# **Agent Information 2025**



# "An excellent summer school in an amazing location."

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## What makes ISC one of the best junior summer schools in the UK?



## Quality, safety and care

- We run one school, in one location to ensure high levels of care, quality and education. The directors live on site and are available 24/7.
- Excellent British Council report (2022) with eight areas of strength including teaching, course design and care of under-18s. Please see our website for the full British Council inspection report.
- Superb organisation and excellent welfare provision safety and quality lie at the heart of everything we do. This will be ISC's 28th year!
- Agents and leaders frequently comment on ISC being the best UK junior school they have worked with. They especially like the "family feel, well-trained staff and outstanding organisation".
- Qualified, professional and friendly staff who create a supportive and caring environment. We have a high staff retention rate and excellent staff feedback.
- Fantastic student experience <u>we received record student feedback in 2024, with</u> <u>98.2% rating their experience as good/excellent!</u>

## **Location & Facilities**

- Courses are held at historic Bloxham School, a traditional boarding school with
  - excellent facilities for sports, theatre, art and leisure activities & 60 acres of beautiful grounds.
- Amazing location near Oxford and the picturesque Cotswolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England.
- Homely, comfortable accommodation in one of Bloxham's boarding houses.
- Safe campus, set in small village with 1:10 staff/student ratio on site.
- 1 hour from Birmingham International Airport and 1.5 hrs from Heathrow

## Programme

- Fun, interactive English classes with a focus on fluency and spoken skills.
- A range of **General English+** courses for students to tailor their learning experience. 94% of our students rated their lessons as good/excellent.
- An immersive, engaging programme designed to help students to grow in fluency and confidence when using English and encourage teamwork and independence.
- International, multi-cultural experience, 18 nationalities on our 2024 courses.
- Great variety of activities including outdoor adventure skills, sports football, touch rugby, volleyball, badminton, dance, yoga, swimming, tennis, baking, art, jewellery making, circus skills, team competitions, traditional British games & much more.
- Excellent location for trips, with excursions to Oxford, Birmingham, and London.

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## Dear Agents,

We have had a fabulous summer getting to know your students and leaders, it has honestly been one of the best! Thank you for all your support and hard work over the last year to help bring such wonderful students to ISC.

We are delighted to announce that we had record student feedback, **with 98.2% of our learners rating their experience at ISC as good/excellent!** We were also very pleased to receive excellent feedback from our group leaders and team.

Our Spanish leader noted that **"ISC is very organised and the team is so helpful, impressive!"**, our Romanian leader said she **"was impressed by how caring ISC is with the kids and by how wellorganised the entire camp is"** and our Czech leader stated **"I have visited a lot of summer camps in England and I think ISC is by far the best school. The kids love the interactive classes and don't want to go home. Everything is amazing, I definitely want to come back".** 

This summer, we welcomed over **600 students from 18 different countries** and hope to build on this in 2025. It made for a buzzing atmosphere on campus and lots of new international friendships. There were lots of opportunities for students to practise their speaking and learn about other cultures.

It was a real joy hosting our new Argentinian and Japanese groups this summer, they really got involved in the programme and were so international. It was touching to see how quickly friendships were made and the level of enthusiasm, care and interest our students showed one another.

We also received **94% good/excellent ratings for our "interactive, fun" General English programme**. We also offer a range of **General English+ courses** for students to be able to tailor their learning experience. Students can enjoy all aspects of the General English programme in addition to specialist coaching/tuition on our General English+ courses:

- General English+ 1:1/1:2/Mini-Group Tennis Coaching
- General English+ Academic English
- General English+ Cambridge Exam Preparation

We are always amazed by how much our students' confidence and fluency improves when using English at ISC. We have heard from agents that their students are keeping in touch with their new friends in English and some are now planning to study in the UK in the future.

In 2024 our students enjoyed new lessons, a trip to the beautiful Cotswolds' villages and new activities such as touch rugby and outdoor adventure skills. Students were taught how to build and cook on their own fire, use camouflage and work as a team to face challenges. Great for developing their problem-solving and team-building skills while learning in nature.

We are very thankful to our fantastic team, group leaders, students and partners at Bloxham School for such successful summer courses. We always look for ways to improve and hope to make our courses even better next year. We have read through the feedback from students, staff and leaders and will be implementing some great suggestions on our next courses. **Watch this space for new 2025 programme ideas!** 

If you have not been to see Bloxham School yet, please get in touch, we are always more than happy to show agents and leaders around the beautiful campus and village.

We hope to catch up with you soon and look forward to our continued cooperation. Thank you for all your support and we hope your students and leaders will be part of the "ISC family" next summer!

Cl, Nic and the ISC team





# **ISC Student Testimonials**



"I had so many wonderful experiences. I don't want to go home!" Kurea from Japan

"The classes were by far my favourite thing at ISC. They gave me a huge boost of confidence and they were extremely interesting." Andra from Romania

"The staff was amazing and the activities were so creative! I loved the food as it was different every day."

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"I loved that I could socialise with people from all over the world, while learning a lot. It is a very well-organised school. I loved it."

Camila from Argentina

"Oleksii was incredibly impressed and gained lots of positive emotions. Oleksii especially liked taking part in the project. The staff of the camp was very kind and friendly, the atmosphere was very welcoming. Oleksii made many friends and he has the warmest memories. Thank you very much for this opportunity".

Oleksii's mother, Ukraine

Maria from Portugal

"Everything was excellent. I was impressed by the professionalism of the staff, by how caring you all are with the kids and by how well-organised the whole camp is. I really enjoyed our stay here and the kids feel the same. Looking forward to next time" Ramona, Romanian Group Leader



"I had an amazing opportunity to learn English in an interactive and motivating way through my amazing teacher!" Rodrigo from Portugal



"I loved the food here and my favourite part was the Oxford trip."

Kristyna from Czechia

"My favourite thing is that all the staff is very nice and helpful. I loved the murder mystery evening, it was lots of fun. You couldn't do anything better."

Claudia and Lucia, Spain

## **About ISC**

International Student Club is run by Al Dadge, and Nicola Lee, directors of ISC. This will be ISC's 28th year of welcoming students from all around the world on our summer courses.

