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STONAR

# Short Courses 2021

## English Plus



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# Welcome

We are delighted to offer an exceptional collection of bespoke, inspiring programmes which will help each student to improve their English language, confidence, creativity, riding and sports skills.

## Our values in education

Respect and tolerance, self-improvement, responsibility and social commitment are the values that form the foundations of our School. Our highly qualified instructors and teachers give each of our students personalised attention in small teaching groups, encouraging them at every stage of the learning process.





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*I'm really fond of Stonar because of the opportunity the school has given me to meet interesting people from all around the world, along with fantastic teachers and splendid landscapes.*

— Nurgun. Stonar Short Courses

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# Our school

*“Stonar is a British boarding school in a beautiful, rural 80-acre campus, yet within easy reach of Bath and London. As well as having great facilities for learning, Stonar is unique in offering extensive equestrian facilities. The outstanding facilities include first class indoor and outdoor schools, stabling for 64 horses, a cross country schooling field with a wide variety of different fences and a hacking track.*

*Each year, Stonar opens up its exceptional education to overseas students for English Plus for pupils (aged 9 – 15), with a variety of programmes which combine immersive language learning with options such as riding and stable management, creative skills and activities such as cookery, art and photography and sports.”*

**Matthew Way, Head of Stonar School**

Stonar School Short Courses, Wiltshire, UK

## School facilities

- Extensive equestrian centre
- Swimming pool and indoor sports hall
- 4 outdoor tennis courts
- Tennis courts, playing fields and large all weather pitch
- Dance, music, drama and arts studios plus IT suite
- Three boarding houses with a range of single/shared rooms
- Shared bathrooms/toilets with a ratio of 1:4 students
- Comfortable common areas with kitchen, TV and WiFi
- Desks, wardrobes and lockable drawers in each room
- Free bedding and laundry service
- An extensive English language library
- Interactive, bright classrooms
- School safe and pocket money service offered



# Boarding at Stonar



***Summer School was very good, I've made new friends and would like to come back next year.***

***— Sofia. Stonar Short Courses***



## Accommodation

Stonar's boarding houses offer a homely and social environment in which young people can feel safe yet have the freedom and opportunity to live in a community and learn independence and tolerance.

All houses have a kitchen and common room which give our boarders the space to socialise and make friends. Boys and girls are accommodated separately in each house. Most of the rooms in the houses are twin or single, with a number of shared dormitories for younger boarders.





## Pastoral care

A parent's first and primary concern is the health, safety and wellbeing of their child. Our pastoral staff have been selected because of their understanding of young people and will take the time to get to know each student as an individual. The beautiful site offers space and freedom with an abundance of fresh air which we know is healthy for young people.

A nurse offers qualified medical care during the day for minor health issues and we have access to a local health centre and hospital.

## Evening social activities

- Newspaper fashion show
- Den building
- Team games and challenges
- Treasure hunt
- Film night
- Talent show
- Bingo
- Karaoke
- Dragon's Den
- Egg protector
- Alien egg hunt



***The food was delicious,  
all the equipment really  
good and the school  
environment great.***

***— Philip. Stonar Short Courses***



## Healthy eating

Our Stonar catering team prides itself on producing fresh healthy meals everyday, hot and cold meals including a salad bar and fresh fruit. We can provide for most dietary requirements. All meals are served in the dining room.







**English Plus**  
**July and August 2021**







# English Plus

Stonar Short Courses offer a great opportunity to experience being a boarder in England, to improve your English, to try new activities and to make lifelong friends from all around the world.

English Plus combines 20 hours of language learning each week with up to 15 hours of your chosen specialist activity, as well as team-building activities in the evenings and trips to world-famous cities and sites at the weekends.

## English Plus Course information

- **Dates**

- Sunday July 11th – Sunday July 18th

- Sunday July 18th – Sunday July 25th

- Sunday July 25th – Sunday August 1st

- Sunday August 1st – Sunday August 8th

- **Course length** 1 – 4 weeks

- **Cost** £1095 per week (£375 riding supplement)

- **Class size** 8 – 14

- **Staff to student ratio**

- in class 1 : 14 maximum

- in activities 1 : 15 maximum

- in boarding 1 : 20 maximum

- **Age** 9 – 15

- **Levels** All

- **Hours of English per week** 20

- **Week** 7 days (Sunday - Sunday)

- **Accommodation** Residential

- with all meals provided





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***The horse jumping lessons were so much fun and the riding teachers would always help us with specific exercises for each horse.***

***— Amillie. Stonar Short Courses***

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# English Plus Horse Riding

Stonar's exceptional riding facilities include indoor and outdoor arenas, extensive stabling, dressage field, show-jumping ring, cross country courses and an off-road hacking track.

