

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

SHERBORNE, ENGLAND



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SUMMER VACATION 2012

English Language Intensive Courses

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All courses are professionally staffed and organised by the International College, Sherborne School. They are for students who really want to learn in a caring, family atmosphere. Parents can relax knowing that their children are safe and happy and are receiving the best attention. We understand that the decision to send your child to study away from home is a really important one and have tried to answer some of your questions here.



Summer Vacation Courses 2012

High quality intensive residential programme with a full English curriculum for boys and girls aged 8 – 17

Arrival Dates

Wednesday 4th July for 2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks

Wednesday 18th July for 2, 4 or 6 weeks

Wednesday 1st August for 2 or 4 weeks

Wednesday 15th August for 2 weeks

Departures on Wednesdays 18th July or 1st or 15th or 29th August

Serious study

- Qualified teachers.
- 30 lessons of 45 minutes = 22½ hours of tuition per week for senior students.
- 26 lessons of 45 minutes = 19½ hours of tuition per week for junior students.
- Small classes – maximum eight.
- Lessons in different subjects as well as English.
- One hour's supervised English homework four evenings per week.

Organised sport and leisure activities

- art and craft, badminton, basketball, fishing, fitness suite, football, golf, horse riding, internet club, rock climbing, rounders, sailing, sea kayaking, squash, swimming (in the 25m indoor pool), table tennis, tennis, trampolining and volleyball.
- Events over the summer course months include quizzes, bingo, talent show, fashion show, theme nights, tournaments, yoga, games, karaoke and film nights.
- Recreation centres with television and DVD player.

- One full day excursion per week plus one half-day excursion most weeks.

Accommodation

- Pleasant buildings.
- Mostly single or double study bedrooms. Some rooms with three or four beds.
- Boys and girls in separate areas.
- Three meals a day, with snacks provided mornings and evenings.

Care and supervision

- High staff to student ratio of at least 1:5.
- Residential house tutors.
- Pastoral staff.
- Matron.
- School doctor.
- No smoking, no alcohol.

Costs

- £1,055 per week.

London is hosting the Olympic Games in Summer 2012, so parents are advised to book flights early.

These **SUMMER COURSES** have proved to be successful for twenty years now for students with a variety of needs:

- For those who wish to improve the fluency of their spoken and written English. All six Common European Framework language levels are offered from beginner (A1) to advanced (C2).
- For those who plan to join a British Independent School and wish to improve their level of English in this context, including exposure to some elements of a more academic language through the subject lessons.
- For those already at school in Britain but needing or wishing to enhance their English language skills.

How is this course different from other summer courses?

The aim of our summer vacation course is to give each student a positive English language learning experience and a taste of what happens on our academic year programme so students have lessons in different subject as well as English. They also have English homework on four evenings per week to consolidate work done in class. The course is designed for students who are serious about studying but who also wish to take advantage of a very full and extensive programme of afternoon, weekend and evening activities. On completion of the course, reports are sent to parents with comments about the work covered, achievement in English and general involvement in the course.

How will the lessons help my child?

Students should increase their vocabulary in different subjects as well as general English. They should also become more confident about using English, especially about speaking it as emphasis is placed on clear and assured communication. The programme emphasises the development of language for the individual, and that is why our classes are small – a **maximum of 8 students**, selected by age and language ability.

How many lessons are there?

There are 30 lessons each week for older students (13+) and 26 lessons each week for younger students (8 – 13) and one hour's homework on four evenings each week. The lessons are lively and interesting and all aspects of the English language are covered. We also teach, in English, individual subject lessons in a variety of subjects from Geography, History, Science, Mathematics, Computer Studies, Art, Drama and Cultural Studies. The emphasis is on the English "academic" usage and vocabulary of the subject rather than the content.

What about homework?

Each student is set one hour of English homework to be done four evenings a week. The purpose of the 'Prep' as it is also called, is to help the students put into practice what they have learnt during the day. The homework is done in the Boarding House and supervised by the staff.

What happens when the boys and girls are not in class?

Sherborne School has excellent sports facilities and there is a full programme of sport and outdoor activities including competitions and team games. There are large, comfortable recreation rooms with television and DVD and a variety of activities is organised – excursions to places of interest and the seaside, visits to the cinema or theatre, shopping trips, picnics, barbecues etc. All our activities are carefully supervised by responsible staff.

Where do the children live?

All the students live in the school during their courses, and they sleep in the International College and Sherborne School Boarding Houses. They have comfortable, well-furnished bedrooms. Tutors from the College live in the Houses with the students. Boys and girls are in separate, well-supervised areas.

Where will my child eat?

The students eat in a pleasant dining hall and are catered for by our own specialised staff who are used to having students from many different countries. The food is fresh and there are many choices every day.

What happens if my child is ill?

We have a matron, and a School Doctor nearby. The nearest hospital is just a few metres away. Students who are able to show a European Health Insurance Card may be covered by the British National Health system, but in any case you are strongly advised to take out private health insurance, including dental care, as this is not free for anyone. At all times, we aim to look after your child as if he/she were our own.

