

international student club

Agent Information 2024



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What makes ISC one of the best junior summer schools in the UK?



Quality, safety and care

- Excellent British Council report (2022) with eight areas of strength including teaching, course design and care of under-18s. Please see our website for the full British Council inspection report.
- Named in the top 25% of junior language schools in the UK (EL Gazette 2022).
- Superb organisation and excellent welfare provision - safety and quality lie at the heart of everything we do. Directors live onsite and are available 24/7.
- Qualified, professional and friendly staff who create a supportive and caring environment
- Fantastic student experience - outstanding 2023 student feedback, with 97% rating their experience as good/excellent!

Location & Facilities

- Courses are held at historic Bloxham School, a traditional boarding school with excellent facilities for sports, theatre, art and leisure activities & 60 acres of beautiful grounds
- Homely, comfortable accommodation in one of Bloxham's boarding houses
- Safe campus, set in small village with 1:10 staff/student ratio on site
- Amazing location near Oxford and the picturesque Cotswolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England
- 1 hour from Birmingham International Airport and 1.5 hrs from Heathrow

Programme

- Fun, interactive English classes with a focus on fluency and spoken skills
- A range of **General English+** courses for students to tailor their learning experience
- A varied, engaging programme that aims to improve students' confidence when using English, teamwork and independence
- International, multi-cultural experience, 20 nationalities on our 2023 courses
- Great variety of activities including sports, dance, yoga, swimming, tennis, baking, arts, jewellery making, circus skills, team competitions, traditional British games and much more
- Excellent location for trips, with excursions to Oxford, Birmingham, and London.

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Dear Agents,

We are delighted to have had a record-breaking summer with almost **800 students from 20 countries**. This made for a wonderful atmosphere on campus and lots of new international friendships. There were lots of opportunities for students to practise their speaking and learn about other cultures.

We are always amazed by how much our students' confidence and fluency improves when using English at ISC. The level of student enthusiasm and integration with other nationalities was incredible to see, we hope that this will be the same in 2024. We have heard from parents, that their children are keeping in touch with their new friends in English and arranging to meet one another over the year. This really makes all the hard work worthwhile.

We are thankful to our fantastic team, group leaders, students and partners at Bloxham School for such successful summer courses. We hope to build on this and make our courses even better in 2024. As we always do after our courses, we have read through the feedback from students, staff and leaders and will be implementing some very useful suggestions and ideas on our next courses.

On that note, we had amazing student feedback, with **97% of our learners rating their experience at ISC as good/excellent!** We had such fun getting to know everyone and hope to see some familiar faces again next summer.

We also received **96% good/excellent ratings for our “interactive, fun” General English programme**. Don't forget, we also offer a range of **General English+ courses** for students to be able to tailor their learning experience. Students can enjoy all aspects of the General English programme in addition to specialist coaching/tuition on our General English+ courses:

- **General English+ 1:1/1:2/Mini-Group Tennis Coaching**
- **General English+ Academic English**
- **General English+ Cambridge Exam Preparation**

In partnership with Campfire Wild Adventures, we successfully ran our first **Outdoor Adventure Experience** on a secret location on campus. Students were taught by expert instructors how to build and cook on their own fire, use camouflage and work as a team to face challenges. The instructors were very impressed by one of our youngest students Joana who showed great resilience during the challenges! We are going to continue to offer the experience on our optional trip day, so be sure to recommend the Outdoor Adventure to students looking to develop their independence and team-building skills.

Bloxham completed their impressive renovation project at the start of the year and we had our **first groups stay in the new girls' boarding house Stonehill**. They loved the modern facilities, including a beautiful open-plan kitchen to socialise in. If you have not been to see Bloxham School yet, please get in touch, we would be happy to show you around the beautiful campus and village.

We were pleased to see old friends again this summer with groups from Hong Kong and Turkey after a tough few years. We also enjoyed working with some partner agencies for the first time and welcoming new nationalities on campus.

We hope to catch up with you all throughout the year and look forward to our continued cooperation. Thank you for all your support and we hope your students and leaders will be part of the “ISC family” next summer!

Al, Nic and Jill





ISC Student Testimonials



"The best memories ever! I did lots of activities I would never normally do. I love all the activity leaders and teachers, thank you for everything!" Lilu.

"Everything was perfect. This is the most memorable experience in my whole life. I'll miss you all!" Mariam.

Lilu & Mariam from Georgia

"The classes were by far my favourite thing at ISC. They gave me a huge boost of confidence and they were extremely interesting."

Andra from Romania

"We would like to thank your team for your hospitality, kindness and help with our group. Our students really enjoyed themselves and had a fantastic, lovely time at ISC."

*Carla & Eunice
Portuguese Group Leaders*



"I really liked the project classes and project show. The food was also really delicious!"

Kenji from Germany

"Everything was great, the sports activities, the drama project, the friends that I made, the place, the teachers.

Thank you ISC."

Turki from Saudi Arabia

"I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the staff at ISC. The children returned home delighted, Roman says he wants to come back. I have not seen such admiration in his eyes. I am very grateful to you, they had a good experience of independence and responsibility.

THANK YOU!"

Roman & Illia's mother, Ukraine



"Well after 7 years at ISC, I'm going to say that everything was perfect, just everything."

Karel from Czechia

"My favourite thing about ISC was that the staff is so friendly. You feel like you are at home. It's also awesome getting to know new people using your English."

Luka from Georgia

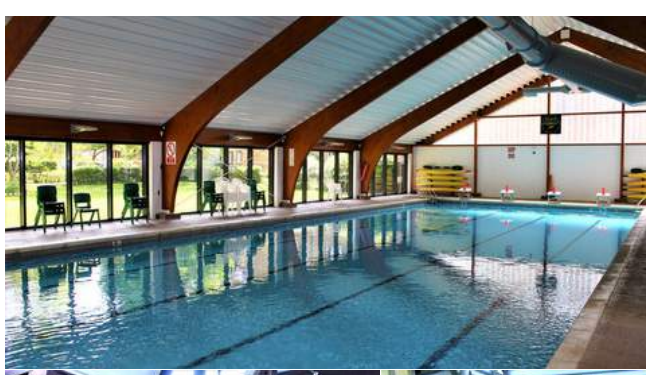
About ISC

International Student Club is run by Al Dadge, Nicola Lee and Jill Cutting, Directors of ISC. This will be its 27th year.

During the summer, Nicola oversees our qualified, professional teaching team as ISC's director of studies. Our friendly, creative teachers aim to provide students with fun, interesting and communicative lessons.

Our activity director and staff are full of enthusiasm and organise a variety of entertaining activities, ranging from sports, to a murder mystery evening, the ISC Bake Off, circus skills and much more for students to enjoy. Many of our students comment on how caring, positive and supportive our ISC staff are.

