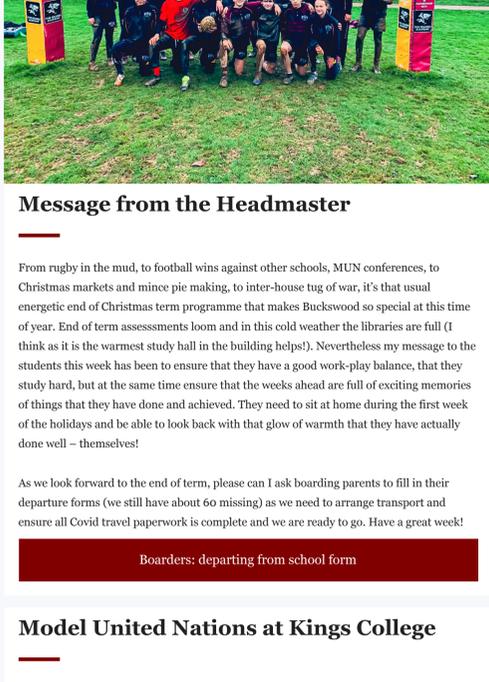


Tuesday 30th November 2021

Newsletter - Week 13



Message from the Headmaster

From rugby in the mud, to football wins against other schools, MUN conferences, to Christmas markets and mince pie making, to inter-house tug of war, it's that usual energetic end of Christmas term programme that makes Buckswood so special at this time of year. End of term assessments loom and in this cold weather the libraries are full (I think as it is the warmest study hall in the building helps!). Nevertheless my message to the students this week has been to ensure that they have a good work-play balance, that they study hard, but at the same time ensure that the weeks ahead are full of exciting memories of things that they have done and achieved. They need to sit at home during the first week of the holidays and be able to look back with that glow of warmth that they have actually done well – themselves!

As we look forward to the end of term, please can I ask boarding parents to fill in their departure forms (we still have about 60 missing) as we need to arrange transport and ensure all Covid travel paperwork is complete and we are ready to go. Have a great week!

Boarders: departing from school form

Model United Nations at Kings College

BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL DELEGATION TO LONDON INTERNATIONAL MUN AT KING'S COLLEGE LONDON
Winning Best Delegation Award!

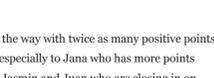
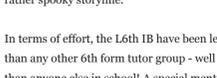
Between 19-21 November 2021, Buckswood School delegation participated at the London International Model United Nations debating competition where very successfully among more than 250 students from the UK won the Best Delegation Award.

Delegation was formed under supervision and preparations of the teachers Mr Seymour and von Breithen Thurn, and made of the following students (who are members of the Buckswood Debating Society): Danil L (Chair of the Debating Society), Mark N, Andrei L, Oliver S, Jonathan W, Shota S, Huseyn A, Kyesi M, Rustam Z, Steven M, Ardov, Therese F, Ksenia K, Ana Luiza, Cao, Juan , Finess N and Kirill P.

Students were allocated to represent different countries in some of the United Nations committees and organisations. Simulating the work in reality and debating about international issues and decision-making processes on global level. Our students has shown great enthusiasm and effort to participate in debates and also they were making great points and observations. Through such activities our students developing their skills especially related to debating, negotiating, public speaking, researching, quick-thinking, international affairs, international law and learning about countries and international organisations. Furthermore, activities like this are also very positive addition for the achievements and university applications.

Buckswood School is very proud and happy to have such brilliant students which made great representation of our institution on national the level. Especially to mention achievements of Shota S, awarded the Best Delegate Award in his own right and Cao, awarded the Honourable Mention in his own right.

Congratulations to all!



Christmas celebrations at school

Carol service at school.

The Sunday lateral flow test for boarders will take place at lunch. The Carol service will take place at school as advertised. For any day students or parents wishing to attend please bring evidence of a negative lateral flow test, completed in the previous 24 hours.

The Christmas Balls

These will continue as advertised, but again, a negative lateral flow test result will have to be submitted to allow entry! As it is an inside event masks will be expected to be worn.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding with this.