Stonar Equestrian Centre is led by Director of Riding, Ellie Halsey. Ellie leads a team of experienced BHS qualified coaches who are passionate about supporting riders, not only during their riding lessons, but in learning to deliver a high standard of horse-care and broadening their knowledge in all areas.

Students will be allocated a horse which matches their skills and experience and enables them to grow in confidence whilst improving performance.

Stonar's English Plus Riding is a unique programme, offering beginner through to intermediate riders the opportunity to gain hands-on, in-depth daily stable and riding experience.



*"Stonar is widely known as the best equestrian school in the UK. If a pupil doesn't have their own horse, they can borrow one from the school's sizeable pack and join in the fun. There are myriad ways to have a good time: pupils can practise dressage steps in the Olympic sized outdoor arena, channel Pippa Funnell around the cross-country course, and master the art of mucking out in the 65 stables."*

Tatler Magazine, 2020







*It was a very cool experience and I liked it very much. Maybe I will come back for normal school.*

— Lara. Stonar Short Courses

## English Plus Multi Activities

Stonar School offers a large, rural site with space to enjoy outside activities and an abundance of fresh healthy air.

### Sample Activities

- Football
- Crafts
- Basketball
- Painting
- Cricket
- Netball
- Drawing
- Volleyball
- Athletics
- Cookery
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Cross country running







# English Plus Tennis

Expert coaching provides junior tennis players the chance to take their skills to the next level.



*I really enjoyed the tennis course and the teachers. The staff are amazing and make you feel really happy.*

— Vittoria. Stonar Short Courses







# English Plus Art and Photography

Stonar is a perfect location for art and photography with its wonderful rural scenery, old buildings full of character and beautiful flora and fauna which inspire creativity.

## Activities

- Drawing
- Painting
- Etching
- Photography
- Screen printing
- Sewing
- Collage







## Sample timetable

		8.45 - 10.15		10.45 - 12.15		13.00 - 14.00		14.15 - 15.45		16.00 - 17.30	17.45-18.30		19.30	21.00- 22.00
Sun		Arrivals and Departures Day On-site activity or excursion											Team Challenge	
Mon		English Lessons	B E A K	English Lessons	L U N C H	English Lessons	B E A K	Plus Activity	B E A K	Plus Activity	D I N N E R	F R E E  T I M E	Quiz Night	
Tue		English Lessons		English Lessons		English Lessons		Plus Activity		Plus Activity			Capture the Flag	
Wed		English Lessons		English Lessons		English Lessons		Plus Activity		Plus Activity			Film Night	Prepare for bed
Thu		English Lessons		English Lessons		English Lessons		Plus Activity		Plus Activity			Games Night	
Fri	07.30 Wake up	English Lessons		English Lessons		English Lessons		Plus Activity		Plus Activity			Talent Show	Lights out 22.00
	08.00 - 08.45 Breakfast													
Sat		On-site activity or excursion											Party!	



# English Programmes

## Teaching methods

We take a learner-centred approach which develops core skills such as teamwork, responsibility, problem solving and critical thinking.

We make classes fun to motivate students and believe that this helps them become inquisitive, independent learners.

All our programmes develop learners' confidence through age-appropriate themes and activities, a learning-centred approach and collaborative experience. Teachers all have EAL qualifications.

We aim to provide learners with authentic opportunities to practise their language skills such as:

- Conversation in social situations
- Questionnaires and quizzes in school and on trips
- Problem-solving as a team
- Using English outside of the classroom

## Students class placement

When students arrive on their first day they complete a placement test. We find out what each pupil knows, what they want to learn and what interests and motivates them.

We place students in a class at an appropriate level where they will feel comfortable, yet challenged, to develop their language skills.

## Measuring progress

Our pupils are given a weekly progress test which is in the form of a game or quiz to help them understand how much they have learnt.

This allows the teachers to evaluate who is ready to move to a more challenging level and who requires further support.

## Observation and reporting

Younger learners are monitored and assessed by teachers through informal observation.

All students receive a certificate and report upon completion of their course.

## Project English

An exciting task-based course component which allows students to work together to design and create their very own product, be it a video presentation, class magazine or even a play!

