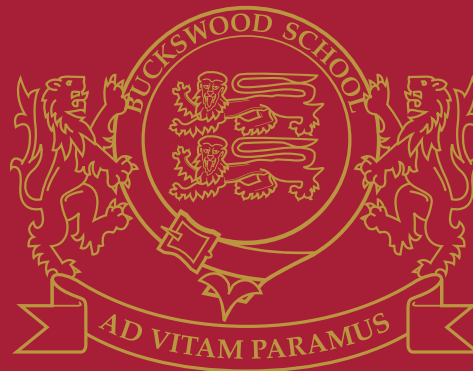




BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL - Riyadh

A VERY BRITISH SCHOOL WITH A VERY GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Tradition of Excellence since 1933



We welcome you and your child to begin
an extraordinary educational journey
with us at Buckswood.

“ A strong values-based education
for the global citizens of tomorrow.

journey of discovery ”





Our Vision

- Every child feels valued, supported and inspired to reach their full potential.
- Dedicated team of educators committed to fostering a love for learning.
- Holistic development - academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.



Our Mission

Developing our core mission focused on comprehensive student development.

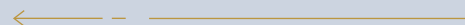
- Fostering growth and development of students from diverse backgrounds
- Personalised education tailored to individual student needs



Global values

Building strong foundations for developing global citizens with strong moral compass.

- Equipping every child to develop into young citizens of the world
- Strong morals and values - knowing right from wrong
- Character development alongside academic achievement



BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL

History



HERITAGE

Our Commitment to Excellence...

1933

Foundation & Legacy
UK/ Hastings

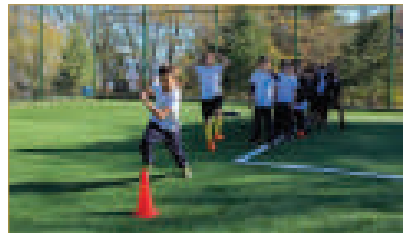
Buckwood School established as a beacon of educational excellence, beginning our journey of nearly a century of academic distinction.



2009

Expanding Horizons
Georgia/ Tbilisi

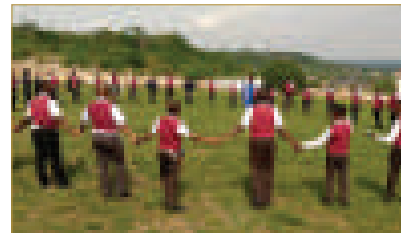
Buckwood started our international journey, opening Buckwood School Tbilisi in Georgia.



2012

Expanding Horizons
Nigeria/ Abeokuta

A few years later, Buckwood School Nigeria opened up, further expanding the global Buckwood family.



2024

Expanding Horizons
KSA/ Riyadh

Exciting collaboration bringing our renowned educational approach to Saudi Arabia.

- Partnership between Buckwood Global Education Group (BGE)
- ATAA Education Company - biggest educational company in GCC
- Over 45,000 students in their network





Key Features of Our Program

Building tomorrow's leaders through comprehensive education.



School Schedule and Home Time

Carefully structured daily schedule supporting academic growth and family time.



Social and Emotional Development

Building strong relationships, empathy, and communication skills through guided social interactions.



Strong Foundations

Establishing core literacy, numeracy, and academic skills for future success.



Early Years Play-Based Learning

Learning through exploration, discovery, and hands-on play experiences.



Values-Centered Learning Experience

Fostering positive family values and character development in all activities.



STEAM: AI Lessons Integrated in Primary & KG

Age-appropriate AI and computational thinking skills integrated into creative STEAM learning.



Buckswood Riyadh





Dr. Tamar Demetradze

WELCOME TO OUR KINGDOM

Welcome to Buckswood Riyadh, where every student's journey is deeply personal, every child is genuinely celebrated, and every dream truly matters.

I invite you to discover what makes Buckswood extraordinary. We don't just teach; we nurture. We don't merely prepare students for examinations; we empower them for meaningful lives. Buckswood has always been more than an educational institution it's a way of life.

Buckswood is home. It's a place where every child is heard and valued for who they are. Here, diverse nationalities unite, learning and growing together as one extraordinary global community.

At the heart of Buckswood Riyadh stands our guiding philosophy: the 12 Pillars. This is our commitment to fostering character, leadership, kindness, creativity, respect, courage, and global citizenship. These are not just ideals written on our walls; they are the living values we embody every day.

