

Placement Test Booklet

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The Placement Test

Dear Student

This booklet is your Buckswood Placement Test. Do not panic, this test is for us to judge your correct level of English so that we can place you in the class that is most suitable to you. This test is also an important part of the registration process (Tier 4) so for those Visa National Scholars coming to Buckswood you should apply as “Child Scholars” (up to 17yrs). All applicants must complete the Buckswood English Language test which should then be faxed or e-mailed to the school for marking by our Head of EFL, Greville Field, who will then inform the client/agent of the level of English. We will then make a judgement as to whether the scholar will require a “pre-sessional” course prior to his/her National Curriculum course of study.

How good is your English?

CEF	CAMBRIDGE	IELTS	IGCSE	TOEFL	BUCKSWOOD LEVEL
C2 Mastery	CPE	8.0+		276+	5
C1 Operational	CAE	7.0	GRADE A or B	236-275	4
B2 Vantage	FCE	6.0	GRADE C	176-235	3
B1 Threshold	PET	5.0	GRADE D or E	126-175	2
A2 Waystage	KET	4.0		96-125	1
A1 Breakthrough		<4.0			

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Part 1 Questionnaire (3 minutes)

Complete 1-5 in the box below giving information about yourself.

Name: 1

Age: 2

Nationality: 3

Length of time learning English: 4.....

Why are you learning English: 5

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Writing assessment checklist for Part 1	Yes	No
1 Task understood
2 Content relevant
3 Vocabulary appropriate

Part 2 Letter (15-20 minutes)

Option 3

Write a letter to a friend thanking him/her for a birthday present he/she sent you. Do not include addresses. Write between 70 and 90 words. Include the following:

- A suitable beginning and ending
- Why are you writing
- How you felt about the present
- What you have done with the present
- A suggested time to meet soon

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Writing assessment checklist for Part 2	Yes	No
1 Task understood
2 Content mostly relevant
3 Vocabulary mostly appropriate
4 Mistakes do not affect meaning
5 Register suitable for target reader

Part 3 Paragraph (15-20 minutes)

Write a paragraph of between 100 and 120 words beginning with the following sentence.

I went to a fantastic party on Saturday.

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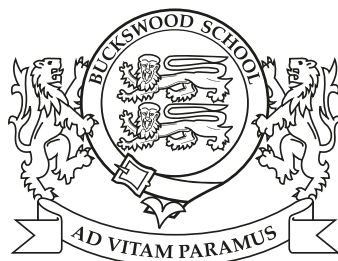
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Writing assessment checklist for Part 3	Yes	No
1 Task understood
2 Content mostly relevant
3 Vocabulary mostly appropriate
4 Mistakes do not affect meaning
5 Register suitable for target reader

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Buckwood School Placement Test Results

The following student has sat the Buckwood Placement test. Please see the result below. Buckwood School is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English.

Student Name	
Date	

Score

CEF	CAMBRIDGE	IELTS	IGCSE	TOEFL	BUCKWOOD PLACEMENT TEST	EQUIVALENT SCORE
C2 Mastery	CPE	8.0+		276+	5	
C1 Operational	CAE	7.0	GRADE A or B	236-275	4	
B2 Vantage	FCE	6.0	GRADE C	176-235	3	
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Recommended course of Study

UK curriculum entry to the Junior School (Forms 1-3)	
UK curriculum entry onto a GCSE course	
UK curriculum entry to 6th Form	
Pre 6th Form course	
UK curriculum entry after completing a Pre-sessional British Council approved 12 week Intensive English Language course upon arrival	

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