Summer Courses at Top UK Schools

2020
Dulwich College
Wycombe Abbey
Welcome

Integration at all levels, from classroom to boarding house, is the key to the truly international flavour of our courses, in which communicating in English becomes a passport to new friendships and understanding.

Our World represents a global village in keeping with the spirit of the age and the British Council accreditation of our centres provides an assurance of the high quality of our courses. We look forward to welcoming you this summer, and to helping you discover what makes Our World such a special place.

I look forward to coming back to Our World year after year. It is a privilege to be able to spend my summers in such beautiful surroundings and an absolute honour to meet such incredible children and teenagers from all over the world.

Stephen, Centre Manager

You are Our World

A family atmosphere lies at the heart of our courses. Each student’s welfare is of vital importance to us, and our staff are on hand to guarantee your peace of mind. You can rest assured that Our World revolves around you.

Supervision and Welfare

Our schools have an appropriate ratio of staff to students and many of our team return year after year. Our English teachers are suitably qualified, and we employ a team of enthusiastic and capable activities staff who help the students make the most of our exciting sporting and social programme. Staff trained in first aid are resident on all courses.

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Lively programme of social activities each evening
Two full-day excursions each week for sightseeing and culture
Careful supervision ensuring safety and well-being
Imaginative, effective and original courses
Inclusive packages with no hidden extra costs

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Welcome to Our World English Schools, providers of high quality summer courses since 1989. Over the last 31 years we have grown steadily; each year new groups and individuals join us and many return year after year.

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Our Centres and Courses

Our centres are located in London and the South East of England at prestigious schools with outstanding facilities.

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English plus Activity
This course, for ages 8-17, has a wide appeal, combining English with sports, excursions and a lively social programme. English is taught in small classes of up to 15 students and afternoon sessions incorporate journalism, creative writing, vlogging, cookery, drama, arts and crafts.

English plus Soccer
This course, run in association with Chelsea FC Foundation combines soccer coaching with English classes. In addition to the language learning and soccer coaching, a key attraction is a soccer training session at Chelsea FC’s own training ground in Surrey and a visit to Stamford Bridge stadium.

English plus Tennis
This course is open to boys and girls aged 8-14, providing a combination of tennis sessions led by tennis coaches, English classes and a programme of social activities and excursions, including a visit to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum.

English plus Theatre and Dance
This course offers boys and girls aged 8-17 the opportunity to develop their theatrical skills in Drama and Dance, whilst also improving their English. The course is taught by subject specialist teachers and is open to all ability levels including beginners.

Intensive IELTS Exam Preparation
This course is suitable for those who wish to focus solely on preparing for an IELTS exam; the course thoroughly prepares students for each element of the academic English exam. The course is open to 14-17 year-olds with a minimum of an upper intermediate (B2) level of English. Students have the option of taking the exam at the end of the course.
The school is most fortunate to own such extensive green spaces so close to central London; a safe and quiet village setting only about 20 minutes’ drive from the city centre. Dulwich College was founded in 1619 by an associate of Shakespeare and the splendid buildings at the heart of its campus date back to 1868.

As well as valuing its great tradition, Dulwich College is dedicated to providing the very best in modern classrooms, computing, accommodation and sports facilities. The school offers summer students not just a London course in a village setting, but also a 21st century campus in a historic environment.

The boarding houses in which students are accommodated, Blew House and Ivyholme all have en-suite bathroom facilities and comprise singles, twins and triple rooms.

Catering is of a high standard, with full English and continental breakfasts on offer, and a good selection of hot meals and salads available at lunch and dinner. On excursion days, students are supplied with a packed lunch containing a sandwich, pasta or noodle pot, along with fruit, snacks and water.

The scenic location of the Dulwich Campus gives students the perfect base to explore the cultural highlights of the South-East of England. The Campus strikes a balance between a modern environment necessary to facilitate learning and historic venues that encourage students to appreciate the history of the British oratory tradition.

Beckie Course Leader
Wycombe Abbey

Our World English Schools are honoured to offer our courses at Wycombe Abbey for the 5th consecutive year in 2020.

Founded in 1896, Wycombe Abbey School is consistently ranked as one of the top boarding schools in the UK, set in 170 acres on the picturesque Chiltern Hills, approximately 45 minutes from Central London.

The school offers an outstanding, safe environment for our courses and includes: classrooms equipped with modern facilities, multi-sport playing fields, tennis courts, an indoor sports centre, swimming pool, and a state-of-the-art theatre.

