



International Student Club

Agent Information 2022



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MEMBER




Dear Agents,

What a couple of years it has been, but not much can dampen our optimism at ISC. We are all looking forward to the buzz and excitement around campus next summer and running the best possible courses at ISC for our students.

More so than ever, we value the fantastic relationships that we have with our agents, group leaders and staff and cannot wait to be reunited with everyone at Bloxham School in 2022. We are excited about the year ahead and working together to bring your students to ISC.

We have been busy behind the scenes organising new courses for 2022 and are delighted to finally share the details with you. Along with our excellent General English programme, we now 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/Mini-Group Tennis Coaching**
- **General English + Outdoor Adventure Camp**
- **General English + Academic English**
- **General English + Cambridge Exam Preparation**

In response to agent and parent interest, **we have also updated our General English course to include new leadership and teamwork components**, which aims to better equip students for the world of work.

We have worked very closely with the brilliant team at Bloxham over the last year and really appreciate their continued support. We clearly share the same ethos when it comes to the student experience - quality and safety lie at the heart of everything we do. We are hugely confident that they will help us to deliver an exceptional level of care and safety for our students.

We recently visited the school and were very impressed with their renovations to the dining facilities and Wilberforce, Seymour and Raymond boarding houses. If you have not been to see Bloxham School yet, we would love the opportunity to show you around the beautiful campus. We know you will love the school, team and location just as much as we do.

Bloxham School is situated in the Oxfordshire village of Bloxham, on the edge of the stunning Cotswolds - An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the UK. It is only 45 minutes from historic Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon and under two hours from London. There are great transport links and Birmingham and Heathrow are the nearest airports to the school.

Bloxham's excellent facilities, along with their friendly, welcoming staff mean we are sure that, in this important year of recovery, we can provide the best student experience possible. We are very keen to try out our programme with fun, new activities, and trips to London, Shakespeare's birthplace - Stratford-upon-Avon, Royal Windsor and Oxford.

On our last courses, we had 23 nationalities, so there are lots of opportunities for students to practise their speaking, make international friends and learn about other cultures. We are always amazed by how much our students' confidence and fluency improves when using English at ISC. The students in 2019 were excellent, as was the level of student enthusiasm and integration with other nationalities. As usual, our feedback from students and leaders was fantastic - 96-100% good and excellent in all categories. We're sure we will do just as well, if not better, at Bloxham next year!

We remain positive as ever and look forward to our continued cooperation. We cannot wait to get started on 2022 and hope you will join us in our adventure!

Jill, Al and Nic



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



Quality, safety and care

- Excellent British Council report (2016) with nine areas of strength including teaching and care of the under-18s. Please see our website for the full British Council inspection report.
- EL Gazette's 'Centre of Excellence' - in the top 25% of language schools in UK (2020)
- Superb organisation and excellent welfare provision - safety and quality lie at the heart of everything we do. Directors live onsite and available 24/7.
- Qualified, professional and friendly staff who create a supportive and caring environment
- Fantastic student experience - outstanding 2019 feedback from students – 96-100% good and excellent in all categories

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
- Homely, comfortable accommodation in one of Bloxham's boarding houses
- Safe campus, set in small village with 1:10 staff/student ratio on site
- Amazing location near Oxford and the picturesque Cotswolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in South, West England
- 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
- A varied, engaging programme that aims to improve students' confidence when using English, teamwork and independence
- International, multi-cultural experience, 23 nationalities on our last courses
- Fantastic variety of activities including sports, swimming, climbing, dance, arts and crafts, circus skills, team competitions, traditional British games and much more
- Excellent location for trips, with excursions to Oxford, Royal Windsor, London and Shakespeare's Stratford-Upon-Avon.



ISC Student Testimonials



"I loved being at ISC, everyone was so kind. Being in the common room with my housemates and head of house felt like being with family."

Giulia from Italy

"People at ISC are amazing: the students, teachers and staff. I really liked the lessons and activities, because they were fun and I learned a lot about England, other people, life and the world. The food here is amazing, everything was perfect. I'm sad because I have to leave, but I'm happy because it was one of the best experiences of my life."

Egle from Lithuania



"Everything was great, the sports activities, the friends that I made, the campus, the teachers. Thank you ISC."

