



Residential **English Language** and
activity summer courses **in the UK**
for **children and teenagers**



This booklet gives you all the details about our courses in an easy-to-print or save format.



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ECS at a glance

What?

British Council Accredited English Language summer camps for ages 8-17, combining learning and personal growth for a better future.



Where?

In the English countryside at Port Regis School in Dorset, 2 hours from London: postcode SP7 9QA.

When?

2 - 4 weeks in July / August - see <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/courses/dates-and-prices>



Expected outcomes

Pupils improve their English, learn life skills, become more confident, more independent and better prepared for life.



Welcome



For over 30 years we have offered British Council Accredited, English Language summer camps for children and teenagers, establishing a reputation as one of the best in the UK.

Young people are our future and their education is an investment. In a rapidly changing world, it is essential for them to develop their skills and confidence while learning to cooperate internationally to help shape a better world.

To this end, ECS offers a respite from modern stresses, encouraging real life interaction and fostering fun, friendship and learning in a safe and beautiful rural location.

Children and teenagers attending ECS don't just learn English. They join an international community and return home more confident, more independent and better prepared for life.

Welcome to ECS this summer!

Real learning

At ECS, we turn every moment into a learning opportunity, from English classes and workshops to sports, boarding houses, and free time.

In English lessons, students use modern materials to bring the world into the classroom. We discuss their futures and building a better world, while workshops like cookery, drama, and photography help them learn real-world skills for lifelong enjoyment.

On our green campus, students discover the great feelings of energy and relaxation that come from regular exercise. They connect with nature, learn teamwork, and strengthen their body-mind connection.

In our boarding houses, students learn independence, make friends from different countries, and become more open-minded and respectful.

Trips and educational visits help them learn about the history and culture of the country whose language they are studying, adding meaning and motivation.

In a screen-focused world, ECS provides time, space and opportunity for young people to gather together, grow and really learn..



Why choose ECS?

- British Council inspected and Accredited
- 30+ years experience
- 20+ different nationalities - no groups
- Mother tongue quota (5 boys and 5 girls) in each age group
- Fully residential in a safe countryside location
- Separate courses for younger and older pupils
- High levels of care and supervision
- Effective, professional English teaching with on-line reporting
- Optional extras for pupils with particular interests
- Airport transfers and insurance included

A safe, well-supervised environment

Port Regis is located in large private grounds near Shaftesbury in Dorset, two hours from London.

The school offers outstanding academic, recreational and sports facilities, including an indoor pool, a golf course and a modern dining room with attractive views across the campus.

Students stay in comfortable boarding houses with house parents for support. They have relaxation areas with table tennis and pool tables.

The campus has woodland, ponds and a small stream,

offering a safe and beautiful place for students to enjoy summer.

Experienced staff care for students from arrival to departure. Directors Christopher and Sarah Etchells live at Port Regis in the summer to oversee courses. The atmosphere is friendly and caring, with medical assistance available 24/7.

ECS is Accredited by The British Council and a member of Young Learners English UK.



Timetable

“Every part of the day is an opportunity for fun, friendship and real learning”

8.30	Breakfast
9.15	Daily meeting
9.30	English lessons and workshops*
13.15	Lunch
14.30	Sports and activities*
16.15	Refreshments
17.00	Tournaments / swimming / leisure time
18.30	Evening meal
19.30	Social programme
20.45	Drink and snack
21.00	Optional evening sports / leisure time
21.30	Bedtime 8-12 year olds
22.30	Bedtime 13-17 year olds

*or sports in the morning, lessons in the afternoon





Age-appropriate activities

8 - 12 Year Olds

This course combines language lessons with fun activities, games, sports and trips for 8 - 12 year olds. There is a maximum of 60 children, with a staff:student ratio of 1:6. Boys and girls live in separate areas of a comfortable modern building in the school grounds, in single or double rooms. House parents create a warm, well-supervised environment where children will feel secure while they speak English and make new friends. There are excellent indoor and outdoor recreation areas suitable for the age group.





