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FOOTBALL ACADEMY
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BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL
HASTINGS, UK

Football is a language that everyone speaks, and it can be used to change lives. It's more than keeping fit, it's about respect, team building, trust & confidence.

-David Beckham

If you want to be the

Welcome...

...to the Buckswood Football Academy. I must confess I know little or nothing about football itself, though I do stand on the touch line and support very enthusiastically. However, what I do know is that there are many young boys and girls that have a talent in this field and I want to be able to help them reach their goals. I will give them every opportunity I can to ensure that they get the very best so that they can reach their ultimate goal. Not everyone will go on to play football professionally, they may reach National or County standard or end up playing for their University, their future employer's team or just in a friendly Sunday league. Whichever pathway they take I want to be able to ensure that we give them that opportunity so that they have an outlet that will help them to have that feeling of achievement and fulfilment. Facilities are of course important and every parent looks for the quality of the astro turf (and Buckswood is well equipped for good sport tuition), but more importantly I believe is "esprit de corps". All teenagers must have strong mentors to guide them and encourage them to be the best and our football coaches and support staff do just that, both inside the classroom and on the field, and it works. I am always amazed by the dedication of the Football Academy squad, out practising in all weather, learning to work as a team and pushing themselves to be the best; what more can one ask? Too many nowadays just aim for the norm; the football coaches here instruct and instil a sense of purpose, belonging and a "can do" spirit.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR



Charles - Old Buckswoodian
Position: centre-back
Previously Studying: UFC Football
Now reading Sports Management at Marjon
University & playing for the University Football team

best you have to train with the best...

The Academy...

The Buckswood Football Academy is a development centre for players to receive the necessary focus in terms of training hours and provide the quality of coaching and support needed to promote players through the player pathway to a potential professional career.

What makes the Buckswood Football Academy different?

Where the Buckswood approach differs from other Football Academies is the balance struck between football training and education; and the breadth of qualifications on offer from English language courses, short term academic courses, GCSEs, IGCSEs, A Levels, IB and a University Foundation Course in Football Studies. We recognise that players need to maintain a high level of education at the same time as developing their playing ambitions and keep career options open.

The Buckswood Academy has over 70 players from Europe, South America, Asia, the Caribbean and Africa, so every member of the Academy soon becomes a more adaptive, versatile player as they learn different styles of play, making them a valuable addition to any team.

An extensive fixtures list in local, regional and national competitions, matches against professional teams, European tour schedule and numerous scouting and trialling opportunities ensures that every member of the Buckswood Football Academy gets the chance to showcase their talents and take their football to the next level. So if you are aiming for a professional career on the pitch or are a dedicated player looking for an educational program that incorporates football, Buckswood is the right choice for you.

Does it work?

When you join the Buckswood Football Academy you are becoming part of our family, and walking in the foot steps of those who have gone before you. Being one of the leading school based Football Academies in the UK, you will find our past players making their way in the professional world of Football both here and abroad. And for those who find their passion lies off the pitch, we have a long history of Academy students going on to semi-professional careers and Sports related degrees at the UK's top universities.

Pro training

Why should I join the Buckswood Football Academy?

The Buckswood coaching approach...

When you are looking at joining any Football Academy there are a number of questions you should ask to be confident that you are investing your time and energy in the right way. So what should you find out?

1. Who will be training me?

At Buckswood your Football coaches are led by the Head of Football (an FA A licenced coach). Working with the Head of Football is a team of professional UEFA qualified coaches with specialities that stretch across the game from video analysis, goal keeping to strength and Conditioning. Our health team support the coaching staff with physiotherapy, general health and fitness. You will be the best if you are taught by the best.

2. What opportunities will I get?

Buckswood competes at the highest level of English School Football, competing both at County and National level. Because of the quality the Buckswood Football Academy produces (consistently finishing in the top four in the UK), our teams are also eligible to play against professional and semi-professional academy sides such as Gillingham FC, Hastings United, Maidstone United, Lewes FC.

3. What makes Buckswood different?

Not only will you maintain your academic studies in a British boarding school environment, you will benefit from training with players that are already competing at the top levels for their age group and playing with players from all over the world. In the Buckswood Football Academy you will learn from each other and become a truly rounded player, able to play in different styles which will make you a more adaptable, flexible, skilful player with the attitude and ability to fulfil your potential.