During the summer, Nic oversees our qualified, professional teaching team as ISC's director of studies. Our friendly, creative teachers aim to provide students with fun, interactive lessons and lots of spoken practice.

Our activity director and team are full of enthusiasm and organise a variety of entertaining activities, including sports, outdoor adventure skills, team competitions, a murder mystery evening, the ISC Bake Off, circus skills and much more. Many of our students comment on how caring, positive and supportive our ISC staff are.

Your students will improve their English and make friends and memories for life!





ISC's courses take place at Bloxham School, a traditional, boarding school, founded in 1860. Bloxham is a fantastic location for a summer school, set in a picture-perfect village in Oxfordshire. The school is only 40 minutes from historic Oxford and London is just under two hours away.

## **Location & Facilities**







The campus provides a beautiful environment for students, situated on the edge of the stunning Cotswolds, An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The school has an impressive mix of historic and modern buildings and 60 acres of grounds.

Bloxham has great transport links and the school is well situated for Birmingham and London Heathrow airports.

There are fantastic sports facilities including an indoor sports hall, tennis courts, AstroTurf pitches, fitness studio, a 23-metre indoor heated pool and outdoor playing fields. There are modern classrooms with interactive whiteboards and excellent facilities for theatre, art, food technology and leisure activities. All boarding houses are within 5 minutes of the centre of campus.

Students have an on-site café and homely common rooms to relax and socialise in. Wi-Fi is available throughout campus.

The campus is very safe with individual access codes to the houses. The directors and staff live onsite, so there is always someone available to help students.

## Accommodation



Bloxham's peaceful campus is located in Bloxham village - a very safe environment for young people. Residential accommodation is in one of the college's seven comfortable, single-sex boarding houses. Each house has its own character with a mixture of modern and more traditional buildings.

Boarding houses have a variety of rooms and spacious common areas to relax. The common rooms have lots of things for students to enjoy, such as table tennis, pool table and smart TVs. Each house has a fully-equipped kitchen, where students can share an evening snack and use their English to socialise with international housemates. The bathroom ratio is 1:6.

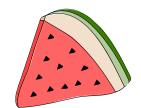




We have comfortable singles and twin rooms for older students and dormitory or multibedded rooms for our younger students. We organise rooming requests with agents as of Easter.

A laundry service takes place mid-course for a £5 charge. Bedding is provided and changed each course. Students need to bring a towel for showering and swimming.

## Catering



Bloxham are very proud of their in-house catering team, who prepare all meals on site using fresh ingredients. Special dietary requirements are routinely catered for.

The food is plentiful and delicious and there is always a wide choice to meet all tastes with a choice of meat, fish or a vegetarian option. There is a well-stocked salad bar, pasta bar, soup, fruit and desserts.

A range of cooked and cold options are available for breakfast. The fortnightly barbecue is always popular with students!





"The food was anazing, I really appreciated the way the staff adapted to some of our students' dietary requirements" Mihaela, Romania.

Drinks and biscuits are provided at break times. After evening activities there is a light snack in the boarding houses. There is also a modern school café that sells snacks, cakes, and hot and cold drinks.

## General English Programme



## **General English Lessons**

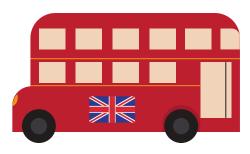
At ISC students receive 27 lessons/30 hours of General English, British Culture and Project lessons during the two-week programme. We have an excellent team of professional and friendly teachers and were awarded a strength for teaching in our last British Council inspection. In 2024 we had 94% good and excellent feedback on lessons!

Our General English lessons are engaging and fun, with a focus on improving spoken communication. We want to help our students improve in confidence and fluency when using English. Students practise all communication skills, level-appropriate grammar and vocabulary, and pronunciation. We use our own range of interactive and interesting course materials, which are constantly updated by our creative teaching team. We also help to prepare students for life beyond school with leadership and teamwork activities

Students have a short level test on arrival and classes are organised by age and ability. Teachers monitor the progress of students in lessons and students receive a written report and certificate at the end of the course.







## **British Culture Lessons**

In British Culture classes, students learn about the British way of life, culture, food and music and much more.

We also prepare our students for their excursions in British Culture lessons, where they learn all about the history, geography and cultural significance of the places they will be visiting. Students are able to practise the English they've learnt in class in real-life situations on trips.

Our teachers care about helping each individual student to progress and they use a variety of motivating activities, materials and technology in class. Learning is fun at ISC and we want to help our students learn and use English to the best of their abilities!



## General English Programme

## Project

Project classes are a much loved part of ISC and are an enjoyable and creative way to improve spoken confidence and public speaking skills.

Mixed ability, international teams work together with the support of their teachers to create a short drama production.

Students learn how to direct and perform in a play and work together and to create a story, dialogue, characters, costumes, set and props, direct, and of course perform!

This culminates in the students performing their drama productions to the school in an exciting project show, in which project teams compete to be the best class in school.





## **Typical Daily Timetable**

07.30 - Wake up call 08.00 - 08.30 - Breakfast in Dining Hall 09.00 - 10.30 - General English lesson 10.30 - 10.50 - Break 10.50 - 11.40 - British Culture lesson 11.40 - 12.30 - Project lesson 12.30 - 13.00 - Lunch in Dining Hall 14.00 - 15.30 - Sports, Arts & Crafts, Dance Workshop or Climbing 15.30 - 16.00 - Break 16.00 - 17.00 - Capture the Flag, Swimming, Tennis or Arts and Crafts 17.00 - 18.30 - Time to relax in boarding houses/access to wifi 18:30-19.00 - Dinner in Dining Hall 20.00 - 22.00 - Evening activity 22.00 - 22.30 - Supper in houses



## **Key Information**

- Students are organised into two age groups: Jets 9-13 & Sharks 14-17 years old.
- Students are level tested on arrival & placed into the correct class.
- Our levels range from Elementary to Advanced (unfortunately we do not accept complete beginners).
- Maximum class size of 16 (General English & British Culture lessons).
- Classes are merged for Project (32 students) and are assisted by three staff.
- 30 hours/27 lessons of study per two-week course, which includes General English, British Culture and Project lessons and level test.
- Lessons & activities follow a zig-zag timetable.
- Lessons & activities take place every day apart from on arrivals day, trip days (Friday and Sunday week 1 and Wednesday week 2) and departures day.
- Lessons have a focus on fluency and speaking skills. Teamwork components prepare students for life beyond school.
- End-of-course certificate, report and prize-giving ceremony.
- Full daytime and evening activity programme.
- Three full-day excursions.
- Please see the <u>ISC website</u> for full course details.



