

Tuesday 12th October 2021

Newsletter - Week 6



Message from the Headmaster

Another great week of challenges, experiences, learning and fun! We have played matches against other schools in most sporting disciplines and we have celebrated with a Caribbean evening! There is a good atmosphere of 'purpose and drive' around campus which is really great to see. Those who have talent in various areas have weaved practice time into their timetables, from golf to tennis to 3D model making, and the Oxbridge candidates are stuck in the library 24/7!

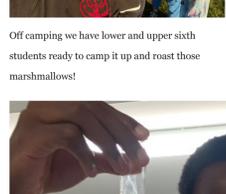
We cancelled assembly this week to take advantage of the time to catch up on our studies and to ensure that we are all fit and well for our jobs on Wednesday. I was most impressed by the 30 scholars in my form group, nearly all of whom have had or were having the job this weekend. It is really great to see students taking responsibility for wearing masks around the school. We have protocols in place, however the best education we can give the scholars is to understand the importance of being responsible themselves, as COVID, in whatever form, will be with us for a while. Being responsible for yourself, and therefore the community around us, is essential.



The Rugby Academy training



Finn & Lasse, members of the golf academy



Buckswood in the tropics - golf



Rugby

Academic Notices - Mr Shaw

Next week is Assessment week, but not for all students. This academic year, we have restructured our assessment policy - a summary can be found by clicking on assessment policy below. Our objectives is to produce a more rigorous and effective assessment system, which maximises learning time, whilst also decreasing exam pressure. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Shaw at mshaw@buckswood.co.uk

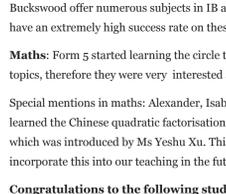
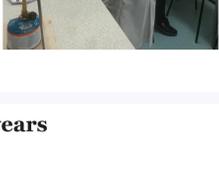
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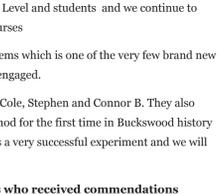
News from the Sixth Form



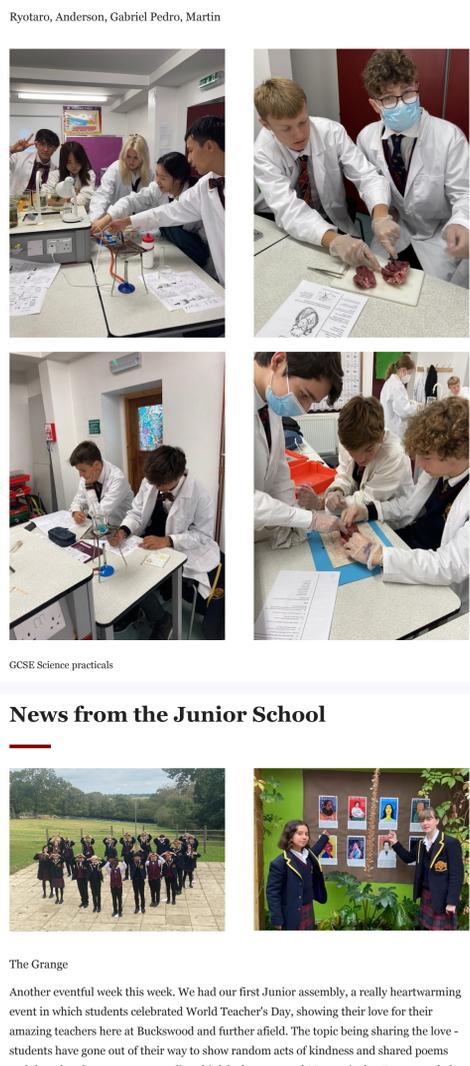
Celebrating National Noodle Day and World Vegetarian Day with Shota, Luka and Elizaveta - dishing up the salad



Off camping we have lower and upper sixth students ready to camp it up and roast those marshmallows!



Decorating the science room we have sixth form students and juniors working together - a real collaborative effort!

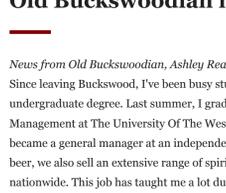


And when it comes to studying, no one is more serious than Gabriel. This is Gabriel testing the pH of milk - all in the name of his 4000 word extended essay. Of course, such efforts all go towards his future career path - studying physiotherapy, sports science and/or something in the biomedical realm.

Special mentions this week:

To those who helped out with Saturday's Open Day - Ryotaro, Elizaveta, Grace, Edouardo, Luka and more.

Winning the positive points so far this term, we have, in the lower sixth: Ryotaro and Szymon, Finn, Juan, Jana and Carlotta with Jana overall winner. Well done Jana! In the upper sixth, shout outs all go to the girls, especially Misra, Yara, Marianna and Lulu with Lulu a clear winner! Keep it up Lulu.



IB Science practicals



News from the GCSE years

Form 5

Please contact spodejers@buckswood.co.uk regarding Form 4 or Form 5 issues.

The form 4 and 5 continue to work hard. This academic year will pass quickly and its vital that they start to revise for their assessments and exams. For any support in this they can contact me on teams for hints and tips to achieve exam success

Students can attend access time. They can contact their teachers to arrange this

Buckswood offer numerous subjects in IB and A Level and students and we continue to have an extremely high success rate on these courses

Maths: Form 5 started learning the circle theorems which is one of the very few brand new topics, therefore they were very interested and engaged.

Special mentions in maths: Alexander, Isabella, Cole, Stephen and Connor B. They also learned the Chinese quadratic factorisation method for the first time in Buckswood history which was introduced by Ms Yeshu Xu. This was a very successful experiment and we will incorporate this into our teaching in the future.