Your students will improve their English and make friends and memories for life at this truly special place.



Location & Facilities

ISC's courses take place at Bloxham School, a traditional, boarding school, founded in 1860. Bloxham is a fantastic location for a summer school, set in a picture-perfect village in Oxfordshire. The school is only 40 minutes from historic Oxford and London is just under two hours away.

The campus provides a beautiful environment for students, situated on the edge of the stunning Cotswolds in 60 acres of grounds. There is an impressive mix of historic and modern buildings.

Bloxham has great transport links and the school is well situated for Birmingham and London Heathrow airports.

There are fantastic sports facilities including an indoor sports hall, tennis courts, AstroTurf pitches, fitness studio, a 23-metre indoor heated pool and outdoor playing fields. There are modern classrooms with interactive whiteboards and excellent facilities for theatre, art, food technology and leisure activities. All boarding houses are within 5 minutes of the centre of campus.

Students have an on-site café and homely common rooms to relax and socialise in. Wi-Fi is available throughout campus.

The campus is very safe with individual access codes to the houses. The directors and staff live onsite, so there is always someone available to help students.



Accommodation

Bloxham's peaceful campus is located in Bloxham village - a very safe environment for young people. Residential accommodation is in one of the college's seven comfortable, single-sex boarding houses. Each house has its own character with a mixture of modern and more traditional buildings.

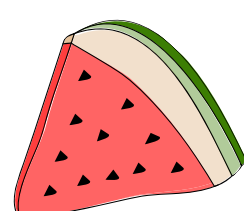
Boarding houses have a variety of rooms and spacious common areas to relax. The common rooms have lots of things for students to enjoy, such as table tennis, pool table and smart TVs. Each house has a fully-equipped kitchen, where students can share an evening snack and use their English to socialise with international housemates. The bathroom ratio is 1:6.



We have comfortable singles and twin rooms for older students and dormitory or multi-bedded rooms for our younger students. We organise rooming requests with agents as of Easter.

A laundry service takes place mid-course for a £5 charge. Bedding is provided and changed each course. Students need to bring a towel for showering and swimming.

Catering



Bloxham are very proud of their in-house catering team, who prepare all meals on site using fresh ingredients. Special dietary requirements are routinely catered for.

The food is plentiful and wholesome and there is always a wide choice to meet all tastes with a choice of meat, fish or a vegetarian option. There is a well-stocked salad bar, pasta bar, soup, fruit and desserts.



A range of cooked and cold options are available for breakfast. The fortnightly barbecue is always popular with students!

Drinks and biscuits are provided at break times. After evening activities there is a light snack in the boarding houses. There is also a modern school café that sells snacks, cakes, and hot and cold drinks.

General English Programme



General English

At ISC students receive 27 lessons/30 hours of General English, British Culture and Project lessons during the two-week programme. We have an excellent team of professional and friendly teachers and were awarded a strength for teaching in our last British Council inspection. In 2022 we had 98% good and excellent in feedback on lessons!

Our General English lessons are engaging and fun, with a focus on improving spoken communication. We want to help our students improve in confidence and fluency when using English. Students practise all communication skills, level-appropriate grammar and vocabulary, and pronunciation. We use our own range of interactive and interesting course materials, which are constantly updated by our creative teaching team. We also help to prepare students for life beyond school with leadership and teamwork activities

Students have a short level test on arrival and classes are organised by age and ability. Teachers monitor the progress of students in lessons and students receive a written report and certificate at the end of the course.



British Culture

In British Culture classes, students learn about the British way of life, culture, food and music and much more.

We also prepare our students for their excursions in British Culture lessons, where they learn all about the history, geography and cultural significance of the places they will be visiting. Students are able to practise the English they've learnt in class in real-life situations on trips.

Our teachers care about helping each individual student to progress and they use a variety of motivating activities, materials and technology in class. Learning is fun at ISC and we want to help our students learn and use English to the best of their abilities!



General English Programme



Project

Project classes are a much loved part of ISC and are an enjoyable and creative way to improve spoken confidence and fluency. Mixed ability classes work together as a team with the support of their teachers to create a drama project.

Students learn how to direct and perform in a play. Project teams work together and use their imaginations to create a story, dialogue, characters, costumes, set and props.

This culminates in the students performing their drama productions to the school in an exciting end of course project show, in which project teams compete to be the best class in school.



Typical Daily Timetable



- 07.30 - Wake up call
- 08.00 – 08.30 - Breakfast in Dining Hall
- 09.00 – 10.30 - General English lesson
- 10.30 – 10.50 - Break
- 10.50 – 11.40 - British Culture lesson
- 11.40 – 12.30 - Project lesson
- 12.30 – 13.00 - Lunch in Dining Hall
- 14.00 – 15.30 - Sports, Arts & Crafts, Dance Workshop or Climbing
- 15.30 – 16.00 - Break
- 16.00 – 17.00 - Capture the Flag, Swimming, Tennis or Arts and Crafts
- 17.00 – 18.30 - Time to relax in boarding houses/access to wifi
- 18.30-19.00 - Dinner in Dining Hall
- 20.00 – 22.00 - Evening activity
- 22.00 – 22.30 - Supper in houses

Key Information

- Students are organised into two age groups: Jets 9-13 & Sharks 14-17 years old
- Students are level tested on arrival & placed into the correct class
- Our levels range from Elementary to Advanced **(unfortunately we do not accept complete beginners)**
- Leadership and teamwork components prepare students for life beyond school
- Maximum class size of 16 (General English & British Culture lessons)
- Classes are merged for Project (32 students) and are assisted by three staff
- 30 hours/27 lessons of study per two-week course, which includes General English, British Culture and Project lessons and level test
- Lessons & activities follow a zig-zag timetable
- Lessons & activities take place every day apart from on arrivals day, trip days (Friday and Sunday - week 1 and Wednesday - week 2) and departures day
- End-of-course certificate, report and prize-giving ceremony
- Full daytime and evening activity programme
- Three full-day excursions
- Please see the [ISC website](#) for full course details

