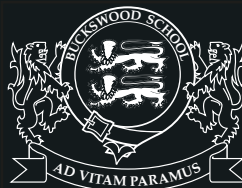


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Languages at Buckswood



BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL

A very British school, a very global outlook...

Hastings, East Sussex, UK

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Languages at Buckswood School: the philosophy

Cultivating global citizens

We believe that every student must aspire to be a global citizen with a rich understanding of the world and its people; and so learning languages at Buckswood is more than vocabulary, its about culture, people, food, politics and world development. Buckswood students are comfortable to live and work alongside those from all over the world a skill which is a highly valuable asset that will set them apart in later life.

- All juniors learn French, Spanish and Chinese
- All international students study 1 hour own language lessons and sit exams
- 17 languages available including Latin
- Annual British Council Mandarin speaking competition and Buckswood International Day
- Many Buckswood graduates take a degree with a language including Chinese at Oxford in 2017

Tailor-made language travel

At Buckswood we don't believe in just taking a coach-load of students to France for the day, or China for a week where everyone will speak English and want to spend their time shopping.

We aim to provide richer experiences to our students that deliver life-long benefits.

With trusted partners all over the world, we can combine interests to offer meaningful experiences so for example, if you are studying French and like horses we will find a placement where you can learn French at a French stables, or if you are learning Spanish we can arrange a stay with a Spanish or Mexican family so you can fully immerse yourself and become part of a real home and practise and pick up the language and learn what day-to-day life is really like...

So much better than a text book!

Case Studies

Sali, visiting Madrid and Alicante to learn Spanish

I have always been enthusiastic about acquiring new languages. After studying at Buckswood School for 3 years, I have been given the inspiration to study Spanish as my 4th language. As a consequence, I have been doing Spanish lessons for 7 months, in my final year of school.

To improve my speaking and listening skills and broaden my horizons, I had decided to do language courses in Spain for 3 weeks. I spent the first week of the course in the capital, Madrid. In this 7 days I was able to get known with culture, traditions and practice my communicating skills with native Spanish and international students. The following week I moved to the South part of the Spain, in Alicante. The language school was situated on the beach, which gave me a great motivation to complete the lessons with maximum effort.

I have seen a great improvement in my Spanish. This independent trip was the mixture of meeting new people, experiencing every detail of Spanish culture and becoming confident with the language.



Olivia, visiting Switzerland to learn French and Swiss cheese!

In lower sixth I was given the opportunity to spend a week at in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Since I have been studying French for 5 years, I saw this as a great opportunity to improve my language skills. During my visit, I was able to try traditional Swiss dishes and explore the area's history.

I also visited the famous Swiss cheese village—Gruyere where I learned about Swiss cheese-making culture. Ultimately, not only did my French improve, but I also gained an insight into the culture and traditions of a Francophone country.



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