

International English Language Summer Camps

in the UK for **7-17** year olds



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I improved my
English, had fun
and made new
international friends.

Giovanna, age 16, from Italy



Why choose ECS?

I believe we create a very special learning environment for the young people in our care. We offer professional, Accredited courses during which children and teenagers learn a lot of English. They have fun, make new international friendships, broaden their horizons and increase their self-confidence.

Port Regis, situated in beautiful countryside, provides a safe, healthy location for a wide variety of supervised sports and activities with many exciting places to visit in the locality.

We divide our pupils into three different age groups. This allows older and younger children to attend together while ensuring that each course matches the age, interests and ability of the participants.

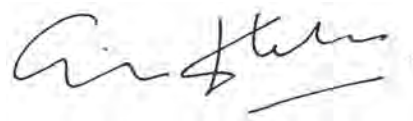
Each course has an excellent nationality mix. Together with our innovative teaching programme this gives our

pupils the best possible chance of learning and speaking English.

Sarah and I live at Port Regis during the summer. As parents, we understand how you feel for your child. Contact us whenever you want and we will deal with you personally and directly.

Children and teenagers return healthy and refreshed from our courses, with lifelong memories, ready to return to their studies with renewed enthusiasm and determination.

We look forward to welcoming your child to English Country Schools.



Christopher and Sarah Etchells have run English Country Schools for over 25 years. Sarah holds an NNEB in child care and is joint Chair of Young Learners English UK with particular responsibility for child protection. Christopher has an Honours degree in English and holds the Royal Society of Arts Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language.



*ECS is a big
family full
of fun and
friendship.*

Mother of Emma, Age 12, from Spain



Course

fees include:

- Full residential campus accommodation including all meals, weekly laundry service, use of all sporting, academic and recreational facilities.
- Fully international, British Council Accredited, age-appropriate courses with no more than 5 boys and 5 girls who share the same first language
- Separate accommodation for boys and girls supervised by house parents
- 15 hours per week of English classes / workshops with weekly online progress reports
- Daily organised sports and social programme
- Two x 1-day excursions each weekend including transport, packed lunch and entrance fees
- A weekend in London for 14 - 17 year olds who attend the full course

- Coach transfers between London Heathrow Airport and the school (conditions apply: see p. 30)
- Full medical and travel insurance, course photo, attendance certificate and course photo

Available at extra charge:

- Outdoor adventure
- Golf, tennis and horse riding lessons
- Escorted taxi transfers



*ECS is a complete, great
and fun experience.*

Mother of Guillermo, age 13, from Spain



The courses

Port Regis School is set in large, private grounds near the small market town of Shaftesbury in the South of England, about two hours from London.

Students eat, sleep and receive lessons in the school. Excellent facilities include a new academic building, three computer suites, tennis and squash courts, an all-weather sports pitch, two performance halls, a large sports hall and a 25-metre indoor heated swimming pool. There is a ten-hole (18 tee) golf course on site and horse riding is available in the locality.

The students come from over 25 different countries with a maximum of 5 boys and 5 girls on each course who share the same mother tongue. This ensures that English is the main medium of communication among the students.

Each age group has its own lessons, activity programme and accommodation with comfortable recreation areas and experienced staff to provide ongoing supervision and support.



*I feel my world became
bigger than before ECS.*

Eishi, age 14, from Japan



7-10 year olds



Children aged 7–10 live in the main building at Port Regis – The Mansion. They have their own dedicated staff who aim to create a warm, fully supervised environment in which the children will feel safe and secure while they make new friends and improve their English.

The staff to student ratio is 1:5. A maximum of 30 boys and 30 girls sleep in comfortable bedrooms of up to six children.

Male and female carers under the general supervision of Christopher and Sarah Etchells make sure the children are well looked after and happy and get to lessons and activities on time.

There are two playgrounds on site, including a fully risk-assessed tree house complex, to provide safe and healthy fun during free time.

There is some limited on-site accommodation at Port Regis for parents who wish to stay close to their children. Please enquire for details.



Everything is well organised,
the staff really professional - in
a word, Great!

Mother of Benedetta, age 10, from Italy



11-14

year olds



This course provides a balanced programme of morning sports, afternoon lessons and evening social activities. There are about 90 children with a maximum of 5 boys and 5 girls who share the same mother tongue. There is a staff to student ratio of 1:6.

Boys aged 11 - 14 live in their own section of the main school building, The Mansion. They have comfortable, multinational bedrooms containing 4 - 6 boys of a similar age. This encourages them to mix, make new friends and speak English together.

Girls aged 11 - 14 live in a separate modern building in the school grounds. Each girl has a single study bedroom complete with hand-basin, desk and wardrobe. A sliding partition can be removed to create a double room.

There are recreation areas in each building and house parents to provide supervision and support. The children are encouraged to keep their bedrooms tidy, to coexist sociably and to develop independence through daily routines.



My child increased her
language skills, personal
confidence and cultural
awareness.