## **ISC Sample Programme**





	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
		JETS	
TUES	ARRIVAL	TEST	WELCOME TALK & FILMS IN HOUSES
WED	SPORTS/SWIMMING/ BENCHBALL/DANCE/ TENNIS/ARTS & CRAFTS – KEYRING MAKING	FIRST LESSONS	19:15 HOUSE MEETING WELCOME DISCO/GETTING TO KNOW YOU GAMES
THUR	LESSONS	ENGLISH SUMMER FAIR & TRADITIONAL BRITISH GAMES/SPORTS/DANCE/ARTS & CRAFTS – TIE DYING T-SHIRTS	TEAM GAMES
FRI	TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM – HISTORICAL TOUR, THINK TANK SCIENCE MUSEUM AND FREE TIME FOR SHOPPING IN THE BULLRING		INTERNATIONAL TALENT SHOW
SAT	TREASURE TRAIL/SPORTS/YOGA/BAKING OR OPTIONAL COURSES LESSONS	LESSONS	DRAMA GAMES
SUN	OPTIONAL TRIPS 1. DRAYTON MANOR THEME PARK 2. LONDON EYE & SHOPPING TRIP 3.HARRY POTTER/WARNER BROTHERS' STUDIO TOUR 4. ROYAL WINDSOR AND CASTLE VISIT OR ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS & BLOXHAM NATURE WALK		PUB QUIZ NIGHT
MON	LESSONS	ARCHERY/SPORTS/ JEWELLERY MAKING/CAPTURE THE FLAG OR OPTIONAL COURSES	FANCY DRESS DISCO &
TUES	SPORTS/SWIMMING/FITNESS CLASS/BADMINTON/ARTS & CRAFTS OR OPTIONAL COURSES	LESSONS	7.15 HOUSE MEETING
WED	TRIP TO LONDON - WALKING TOUR AND NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM/SCIENCE MUSEUM		LATE DINNER AND CINEMA NIGHT OR PUZZLE IT OUT
THUR	LESSONS	BAKING/ULTIMATE FRISBEE/BASKETBALL/ OR OPTIONAL COURSES	BARBECUE AND OUTDOOR GAMES
FRI	LESSONS FOR ALL	TRIP TO OXFORD – WALKING TOUR, PUNTING AND SHOPPING. LATE RETURN 20:30.	
SAT	CIRCUS SKILLS/SPORTS/ ARTS AND CRAFTS + NATURE COLLAGE/SWIMMING/TENNIS	LESSONS	PROJECT SHOW
SUN	LESSONS	ARCHERY/DODGEBALL/ SPORTS/FITNESS/ROUNDERS	PRIZE-GIVING & DISCO
MON	DEPARTURE		BINGO AND BOARD GAMES FOR THOSE STAYING ON



## **Activity Programme**

ISC has a varied, exciting daily activities programme. Students can choose from 4-5 options each session. The programme includes sports such as football, badminton, touch rugby, dance, yoga, tennis, volleyball and swimming. There are also creative options such as baking, jewellery making, tie dyeing t-shirts, arts & crafts. Students can learn outdoor adventure skills, circus skills and compete in traditional British games, treasure hunts and much more.

Evening activities include a murder mystery, discos, karaoke, team competitions, drama games, quiz nights and cinema. During activities, students have the opportunity to practise speaking English and make new friends.

We have excellent facilities for activities, including a sports centre, a 23m indoor swimming pool, fitness studio, tennis courts, large sports fields, astro turfs, a modern food-technology kitchen, a wellequipped art block, theatres and indoor spaces for drama, games and events.

Students compete with their international project team to win points for good participation, English and behaviour in and out of













class. The project teams compete to win the ISC project cup.









#### **Outdoor Adventure Skills**

## Learn outdoors & practise bushcraft and language skills

One of our new activities OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS teaches students how to construct shelters, use camouflage, build and cook on their own campfire, and work as a team to face challenges.

This activity is great for developing team building and problem-solving skills, while immersed in nature.





## **Excursions**



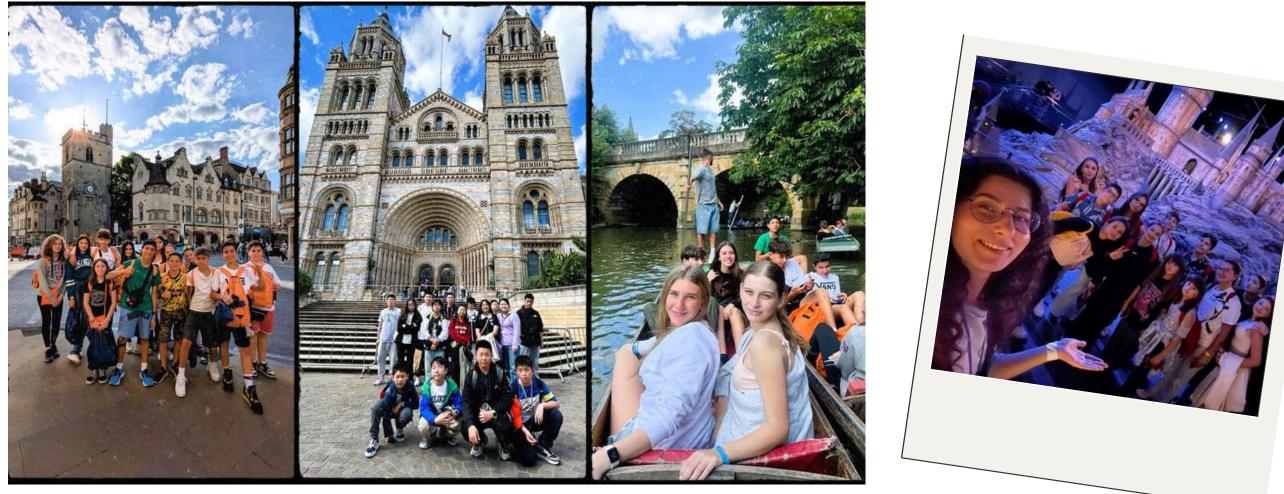
ISC students go on 3 full-day trips to London, Birmingham and the university city of Oxford. All trips include an informative, guided walking tour and students can practise their English in real-life settings.

