

Dicker

English Plus

Dicker, home of Bede's Senior School, is based in a small village in the middle of the South Downs, surrounded by beautiful countryside. Designed to reflect the feeling of life in a rural community, the spacious campus offers accommodation for up to 220 students and has five boarding houses that inspire a sense of community and belonging – ideal for both more reserved and confident students.

Lessons consist of English Skills, Enrichment and Research Projects. These combine to provide students with a balanced programme of language and academic content, and the opportunity to sharpen their communication and interpersonal skills. The English Plus course also includes afternoon sports and activities as standard.

Students can also create a more intensive study programme by choosing to add one Academic Academy per week in Public Speaking and Essay Writing. A range of professional Sport & Adventure and Creative Academies are also available as extras.

The evening entertainment programme provides an opportunity for recreation and fun and is designed to immerse students in the English language and culture in a stimulating and innovative way. Excursions enable students to enjoy visiting places of interest. These can include a memorable cultural visit to a castle, museum or palace, a visit to a popular tourist attraction such as Big Ben, the London Eye, Madame Tussauds, or something more recreational such as a trip to an aquarium, theme park or zoo.

ACCOMMODATION

The Dicker campus has a total of five boarding houses, the largest was built only three years ago and has a capacity of 90 students. All boarding houses are modern, comfortable and have great social spaces for students to enjoy.

FACILITIES AT DICKER

- All-Weather Sports Pitch
- Art Studios
- Cricket Pitches
- Dance Studios
- Drama Theatre
- Football Pitches
- Gym
- IT Suite
- Music Studios
- Sports Hall
- Squash Courts
- Swimming Pool
- Tennis Courts
- Zoo

LOCATION

Dicker is located in a small village in the middle of the rolling hills of the South Downs between the seaside town of Eastbourne and the historic town of Lewes.

London: 68 miles/109 km
LGW: 44 miles/70 km
LHR: 82 miles/133 km

TOP 10 NATIONALITIES 2025

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|  Argentine |  Austrian |
|  Brazilian |  British |
|  French |  German |
|  Italian |  Japanese |
|  Spanish |  Turkish |





	AGES	12–17 years
	DATES	28 June–15 August 2026
	CAPACITY	220
	LESSONS	20 hours per week
	LEVELS	A1–C2
	MAX CLASS SIZE	14
	BEDS PER ROOM	1–4 beds
	STAFF:STUDENT RATIO	1:5
	SPECIALITY	Pro Dance, Pro Tennis, Pro Music, LALIGA and Zoology & Animal Management
	EXCURSIONS	Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday



Academics

This carefully crafted programme, with 20 hours of lessons per week, consists of English Skills, Enrichment and Research Projects. Lessons improve students' general language competencies (including grammar and vocabulary) while placing particular emphasis on communication, fluency and building confidence in the speaker.

ENGLISH LEVELS & CLASSES

English Plus		
A0	Complete Beginner	
A1	Beginner	•
A1–A2	Elementary	•
A2	Pre-Intermediate	•
B1	Intermediate	•
B2	Upper Intermediate	•
C1	Advanced	•
C2	Proficiency	•

ENGLISH SKILLS

These lessons are designed to improve students' general language skills, extend their vocabulary and better their understanding of grammar, to improve accuracy and confidence when producing spoken and written English.

ENRICHMENT

During these sessions, students will further enrich their language skills by deepening their cultural understanding of the places they visit during excursions, using real-world materials such as leaflets, word searches, adverts and articles to develop their productive and receptive English skills pre- and post-excursions.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Throughout the course of the week, students do research around a weekly theme or topic of interest which they then present in an agreed way, such as a presentation, performance, song, product pitch or an art exhibition of their work. The aim of Research Project lessons is to develop students team and collaboration skills as well as improve their speaking and interpersonal skills.

There is a fun, competitive element to Research Projects and every student in the winning class, judged by the Academic Manager or Centre Director, is recognised for their contribution and given a small prize.

For further information on Academics at Bede's Summer School, please see [page 12](#) of the Introduction.



Leisure

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES (AFTERNOONS)

After lessons, students participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities. Students will be able to choose their preferred sport or activity.

Examples are: Aerobics, Card Games, Dance, Dodgeball, Fashion Design, Rounders, Singing and Volleyball.

SOCIAL EVENTS (EVENINGS)

Social events are always the perfect time for students to mix and enjoy themselves with their new friends. At Dicker they may include: Disco, Egg Drop Challenge, Fashion Show, Karaoke, Messy Games, Mini Olympics, Talent Show and Treasure Hunt.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions are a great way for English Plus students to safely explore places outside of their campus. We offer students the opportunity to visit places of cultural and historical interest, as well as chances for sightseeing, shopping and amusement.

Examples of excursions are:

Wednesdays (half-day)

Arundel Castle, Brighton Royal Pavilion, Tunbridge Wells

Saturdays (full-day)

British Museum, London Eye and Thames River Cruise, Westminster Walking Tour and Oxford Street

Sundays (full-day)

Canterbury Cathedral, Cambridge Punting, Windsor Castle and Thorpe Park Amusement Park



Please check the [Course Summary](#) for further information on Academies.