



2027 Prospectus

Courses for adults & juniors

Family-run in Bournemouth since 1966

Learn English by **the sea.**

Adult and junior English courses in Southbourne, Bournemouth.
A friendly seaside school, ten minutes' walk from the beach.

Study

Socialise

Experience

Accredited by the
BRITISH COUNCIL
for the teaching
of English in the UK



Quality English



southbourneschool.co.uk

Sixty years of helping the world speak English

"Since my grandfather founded the school in 1966, we've helped thousands of students from around the world make real progress with their English.

Today I run the school with Kathryn, our Principal, and an expert team of staff and teachers. Together, we have years of experience in helping students get the most from their courses.

We take great pleasure in seeing our students enjoy their time with us here in Bournemouth — and watching their English skills improve.

I look forward to welcoming you very soon!"



Paul Gallina

Owner & Managing Director · third generation

Study. Socialise. Experience.

We are a private language school teaching English as a Foreign Language. We are owned by the family that started the school in 1966, which means that we understand what students need for a successful stay in the UK. We know how important it is for students to be happy during their language stay, so our aim is to make sure their course and experience meet their expectations. Our Academic, Administration and Activity teams aim to deal with any questions quickly. We are ready to help before arrival and during their stay so that everyone can **Study, Socialise, and Experience** the UK.

1966

Founded by the same family

1982

British Council accredited since

★ **4.8**

Rated on Google today*

*Google rating of 4.8/5 as shown on our website, from reviews by students, parents and partners.



Our school on Beaufort Road

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More than an English course.

Choosing where to study English is choosing where you'll live, who you'll meet and what you'll remember. Here's what makes our school by the sea different.



Family-run since 1966

Three generations of the same family have led the school. Decisions are made by people who know every classroom, every homestay host — and most students by name.



Accredited & inspected

British Council accredited since 1982, and members of IALC, Quality English and English UK — independent quality marks covering teaching, welfare and management.



English by the sea

Southbourne Beach is a ten-minute walk from the school. Study where other people go on holiday — and let the coast become part of your daily routine.



A worldwide community

Students from 50 countries joined us in 2026. With nationalities mixed in class and at activities, English is the language everyone shares.



Teachers who know your name

Experienced, supportive teachers, small friendly classes and regular tutorials — so you always know how far you've come, and what comes next.



A school built for living

19 modern classrooms with interactive screens and air conditioning, a 70-seat café, cinema room, games room and a sunny landscaped garden.



Caring local homestays

Handpicked hosts in the quiet streets around the school — walking distance or a short bus ride away — so English practice continues at the dinner table.



Life outside the classroom

Beach volleyball, quiz nights, karaoke and excursions to London, Oxford, Bath, the Jurassic Coast, and more.



"The school was like a big family for me. Every student was addressed by name — it was very personal and I felt very comfortable. I'm grateful for the **lovely friendships** that have developed with people from all over the world."

Simona, Switzerland
Student testimonial

60+

Years of teaching English

10 min

Walk to Southbourne Beach

50+

Nationalities every year

4.8 ★

Google rating today

A friendly seaside suburb that feels like home

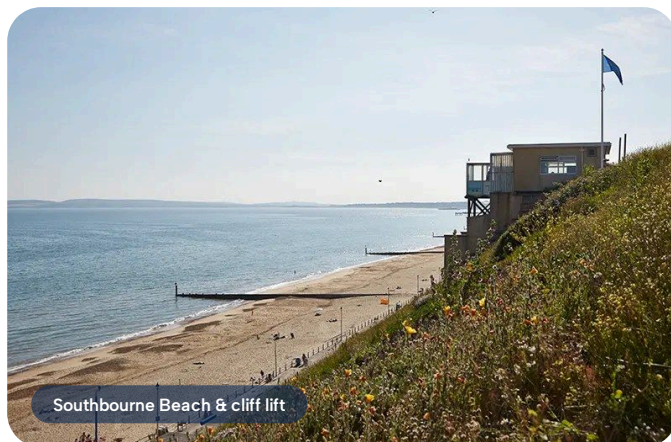
Southbourne — the locals call it “SoBo” — is a vibrant coastal suburb of Bournemouth with a tight-knit, welcoming community that makes our students feel right at home.



Everything on your doorstep

Whether you're looking for award-winning eateries — including a Michelin-star restaurant — a relaxing stroll on golden sand, or the unique mix of independent cafés and boutique-style shops on our high street, Southbourne alone can keep you entertained throughout your stay.

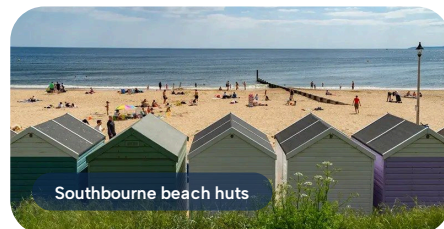
It's a safe, residential neighbourhood: quiet leafy streets, local hosts who have welcomed students for years, and the beach at the end of the road.



Blue Flag sand, ten minutes away

Walk out of class, and in ten minutes your shoes are off. Our stretch of coast holds the Blue Flag award for clean, safe, well-managed beaches — perfect for beach volleyball after lessons, weekend walks along the clifftop, or watching the sun set over the bay.

Southbourne sits about 5 km east of Bournemouth town centre — close enough for the big-town buzz, far enough to feel like a local.



5 min

Walk to the high street

10 min

Walk to the beach

15 min

Walk to Pokesdown station

<1 min

To the nearest bus stop

Study where others go on holiday.

Southbourne Beach, looking along the bay towards Bournemouth

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Scan for photos of
our school & local area





Your bigger playground · Bournemouth

When the sun shines, Bournemouth shines too

Seven miles of sandy beaches are just the beginning. Bournemouth has a wealth of attractions, history and experiences: museums and galleries, amusement arcades, a climbing centre, a world-first pier-to-shore zip line, mini-golf and even an oceanarium.

The town is one of the UK's favourite destinations for international students — welcoming around 50,000 every year — so you'll find a young, diverse and welcoming atmosphere, with cuisines from Italian and Greek to Pan-Asian and Jamaican.

When the sun sets, Bournemouth continues to thrive: a lively nightlife with a variety of pubs, bars and restaurants — especially in the summer months.

Football fan? Bournemouth is home to Premier League side **AFC Bournemouth** — the stadium is a short bus ride from school.

