Subject: Business & Economics

Department mission statement:

“We prepare for life” and at Buckswood the preparation for the business world is a combination of academic challenge & practical focus, providing the all important real world experience employers desire.

Five Facts about Business & Economics at Buckswood:

1. International teaching staff with a wealth of industry & classroom experience
3. Hands-on, real life enterprise challenges in ‘live’ businesses such as the sixth form café - Broomham Trading Company & the Buckswood Vineyard
4. We offer specialised extra opportunities with partners. Such as: the London Academy of Trading, JP Morgan & BMW
5. Our UFC course is ratified by 23 universities for assured entry upon graduation

Five recent achievements:

1. Accounting A-Level pass rate is three times higher than national average
2. 100% A-Level pass rate in Economics & Business
3. 100% of scholars studying Business go on to the top 40 universities
4. 97% UFC pass rate
5. Active Business society that organises and hosts school events such as balls, charity sales & E-Commerce initiatives

Recent Department trips and lectures

- Entrepreneur Live, BMW, Brighton FC, JP Morgan & the London Academy of Trading

Teachers in the department: I. Mowat (MA & BA), C Marsh (MA), C Mulligan (BACC), D Chapman (BA), I Coleman (BA) & C Richards (BSc, MA & Examiner)

Competitions entered
IFS Student Investor - ranking on the leaderboard!

Exams
AQA

Exam Results
A-Level Economics & Business
81% pass rate
Subject: English & Media

Department mission statement:

English is the passport to the world!

Five Facts about English & Media at Buckswood:
1. Department staff are real world people with professional experience
2. Head of department AQA + OCR
3. We have three main disciplines: English Literature, English Language & Media
4. Strong focus on spelling & handwriting
5. LAMDA - Monologues and dialogues

Five recent achievements:
1. 100% pass rate at A-Level & IB
2. Whole school literacy policy to ensure exam readiness
3. New exam board to allow for two academic English qualifications
4. Merits and distinctions in LAMDA exams
5. Authors club with published books

Recent Department trips and lectures
• Visits to the school: Shakespeare theatrical company & a song writing masterclass (lyrical composition)
• Hastings storytelling festival
• A vast array of theatre trips throughout the year for education, life learning & fun!
• Cross-curricular expedition to Iceland studying ancient Icelandic sagas

Teachers in the department: E. Hannavy-Cousen (MA, BA & PGCE), S. Cassidy (MA & PGCE), C. Lappin (MA, BA & PGCE), J. Lucas (MA, BA & PGCE), L. Bramley (BA & PGCE), T. Seymour (BA, PGCE)

Competitions entered
• Young crime writing challenge
• War poetry awareness competition

Exams
WJEC

Exam Results
A-Level English Literature 100%
Subject: Geography & Global Citizenship

Department mission statement:

Going places where others haven't been.

Five Facts about Geography & Global Citizenship at Buckswood:

1. Cross Curricular links with other subjects and KIP sessions – for example recent sustainable development links with Nigeria & Georgia
2. Fieldwork focused approach to learning
3. International flavour of cohorts reflects global nature of the Geography curriculum
4. We are on the doorstep of unique Geographical landscapes (Hastings & the south-coast)
5. The individual is at the heart of the learning experience, all lessons use an abundance of ICT & media to enrich experiences. We also have an interactive role play approach to learning disaster mitigation

Five recent achievements:

1. 100% A-D pass rate at A-Level Geography & World Development
2. 80% A-C Pass rate in Geography & the controlled assessment
3. Record number of our scholars going on to study Geography at leading universities
4. Over 3500 hits on the department VLE page
5. Scholars adopt a globalised open-minded world view, global citizenship is achieved with vast knowledge of topical human and physical interactions

Recent Department trips and lectures

- Iceland: Blue Lagoon, Eyjafjallajökull, Gullfoss, Geysir!
- Lake District: Blencathra FSC Centre
- London Rejuvenation: from Elephant & Castle, the London Olympic Park & the Docklands
- Local tourism & coastal enquiries: in local unique landscapes - living Geography!

Teachers in the department: R. Hurton (BSc & PGCE), M. Shaw (BSc), P. Shaw (MA, BSc & PGCE) & C. Barnett (BA)

Competitions entered

Guardian Geography

Exams

AQA

Exam Results

GCSE Global Citizenship
78% pass rate
Subject: History, Government & Politics

Department mission statement:

Journey through time to foster sense of global citizenship.