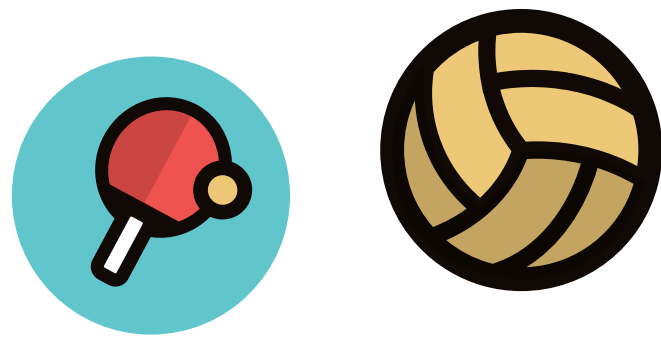
ISC Sample Programme



Morning		Afternoon	Evening
JETS – 2024 SAMPLE			
TUES 2/7	ARRIVAL	TEST	WELCOME TALK & FILMS IN HOUSES
WED 3/7	SPORTS/SWIMMING/ BENCHBALL/DANCE/ TENNIS/ARTS & CRAFTS – KEYRING MAKING	FIRST LESSONS	19:15 HOUSE MEETING WELCOME DISCO/GETTING TO KNOW YOU GAMES
THUR 4/7	LESSONS	ENGLISH SUMMER FAIR & TRADITIONAL BRITISH GAMES/SPORTS/DANCE/ARTS & CRAFTS – TIE DYING T-SHIRTS	TEAM GAMES
FRI 5/7	FULL DAY TRIP BIRMINGHAM – HISTORICAL TOUR, THINK TANK SCIENCE MUSEUM, AND FREE TIME FOR SHOPPING IN THE BULLRING		INTERNATIONAL TALENT SHOW
SAT 6/7	TREASURE TRAIL/SPORTS/YOGA/BAKING OR OPTIONAL COURSES LESSONS	LESSONS	DRAMA GAMES
SUN 7/7	<u>OPTIONAL TRIPS</u> 1. DRAYTON MANOR THEME PARK 2. TOWER OF LONDON & THAMES BOAT TRIP 3. HARRY POTTER/WARNER BROTHERS' STUDIO TOUR 4. ROYAL WINDSOR AND THE CASTLE OR ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS & BLOXHAM NATURE WALK		PUB QUIZ NIGHT
MON 8/7	LESSONS	ARCHERY/SPORTS/ JEWELLERY MAKING/CAPTURE THE FLAG OR OPTIONAL COURSES	FANCY DRESS DISCO & KARAOKE
TUES 9/7	SPORTS/SWIMMING/FITNESS CLASS/BADMINTON/ARTS & CRAFTS OR OPTIONAL COURSES	LESSONS	7.15 HOUSE MEETING ISC MURDER MYSTERY
WED 10/7	FULL DAY TRIP TO LONDON – WALKING TOUR AND NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM/SCIENCE MUSEUM		LATE DINNER AND CINEMA NIGHT OR PUZZLE IT OUT
THUR 11/7	LESSONS	BAKING/ULTIMATE FRISBEE/BASKETBALL/ OR OPTIONAL COURSES	BARBECUE AND OUTDOOR GAMES
FRI 12/7	LESSONS FOR ALL	OXFORD – TOUR, PUNTING, AND SHOPPING TRIP RETURN 20:30	
SAT 13/7	CIRCUS SKILLS/SPORTS/ ARTS AND CRAFTS + NATURE COLLAGE/SWIMMING/TENNIS	LESSONS	PROJECT SHOW
SUN 14/7	LESSONS	ARCHERY/DODGEBALL/ SPORTS/FITNESS/ROUNDERS	PRIZE-GIVING & DISCO
MON 15/7	DEPARTURE		BINGO AND BOARD GAMES FOR THOSE STAYING ON



Activities



ISC has a varied daily activities programme. Students can choose from 3-5 options. The programme includes sports, dance, baking, jewellery making, tie dyeing t-shirts, archery, circus skills, yoga, tennis, volleyball, swimming, traditional British games, treasure hunts and much more.

Evening activities include a murder mystery, discos, team competitions, drama games, a pub quiz, karaoke, a talent show and cinema nights. During activities, students have the opportunity to use their English in real-life situations and make new friends.

We have great facilities for activities, including a sports centre, a 23m indoor swimming pool, food technology room, kitchen, tennis courts, astro-turf pitches, fitness studio, acres of large sports fields, a well-equipped art block, theatres and indoor spaces for events.

Students compete with their international project team to win points for good participation, English and behaviour in and out of class. The project teams compete to win the ISC project cup.



Excursions

ISC students go on 3 full-day trips to London, Birmingham and the university city of Oxford. In London, students explore the capital's most famous sights and visit the world-renowned Natural History Museum. In Britain's culturally-diverse second city, students see the striking architecture of Birmingham, visit the Thinktank science museum and have free time for shopping in Europe's biggest shopping centre. Students go punting on the scenic River Cherwell in Oxford, learn about the university's historic colleges and go shopping for souvenirs. Our staff give guided walking tours on all excursions, so students can learn all about the geography, culture and history of the place they are visiting.

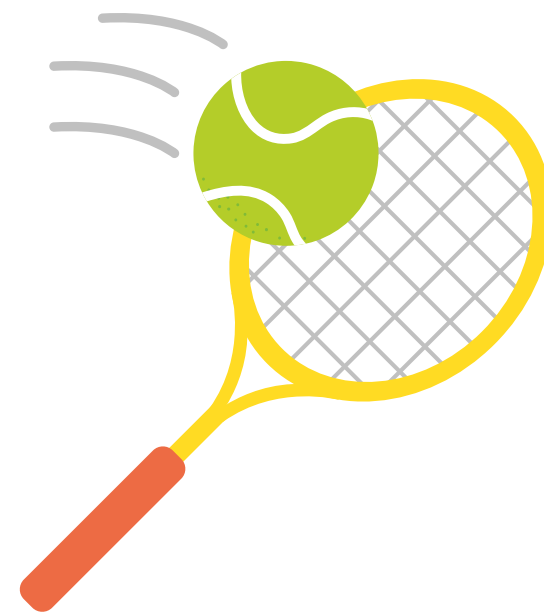
We want students to be safe outside of school, so we have a ratio of 1 adult per 15 students in addition to group leaders. Students are given ISC membership cards detailing our emergency contact number, and they prepare for their trips in British Culture lessons.

On the first Sunday of each course, there are optional trips for an extra charge of £70-100 to lots of exciting destinations. These include the London Eye, the Harry Potter WB studios, Windsor Castle, Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Drayton Manor theme park. Please see our website for details.



General English+

1:1/1:2/Mini-Group Tennis



Expert Tennis Coaching

Our General English + Tennis course is designed to help students improve their English and develop their match play techniques, skills and fitness.

Students receive 6 hours of expert coaching from Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) approved coaches. Rosie Clark Tennis Coaching has experience of coaching at top private schools and international summer schools. The coaches have a wealth of knowledge suitable for group and individual lessons of all standards, coaching players from beginner to performance level.

