Buckswood Director of Football, UEFA Pro Licence coach, Daryl Willard and team.

- Technical Ability
- Tactical awareness
- Psychological
- Social
- Physical
- Scouting opportunities
- Professional trials



Football Academy

In association with Chelsea FC Foundation.

- Full Chelsea FC training kit
- Trips to Stamford Bridge
- Trip to Cobham training ground
- Football fitness testing with results certificates
- Technique sessions
- Professional scouts overseeing coaching sessions
- Sessions on forward play, finishing, 1-on-1s, midfield play and defending techniques



Golf Academy

Benefiting from on-site practice facilities and full-golf course access, this dual centre Academy aims to develop your game and give you the skills to impress on the golf course.

- PGA pro-coaching on golf course, Solid set up
- Fundamentals of the swing, putting, chipping and bunkers
- Mechanics of the game
- Flight simulator, Chipping targets
- Driving nets, Putting green
- Tour, Tournaments and matches



Rugby Academy

In association with Harlequins RUFC.

- Coaching sessions with Harlequin coaches
- Training session with the Quins at the 'Stoop'
- Premiership games trips
- Tailored gym programme
- Filmed training session and matches
- One-to-one and group coaching
- Academy rugby kit



Performance Academy

- Dance**
Ballet, Tap, Street, Modern, Jazz, Contemporary
- Singing**
Physical posture, Projection skills
Vocal range extension, Breathing and breath support
Diction and phrasing clarity, Overall performance
- Drama and Performance**
Musical theatre, Public speaking
Voice/speech and diction
Tone usage, Emotion and expression



Buckswood Equestrian Academy

- On-site Equestrian facility
- Beginners to advanced
- Stable Management
- Variety of disciplines
- BHS qualified staff and instructors
- Trips to Olympia, Ascot, Badminton, Burghley, Hickstead and Point-to-Point
- Floodlit Sand School
- Full livery available



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Most schools value their students by their abilities to pass exams, judging them on a narrow scale that they will never be assessed on in adult life. At Buckswood, we do not recognize the concept of the 'average' for everyone is different and we know that everyone is good at something, and we endeavour to find that something. We want our students to have a zeal for life, have passions and not be afraid to try something new. At Buckswood there are no after-school clubs because there is no such thing as "after-school." Schooling and learning go on until bed time – and students are encouraged to seek enrichment through their whole lives.



BOARDING

Living Together - Sharing



Living away from your family might at first seem a scary prospect; and even more so when you are considering living at your school! But when you think about it, it does start to make sense...

Consider having no commute to school, consider living and studying with your friends and having everything at hand to make your studies as easy as possible. Two hours' worth of help every night with homework, a ready-made social life with activities every night, trips to town every weekend, something special to do every Sunday after a long lie-in and brunch, and an address book filled with friends from across the world so you're never stuck without a place to go on holiday; it's starting to make sense now isn't it?

Rooms in the boarding houses are mostly en-suite and range from quad rooms (loved by junior boarders), to triple, double and single rooms which allow the older boarders to concentrate on their studies. Boarders share rooms with students from all over the world (but not their own country) so that English is spoken at all times, assisting rapid language progression. The houses are a mix of junior and senior boarders, and the senior boarders are great mentors for the younger or newer Buckswoodians who may need help with tying a bow tie or finding their way to BHS (Buckswood Health Service) where the qualified nurses and health staff are on hand to support house mistresses and masters with looking after everyone.



Guestling Hall



Rowling House



‘LADETTES TO LADIES’ PROGRAMME

Buckswoodian girls leave as ladies with the necessary deportment to command the boardroom as well as the social circuit. The ‘Ladettes to Ladies’ programme adds the finishing touches.

“Give a girl an education and introduce her properly into the world, and ten to one she has the means of settling well, without further expense to anybody.”