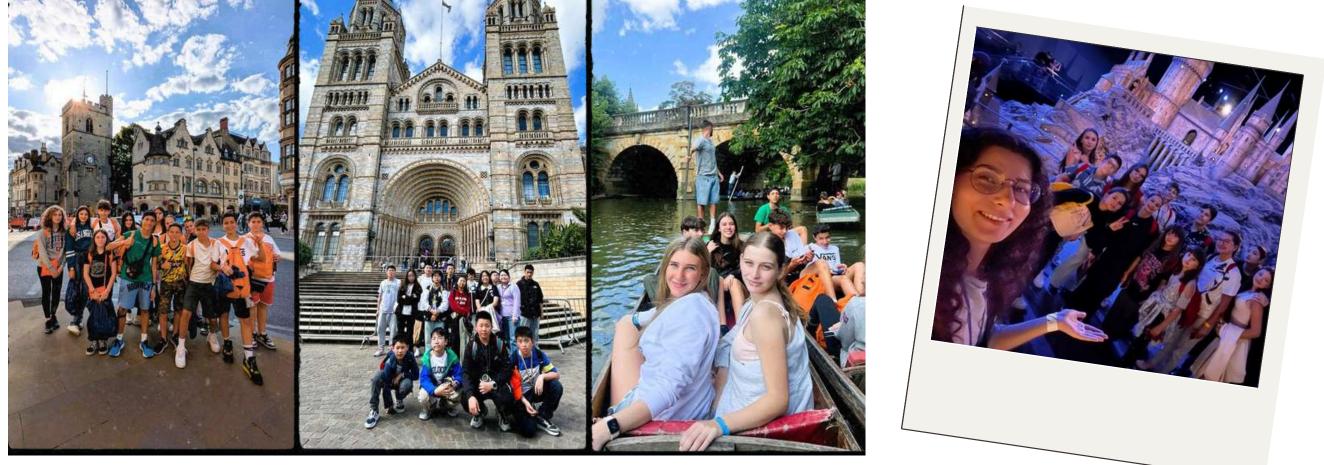
In London, students explore the capital's most famous sights and visit the world-renowned Natural History Museum.

In Britain's culturally-diverse second city, students see the iconic architecture of Birmingham, visit the Thinktank science museum and have free time for shopping in Europe's biggest shopping centre.

Students go punting on the scenic River Cherwell in Oxford, learn about the university's historic colleges and go shopping for souvenirs.

We want students to be safe outside of school, so we have a ratio of 1 adult per 15 students in addition to group leaders. Students are given ISC membership cards detailing our emergency contact number, and they prepare for their trips in British Culture lessons.





## **Optional Trips - Discover what the UK has to offer!**

On the first Sunday of the course, there are optional trips for an extra charge of £70-£110 to lots of exciting destinations, There is also a full day of relaxed activities on campus.

- For history fans there are trips to Shakespeare's birthplace or Windsor Castle. For culture vultures we have a trip to the beautiful Cotswold Villages.
- Harry Potter lovers can go on a tour of the Harry Potter Warner Brothers studios.
- There are also popular trips to the iconic London Eye/Tower of London.
- And for students who love adrenaline, Drayton Manor theme park.

Optional trips are subject to interest. Harry Potter tickets are very popular and sell out fast. Please see the ISC website for more details.



## General English+ 1:1/1:2/Mini-Group Tennis



Our General English + Tennis course is designed to help students improve their English and develop their match play techniques, skills and fitness.

Students receive 6 hours of expert coaching from Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) approved coaches. Rosie Clark Tennis Coaching has experience of coaching at top private schools and international summer schools. The coaches have a wealth of knowledge suitable for group and individual lessons of all standards, coaching players from beginner to performance level.

Lessons will include a brief assessment before highlighted areas are worked on both tactically and technically. Sessions will include competition and match play aspects and take place on hard courts at Bloxham School. Students participate in all areas of the General English programme, along with an additional 6 hours of individual or mini-group coaching sessions per course.

## Learning Objectives

Improve match play and overall fitness





- Gain specific strategies to improve court awareness
- Work on tactical play
- Practise and improve technique
- To learn and practise vocabulary related to tennis
- To practise spoken communication skills
- To practise and improve listening skills, such as listening for gist and detail during coaching sessions



## **Key Information**

- For students aged 9-17 years old
- 6 hours of 1:1 or mini-group coaching sessions per two-week course
- 1:2 coaching available on request
- Maximum ratio of 6 students to 1 coach
- Expert coaching from LTA qualified, friendly coaches
- Includes General English programme 30 hrs/27 lessons of General English lessons, 3 full-day excursions and daily activity programme



"I feel more confident about playing competitively." Barbora, Czechia

Maurici, Spain "the coaches helped me to improve my technique when taking overhead serves".



## General English + Academic English

Our Academic English Course is for motivated students with a B2+ level of English, who wish to improve their academic skills or study in the UK in the future. There is a pre-course level test to ensure that the student is at the right level. Our professional, friendly teachers help students to hone their academic skills and prepare for higher education in English.

Lessons include a Q&A session with the Bloxham admissions team who offer useful advice and information on UK academic life.

Students enjoy all aspects of our General English Course along with eight additional lessons focusing on Academic English.

Students benefit from practical lessons on essay writing, giving effective presentations and note taking techniques. Students create and deliver short presentations and receive individual feedback.