Mother of Miriam, age 12, from Norway



14-17

year olds



This course consists of about 70 teenagers from 20 different countries with a staff to student ratio of 1:6. The aim is for them to improve their English, have fun, develop socially and broaden their horizons through mixing with other teenagers from different countries and cultures.

Teenagers live in their own modern building in the school grounds with separate accommodation areas for boys and girls supervised by house parents. Each person has a single study bedroom with hand basin, desk and wardrobe. There is also a large, new recreation area where pupils can enjoy free time together.

Students who stay for the entire summer enjoy an overnight trip to London that is included in the course fee: see page 26.

Young Helper posts are available for older returnees with exemplary behavior who wish to assist in the care of our 7 – 10 year olds. Young Helpers gain useful work experience, continue to enjoy many of the benefits of the course and receive a discount of 50% of the course fee in return for their assistance.



*I can honestly say it was the
best summer of my life.*

Piraya, age 14, from Thailand



Daily timetable

At English Country Schools English Language teaching is combined with a balanced programme of sports, social activities and excursions so that students enjoy fun, friendship and learning all day long.

*11-14 year olds have sports in the morning and lessons in the afternoon

8.30	Breakfast
9.15	General assembly
9.30	English lessons and workshops *
13.15	Lunch
14.30	Sports and activities *
16.45	Refreshments
17.00	Tournaments / swimming / leisure time
18.30	Evening meal
19.30	Social programme
20.45	Drink and biscuits
21.00	Bedtime 7-10 year olds
21.00	Optional evening sports
22.00	Bedtime 11-14 year olds
22.30	Bedtime 14-17 year olds



ECS stays with you for
the whole year - and
your whole life.

Lucia, age 14, from Spain



Learning English

At English Country Schools professionally qualified teachers use effective modern techniques to create interesting, enjoyable lessons. Some teachers also help with the activity programme: this helps to ensure that the learning of English continues well beyond the classroom.

Students are placed by age and ability to a maximum of 16 per group.

Classes for 7 to 10 year olds employ a practical, multi-sensory approach teaching English through arts, crafts, songs, stories, games and movement. This is combined with repetition to aid memory. The emphasis is on general cognitive and language development through fun activities.

Classes for older children aim to improve grammar and vocabulary while practising reading, writing, listening and speaking. Each week a new theme is introduced, for example Myself and Others, The World Around Us, Health and Exercise, Fashion and Media. All classes use pair and group work to maximize the opportunity to speak and to build teamwork. Games, music, stories, role-play, out-of-class projects, computers, DVDs and interactive whiteboards help to keep the lessons varied and interesting.

Parents are kept informed through weekly online progress reports from their child's teacher; and from activity staff and house parents at the end of the course.



I learnt a lot of English
in lessons and workshops
and in activities and free
time too.

Chiara, age 14, from Italy.



Academic workshops

An exciting programme of educational workshops is provided for all pupils aged 11 - 17. Workshops motivate students by integrating content and language and enabling them to focus on specific interests and areas for improvement. They can choose from:

Digital photography

Students learn to avoid common photographic errors and take better pictures of people, landscapes, actions and abstract scenes. The students become more sensitive to their surroundings and their photos provide a good basis for discussion and writing.

Grammar and pronunciation

Formal study and some lighter practice through games for students who feel they have reached a plateau with their English or wish to concentrate on particular areas of weakness.

Creating a course journal

Students work as editors, journalists, writers etc, to produce a weekly journal that is circulated among students and published on the internet. This encourages attention to content, style and accuracy as well as enabling friends and relatives to view their work when they get home.

Drama

Pupils create, rehearse and perform short plays. As well as needing to understand the plot and language of the play pupils memorise chunks of language in order to deliver their lines. They improve their intonation and voice projection and learn stage skills such as upstaging and blocking. They have fun and develop personal and linguistic confidence.

Other workshops may include cookery, video filming and local history. The precise workshops that we run each summer depend on the particular skills, interests and experience that our teachers bring to the school.



Activity

programme

A choice of supervised sports and social activities is arranged each day for each age group.

The emphasis is on fun, within a safe, supervised environment, so that the students will improve their fitness and sporting skills, develop their general confidence and practise their English.

Included in the course fee

- Sports: athletics, swimming, water polo, tennis, basketball, dodgeball, volleyball, unihoc, frisbee, football, Bigball, rounders, handball, parachute games, badminton, table tennis, cricket, croquet and softball.
- Alternatives to sport: countryside walks, singing, drawing and painting, dancing, jewellery making, cookery, photography.
- Evenings: discos, karaoke competition, camp fires, international evening, crazy sports, music night, treasure hunts, Capture the Flag, quizzes, Blind Date, fashion show, course review.



