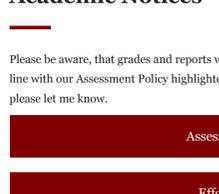


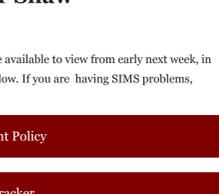
Message from the Headmaster

A serious week of revision and study – well done to all. But it is sometimes the little things that make all the difference, from chopsticks to pumpkins. Each year I set the boarders the chopstick challenge (the day houses will have a go after half term). Let me explain... As our school philosophy binds all that we do together, Pillar 12 is entitled, developing international understanding. The aim of our activity, was to ask members of our Asian community in the school, to show the rest of us how to use chopsticks. So, we set a competition to pick up x amount of skittles and move them from one place to another - the winner is the person that can move the most in the quickest time. OK a bit of fun, but more importantly it has been great to see good international mentoring, as well as our scholars learning a most valuable lesson in life – how to use chopsticks! well that perhaps ticks pillar 9 in our valuing philosophy – saviour faire!

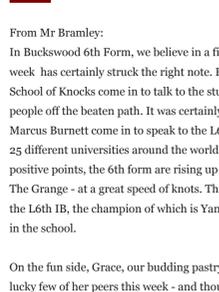
Buckswood is a special place, so perhaps over half term go online and reaffirm your understanding of our school philosophy and perhaps try and fill out the 'how Buckswood are you' form (available here) – are you taking full advantage of every opportunity that is given to you?



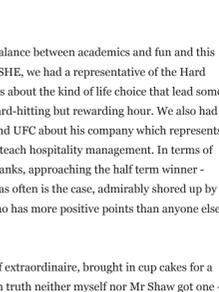
Pumpkin carving



Learning how to use chopsticks



Getting dressed up for supper



Permission forms

We have been running our permission forms using google forms and a pdf writer. Unfortunately, there has been a partial meltdown and therefore we have re-written these and embedded them into our website. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused. However, while rewriting them I have simplified the arrival and departure forms to make the form filling operation a lot more streamlined for you: https://www.buckswood.co.uk/permissions-forms/

Weekend activity programme

Plan ahead: view the weekend activity programme here

Academic Notices - Mr Shaw

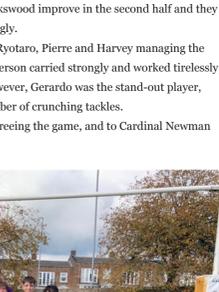
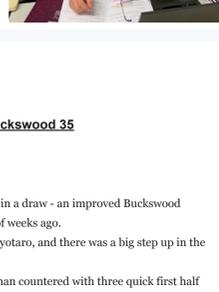
Please be aware, that grades and reports will be available to view from early next week, in line with our Assessment Policy highlighted below. If you are having SIMS problems, please let me know.

Assessment Policy

Effort Tracker

News from the Sixth Form

From Mr Bramley: In Buckswood 6th Form, we believe in a firm balance between academics and fun and this week has certainly struck the right note. For PSHE, we had a representative of the Hard School of Knocks come in to talk to the students about the kind of life choice that lead some people off the beaten path. It was certainly a hard-hitting but rewarding hour. We also had Marcus Burnett come in to speak to the 16th and UFC about his company which represents 25 different universities around the world that teach hospitality management. In terms of positive points, the 6th form are rising up the ranks, approaching the half term winner - The Grange - at a great speed of knots. This is, as often is the case, admirably shored up by the 16th IB, the champion of which is Yana, who has more positive points than anyone else in the school. On the fun side, Grace, our budding pastry chef extraordinaire, brought in cup cakes for a lucky few of her peers this week - and though in truth neither myself nor Mr Shaw got one - usually we have at least our fair share! Up in TJs the pool table has been taking a hammering and the Day pupils have been working hard to ensure they get invited to the Halloween movie on Wednesday. All in all, I agree with Mr Sutton who recently commented on the fact that the mood around the school campus has been very positive. Well done one and all!