Manuel from Mexico

"The trips, the lessons, the new friends I met and just the atmosphere. Everything was amazing!"

Klara from Germany

"My favourite thing about ISC was the hospitality. The activities were fun and a good way to meet new people. I was encouraged to experience new things and during the two weeks it not only helped me improve my English, but also taught me other life lessons. Thank you ISC, you'll always be in my heart."

Sofia from Portugal



"Well after 7 years at ISC, I'm going to say that everything was perfect, just everything."

Karel from the Czech Republic

"The lessons are so productive and interactive with interesting things to talk about, you can't be bored. You are entertained all the time."

Marta from Spain

About ISC

ISC is run by Allen Dadge, Nicola Lee and Jill Cutting, Directors of ISC. Between us, we have over 50 years of experience of organising summer schools.

During the summer, Nicola oversees our qualified, professional teaching team as ISC's director of studies. Our friendly, creative teachers aim to provide students with fun, interesting and communicative lessons.

Our activity director and staff are full of enthusiasm and organise a variety of entertaining activities, ranging from sports, to a murder mystery evening, the ISC Bake Off, circus skills and much more for students to enjoy. 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 at this truly special place.



Location & Facilities

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.

The campus provides a very safe environment for students, situated on the edge of the stunning Cotswolds in 60 acres of beautiful grounds. There is an impressive mix of historic and modern buildings.

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

There are fantastic sports facilities including an indoor sports hall, climbing wall, tennis courts, astro turf 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 5 minutes from the facilities.

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

The campus has an overnight security patrol and 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 eight 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, table football, a TV and DVD player. Each house has a fully equipped kitchen, where students can share an evening snack and use their English to socialise with international housemates.

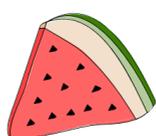


We have comfortable singles and twin rooms for older students and dormitory or multi-bedded rooms for our younger students.

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

All of our staff live on site so there is always someone from the ISC team available to help. At night, the school is protected by a security patrol, and all boarding houses are locked at 23:00 hours. Wifi is available on campus.

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 wholesome 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!

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 and drinks.

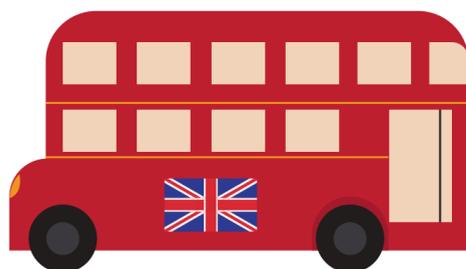
General English Programme

General English

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 (2016).

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

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

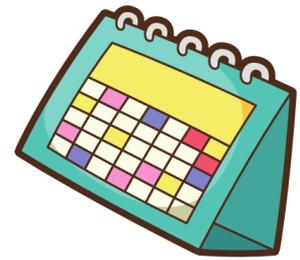
Project classes are a much loved part of ISC and are an enjoyable and creative way to improve spoken confidence and fluency. Mixed ability classes work together as a team with the support of their teachers to create a drama project. Students use their imaginations to create a story, characters, costumes, set and props.

This culminates in the students performing their drama productions to the school in an exciting end of course 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 beginners)
- Leadership and teamwork components prepare students for life beyond school
- 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 (Saturday and Sunday - week 1 and Wednesday - week 2) and departures day
- End of course certificate, report and prize-giving ceremony
- Full daytime and evening activity programme
- Three full-day excursions and one half-day trip
- Please see the ISC website for full course details