Jane Austen

THE WEEKENDS

Weekends at Buckswood are by no means just an excuse for endless shopping trips, letting your hair down or lazing around on a sofa completing the next level on a computer game.

With the Buckswood REST and SCORE approach to the weekend, our boarders achieve more than they thought possible and learn valuable independent living skills that will help them at university and beyond: finding the balance between what we have to do and what we want to do!

With their house tutors, students decide what they would like to do at the weekend and plan ahead to make sure they accomplish everything they want to.



Colour party



Girls' Boating



Paintballing



My dream car!



Saturday in town

With the modern world becoming more 'virtual' by the second, and our students becoming addicted to their phones and tablets we made a decision at Buckswood that our students needed help to survive 'wi-fi' free. With the purchase of 13 acres of nearby forest and the introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Buckswood, we wanted to teach our students to do more with their hands than type, swipe and write!

By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in an outdoor environment, each student has the opportunity to develop intrinsic motivation, sound emotional and social skills. The weekly timetabled visit to the forest school never fails to bring out a surprise leader, where a change in the 'theatre of learning' allows students with stronger practical knowledge to mentor their fellow Buckswoodians. The Duke of Edinburgh award programme allows our students to gain a highly regarded qualification and UCAS points, at the same time as officially recognizing their newly found skills.



"The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts."

C. S. Lewis



LESSON 9

When the bell rings to signal the end of prep at five minutes past five, the books are packed away and our students get active again! With a range of activities available for an hour every evening, at Buckswood there is never a reason to be bored, or not to be stretched or challenged!



SOME EXAMPLES OF LESSON 9 ACTIVITIES

Archery	Access Time*	Fencing	Pro Swim
Rugby	Tennis	Karate/Judo	Shooting
Football	Boxing	Golf	Dancing
Pro Gym	Swimming	Kickboxing	Riding

**available to boys and girls of all ages*

SOCIETIES

When our students join the Sixth Form, clubs give way to societies, as we begin to prepare them for the adult world and identify their career paths.

The focus of the societies is career based; this allows students to learn in more depth about their proposed university course & career. As part of their articles of association, each society invite two speakers per year, organize a trip per term, produce a project with tangible outcome per term, write a report per term for the society magazine, connect with a university, research work experience contacts, run an academic school promo/expo per year and mentor the Juniors.

	ENGLISH	MATHS	SCIENCE	ART	IT	BUSINESS	SPORTS	HISTORY	GEOGRAPHY
SOCIETIES	Journalism	Mathematics	Engineering	Architecture	Programming	Finance	Sport Management	International Relations	Geography
	Drama	Financial Maths	Sciences	Industrial Design		Marketing		History	Geology
	Film & Media			Fashion		Economics			Environmental
						Management			Tourism

FRATERNITIES

The school has three school fraternities and everyone must support one. The XII Club is home to all former prefects and the club upholds all school customs and traditions, including our annual special occasions. The Debating Society seeks to promote communication and understanding in line with the school mantra “I have no enemies I deal in dialogue”. Charity is the third important cornerstone in the workings of the school. Giving is more important than receiving, and all Buckswood students get involved in some form of charitable work.

THE VINEYARD

Well you do not find many schools with their own vineyard! Taking full advantage of our position on the South Coast with a sunny slope – what better resource to build for the school than a vineyard! Every department within the school is encouraged to use every facet of the forty-acre Buckswood estate and the vineyard is just one example where the science department studies life-cycles, the Business Department studies the cost of production; English Department enjoys reading among the shady vines and the Art Department has a wealth of opportunity to photograph, sketch and paint; Graphics produce the wine labels and Media assists with the marketing!

With a cottage industry right here on site, the parents get the benefit of trying the wine that is produced with the help of our neighbours - an award winning vineyard!



