

SPORT



FOOTBALL ACADEMY
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BUCKSWOOD SCHOOL
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Football is a language that everyone speaks, and it can be used to change lives. It's more than keeping fit, it's about respect, team building, trust & confidence.

-David Beckham

If you want to be the

Welcome...

...to the Buckswood Football Academy. I must confess I know little or nothing about football itself, though I do stand on the touch line and support very enthusiastically. However, what I do know is that there are many young boys and girls that have a talent in this field and I want to be able to help them reach their goals. I will give them every opportunity I can to ensure that they get the very best so that they can reach their ultimate goal. Not everyone will go on to play football professionally, they may reach National or County standard or end up playing for their University, their future employer's team or just in a friendly Sunday league. Whichever pathway they take I want to be able to ensure that we give them that opportunity so that they have an outlet that will help them to have that feeling of achievement and fulfilment. Facilities are of course important and every parent looks for the quality of the astro turf (and Buckswood is well equipped for good sport tuition), but more importantly I believe is "esprit de corps". All teenagers must have strong mentors to guide them and encourage them to be the best and our football coaches and support staff do just that, both inside the classroom and on the field, and it works. I am always amazed by the dedication of the Football Academy squad, out practising in all weather, learning to work as a team and pushing themselves to be the best; what more can one ask? Too many nowadays just aim for the norm; the football coaches here instruct and instil a sense of purpose, belonging and a "can do" spirit.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR



Charles - Old Buckswoodian
Position: centre-back
Previously Studying: UFC Football
Now reading Sports Management at Marjon
University & playing for the University Football team

best you have to train with the best...

The Academy...

The Buckswood Football Academy is a development centre for players to receive the necessary focus in terms of training hours and provide the quality of coaching and support needed to promote players through the player pathway to a potential professional career.

What makes the Buckswood Football Academy different?

Where the Buckswood approach differs from other Football Academies is the balance struck between football training and education; and the breadth of qualifications on offer from English language courses, short term academic courses, GCSEs, IGCSEs, A Levels, IB and a University Foundation Course in Football Studies. We recognise that players need to maintain a high level of education at the same time as developing their playing ambitions and keep career options open.

The Buckswood Academy has over 70 players from Europe, South America, Asia, the Caribbean and Africa, so every member of the Academy soon becomes a more adaptive, versatile player as they learn different styles of play and making them a valuable addition to any team. Many of our Academy players are already competing at the top levels, flying off to their home countries to represent their home nations in their age category or are already signed at a club and the Buckswood Academy allows them to keep up their academic studies and receive top class coaching to fit in with their call-ups. The Academy is supported by a professional team of coaches, strength and conditioning experts, specialists and academic staff, and the training program fits seamlessly into the academic timetable.

An extensive fixtures list in local, regional and national competitions, matches against professional teams, European tour schedule and numerous scouting and trialling opportunities ensures that every member of the Buckswood Football Academy gets the chance to showcase their talents and take their football to the next level. So if you are aiming for a professional career on or off the pitch or are dedicated player looking for an educational program that incorporates football Buckswood is the right choice for you.

Does it work?

When you join the Buckswood Football Academy you are becoming part of our family, and walking in the foot steps of those who have gone before you. Being one of the leading school-based Football Academies in the UK, you will find our past players making their way in the professional world of Football both here and abroad in the Premiership and league sides... And for those who find their passion lies off the pitch, we have a long history of Academy students going on to semi-professional careers and Sports related degrees at the UK's top universities.

Pro training



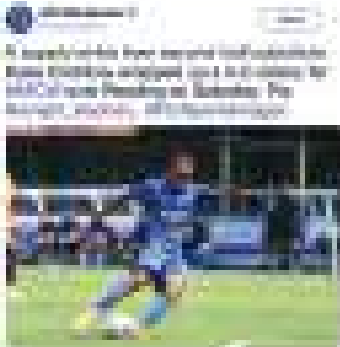
Nic - Old Buckswoodian
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Previously Studying: A-levels
Now reading Law at De Montfort University
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Nicholas
FC Malaga City



Ibrahim
Foça belediyespor (Turkey)



Hyeokjun

Signed pro deal at
FK Ventspils in Latvia



Archie

Signed at
Brighton & Hove Albion FC



Salas

Signed with Pachuca (Mexico)



George

Monroe Mustangs College
Soccer in the USA. Njcaa
region championship player of
the year.