7 miles

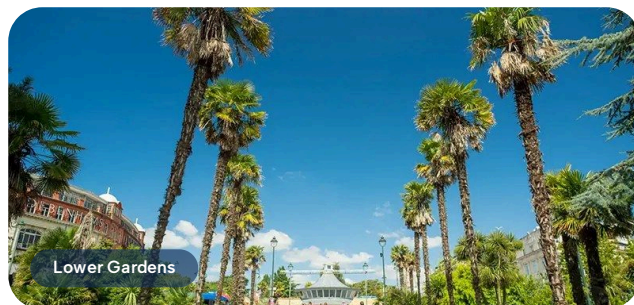
Of sandy beaches

50,000

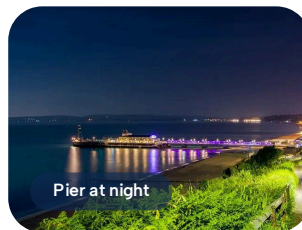
International students a year

2 hours

To London by train or coach



Lower Gardens



Pier at night



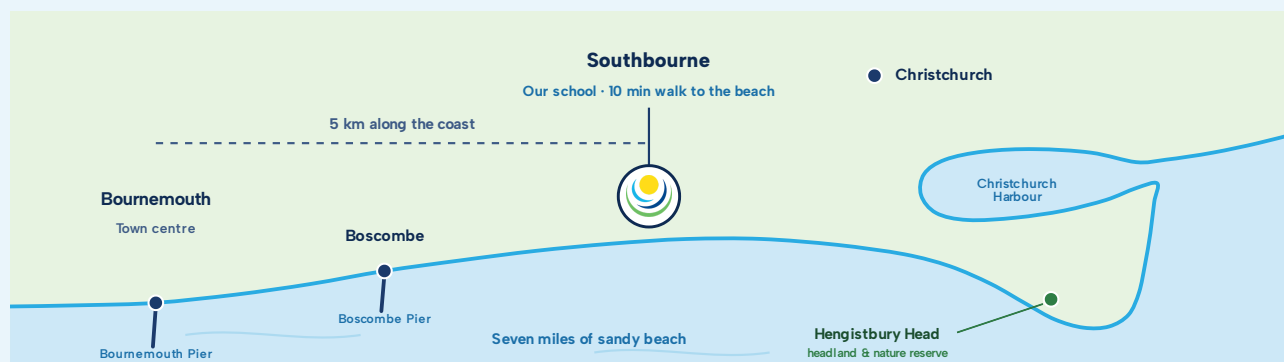
Sunset volleyball



Bournemouth beach

Where we are

Approximate coastline, drawn to scale



New Forest · on our doorstep

Jurassic Coast · day trip

London · approx. 2 hours by coach or train

Oxford & Bath · excursion favourites

What do you want to achieve?

Nine programmes, one simple question. Start with your goal below, then turn to the course page for the full story. Every course includes a placement test before you arrive, so you'll always start at exactly the right level.

Improve everyday English

General & Intensive English

Confident real-world English, 15 or 21 hours a week. Start any Monday, year-round.

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Study privately

One-to-One English

Lessons built entirely around you — any goal, any specialism, from age 10+.

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Have an amazing summer

Adult Summer English

Morning lessons, then beach evenings and excursions. Age 16+.

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Pass an exam

Cambridge Exam Courses

Four focused weeks to B2 First or C1 Advanced — qualifications for life.

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Professional English

Over 30s Executive English

Intensive small-group English for working professionals — max 6 per class.

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Prepare for university

English to Prepare for University

A four-week pre-session course in academic English and study skills.

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Create & communicate online

English for Content Creators

Build your English and your audience — podcasts, video, streaming and more.

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Age 9–15 summer

Junior Summer English

Lessons, sports, beach games and excursions — with 24/7 welfare care.

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Travelling with a school or group

Group English Courses

Tailor-made programmes for school groups, every season of the year.

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Outside seating with parasols in the landscaped garden

Not sure about your level? Don't worry.

CEFR — the international standard

We grade every student using the Common European Framework (CEFR), and everyone takes a friendly placement test before arrival — so you join exactly the right class from day one. We teach all levels, from beginner to advanced.

A1
Beginner /
Elementary

A2
Pre-intermediate

B1
Intermediate

B2
Upper-
intermediate

C1
Advanced

C2
Proficiency

All nine programmes, side by side

A quick reference for students, parents and agents. Full details, current dates and prices are always on our website — scan the code below or ask us for a free quote.

Programme	Age	Main goal	Hours / week	Duration	Season
Adult courses					
General English	15+*	Confident everyday English across all four skills	15	1 week – 1 year	Year-round, start any Monday
Intensive English	15+*	Faster progress with afternoon classes	21	1 week – 1 year	Year-round, start any Monday
One-to-One English	10+	Private lessons tailored to your exact needs	Flexible · 60-min lessons†	Flexible	Year-round
Adult Summer English	16+	English plus a sociable summer activity programme	15 or 21	1 week +	June – August
Cambridge Exam Courses	15+	B2 First (FCE) or C1 Advanced (CAE) certification	21	4 weeks	Fixed dates each year
Over 30s Executive English	30+	Advanced professional communication · B1 to C1 · max 6 per class	21	1 week + (most book 2–4)	Ask us for dates
English to Prepare for University	Adults	Academic skills for English-speaking universities · B1+ · max 10	21	4 weeks	Fixed dates
English for Content Creators	Young adults	Six creator modules, from podcasting to the business of creating · B1+ · max 8	21	6-module curriculum	Ask us for dates
Junior courses					
Junior Summer English	9–15‡	English lessons plus a packed activity programme	15	1 week +	Mid-June – end of August
Group English Courses	9+‡	Tailor-made programmes for school groups	12–18 (by length of stay)	5–9 nights or longer	Year-round

*Adult courses welcome students aged 15+ in low season and 16+ in summer. †We recommend booking a minimum of 5 one-to-one hours. ‡Homestay accommodation available from age 10+. Class sizes, hours and seasons as published by the school; every programme includes a pre-arrival placement test and an end-of-course certificate.

★★★★★

"An amazing experience. The staff were always kind, helpful and professional. I learned a lot, **improved my English**, and always felt comfortable in class."

Nasser
Google review



Build your own quote

Try our online course calculator: pick a course, add accommodation and transfers, and download your personal quotation as a PDF.

General & Intensive English

Build confident, real-world English at your own pace. Start any Monday, study from one week to a full academic year, and progress through the levels with expert, supportive teachers.

15 or 21

Hours per week

A1-C2

All levels welcome

1-52

Weeks — extend any time

Mon

Start any Monday

Who is it for?

Anyone who wants English that works in real life — for travel, work, study or personal growth. Lessons build all four skills — speaking, listening, reading and writing — with focused work on grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary, taught communicatively in an international classroom.

General

15 hours / week

Morning core lessons. Strong all-round development with afternoons free to explore, join activities — or hit the beach.