Here, culture is shared through authentic connection and meaningful experiences. Diversity isn't just a value we promote it's our daily reality.

**Every child shines in their unique way,
growing with strength and compassion.**

Why choose Buckswood?

Because among countless educational options, Buckswood offers something genuinely timeless: Truth, Integrity, Care and Community. We promise only what we truly deliver, a real home for child's growth.

From our youngest learners to our graduating students, we guide every child to lead with kindness, stand tall with purpose, and lift others higher the very essence of our 12 Pillars.

We embrace the future of AI, digital literacy, and innovation, while never losing sight of what matters the most: the soul, the spirit, and the heart of each precious child.

In our classrooms, imagination comes to life. In our dining hall, laughter weaves lasting friendships. On our playground, courage, teamwork, and discovery are cultivated.

This is a place where children feel safe, truly empowered, and connected.

Where every evening, they drift to sleep thinking: 'I can't wait to return tomorrow, my friends are waiting, my mentors believe in me, and I belong.

This is Buckswood, where the journey is personal, the spirit is global and the future is bright.

Welcome home.



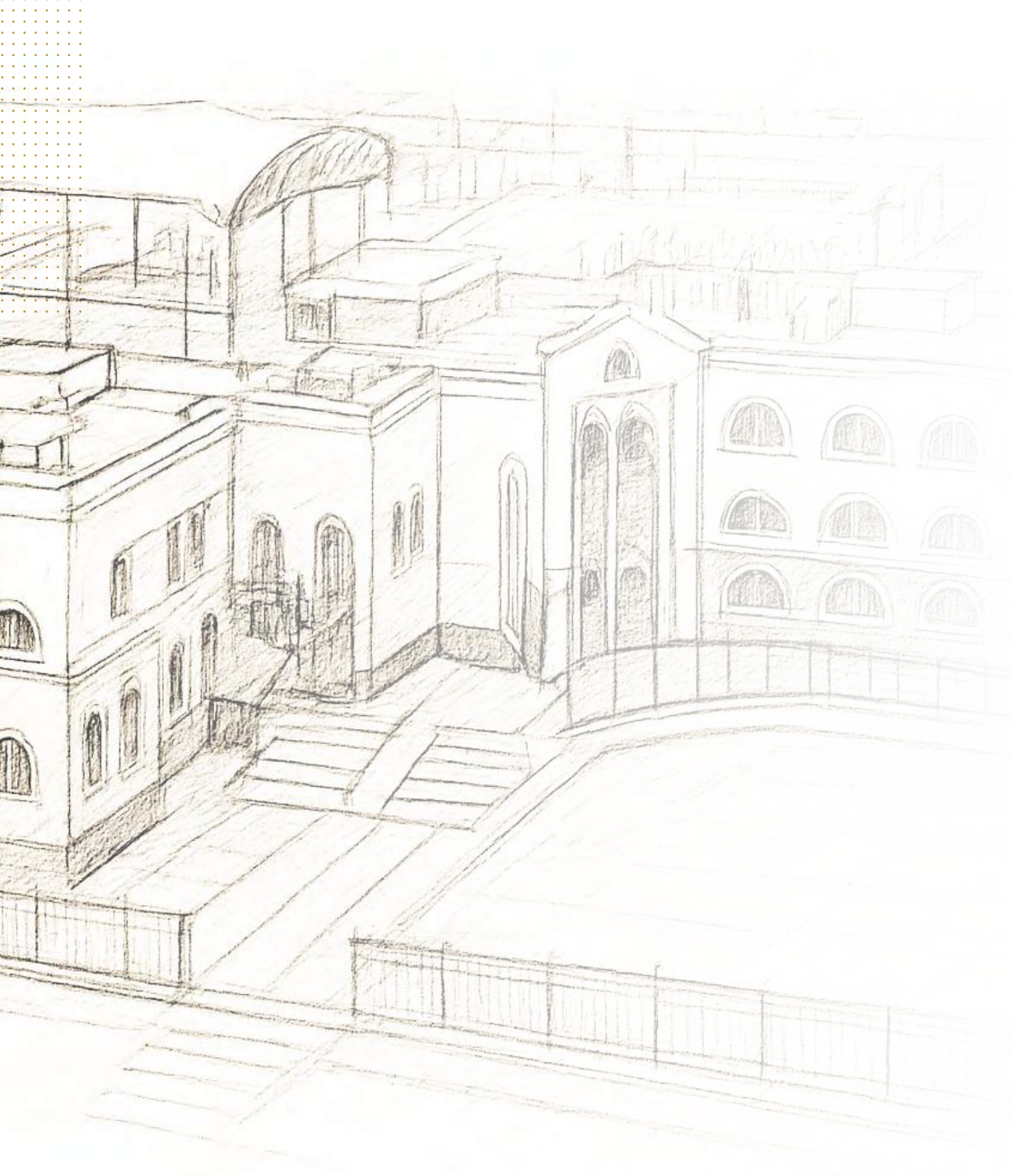




Buckswood Campus

**Let us remember, that as many hands build a house
So, many hearts make a school**





Our beautiful campus, small class sizes, and inspirational mentoring from industry professionals create an exceptional educational experience. We blend traditional British customs emphasizing manners and deportment with cutting-edge classroom technology to help every student realize their potential. Our aim is for every Buckswoodian to confidently take their place on the global stage.