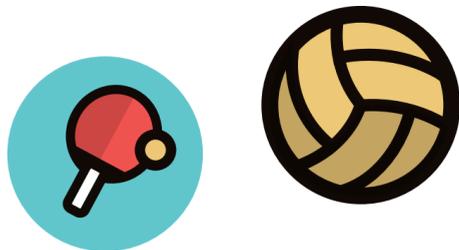
ISC Sample Programme



	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
JETS Weeks 1 and 2			
TUES	ARRIVAL	TEST	WELCOME TALK & FILMS IN HOUSES
WED	SPORTS/SWIMMING/ BENCHBALL/DANCE/TENNIS OR OPTIONAL COURSES	FIRST LESSONS	7.15 HOUSE MEETING WELCOME DISCO/BOARD GAMES
THUR	LESSONS	STRATFORD UPON AVON	TEAM GAMES
FRI	TREASURE TRAIL BLOXHAM/SPORTS/YOGA OR OPTIONAL COURSES LESSONS	LESSONS	INTERNATIONAL TALENT SHOW
SAT	FULL DAY TRIP WINDSOR – CHANGING OF THE GUARD, TOUR, BOATING AND SHOPPING (OPTIONAL EXTRA: WINDSOR CASTLE)		DRAMA GAMES
SUN	OPTIONAL TRIPS, FULL DAY: LONDON X 2 WAYS, HARRY POTTER, WARWICK CASTLE, DRAYTON MANOR HALF DAY: COTSWOLDS WILDLIFE PARK/SILVERSTONE OR ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS: GEOCACHING/SPORTS/PUZZLE IT OUT		QUIZ NIGHT
MON	LESSONS	GEOCACHING/FOOTBALL/ BENCHBALL/CAPTURE THE FLAG	FANCY DRESS/MASQUERADE DISCO & KARAOKE
TUES	SPORTS/CLIMBING/ SWIMMING/CAPTURE THE FLAG OR OPTIONAL COURSES	LESSONS	7.15 HOUSE MEETING MURDER MYSTERY
WED	FULL DAY TRIP TO LONDON – WALKING TOUR, BRITISH MUSEUM AND COVENT GARDEN SHOPPING		LATE DINNER AND CINEMA NIGHT
THUR	LESSONS	ISC BAKE OFF/ULTIMATE FRISBEE/DODGEBALL/TENNIS OR OPTIONAL COURSES	BARBECUE AND OUTDOOR GAMES
FRI	LESSONS FOR ALL	OXFORD – TOUR, MUSEUM AND SHOPPING TRIP RETURN 20:30	
SAT	ENGLISH SUMMER FAIR/BRITISH GAMES/ARTS AND CRAFTS/SWIMMING	LESSONS	PROJECT SHOW
SUN	LESSONS	CIRCUS SKILLS/ SPORTS/FITNESS/ROUNDERS	PRIZE-GIVING & DISCO/KARAOKE
MON	DEPARTURE		BINGO AND BOARD GAMES



Activities



ISC has a fantastic daily activities programme when students are not in class. There are sports, arts and crafts, circus skills, competitions, dance, yoga, swimming, climbing, geocaching, traditional British games and much more.

Evening activities include a murder mystery, discos, team competitions, drama games, quizzes, karaoke and cinema nights. During activities, students have the opportunity to use their English in real-life situations and make new friends.

We have great facilities for activities, including a sports centre, a 23m indoor swimming pool, climbing wall, tennis courts, astro-turf pitches, fitness studio, acres of large sports fields, a well-equipped art block, theatre 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.



Excursions

ISC students go on 3 full-day trips to vibrant London, Royal Windsor and Oxford. There is also a half-day trip to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon. In London, students explore the capital's most famous sights, visit the world-renowned British Museum and go souvenir shopping in Covent Garden. Students go rowing and witness the changing of the guard in Royal Windsor. In Oxford, students visit the Natural History and learn about the university's historic colleges. in Oxford. Our staff give guided walking tours on excursions, so students can learn all about the geography, culture and history of the place.

We want students to be safe outside of school, so we have a ratio of 1 adult per 15 students, we give students ISC membership cards detailing our emergency contact number, and prepare students in class for their trips.

On the first Sunday of each course, students have the opportunity to visit a variety of exciting places on our Sunday optional trips to London, the Harry Potter WB studios, amusement parks and places of local interest. There is an extra charge for the optional excursions, this ranges between £50-75.



General English + 1:1/Mini-Group Tennis



Expert Tennis Coaching

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

- To practise spoken communication skills
- To learn and practise vocabulary related to tennis
- To practise and improve listening skills, such as listening for gist and detail during coaching sessions
- Improve match play and overall fitness
- Gain specific strategies to improve their court awareness
- Work on tactics and technique
- For students to improve fluency and gain confidence when speaking



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 and one half-day excursion and daily activity programme





General English + Outdoor Adventure Camp



Our General English + Outdoor Adventure Camp course will give students the chance to challenge themselves to become more independent while immersed in nature.

While on the course, our partners at CAMPFIRE WILD ADVENTURES will teach students to safely find a place to set up their camp for the night. They will learn how to construct shelters, build their own campfire, on which they will cook their evening meal, and spend the night camping in the beautiful setting of Great Tew Park.