13 - 17 Year Olds

This course has around 70 teenagers from more than 20 different countries, with a 1:6 staff-student ratio. A balanced programme of lessons, workshops and fun activities allows teens to improve their English, make new friends, grow personally and relax. They stay in a modern boarding house with separate floors for boys and girls and house parents for support. Each has a private study bedroom with washbasin, desk and wardrobe. Shared rooms and girls-only accommodation are available on request. Comfortable relaxation areas offer space to enjoy free time speaking English together.



Scan for more information
or visit <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/courses/summer/age-groups>



Sustainability



Because we care about the future we put sustainability at the heart of our courses, encouraging a closer connection to nature and raising awareness of environmental issues among pupils. In recognition of this we have earned the Green Standard Schools award. Learn more at <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/why-ecs> environmental-responsibility



Effective English Learning



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On the first teaching day, students are assessed and placed in classes of up to 16 based on age and ability.

International classes help students practice English and learn about different cultures.

- Attractive and engaging materials
- 'Bring the world to the classroom and the classroom to life.'
- Teachers skilled with younger children lead lessons for 8-10 year olds.
- Lessons for older children mix science, geography and history plus environmental projects to help them learn English naturally.

- Lessons for 13 – 17 year olds feature TED Talks to help students practice their presentation skills.
- Collaborative project work helps to build interpersonal skills.
- Songs, games, and music make learning fun and help students interact and move.
- Teachers rotate between classes to keep things interesting.
- Parents can track their child's progress with weekly online reports.
- Online English lessons are available for all ages outside the summer.

Pupils choose a different workshop each week. Other workshops may include poetry, film making, songwriting, forest school and environmental studies.

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Academic Workshops and Online English

Grammar and Pronunciation workshop

For students who have reached a plateau or want to improve specific English skills and learn the phonetic alphabet.

Course Journal workshop

Students become editors and journalists to create a weekly school journal. It helps them focus on writing content, style, and accuracy.

Digital photography workshop

Pupils learn to avoid common mistakes and take better photos. They develop their aesthetic sense while practising speaking and writing.

Drama workshop

Pupils create, rehearse, and perform short plays, boosting their linguistic confidence.

Cookery workshop

Students learn cooking basics, hygiene, and safety. They compete to be 'master chef' and develop independent living skills.

Online English lessons (extra charge)

(extra charge): blocks of 5 or 10 lessons, taught by our qualified teachers at your own pace. Combine with English Focus or Trinity GESE. Visit <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/courses/english-online>

English Focus (extra charge)

Online diagnostic test and academic consultation for 13 – 17 year olds. See <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/ecplus/english-focus>





A full programme of activities...

The Course Fee includes a programme of sports, social activities and excursions for each age group. Excellent facilities include extensive sports fields, heated pool, sports hall, tennis and squash courts, all-weather sports pitch, practice golf course and two performance halls.

Sports include swimming • volleyball • water polo • tennis • football • basketball • dodgeball • circuit training • frisbee • badminton • unihoc • handball • table tennis • cricket

Social events include discos • karaoke • camp fires • parachute games • international evenings • crazy sports • team challenges • treasure hunts • quizzes • fashion shows • course review.

For further information see: <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/activityprogram>



'The school is surrounded by interesting places to visit, from nearby Stonehenge to the beautiful Dorset coast and the busy Roman City of Bath. Excursions are arranged for each age group to provide an enjoyable mix of sightseeing, shopping and culture.'



...and excursions

Places to visit include:

- Roman City of Bath
- Local town of Shaftesbury
- Monkey World
- Corfe Castle
- Weymouth beach & Sea Life Centre
- Lyme Regis (Dorset coast)
- Longleat Safari Park
- Bournemouth (beach and shopping)
- Stourhead House & gardens
- Paulton's Family Theme Park

Optional Sports Coaching: Four hours of sports lessons per week are available at extra charge with qualified instructors for all ability levels as follows:

Golf: Lessons on the school's own course include chipping, driving, tee shots and bunker play. Maximum of 8 pupils per instructor.

Tennis: Lessons include fun exercises to develop agility, balance, coordination, strength, speed and technical skill. Maximum of 8 pupils per instructor.

In addition the following excursions are available at extra cost:

Stonehenge

World-famous Stonehenge is around 40 minutes from the school. Educational tours are available for all pupils at a cost of £35 including transport.