Intensive

21 hours / week

Everything in General, plus 6 extra hours of afternoon classes focused on fluency, vocabulary and real-world communication.



Every classroom has an interactive screen and air con

Included in your course

- ✓ Pre-arrival English placement test
- ✓ 15 or 21 hours of tuition per week
- ✓ Course books and teaching materials
- ✓ Regular tutorials with your class teacher (courses of 4+ weeks)
- ✓ Regular homework
- ✓ Walking & orientation tour of Southbourne
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi throughout the school
- ✓ End-of-course certificate

Why choose it?

- ✓ **Progress you can see**
Regular tutorials and level checks, homework that consolidates, and progress reports on longer courses.
- ✓ **An international classroom**
Study alongside students from 50+ countries and use English as your shared language all day.
- ✓ **Total flexibility**
Start any Monday, study 1 week to a year — and extend easily once you're here. Many students do.

★★★★★

"The teachers are very experienced and **friendly**. The food in the canteen is great, and there are not too many students in the class."

Canev, Turkey
Student testimonial



Start any Monday of the year

Scan for full course details, current dates and prices — or ask us for a free personalised quote.

[Get a free quote →](#)

One-to-One English

The fastest way to improve: private lessons with an expert teacher who plans every session around your level, your pace and your goals — from boardroom English to exam technique.

1:1

Your own teacher

60 min

Per lesson

5 hours

Recommended minimum

Any

Focus or specialism

Who is it for?

Anyone with a specific goal or deadline: professionals preparing for a presentation, exam candidates, younger learners who benefit from individual attention — or anyone who simply wants **maximum speaking time**. Tell your teacher the topics and subjects you want to focus on, and every lesson is prepared around them.

Why choose it?

- ✓ **A personal learning plan**
Your teacher assesses your level and designs a programme around exactly what you need — listening, speaking, reading or writing.
- ✓ **100% talking time**
No waiting your turn. Every minute of every lesson is focused on you.
- ✓ **Any specialism**
Business English, law, aviation, medicine, academic writing, interview practice — or pure conversation.
- ✓ **Combine with group classes**
A popular choice: add one-to-one lessons to a General or Intensive course for targeted progress on your weak points.

How fast will I improve?

Faster than in any other format. Because every minute is tailored to you, most one-to-one students see clear progress within their first week. Book one or more lessons — we recommend a minimum of five hours to see real momentum.



Included in your course

- ✓ Pre-arrival English placement test
- ✓ One-to-one tuition tailored to your specific language needs
- ✓ All learning materials, tailored and provided by your teacher
- ✓ Flexible scheduling around your week
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi throughout the school
- ✓ End-of-course certificate (6+ lessons per week)

★★★★★

"The teachers are very nice, helping to improve our English using **different activities and exercises**."

Emil, Italy
Student testimonial



Premium, personal, flexible

Tell us your goals and your field — we'll design a one-to-one programme and reply with a personalised quote within one working day.

[Get a free quote →](#)

Adult Summer English

Lessons by day, the beach by evening. Combine General or Intensive English with a sociable summer programme — beach volleyball, day trips and a new international friendship group.

15-21

Hours of English per week

Daily

Activities & social evenings

1 week +

Start any Monday all summer

40+

Nationalities in high summer

Who is it for?

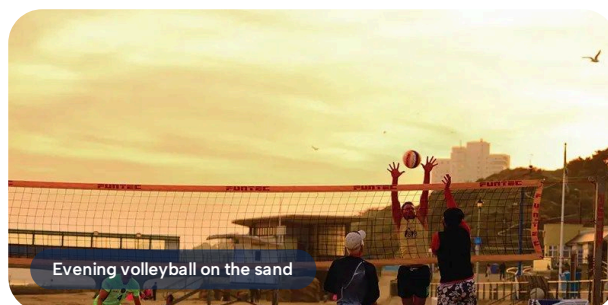
Adults who want a summer that counts twice: serious progress in class, and an unforgettable British summer outside it. Almost everyone arrives alone — and the daily activity programme means you'll have a friendship group within days.

What will your summer look like?

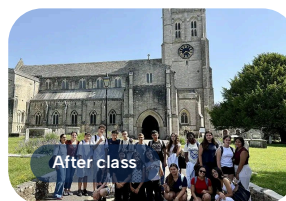
- ✓ **Morning English lessons**
General or Intensive English with expert teachers — all levels welcome.
- ✓ **Afternoons & evenings, sorted**
Beach sports, quiz nights and karaoke are included. A few off-site evenings — disco, bowling, mini golf, Laser Quest — cost a little extra.
- ✓ **Weekend excursions**
Full-day trips to London, Oxford, Bath, Stonehenge, the Jurassic Coast, and more.
- ✓ **The beach on your doorstep**
Southbourne Beach is a ten-minute walk — study where others holiday.

Want to stay longer?

Of course. Many summer students love the area and extend into our year-round General and Intensive English courses — just ask, and we'll arrange it.



Evening volleyball on the sand



After class



Garden life

Included in your course

- ✓ Pre-arrival English placement test
- ✓ 15 or 21 hours of English tuition per week
- ✓ Published weekly activity programme — most activities included
- ✓ Course books and teaching materials
- ✓ Walking & orientation tour of Southbourne
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi throughout the school
- ✓ End-of-course certificate



Summer fills fastest — book by spring

July and August are our busiest months. Scan for dates and prices, or request a free quote today.

[Get a free quote →](#)

Cambridge Exam Courses

A focused four-week programme that turns good English into a globally recognised Cambridge qualification — with exam strategy, timed practice tests and detailed feedback from experienced tutors.

B2 & C1

First (FCE) & Advanced (CAE)

21 hours

Of English per week

4 weeks

Timed to finish before the exam

For life

The qualification never expires

Who is it for?

Students who want an official qualification. **B2 First** certifies confident upper-intermediate English and is the most widely taken Cambridge exam. **C1 Advanced** is the standard many universities require, and increasingly important for careers. You should be about one level below your target exam — we'll assess you honestly and recommend the right one.

Why choose it?

- ✓ **Complete exam coverage**
Reading & Use of English, Writing, Listening and Speaking — every paper, every task type.
- ✓ **Strategy that works**
Time management, question tactics and marking criteria, explained by tutors who know the exams inside out.
- ✓ **Timed mock exams**
Full practice tests under exam conditions, with individual feedback on every paper.
- ✓ **Speaking confidence**
Paired speaking practice, exactly as you'll experience it on the day.

Why Cambridge?

Cambridge qualifications are accepted by thousands of universities and employers worldwide — and unlike some tests, they never expire. Courses run on set dates each year, timed so you peak on exam day, and you can book your exam during the final week of the course.