To stand out from the crowd, you need to be different, confident about who you are, and know that you are the best. Buckswood believes in its mantra of We Prepare for Life. Give your child the edge and choose a school that puts your child first.

We prepare for life

A very British school, a very global outlook!

**Dr. Tamar Demetradze,
The Founding Principal**



Our Philosophy

This booklet introduces the ethos of Buckswood School, highlighting what sets us apart - our 12 pillars of education, or as we like to call it - "The Buckswood Difference", a philosophy that sets us apart in the realm of education. As you embark on this journey with us, we are thrilled to introduce you to our distinctive approach to learning and the nurturing of young minds. While traditional education focuses mainly on subjects like maths science, languages and the arts, Buckswood prioritises a holistic approach to learning. We believe in developing pupils' values alongside their academic skills. A key aspect of the Buckswood Difference is our understanding of the link between physical, intellectual well-being as well as the importance of social skills, charity and appropriateness.

We emphasize the importance of sports and physical activity, alongside academics and other activities, in nurturing a well-rounded individual.

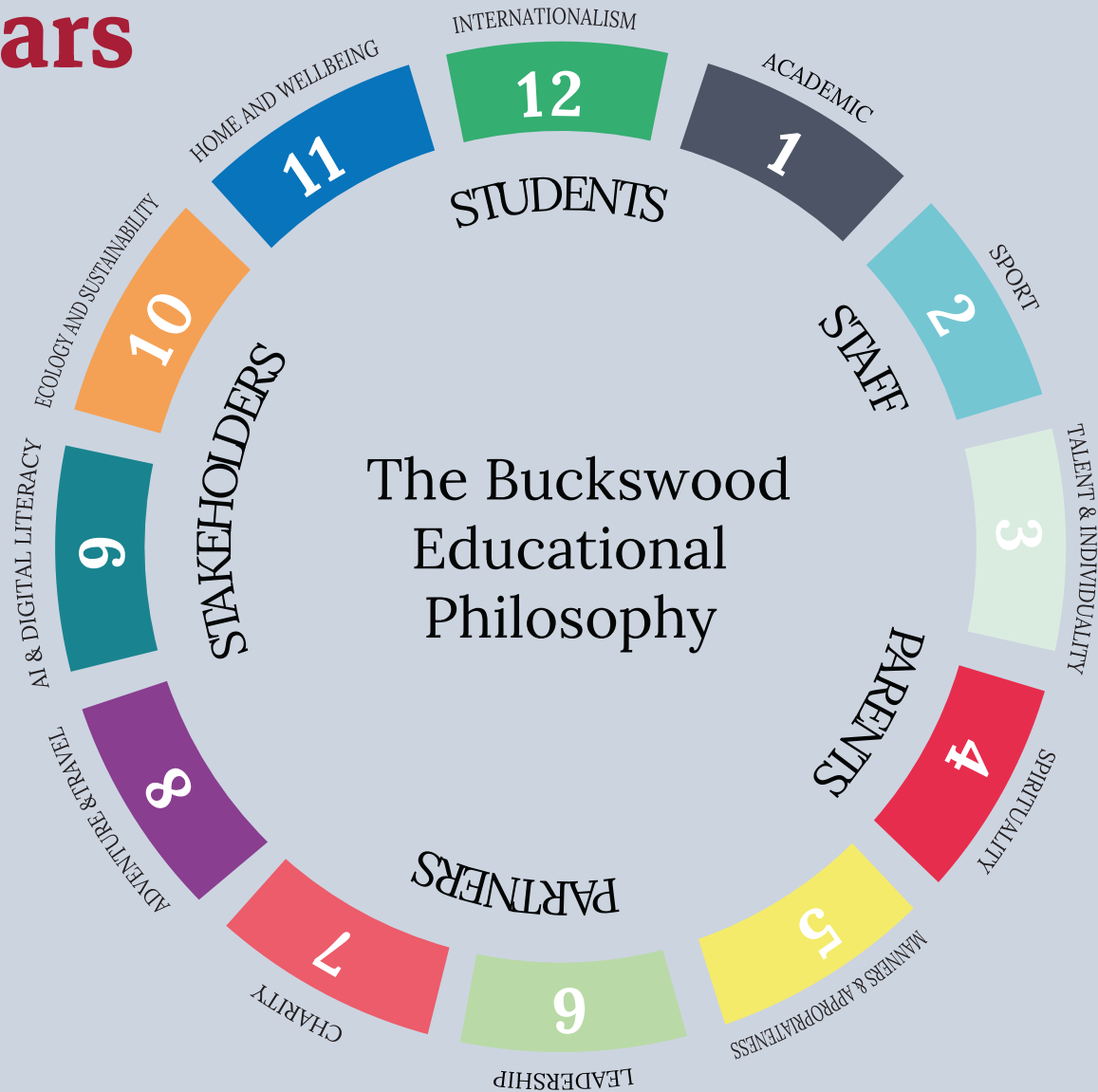
At Buckswood, success isn't just about meeting academic standards; it's about unlocking each pupil's unique potential and guiding them towards personal fulfillment - the academics will naturally follow and blossom!