Lessons will include a brief assessment before highlighted areas are worked on both tactically and technically. Sessions will include competition and match play aspects and take place on hard courts at Bloxham School. Students participate in all areas of the General English programme, along with an additional 6 hours of individual or mini-group coaching sessions per course.



Learning Objectives

- Improve match play and overall fitness
- Gain specific strategies to improve court awareness
- Work on tactical play
- Practise and improve technique
- For students to improve fluency and gain confidence when speaking
- To practise spoken communication skills
- To learn and practise vocabulary related to tennis
- To practise and improve listening skills, such as listening for gist and detail during coaching sessions



'I feel more confident about playing competitively.'
Barbora, Czechia



Key Information

- For students aged 9-17 years old
- 6 hours of 1:1 or mini-group coaching sessions per two-week course
- 1:2 coaching available on request
- Maximum ratio of 6 students to 1 coach
- Expert coaching from LTA qualified, friendly coaches
- Includes General English programme - 30 hrs/27 lessons of General English lessons, 3 full-day excursions and daily activity programme





General English + Academic English

Our Academic English Course is for motivated students with a B2+ level of English, who wish to improve their academic skills or study in the UK in the future. There is a pre-course level test to ensure that the student is at the right level.

Our professional, friendly teachers help students to hone their academic skills and prepare for higher education in English.

Lessons include a Q&A session with the Bloxham admissions team who offer useful advice and information on UK academic life.

Students enjoy all aspects of our General English Course along with eight additional lessons focusing on Academic English.

Students benefit from practical lessons on essay writing, giving effective presentations and note taking techniques. Students create and deliver short presentations and receive individual feedback.

Learning Objectives

- To gain an understanding of the UK education system
- To learn and practise transferable life skills, such as how to create and deliver an effective presentation
- To develop academic writing skills, such as essay writing
- To develop and practise spoken communication skills, such as giving presentations
- To practise essential academic skills, such as reading strategies and notetaking/listening strategies for university lectures



Key Information

- For students aged 14-17 years old
- Maximum class size – 8
- For students studying towards a B2/C1 level of English
- Prepares students for future academic studies
- 2 week course - 8 x 45 minute lessons
- Includes General English programme - 30 hrs/27 General English lessons (maximum class size 16), 3 full-day excursions & daily activity programme

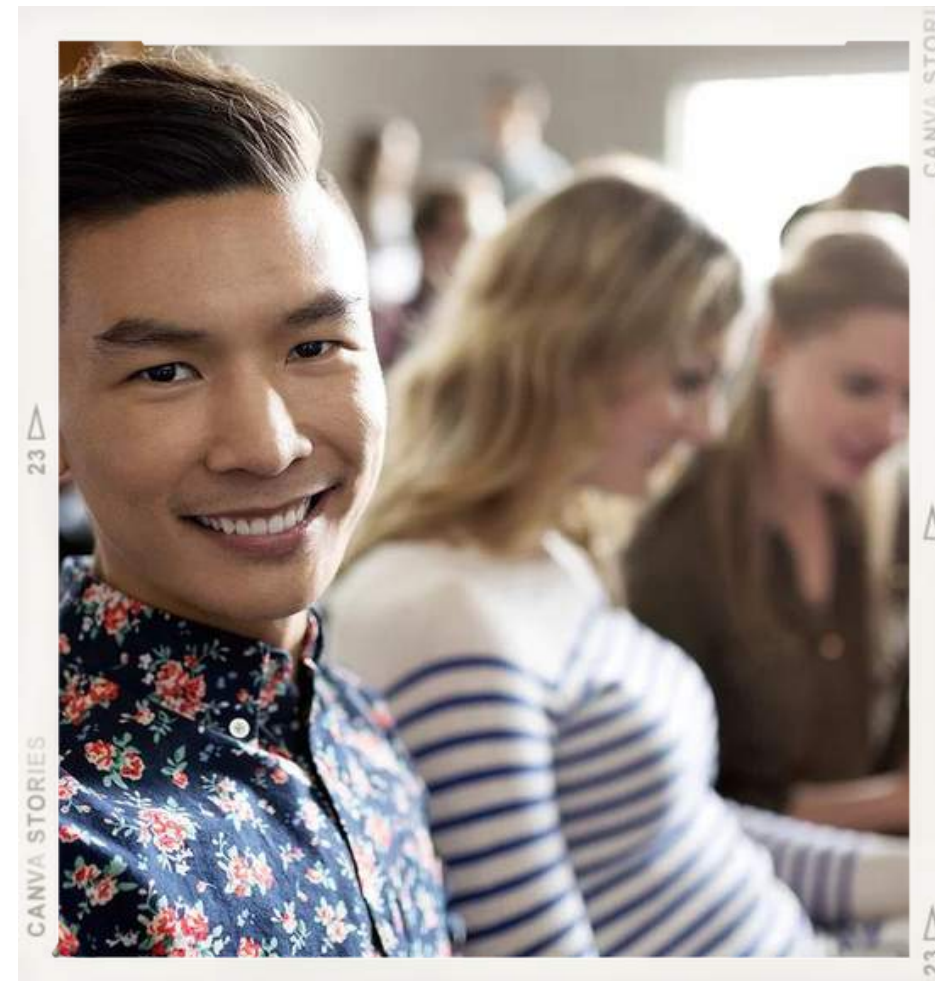
General English + Cambridge Exam Preparation

Secrets to Exam Success

Our PET and First Certificate exam preparation courses are designed for students who require practical exam strategies and guidance on how to approach Cambridge reading, writing, listening and speaking exam tasks. Students enjoy all aspects of our General English course along with eight additional lessons focusing on Cambridge exam preparation.

During the course our students practise and develop their communication skills in English and are given exam tips and advice from our professional teachers.

Classes include practice of useful speaking expressions, essay writing and strategies for a variety of reading and listening exam tasks. Students will have the opportunity to use authentic Cambridge past exam papers and receive individual feedback on mock-speaking exams.



Learning Objectives

- For students to familiarise themselves with all parts of the PET/FCE exam
- To develop and practise spoken communication skills, in both interactive and individual speaking exam tasks
- To learn and practise useful speaking expressions
- To develop academic writing skills, such as essay writing
- To acquire practical exam strategies
- To practise listening and reading for gist and detail
- To improve exam performance using individual examiner feedback



Key Information

- For students studying towards a B1 (PET) or B2 level (FCE) of English and wish to take the Cambridge PET or FCE exam - there is a pre-course level test to ensure the student is at the correct level.
- Exam strategies and helpful tips for passing the Speaking, Reading, Writing and Listening papers
- Highly experienced teachers of Cambridge examination classes
- Maximum of 8 students
- 2 week course - 8 x 45 minute lessons
- Includes General English programme - 30 hrs/27 General English lessons (maximum class size 16), 3 full-day excursions & daily activity programme





Optional Trips

Discover what Britain has to offer!