, pro connections, pro opportunities...



Nic - Old Buckswoodian
Position: forward/wing
Previously Studying: A-levels
Now reading Law at De Montfort University
& playing for the University Football team

Success stories...

How successful is the Academy in placing players?

With Buckswood Football Academy players in professional leagues around the world already, you can rest assured that if you have the talent, we have the right programme to help you towards a professional career up the player pathway. Every year we have 100% of our players in front of professional scouts and we regularly chaperone our players to professional trials both in the UK and in Europe to give them the support and guidance they need to make the most of the opportunities ahead of them.

U15 Football team Quarter finals in the PS SS National Cup

U16 Football Finals in the ISFA Shield

U19 Football team Finals in the Kent Cup

Players are placed with International football clubs

2018: 3 players signed for Rayo Vallecano de Madrid

80 students in the academy from 35 nationalities



Contracts & trials

- ★ Hyeokjun, South Korea – deal with **FK Ventpils, Latvia**
- ★ Takuki, Japan – trialled at **Manchester City**
- ★ Nicholas, UK – pro contract with **Spanish Football Academy**
- ★ Alonso, Mexico – trialled at **AC Milan, Ajax and Deportivo Leganes**
- ★ Juan, – trialled with **Malaga FC**
- ★ George, Ghana – trialled in **Eastern Europe**
- ★ Albert, Ghana – trialled in **Eastern Europe**
- ★ Malachi – signed **Crystal Palace**
- ★ Won – National U18's player
- ★ Kane – National U17's player, trialled at **Reading FC, AFC Wimbledon and Bournemouth FC**
- ★ Terem – trialled at **AFC Wimbledon**
- ★ Aaron – National U20's player, trialled at **Port Vale 1st Team**
- ★ Anton – trialled at **Cheltenham Town FC**
- ★ Michael – trained at **West Ham Utd**
- ★ Bobby – trialled **Reading FC**
- ★ JJ – U12 Sussex County Captain
- ★ Prince – trialled at Colchester Utd
- ★ Austin – trialled at Mansfield Town



FC MÁLAGA CITY

Nicholas
FC Malaga City



Ibrahim
Foça belediyespor (Turkey)



AFC Wimbledon
@AFCWimbledon



A superb strike from second-half substitute Kane Crichlow wrapped up a 4-2 victory for #AFCW over Reading on Saturday. Pic: @wright_stephen_@ProSportsImages



Hyeokjun

Signed pro deal at
FK Ventspils in Latvia



Archie

Signed at
Brighton & Hove Albion FC



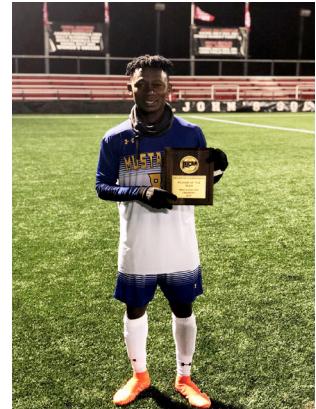
Salas

Signed with Pachuca (Mexico)



George

Monroe Mustangs College
Soccer in the USA. Njcaa
region championship player of
the year.



Buckswood: where talent meets oppo

Our facilities...

Just like the game itself there is more to Football at Buckswood than a pitch! At Buckswood you will find not only a coaching team more highly qualified than any other school based academy and a wide reaching academic programme but you will find an Astro turf pitch, a grass pitch, video Analysis suite, a physio room, health centre, leisure pool for warm-up and a professional gym. For games we travel to play at Eastbourne Borough Football Club to give the players the feel of playing in a top stadium and to develop our attractive style of play on a first class surface.

For the past ten years, we have been developing the Football provision at Buckswood, resulting in the Buckswood Football Academy being rated among the best in the UK.

With most Academy players boarding at the school, the comradery between the players is strong and with unlimited access to the gym, swimming pool and evening activities such as fitness training sessions, and match trips; the Buckswood football experience produces well-rounded, successful graduates.