*A beautiful setting with
lots of challenging and fun
activities for energetic kids.*

Parent of Anais, age 15, from Greece



Optional extras

Outdoor adventure (11-17 year olds)

Our 5-day adventure camps are character building and a good way to extend the summer school experience. Participants enjoy new challenges and learn new skills while practising English in a natural context. Activities include sea kayaking or paddle boarding, rock climbing, archery, raft building and coasteering. Pupils also learn about the natural environment and develop bushcraft skills such as fire lighting and outdoor cookery. The camps take place in a very beautiful location on the Dorset coast. The cost includes all meals, activities and transfers (including Heathrow) as necessary.

Tennis and golf lessons (all ages)

The school has several good all-weather tennis courts and its own 10-hole (18 tee) on-campus golf course. 4 x 1hr tennis or golf lessons per week are available at extra cost with qualified instructors for all ability levels in separate age groups 7 – 10, 11 - 14 and 14 – 17. Maximum six pupils of similar ability per instructor. The cost includes hire of equipment and certificates of attendance.

Places for optional extras are limited, must be booked and paid for in advance and cannot be refunded if children change their mind.



Location

and excursions

The school is surrounded by many exciting places to visit. Each week there is a half-day excursion (usually for shopping) and a full-day excursion with a more educational focus. Excursions are prepared in class to help the students to get the most from the places they visit and to learn about the geography, history and culture of Britain. Depending on their age and dates of attendance students will be able to visit the following places (age group in brackets):

Stonehenge world heritage site (11 – 14 / 14 – 17), Longleat Safari Park (7 – 10), the local town of Shaftesbury (all ages), the City of Salisbury (all ages), the Roman City of Bath (11 – 14 / 14 – 17), Monkey World nature reserve (7 – 10), Poole 'Splashdown' indoor water park (all ages), the seaside town of Bournemouth (11 – 14 / 14 – 17) Paultons

Family Theme Park (7 – 10), Moors Valley Country Park (7 – 10), Jurassic Coast world heritage site (all ages), Corfe Castle (all ages), Sherborne Castle (14 – 17), Thorpe Park theme park (14 – 17), Chessington World of Adventures (11 – 14), Wardour Castle (all ages), Weymouth Sea Life Centre (7 – 10).

Please see www.countryschools.co.uk for links to these places.

London

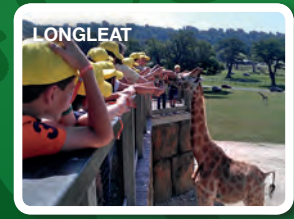
An overnight trip to London is included for students on our course for 14 – 17 year olds who stay for the whole summer. The exact itinerary will be decided with the participants and will include at least one famous gallery or museum plus a combination of sightseeing and shopping.



LONDON



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Quality care

The British Council / English UK

English Country Schools has been running for over 25 years and is Accredited by The British Council. Inspectors visit to examine the premises, teaching, food, welfare, etc. This encourages excellence and high standards of care. We are also founder members of Young Learners English UK providing additional training and advice for our staff on the care and education of under-18s.

Supervision and security

There is an absolute focus on the well-being and happiness of our pupils. Students are under the constant care and attention of experienced staff from arrival to departure. The atmosphere is friendly and caring and a local doctor is available 24 hours.

All staff are background checked to ensure their suitability to work with children. Our Child Protection Policy, renewed annually, is available at our web site.

Comprehensive medical and travel insurance is included in the course fee.

A listening school

We systematically collect feedback from pupils, parents and staff to keep improving the quality of our courses. You can view some of their comments at our web site. Running summer courses for under-18s is all we do: it is our passion and we aim to do it best.

Parental contacts

A list of parental contacts worldwide is available on request. Any of the parents will be willing to discuss their child's experience of the course.

*A safe and beautiful school
with friendly, attentive and
competent staff.*

Parent of Clara (17), Anna (14) and Raphael (14) from Switzerland



Booking, travel,

dates and prices

For the latest dates and prices and to check availability please see our web site at www.countryschools.co.uk
We limit the number of pupils who share the same language and advise early booking to be sure of a place.

If a place is available we will request your deposit payment (GBP 250) to secure the place. We will then provide you with an online account where you can check your child's booking details, view pre-course information (clothes list, airport procedure, school rules, etc.), provide travel and medical details and, during the course, read your child's online reports. The balance of fees is payable six weeks before arrival.

Travel

We operate free airport transfers for arrivals 1100 – 1600 hrs and departures 1200 – 1600 hrs on scheduled arrival and departure dates between Heathrow and Port Regis (about 2 hours).

Our teachers meet students on arrival and assist them on departure. Where possible we will put you in contact with other parents so that children can travel together. Young children and those who have not travelled alone before can travel in the care of airline staff. This is safe and normal.

For students who arrive or depart outside our free transfer times or via other airports (including Gatwick) we can arrange escorted taxi transfers at approximately GBP 230 per transfer for Gatwick, GBP 150 for Bristol.



Olivia had an amazingly good time, gained confidence and cannot wait to re-attend.

Farther of Olivia, age 12, from Switzerland





English Country Schools

fun, friendship, learning



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