The course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom, use their English in real-life situations, and gain skills to become more resilient and independent. Giving young people the opportunity to try new experiences, while supervised in a safe environment, will give them much more confidence to face challenges in their own lives.

Learning Objectives

- To practise spoken communication skills
- For students to improve fluency and gain confidence when speaking
- To practise and improve listening skills
- To practise vocabulary related to the outdoors
- To gain independence
- To learn outdoor safety and resilience
- Gain an appreciation for nature
- Work on teambuilding and collaborative exercises
- To nurture life skills, such as problem solving and working as a team



Key Information

- For students aged 9-17 years old
- Expert tuition from the Campfire Wild Adventure team
- 1.5 hour preparation lesson at Bloxham School & 1.5 days offsite camp
- Full Sunday day trip followed by an overnight camping trip and half-day final teamwork survival scenario for students to practise their new skills
- Includes General English programme - 30 hrs/27 lessons of General English lessons, 3 full-day and one half-day excursions and daily activity programme





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. 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 and 1 half-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.



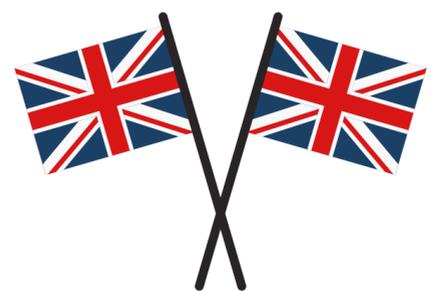
Learning Objectives

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

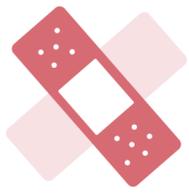


Key Information

- For students studying towards a B1 (PET) or B2 level (FCE) of English and wish to take the Cambridge PET or FCE exam
- 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 and 1 half-day excursions & daily activity programme



Welfare



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.

Bloxham has a very safe campus, with security patrols and a lockdown of houses at 23:00. 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 hospital nearby. Directors Al, Nic, Jill 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.



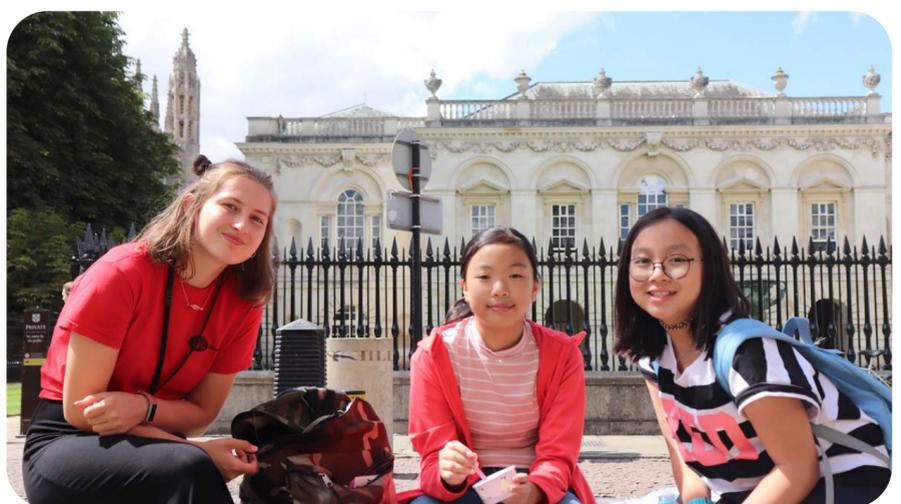
Individual Students

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 an 'Individuals' group' with a British group leader to look after them.

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 twice a week to give out 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 list 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 and Data Protection forms should be completed by the student/parents upon enrolment. All enrolment documents can be downloaded from the ISC website.
- The completed forms can be sent by email or brought to the school by the group leader.
- A group invoice will be sent upon completion of the group. One free leader place is given for each 12 students. **Additional leaders are charged pro-rata at £300/week.**

Individual & Home Tuition Bookings

- The Enrolment, Student Agreement 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 booking. Group deposits must be paid by 31.03.2022. 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 either travel to Bloxham by taxi or a coach with other ISC students.
- 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 • £80 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 15th August 2022



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.
- Passports, flight tickets and pocket money must be kept in the school safe and will be collected upon arrival.
- A damage deposit of £40 or €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: 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 or bullying behaviour will not be tolerated. If students do not abide by the rules, they may be asked to leave the school immediately at their parents' expense. Fees will not be refunded.