Included in your course

- ✓ Pre-arrival English placement test
- ✓ 4 weeks of tuition — 21 hours of English per week
- ✓ Course books and teaching materials
- ✓ Option to book your exam in the final week of the course
- ✓ Exam registration support at a local centre (exam fee paid separately)
- ✓ Minimum of 3 students to open a class — General and Intensive students also receive Cambridge support
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi throughout the school
- ✓ End-of-course certificate



Fixed dates — plan ahead

Scan for this year's course dates and exam sittings, or ask us to recommend your target exam.

[Check dates →](#)

Over 30s Executive English

An intensive, small-group programme designed exclusively for professionals aged 30 and over who need to communicate with precision and confidence at an advanced level in English.

Max 6

Students per class

21 hours

Intensive English per week

B1 → C1

Intermediate to Advanced

2-4 weeks

Typical stay · from 1 week

English for professionals who mean business

This isn't a standard English course made slightly smaller. It's built from the ground up for working professionals — managers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs — who need to operate confidently in English in meetings, negotiations, presentations and international teams. Every student in the room is over 30, career-focused and motivated: **the conversations are as valuable as the lessons.**



A peer group of professionals

A curriculum designed for the boardroom

Meetings & negotiations

Lead discussions, disagree diplomatically, close with clarity.

Presentations & pitching

Structure arguments, persuade, and handle Q&A with confidence.

Professional writing

Emails, reports, proposals and LinkedIn — impossible to misread.

Fluency & precision

Eliminate hesitation and express complex ideas spontaneously.

Cross-cultural skills

Navigate British business culture, nuance and humour.

Your industry's language

Vocabulary and scenarios tailored to your professional field.

Want to go even faster? Many executive students add private one-to-one lessons for ultra-targeted work on presentations, interview preparation or a specific project.

Included in your course

- ✓ Detailed placement assessment before you arrive
- ✓ 21 hours of intensive English per week, maximum 6 per class
- ✓ A highly experienced specialist business-English teacher
- ✓ End-of-course report: level, strengths and development areas
- ✓ Premium homestay available — private room with ensuite bathroom
- ✓ Private airport transfers arranged on request

Entry level: B1 or higher

You already have a foundation — we take you to confident, nuanced, professional-level communication at C1. Not sure of your level? We'll assess you before you arrive and recommend honestly.



A rigorous timetable that respects your time

Tell us your field and your goals — we'll design your programme and reply within one working day.

[Get a free quote →](#)

English to Prepare for University

A fixed four-week pre-sessional course for international students preparing to start a degree at an English-speaking university — so you succeed from your very first week on campus.

4 weeks

Fixed duration

21 hours

Per week · 15 General + 6 academic

Max 10

Students per class

B1+

Minimum entry level

Who is it for?

International students with a confirmed or conditional place at an English-speaking university, who want to sharpen their academic English before their degree begins. Mornings build your core language; afternoons focus on the academic skills that lectures, seminars and essays actually demand.

What you'll study

Academic writing & referencing

Structure essays, reference sources correctly, write in formal academic register.

Seminar & tutorial discussion

Speak up confidently in seminars, tutorials and group discussions.

Note-taking from lectures

Strategies for listening to and recording English-language lectures.

Research & presentations

Plan, research and deliver academic presentations with clarity.

AI tools for study

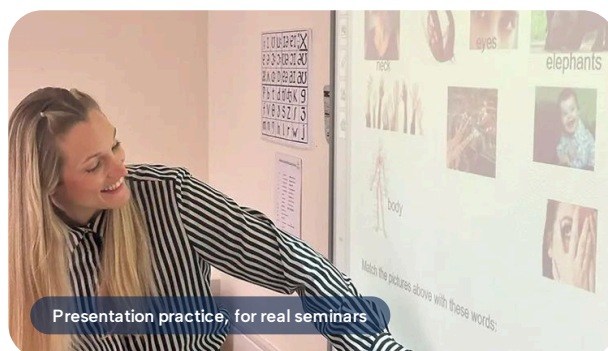
Use AI effectively and responsibly as part of your academic work.

General English mornings

Grammar, vocabulary and all four skills — the engine of everything else.

Preparing for your future

With a maximum of 10 students per class and a minimum entry level of B1, this is focused, intensive preparation in a small-group setting. You'll leave with the confidence and skills to contribute from your first seminar — not your first term.



Presentation practice, for real seminars

Included in your course

- ✓ Pre-arrival English placement test
- ✓ 15 hours of General English each morning
- ✓ 6 hours of pre-sessional academic English each week
- ✓ Course books and teaching materials
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi throughout the school
- ✓ End-of-course certificate

Add what you need

Homestay accommodation keeps you speaking English over dinner; one-to-one lessons can target your specific academic field. Ask us when you book.



Starting university this year?

Scan for course dates timed ahead of the academic year, or ask us which start date fits your degree.

[Check dates →](#)

English for Content Creators

Create in English. Connect with the world. A six-module creator curriculum for aspiring young adults who want to build their English and their audience at the same time.

21 hours

Per week

Max 8

Students per class

B1+

Minimum entry level

6

Creator modules

Who is it for?

Aspiring creators who want to produce content in English — podcasts, YouTube videos, TikToks, blogs or live streams. Each module blends English language development with real creator skills, so your fluency and your content improve together. **You'll leave with a portfolio of work you created during the course.**

Six modules. One creative journey.

01 Podcasting & the Art of Conversation

Plan, record and edit engaging episodes; develop interview technique and storytelling voice.

02 Going Live: Streaming & Spontaneous English

Think on your feet, engage an audience in real time, handle the unexpected.

03 Short-Form Video: Hooks, Pace & Punch

Grab attention in the first second; write punchy scripts; edit for impact.

04 Long-Form Video & Storytelling (YouTube)

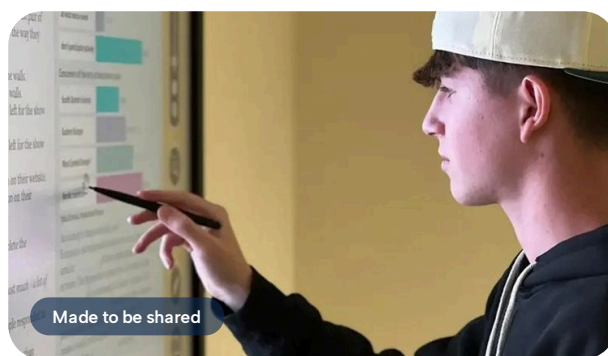
Narrative structure, pacing and the language of visual storytelling.