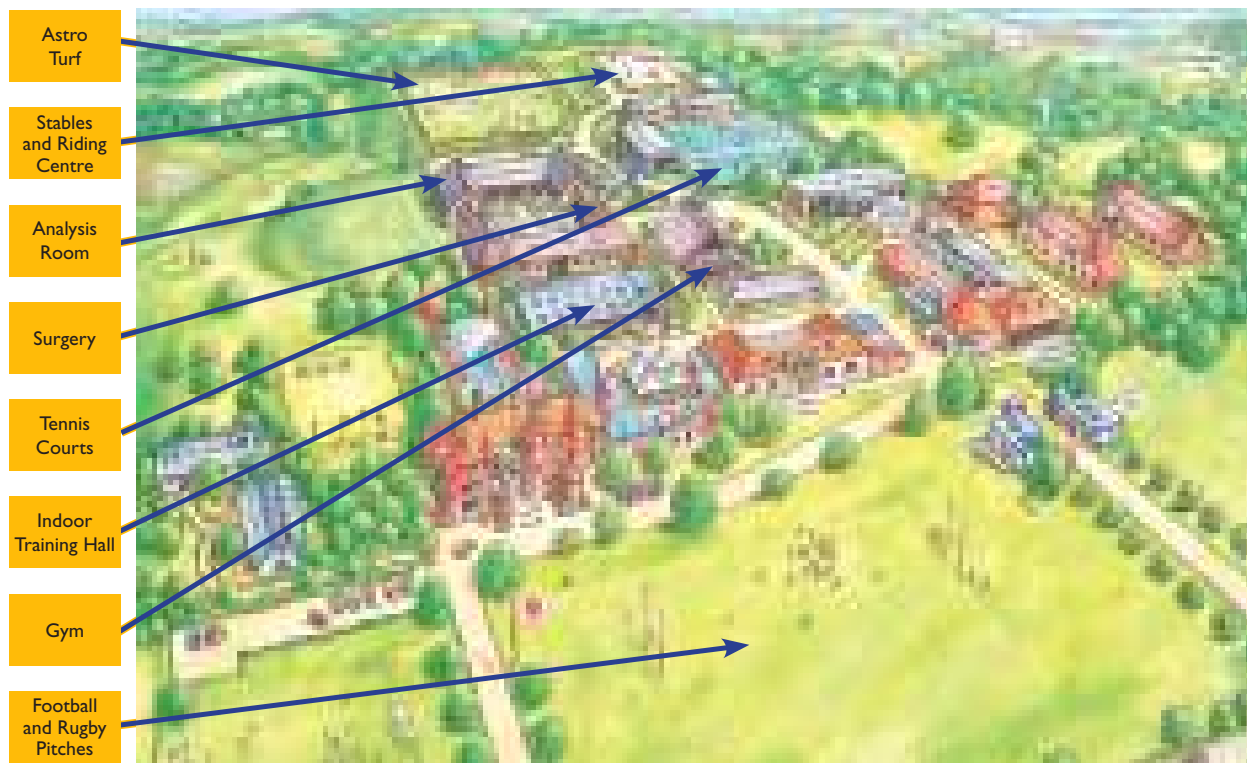


Buckswood: where talent meets oppo

Our facilities...

Just like the game itself there is more to Football at Buckswood than a pitch! At Buckswood you will find not only a coaching team more highly qualified than any other school based academy and a wide reaching academic programme you will find Astroturf pitches, grass pitches, a physio room, health centre, leisure pool for warm-up, warm-down injury avoiding exercises and a professional gym. For the past ten years, we have been developing the Football provision at Buckswood, resulting in the Buckswood Football Academy being rated among the best in the UK.

With most Academy players boarding at the school, the comradery between the players is strong and with unlimited access to the gym, swimming pool and evening activities such as fitness training sessions, match trips and group game watching; the Buckswood football experience produces well-rounded, successful graduates.



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Football at

Football in the classroom

Academics balanced with the Academy Programme ...