Coronavirus Safety Measures

All aspects of our course are risk-assessed and ISC's health and safety measures are continuously reviewed and updated to reflect current government guidance.

Our Covid-ready preparations will be communicated to agents and parents throughout the year. Please refer to the ISC website for up-to-date information on 2022's courses.





Student Information Sheet



Welcome!

We are delighted 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 our staff.



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 leisure activities.



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, arts and crafts, yoga, team competitions, British games and much more. Evening activities include discos, karaoke, quizzes, drama games, a murder mystery, cinema nights and barbecues. Twice a week we go to visit local places of interest, for example vibrant London, the university city of Oxford, Royal Windsor and Stratford-upon-Avon. You will be accompanied by our trained staff on all 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 prepare a presentation about some aspect of your country for our International Talent Show. It could be dancing, singing or anything else interesting you would like to show us. Please think about this before you come.
- 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, please bring enough pocket money to cover the cost, which is £50 - £75 per trip. Otherwise there are sports and activities on campus.
- WiFi is available at certain times throughout the day.



What should I bring?

- Stationery for lessons
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Shower gel and any other toiletries you need
- Face masks and a travel bottle of hand sanitizer
- 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 - remember you will have to carry your own bags on arrival and departure. A laundry service is available during the second week of the course
- Padlock for your suitcase or lockable cupboard
- Spending money - students usually bring between £50-£100 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. Please keep bedrooms tidy.
- 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 or sexist behaviour) is liable to be removed from the campus immediately and sent home at their parents' expense.



Group Leader Information



Welcome!

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 Royal Windsor and a half-day trip to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon. 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.

On the first Sunday of each course, we offer an optional trip at an extra cost. Destinations may include London, the Harry Potter Warner Brother Studios, amusement parks and places of local interest. These are usually organised with agencies prior to the course.

There is also a full day of activities for those who wish to remain on campus.

Amongst the many 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 course directors will be on site throughout the courses to help you and ensure the quality of the programme. The director of studies oversees the teaching department and English courses and 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.





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 check your students in both houses.
- You must all attend house meetings. You may need to translate important information after the meetings.
- Check your students' bedrooms are tidy. Also, help organise personal laundry if your students require it.
- Find out if your students want to go on optional Sunday excursion and collect the money from them by the first Wednesday of the course.
- Accompany your students when we go off site on trips, never allow younger students to have unsupervised free time on trips.
- Students are not allowed to leave the college premises 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 staff!



2022 Course Dates & Price List

General English Programme

Two-week courses - £1950

Tuesday 5th July - Monday 18th July
Tuesday 19th July - Monday 1st August
Tuesday 2nd August - Monday 15th August

Four-week courses - £3700

Tuesday 5th July - Monday 1st August
Tuesday 19th July - Monday 15th August

General English + Courses

Two-week courses only

£2120 - General English + Mini-Group Tennis Coaching
£2300 - General English + 1:1 Tennis Coaching
£2180 - General English + Outdoor Adventure Camp
£2150 - General English + Academic English
£2150 - General English + Cambridge 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, Royal Windsor, and a half-day trip to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon
- Full and varied daytime and evening activity programme
- 24-hour welfare service
- Complimentary group leader place for a minimum of 12 students
- Return airport transfers included from Birmingham and Heathrow for min 12 students - only on scheduled arrival and departure days between 07.00-16.00

What's not included:

- Airport transfers for grps of less than 12
- One optional Sunday excursion, which costs between £50-75
- Personal insurance and pocket money
- 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.



Junior Immersive English Programmes

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 fast-track 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





Home Tuition Courses



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 (adults: half board)
- Private bedroom
- 15 hours 1:1 tuition (£25 per extra hour)
- Specialist 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 September to May. Start dates are flexible.

Prices

Junior

- General English Immersion Course - £1250
- Exam Preparation Courses - £1250
- Academic English Course - £1250

Adult

- General English Immersion Course - £1100
- Exam Preparation Courses - £1100
- Academic English Course - £1100



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