05 Writing for Digital

Captions that convert, blogs that rank, newsletters and threads that keep readers coming back.

06 The Business of Being a Creator

Pitch to brands, negotiate deals, manage your presence, build a sustainable career.



Included in your course

- ✓ Pre-arrival English placement test
- ✓ 21 hours per week — English development + creator skills
- ✓ Small classes of maximum 8 for personalised feedback
- ✓ A portfolio of content created during the course
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi throughout the school
- ✓ End-of-course certificate

Content, everywhere you look

Beach sunsets, red phone boxes, London day trips, an international cast of new friends — Bournemouth gives you more to film in a week than most feeds see in a year.



Build your English. Build your audience.

Scan for full curriculum details and dates, or send us a message about your channel and your goals.

[Get a free quote →](#)



Junior courses · ages 9–15

The summer they'll never stop talking about

Safe, fun and genuinely effective: English courses for young learners with caring homestay hosts, 24/7 welfare and an activity programme they'll never forget. Trusted by parents worldwide since 1966.

For students

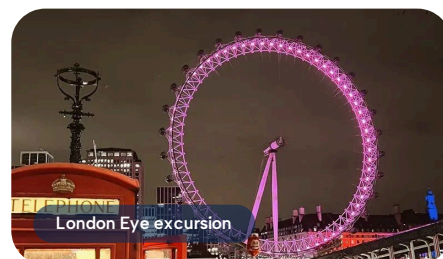
Fun, friends and confidence

Beach games, sports, evening activities and trips to London, Oxford and Bath — with new friends from all over the world. You'll speak English all day without even noticing, and go home with better English, a phone full of new friends and stories for the whole school year and the rest of your life.

For parents

Safety isn't a feature. It's the foundation.

- ✓ **Vetted homestay hosts** — carefully selected, regularly inspected, many hosting for decades.
- ✓ **24/7 welfare line** — a real person, any hour, every day.
- ✓ **Supervised everything** — clear ratios on activities and excursions; meet-and-greet airport transfers.



Summer · ages 9–15

Junior Summer English

Morning activities, afternoon lessons, evening fun — from mid-June to the end of August.

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Year-round · age 9+

Group English Courses

Tailor-made programmes for school groups: lessons, excursions, homestay and free leader places.

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Year-round · age 10+

One-to-One for juniors

Private lessons for young learners who benefit from individual attention.

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Junior Summer English

Sports, local trips and beach games in the mornings; English lessons in the afternoon; evening activities and full-day excursions at the weekend — with caring homestay hosts and a welfare team looking after every child.

15

One-hour lessons per week,
Mon–Fri

12-16

Students per class (avg. 12,
max. 16)

24/7

Welfare support line

1 week +

Weekly entry · stay longer

Who is it for?

Young learners aged 9–15 who want a summer abroad that's exciting **and** worthwhile — and parents who want to know their child is safe, busy and genuinely learning. We've been taking care of junior students since 1966. Homestay accommodation is available from age 10+.

What will they experience?

- ✓ **Afternoon English lessons**
Communicative classes that build real confidence, taught by teachers who love working with young learners.
- ✓ **A packed activity programme**
Morning sports, local trips, beach games, arts and evening quizzes are included. Optional extras — disco, bowling, mini golf, Laser Quest — carry a small charge.
- ✓ **Full-day excursions**
London, Oxford, Bath and the best of the Dorset coast — fully supervised.
- ✓ **Friends from everywhere**
We balance nationalities in class and at activities, so English is always the shared language.

Safety first, always

A full-time Welfare Officer, enhanced safeguarding checks for staff and hosts, clear supervision ratios, and a welfare phone answered 24/7. If your child is homesick, our experienced, kind team — and a busy activity programme — mean it rarely lasts long. We'll always contact you if needed.



Sea-shell hunting on Southbourne Beach

Included in the course

- ✓ Pre-arrival English placement test
- ✓ 15 one-hour lessons per week, Monday to Friday
- ✓ Fun and varied activity programme every week
- ✓ Walking & orientation tour of Southbourne
- ✓ Course books and teaching materials
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi throughout the school
- ✓ End-of-course certificate

★★★★★

"I am happy with all the people I was able to meet — they made my stay **wonderful and unforgettable.**"

Mateo, Argentina
Student testimonial



Places fill fast for July & August

Scan for dates and prices, or send us your child's age and preferred weeks for a free quote.

[Get a free quote →](#)

A summer day in Southbourne

Mornings are for adventures, afternoons for lessons, evenings for games and new friends. Here's the shape of a typical course day, Monday to Friday.

Morning · 08:45–13:00

Activities & local trips

Beach games, sports tournaments and trips out with our activity leaders — volleyball on the sand, mini adventures around Southbourne and Bournemouth.

Afternoon · 14:00–17:30

English lessons

Three one-hour lessons in small international classes — average 12 students, maximum 16 — building speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Evening · 19:30–21:30

Evening activities

Quizzes, karaoke and games evenings are included; the disco, bowling, mini golf and Laser Quest are optional extras. Weekends bring full-day excursions.

Times follow our published junior summer timetable and may vary by week and weather — the current programme is always on our website.



Dear parents: here's our promise

Clear pre-arrival information and a direct line to our team throughout the stay. Meals are all arranged — breakfast and dinner with the homestay host, and a packed lunch from the school on course days. Airport meet-and-greet transfers, with support for airline unaccompanied-minor services: your child is met at arrivals and delivered to their homestay host.

1966

The year we opened and began caring for juniors

24/7

Welfare phone, answered by a real person

Group English Courses

Bring your class to England. We build complete programmes for school groups: English lessons, cultural excursions, caring homestays and generous group-leader terms — every season of the year.

9+School & youth groups
(homestay 10+)**Any**Season — your dates, your
budget**Free**

Leader place per 15 students

60 years

Of welcoming groups

Who is it for?

Teachers and organisers of school groups, youth groups and organised international groups. Tell us your dates, budget and aims — we design lessons, activities and excursions around them, with one point of contact from first enquiry to departure day. Schools across Europe return year after year: ask us for references.



Why organisers choose us

- ✓ **A programme built for your group**
Lessons that energise students and align with CEFR levels, plus the excursions and activities you choose.
- ✓ **Everything arranged by us**
Homestays in pairs or small groups with inspected local families, all meals, coaches, transfers and supervision.
- ✓ **Leaders looked after**
Free leader places, leader programmes, and our activity staff working alongside your leaders at every step.
- ✓ **Simple group pricing**
One transparent per-student price covering everything agreed — no surprises.

Two ways to travel

Group Ministays (low season, January–June and August–December): 5 to 9 nights, tailored to your group — see the full package opposite. **Summer group courses** (mid-June to end of August): from one week, with students placed in mixed international classes — 15 one-hour lessons per week plus a full social programme.