News from the GCSE years

Commendations in KS4 were awarded for: Mathematics: Katie, Lullia House points: Claudia, Kaspar, Lullia English: Lullia, Clara Science: Nacho, Alexander, Clement, Cristina, Marvellous Melinda delivered an excellent reading 'The Field' in assembly on the 15th October. Kaej, Yago from 5Y and other boarders went to Bella Napoli this weekend – a traditional Italian restaurant, where they report that they had excellent pasta, pizza and steak. They would love to recommend this place to everyone to try next time they are in Hastings and want a good meal. Jackson, a talented rugby is in the Harlequins U15 Developing Player Programme (DPP) serves as the entry point to the talent pathway for Harlequins academy, and represents the place where players will be identified and developed with a view to selecting those players with the greatest long-term potential to join the Harlequins Academy Player Development Group (PDG). Engaging players aged U14 – U16, the DPP is a development programme which interacts with and complements school, club and county playing programmes, to provide further development opportunities for young players without the conflict of competition.

News from the Junior School

What a start to the Buckswood year! This half term has flown by so quickly. Well done to all students - their successes and achievements so far will be rewarded with a spectacular Halloween cinema treat taking place in the Great Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Well done to those students who received the magic positive points required to attend.

This week's learning journey in the junior school includes: Geography, where students were learning about the nature and characteristics of volcanoes. In Science, students were looking into how different environmental conditions influence the location of organisms. Students also demonstrated the use of quadrats and transect belts. In History, form 3 students have been learning about the suffrage movement and building the empathy, passion and fury felt by women of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as those involved in anti-suffrage campaigns.

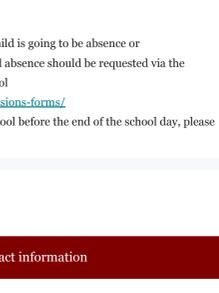
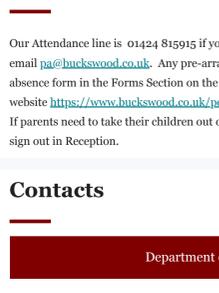
Continuing with world literacy day, students across the junior school were having a go at writing poems in different languages, Spanish, French and Chinese and trying to make them rhyme, a challenge that the students will tell you I was quite frankly disastrous at!

It was lovely to see lots of team building activities in PSHE as the students talked about different types of emotions, deciding how we may rank them in order of most to least difficult to manage. Discussing emotions is vital when it comes to helping students to become mentally strong and able to relate and sympathise with each other.

We are so proud and thankful to how all the Grange students have settled in and responded to their new environment. All the students thoroughly deserve a relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming them back after the half term.

Grange extracurricular activities: If you are interested in joining any of the clubs, please see Mrs Bramley or Mrs Godon for further information. Monday: Rugby or Tennis Tuesday: Basketball Wednesday Fitness fun - gym: Indoor Hockey Thursday: Skipping club Starting after the half term girls' football and netball during lunch break

Special mentions: Daisy - star of the junior school this week Layan - Maths success Yamen - Maths success Gabriel - Our sports star Isabelle - fantastic ATL Nabeeha- Science



Rugby

Cardinal Newman development 35 Buckswood 35

14/Oct/2021

Test match 2 between these two schools ended in a draw - an improved Buckswood performance from the narrow defeat a couple of weeks ago. Buckswood scored five tries, all converted by Ryoaturo, and there was a big step up in the general organisation and one-on-one tackling. Surprisingly Buckswood scored first, but Newman countered with three quick first half scores. The introduction of Harvey helped Buckswood improve in the second half and they took the lead, before Newman responded strongly. New boys Richard and Aiden developed, with Ryoaturo, Pierre and Harvey managing the game effectively. Mani, Kysei, Gabriel and Anderson carried strongly and worked tirelessly, whilst Prosper was his usual powerful self. However, Gerardo was the stand-out player, contributing not only four tries, but also a number of crunching tackles. A big thank-you to Harry for coaching and refereeing the game, and to Cardinal Newman for playing us at short notice.

Crossword of the week

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Newsletter

COP 26

Infographic titled 'THE 5' with tips for climate action: sign petitions, encourage planting trees, use more renewable energy sources, use more public transport, reduce energy usage.

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

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

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Useful links

Permission forms

Curriculum plan and options - click here

Residential staff information - click here

Safeguarding & The Wellbeing Hub