Five Facts about History, Government & Politics at Buckswood:

1. History - civil rights in the 1960’s spanning the globe over 2000 years
2. History, Government & Politics is taught at A-Level
3. International staff teach with a global perspective
4. We are situated in the Birthplace of England, surrounded by a wealth of Historical monuments
5. Government & Politics looks at ancient city states to modern democracies

Five recent achievements:

1. A* to C GCSE pass rate 75%
2. 100% pass rate at History A-Level
3. 83% pass rate at Politics A-Level
4. Introduction of History in IB
5. Our Head of Department is an expert contributor to Government Policy papers

Recent Department trips and lectures

- Houses of Parliament; Chartwell; Ypres and its environs; Suffragettes: film at Rye Kino
- Lectures from current top MPs at Westminster
- Military costume, armour & weapons workshop

Teachers in the department: A. Carter (BA & PGCE), N. Attwood (MA), K. Hogan (BA & PGCE)

Competitions entered
BBC inspiring History competition

Exams
OCR and Edexcel

Exam Results
GCSE History 75% pass rate
A-Level History 75% pass rate
Subject: ICT

Department mission statement:

Equipping scholars with the skills to code the future!

Five Facts about ICT at Buckswood:
1. The Academic Resources Centre (ARC) is a central hub for ICT teaching, including 64 computers
2. The Junior School curriculum was rewritten to reflect the real life needs of scholars: curriculum based project work in form 3 to prepare for GCSE studies. Coding using Scratch (Programming Language) Endangered Species animation project
3. The Wednesday gaming club is oversubscribed
4. The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) for Schools qualification continues to be a popular subject amongst scholars, as it offers computer based testing of practical skills
5. Sports analysis software used as a teaching and learning tool

Five recent achievements:
1. Many scholars achieve 100% in ECDL unit examinations
2. A number of Sixth form scholars gained ECDL for Schools in access time boosting their UCAS
3. All Junior School Scholars have completed e-safety training
4. The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) has been upgraded and all staff have been trained. A wealth of resources are now available. Scholars can access these resources at anytime from anywhere in the world
5. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) with campus wide WiFi and printing facilities

Recent Department trips and lectures
- Eurogamer ICT trip – each year for both Senior & Junior School

Teachers in the department: R. Foster (BA) & T. Barton (BA & PGCE)

Competitions entered
In-house gaming club competitions throughout the year.

Exams
ECDL

Exam Results
100% pass rate
Subject: Languages

Department mission statement:
Language is not just about words - through native speaking teachers we understand the world in greater detail. “We prepare for life”.

Five Facts about Languages at Buckswood:
1. Fifteen languages (Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, French, German, Greek: Ancient & Modern, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Russian & Spanish)
2. All languages are taught by native speakers
3. GCSE, IGCSE, IB, A-Level & Entry level certificates
4. 83% of the school study three or more languages
5. Our Junior scholars learn French, Spanish & Mandarin

Five recent achievements:
1. HSBC Mandarin speaking competition
2. 100% pass rate A*-C in all A-Level languages
3. 75% pass rate in Chinese and 70% pass rate in Spanish
4. The form 3 film makers made a production in French to be shown all over the world as part of a British council project
5. Our International day raises £1000’s every year for charities

Recent Department trips and lectures
- Leon, Montpellier & Boulogne-sur-mer

Teachers in the department: G. Johnson (BA, PGCE, Dip TEFL MA), W. Pierce (MA & TESOL), A. Zuluaga-Soto (PGCE), V. Vogel (PGCE), T. Seymour (BA, PGCE)

Competitions entered
BBC Language competition
HSBC speaking competition

Exam Results
GCSE Languages 89% pass rate
A-Level: Chinese 100%, German 75%, Japanese 100%, Spanish 100%, Turkish 100%
Department mission statement:
As a core subject, Mathematics at Buckswood offers scholars a plethora of solutions for applied problem solving & developing a dynamic approach to life.

Five Facts about Mathematics at Buckswood:
1. Small class sizes (~10 students in A Levels, ~7 students in the IB, ~6 students in Further Maths)
2. Delivering the IGCSE/GCSE Statistics qualification
3. Extra time with tutors every day for 1 hour (Access Time)
4. Weekly 1-to-1 support to junior students (forms 1-3, Numeracy Club)
5. Further GCSE support on a weekly basis (two available groups: “GCSE Revision” Club and “MyMaths” Club), Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge & High quality resources and support material available for/accessible to scholars. Highly qualified teachers with international teaching expertise

Five recent achievements:
1. 95% A*-D in 2015 A2 exams
2. 100% A*-C in 2015 GCSE STATS exams & 100% success in the IB Diploma
3. 7% increase in last year’s (2015) GCSE results
4. Three Gold National Maths challenge awards
5. First place in 2014’s Maureen Charlesworth Chess Challenge

Recent Department trips and lectures
- Enigma Code Breaking Workshop (Bletchley Park), Happy Puzzle Company Workshops, Maths Challenges for all year groups (UKMT), Maths in Action Workshop in London (GCSE/6th Form - The Training Partnership)

Teachers in the department: D. Agathoklis (BSC, MSC, MSC, PGCE), B West (BSC, PGCE), G. Powell (BEd), G. Morris (BSC, PGCE AST), N. Pew (BEd), B. Jones (BA, PGCET), P. Bollington (BSC, PGCE), P. Clarke (BEd, BA)

Competitions entered
- The Junior/Intermediate/Senior Maths Challenge & Senior Kangaroo Challenge

Exams
- Edexcel

Exam Results
- GCSE Mathematics 73% pass rate
- GCSE Statistics 100% pass rate
- A-Level Maths 92% pass rate
Subject: Science

Department mission statement:
From dissection, exploration to experimentation, the Buckswood Science Department is a hands-on adventure into the world of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Additional Science and Environmental Science.