My child is travelling alone. How will he/she get to the International College?

We are happy to arrange for someone to meet your child from the airport and take him/her to the College. There will be an **extra charge** for this service. It is best to arrange to use Heathrow, Gatwick or more local airports, such as Bristol. Arriving at Stansted is not advised because of distance from College and costs of transfer.

How much pocket money is needed?

Only money for extras – drinks, sweets, presents and optional trips. Parents may wish to set a daily/weekly pocket money limit, which the College will administer. All food, sports activities, laundry service, educational materials and timetabled excursions are **included** in the fees.

What clothes are necessary?

Casual clothes – jeans, T-shirts, swimwear, shorts for sport, outdoor sports shoes, indoor sports shoes, casual shoes, socks, two warm sweaters, rainwear. **All bedding is provided, but soap and two towels should be brought.**

How can we contact our child?

By telephone at any time when the student is free, until 22.00 – British time. Children may telephone their parents when they wish to. When a student is enrolled, the College will send parents a list of the telephone numbers in each Boarding House. Mobile phones are the easiest way to keep in touch. We encourage students to have and use mobile phones but they should be switched off during lessons. If a UK SIM card is required for your child's phone, please buy it in your own country. In addition, messages can be sent via the School Office during office hours (Mon - Fri 0800 – 1700 British time). Parents are also sent 24 hour emergency contact numbers.

How do I reserve a place?

Speak to your local agent or educational consultant, visit our website or complete the enclosed registration form and return it to us with the **non-refundable deposit** of £300. This will be deducted from the fee.

Is there anything else I ought to know?

The programme is organised and run by International College itself, based on the same high quality standards as our year-round programme. We welcome visits from parents and are happy to answer any questions.





Where is the International College?

The International College is ideally situated two-and-a-half hours south west of London Heathrow Airport in the clean, quiet and safe rural environment of Dorset. It is on the edge of Sherborne town itself, a small traditional English market town. The friendly nature of the town ensures that it is safe for students to visit the town without staff supervision during designated times. Sherborne has its own railway station on a direct line with frequent trains from London Waterloo station. The College can also arrange to meet students at any of the London or local airports, though arrival at Stansted is not advised because of distance and cost of transfer.

What is a typical day?

A typical day starts at 07.30 when the students are awakened by the friendly house tutors. Breakfast is served in the College dining hall from 08.00. Classes start at 09.15. For different ages and levels of English there are different timetables. Below are two examples of timetables, one for a junior elementary level class and one for a senior intermediate level class.

Junior Elementary Class (8 – 13 years)

09.15 – 10.00	Lesson
10.00 – 10.45	Lesson
10.45 – 11.15	Break time
11.15 – 12.00	Lesson
Lunch in Dining Hall	Free time
14.00 – 14.45	Lesson
14.45 – 15.30	Lesson
16.00 – 18.00	Sport and activities
18.00 – 19.00	Dinner in dining hall
19.15 – 20.15	Prep
20.15 – 21.30	Activities

Senior Intermediate Class (13+ years)

09.15 – 10.00	Lesson
10.00 – 10.45	Lesson
10.45 – 11.15	Break time
11.15 – 12.00	Lesson
12.00 – 12.45	Lesson
Lunch in Dining Hall	Free time
14.00 – 14.45	Lesson
14.45 – 15.30	Lesson
16.00 – 18.00	Sport and activities
18.00 – 19.00	Dinner in dining hall
19.15 – 20.15	Prep
20.15 – 22.00	Activities

A sample weekly timetable

TIME	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
0915-1000	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	EXCURSION	CLASSES	CLASSES	
1000-1045								
1045-1115	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK		BREAK	BREAK	
1115-1200	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	PACKED LUNCH	CLASSES	CLASSES	
1200-1400	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH	
1200-1245	SENIOR CLASSES ONLY	EXCURSION	SENIOR CLASSES ONLY	SPORTS/ ACTIVITIES		SENIOR CLASSES ONLY	SENIOR CLASSES ONLY	
1245-1400	LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH			
1400-1445	CLASSES		CLASSES		CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
1445-1530								
1530-1800	SPORTS/ ACTIVITIES	EXCURSION	SPORTS/ ACTIVITIES	SPORTS/ ACTIVITIES	SPORTS/ ACTIVITIES	SPORTS/ ACTIVITIES		
1800-1900	SUPPER		SUPPER		SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
1915-2015	PREP		EVENING ACTIVITIES		PREP	EVENING ACTIVITIES	EVENING ACTIVITIES	PREP
2015-2130/ 2230	EVENING ACTIVITIES	EVENING ACTIVITIES		EVENING ACTIVITIES	EVENING ACTIVITIES			EVENING ACTIVITIES

To apply please see your local agent / educational consultant, visit our website, or complete the enclosed registration form and send it to the International College.