

Let the **ADVENTURE** begin...







# Welcome

**A new adventure begins!** We're thrilled to offer you a warm welcome to Windermere International Summer School!

## **This summer is about transformation.**

Every moment is designed to be life-changing—from the quiet thrill of achieving a goal to the joyful noise of new friendships being made. Students leave us with greater resilience, undeniable confidence, and a lifetime of incredible memories.

## **The Lake District: Your Inspiring Classroom**

Get ready to take learning outside the lines! Our English programme brings lessons to vibrant life within the breathtaking beauty of the Lake District. Why stay indoors when you can learn by doing? Picture this: you're practising fluency by the shimmering shores of Lake Windermere, you're using descriptive language while taking in the views from a dramatic Cumbrian fell, or you're deep in conversation while exploring the historic heart of Keswick. This is immersive language learning that is

real, relevant, and riveting.

## **Adventure is Calling!**

We have dramatically expanded our outdoor adventures. Whether it's the thrill of kayaking, the satisfaction of a challenging hike, or collaborative team-building activities, we ensure every student connects with the magic of this national park. They'll leave with a powerful sense of accomplishment and a profound love for the outdoors.

Our goal is clear: Inspire Learning, Fuel Adventure, Forge Unforgettable Memories. We look forward to welcoming your children to this unique and powerful experience!

**Frank Thompson**  
**Head of Windermere School**

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## *Leo Houlding* – *World renowned Climber, Adventurer, Explorer and Governor of Windermere School*

“As a professional adventurer and global traveller, I can think of nowhere better than the English Lakes to call home as it has so many exciting activities on the doorstep. Windermere School combines a focus on the educational benefits of a connection with nature, with pupils gaining confidence and nurturing resilience through their shared adventure experiences, and this resonates deeply with my own values. This is one of the reasons I am delighted to be a member of the Windermere School governing body.

The ethos of outdoor and adventure-based learning is at the heart of our action-packed outdoor summer school. This gives the opportunity for non-native English speakers to improve their language skills whilst expanding their personal physical and psychological comfort zones through adrenaline charged days in the hills, lakes and forests, and will create experiences they will never forget. I warmly invite you to continue your language and adventure journey here in Windermere this coming summer.”





# Our Courses

Courses are appropriate for both native English speakers and those who are learning English as a foreign language. In addition to the academic study options, there are also choices designed for those who are looking for more of a summer camp experience or who just want to learn new skills, make friends and have some fun.

Art, drama, sport, sailing, social events and excursions are integrated into the programme, along with adventure activities, which include climbing, caving, bushcraft and ghyll scrambling in the beautiful English Lake District.

Many parents are astounded that over such a short time there can be such a significant improvement in their child's language, confidence and maturity. Each week the children will enjoy a varied timetable of academic and recreational activities.

## ENGLISH LEARNING PROGRAMME *with outdoor learning*



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## OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME *without English language tuition*



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# English Learning Programme

At our International Summer School, we take pride in offering a dynamic English learning experience that goes beyond the classroom. Our team of highly skilled EAL teachers, some with over 20 years of experience teaching English as a foreign language to pupils in Windermere and other local schools, is committed to delivering high-quality instruction in an inspiring and fun environment.

This year, we're excited to introduce several exciting enhancements, designed to elevate the way we teach English and make learning even more enjoyable for the children.

We will be pioneering an innovative approach to language instruction, where our expert EAL teachers will use the UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Lake District, as an extended classroom. Our goal is to deliver a large number of English lessons outdoors (weather permitting), offering pupils the unique opportunity to practise their English in real-world settings with inspiration surrounding them.

Imagine studying on the tranquil shores of Lake Windermere, exploring the natural beauties of the the local mountain ranges, or immersing in the vibrant atmosphere of Keswick or Ambleside; these outdoor classroom lettings will provide the perfect

backdrop for engaging, hands-on language learning. Through this exciting new approach, pupils will not only improve their language skills, but also gain the confidence to communicate effectively in everyday situations.

Of course, pupils will also benefit from traditional classroom lessons, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience. At the end of the course, each pupil will receive a detailed report highlighting their progress in speaking, listening, pronunciation, intonation, grammar, participation, and overall achievement. They'll also be awarded a certificate, marking their time with us and celebrating the language skills they've developed.

With three hours of tuition each day, Monday to Friday, our courses are thoughtfully designed to complement the adventure and sailing programme. Here, pupils will interact with national UK pupils, learning English through fun, immersive activities, and gaining the confidence to speak freely and make lasting friendships.

We strive to give your child a truly unique educational experience - where English learning meets the great outdoors, creating a fun, engaging, and transformative journey for all our pupils.