The boarding houses in which our students are accommodated, Pitt and Rubens, were opened in September 2017 and offer an exceptional environment for the students, with single to quad bedrooms, all with en-suite facilities. The houses also benefit from common room areas for the students to relax in with their friends.

Catering is of a very high standard, with a variety of hot meals available for breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with salads and fruit. On excursion days, students are supplied with a packed lunch. 

Our courses have run here since 2016
Boys and girls aged 8 – 14
Set within 170 acres of magnificent parkland
Founded in 1896 on the day of Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee
Brand new boarding houses ; single, twin, triple and quad en-suite rooms
Indoor heated swimming pool and excellent sports facilities
English plus Activity

General English classes
General English classes are designed to build confidence through communicating in English and intensive classroom teaching in small groups of up to 15 students.

Students are streamed by age and ability and are tested at the beginning of the course and placed in a class of the appropriate level. During the course, teachers monitor students’ progress and an academic report and a certificate are awarded at the end of the course. Our syllabus is designed to suit the needs of our students, providing them with practical language skills. The aim of the course is to improve English comprehension skills, along with grammar and pronunciation, as well as building confidence in communicating through English.

General English classes are comprised of three hours per day of teaching time, five days per week. All English teachers are suitably qualified and our courses are accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Language Activities
In addition to General English classes, all students on the English plus Activity courses experience a wide range of activities designed to give them the opportunity to develop new skills, whilst using their spoken English in a specific context. Students move on to a new activity each day, including: journalism, creative writing/story telling, vlogging, cookery, drama, and arts and crafts.

Classes last for 90 minutes and focus on the development of speaking and listening skills.

Sports
A fantastic mixture of sports are offered to students each day. They can practice their skills or use the opportunity to learn new ones with our sports and activity leaders, who ensure that the highest levels of safety are maintained at all times.

Activities include: basketball, badminton, table tennis, dance, volleyball, swimming, rounders, soccer, tennis, aerobics

15 hours of General English classes per week
6 hours of Language Activities classes and cultural events per week
6 hours of sports per week
Varied social programme
Two full-day excursions per week to London and beyond

English plus Theatre and Dance

The English plus Theatre and Dance course offers boys and girls the opportunity to develop their theatrical skills in drama and dance, whilst also improving their English.

General English
The Theatre and Dance students study General English in the morning sessions for 15 hours per week. Classes in small groups of up to 15 are organised with students from the other English courses to encourage a great mixture of students.

Theatre and Dance
The afternoon sessions are devoted to building skills in acting, singing, dancing and stagecraft culminating in a performance to other students and staff at the end of the programme.

One highlight of the course is a visit to a London Musical show in a West End Theatre.

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15 hours of General English classes per week
12 hours of Theatre and Dance classes per week
Varied social programme
Two full-day excursions per week to London and beyond
Visit to London Musical show in a West End Theatre

Taking part in the musical was the best. When I grow up I want to be an actress. This was a great experience!

Anastasia, Belarus
English plus Soccer

For the 13th successive year we offer students an insight into the life of a professional footballer through the technical and tactical training methods of champions and build confidence through communication in English. The course is split evenly between language learning and soccer training.

General English
Every effort is made to create an environment where English is the natural language of communication. Students are grouped by age and English level. Particular attention is given throughout the course to converting a passive knowledge into an active one, taking into account the student’s level of English, while at the same time appealing to their interests, knowledge and intellectual ability with special emphasis on listening and speaking.

All English teachers are suitably qualified and our courses are accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Soccer Training
For two 90 minute sessions each weekday, students work through various dynamic and static warm-up and cool-down routines and experience individual and group technical practices to develop their first touch, passing and shooting ability.

Students also receive tactical information and feedback to improve their game understanding, play matches (various field positions) learn aspects of goalkeeping and develop their teamwork skills. All classes are also dedicated to promoting Chelsea Foundation’s values of fair play, respect and discipline as well as encouraging teamwork and developing social skills.

The coaching programme is delivered by trained, FA/UEFA qualified coaches using the Chelsea FC Foundation Soccer Schools model. The Chelsea Foundation’s dedicated coaches are “fit for purpose” and hold valid DBS, FA Coaching, Safeguarding Children and First Aid certificates to ensure the highest levels of coaching and safety.

15 hours of General English classes per week
15 hours of soccer coaching per week
Half-day intensive coaching at Chelsea FC Training Ground
Visit to Stamford Bridge Stadium
Varied social programme
Two full-day excursions per week to London and beyond
Chelsea FC Foundation soccer kit included
Certificate of attendance from Chelsea FC Foundation

English plus Tennis

Introduced by popular demand and now in its 5th year, the Our World English plus Tennis course combines professional tennis coaching with English tuition and a lively programme of social activities and excursions.

