

Challenge

GCSE

2 YR

15-16 YEARS OLD
FORM 4-5
KEY STAGE 4



"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."
- Margaret Mead

At Buckswood, our curriculum aims to be broad and inclusive, but with enough flexibility to allow each student to develop their individual strengths and interests. Learning is a journey of academic and personal discovery, in order to be successful, it is important students choose appropriate academic pathways which will prepare them for the next stage of their education. We believe our curriculum, equips our students with the necessary academic and social skills, to thrive as international citizens in our globalised world.

TWO YEAR GCSE - The two year GCSE programme begins in Form 4 and is made up of core subjects that everyone must take and a further 3 subjects in which they wish to specialise. All student on the 2 year GCSE programme will take – English Language, English Literature, IGCSE Mathematics, Science (combined, double-award). Non-native speakers are taught English Language separately from native speakers. All student in Form 4 must also select 3 further subjects, divided into 3 option blocks.. For the budding Scientist, Triple Science is available as an option, which will result in them earning 3 distinct science GCSE qualifications when taken alongside core double award Science. Non-native English speakers can also continue to study their own language and lessons are arranged outside of the regular curriculum for them*.

(*link to language form: <https://www.buckswood.co.uk/permissions-forms/language-lessons-2/>)

GCSE 80%
grades 8-4

IB Average
32 points

A level
63% grades
A*-B

FORM 4 (TWO YEAR GCSE)	Option	Subject
	Core 1	Games
	Core 2	English
		English as second language
	Core 3	Maths
	Core 4	Science
	A	Business
		Computer Science
		Graphics
		Geography
		PE
	B	Business
		French
		History
		Geography
	C	Art
		Triple Sci
		Spanish
		Chinese
		History

FORM 5 (TWO YEAR GCSE)	Option	Subject
	Core 1	Games
	Core 2	English
		English as second language
	Core 3	Maths
	Core 4	Science
	A	Business
		Computer Science
		Graphics
		Geography
		PE
	B	Business
		French
		Spanish
		History
	C	Geography
		Art
		Triple Sci
		French
		Spanish
	D	History
		Chinese

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