

Buckswood Overseas Summer School

Placement Procedures



Placement testing takes place on Sundays, as soon as students arrive. Any students who arrive after 7pm will be tested on the Monday morning.

All students are required to take the Buckswood Overseas Summer School Placement Test on their first day at BOSS. This test takes a maximum of 1 hour to complete and consists of 50 gap fill questions concentrating largely on structures and vocabulary. During the test, students' speaking and listening skills will also be individually tested. This test is based on the Trinity College London GESE grades. The test is usually marked by the teacher who has invigilated the test.

The placement test results are used by the DoS to decide on the appropriate class for each student. The student's class is decided on the basis of their placement test score and their performance during the speaking and listening test, their perceived needs and reasons for learning English, the length of stay, their age and the tester's opinion as to the most appropriate level for the student. The final decision is the DOS's.

During Monday morning's assembly, students are then taken according to their level and age by their teachers and classes begin. On the first day, teachers will give a 'getting to know you' lesson so that the students can begin making friends and practice their English. Teachers will also go through the Student Handbook to reinforce rules and procedures, etc.