# Outdoor Activity Programme

The Outdoor Activity Programme at Windermere International Summer School offers a transformative experience for pupils with an adequate level of English, ready to embark on a journey of growth and adventure. More than just an activity course, it inspires young minds to build resilience, determination, and life skills that will stay with them long after their stay. It's a chance to explore the outdoors, discover inner strength, and learn valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Our location is second to none. Set in the Lake District, known as the Adventure Capital of England, Windermere International Summer School offers access to England's highest mountain, Scafell Pike, and longest lake, Windermere, both forming a stunning backdrop to their daily adventures. This unique environment fosters awe and wonder, igniting a passion for exploration that lasts a lifetime.

This programme offers more than physical challenges. Pupils will engage in sailing, rock climbing, caving, and ghyll scrambling, developing tenacity, resilience, problem-solving, and communication. These essential skills serve them well in outdoor pursuits, the classroom, and future career paths.

Adventure is at the heart of this programme. Pupils immerse themselves in authentic British and Cumbrian culture through visits to farms and local attractions, gaining a deeper

understanding of everyday life in this remarkable national park. We broaden their perspective on learning through creative writing sessions led by our qualified English teachers. Our back garden has inspired figures like Beatrix Potter, William Wordsworth, and even modern artists, like Taylor Swift. These sessions encourage pupils to draw inspiration from their surroundings and produce meaningful work, leaving them motivated to continue their creative journey.

Our ultimate outdoor classroom turns mountain top, or lake-shore into a learning opportunity. Pupils assess risks, make decisions under pressure, and build trust. Working as a team, they forge strong friendships and learn the importance of collaboration.

Our staff are fully qualified instructors, passionate about safety and success. Windermere International Summer School operates under an AALA licence, providing peace of mind that children are in the safest hands.

Pupils take part in two outdoor activities each weekday, totalling seven hours of adventure daily. Activities may repeat to refine skills, build confidence, and achieve mastery. The programme creates lasting memories, balancing fun, education, and personal development. Pupils leave with a tool kit of skills and values that will benefit them for years to come.







# A range of **AMAZING** activities on offer

## Horse Riding

Suitable for pupils who have little to no experience with horses. They will learn the basic skills to control their horse on the floor as well as in the saddle. They will also learn how to groom, tack up and look after horses.



## Caving

Caving literally takes pupils underground into local caving systems, with the famous squeeze called the Cheese Press, climbing and scrambling, there is no better way to make friends for life.



## Rock Climbing

Conquer a fear and get up close and personal with some of the incredible local rock faces all whilst under the watchful eye of our qualified Instructors!



## Go-Karting

Experience the adrenaline of kart racing at our local track. Kart racing is a variant of motor sport with open-wheel, four-wheeled vehicles known as go-karts or shifter karts.



## Ghyll Scrambling

'Ghyll' is a Lakeland word for a small river and ghyll scrambling involves climbing up those rivers and waterfalls. The best bit is jumping in to the deep pools at the bottom of the waterfalls!



## Sailing

Taught by our highly qualified instructors, children can expect a hands-on, fun, and engaging experience. They will push their personal boundaries, develop new skills and become more confident on the water, learning resilience and self-confidence.

## Mountain Walking

Walking in the Lake District is not only the most amazing fun but it is also a wonderful way to get outside with friends, building teamwork skills and confidence.



## Archery

Learn how to become a modern day Robin Hood. Archery is a fantastic way to enjoy an ancient art with modern bows.



## Canoeing

You can't come to the Lake District without visiting Lake Windermere, the biggest lake in England, and canoeing with friends is one of the best ways to explore this incredible lake.





# Sample Timetable

WEEK 1	ENGLISH LEARNING GROUP A	ENGLISH LEARNING GROUP B	OUTDOOR ACTIVITY GROUP A	OUTDOOR ACTIVITY GROUP B
SUNDAY	Arrival to Windermere School			
MONDAY	Sailing Outdoor English Mini Olympics	Rock Climbing Outdoor English Mini Olympics	Ghyll Scrambling Sailing Mini Olympics	Sailing Rock Climbing Mini Olympics
TUESDAY	Field Archery Indoor English BBQ & Games	Ghyll Scrambling Indoor English BBQ & Games	Canoeing Cultural Experience BBQ & Games	Field Archery Ghyll Scrambling BBQ & Games
WEDNESDAY	Outdoor English Ghyll Scrambling Sunset Hike & Games	Sailing Outdoor English Sunset Hike & Games	Full Day Mountain Walk Full Day Mountain Walk Sunset Hike & Games	Sailing Cultural Experience Sunset Hike & Games
THURSDAY	Via Ferrata Indoor English Cinema Night	Via Ferrata Indoor English Cinema Night	Kayaking Rock Climbing Cinema Night	Full Day Mountain Walk Full Day Mountain Walk Cinema Night
FRIDAY	Rock Climbing Outdoor English Art Attack	Field Archery Outdoor English Art Attack	Via Ferrata Sailing Art Attack	Via Ferrata Kayaking Art Attack
SATURDAY	Day Trip			