## **Learning Objectives**

- To gain an understanding of the UK education system
- To learn and practise transferable life skills, such as how to create and deliver an effective presentation
- To develop academic writing skills, such as essay writing
- To develop and practise spoken communication skills, such as giving presentations
  To practise essential academic skills, such as reading strategies and notetaking/listening strategies for university lectures









## **Key Information**

- For students aged 14-17 years old
- Maximum class size 8
- For students studying towards a B2/C1 level of English
- Prepares students for future academic studies
- 2 week course 8 x 45 minute lessons
- Includes General English programme 30 hrs/27 General English lessons (maximum class size 16), 3 full-day excursions & daily activity programme

## General English + Cambridge Exam Preparation

#### **Secrets to Exam Success**

Our PET and First Certificate exam preparation courses are designed for students who require practical exam strategies and guidance on how to approach Cambridge reading, writing, listening and speaking exam tasks. Students enjoy all aspects of our General English course along with eight additional lessons focusing on Cambridge exam preparation.

During the course our students practise and develop their communication skills in English and are given exam tips and advice from our professional teachers.

Classes include practice of useful speaking expressions, essay writing and strategies for a variety of reading and listening exam tasks. Students will have the opportunity to use authentic Cambridge past exam papers and receive individual feedback on mock-speaking exams.



#### **Learning Objectives**

 For students to familiarise themselves with all parts of the PET/FCE exam





#### **Key Information**

- To develop and practise spoken communication skills, in both interactive and individual speaking exam tasks
- To learn and practise useful speaking expressions
- To develop academic writing skills, such as essay writing
- To acquire practical exam strategies
- To practise listening and reading for gist and detail
- To improve exam performance using individual examiner feedback
- For students studying towards a B1 (PET) or B2 level (FCE) of English and wish to take the Cambridge PET or FCE exam - there is a pre-course level test to ensure the student is at the correct level.
- Exam strategies and helpful tips for passing the Speaking, Reading, Writing and Listening papers
- Highly experienced teachers of Cambridge examination classes
- Maximum of 8 students
- 2 week course 8 x 45 minute lessons
- Includes General English programme 30 hrs/27 General English lessons (maximum class size 16), 3 full-day excursions & daily activity programme









The most important thing for us, is that students are happy and cared for while they are at ISC, so they have an enjoyable learning experience. Our office is open 8:30-22:00 every day and there is a head of house and staff in the boarding houses after that time. If students have any problems, all of our staff are happy to help. The directors provide 24 hr emergency assistance.

Bloxham has a very safe campus, with a lockdown of houses at 23:00 - houses have individual access codes. We expect students to stay on campus, except when they go on organised excursions with our staff. When on trips, students should respect the school's rules.

If students or group leaders feel ill, we have first-aid trained staff on site and a hospitals nearby. Directors Al, Nic and all the staff live on campus and students are given a 24-hour emergency telephone number, so they can contact us at any time.







## **Individual Students**

Some of our students travel in groups, but we always have a lot of students who travel to the school alone or with a friend. We call these students "Individuals" and we put them in the individuals' group with a British group leader to look after them.

Individual students live in our homely boarding houses together and go on trips together too. We encourage individual students to share bedrooms with other nationalities in their boarding houses. This truly international group makes it easier for students to make new friends and, of course, to do so in English.

To ensure they are happy and well cared for, we:

- appoint an experienced member of staff to be the Individuals Group Leader and help students to develop their independence.
- take registers 4 times a day a chance to check all is OK.
- keep pocket money in the school safe in the office, so students have regular contact with the course directors.
- hold individuals' meetings three times a week to inform students of important information.
- provide a dedicated group leader phone number and 24-hour emergency number.





## Bookings



## **Group Bookings**

- Provisional group allocations are confirmed in writing to the agent at the start of the sales season. The agent must provide regular updates on sales of student places.
- A group booking form including course dates, student name, sex, date of birth and any special requirements or medical conditions should be sent to ISC at least 6 weeks before arrival.
- The Student Agreement, Parental Consent and Data Protection forms should be completed by the student/parents when booking. All enrolment documents can be downloaded from the ISC website.
- The completed forms should be sent by email to al@intstudentclub.co.uk or nic@intstudentclub.co.uk
- A group invoice will be sent upon completion of the group. One free leader place is given for each 10 students. Additional leaders are charged pro-rata at £350/week.

## Individual & Home Tuition Bookings

- The Enrolment, Student Agreement, Parental Consent, and Data Protection forms should be completed and returned to ISC at least 6 weeks before arrival. All enrolment documents can be downloaded from the ISC website.
- The student's place on the course will be confirmed and an invoice sent on receipt of the enrolment form.
- Flight details should be sent as soon as these are confirmed at least 6 weeks before arrival.

#### **Booking Payment Schedule**

A non-returnable deposit of 20% is payable upon individual bookings. Group deposits must be paid by 28.02.2025. The final balance must be paid at least 4 weeks prior to the course start date. Please ensure you cover the cost of bank charges and use the INVOICE NUMBER or STUDENT'S SURNAME as the reference.

## Transfers



- Bloxham is conveniently located 1.5 hrs from Heathrow and an 1 hr from Birmingham airport.
- Your students are met at the airport by a member of ISC staff or one of our drivers. Please look for the red 'International Student Club - Bloxham' sign. Staff accompany students to their coach or taxi which will take them directly to the college. All of our drivers hold current DBS checks.
- Individual students travel to Bloxham by taxi with other ISC students where possible.
- If your group arrives very late or very early in the morning, or on non-standard dates, we may not have a member of staff available to meet them. Individual students will always be met.
- Extras: £40 for a check-in service £100 for students travelling as unaccompanied minors

#### Please contact us directly for transfer prices and information

#### \*Please note: the school closes at 13.00 on Monday 18th August 2025\*





## Enrolment Terms and Conditions

- We strongly recommend that students take out appropriate comprehensive travel insurance to cover medical fees, cancellation, repatriation, damage to property and cover against Covid-19.
- ISC accepts no liability for the loss of money or personal effects which are not given to the office for safekeeping. Students are advised not to bring expensive items, and to lock any other valuables in their suitcase/lockable cupboard using a padlock.
- Passports, flight tickets and pocket money must be kept in the school safe and will be collected upon arrival.
- A damage deposit of £40/€40 is to be paid at the start of the course. This will be returned upon departure if there has been no damage.
- ISC must be notified of any pre-existing medical conditions. In cases of medical or other emergency the school will act in loco parentis.
- Cancellation charges are as follows for all courses: More than 4 weeks before arrival the deposit will be retained. • 4 weeks to 72 hours before arrival - 50% of the total fees will be retained. • Less than 72 hours before arrival, 100% fees are due. • Programme refunds are never made after the course begins.
- There is no refund for cancellation or failure to provide services due to an event of force majeure/factors beyond our control, e.g. terrorist attack, war, global pandemic or other acts of God.
- Students must follow the rules of the school. Racist, violent, sexist, homophobic or bullying behaviour will not be tolerated. If students do not abide by the rules, they may be asked to leave the school at their parents' expense. Fees will not be refunded.