We see every pupil as an individual with their own talents, and we tailor our support to help them achieve their goals.

Using this concept in the everyday setting (through merit points theme days and classroom teaching) we embed good values and an understanding that to be a successful citizen of the modern world the child of tomorrow must engage in each of the pillars. Employers and universities, as an example are looking for 'interesting people' that have a global outlook - both academic and experiential.

“ Education is the key that unlocks the door to a
world of opportunities
Let's empower our children to walk through that
door with confidence and courage. ”

12 Pillars



THE TEACHING STAFF

...Memory makers

A school is all about the people in it – not the buildings (even though we have a magnificent estate). The teachers are the mentors for your child. You are entrusting your child to us so that we can impart wisdom, enthuse and enlighten. Inspiring them to want to learn – not because they have to, but because they want to...

We do not look for teachers that have never experienced their subjects in the commercial environment. We look for industry mentors with practical knowledge of the 'real' world so that they can teach from areal-world perspective and not just from books.

Our teaching standards

- Staff who are passionate about achieving the best for every student
- Prepared to get to know every student as an individual
- Strive to get the most from each student in their care
- ESOL trained teaching staff supporting students across the curriculum
- Regular observations and weekly development sessions
- Ten-point Headmaster's Charter guiding teaching excellence

“I am not a teacher, but an awakener”

Robert Frost





JUNIOR SCHOOL

Discovery

Building strong foundations

- Foundation for secondary education - comprehensive curriculum
- Individual subjects within academic framework
- Varied programme of valuable educational experiences

Beyond the classroom

- Visiting speakers and comprehensive clubs
- Professional workshops and educational trips
- 'Fourth dimension' of education - placing learning in context

Academic excellence

- Secure understanding of key concepts
- Master essential skills through high-quality teaching
- Rigorous assessment to identify strengths and weaknesses
- Tailored lesson planning for individual needs
- IGCSE course preparation

**“The mind once enlightened cannot
again become dark”**

Thomas Paine



A GLOBAL VILLAGE



Our Curriculum Excellence

Inquiry-Based Learning with IB PYP

As an IB PYP candidate school, Buckswood is committed to inquiry-driven education.

- Learning is guided by curiosity and imagination.
- Teachers serve as mentors and facilitators, while children take the lead in their own learning journey.



EduBlend

Pearson Partnership & PYP Library Launch

- We are proud to continue our Pearson curriculum partnership, providing world-class standards in literacy, numeracy, and core subjects.
- This year, we also launch our new PYP Library, where imagination and knowledge come alive.



