



## BOARDING AT BUCKSWOOD | SEPTEMBER 2019

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### Hello!

It's the start of a new school year again. We, in the boarding school, are very excited about the year ahead. This first week of term has been exciting and chaotic as we settle into new houses, new routines and get to know one another. There has been some stress... and lots of laughter!

This week we featured in the local press! Hastings Observer featured the headline "Hastings school on fire: six fire engines sent to the incident". As is usually the case with the press, it sounds more dramatic than what it was. However, it gave us a great chance to practise our fire drills.

At this point in the school year, we have seven boarding houses: Residence 2 (with Mr Harry), Residence 3 (Mr Robert), Residence 4 (Mr Duncan and Mr Bartek), Residence 5 (Miss Maria), Residence 6 (Miss Jenny), Residence 7 (Miss Jill) and Residence 8 (Miss Carol). We also have our two super cover tutors, Mr Josh and Miss Melodie. We will be introducing ourselves to you over the incoming weeks.

Our big boss (after Mr Sutton, that is!) is Mr McLean. He has just arrived in Buckswood, but has many years of experience in education and boarding schools. He will also be living on campus with us. We'll get him to introduce himself in the next issue.

**Tying a bow tie** may seem to be a skill that modern men do not need to know, but it can come in handy for formal occasions... and it's different! A bow tie allows you to be an individual in our contemporary society which often seems to engender homogeneity. Part of 'the Buckswood's difference' is that we like to be different!



So, this week we learnt how to furnish our necks in style. Miss Maria in Residence 4 gives special mention to Nik for his tying skills who needed so much assistance in prep the day before that he slept with his bow tie on!

I am Miss Jill, Buckswood's Lead Residential Tutor. I am from Northern Ireland but have spent the last 8 years living in Asia. After graduation, I worked as a grammar school teacher for 5 years. Then, having moved to Cambodia, I worked as International Communications Officer for a non-government organization called Care for Cambodia. I also worked part-time as a translator. In my free time I love to exercise. This year I completed my first triathlon: New Zealand Ironman. While I love my busy work life in Buckswood, I try to still keep fit when I can!



# Some thoughts on the first week from boarders...

*It's Saturday morning and we have a full schedule of archery, shooting, football, cookery, and much more! While supervising, I have asked some students about their week...*

## **Agnieszka (Poland)**

This week I was so pleased to be given my gown. The gown is awarded to me as a senior prefect. There are 5 senior prefects, including the head of school: 2 girls, 2 boys.

## **Wandze (Swasiland)**

Today I am doing archery for the first time. I am excited about learning a new skill. It is more difficult than I thought! Next week I think I will be doing yoga.

## **Dias (Kazakhstan)**

This is my third year in Buckswood. I am now in Upper Sixth. I am studying Economics, Accounting, Maths and Russian.

I really enjoyed Mr Sutton's speech in Assembly. It was really inspirational and made a lot of sense. I think he is a great man.

This year I am in Residence 4 with Mr Duncan. I am motivated to work hard this year and hope the house is not too noisy.



## **First Assembly (by Zoe, Residence 7)**

*An old tradition in Buckswood is the weekly Friday Assembly. On September 13th, the Buckswood students had their first Buckswood assembly of the year. Mr Sutton, headmaster of the school, did an interesting speech about life in Buckswood and the rules of the school. After a fabulous music performance from Stephen Marsh, the new senior prefect were given their purple gowns. Then, one of the co-principals, Mr Samson, introduced the Blue gown prefect to the school. Mr Shaw, the other co-principal of the school, gave a pin to a few students that they earned by achieving the bronze boarding badge that they did last year. After that, Mr Samson, said a few words about the previous week and finally, Mr Sutton said the School prayer, a key tradition, which ended the assembly*

## **Upcoming Events**

*Next Saturday night boarders will have the opportunity to see if they can break any of the Guinness World Records! One example: **Most M&Ms eaten in 1 minute blindfolded using chopsticks**; **Title holder**: Ashrita Furman (USA); **Record to beat**: 20; **Rules**: You can only pick up one Smartie or M&M at a time; **Which of our residences is going to take the prize on this one?***