## Health & Safety Measures

All aspects of our course are risk-assessed and ISC's health and safety measures are continuously reviewed and updated. Our preparations are communicated to agents and parents throughout the year. Please refer to the ISC website for up-to-date information on our 2025 courses.

First aid kits are kept in all the boarding houses, main office, classroom block and sports hall. If our students feel ill, we have first-aid trained staff on site and a hospital in nearby Banbury. All management are first aid trained.

Bloxham is a very safe campus, with a lockdown of houses at 23:00, meaning students can only leave in an emergency. We expect students to stay on campus, except when they go on organised excursions with our staff. Staff live on site, so there is always someone available to help. When on trips, we also expect our students to follow the school's rules.











## **Student Information Sheet**

## Welcome!

We are very happy you will be joining us this summer and look forward to meeting you. It is important that you are well prepared before you arrive in England, so please read the following information carefully.

## The School

Bloxham School founded in 1860, is a traditional boarding school, located near Oxford and the picture-perfect Cotswolds. You will be accommodated in one of the school's homely boarding houses with other students and the ISC house team.

The whole school has breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining room and there is a light evening snack in your boarding house. Lessons are held in the modern classroom block. Bloxham has fantastic sports facilities; including tennis courts, astro turf football pitches, netball courts, a 23-metre heated pool, and lots of outdoor playing fields. There are also excellent facilities for theatre, art and activities, as well as an IT suite and food technology room.

There are lots of places for our students to relax and make new friends, including a modern café and homely common rooms in all the boarding houses. All boarding houses are within a 5-minute walk of the facilities.



## The Programme

- You will have 27 lessons/30 hours of English language tuition each two-week course. This includes General English, British Culture and Project classes taught by our friendly, supportive teachers. You will be allocated to an international project team while at ISC and you can win points for good work, behaviour and participation.
- When not in lessons, we offer a choice of activities including sports, swimming, circus skills, dance, tie dyeing t-shirts, jewellery making, yoga, team competitions, British games and much more. Evening activities include discos, karaoke, a quiz night, drama games, a murder mystery, cinema nights and a barbecue.
- During the course, there are 3 full-day trips to vibrant London, the university city of Oxford, and the UK's multicultural second-city Birmingham. You will be accompanied by ISC's friendly, helpful team on activities and trips.
- Your project lessons lead to the project show, which takes place in the Great Hall at the end of the course. The Projects will be judged, and your team could win the cup!
- There will be students from many countries for you to make friends with. This gives you an exciting opportunity to learn about other cultures as well as British culture. As part of this, we ask you to take part in our International Talent Show. You can dance, sing share interesting information about your country or showcase a talent!
- On the first Sunday of each course, you can go on an optional excursion for an extra charge. If you want to go on an optional excursion, they cost from £70 - £110 per trip. Or there is a full day of relaxing activities on campus.
- WiFi is available at certain times throughout the day.
- Please see our website for details of the ISC programme.



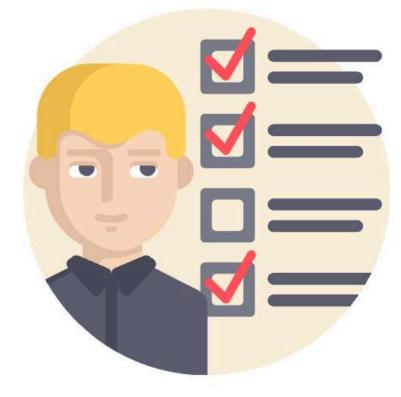
## What should I bring?

- Stationery for lessons
- Water bottle to refill around campus
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Shower gel and any other toiletries you need
- Face masks and a travel bottle of hand sanitiser
- Sports clothes and white soled trainers for use in the sports centre
- Comfortable walking shoes for excursions
- Sports equipment, if you want to use your own (equipment is provided by the school if not)
- Rain-proof jacket and warm sweater
- International Evening any items you will need
- A plug adapter the UK uses 240v
- A sensible amount of clothes for all types of weather. A £5 laundry service is available mid-course
- Padlock for your suitcase or lockable cupboard
- A damage deposit of £40/€40. This will be returned at the end of your stay, if you have not caused any damage.
- Spending money students usually bring between £60-£150 per week, but all students have different needs.









## **Important Information**

- You will be asked to sign a 'Student Agreement' when you book, accepting you will follow the rules of the school.
- As you are sharing your accommodation with others, we ask you to respect their space and their needs by not making noise, especially at night. All students must be in their bedrooms and quiet by 23:00 every night.
- Bathrooms and common areas are cleaned every day. Bedrooms are cleaned regularly and linen changed each course. There is a mid-course laundry service available for £5.
- Please keep bedrooms tidy and do not cause any damage.
- On arrival, you will be asked to pay a damages deposit of £40/€40. This will be returned to you at the end of your stay if you have not caused any damage to school property.
- Your travel tickets, passports and spending money must be kept in our safe. Please make sure your insurance covers you for loss or theft of your belongings, as the school will not be liable. There are no locks on the bedroom doors, so please keep valuable items locked away in your suitcase or lockable cupboard.

• Any students found drinking alcohol, taking drugs or committing an act of gross misconduct (e.g. bullying, repeated rudeness, racist, sexist or homophobic behaviour) is liable to be removed from the campus immediately and sent home at their parents' expense.



Welcome!

## **Group Leader Information**

#### We are looking forward to meeting you this summer at Bloxham School and would like to take this opportunity to give you some information on what to expect.

