

Bucksmore provides academic short courses to students aged 10-18 that have been modelled on American summer camps, with 'Counsellors' who live with students, teach lessons and lead excursions and activities, providing a higher level of pastoral care, guidance, and friendship – giving students more than just 'teachers' and 'activity leaders' at a summer school.

Recognising that high-achieving and well-motivated individual students wanted more from a UK summer school than just English language, excursions and afternoon activities, we have developed more challenging courses such as EFL based Young Leaders and the subject based courses Young Professionals, University Preparation and Advanced Studies. In 2019 Bucksmore were proud to have been awarded the PIONEER 'Language Educator of the Year' award showcasing our commitment to innovation and student involvement.

With over 40 years of experience to perfect and improve the quality of our prestigious summer schools, we are proud of the academic short courses we offer. It is our goal for each one of our courses to be the best course that our students have ever attended. We welcome over 75 different student nationalities every year across our courses and ensure there is always a good mix of students on our courses.

Job Title:	Activity Leader
Reports to:	Centre Manager and Head Office Operations Manager
Courses:	All Courses
Location:	All Locations
Course Dates:	Bucksmore Summer courses run from the 27th June to 15th August with a typical contract length of 4-6 weeks. All staff undertake a paid period of induction prior to student arrival on a course.
Remuneration:	Up to £442.30 per week - £350 per week basic pay +12.07% holiday pay per week (£42.30) + up to £50 performance related weekly bonus.

Activity Leader • Main Duties & Responsibilities

Role Definition:

The position of Activity Leader (AL) is a fun and rewarding role where you plan and deliver the exciting social programme that Bucksmore summer schools offer to students. Whilst more traditional language learning takes place in the classrooms, the activity programme provides another environment for using and practicing the English language. Enthusiastic and fun Activity Leaders are a key part to the success of a summer academic programme and to ensuring the enjoyment of our students, as well as their safety.

This list summarises the key tasks of the role and is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the Centre Manager or Operations Manager and Head Office Team. Bucksmore will exercise this right reasonably.

Training and Health & Safety:

- Attend the staff induction and take part in all Health and Safety related training
- Attend the Welfare & Safeguarding induction both in pre-summer online inductions and in-person at the start of your contract

Activity & Excursion Programme:

- Assist with the planning, organising and implementing a range of appropriate activities during daytimes, afternoons and evenings
- Take responsibility for groups of students on excursions, ensuring you know the plans sufficiently well to guide the students effectively
- Enthusiastically engaging all students in joining in for the activity programme ensuring no one is left out
- Helping or leading preparations for big evening activities
- Help promote the activity programme to students by displaying posters or visiting classes

Student Welfare & Supervision:

- Supervise students during meal times
- Where required assist with student transfers to and from airports as directed by the Centre Manager
- Where required, as part of your rota, perform waking up duties and 'lights out' duties
- Ensure that all student welfare and safeguarding protocols are adhered to and followed

General:

- Attend staff meetings as required
- Respond to general emergencies at all times
- Maintain proper levels of student discipline, safety and welfare
- Carry out any other reasonable task assigned to you by a manager to meet the operational demands of a centre
- Assist the Management team with the set-up, shut-down of the centre
- Assist the Management team with the day to day running of the centre

Activity Leader • Person Specification

Legal Requirement: All applicants must have the eligibility to work in the UK prior to commencing employment. The following are the essential and desirable requirements needed in order to do the job.

Knowledge, qualifications and experience:

Essential

- Native or native level English speaker
- Experience of working in a language and activity based summer school or similar environment.
- Experience of running activity programmes and/or events for young people
- Experience working with 10-18 year olds either through voluntary or paid work

Desirable

- First aid qualification
- Background of leading sessions or workshops in art, music, sports, journalism or drama
- Sports coaching qualification

Legal Requirements:

Essential

- Aged 18 or over
- Eligibility to work in the UK

Skills, abilities and competencies:

Essential

- Flexibility and adaptability
- Ability and desire to work in a team
- Excellent communication skills
- An understanding of child safeguarding
- An outgoing and sociable character
- Willingness and ability to work as part of a team
- Consistently demonstrates a 'can do' attitude

Personal Attributes:

Essential

- Commitment to delivering a high standard of work
- Demonstrates respect for equal opportunities and diversity
- Adopts a positive approach to personal learning and development
- Consistently demonstrates a 'can do' approach to work and self-motivate to achieve high quality standards

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Activity Leader - Further Information

Background:

Students attending a Bucksmore summer programme receive a combination of English language or subject specific tuition combined with a comprehensive activity programme which includes two full-day excursions and up to one half-day trip every week. There are activities during the afternoon and evening with the excursions and trips spread throughout the week on designated days. Bucksmore students are mostly individual students as opposed to large, single nationality groups.