HALF TERM TRIPS

We often say at Buckswood that travel is the 'fourth dimension' in education. It assists in placing education in context, for it broadens minds and horizons, breaks down barriers, destroys misconception, enhances knowledge and promotes cultural understanding. It is for those reasons that Buckswood has a well-established programme of annual trips, organised in such a way that the trips on offer are entirely appropriate for everyone. These opportunities for personal growth and character building place Buckswood students ahead of the rest. The trips on offer establish greater maturity, self-discipline, personal organisation and the ability to prioritise; all are essential qualities necessary to enhance success. See separate brochure for further details.



Dubai



Skiing



Surfing



Asia

HOME FROM HOME

Buckswood is a home. It is a working estate, it is a school and most importantly it is a place of learning and friendship. The walls of the old 16th century manor house stand so strong because they feed off the laughter and happiness that exudes from the students. Just as a home, it is the people that make the place work; that are the heartbeat of the school. The Buckswood pupil understands that the gardener and the chef are just as important in the operation of things as the Headmaster or history teacher. Respect for those that help and work at school, as well as taking care of the beautiful surroundings in which they learn, is demanded from all; nothing excuses bad manners!

The safe, homely atmosphere is the ideal place for a child to develop with the security of knowing that they are succeeding and learning among friends. Their Buckswood family is there to support them as they develop essential life skills needed for a successful professional and personal adult life. A sense of self-discipline, resilience and a wider awareness of the world are strengthened through their experiences so that when the 'training wheels' are taken off; they have the independence and self-determination to drive themselves forward: knowing that they have been given the gift of a Buckswood education and knowing that they themselves are in the driving seat!



“Obstacles, of course, are developmentally necessary: they teach children strategy, patience, critical thinking, resilience and resourcefulness.”

Naomi Wolf



THE SWAZILAND EXPERIENCE

Charity

“Before I came to Buckswood, I had never heard of Swaziland. As a small, poor country adjacent to South-Africa, it had just never registered in my Central-European mind. Following recommendations from friends, I signed up for the annual trip. I had never been outside of Europe, so this was going to be an adventure... And what an adventure it turned out to be!

The landscape is magnificent. Sunrises and sunsets alone would make going worth it! While there, we restored a rural school. Many of the children did not have shoes or clothes other than what they were wearing when we met them. Their only meal, usually some form of porridge, was given at school. And still, one thing cannot be debated: those were, by far, the kindest, loveliest and most pure-hearted people I have ever met!

I experienced many things, from planting orchards, gifting food aid to the poor, to visiting an AIDS hospital. We totally immersed ourselves in local Swazi culture. We saw many things on this once in a lifetime trip, be it the most beautiful scenery, the wildlife in the game parks, to meeting the locals and the Royal Family. The friends I made sitting around the Buckswood House campfire will be with me forever! But... when I now think back, I think of the people, the sense of welcome, the pure joy, and the love they showed me. Coming to Swaziland has been the best experience of my life... and I promise to come back!”

(Tim Soestwoehner, Lower 6th & Buckswood Adventurer)

BUCKSWOOD

10 years of great work

30 students every year

Staying in our own Lodge

Supporting the ‘Royal Children Projects’

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

Aristotle





TRADITIONS



Tradition – may be a bit of an old-fashioned word and not one that is bandied around in modern school educational circles but here we think that tradition is a vital part of who we are and what sets us apart. We represent over 45 different nationalities, all with their own traditions. To unite all of these under one banner we have our own traditions, which is a melting pot of the best of everyone’s beliefs and culture so ours are a celebration of our unique community. Just as in the family house at Christmas or birthdays, families have traditions and here at Buckswood it is no different. We uphold the prefectorial system, we wear our bow ties for weekly assembly and we line up for everything. We think that structure and having customs and traditions with a bit of good old British “pomp and circumstance” turns the ordinary into something special. To experience a Buckswood weekly assembly or Prize Giving with bagpipes and gowns is a unique experience indeed!





EDUCATING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN SINCE 1933

Buckswood puts the finishing touches to young ladies and gentlemen who leave with the panache to walk through any door, break down any barrier and flourish in their adult lives.