Group Ministay — what's included

- ✓ English lessons: 12–18 hours by length of stay (5 nights = 12 hours, 6–8 nights = 15 hours, 9 nights = 18 hours)
- ✓ Homestay: part board weekdays, full board at weekends
- ✓ Full-day excursion to London, Oxford or Bath with walking tour
- ✓ Four local trips & activities — Christchurch, Bournemouth, Hengistbury Head, tennis and more
- ✓ Evening activity at school: games, bingo, quiz or karaoke
- ✓ Five freshly prepared cafeteria lunches, Monday–Friday
- ✓ Return airport transfers by private coach or minibus, and a walking tour of Southbourne on day one
- ✓ One free group-leader place (full board) per 15 students
- ✓ Certificate, student ID card, free Wi-Fi and all materials



Planning a group trip?

Send us your approximate dates, group size and ages — we'll reply within one working day with a tailored proposal. Email: joshua.garner@southbourneschool.co.uk

[Request a proposal →](#)

What a group week could look like

An **example** seven-night ministay — not an official timetable. Every programme is tailored to your group's dates, budget and aims.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	Group arrival & transfer	English lessons 09:00–12:30					Full day to London — walking tour & free time	Group departure & transfer to airport
Afternoon		Walking tour of Southbourne & beaches	Local trip: Christchurch	Local trip: Bournemouth	Local trip: Hengistbury Head	Activity: tennis		
Evening	Free evening with homestay host	Free evening with host	Free evening with host	Games evening at school	Free evening with host	Free evening with host	Return & dinner with host	

Example only, based on a 7-night ministay (Sunday arrival to Sunday departure) with 15 hours of English. Freshly prepared school lunches Monday–Friday; breakfast and dinner with homestay hosts, full board at weekends.

Full-day excursions

London, Bath and Oxford are included. Add the Jurassic Coast (Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove, Swanage), Winchester, Portsmouth or Southampton.

Half-day excursions

Jurassic Coast, Winchester, Portsmouth or Southampton — all by private coach, with a walking tour.

Evening activities

Bingo, quiz nights and karaoke included; ten-pin bowling, mini golf and Laser Quest as optional extras.

Transfers included

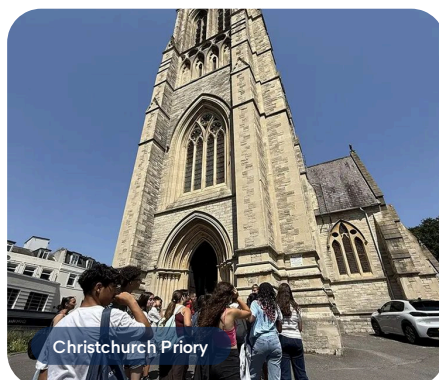
London Heathrow, Gatwick and central London transfers come as standard on ministays; Stansted and Bournemouth also available.

Supplements on request

Weekly bus passes, student insurance, and special diets — gluten-free, lactose-free, vegan.

Why groups pick Southbourne

Hosts within walking distance, ten minutes to the beach, modern classrooms with interactive screens and air con, and a cafeteria serving freshly prepared lunches.



★★★★★

"I want to thank the school for all the dedication and for making me **feel at home**."

Nicolas, Colombia
Student testimonial

Timetables

Adult lessons run in the morning through the low season and start earlier in summer, so afternoons are free for the beach and the activity programme. Junior summer runs the other way round: activities first, lessons after lunch.

Adult courses • low season

General & Intensive English

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 hours General	09:15 – 10:15	09:15 – 10:15	09:15 – 10:15	09:15 – 10:15	09:15 – 10:15
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21 hours Intensive	13:45 – 14:30	13:45 – 14:30	13:45 – 14:30	13:45 – 14:30	Free time
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Adult courses • summer season

Lessons finish by early afternoon

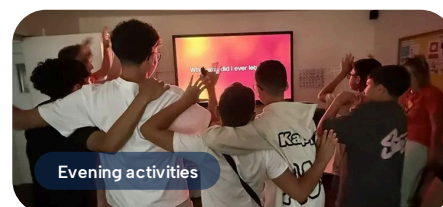
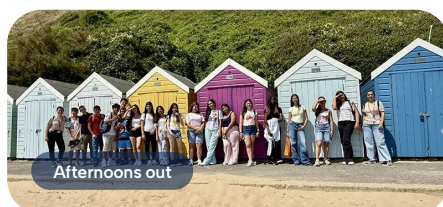
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Evening activities	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30

Junior Summer English • ages 9-15

Activities first, lessons after lunch

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activities & local trips	08:45 – 13:00	08:45 – 13:00	08:45 – 13:00	08:45 – 13:00	08:45 – 13:00
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Evening activities	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30	19:30 – 21:30

Weekends are free for full-day excursions. Group minstay programmes follow their own timetable, agreed with the group organiser. Times may vary by week and by season — the current programme is always on our website.



Built for learning. Made for living.

Everyone learns better in the right environment — so since 1966 we've kept building one: modern classrooms, generous social spaces and a sunny garden, all ten minutes from the beach. Here's how a day flows through the school.



In class

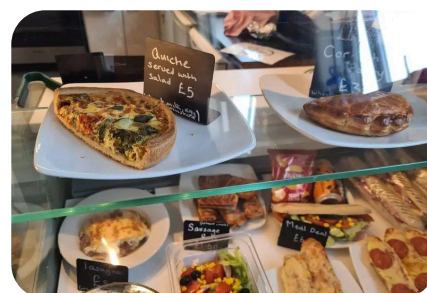
Bright, comfortable classrooms

19 modern classrooms, each with an interactive screen, air conditioning, heating and comfortable furniture — a great learning environment in every season. Free Wi-Fi runs throughout the school and garden.

At lunch

The café — the social heart of the school

Our cafeteria seats 70 students and serves fresh hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks every school day. On sunny days, lunch moves out to the front garden, under the parasols.



Between lessons

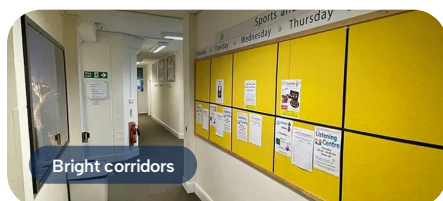
Games room, cinema room, garden

Table tennis and table football tournaments, comfy sofas and a TV in the games room; film afternoons and rainy-day socials in the cinema room; sunshades and benches in the garden you'll recognise from most of our photos.