On the first Sunday of the course, there are optional trips for an extra charge of £70-100 to lots of exciting destinations, including an Outdoor Adventure Experience.

For history fans there is a trip to **Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon or Windsor Castle**, Harry Potter fans can go on a tour of the **Harry Potter Warner Brothers studios**. London lovers can visit the iconic **London Eye** and there is a **theme park trip** for students who love adventure and adrenaline! Optional trips are subject to interest. Please see the [ISC website](#) for more details.



Outdoor Adventure Experience

Students have the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom, use their English in real-life situations, and gain skills to become more resilient and independent. Giving young people the chance to try new experiences, while supervised in a safe environment, will give them much more confidence when facing challenges in their own lives.



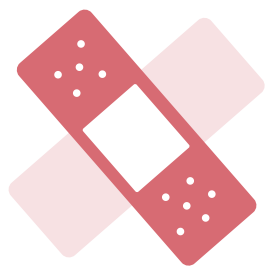
Learn outdoors & practise bushcraft and language skills

Our Outdoor Adventure experience will give students the chance to respond to challenges and work as a team while immersed in nature.



Our partners at **CAMPFIRE WILD ADVENTURES** will teach students how to construct shelters, build their own campfire, cook food for their team and basic survival skills on this full-day experience. This experience takes place on the optional trip day.

Welfare



The most important thing for us, is that students are happy and cared for while they are at ISC, so they have an enjoyable learning experience. Our office is open 8:30-22:00 every day and there is a head of house and staff in the boarding houses after that time. If students have any problems, all of our staff are happy to help.

Bloxham has a very safe campus, with a lockdown of houses at 23:00 - houses have individual access codes. We expect students to stay on campus, except when they go on organised excursions with our staff. When on trips, students should respect the school's rules.

If students or group leaders feel ill, we have first-aid trained staff on site and a hospital nearby. Directors Al, Nic and all the staff live on campus and students are given a 24-hour emergency telephone number, so they can contact us at any time.



Individual Students

Some of our students travel in groups, but we always have a lot of students who travel to the school alone or with a friend. We call these students 'Individuals' and we put them in an 'Individuals' group' with a British group leader to look after them.

Individual students share bedrooms with other nationalities in their boarding houses. This truly international group makes it easier for students to make new friends and, of course, to do so in English.

To ensure they are happy and well cared for, we:

- appoint an experienced member of staff to be the Individuals Group Leader and help students to develop their independence.
- take registers 4 times a day - a chance to check all is OK.
- keep pocket money in the school safe in the office, so students have regular contact with the course directors.
- hold individuals' meetings twice a week to give out information.
- provide a dedicated group leader phone number and 24-hour emergency number.





Bookings

Group Bookings

- Provisional group allocations are confirmed in writing to the agent at the start of the sales season. The agent must provide regular updates on sales of student places.
- A group booking form including course dates, student name, sex, date of birth and any special requirements or medical conditions should be sent to ISC at least 6 weeks before arrival.
- The Student Agreement and Data Protection forms should be completed by the student/parents upon enrolment. All enrolment documents can be downloaded from the ISC website.
- The completed forms can be sent by email or brought to the school by the group leader.
- A group invoice will be sent upon completion of the group. One free leader place is given for each 10 students. **Additional leaders are charged pro-rata at £350/week.**

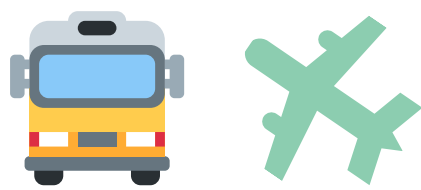
Individual & Home Tuition Bookings

- The Enrolment, Student Agreement, Parental Consent, and Data Protection forms should be completed and returned to ISC at least 6 weeks before arrival. All enrolment documents can be downloaded from the ISC website.
- The student's place on the course will be confirmed and an invoice sent on receipt of the enrolment form.
- Flight details should be sent as soon as these are confirmed – at least 6 weeks before arrival.

Booking Payment Schedule

A non-returnable deposit of 20% is payable upon booking. Group deposits must be paid by 21.02.2024. The final balance must be paid at least 4 weeks prior to the course start date. **Please ensure you cover the cost of bank charges and use the INVOICE NUMBER or STUDENT'S SURNAME as the reference.**

Transfers



- Bloxham is conveniently located 1.5 hrs from Heathrow and an 1 hr from Birmingham airport.
- Your students are met at the airport by a member of ISC staff or one of our drivers. Please look for the red 'International Student Club - Bloxham' sign. Staff accompany students to their coach or taxi which will take them directly to the college. All of our drivers hold current DBS checks.
- Individual students either travel to Bloxham by taxi or a coach with other ISC students.
- If your group arrives very late or very early in the morning, or on non-standard dates, we may not have a member of staff available to meet them. Individual students will always be met.
- **Extras:** • £40 for a check-in service • £80 for students travelling as unaccompanied minors



Please contact us directly for transfer prices and information

Please note: the school closes at 13.00 on Monday 12th August 2024



Enrolment Terms and Conditions

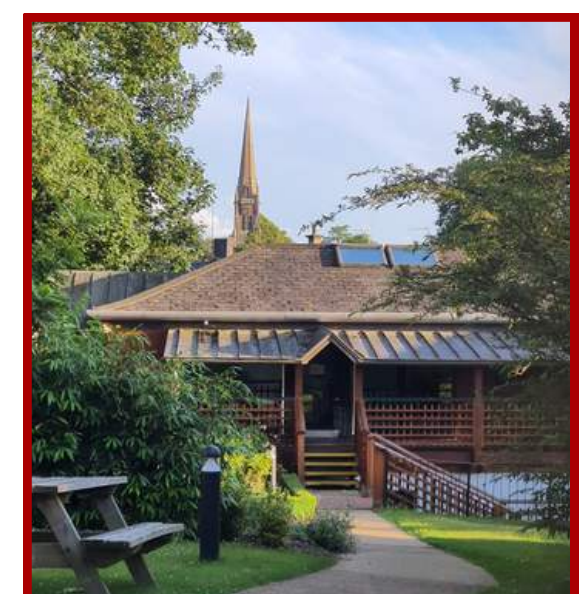
- We strongly recommend that students take out appropriate comprehensive travel insurance to cover medical fees, cancellation, repatriation, damage to property and cover against Covid-19.
- ISC accepts no liability for the loss of money or personal effects which are not given to the office for safekeeping. Students are advised not to bring expensive items, and to lock any other valuables in their suitcase.
- Passports, flight tickets and pocket money must be kept in the school safe and will be collected upon arrival.
- A damage deposit of £40 or €40 is to be paid at the start of the course. This will be returned upon departure if there has been no damage.
- ISC must be notified of any pre-existing medical conditions. In cases of medical or other emergency the school will act in loco parentis.
- Cancellation charges are as follows for all courses: More than 4 weeks before arrival - the deposit will be retained. • 4 weeks to 72 hours before arrival - 50% of the total fees will be retained. • Less than 72 hours before arrival, 100% fees are due. • Programme refunds are never made after the course begins.
- There is no refund for cancellation or failure to provide services due to an event of force majeure/factors beyond our control, e.g. terrorist attack, war, global pandemic or other acts of God.
- Students must follow the rules of the school. Racist, violent, sexist, homophobic or bullying behaviour will not be tolerated. If students do not abide by the rules, they may be asked to leave the school at their parents' expense. Fees will not be refunded.