Sample Academy Training Schedule

	WEEK	GAME'S PHASE	MAIN OBJECTIVE	
	1	ATTACKING	ATTACKING FROM 2ND TO 3RD	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	2	ATTACKING	COUNTER-ATTACK FROM 1ST & 2ND	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	3	ATTACKING	ATTACKING FROM 2ND TO 3RD	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	4	ATTACKING	COUNTER-ATTACK FROM 1ST & 2ND	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	5	ATTACKING	ATTACKING FROM 2ND TO 3RD	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	6	ATTACKING	COUNTER-ATTACK FROM 1ST & 2ND	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	7	HALF TERM		
	8	ATTACKING	COUNTER-ATTACK FROM 1ST & 2ND	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	9	ATTACKING	ATTACKING FROM 2ND TO 3RD	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	10	ATTACKING	COUNTER-ATTACK FROM 1ST & 2ND	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	
	11	ATTACKING	COUNTER-ATTACK FROM 1ST & 2ND	
		DEFENDING	TRANSITION ATTACK-DEFENSE IN 2ND & 3RD	

Buckswood: it's time to get serious...

...Football beyond the classroom



Since I was young, I have always had an eye on the goal, my love for football from when I was a kid up until now has never faded. From playing in the metal cages on the streets of Paris to playing for a professional young footballers academy, Paris Football Club. I realised how much more opportunities are available for me out there. I searched for a school that provided football with outstanding education.

Buckswood was my outright choice and I knew that I made the right decision. The proposed plan, the style of football and the academics. The balance and the feel of football and education was right. It was every kid's football dream at the time and it came to fruition. After 2 lovely and fun filled years, I felt I improved enough to take the next step in my young footballing career. I went to Orlando, FL to graduate from an elite athletes High School and from then I embarked in my professional footballing career.

I was offered a scholarship to play for the Southern New Hampshire University soccer team where I played for one year. Then I made the jump back to Europe and after short spells in Romania, I signed my first professional contract with Meap FC in Cyprus.

Buckswood continues to support me today.

Ernesto

Work experience available
in local clubs and sporting
associations

Enquire on application
depending on your specialist
area: playing, merchandising,
management, marketing, etc

International trips & competitions

The Buckswood Football Academy racks up hundreds of miles every season playing in local, regional and national competitions; finishing top of the local league and fourth in the UK last season. The Academy also play regular matches against professional and semi-professional sides such as Chelsea Football Club Foundation Elite squad and Gillingham FC. Further afield the Academy travel in Europe to compete in the Roma international cup and train at top clubs.

Top 4 in England in the English Schools FA competition.

International Trips

Our international tours take our players out on the road to experience the world of football at the home of some European giants! Staying at, training with and playing matches against other Academies, and watching matches in Europe's most famous grounds makes our Academy players work harder and find hidden passion that drives them ever closer to their career goals.

Recent trip destinations:

- ✓ Atalanta Training Camp (Italy)
- ✓ St George's Park and training with England coaching staff
- ✓ Barcelona International Tournament
- ✓ Villarreal (Spain) International Tournament



Academy highlights...

- ✓ One match day experience per season.
- ✓ Training session at a Premier League club.
- ✓ Opportunity to gain a Skills Challenge Certificate.
- ✓ Train for your FA Coaching badge.
- ✓ One European football tour per season.
- ✓ Guided tour of the national stadium at Wembley.
- ✓ Train for your referees qualification.
- ✓ Premier League / Football League scout assessment every term.
- ✓ Opportunity to play high level local football.
- ✓ FA Youth Cup match tickets - see the best Under 18s in the country.
- ✓ Speed, Agility and Quickness programme.
- ✓ Fitness testing facilities.
- ✓ Use of school gym.
- ✓ Academy training kit.
- ✓ Use of players pool for post match recovery.
- ✓ Weekend social activities.
- ✓ Accommodation and all meals.
- ✓ All academic lessons and support.
- ✓ Unlimited use of all school sports facilities.
- ✓ Six training sessions per week.
- ✓ Competitive matches.
- ✓ Performance profile analysis.
- ✓ Various Premier League Club Tours (e.g. Chelsea, Fulham, Arsenal, Tottenham and the National Stadium).
- ✓ Work experience at local Football stadiums.