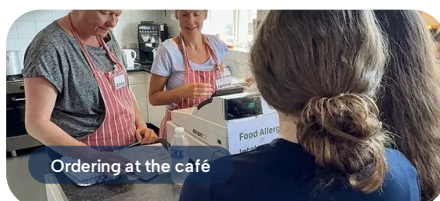
Quiet moments

Space to study — and space to reflect

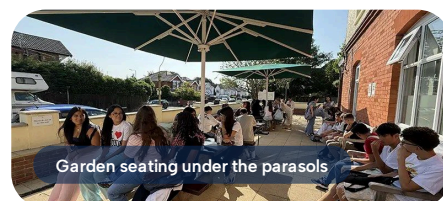
A listening centre stocked with graded reading material for every English level, and a multi-faith prayer room — because feeling at home matters as much as studying hard.



Bright corridors



Ordering at the café



Garden seating under the parasols

19

Classrooms with interactive screens

70

Seats in the student café

Free

Wi-Fi in school & garden

+

Cinema room · games room
· prayer room



Accommodation & welfare

Live English. Don't just learn it.

Where you live shapes your whole experience — so we treat accommodation as seriously as teaching. Our friendly hosts are **handpicked by our dedicated Accommodation Officer**, and every home is within a 30-minute walk or a short bus journey of the school. Most are much closer.

Staying with a British host is the perfect opportunity to practise English outside the classroom: what you learn in class gets applied over meaningful conversations at the evening meal, in a natural setting where British customs and traditions become part of daily life.

Adults aged 18+ enjoy the comfort of **their own private room all year round**. We understand dietary needs, too — many hosts happily cater for coeliac, vegan, gluten-free, and lactose-free diets (special diets carry a small supplement).

- ✓ **First-day care**
Orientation, placement test, a tour and a buddy — nobody spends their first day lost.
- ✓ **Someone's always there**
A 24/7 emergency welfare line answered by a real member of staff, every day of your stay.
- ✓ **Not happy? Tell us**
We'll listen, act, and re-match you with a new host if needed — your happiness is important.



A student bedroom



Quiet local streets

Your options

- ✓ **Homestay** — the most popular choice: part board (Age 16+) or full board with a caring local family (Age 10-15)
- ✓ **Premium homestay** — private room with ensuite bathroom, favoured by executive students
- ✓ **Self-catered residential** — independent living for adults 18+
- ✓ **Guesthouses & hotels** — nearby options for short stays or visiting parents

★★★★★

"What makes an experience unforgettable is that special moment when you realise a new place **feels like home**."

Riccardo, Italy
Student testimonial

45

Homestays within 0.5 km of school

225

Homestays within 3 km of school

30 min

Maximum journey to school

Hosting is local, and personal

Many of our hosts have welcomed Southbourne students for decades, and every home is inspected regularly.

You come for the English. You'll remember everything else.

English doesn't stop at the classroom door. Our activity programme turns every week into memories — and every conversation into practice.

Weekly

Beach & sports

Beach volleyball, football tournaments, rounders on the sand — burn energy, make friends.

Evenings

Social evenings

Bingo, quiz nights and karaoke included; disco, bowling, mini golf and Laser Quest cost a little extra.

Weekends

Full-day excursions

London, Oxford, Bath, Stonehenge, the Jurassic Coast, and more.

Half-days

Local gems

Christchurch, Hengistbury Head, the New Forest and the Jurassic Coast.

Summer

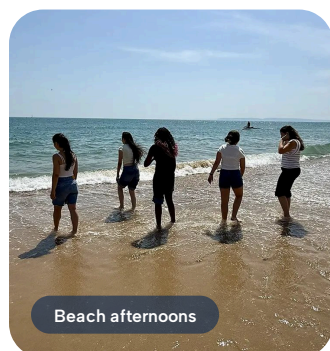
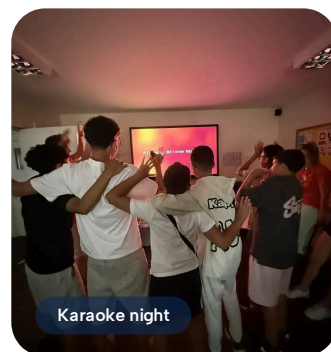
Summer programme

In July and August the calendar fills with daily afternoon activities and evening events.

Always on

Cinema & games

Rainy day? Film afternoons in the cinema room and tournaments in the games room.



Most of the programme is included in your course price. A small number of off-site evening activities and full-day excursions carry an extra charge, always published on the weekly programme before you sign up — never any surprises.

Activities are English lessons in disguise

Every excursion, match and quiz night happens in English, with friends from 50+ countries. It's the practice that doesn't feel like practice — and it's why our students' speaking improves so fast.

50+

Countries in 2026 — one shared language

Students from around the world

We welcomed 50 nationalities in 2026, and we always mix them deliberately — in class, at lunch and on every excursion — so English is always the language everyone shares.

Top 10 nationalities

Student weeks booked for 2026



58% adults · 42% juniors

● Adults ● Juniors

A genuinely mixed school — by student weeks, 2026



73% groups · 27% individuals

● Groups ● Individuals

Trusted by schools and independent travellers alike



One school photo, fifty flags' worth of friends

Loved by students from around the world

★★★★★ Rated 4.8/5 on Google by students, parents and partners

★★★★★

"The teachers are perfect and the school staff are **very kind**."

Kino, Japan
Student testimonial

★★★★★

"I'm grateful for the lovely friendships that I have developed with people from **all over the world**."

Simona, Switzerland
Student testimonial

From your home airport to your host's front door

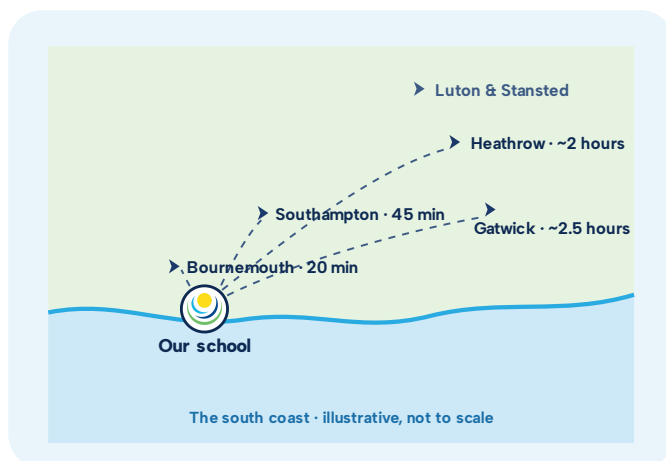
Bournemouth is well connected. Fly to our local airport if there's a direct flight from your country; otherwise London Heathrow and Gatwick are the most convenient hubs, with coaches to Bournemouth.