Health & Safety Measures

All aspects of our course are risk-assessed and ISC's health and safety measures are continuously reviewed and updated.

Our preparations are communicated to agents and parents throughout the year. Please refer to the ISC website for up-to-date information on our 2024 courses.





Student Information Sheet



Welcome!

We are delighted you will be joining us this summer and look forward to meeting you. It is important that you are well prepared before you arrive in England so please read the following information carefully.



The School

Bloxham School founded in 1860, is a traditional boarding school, located near Oxford and the picture-perfect Cotswolds. You will be accommodated in one of the school's homely boarding houses with other students and our staff.

The whole school has breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room and there is a light evening snack in your boarding house. Lessons are held in the modern classroom block. Bloxham has fantastic sports facilities; including tennis courts, astro turf football pitches, netball courts, a 23-metre heated pool, and lots of outdoor playing fields. There are also excellent facilities for theatre, art and activities, as well as an IT suite and food technology room.

There are lots of places for our students to relax and make new friends, including a modern café and homely common rooms in all the boarding houses. All boarding houses are within a 5-minute walk of the facilities.

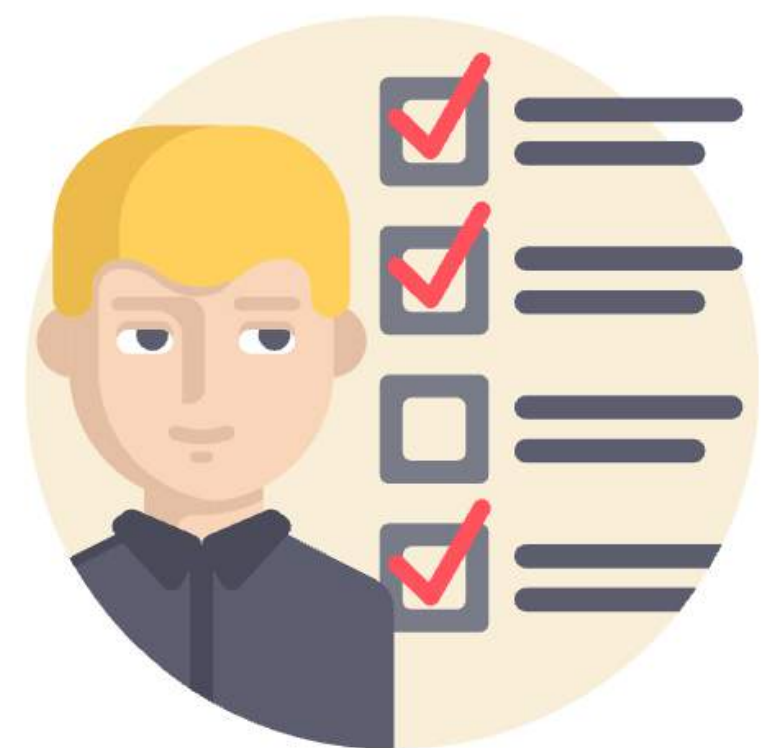
The Programme

- You will have 27 lessons/30 hours of English language tuition each two-week course. This includes General English, British Culture and Project classes taught by our friendly, supportive teachers. You will be allocated to an international project team while at ISC and you can win points for good work, behaviour and participation.
- When not in lessons, we offer a choice of activities including sports, swimming, circus skills, dance, tie dyeing t-shirts, jewellery making, yoga, team competitions, British games and much more. Evening activities include discos, karaoke, a pub quiz, drama games, a murder mystery, cinema nights and a barbecue. We go to visit local places of interest, for example vibrant London, the university city of Oxford, and Birmingham. You will be accompanied by our trained staff on all activities and trips.
- Your project lessons lead to the project show, which takes place in the Great Hall at the end of the course. The Projects will be judged, and your team could win the cup!
- There will be students from many countries for you to make friends with. This gives you an exciting opportunity to learn about other cultures as well as British culture. As part of this, we ask you to take part in our International Talent Show. You could dance, sing share interesting information about your country and showcase a talent!
- On the first Sunday of each course, you can go on an optional excursion for an extra charge. If you want to go on an optional excursion, please bring enough pocket money to cover the cost, which is £70 - £100 per trip. Otherwise, there are activities on campus.
- WiFi is available at certain times throughout the day.
- Please see our website for details of the ISC programme.



What should I bring?

- Stationery for lessons
- Water bottle to refill around campus
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Shower gel and any other toiletries you need
- **Face masks and a travel bottle of hand sanitizer**
- Sports clothes and white soled trainers for use in the sports centre
- Comfortable walking shoes for excursions
- Sports equipment, if you want to use your own (equipment is provided by the school if not)
- Rain-proof jacket and warm sweater
- International Evening - any items you will need
- A plug adapter - the UK uses 240v
- A sensible amount of clothes - remember you will have to carry your own bags on arrival and departure. A laundry service is available mid-course
- Padlock for your suitcase or lockable cupboard
- Spending money - students usually bring between £60-£150 per week, but all students have different needs.



Important Information

- You will be asked to sign a 'Student Agreement' when you book, accepting you will follow the rules of the school.
 - As you are sharing your accommodation with others, we ask you to respect their space and their needs by not making noise, especially at night. All students must be in their bedrooms and quiet by 23:00 every night.
 - Bathrooms and common areas are cleaned every day. Bedrooms are cleaned regularly and linen changed each course. There is a mid-course laundry service. Please keep bedrooms tidy.
 - On arrival, you will be asked to pay a damages deposit of £40/€40. This will be returned to you at the end of your stay if you have not caused any damage to school property.
 - Your travel tickets, passports and spending money must be kept in our safe. Please make sure your insurance covers you for loss or theft of your belongings, as the school will not be liable. There are no locks on the bedroom doors, so please keep valuable items locked away in your suitcase or lockable cupboard.
- Any students found drinking alcohol, taking drugs or committing an act of gross misconduct (e.g. bullying, repeated rudeness, racist, sexist or homophobic behaviour) is liable to be removed from the campus immediately and sent home at their parents' expense.**



Group Leader Information



Welcome!