This 'finishing' sees every Buckswoodian develop a decorum that is as at home in palaces as it is in a pauper's home. A Buckswoodian commands respect and is respectful of others.

Buckswoodians are as smart on the inside as they are on the outside!

Not only is a Buckswoodian equipped with a rich portfolio of academic successes but has the added benefit of a cultural and emotional awareness that empowers them to thrive anywhere in the world and seek opportunities wherever they lie.



"You can never be overdressed
or overeducated."

Oscar Wilde

GRADUATION

... IT'S ALL OVER ... PARTY TIME!



As a school we push every student to be the best they can be, and we believe in what we do. Therefore we always have a lot to celebrate! After two years of studying hard and calling upon everyone in the Buckswood family for support, graduation is the ultimate Buckswood celebration and we believe it has to be done in style!

Speech and Sports Day every year is the formal 'passing out' ceremony where the whole school and parents from around the world converge at the school to enjoy English summer strawberries and suffer the weather. For the Upper Sixth, the formal black tie cocktail party and limousine chauffeur service is their first taste of reward for working hard!!!



Head of Sixth Form



OLD BUCKSWOODIANS

THE EXTENDED FAMILY



Felix addressing the school



Goga Ashkenazi (OB) at Ascot – Buckswood is over there!



OBs, take over the Headmaster's study

It's not what you know, it's who you know. Given its eighty year history, the Buckswood family tree is an indispensable resource for younger members needing a leg up in any chosen career...

The OB network is proof of the value in the preparation for life we give to every Buckswoodian. Time after time, when a current Buckswoodian has found themselves stranded at an airport, in need of a work experience placement or an OB looking for a new recruit, a call out via social media or an email to the Headmaster has set the wheels in motion and help is quickly at hand.

Buckswood has OB's all over the world who are more than willing to help and advise, and likewise often return to the Headmaster for advice at various stages of their lives or careers.



Ablay: Bloomberg

"Buckswood gave me the leadership skills I needed for my degree at UCL and then my Masters at LSE"



Alexi: future ship's captain

"Buckswood gave me a wider understanding of the world, and the self-confidence to achieve my ambitions."

LOCATION



How to find us

Sat Nav: Enter the postcode TN35 4LT when you arrive at your destination keep driving and you will see our signpost and entrance gates.

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 Buckwood School on the right, near 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 Buckwood School on the right, near 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. Buckwood School is on the left.

If you require assistance with your journey, please do not hesitate to contact Buckwood School on +44 (0)1424 813813

"Here's To The Crazy Ones.

The misfits. The rebels. The trouble-makers.

The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently.

They're not fond of rules, and they have no respect for the status-quo.

You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify, or vilify them.

About the only thing you can't do is ignore them.

Because they change things.

They push the human race forward.

And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius.

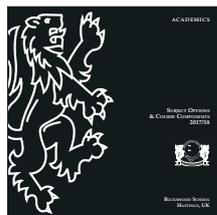
Because the people who are crazy enough to think they

can change the world – are the ones who do!"

Steve Jobs



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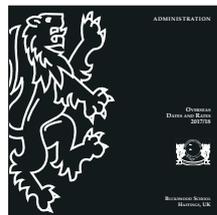


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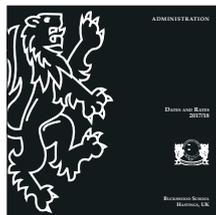
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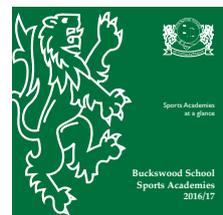
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UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS



SPORTS ACADEMIES BROCHURE



FOOTBALL ACADEMY BROCHURE



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BOSS BROCHURE



LIONS GROUP CENTRE BROCHURE



SUMMER PROGRAMME BROCHURE