# A home away from home

Summer School pupils will stay in well equipped, single-sex accommodation within our boarding houses, with:

- Spacious rooms
- Views over Lake Windermere
- WiFi
- 4 - 6 bed rooms for younger pupils
- 2 - 4 bed rooms for older pupils. Some single rooms are also available
- A common room with games, TV and books
- A small kitchen to make drinks and snacks
- Laundry service
- A mix of nationalities sharing rooms

No phones or tablets from half an hour before bedtime to ensure a good night's rest.



 Visit your  
boarding house

## Leisure and Social Activities

Despite a full and stimulating timetable at Windermere International Summer School, pupils are allocated time for relaxation and reflection. This valuable down time allows them to cement the friendships they form with fellow students.

Our scheduled social and recreational activities take place each evening from 19:00 to 22:00. The programme includes a variety of engaging events such as the Mini Olympics, Art Attack, "Windermere's Got Talent," Cinema Nights, Lakeside BBQs, and Sports Nights. The stay culminates in a celebratory Farewell Disco.

## Excursions and Trips

A full-day excursion is scheduled every weekend, taking pupils off-site. These trips are curated to give students a comprehensive view of the North of England's diverse offerings.

Excursions alternate between visits to a historical city rich in British culture and entertainment, and adventurous exploration of the Lake District, highlighting the spectacular scenery of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.





# Meals & Catering

We provide an abundance of fresh, healthy food, expertly prepared by our school chefs, including a variety of hot and cold options as well as a fully stocked salad bar. Additionally, fruit, snacks, and drinks are always available in the boarding houses, and packed lunches are thoughtfully provided for off-site activities.

We are fully equipped to cater to vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and all other special dietary needs, ensuring every pupil is well cared for.

The school operates a strict no-nuts policy to guarantee the safety and comfort of those with allergies.



*View our  
sample menu*







*"He is proud as punch of everything he has achieved."*

- Aileen Wright

★★★★★



*"Our two sons had a fantastic time! They came home with lots of stories to tell and tons of memories."*

- Christel Rollin

★★★★★



*"Our son is already asking us to let him go again next year!"*

- Arturas Ratkus

★★★★★



*Our daughter was so happy and enthusiastic about her 3 weeks in Summer School. She had a really amazing experience, your school was perfect !*

- Diane Jurien

★★★★★



*"They had an AMAZING time at Windermere so THANK YOU for your great job!"*

- Caterina, Educonnection

★★★★★



*"Many thanks for the great organization, the attention to detail and the huge care you show each child!"*

- Remi Levy

★★★★★



*We loved seeing all the fun, the smiles, the cascade of activities, and the superb landscape."*

- Sophie Archambeau

★★★★★



*Learn more  
about our courses*









## Our Location

Manchester airport, offering connections to Europe and Asia, is only a 90 minute drive from the school, and we provide an escorted bus service to and from the airport on designated Travel Days.

There are plentiful interconnecting flights from all London airports. London is also reached by high-speed train in under three hours. There is a concierge service available at extra cost, please apply for details.

To find out how your child can join the Windermere School adventure, please call us on: +44 (0) 15394 46164 or email [summer@windermereschool.co.uk](mailto:summer@windermereschool.co.uk)



Enjoy our  
Virtual Tour





# Build your *Summer School* experience

## Step 1: Choose One Course

- ☐ ENGLISH LEARNING PROGRAMME with outdoor learning      ☐ OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME *without English language tuition*

## Step 2: Select Your Course Date

**Course 1:** 28 June to 12 July

**Course 2:** 12 July to 26 July

**Course 3:** 26 July to 9 August

**Course 4:** 9 August to 23 August

*You are welcome to book our International Summer School for two or four week courses. Travel Days are delivered on the Sunday at the end of each course.*

## Step 3: Book Your Place

	ENGLISH LEARNING PROGRAMME (TAX Exempt)	OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME (TAX Included)
2 WEEKS	£3,150	£3,594
4 WEEKS	£6,300	£7,188

*Early Bird Discount. Pay in full before 1st January 2026 and receive a 5% discount!!*

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