



International Foundation Course

2015 - 2016



*Two colleges, one course
... the best of both worlds*

Two Colleges - the best of both worlds

Both Hilderstone College and East Kent College are state further education colleges located in the centre of the lovely seaside town of Broadstairs, just a short walk away from each other.

Specialising in different areas of education they have combined to offer international students a unique international foundation course, the perfect way to start on the path to a university qualification in your chosen subject.

Hilderstone College

Hilderstone College has specialised as an English studies centre for more than 40 years. With an international reputation for offering high quality courses, the College focuses on the individual learning needs of its students from around the world. Each student achieves their full potential as quickly as possible, supported by caring and experienced tutors.

The College has great facilities and a busy social programme of sports, activities and excursions, which provide a great way to enjoy your time in the United Kingdom.



East Kent College

East Kent College offers high-quality, professional, vocational and technical training from its modern campus in the centre of Broadstairs. Courses are designed to combine the very best of academic and vocational study for you to develop confidence in your professional ability and allow you to be the best that you can be.

With its fantastic new facilities and specialist workshops you will be studying in some of the most stimulating learning environments, as well as in an environment that is both supportive and safe.

Quality Assurance

Both colleges are fully accredited to ensure the quality of their courses. They are also both highly trusted sponsors for students wishing to apply for a Tier 4 General Student Visa.

Hilderstone College is accredited by both the British Council, achieving one of the best results in Britain in its last inspection, as well as the ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate), which described the college as exceeding expectations in all areas at its last inspection. It has therefore been nominated as a 'Centre of Excellence' by the English Language Gazette.

East Kent College is accredited by Ofsted and recently celebrated its best inspection results ever, and was delighted to be judged Good with Outstanding Leadership and Management. It is also confirmed to meet UK expectations for its Higher Education following review by the Quality Assurance Agency.

Academic Programme

Choose the right course for you:

English and Business Studies

English and Engineering

English and Computing

English and Catering and Hospitality

Weekly timetable

Semester 1 - September to December

Intensive
English

Semester 2 - January to March

Intensive
English

Vocational
study

Semester 3 - April to June

Intensive
English

Vocational
study

Entry requirements

36 week course (Semesters 1, 2 and 3)

An English level equivalent to a minimum of an IELTS overall score of 5 with a minimum of 4.5 in all areas.

24 week course (Semesters 2 and 3)

An English level equivalent to a minimum of an IELTS overall score of 5.5 with a minimum of 5 in all areas.

In addition, suitability for the vocational subject chosen will be decided prior to acceptance onto the course.

Course dates

36 week course: 28 September 2015 to 17 June 2016

24 week course: 04 January 2016 to 17 June 2016

Course fees

36 week course: £9,000 and £65 registration fee

24 week course: £6,000 and £65 registration fee

Course assessment

Successful completion of the course is achieved with:

- IELTS overall score of 6 with a minimum of 5.5 in all areas
- a satisfactory level in the vocational subject
- an attendance of at least 85%



Continuing your studies after the course

Successful completion of the International Foundation Course guarantees automatic entry onto the associated HNC (Higher National Certificate) programme at East Kent College, which is validated by Canterbury Christ Church University.



Broadstairs - a great place to stay

Broadstairs is a beautiful coastal town, with wonderful beaches, on the famous south-east coast of England. Unlike many large cities, it's a friendly, safe place with excellent residential areas near the colleges.

There are many restaurants, pubs and coffee bars where you can meet friends. Close by there are also shopping centres, cinemas, theatres, museums, music venues and sports centres.

The town is easy to get to from London with a direct train taking just 75 minutes. It is also just half an hour from the historic city of Canterbury and even Paris is just 2 hours away by train.

Staying with a homestay family

Many of our students choose to stay with a homestay family. This offers excellent value for money and also means you can continue to practise your English as well as discovering more about life in Britain. All our homestay hosts are caring and will treat you as a member of the family. We will do our best to place you with a homestay family who match your individual needs and requirements.

Some students will be able to walk to the colleges whilst others, who are a little further away, will be given a free bus pass giving them unlimited travel in the local area.

Homestay accommodation includes:

- your own bedroom
- a place for you to study
- breakfast and dinner on weekdays
- breakfast, lunch and dinner at weekends
- no student of the same nationality staying with you
- a laundry service

Homestay accommodation, if chosen, is charged at £124 per week in 2015.



The next step

For further information, or to apply for this course, please visit our website or contact us:

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