Congratulations to the following students who received commendations

Form 4

Dylan, Max, Cristina, Carl, Morris, Lasse, Claudia, Ellie, Lulia, Luma

Form 5

Anatoliya, Alfie, Stephen, Kalel, Jannis, Tommy, Eloise

Rugby players from Form 5

Congratulations to the following who represented the school v Cardinal Newman (rugby). Although the game was lost (24-29) it was an excellent match

Ryotaro, Anderson, Gabriel Pedro, Martin

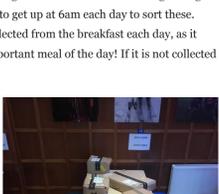


GCSE Science practicals

News from the Junior School



The Grange



Another eventful week this week. We had our first Junior assembly, a really heartwarming event in which students celebrated World Teacher's Day, showing their love for their amazing teachers here at Buckswood and further afield. The topic being sharing the love - students have gone out of their way to show random acts of kindness and shared poems and thoughts that encourage us all to think before we speak! In particular, I commended the students on their sensible, thoughtful and considerate approach to our school rules.

It has been a pleasure to see the children embracing every opportunity this week. They were thrilled to research and design rockets and to discover the contributions made by female scientists to science during World Space week.

One of the highlights for me this week was Mr Lappin's junior English class chanting different poems in various classrooms around the campus. What a wonderful way to deepen our appreciation for poetry and to encourage literacy in students. We thoroughly enjoyed - it my sixth form class were most impressed. The sessions have been a wonderful mix of technology and creativity and the students have thrown themselves into learning.

Other events this week:

In Chinese, students were eating seaweed

In sports, the youngest juniors were leading the way and showing our older juniors what to do in a challenge of fitness and fun!

In Spanish, students were learning months of the year and birthdays - of course there was no mention of mine being March 12th!

All the juniors should feel proud of their achievements and accomplishments this week.

Special mentions:

Tibbie, Luke and George who received their junior gowns and have been recognised for their contributions around the school.

Alieta and Axelle for beautiful readings in assembly.

Illia, Naheeba, Joe and Zion for excellent rackets.

Sho, Lilly, Chengzi, Mohammed and Celia for fantastic ATL and commendations

Sporting news

Sports Newsletter

Old Buckswoodian news

News from Old Buckswoodian, Ashley Read:

Since leaving Buckswood, I've been busy studying and working part-time alongside my undergraduate degree. Last summer, I graduated with a 1st in Economics and Business Management at The University Of The West Of England. After finishing my studies, I became a general manager at an independent craft beer shop within Bristol. As well as craft beer, we also sell an extensive range of spirits, sauces and graphic novels and deliver nationwide. This job has taught me a lot due to the high number of responsibilities I've been assigned. However, I knew that I had more potential than this, so I decided to start a Master's in Business With Supply Chain Management (UWE) as I hope to enter the distribution or logistics industry next year. I'm excited for the year ahead, and I'm aiming to get a distinction.

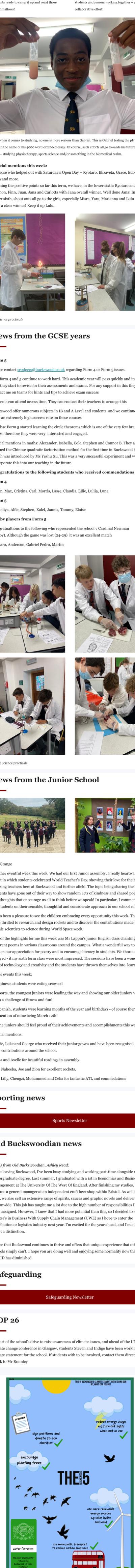
I hope that Buckswood continues to thrive and offers that unique experience that other schools simply can't. I hope you are doing well and enjoying some normality now that COVID has diminished.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Newsletter

COP 26

As part of the school's drive to raise awareness of climate issues, and ahead of the UN climate change conference in Glasgow, students Steven and Indigo have been working on a climate statement for the school. If students wish to be involved, contact them directly or speak to Mr Bramley



Boarding activities



Inter-house singing competition



Safari



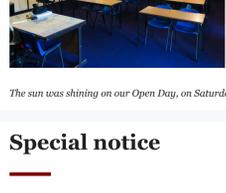
Cooking up a storm



Apple sauce making



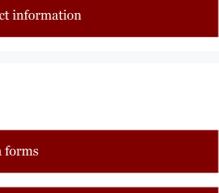
Open day



The sun was shining on our Open Day, on Saturday

Special notice

The post: To be honest this is excessive! Every day it seems to be like this. Where are the students putting it all? Please help me slow this down I know that we live in a 'one click materialist society' but logistically this is stretching us to the limit in terms of delivering packages and getting rid of the excess Amazon cardboard. If this does not slow down a bit I will have employ someone to be in charge of packages with the distribution charge being forwarded to the client as it is killing me having to get up at 6am each day to sort these. Below is a typical day's worth of post. Post is collected from the breakfast each day, as it means that students have to attend the most important meal of the day! If it is not collected that morning it is returned to sender.



The day to day school diary

The day to day digital calendar: what's happening?

Attendance

Our Attendance line is 01424 815915 if your child is going to be absent or email pa@buckswood.co.uk. Any pre-arranged absence should be requested via the absence form in the Forms Section on the school website <https://www.buckswood.co.uk/permissions-forms/>

If parents need to take their children out of school before the end of the school day, please sign out in Reception.

Contacts

Department contact information

Useful links

[Permission forms](#)

[Curriculum plan and options - click here](#)

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