

2020 Dulwich College Wycombe Abbey



## Welcome

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.

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.



I really like my room because it has everything I need Macario. Mexico

### 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.

Students enjoy three meals each day, with a wide range of salads and hot dishes. Vegetarian meals are available and and other dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Drinks and snacks are provided during break times. Comfortable bedrooms, some with an en-suite option, include single, twin, triple and quad rooms, which are cleaned each day; bedlinen is provided and changed weekly. Clothes are laundered for students on a weekly basis.

Excellent teaching resources and carefully selected staff 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



Nationalities typically attending our courses: Armenian, Austrian, Azerbaijani, British, Bahamian, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Belgian, Brazilian, Canadian, Chilean, Chinese, Croatian, Cuban, Czech, Dutch, Egyptian, Estonian, French, Georgian, German, Ghanaian, Greek, Hungarian, Indian, Iranian, Iragi, Italian, Irish, Japanese, Kazakh, Korean, Kuwaiti, Latvian, Lebanese, Libyan, Lithuanian, Malaysian, Mexican, Moldovan, Mongolian, Nigerian, Norwegian, Omani, Polish, Portuguese, Peruvian, Qatari, Romanian, Russian, Saudi Arabian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Swiss, Taiwanese, Thai, Tunisian, Turkish, UAE, Ukrainian, USA, Uzbek, Venezuelan



## Our Centres and Courses

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

Dulwich College	Wycombe Abbey
English plus Activity Boys and girls aged 12-17	English plus Soccer Boys and girls aged 8-14
English plus Theatre and Dance Boys and girls aged 12-17	English plus Activity Boys and girls aged 8-14
Intensive IELTS Exam Preparation Boys and girls aged 14-17	English plus Tennis Boys and girls aged 8-14
	English plus Theatre and Dance Boys and girls aged 8-14

## **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.

# Dulwich College

We are proud to reflect that this is the 31st consecutive year that we have been offering summer courses at London's prestigious Dulwich College.



The school is most fortunate to own such extensive green spaces so close to central London; a safe and guiet 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.



Our courses have run here since 1989

Boys and girls aged 12-17

A residential setting on the edge of London

Top UK school founded in 1619

Beautiful Victorian Buildings in a 70 acre campus

Accommodation; single, twin and triple en-suite rooms

Indoor heated swimming pool and extensive sports facilities

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

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 ensuite 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











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

## General English classes

Wycombe Abbey Boys and girls aged 8-14

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

# 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.











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

### 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.

The English plus Theatre and Dance course is taught by subject specialist teachers and is open to all ability levels including



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

Wycombe Abbey Boys and girls aged 8-14
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# 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.







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

### 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 the Chelsea Foundation's values of fair play, respect and discipline as well as encouraging team play 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.

# 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.





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

### 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.



# 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. Turkev

## 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 sports 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 break-dancing with my friends...

Abdullah, Saudi Arabia

Activities on offer may include:

basketball swimming

badminton rounders

table tennis soccer

dance tennis

volleyball 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.

Wycombe Abbey Boys and girls aged 8-14

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.







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

## 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.



After a full day of English lessons, activities and sports in the evenings, students enjoy a lively programme of social activities. Each week there is a varied social programme with fun events such as a disco, barbecue, challenge event, treasure hunt and sports competition or similar. Students also have some free time to spend in the boarding house, common rooms and computer facilities, or relaxing in the extensive grounds. There are special events too, such as Quiz Night and the highly enjoyable Talent Show in which students and Our World staff share the spotlight.

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





## 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 4pm.

Students will be met at the airport or train station by a member of Our World staff at the appropriate exit 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 the students' travel arrangements. Parents must not assume that we have received details of changes until they are acknowledged by us in writing.

#### Meals

Students will have most of their meals in the school dining hall. A large selection of hot and cold options are on offer for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with vegetarian options also available. Drinks and snacks are provided during break times.

Any special dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Packed lunches will be provided on excursions.

#### Pocket money and valuables

All course expenses are included in the course fees, however, students may want 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, 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 application and medical forms.

The students are under the supervision of the course staff when they are off-campus, except where they have written permission from their parents and course staff to have free time (within a designated area) during shopping times.

#### Insurance

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

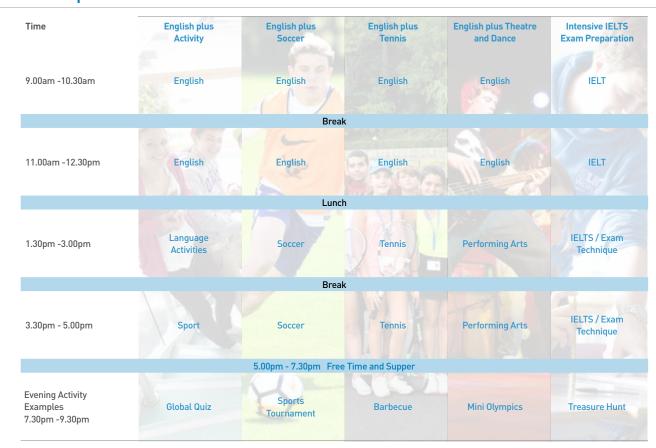
#### Course Regulations

- 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 of any age.
- $\bf 5.$  Drug-taking or suspicion of controlled drug-taking of any kind will result in immediate dismissal.

- **6.** Smoking is not permitted in school premises at any time.
- **7.** Girls and boys may not enter each other's bedrooms or other designated areas under any circumstances.
- **8.** Students will be required to be in their rooms and to maintain silence at a certain time prescribed by the Centre Manager.
- **9.** Bullying will not be tolerated and may, at the discretion of the Centre Manager, result in expulsion from the course.
- **10.** Students will be expected to show courtesy to all course staff and domestic staff and to behave in a civilised manner on and off the campus.

NB: Students breaking any of the rules of the course they are attending may be dismissed within 24 hours at their own expense and without refund.

## Sample Timetable



## Frequently Asked Questions

#### 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 and other relevant forms
- A deposit of £575 is payable to secure your place

#### 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

#### 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 students arriving on our 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)















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