We are looking forward to meeting you this summer at Bloxham School and would like to take this opportunity to give you some information on what to expect.

The General English Programme

When students arrive, they are taken to their boarding houses, on a tour of campus, for a drink/snack and to complete a short level test. On the first day students are given time to unpack, there are some sports and activities and the whole school attends an evening 'Welcome Talk' in the Great Hall. Students are introduced to the team and given all the information they need for their stay at ISC.

Lessons and activities begin on the second day. Students are divided into two age groups, the 'Jets' aged 9-13 and 'Sharks' aged 14-17 years old. They receive 27 lessons/30 hours of English teaching during the two-week course, this includes General English, British Culture and Project lessons. Students are organised into international teams for the course and win points for good behaviour, effort and work. Each team takes part in the ISC Project, producing a drama project which they perform to the school at the end of the course and can win the best Project class in school. Please see the ISC website for full course details.

There are three full-day excursions to London, Oxford, and Birmingham. There is a full and varied daytime and evening activity programme. Students are expected to take full advantage of the opportunities on the course. We ask you to encourage them to participate in all activities and practise their English as much as possible with their new friends. Please see our website for details of the programme.

On the first Sunday of each course, we offer an optional trip at an extra cost. Destinations include the London Eye, the Harry Potter Warner Brother Studios, Windsor Castle, Drayton Manor theme park and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford Upon Avon. These are usually organised in advance. There is also a full day of activities on campus.

One of our evening activities is the International Talent Evening, where your students will be expected to share an aspect of their own culture with their new friends - they can sing, dance, talk about traditions, or anything else they can think of, but they must take part!

This is also a talent competition so, again, please encourage your most talented (or enthusiastic) students to perform.

ISC Staff

The ISC course directors will be on site throughout the courses to help you and ensure the quality of the programme. The director of studies oversees the teaching department and English courses and the activity programme is managed by our activity director.

Our friendly, professional teachers and activity staff will be the main point of contact with your students. All staff live on site and are available to help you and your students. You will be accommodated in single rooms in the same boarding house as your students.





Group Leader Duties

The course runs best, and you get more enjoyment from it, if you become part of our team, working with us for the benefit of your students. We need you to help us with the following:

- Please read your information pack on arrival, it has all the necessary information for the programme.
- There will be regular leader meetings during the course, organised by the course directors. **You must attend these to effectively manage your group.**
- Please collect passports and flight tickets from students to deposit in the school safe. These should go in a large envelope marked 'Documents' with the group name. Envelopes are included in your group leader pack.
- Pocket money should be collected in the pocket money envelope, and again marked with the group name. Students' bedrooms are not lockable, so we insist they keep their money in the safe. We cannot take responsibility if money goes missing from rooms. You will be responsible for giving out their pocket money as they need it. Ask students to lock any valuable items in their suitcases or lockable cupboards.
- Please collect a £40/€40 damage deposit from each student upon arrival and put this in the 'Deposits' envelope. It will be returned at the end of the course if no damage is done to school property and behaviour has been acceptable.
- Check your students' rooms for damage on arrival and before they depart.
- Take photos of your students for our student photo wall.
- During the busy first days of the course, help us to settle and organise the students quickly. Please refer any rooming issues to the head of house/office and any class issues should be discussed with the director of studies.
- Arrange to meet your group every morning to ensure they are up and ready for class or activities and understand what they are doing that day, also check that they are present for the afternoon sessions. If students are missing from class, the office will ask for your help to locate them.
- Ensure all your students are in their boarding house at 22.00 and help staff to supervise suppers and get students to bed by 23.00. If you are a single leader with students in 2 houses, please check your students in both houses.
- You must all attend house meetings. You may need to translate important information after the meetings.
- Check your students' bedrooms are tidy. Also, help organise personal laundry if your students require it.
- If not pre-arranged, find out if your students want to go on an optional Sunday excursion and collect the money from them in advance.
- Accompany your students when we go off site on trips, never allow younger students to have unsupervised free time on trips.
- Students are not allowed to leave the college premises unless you have given permission and agreed it with us.
- Motivating students is the key to a successful course. Please encourage your students to join in everything on the programme.
- Please join us for the group leader party evening and get to know our lovely staff!



2024 Course Dates & Price List

General English Programme

Two-week courses - £2400

Tuesday 2nd July - Monday 15th July
Tuesday 16th July - Monday 29th July
Tuesday 30th July - Monday 12th August