Tech

AI Education & Digital Literacy

- This year, Buckswood continues to innovate in AI education and digital literacy, ensuring that children use technology not just as consumers, but also as creative problem-solvers, responsible digital citizens, and innovators.



Life

Back to Basics – Joyful Learning

- Alongside innovation, we are bringing back the happiness of school life—where playtime, creativity, and hands-on learning are valued as much as academic achievement.
- Children will explore, build, and create through real-world activities, fostering confidence, teamwork, and joy in learning.



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At Buckswood Riyadh, education is a partnership between school, home, and child.

- **Students** take the lead in their learning.
- **Teachers** inspire, guide, and mentor.
- **Parents** are our partners in building a lifelong legacy.

Together, we are preparing Gen Alpha for real life skills.

Dr. Tamar Demetradze

Founding Head Buckswood School Riyadh

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Arabic & Islamic Studies

As a British educational institution situated in the vibrant cultural landscape of Saudi Arabia, we deeply value and respect local customs, traditions, and history. As in all our schools, we appreciate and acknowledge our host nation's values and make sure that our pupils learn to understand local regulations, ensuring they have access to the rich cultural and religious heritage of Saudi Arabia.

Key elements of our curriculum include specialised modules up to 10 hours in Arabic language, Islamic Studies, and an exploration of the region's history and culture. We strive to blend the United Kingdom's educational principles with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's cultural ethos, promoting mutual understanding and respect and where 'the family' is central to all that we do. Our curriculum undergoes regular updates to align with cultural sensitivities, reflecting our commitment to honouring Saudi Arabia's diverse yet progressive heritage.

Arabic as a language in the curriculum: As stated, one of the key elements of our course is Fostering a deep appreciation for the Arabic language. Learning a second or third language is a valuable gift, and the best time to acquire this skill is during childhood. Therefore, we emphasize the importance of studying both spoken and written Arabic. This comprehensive approach not only provides our students with a strong foundation in family and cultural life but also equips them with a significant advantage for their future endeavors.

We maintain transparent communication with families, providing access to curriculum documents to ensure confidence in our dedication to fostering a collaborative and culturally sensitive educational environment for the pupils.

“ **lifelong journey**
of discovery and growth. Let's embark on this
adventure together. ”





ENGLISH AND CULTURE

For centuries, English has been the business and diplomatic language of the world, and mastery of the English language has been the key to industrial trade and political relations success. At Buckswood we believe that good English skills underpin all else and so have tailored courses for native and non-native speakers alike.

We not only deliver exceptional results, we also offer full immersion into English culture that makes all the difference in a world where you need to know more than grammar and vocabulary. With the formal aspects of 'Englishness' taken care of, our students are also prepared in the informal aspects of British life through their boarding and day-to-day interactions – what are the latest popular culture trends or the current slang terms?

All of the Buckswood teaching staff are ESOL trained, so students are supported across the curriculum as well as in English lessons, and the 'learning scaffold' around every student including the VLE, reporting and Access Time ensures that every student can achieve their potential.

**“A good head and a good heart are always
a formidable combination.
But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen,
then you have something very special.”**

Nelson Mandela





Challenge

The structure, discipline and routine of school life at Buckswood facilitate the self-discipline and respect that every child needs to help focus the young mind on academic progress. Support goes beyond the classroom with 1:1 'Access Time' for students to seek help from the subject tutors, a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) that is accessible twenty-four hours a day with homework, extra reading and reports that keep everyone informed on the progress being made and advice on how best to achieve every last percentage point possible!

**“Children must be taught how to think,
not what to think”**

Margaret Mead



**“Intelligence plus character –
that is the goal of true education.”**

Martin Luther King

INNOVATION & STEAM

Empowering Future Innovators through technology and critical thinking

In our AI Hub, students explore cutting-edge technology while developing essential critical thinking skills. We believe in creating innovators who understand how technology works while maintaining their creative independence and original ideas.

Our approach

- AI-Integrated lessons in KG & Primary.
- Learn by doing - Students develop and test their ideas through hands-on experimentation.
- Think critically - Technology integration focuses on understanding how and why tools work.
- Collaborate openly - Students work together and with external partners to solve real-world problems.
- Be different - We encourage unique perspectives and innovative solutions.