Airport	Distance	Typical journey
Bournemouth (BOH)	7 km / 4.4 mi	20 min by car
Southampton (SOU)	51 km / 32 mi	45 min by car
London Heathrow (LHR)	143 km / 89 mi	~2 hours by coach
London Gatwick (LGW)	177 km / 110 mi	~2.5 hours by coach
London Luton (LTN)	196 km / 122 mi	Coach or train + coach
London Stansted (STN)	244 km / 152 mi	Coach or train + coach

Distances measured from the school. Coach times are typical National Express services and vary with traffic.

We'll meet you at arrivals

- ✓ **Private transfers from any airport**
A friendly driver with your name on a board, straight to your accommodation. Drivers monitor flights, so delays aren't a problem.
- ✓ **Unaccompanied minors welcome**
We support airline UM services for junior students travelling alone — met and looked after at every step.
- ✓ **Sunday arrivals**
With accommodation booked, arrive Sunday and depart Sunday — your homestay host will be expecting you.



Getting around while you're here

- ✓ **Trains** — Pokesdown station is 15 minutes on foot, with direct trains to Bournemouth, Southampton and London Waterloo. Book ahead on Trainline for the cheapest fares.
- ✓ **Coaches** — National Express connects Bournemouth with Heathrow, Gatwick and London Victoria.
- ✓ **Local buses** — the morebus 1b stops on Beaufort Road, less than a minute from the school door. Weekly passes are the best value.



Add a transfer to your quote

Select your airport when you enrol and we'll arrange the rest — we send everything you need for your journey before you fly, including visa documentation where required.

[Plan my journey →](#)

Four simple steps to your first day of class

From first enquiry to first lesson — you choose the course, we handle the rest.

1

Get your free quote

Use our quote form, WhatsApp us, or email with your course, dates and accommodation needs. We reply within one working day with exact prices and availability.

2

Confirm your booking

Happy with the quote? Pay your deposit to secure your place. We accept international bank transfer and card payments, with the balance schedule set out clearly first.

3

Receive your documents

Acceptance letter for visa applications, accommodation details, transfer confirmation and your pre-arrival guide — everything you need before you fly.

4

Arrive and start

We meet you at the airport (if booked), your homestay host welcomes you — and on Monday morning you take your placement test and meet your class.

Good to know

Summer fills fastest — book by spring for July and August. Year-round courses can often start within a week or two of booking. Once you're here, extending is usually possible — just tell us as early as you can. Full terms and conditions come with your quote, in plain English, before you pay anything.

Visas, sorted together

Many nationalities can study short courses visa-free or with a Standard Visitor visa. Once you book, we provide the documentation you need for a Standard Visitor or Short-term Study visa application and guide you through the process.

British Council

Accredited since 1982

Quality English

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See you at 30 Beaufort Road



Request your free quote

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Try the course calculator

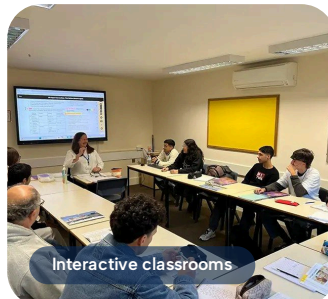
Build your own quotation online and download it as a PDF. Agents: ask about our dedicated agent portal.

Life at the school, in pictures

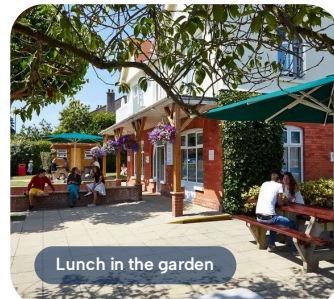
Lessons, lunches, laser tag and long afternoons on the sand. Every photo here was taken at our school, on our activity programme or on our excursions — there is a lot more on the gallery page of our website.



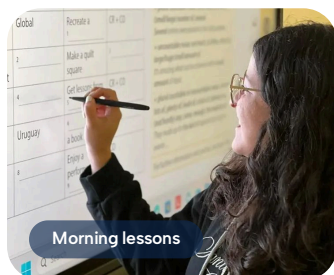
Adult classes, every level



Interactive classrooms



Lunch in the garden



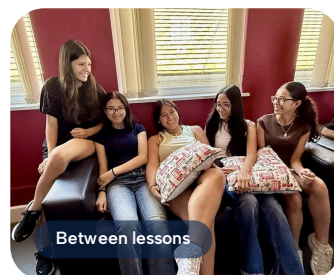
Morning lessons



Table tennis



Games room



Between lessons



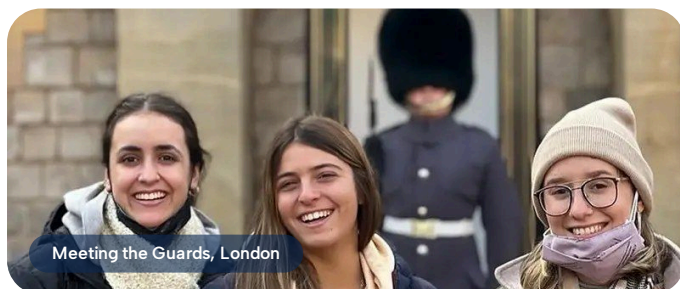
Student lounge



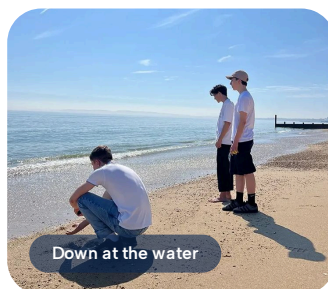
Outside the school



Ready for an excursion



Meeting the Guards, London



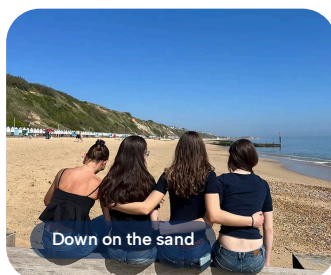
Down at the water



Beach huts at Mudeford



Dinner with the host family



Down on the sand



Laser Quest



Bournemouth Pier



See the whole album

Hundreds more photographs of the school, the classrooms, our host families and every excursion we run — scan the code or visit southbourneschool.co.uk/about/gallery.

Open the gallery →



— Ready when you are

Start your English journey

How to book your course

1

Ask for a quote

Course, dates and accommodation — by form, email or WhatsApp.

2

Confirm your place

Pay your deposit by bank transfer.

3

Get your documents

Visa letter, accommodation, transfers and pre-arrival guide.

4

Arrive and start

You meet your host on Sunday and/or we welcome you on Monday at the school!

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Dates & prices

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