## The General English Programme

When students arrive, they are taken to their boarding houses, on a tour of campus, for a drink/snack and to complete a short level test. On the first day students are given time to unpack, there are some sports and activities and the whole school attends an evening 'Welcome Talk' in the Great Hall. Students are introduced to the team and given all the information they need for their stay at ISC.

Lessons and activities begin on the second day. Students are divided into two age groups, the 'Jets' aged 9-13 and 'Sharks' aged 14-17 years old. They receive 27 lessons/30 hours of English teaching during the two-week course, this includes General English, British Culture and Project lessons. Students are organised into international teams for the course and win points for good behaviour, effort and work. Each team takes part in the ISC Project, producing a drama project which they perform to the school at the end of the course and can win the best Project class in school. Please see the ISC website for full course details.

There are three full-day excursions to London, Oxford, and Birmingham. There is a full and varied daytime and evening activity programme. Students are expected to take full advantage of the opportunities on the course. We ask you to encourage them to participate in all activities and practise their English as much as possible with their new friends. Please see our website for details of the programme.

On the first Sunday of each course, we offer an optional trip at an extra cost. Destinations include the London Eye, the Harry Potter Warner Brother Studios, Windsor Castle, Drayton Manor theme park and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford Upon Avon. These are usually organised in advance. There is also a full day of activities on campus.

One of our evening activities is the International Talent Evening, where your students will be expected to share an aspect of their own culture with their new friends - they can sing, dance, talk about traditions, or anything else they can think of, but they must take part! This is also a talent competition so, again, please encourage your most talented (or enthusiastic) students to perform.

## **ISC Staff**

The ISC directors Nicola Lee and Al Dadge will be on site throughout the courses to help you and ensure high levels of care, quality and education. Nic, is also director of studies and oversees the teaching department and English courses. The activity programme is managed by our activity director.

Our friendly, professional teachers and activity staff will be the main point of contact with your students. All staff live on site and are available to help you and your students. You will be accommodated in single rooms in the same boarding house as your students. Each boarding house has a head of house and house team to help you during your stay.







**Group Leader Duties** 



The course runs best, and you get more enjoyment from it, if you become part of our team, working with us for the benefit of your students. We need you to help us with the following:

- Please read your information pack on arrival, it has all the necessary information for the programme.
- There will be regular leader meetings during the course, organised by the course directors. You must attend these to effectively manage your group.
- Please collect passports and flight tickets from students to deposit in the school safe. These should go in a large envelope marked 'Documents' with the group name. Envelopes are included in your group leader pack.
- Pocket money should be collected in the pocket money envelope, and again marked with the group name. Students' bedrooms are not lockable, so we insist they keep their money in the safe. We cannot take responsibility if money goes missing from rooms. You will be responsible for giving out their pocket money as they need it. Ask students to lock any valuable items in their suitcases or lockable cupboards.
- Please collect a £40/€40 damage deposit from each student upon arrival and put this in the 'Deposits' envelope. It will be returned at the end of the course if no damage is done to school property and behaviour has been acceptable.
- Check your students' rooms for damage on arrival and before they depart.
- Take photos of your students for our student photo wall.
- During the busy first days of the course, help us to settle and organise the students quickly. Please refer any rooming issues to the head of house/office and any class issues should be discussed with the director of studies.
- Arrange to meet your group every morning to ensure they are up and ready for class or activities and understand what they are doing that day, also check that they are present for the afternoon sessions. If students are missing from class, the office will ask for your help to locate them.
- Ensure all your students are in their boarding house at 22.00 and help staff to supervise suppers and get students to bed by 23.00. If you are a single leader with students in 2 houses, please liaise with ISC staff in the other house.
- You must all attend house meetings fire safety briefing Tuesday week 1, Wednesday week 1 and Tuesday week 2. You may need to translate important information.
- If not pre-arranged, find out if your students want to go on an optional Sunday excursion and collect the money from them in advance.
- Check your students' bedrooms are tidy.
- Inform students of the laundry procedure and remind them the evening before.
- Accompany your students when we go off site on trips, never allow younger students to have unsupervised free time on trips. Please liaise with our team on trips.
- Students are not allowed to leave the campus unless you have given permission and agreed it with us.
- Motivating students is the key to a successful course. Please encourage your students to join in everything on the programme.
- Please join us for the group leader party evening and get to know our lovely team!



## 2025 Course Dates & Price List

#### **General English Programme**

#### Two-week courses - £2510

Tuesday 8th July - Monday 21st July Tuesday 22nd July - Monday 4th August Tuesday 5th August - Monday 18th August

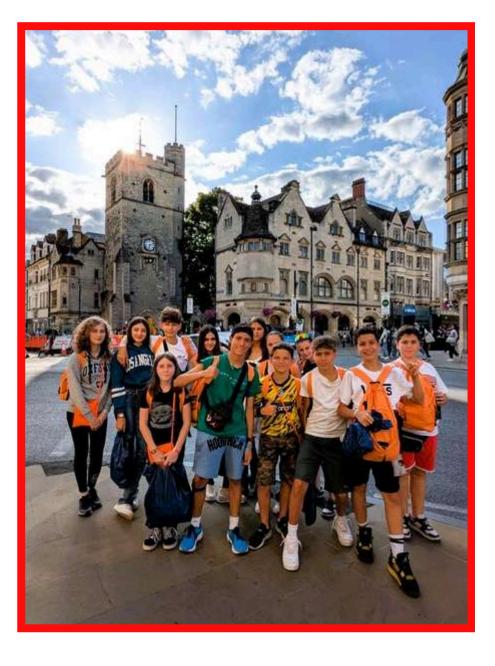
#### Four-week courses - £4950

Tuesday 8th July - Monday 4th August Tuesday 22nd July - Monday 18th August

#### **General English+ Courses**

\*Two-weeks only\*

£2700 - General English+ Mini-Group Tennis Coaching £2860 - General English+ 1:1 Tennis Coaching £2790 - General English+ 1:2 Tennis Coaching