Departing from school forms

Boarding student parents, please do not forget to complete your departing from school form as soon as possible. This form includes your taxi booking request & whether a PCR test is required. A link to the departing from school is linked below.

Boarders: departing from school form

Academic Notices - Mr Shaw

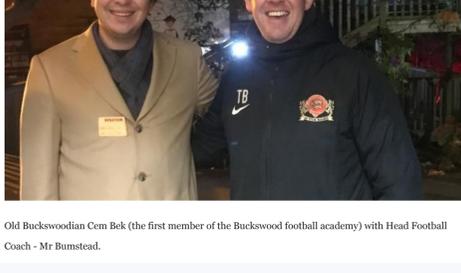
Following the recent announcement from the Department for Education on face masks in schools, I wanted to detail our approach for the final 2 weeks of term.

- Masks are mandatory in communal spaces for all (Dining Hall, Tjs, Hive, corridors, library).
- Students without masks will be asked to leave these spaces (unless exempt)
- Teachers are producing seating plans so we can clearly highlight close contacts, if required.
- Teachers have been asked to think about appropriate mitigation strategies, appropriate spacing, reduced group and paired work etc.
- Form 4 parents evening will move online this week

We would appreciate all in the community pulling together on this, so we can get to the end of term without the need for isolation. We remind all of the need to regularly wash hands and use hand sanitiser.

Assessment Policy

Effort Tracker



Xmas cards, designed by Form 3

News from the Sixth Form

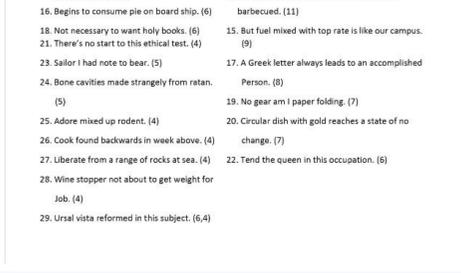
Well the temperatures have dropped here at Buckswood but spirits are still high. The next two weeks are all about assessments and everyone in the 6th form is revising hard, as overseen by their stellar form tutors, Mr Cloughton, Mr Morris, Mr Davies, Mr Ngulube and Mr Sutton.

Not that we haven't had time to get out and experience a bit of culture - namely the Legend of Sleepy Hollow at the Devonshire Park Theatre in Eastbourne. The L6th really enjoyed their time in Eastbourne and the show was very dramatic - lots of special effects and a rather spooky storyline.

In terms of effort, the L6th IB have been leading the way twice as many positive points than any other 6th form tutor group - well done especially to Jana who has more points than anyone else in school! A special mention to Jasmin and Juan who are closing in on their red badges. In the U6th, the point scorers range across both A level and IB, with Edoardo our top scorer on the IB and Yara and Lulu both smashing through the 100 point level.

The sixth form ball fast approaches with a James Bond theme - so time to break out those cocktail dresses and sharp suits but perhaps not the Walther PPKs! If you wish to put it in your diary, the date is Wednesday, December 8th.

Well done to the following students received bronze certificates in the UK Senior Maths Challenge... Anyi, Emir, Szymon, Roberto, Prem & Caspar.



News from the Junior School

As you will no doubt have heard, we began our countdown to Christmas this week and we have had some very busy elves creating activities for our Christmas markets. This week will see a combination of work hard, play hard as we enter assessment fortnight.

Please do encourage your children to look over their work in preparation for the tests - after which we will of course break up for a well-deserved Christmas holiday. Speaking of Christmas - juniors are off to a cinema screening of Elf at the Kino in Rye on Monday and on Thursday afternoon, students will be invited to our annual Christmas markets - please do send your child in with some money to spend.

This week also saw our juniors focussing on teamwork as they were set different challenges to complete encouraging a team building spirit. Joy, laughter, and lots of competition was great to see - as was the students working so well together.