Five Facts about Science at Buckswood:
1. DRs, Oxford graduates, chartered chemist in faculty
2. Three equipped laboratories on campus - with our School snakes, snails, fish & vegetation. Of course, our highly specialised teachers are extremely well experienced in all areas of science
3. The Buckswood estate offers ample opportunities for practical learners such as viticulture, eco friendly energy, agriculture and environmental studies (all utilising our extensive facilities, including our ponds and woodlands)
4. Departmental visits to UCL to attend the physics lecture series
5. Juniors and Seniors study a wide science curriculum, with subject specialisms available in the sixth Form

Five recent achievements:
1. 100% pass rate in A-level Chemistry (2015)
2. 100% pass rate in A-level Environmental Studies (2015)
3. 100% pass rate in A-level Physics (2015)
4. 100% A*-C in GCSE Additional Science (2015)
5. 83% A*-C in GCSE Separate Sciences (2015)

Recent Department trips and lectures
- Dungeness power station, London aquarium, Herstmonceux Science Centre, Shepard Neame Brewery, Science & Natural History Museum

Teachers in the department: J Shryane (MA & BA), S Rodgers (MBA, BSc & MRSC), K Samson (MA & SCc), M Lawless (PGCE), L Bramley (BSc), B Jones (BSc, PGCE), Dr. N Sims (BSc)
Subject: Sports

Department mission statement:
A healthy body and mind underpin the Buckswood educational philosophy, and all scholars have two hours tuition per week. Everyone has extensive access to our large gym, swimming pool, squad programme and the 50 extra-curricular clubs & activities available!

Five Facts about Sports at Buckswood:
1. Coaching staff are ex-professional sports men & women. All with national & international experience
2. We have seven specialised sporting academies: Junior Football, Senior Football, Rugby, Horse Riding, Golf, Dance, Tennis. All of our academies offer professional coaching & qualifications
3. Fifteen sporting disciplines available in lessons and in extra curricular time
4. Our facilities include: two AstroTurfs, an equestrian centre, eight sports pitches, two swimming pools, a large gym, dance studio & tennis courts
5. We have external links with professional sports bodies such as MCC (Cricket), Premier league Football & American Football

Five recent achievements:
2. Premier League trails. Since September 2015 we have signed one international player
3. In 2014, we were ranked the 13th best Horse Jumping school in the UK
4. 12 county Hockey players, one national Helice champion, a European Mounted Equestrian Games finalist, a under 21 Golf champion & a team GB Pentathlete
5. New Chelsea FC Foundation Junior Football Academy

Recent Department trips and lectures
- Amex stadium, Twickenham, Stanford Bridge, Cobham training ground, Dover Athletic, Charlton FC, Olympia, Ascot, Badminton Horse trails & more!

Teachers in the department: W. Callaghan (N Dip), Daryl Willard, K. Claughton (BA), M. Godon (BA), G. Rens & 10 additional sport staff

Competitions entered
National: Football, Rugby, Hockey & Horse-riding
Regional: Football, Rugby, Hockey & Horse-riding
Local: Football, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Athletics & Riding

Exams
OCR

Exam Results
GCSE P.E 100% pass rate
Subject: Visual Arts

Department mission statement:
Art at Buckswood is a multi-cultural melting pot of inspiration. Working with a variety of media, across multiple disciplines, Art is about discovering the artists of the past to nurture the Creatives of tomorrow.

Five Facts about Visual Arts at Buckswood:
1. Multi lingual teachers
2. Teachers have worked professionally in: fashion, textiles, design, illustration and landscape architecture
3. All Upper Sixth and IB students have a personal work space. Each student is assisted in finding their particular artistic strength by exposing them to a wide variety of media, techniques and processes
4. Graduates attend top universities: Brunel, LCC, Camberwell, UAL, Ravensbourne, Kingston
5. Photographic workshops with professionals in the fields of fashion, advertising & landscapes

Five recent achievements:
1. Photographic exhibition at De La Warr Pavilion - the first modernist building in the UK
2. A-Level student have 100% in both coursework & exams
3. AS, A2 level and IB 100% pass rate
4. Exhibition at the most photographed castle in England - Bodiam Castle - for the national trust
5. Visual Arts exhibition at the Rye gallery where the designer of “Lord Voldemort” exhibits

Recent Department trips and lectures

Teachers in the department: C. Pasieka (BA, MA & PGCE), D Antonowicz (BA, PGCE), D. Booth-Jones (BEd)

Competitions entered
- The Royal College Schools Art

Exams
- AQA

Exam Results
- GCSE 71% pass rate
- A-Level 100% pass rate