London Weekend

To really see this great city we arrange a 2-night visit for teenagers 13 – 17. The cost includes bed and breakfast twin-room accommodation in a good hotel close to the main tourist sights, Thames river tour, packed lunches, two evening meals and transport by train between London and the school. Supervision is by our own teachers with a staff:pupil ratio of at least 1:6

Please see the excursion timetable at <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/activity-program/excursions>



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Course fees include

- Accommodation at the school with all meals, weekly laundry, use of sporting, academic, and recreational facilities.
- Fully international, British Council Accredited, age-specific courses with maximum 5 boys and 5 girls in each age group with the same mother tongue.
- Professional English programme with 15 hours of teaching per week and weekly online reports
- Daily sports and social activities for each age group
- Trips include transport, lunch, and entrance fees
- Medical and travel insurance, attendance certificate and course photo

Booking

Check availability and book online at www.countryschools.co.uk or contact us. If a place is available, a GBP 350 deposit is required. The remaining balance is due 6 weeks before attendance.

Travel

Port Regis School is in Dorset, about 2 hours from London. Parents can bring their child to the school or we can meet children at London St Pancras Station and Heathrow or Gatwick Airport as follows:

Arrivals & Departures

We offer £50 transfers between St Pancras, Heathrow and Gatwick on arrival days 11AM - 5PM and departure days 12AM - 5PM. Extra charges apply outside these times. More info at see <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/location/travel>

Dates and Prices

4 weeks 6 July - 3 August.....	GBP 6230
2 weeks 6 - 20 July	GBP 3315
2 weeks, 20 July - 3 August.....	GBP 3315

ECS Online English

5 hours 1:1 lessons	GBP 250
10 hours 1:1 lessons.....	GBP 450
Diagnostic test and consultation (age 13+).....	GBP 140

(ECS online pupils receive a 5% discount to attend the summer school)

Optional extras

London Weekend (age 13+).....	GBP 700
Stonehenge (all ages)	GBP 40
Trinity GESE (age 11+)	GBP 175
Golf lessons (4 hours per week).....	GBP 140
Tennis lessons (4 hours per week)	GBP 100

Discounts

Early Booking Discount.....	5% - 10%
Siblings attending together.....	10% each*
New student referral (family or friend).....	5% each

* cannot be combined with early booking discount

More info at <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/courses/dates-and-prices>



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Taxi transfers

We offer escorted transfers from London Heathrow or Gatwick for students arriving after 5PM or leaving before noon, or travelling via other airports/stations. The cost is about GBP 350, less for children travelling together, more for children travelling as Unaccompanied Minors or at unsocial hours. Contact us for details.

Please note

If possible we will connect parents so that children can travel together. We recommend young children travel as Unaccompanied Minors in the care of airline staff. We can't provide accommodation in the school before or after summer school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Accuracy of Details

Booking details must be accurate. We may ask for ID like a passport to confirm a child's age and identity. If proof isn't provided or details are significantly wrong, we can remove the child without a refund.

Deposit Payment

To secure your booking, pay a non-refundable GBP 350 deposit within 10 days. If not paid, the place will be offered to other students.

The balance

This is payable six weeks before your child attends. For bookings made less than 6 weeks before attending, the full fee is payable within 10 days. Any fees unpaid after 14 days from the invoice date will result in cancellation.

Cancellation & withdrawal

No refunds if a child cancels after June 1st, or misses or leaves a course. Written cancellations before June 1st may get a partial or full refund if we can fill the vacancy. Depending on the reason, you might be able to reclaim losses from our insurers.

Exclusion

We can send a child home at any time, at the parent or guardian's expense, for their best interest or if their behaviour harms the school. Reasons may include - but are not limited to - severe incontinence, self-harm, alcohol or drug use, repeated smoking, and bullying.

Changes to the programme

We publish programme details in good faith but may change any part of the course if needed.

INSURANCE

Travel and medical insurance is included in the course fee for all pupils. For details, visit <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/why-ecs/insurance>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please see <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/more-info/faqs>

PARENTAL CONTACTS

To speak with other parents before you book, please see <https://www.countryschools.co.uk/community/parental-contacts>

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