General English
The English plus Tennis students study General English in the morning sessions for 15 hours per week. Classes in small groups of up to 15 are organised with students from the other English courses to encourage a great mixture of students.

Tennis
This course is open to boys and girls aged 8-14 and is suitable for tennis players of all abilities from beginners to advanced. Our tennis coaches teach a maximum of eight students per session and all equipment is provided. Coaching sessions begin with warm-up and stretching exercises, and cover a range of skills and tactics appropriate to the level of each group. In addition to the expert coaching there is ample opportunity for competitive matches.

The excellent sports facilities offered by Wycombe Abbey make it an ideal venue for this course, offering plenty of practice areas and an extensive range of fitness equipment.

15 hours of English tuition per week
15 hours of tennis coaching per week
Visit to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum
Varied social programme
Two full-day excursions per week to London and beyond
Intensive IELTS Exam Preparation

Our IELTS course is perfect for those wanting to learn more about the IELTS examination, improve their exam skills, and to develop their academic English. Students have the option of sitting the exam at the end of their course at an IELTS test centre.

The course is open to students with an upper intermediate (B2) level of English or above. A level test will be provided to students who wish to determine suitability prior to booking the course. Students are taught by suitably qualified exam preparation teachers.

All students will have the opportunity to integrate and make friends with those on other courses during the excursions, boarding and evening social programme.

Intensive IELTS Exam Preparation
This course is suitable for those who wish to focus solely on preparing for an IELTS exam, the course teaches IELTS exam techniques and strategies, preparing students for each element of the academic English exam. The allows ample time for past paper practice and individual feedback.

A minimum of 24 hours of IELTS preparation
Varied social programme
Two full-day excursions

I had the most fun at Dulwich College making friends from all over the world and at the same time, prepared effectively for the IELTS exam with the help of the best teachers I could ask for! It was the best summer school experience I’ve ever had.

Idil, Turkey

Sports

There is a huge range of indoor and outdoor sporting activities in some of the best school sports facilities in the UK: spacious gymnasiums, indoor heated swimming pools, tennis courts and running tracks.

Students choose which sport activity they would like to take part in each day. They can practice their skills or use the opportunity to learn new ones with our sports and activity leaders, who ensure that the highest levels of safety are maintained at all times.

I love the sports activities and particularly enjoyed playing volleyball, football and breakdancing with my friends.

Abdullah, Saudi Arabia

Activities on offer may include:
- basketball
- badminton
- table tennis
- dance
- volleyball
- swimming
- rounders
- soccer
- tennis
- aerobics
Excursions

There are two full-day excursions each week to London and beyond. Destinations in London may include: Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, Madame Tussauds or London museums. Students will also visit other top UK destinations such as Warner Bros. Studio Tour, Brighton, Cambridge, Oxford, Whipsnade Zoo or Chessington World of Adventures.

The weekly London trip offers students a range of options combining cultural/historical attractions with sightseeing and shopping.

The Warner Bros. Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter offers a magical experience for Potter fans with sets, props, and special effects used in the popular film series.

Brighton is always a popular visit, combining the attractions of a typical English seaside resort with the historical interest of the lavish Royal Pavilion and the arts and crafts shops of the narrow streets of the Lanes.

The ancient university city of Oxford provides another memorable excursion, with a College tour and a chance to have a go at punting on the river. Cambridge is most widely known as the home of the University of Cambridge, founded in 1209 and consistently ranked one of the top five universities in the world. Students will be inspired by the many beautiful museums and art galleries, admire the beautiful architecture and majestic college buildings and explore quaint passages set around the historic market places and colleges.

Chessington World of Adventures offers an exciting day out at one of Britain’s best-loved amusement parks: a thrilling way to end the week.

Whipsnade Zoo, the largest zoo in the UK is home to over 3,500 animals from across the world.

All travel costs and entry fees are included and a packed lunch is provided.

Social events

Part of the special atmosphere of Our World English Schools comes from the close friendships which develop between students. Many of them keep in touch after the summer is over, and many come back year after year. The wide range of nationalities provides a fascinating insight into other cultures.

The Talent Show was amazing. I had so much fun, especially watching the staff take part.

Ahmed, UAE

I like the excursions because we always go somewhere different. We are able to choose where to go and what we’d like to do.