## Excursions

Take place at the weekend to some of the world-famous tourist sites, including London, Oxford, Bristol, Stonehenge and the historic UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath.









# General information and prices

## Airport transfers

It is the parents/agent's responsibility to arrange flights. Please inform us of the student's flight details and request airport transfers if required by completing the Student Travel Details section on the application form.

Stonar Short Courses offer an accompanied transfer service from specific airports for an additional charge. Students under 16 will be collected by the team directly from the relevant airline company. Students aged 16 or over should make their way to the exit of the terminal where they will be met by our reception team who will be holding a sign.

Ideal times for arrival or departure are between 12.00 and 18.00 on the allocated transfer day. On their return, our staff accompany all students right up to check-in and will only leave the airport after the student's flight has taken off. We will provide students and parents with the mobile phone number of the person in charge of the transfer.

## Unaccompanied minors

Please note that certain airline and railway companies do not accept unaccompanied minors under 12 or 14 years old. Please ensure that your children travel with an authorisation to leave their country of residence.

## Accommodation

Students will mainly be in twin rooms (there are only a very small number of multiple and single rooms in the boarding houses) as students feel more confident if they are not alone in a room. All rooms are only a few minutes walk to the classrooms, activities and dining room. Students will be allocated a room share with someone of the same gender and a similar age to encourage new friendships.

Rooms and public areas, including bathrooms, will be cleaned regularly during the stay and bedding changed weekly. Students should bring their own towels but all bedding will be provided. Personal laundry is done once during each week but can also be organised in the boarding houses if needed.

## Food

Our School caterers provide freshly prepared meals every day and both meat and vegetarian choices are available. All meals are served with fruit and vegetables. We can cater for most special dietary needs. Please let us know of your requirements on booking.

## Hours of English per week

Our summer course includes 20 hours of English per week.

## Kit for English Plus Riding

We have a limited number of riding helmets available for complete beginners. All students with riding experience should bring their own helmet. Small, sturdy boots with a small half inch heel are required if you don't have your own riding boots. Jodhpurs, leggings or tracksuit trousers may be worn, but no jeans. Students must ride in t-shirts that cover the shoulders and may not wear loose or flapping clothing.

## Smartphones

Unless, specifically authorised by Stonar teachers or staff members, mobile phones will be taken off students overnight and will not be used during lessons and activities.

## Pocket money

Pocket money will be collected from students on arrival so it can be kept secure. It will be available on request for pupils when appropriate. We suggest no more than £50/€50 a week per student.

## Supervision

Students will be supervised at all times in the classroom, at meal times and during activities. In free time staff on supervision duty may give specific areas where students might spend their free time on-site for short periods. Students will be accompanied by staff between accommodation, activities and lessons. Students aged 15 and over may also be given the option to spend free time unsupervised as long as parental permission has been given in writing and they follow the rules of Stonar School.

## Medical

An on site nurse offers qualified medical care during the day.

## Security

Valuables will be handed in on arrival and kept locked in the site safe for the duration of the course. It is recommended that all students have their own travel insurance (which includes medical and personal belongings cover) for the journey and the duration of the course. All students will be expected to comply with UK law for the duration of the course.

## Safety

Stonar is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students. Safety is a priority. When learners join the School, they have a full induction covering all aspect of school life including health, safety and wellbeing.

Children are supervised by staff members at all times during the day including, during meals, break times, activities on and off site and excursions.

As part of our commitment to safety and welfare, we aim to nurture personal development during the course. We use experiences on the course to talk about resilience, confidence, honesty, tolerance, kindness, health and well-being

## Drugs and alcohol

Please note that Stonar School has a strict drug, alcohol and smoking free policy.





**“Very enjoyable, good to make some new friends from different countries in the world who helped improve my English.”**  
 — Charles. Stonar Short Courses

## Prices

### English Plus Courses - July to August 2021

Tuition, accommodation, meals, transportation and excursions are all included, except transfers.

Dates 2021	No of weeks	Age	Registration fee	Cost per week For all instruction, activities, food, accommodation and excursions	Airport / Train Station Transfers
11th July – 8th August	1-4	9 - 15	£100	£1095 (£375 riding supplement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heathrow £165 single</li> <li>• Gatwick £205 single</li> <li>• Bristol £90 single</li> <li>• Bath Spa or Chippenham Train Stations £60 single</li> <li>• Discounts for more than one traveller</li> </ul>