Four-week courses - £4765

Tuesday 2nd July - Monday 29th July
Tuesday 16th July - Monday 12th August

General English + Courses

Two-week courses only

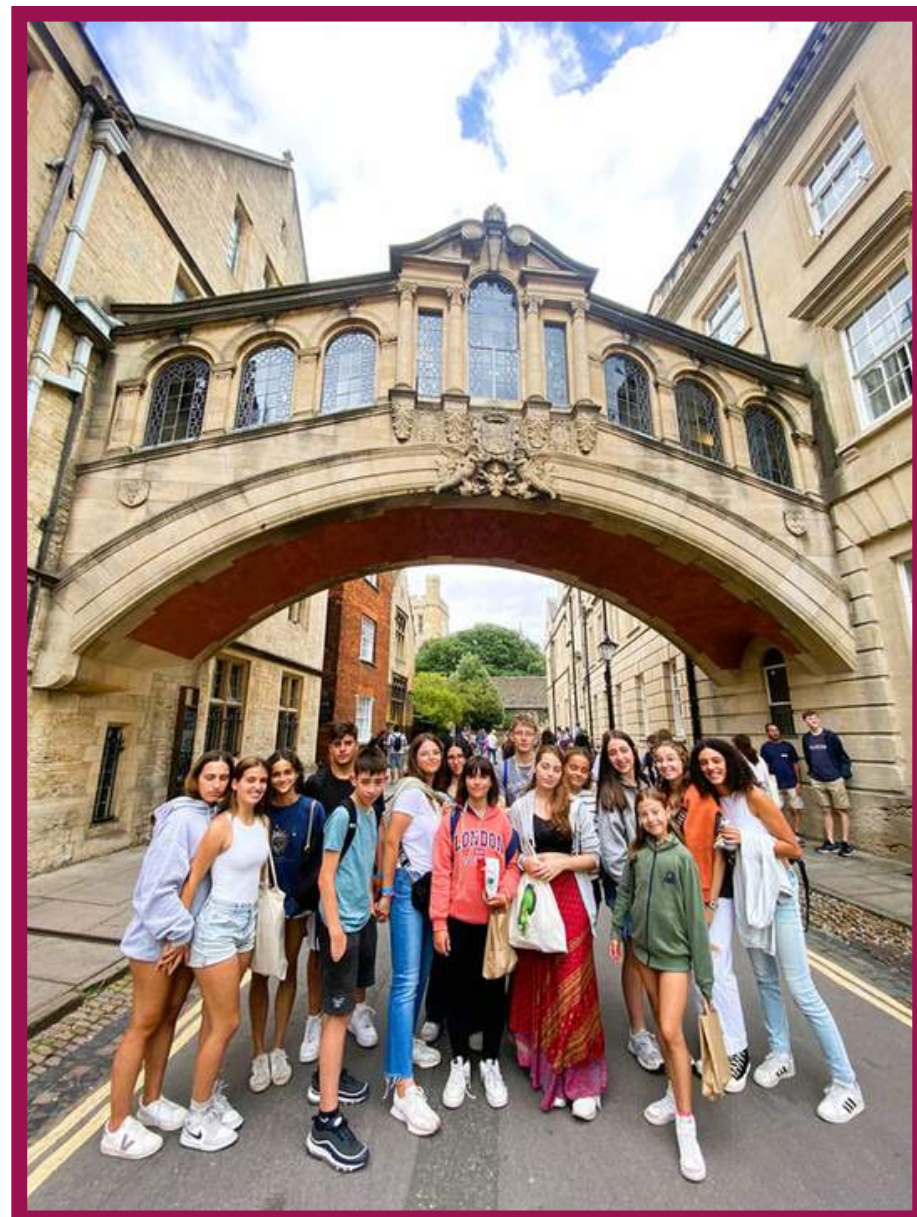
£2590 - General English + Mini-Group Tennis Coaching
£2750 - General English + 1:1 Tennis Coaching
£2680 - General English + 1:2 Tennis Coaching
£2615 - General English + Academic English
£2615 - General English + Cambridge PET/First Exam Preparation

What's included in the two-week course:

- Accommodation in school boarding houses in single, twin or multi-bedded rooms
- Full board - breakfast, lunch and dinner plus bedtime snack
- 30 hours/27 lessons of General English lessons with qualified EFL teachers
- Level test on arrival
- ISC course materials
- End-of-course certificate and report
- Prize-giving ceremony
- 3 full-day excursions to London, Oxford and Birmingham
- Full and varied daytime and evening activity programme
- 24-hour welfare service
- Complimentary group leader place for a minimum of 12 students
- 50% return airport transfers included from Birmingham and Heathrow for min 15 students - only on scheduled arrival and departure days between 08.00-16.00

What's not included:

- Transfer costs for grps of less than 15
- Individual transfer costs
- One optional excursion, which costs between £70-100
- Personal insurance, pocket money and laundry service £5 per course
- Expenses connected with medical/dental treatment



Home Tuition Courses



Junior and Adult Programmes

Our fully immersive English courses offer an unforgettable opportunity for students to develop their confidence and accelerate their learning. Students live and learn with their host teacher and achieve their individual goals with personalised 1:1 lessons, activities and excursions.

Courses take place in Cardiff, Wales' exciting capital city, which is rich in history, culture and home to fantastic restaurants, shops and major international music and sporting events, Cardiff has its own airport and is located on the south coast near to the Welsh mountains and iconic Bristol. It truly is the perfect setting for a unique cultural and learning experience.

Junior Immersive English Programmes

Our fun, interactive English courses are designed to improve spoken fluency, build confidence and deliver quick progress.

Students enjoy personalised lessons, activities, local excursions and 1:1 tuition. If students prefer to study with a friend, 2:1 tuition is available. We offer pre-intermediate to advanced courses.

Our friendly, experienced teachers tailor lessons and help students to attain their personal goals. A variety of engaging activities are used to develop communication skills and practise pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary. Enjoy fast-track learning on one of our immersive English courses.

General English, Academic English and Cambridge Exam Preparation courses are available. Please consult the course information pages for more information.



Junior Sample Programme

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Arrival and transfer	Settling in & diagnostic test	Welcome meal
Personalised lessons	City tour & museum	Games night
Personalised lessons	Coursework	Walk to pier and traditional fish & chips
Personalised lessons	Visit historic castle & shopping	Homework session
Personalised lessons	Activity – e.g. sports/	Cooking with teacher
Personalised lessons	Explore the local area & science museum/medieval village	Movie night
Coursework	Shopping	Farewell meal

*Adventure sports or excursions to Oxford/Bristol/Bath/national parks can be organised for an additional cost





Home Tuition Courses



Adult Immersive English Programmes

Our fully immersive, pre-intermediate to advanced English courses aim to improve spoken fluency, build confidence and deliver quick progress. Students learn in the comfort of their teacher's home and enjoy personalised lessons, activities, local excursions and 1:1 tuition.

Our lessons focus on spoken communication and we use a variety of fun, engaging materials and activities to develop knowledge of, and practise, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Our friendly and experienced teachers tailor lessons to help students reach their individual goals. General English, Academic English and Cambridge Exam courses are available. Please consult the course information pages for more information.



Adult Sample Programme

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Arrival and transfer	Settling in & diagnostic test	Welcome meal
Personalised lessons	City tour & museum	Visit to a traditional pub & pub quiz
Personalised lessons	Visit historic castle & traditional afternoon tea	Walk to pier and fish & chips
Personalised lessons	Free time	Project work
Personalised lessons	Sightseeing – explore the local area	Cooking with teacher
Personalised lessons	Free time	Movie/games night
Personalised lessons	Shopping/free time	Farewell meal & pub

*Adventure sports or excursions to Oxford/Bristol/Bath/national parks can be organised for an additional cost

What's Included

- 7 nights full-board accommodation in comfortable, friendly home environment (adults: half board)
- Private bedroom
- 15 hours 1:1 tuition (£30 per extra hour)
- Course materials (to use during stay)
- Pre-course contact with teacher
- Diagnostic test
- Course report
- Attendance certificate
- 3/4 x half-day local excursions/activities (adults cover own entry costs)
- Booking fee
- Local transfer (local airport or train station)
- *15% Discount - 2:1 tuition (same level & twin room)

Dates

We run week long courses throughout the year from October to March. Start dates are flexible.

Prices

Junior

- General English Immersion Course - £1525
- Exam Preparation Courses - £1525
- Academic English Course - £1525

Adult

- General English Immersion Course - £1470
- Exam Preparation Courses - £1470
- Academic English Course - £1470



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