Technology Resources

- Sandbox Activities - Creative experimentation spaces for testing ideas.
- Smart Projector Technology - Interactive display technology for collaborative learning subjects such as Mathematics.
- VR Glasses - Immersive experiences that bring concepts to life.
- AI-Integrated Platforms - Our proprietary tools designed specifically for educational innovation.

Join us in preparing the next generation for a world of technological advancement while preserving timeless educational values.

WHERE TRADITIONAL VALUES MEET FUTURE INNOVATION





THE ARTS

Part of the Buckswood mantra “Ad Vitam Paramus” is to prepare our students for life beyond the classroom.

Whether they go on to work in finance, law or engineering they will only succeed if they have the ability to think outside the box. At Buckswood we look to the Arts Department to widen our students’ minds through creativity in drama or artistic expression.

From Form One pottery lessons to dressing up as a Victorian street urchin in ‘Oliver’ or an Upper Sixth trip to London Fashion week, through the Arts our students study the old masters and define their own style, building confidence in their abilities and themselves.

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MUSIC

We believe that everyone possesses musical ability; we all have rhythm because we all have a heart beating away in our chest. Without the need for words, everyone can benefit from learning to express their emotions through a musical instrument, and at Buckswood we teach them all.

Music and our love of the eccentric is an integral part of everyday life at Buckswood; everyone is encouraged to perform in public. Our 'give it a go' ethos is an invitation to the stage.

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“Music can change the world because it can change people.”

Bono (Paul David Hewson)





WELL-BEING

A helping hand along the way...

We have developed a '**Well-Being Hub**' situated in the center of the school that any child or employee can use as a base to pop in for a chat, a resource base or support center. It is a focal point of all well-being activities from learning about Internet safety to appropriateness in today's society, as well as being a space for advice and a cuppa!

Buckswood School ensures that its students are safe, emotionally secure and stimulated. Our students' needs are integral to everything we do. It is our desire that all our students form open, harmonious and trusting relationships that enable them to express their feelings and opinions.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility – everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children. We take pride in ensuring that at all times the best interests of our students are foremost in the minds of our staff so that we can deliver the best possible outcomes to them whilst they are in our care.

SPORTS

Achievement

The resilience and determination your child builds through sport—whether they're naturally athletic or not—equips them with the mental toughness essential for academic challenges and future career success.

Every student represents our school with pride, and through our professional coaches and partnerships with elite sporting clubs, your child will develop invaluable leadership qualities and strategic thinking that directly enhance their academic performance and university applications.

This is a place where your child receives expert guidance to discover their sporting passion, while naturally gifted athletes benefit from high-level coaching to reach their full potential—preparing them for scholarships and representative opportunities.





The not so boring office!

Most schools value their students by their abilities to pass exams, judging them on a narrow scale that they will never be assessed on in adult life. At Buckswood, we do not recognize the concept of the 'average' for everyone is different and we know that everyone is good at something. We endeavour to find that something. We want our students to have a zeal for life, have passions and not be afraid to try something new.



SCHOOL TRIPS

We often say at Buckswood that travel is the 'fourth dimension' in education. It assists in placing education in context, for it broadens minds and horizons, breaks down barriers, destroys misconception, enhances knowledge and promotes cultural understanding. It is for those reasons that Buckswood has a well-established programme of trips, organised in such a way that they are entirely appropriate for everyone. These opportunities for personal growth and character building place Buckswood students ahead of the rest. The trips on offer establish greater maturity, self-discipline, personal organisation and the ability to prioritise – all essential qualities necessary to enhance success.





Charity

Kindness is not just a principle at Buckswood; it is an integral part of who we are, deeply rooted in our Charity Pillar.

Key initiatives:

Bake sale for a cause:

- Organized by our youngest Buckswoodians.
- Raised funds and collected gently used clothes, books, and toys.
- Donations were presented to the different associations in Riyadh, supporting less fortunate families.

Ramadan contributions:

- Partnered with the official Ehsan Platform (منصة إحسان) to extend the spirit of giving.
- Sponsored an orphan for a full year, covering their well-being and education.
- Funded life-saving heart catheterization operations (عمليات القلب القسطرة) for those in need.
- Contributed to "Life Baskets" (سلال الحياة الغذائية), providing essential food supplies for families during Ramadan.

Our Belief:

At Buckswood, we believe that education extends beyond academics—it is about nurturing compassionate, empathetic, and active citizens. These acts of charity are not just deeds; they are living lessons in humanity.