What we were learning this week:

I had the opportunity to watch some excellent presentations from children in junior school and one student completed energy resource posters exploring the problems associated with the burning of fossil fuels along with discovering renewable energy resources. This is because our juniors have been learning about the impact of coal and iron on the industrial revolution. Did you know that blast furnaces could be up to 60 metres tall? (That's the size of a tower bridge, or 15 houses stacked on top of each other!

In History, students were learning about the Spanish Armada. Following on from poetry week, in English students are learning the Lebanese Civil War. In Maths, they were studying frequency and algebra for the upcoming assessment. In Chinese they were learning different body parts. And PSHE was all about sex and drugs - leading us to our next junior debate - Are All Drugs Bad for You?

A reminder please for all students to bring in a contribution for the Christmas markets particularly seeking home-made goodies...

F3 Special mentions:
Fayline, Tibbie, Zlata & Tai

F2 Special mentions:
Sepehr & Isabelle

F1 Special mentions:
Joe, Dinah & Layan

Old Buckswoodian news

Old Buckswoodian Robert Ward, speaking with Buckswood students before continuing on his pupillage to become a barrister - congratulations Robert!

Old Buckswoodian Cem Bek (the first member of the Buckswood football academy) with Head Football Coach - Mr Bumstead.

Access time

Click here to view the access time schedule

Safeguarding

School counsellor - website - click here

Protecting children from bullying and cyber-bullying info

Sport

Cloughton edges a Thriller.

Team Cloughton U16 40 Team Rens U16 30

Match report by Jackson

On Thursday the 25th of November, Buckswood U16/15 played a Cloughton v Rens inter-school match in preparation for future competitive matches.

Team Sutton captained by Anderson scored first from a loose ruck ball with Moneo racing down the pitch to score. Team Cloughton captained by Gabriel got themselves organised after conceding early to quickly score 3 good tries after great rucking from Kaspar and Lasse.

At half-time the score was 20-10 to Cloughton, the second half saw a hungry Rens team, and they played themselves back into the game with some hard tackling and rucking. However, it was enough as team Cloughton ran out deserved winners.

It was impressive to see the mix of rugby veterans alongside some excellent Buckswood sportsmen and the game was played in great spirit and excellently refereed by Ryorato.

This Wednesday sees the 1st team play Skinners away and it was pleasing to see some great numbers at rugby, despite the weather.

Photographs of the victorious 1st team v Hurst and Saturday's wet, but fun, rugby session.

Across

1. Record 1 place in eastern order. (10)
8. Utterly exhausted in push others made. (4)
10. Essential to add backwards to Temperature. (4)
12. Noble gas messed up part of the body. (5)
13. Girl recited before a meal. (5)
14. Facial feature changed over very long Periods of time. (4)
16. Begins to consume pile on board ship. (6)
18. Not necessary to want holy books. (6)
21. There's no start to this ethical test. (4)
23. Sailor I had note to bear. (5)
24. Bone cavities made strangely from ratan. (5)
25. Adore mixed up rodent. (4)
26. Cook found backwards in week above. (4)
27. Liberate from a range of rocks at sea. (4)
28. Wine stopper not about to get weight for Job. (4)
29. Ursal vista reformed in this subject. (6,4)

Down

2. A group of fish may be found here. (6)
3. Completeness of grey tin it turned into. (9)
4. King and endless emperor find a student. (7)
5. King Cole with charged particles make these. (7)
6. Once changed cute dad 'e was knowledgeable. (8)
7. Mother and the others at International Citizen. (8)
11. Wetland and plant provide a sweet to be barbecued. (11)
15. But fuel mixed with top rate is like our campus. (9)
17. A Greek letter always leads to an accomplished Person. (8)
19. No gear am I paper folding. (7)
20. Circular dish with gold reaches a state of no change. (7)
22. Tend the queen in this occupation. (6)

Weekend activity programme

Crossword

Plan ahead: view the weekend activity programme here

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 absence or email attendance@buckswood.co.uk.

Any pre-arranged absences should be requested via the absence form in the Forms Section on the school website: <https://www.buckswood.co.uk/permissions-form/>

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

Residential staff information - click here

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