Pastoral Care:

The Centre Manager is the Safeguarding Lead at the centre, however the Activity Leaders must adhere to the welfare policy at all times, and will be required to adhere to Bucksmore's Child Protection Policy. Due to the nature of a residential summer camp, an Activity Leader will be aware that their role is not limited to just running activities, but that students require 24/7 pastoral care, discipline if and when required, and supervision at bed-time and wake-ups.

Activity Leader Commitment:

The AL role is a fun and enjoyable role. To get the most out of this role, you should be ensuring that all students are having the best time, whether this is through sporting activities or quieter arts and craft sessions. The students happiness should always be at the centre of what an AL does.

The Working Week:

At least 48 hours per week. All residential staff will be asked to 'opt out' of the 48-hour working time directive. The job demands a high degree of flexibility and will involve evening and weekend work. Staff will have one full day off per week.

The Bucksmore Continuum

Our Courses

Bucksmore Education provides a range of academic courses for all levels and subject desires. Below are all our courses on offer. For more detailed information on our courses, please visit the [Bucksmore website](#). We like to pair our staff to courses that uses their skill set, so if you see a particular course that suits your experience, please let us know!

EFL Foundation	Academic Development	Academic Enrichment	University Preparation
Bucksmore English (10-13 & 13-16)	Young Leaders (14-17)	The Show Must Go On: The Young Performer (13-16)	Advanced Studies Programme (16-18)
English Plus (10-13 & 13-16)	Young Professionals (13-16)	Message Received: The Social Media Influencer (16-18)	
Intensive English (13-16)	Young Professionals (16-18)	The Art of Noise: Music & Audio Production (16-18)	
IELTs Preparation (16-18)		Curtain Up: Musical Theatre Production & Performance (16-18)	
		Build the Future: Design, Engineer, Construct (16-18)	

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Our Course Dates

Our centres have different starting dates and length of time being open. During the interview stage, you will be asked for your availability for the summer. This is so we can match you to the most suitable course based on your availability. A Bucksmore weeks always starts on a Tuesday.

Week Start Date

Centre	Location	27th June	4th July	11th July	17th July	24th July	1st Aug	8th Aug
Plumpton College	Brighton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
King Edward's School	Surrey			✓	✓	✓	✓	
St Hilda's	Oxford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
King's College London	London		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Tonbridge School	Kent		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oxford International College	Oxford		✓	✓	✓	✓		
d'Overbroeck's College	Oxford			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Corpus Christi	Cambridge			✓	✓	✓	✓	
St Edward's	Oxford		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Magdalene College	Cambridge			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brasenose College	Oxford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Application Process: Next steps, Safeguarding and paperwork

1. Please complete the online application form which will guide you through all the relevant fields. As part of our commitment to safer recruitment all applications must include a full and up to date work and education history. You will be asked to explain any gaps in your CV and any applications with significant omissions will not be considered. You must provide two referees on applying which Bucksmore reserves the right to contact before or after interview.
2. If you are short-listed, you will be invited to an interview with the Bucksmore Recruitment Manager.
3. All management positions will require a second interview with their reporting line manager which includes a task based assessment.
4. Successful candidates will undergo an enhanced DBS check (and a police check if you are residence outside the UK) and must provide a copy of their identification (e.g. passport, driving license) for our records.

Bucksmore Education strives to have a fair and equal recruitment and selection process. Successful applicants will come from diverse backgrounds and with varying levels of experience but all will be able to demonstrate commitment and enthusiasm to work with children and ensure they have the complete 'Bucky' experience.

Bucksmore Education is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The post holders' responsibilities for safeguarding and welfare of the students for whom they are responsible and with whom they come into contact, will be to adhere to Bucksmore's Child Protection Policy. You will be asked to provide the contact details of at least 2 referees. Referees will be asked specifically whether there is any reason that you should not be employed in situations where you have responsibility for under 18s.

Bucksmore charge approximately 50% of the cost of a DBS check (£23.15) which is deducted from the first payroll.

**Please be aware, the role will require substantial amounts of walking when on excursions and from time to time lifting and carrying equipment when setting up activities.

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