Alexson, Hong Kong
General Information

Course staff
Our World English Schools offers an excellent ratio of staff to students, according to the ethos and high standard of student care that our courses follow. We employ carefully selected and suitably qualified teachers in the classroom and responsible members of activities staff to organise and run an extensive social and excursion programme.
Each school is led by a Centre Manager who is directly responsible for the welfare of all students and staff. He/she leads a team of teaching, activities and welfare staff who teach the students in the classroom, accompany them on excursions, instruct and supervise the students’ social programme and ensure high levels of safety and welfare. Most staff are also resident in the boarding houses with students.

We employ a team of enthusiastic and capable staff who ensure the students’ safety, wellbeing and enjoyment at all times in order for the students to gain the maximum possible benefit from the course.

Arrivals and departures
Students should arrive at and depart from London Gatwick or London Heathrow airport or London St Pancras Station. The return UK transfer is included in the package price for flights/trains scheduled to arrive/depart between 10am and 6pm.

Students will be met at the airport or train station by a member of Our World staff at the appropriate arrival point, carrying a board with the Our World English Schools logo and the student’s name. If several students arrive at a similar time of day, some may be asked to wait until we have met another arrival before leaving the airport or station.
Upon departure, Our World staff will accompany students to the airport or station and will stay until they have gone through security into the departure area.

Students must have a valid return travel ticket, complete with a time and date. It is essential that we are kept informed of any changes to students’ travel arrangements. Parents must not assume that we will sort out travel arrangements. Parents must not assume that we will sort out their own clothes when they are returned clean, so it is a good idea to have name tapes on items which are not readily identifiable, such as white T-shirts.

Students must bring their own towels and toiletries.

Student safety and welfare
All staff are safeguarding trained and several are also trained in First Aid. Students will be taken to the local health centre or hospital when necessary. Please include any relevant medical details on the Student Insurance form.

Student bedrooms: In the interests of safeguarding, student bedrooms do not have locks. Staff are also resident in the boarding houses with students. Student bedrooms do not have locks. Staff are also resident in the boarding houses with students.

Pocket money and valuables
All course expenses are included in the course fees, however, students may wish to bring a small amount of pocket money for souvenirs and other expenses e.g. UK sim cards. We believe £100 – £150 per week should be adequate. Upon the student’s arrival, their passport, pocket money and other documents will be collected and a banking service will be available.

In the interests of safeguarding, student bedrooms do not have locks on the doors. Valuables may be left with the Centre Manager in the Course Office. Our World English Schools disclaims responsibility for loss or damage to students’ personal possessions, money and other valuables, except when officially banked with us.

Student accommodation
Girls and boys are accommodated separately and may only mix in the recreational areas.

The student residences include single, twin, triple and quad bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. Bed linen will be provided and changed once a week.

Clothes and laundry
Clothes are laundered once a week by the school. Students may be expected to sort out their own clothes when they are returned clean.

Students will be responsible for keeping their own rooms tidy.

Insurance
Students are advised to arrange insurance cover for personal possessions and medical treatment.

Course Regulations
1. Students will be subject to the course rules. In particular, they will be required to attend all meals, lessons and arranged activities and excursions.
2. Students will be responsible for keeping their own rooms tidy.
3. All damages to property, equipment and rooms will be charged to the students and must be settled within 24 hours.
4. Consumption of alcohol by students is not permitted (note it is against the law in Britain for persons under the age of 18 to purchase alcohol). Alcohol must not be brought into the school premises by students at any age.
5. Drug-taking or suspicion of controlled drug-taking of any kind will result in immediate dismissal.

FAQ
If I am interested in booking a course what should I do?
• Contact our office to check availability
• We will hold a place for you whilst you complete the booking form
What if I require a visa to come to the UK?
• On receipt of your booking form and deposit we will issue a letter of confirmation to support your visa application
How can I pay for my course?
• We accept payment by bank transfer and cheques drawn on a UK bank account

Sample Timetable

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Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do after I have paid my deposit?
• The balance of fees is due by 1st June 2020
• On receipt of full payment we will send you airport transfer confirmation and the student handbook which contains useful information about your course
• All courses are met at the point of arrival in the UK and accompanied to the centre
• Students are strongly encouraged to take out insurance for medical and personal possessions cover, please contact us if you require assistance

When should I arrive on my course?
• Students must arrive and depart on Mondays on the dates advertised on the Fees and Dates section on our website
• Return transfers are included free of charge to/from Heathrow and Gatwick airports and London train stations between 10am and 4pm (supplements which apply outside these times are listed with our Fees and Dates on our website)