**This is Buckswood in action
where kindness is practiced, not just preached**

Buckswood Junior Factory Start-Up

Buckswood Junior Factory Start-Up is a program designed to cultivate entrepreneurial thinking and practical business skills among our young learners. This innovative approach provides students with the opportunity to conceptualise, develop and implement their business ideas while embracing the valuable lessons that come from both success and setbacks.

The program spans the entire academic year, seamlessly integrating transdisciplinary concepts, the British curriculum standards and our 12 Pillars educational philosophy.

Students engage in comprehensive business planning, develop essential digital and AI literacy skills, and build fundamental financial literacy competencies through this hands-on approach that fosters creativity and confidence for a dynamic future.

**“The task of the modern educator
is not to cut down jungles, but to
irrigate deserts.”**

C. S. Lewis





Buckswood Belongs

We are a boutique international school built on the legacy of Buckswood UK, a global family known for character, culture and courage. At Buckswood Riyadh, education is personal.

We believe that true learning goes beyond textbooks.

Guided by our 12 Buckswood Pillars and an inquiry-based Our approach involves nurturing thinkers and change-makers. In our school, children are not just prepared for tests, they are prepared for life.

“In every lesson and experience, we help our learners grow with confidence and curiosity. This is the Buckswood difference, a boutique education that shapes the whole person, not just the student”.

Dr. Tamar Demetradze



Embracing Individual Needs

In our educational environment, we recognise that individual talents may be hidden or hindered by personal learning needs. Therefore, we have implemented a personalised approach to education that prioritises meeting the unique needs of each pupil. While adhering to government regulations regarding Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, we remain committed to our school's distinctive ethos. This ethos ensures that every pupil receives customised support tailored to their growth.

We refer to these needs as 'Personal Educational Needs' (PEN), highlighting the individual nature of each pupil's educational requirements. Whether requiring minimal or extensive support, our dedicated staff collaborates to provide structured assistance, enrichment opportunities, and specialised learning strategies.

These interventions align with each pupil's individual academic journey, ensuring an optimal educational experience.

“ **heart and soul** of every child. ”





The not so boring clubs



Creative reading



British etiquette/manners



Chess



Digital literacy



Young architects and Arts



AI and Robotics



Financial literacy



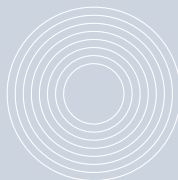
Piano lessons



Music



Islamic studies



Parent involvement

Cultural diversity

Supportive environment

Sharing knowledge and experience

Encouraging endeavors

Community Highlights





TRADITION AND LEADERSHIP

Tradition may be an old-fashioned word and not one that is bandied around in modern school educational circles, but here we think that it is a vital part of who we are and what sets us apart. We represent over 45 different nationalities, all with their own customs and traditions.

Just as there are traditions in the family house, here at Buckswood it is no different. We uphold the tradition, wear our bow ties for assembly and line up for everything. We think that structure and having customs and traditions with a bit of good old British “pomp and circumstance” turns the ordinary into something special. To experience a Buckswood assembly or Prize Giving with bagpipes and gowns is a unique experience indeed!

OLD BUCKSWOODIANS

...the extended family



Felix addressing
the school



Old boys rugby team with their coach



Goga Ashkenazi (OB) at Ascot –
Buckswood is over there!



Kate Vasadze

**“Buckswood shaped me into a more confident,
responsible, and open-minded person”**

FROM
LONDON





TO RIYADH



Buckswood
Putting time
into your
child

Join Us in Shaping the Future

We invite you to join the Buckswood family and shape the future

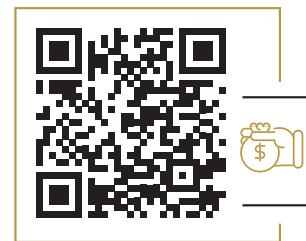
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 - Experience our unique approach to learning.
 - Become part of our legacy.
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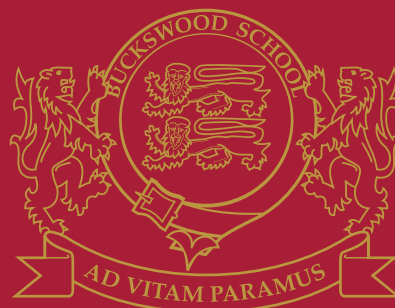
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