## £2735 - General English+ Academic English £2735 - General English+ Cambridge PET/First Exam Preparation

#### What's included in the two-week course:

- Accommodation in school boarding houses in single, twin or multi-bedded rooms
- Full board breakfast, lunch and dinner plus bedtime snack
- 30 hours/27 lessons of General English lessons with qualified EFL teachers
- Level test on arrival
- ISC course materials
- End-of-course certificate and report
- Prize-giving ceremony
- 3 full-day excursions to London, Oxford and Birmingham
- Full and varied daytime and evening activity programme
- 24-hour welfare service
- Complimentary group leader place for a minimum of 10 students
- 50% return airport transfers included from Birmingham, Heathrow and Gatwick for min 15 students only on scheduled arrival and departure days between 08.00-16.00

#### What's not included:

- Transfer costs for grps of less than 15
- Individual transfer costs
- One optional excursion, which costs between £70-110
- Personal insurance, pocket money and laundry service £5 per course
- Expenses connected with medical/dental treatment

## **Home Tuition Courses**



## **Junior and Adult Programmes**

Our fully immersive English courses offer an unforgettable opportunity for students to develop their confidence and accelerate their learning. Students live and learn with their host teacher and achieve their individual goals with personalised 1:1 lessons, activities and excursions.

Courses take place in Cardiff, Wales' exciting capital city, which is rich in history, culture and home to fantastic restaurants, shops and major international music and sporting events, Cardiff has its own airport and is located on the south coast near to the Welsh mountains and iconic Bristol. It truly is the perfect setting for a unique cultural and learning experience.





Our fun, interactive English courses are designed to improve spoken fluency, build confidence and deliver quick progress. Students enjoy personalised lessons, activities, local excursions and 1:1 tuition. If students prefer to study with a friend, 2:1 tuition is available. We offer pre-intermediate to advanced courses.

Our friendly, experienced teachers tailor lessons and help



students to attain their personal goals. A variety of engaging activities are used to develop communication skills and practise pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary. Enjoy fasttrack learning on one of our immersive English courses. General English, Academic English and Cambridge Exam Preparation courses are available. Please consult the course information pages for more information.

## Junior Sample Programme

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Arrival and transfer	Settling in & diagnostic test	Welcome meal
Personalised lessons	City tour & museum	Games night
Personalised lessons	Coursework	Walk to pier and traditional fish & chips
Personalised lessons	Visit historic castle & shopping	Homework session
Personalised lessons	Activity – e.g. sports/	Cooking with teacher
Personalised lessons	Explore the local area & science museum/medieval village	Movie night
Coursework	Shopping	Farewell meal

\*Adventure sports or excursions to Oxford/Bristol/Bath/national parks can be organised for an additional cost









## Adult Immersive English Programmes

Our fully immersive, pre-intermediate to advanced English courses aim to improve spoken fluency, build confidence and deliver quick progress. Students learn in the comfort of their teacher's home and enjoy personalised lessons, activities, local excursions and 1:1 tuition.

Our lessons focus on spoken communication and we use a variety of fun, engaging materials and activities to develop knowledge of, and practise, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Our friendly and experienced teachers tailor lessons to help students reach their individual goals. General English, Academic English and Cambridge Exam courses are available. Please consult the course information pages for more information.





## Adult Sample Programme

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Arrival and transfer	Settling in & diagnostic test	Welcome meal
Personalised lessons	City tour & museum	Visit to a traditional pub & pub quiz
Personalised lessons	Visit historic castle & traditional afternoon tea	Walk to pier and fish & chips
Personalised lessons	Free time	Project work
Personalised lessons	Sightseeing – explore the local area	Cooking with teacher
Personalised lessons	Free time	Movie/games night
Personalised lessons	Shopping/free time	Farewell meal & pub

\*Adventure sports or excursions to Oxford/Bristol/Bath/national parks can be organised for an additional cost

## What's Included

- 7 nights full-board accommodation in comfortable, friendly home environment
- Private bedroom
- 15 hours 1:1 tuition (£35 per extra hour)
- Course materials (to use during stay)
- Pre-course contact with teacher
- Diagnostic test
- Course report
- Attendance certificate
- 3/4 x half-day local excursions/activities (adults cover own entry costs)
- Booking fee
- Local transfer (local airport or train station)
- \*15% Discount 2:1 tuition (same level & twin room)

#### Dates

We run week long courses throughout the year from October to March. Start dates are flexible.

## Prices

#### Junior

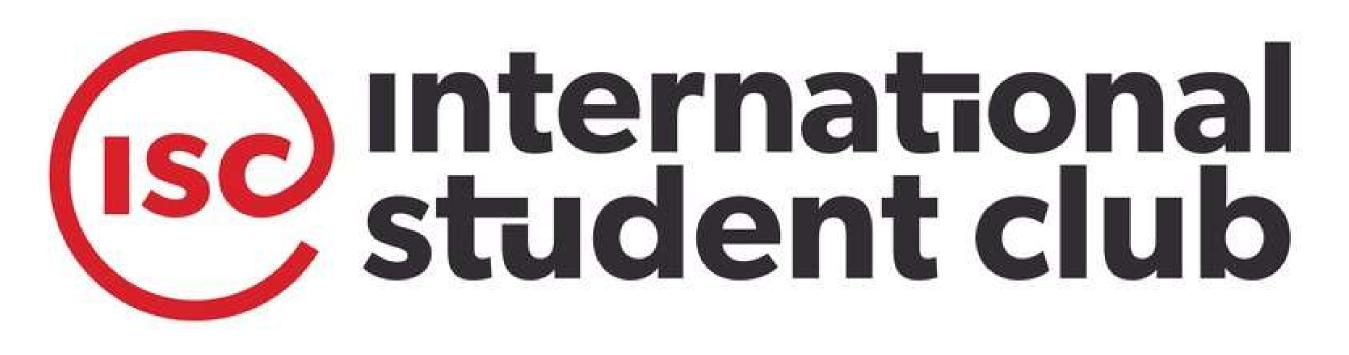
General English Immersion Course -£1585

Exam Preparation Courses - £1585 Academic English Course - £1585

#### Adult

General English Immersion Course -£1540

Exam Preparation Courses - £1540 Academic English Course - £1540



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