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Football at

International trips & competitions

The Buckswood Football Academy racks up hundreds of miles every season playing in local, regional and national competitions; finishing top of the local league and fourth in the UK last season. To challenge our players we organise an international trip each year.



International Trips

Our international tour takes our players out on the road to experience the world of football at the home of some European giants! Staying at, training with and playing matches against other Academies, and watching matches in Europe's most famous grounds makes our Academy players work harder and find hidden passion that drives them ever closer to their career goals.



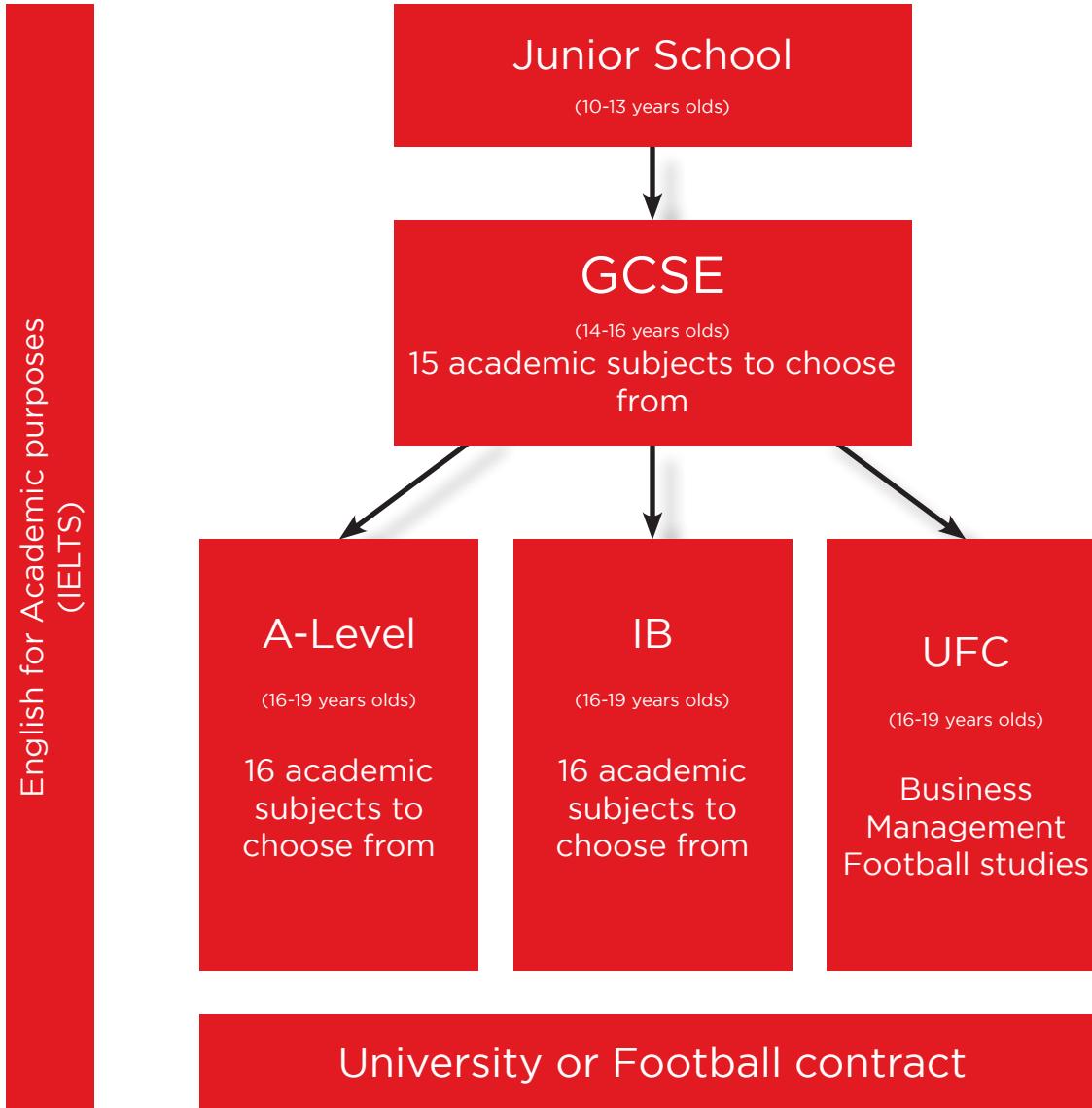
Recent trip destinations:

- ✓ Atalanta Training Camp (Italy)
- ✓ St George's Park and training with England coaching staff
- ✓ Barcelona International Tournament
- ✓ Villarreal (Spain) International Tournament



Buckswood: it's time to get serious...

