

Tuesday May 3rd 2022

## Newsletter



### Message from the Headmaster

On Thursday 28th April our U16's produced a stunning comeback to beat Rossall School in the final of the Independent Schools FA (ISFA) Cup. Roared on by 44 supporters, who made the 5 hours journey to support the team, Buckswood came back from 2-0 down at half time to win 4-2. Goals from Nicklas (2), Taiga and Senshin were enough to give Buckswood yet another national final victory. With more finals on the horizon (including one on Friday), the academy goes from strength to strength. Well done to Trevor, Darren, Dan and all of our academy players, for an excellent season of success.

### Open Day

This Saturday (7th) between 10-12am, the school hosts its final Open Day of the year. If you know anyone who is interested in receiving a tour of the school, please ask them to contact Jane at [future@buckswood.co.uk](mailto:future@buckswood.co.uk)

### Sports & Speech day

Sports & Speech day is Saturday 18th June 2022. More details to follow. Please RVSP with the link below.

[Sports & Speech day RVSP](#)

### Message from the Academic Principal

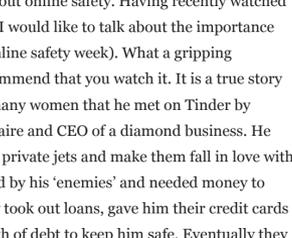
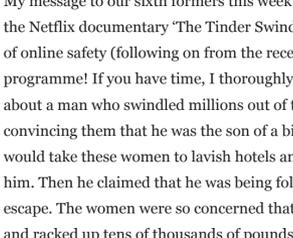
Last week, IB students kicked off exam season and this week it is the turn of our GCSE cohort, with IGCSE Geography taking place on Wednesday. It has been great to see so many students attending Access Time and getting down to some serious revision. We understand that this is the first time exams have been sat in the UK for over 2 years (due to the pandemic), as such, we are trying to support out students in various ways in order for them to be as confident as possible. In order to support our GCSE students, this week we commence 'GCSE takeover days' which gives students the opportunity of a half/full day of revision in core subjects. On Tuesday we have a full morning of revision for Geography, on Thursday and Friday it is the turn of Science. We hope these sessions will prove beneficial to our students, and supplement the work they are doing at home/in boarding. Good luck everyone!

### Junior School

We are all very happy to have everyone back to enjoy the summer term. Teachers are busily preparing for some exciting summer trips/events linked to topic learning. Last week saw some of our students get back to nature exploring and celebrating environmental topics surrounding World Earth Day. Students took advantage of our amazing outside space here at Buckswood to study the different types of trees, exploring the flora and fauna. Students discovered interesting facts about the benefits of certain plants for alternative medicine and presented several facts on different types of trees from around the world. Some of the girls visited the greenhouse and helped water the plants: Mr. Sutton next academic year. Students will be presenting their World Earth Day event in assembly to the headmaster next week.

Staying on the environment theme, form 3 will be giving back to the community by doing a charitable beach clean down at Rye Harbour on Thursday. The headmaster's focus has continued to be centred on well-being and it was so nice to see the form 2 students baking chocolate muffins, garlic bread and even frying an egg! For the children and staff Mr Sutton was most impressed by the culinary skills of some of our youngsters. Form 1 and 2 students will be visiting Dover Castle and form 3 will be going on a fun day out to Knockhatch. The Junior school took over the headmaster's 'board of success' this week - well done to all those students who made it on there.

- Star of the week - Yulia
- Academics - Oscar
- Kindness - George and Joe
- notable progress - Pauline
- world earth day ambassadors Tillie, Nabeeha and Dinah



### GCSE

[GCSE news - click here](#)

### Sixth Form

My message to our sixth formers this week is about online safety. Having recently watched the Netflix documentary 'The Tinder Swindler', I would like to talk about the importance of online safety (following on from the recent online safety week). What a gripping programme! If you have time, I thoroughly recommend that you watch it. It is a true story about a man who swindled millions out of the many women that he met on Tinder by convincing them that he was the son of a billionaire and CEO of a diamond business. He would take these women to lavish hotels and on private jets and make them fall in love with him. Then he claimed that he was being followed by his 'enemies' and needed money to escape. The women were so concerned that they took out loans, gave him their credit cards and racked up tens of thousands of pounds of debt to keep him safe. Eventually they found out that everything they had been told was a lie and were left with a huge debt. What is even more shocking is that the man who conned them is free, claiming that it is all a lie.

The point is, as you all know, the Internet allows people to make up all sorts of stories - in this case, what is called a Ponzi scheme - but this is of course not just about money. Social media is an amazing tool when used properly but like fire, it can burn those who use it unwisely. Unfortunately, there are so many imposters out there who use the net to be deceitful and for their own gain. So please use your common sense and be safe online.

As for last week, as you can see, our sixth formers have recently been peer-mentoring with Tanguy featured teaching Science to form ones. Elsewhere in the school, it feels as if all our wonderful students are gearing up for the upcoming exams - both those who have finals and those who have end-of-year assessments. As you can see from the photograph, our IB students in particular are hard at it, with several students attending Mrs Bramley's extra Biology lesson this Sunday. But of course, with Mr Sutton's focus this term being on health and wellbeing, our students are also looking to balance out all their hard work with lots of extracurricular activities - from volleyball on the front field to walks in the woods. In this way the sixth form is leading the school when it comes to two of the Headmaster's twelve pillars - sport and wellbeing. In the photo you can see one of our upper sixth students pumping iron in the gym, allowing those endorphins to run wild, ready for another session with the books!

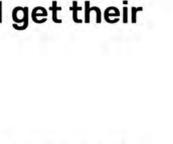


### Uniform

Please do read the link below, about our updated uniform policy

[Uniform](#)

### Vaccinations



#### 12 to 15 year olds can still get their COVID-19 vaccination

##### Here's how:



**At school.** Our immunisation service may be visiting your school soon, please check your school website for dates. Make sure you've completed a consent form (the link for this has been emailed to you by your school).



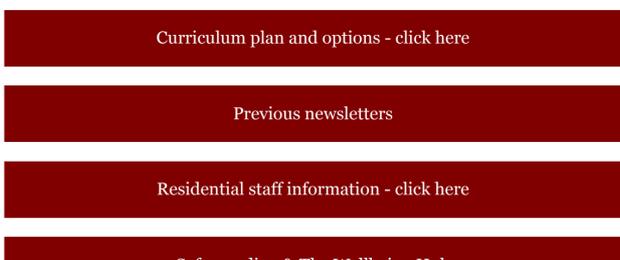
**Missed the school session?** Book onto a dedicated children's community clinic. Check the acknowledgment email sent to you when you submitted your consent form (it's from [noreply@cinnamon](mailto:noreply@cinnamon)) and there will be a link to search for local clinics and book an appointment.



**Visit a vaccination centre.** Book an appointment at [www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine) or by calling 119. Walk-ins available at Churchill Square, Brighton and Northgate, Chichester.

If you have any questions or need help to fill in your consent form, please call us on 01293 227797.

### Boarding activities



The Buckswood Golf Academy

### Useful links

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