Educational pathways



Life after Buckswood

A key question – ‘where will this academy take me? What doors will it open for me in the future?’ Below are some choices that hard working, ambitious players will have...

Playing Contracts

In the academy we aim to help players reach their goal of securing playing contracts at both semi-professional and professional football clubs. Through our staffs contacts we are able to get players trials at a selection of clubs.

Please Note: This is obviously something that is only for the elite players who possess the necessary skillset to make that step.

An example of this route is former Buckswood Football Academy player Archie Davies who trialled for Crystal Palace before signing a scholarship with Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club. He then progressed through the U18 and U23 teams at Brighton before making his first team debut in October 2019 in their 3-1 loss to Aston Villa in the Carabao Cup competition.

John Robinson Football Scholarship in USA

We’re delighted to be linking up with John Robinson Soccer USA to offer Buckswood students a fantastic opportunity to progress their football careers coupled with gaining a degree in their desired subject. We feel that the balance of education and football that John’s scholarship programme offers will help our players once there time at Buckswood School has come to an end.

For more information please visit www.johnrobinsonsocceruk.com

University

Depending on grades achieved, students can progress onto university in a wide range of different subjects. As a school we are proud to say that all our students receive offers from their chosen UK universities. This is down to the strength of the support they receive and their excellent applications. Remember, you also have the option to change subject when moving on to university, for example moving away from the sports pathway and choosing to study an unrelated subject. It’s the UCAS points at level 3 which allow university access, not necessarily the subject specifically.



...Football beyond the classroom



Since I was young, I have always had an eye on the goal, my love for football from when I was a kid up until now has never faded. From playing in the metal cages on the streets of Paris to playing for a professional young footballers academy, Paris Football Club. I realised how much more opportunities are available for me out there. I searched for a school that provided football with outstanding education.

Buckswood was my outright choice and I knew that I made the right decision. The proposed plan, the style of football and the academics. The balance and the feel of football and education was right. It was every kid's football dream at the time and it came to fruition. After 2 lovely and fun filled years, I felt I improved enough to take the next step in my young footballing career. I went to Orlando, FL to graduate from an elite athletes High School and from then I embarked in my professional footballing career.

I was offered a scholarship to play for the Southern New Hampshire University soccer team where I played for one year. Then I made the jump back to Europe and after short spells in Romania, I signed my first professional contract with Meap FC in Cyprus.

Buckswood continues to support me today.

Ernesto

Work experience available
in local clubs and sporting
associations

Enquire on application
depending on your specialist
area: playing, merchandising,
management, marketing, etc

Academy highlights...

- ✓ One match day experience per season.
- ✓ 8 hours of high quality training sessions with UEFA Qualified staff
- ✓ Competitive matches at local, regional and national level
- ✓ Pre-season training camp
- ✓ Two gym sessions a week
- ✓ Individual and team video analysis sessions on our HUDL Platform
- ✓ Matches are filmed and players and parents have access to watch them.
- ✓ Personalised individual development programs
- ✓ Fitness testing twice a year with Premier League Strength and Conditioning staff
- ✓ Specialist goalkeeper training every week
- ✓ District and county trials for our top players
- ✓ John Robinson USA scholarship showcase and packages
- ✓ Unlimited use of all school sports facilities
- ✓ The Football Association Get into refereeing award
- ✓ One match day experience at a premier league club
- ✓ FA Youth Cup tickets to watch the top U18's in England
- ✓ Nutrition and Psychology workshops
- ✓ Stadium Tour at a Premier League Club
- ✓ Physiotherapy in our on-site surgery
- ✓ Academy trip
- ✓ The Football Association Level 1 in coaching football
- ✓ Off season training plan to help recovery and preparation for a new start.

Where are we...

From Heathrow: take the 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 the M23 to London to join M25 eastbound, take 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 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.



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