



**MACKENZIE**  
School of English



# INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES 2019

FOR 12-17 YEAR OLDS IN EDINBURGH



Established in 2008 with a strong focus on quality, attention to detail, and a personal service, Mackenzie School of English is an independent organisation based in the beautiful city of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital. In May 2018 we moved to a new building - an iconic 18th century, sandstone church!

Our new school is traditional, unique and architecturally stunning from the outside. Inside, is spacious and modern with a contemporary feel and lots of natural light. A perfect learning environment.



Our summer programmes are for young learners between the ages of 12 – 17 years old.

We are accredited by the British Council, members of English UK and Young Learners English UK and one of only two Quality English schools in Edinburgh.

Over the years we have developed a reputation for high standards, quality and attention to detail. Having celebrated our 10th anniversary in 2017, we are proud to say that our vision is the same today as it was when we started - 'to create an environment where young people feel valued and encouraged to be all they can be, and have not just a study holiday, but an unforgettable life experience.'

Our experienced management team spend months meticulously planning to make sure this is the case for every one of our students.

Our all-inclusive summer programmes are fun, challenging and exciting and offer a perfect way to spend your summer holidays.

We take care of all aspects of your stay from the moment you arrive at the airport to the moment you depart.

Whether you prefer homestay accommodation and to study at our year-round school or opt for our exclusive residential campus-based centre at Merchiston Castle, you will improve your English, explore exciting places, discover new cultures, make new friends and of course have lots of fun! Most importantly, you will feel safe and well-looked after at all times - for us, your safety and welfare always come first.

It's not easy deciding where to spend your summer holidays but if you are looking for a quality focussed programme in a safe environment and of course, a beautiful location, Mackenzie School is the right choice for you.



# A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Thank you for considering Mackenzie School of English for your summer study programme.

After 9 years of looking out of the same window, I wondered if it was time for a change. We had outgrown our previous building and needed more space. Our 10th anniversary was fast approaching, and I wanted to do something special.

One year later, in May 2018, we opened our new school. Unlike our previous building where we had to fit into the existing layout, our new building consisted of three floors of open space spanning over 9000sqft. It was an exciting project being able to design each floor to suit our requirements.

As an organisation that focuses on quality and attention to detail, it was important that our new building reflected this. We deliberated on every single aspect from start to finish. It had to be just right, and I know I am biased, but it really is a perfect learning environment.

One thing that hasn't changed, is our ethos, which remains the same today as it was when we started in 2008 and that is to provide an environment where our students feel valued and are encouraged to be all they can be. To make sure that our students have not only a life experience, but an unforgettable experience.

A few years ago, one of our students told me that it was a special day. When I asked her why, she enthusiastically replied, 'because every day is a special day at Mackenzie School!' Our dedicated team go out of their way to ensure this is true for every young person that comes through our doors.

Whether you choose our homestay programme at our new premises or our residential option at Merchiston Castle, you can be sure of a warm and friendly welcome.

See you in the summer!



Chris Moonie  
Director



## NEW BUILDING



**NEW PREMISES AS OF MAY 2018. TRADITIONAL SANDSTONE CHURCH BUILDING CONVERSION; MODERN FACILITIES & BESPOKE DESIGN**



**TASK-BASED METHODOLOGY; COMMUNICATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE CLASSES. AN AUTHENTIC ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE**



**A LARGE WELL-EQUIPPED, COMMON ROOM.  
OUTSIDE COURTYARD.  
MONITORED BY CCTV.  
HIGH-SPEED WIFI THROUGHOUT.  
(100MB LEASED LINE)**



**FANTASTIC LOCATION IN THE HEART OF VIBRANT LEITH, ONE OF EDINBURGH'S TRENDIEST AREAS**



# MACKENZIE SCHOOL METHODOLOGY — THE MACKENZIE WAY

Our lessons are task-based, content driven and motivational. We engage you by keeping things close to your heart and making sure the topics appeal to you.

## TASK-BASED LEARNING

At the core of this methodology is the 'task'. This is a communicative, collaborative activity, which has a clear outcome.

### Examples of this are:

- ♦ creative tasks
- ♦ preparing and presenting a role-play
- ♦ problem solving
- ♦ ranking a series of options
- ♦ storytelling

These tasks allow you to use your existing language skills, pushing you to recall previously learned grammar, lexis and functions. Task-based lessons give you the freedom to use the widest possible range of language to complete the task.



## A TYPICAL LESSON

**Topic:** Innovation

**Pre-task:** Useless Inventions

Students are given pictures with different useless inventions. In pairs, you have to discuss the purpose of the invention and share your opinions on how 'useful' or 'useless' it is.

**Task:** Desert Island

You have to choose three items you can't live without. You are then presented with the scenario of being stranded on a desert island with only your chosen items and whatever else you can find. You work together to invent a way of escaping or

surviving before questioning other groups on their plans. Each group asks the other, "Would it really work?!" and have to justify their answers.

### Error correction & language feedback:

The teacher monitors the class as you work and then provides feedback on your language. This could be grammar, lexis or functional language; with this particular task anything from the second conditional to the use of gerunds and infinitives could be covered.

### Post-task:

You repeat or do a similar task to practise the language you have just learnt.







# MACKENZIE ACTIVITIES

A fun and varied activity programme is an important part of your experience. It not only provides a platform for you to learn about a new culture but also encourages your language learning outside of the classroom, and of course helps you to make new friends!

Edinburgh is Scotland's capital city and is the perfect destination for your language programme. It is a small city for a capital with only 500,000 inhabitants, but this means it is very easy to move around and students often tell us how comfortable they feel. With some of the top tourist attractions in the UK and a world famous cultural programme, we think there is no better place to spend your summer holidays!

You can't help falling in love with this majestic city. It has a medieval Old Town, an elegant Georgian New Town, and is home to Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano

in Holyrood Park with sweeping views of the city from its peak! Looming over the city is hilltop Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, traditionally used in the coronation of Scottish rulers. You might not know this but Edinburgh also hosts the world's largest arts festival, 'The Edinburgh Festival Fringe', which takes place every August for 3 weeks.

At Mackenzie School of English, we offer a fantastic programme of activities that will support and improve your language skills. We combine cultural visits and language tasks with team building games and



challenges to keep learning entertaining and fun.

We are continually looking for ways to improve on what we do and in 2016 teamed up with Wildgoose, an award winning app developer, and created our very own range of engaging GPS challenges played on iPad minis. The games are designed to engage, entertain and inspire students whilst using modern technology. In the three years we have been using them they have gone from strength to strength as we develop them a little bit more each year. In 2017, they earned us a place in the finals for Digital Innovation in the British Council's prestigious ELTons Awards.

Forget the traditional city tour; we provide you with iPad minis for 5 of our cultural visits and activities.

- ◆ Risk assessments conducted for all activities
- ◆ Students briefed before every activity
- ◆ Staff/student ratio of 1:15
- ◆ Staff are first-aid trained, carry first-aid kits and are aware of any student allergies/medical information
- ◆ Police checks carried out on all staff prior to employment
- ◆ Highly reputable coach companies used (as required)
- ◆ \*Taxi home to hosts after organized evening activities

\*for students on homestay programme only



# EDINBURGH HOMESTAY SUMMER SCHOOL

Our summer homestay programme, based in our year-round school building in the Leith area of Edinburgh, gives you all the benefits of an international experience while living with one of our friendly hosts in the local community. If you want the opportunity to experience life as we do in one of the world's most outstanding cities with the support and safety net of a fully organised programme, then this is the ideal option for you. You will share your room with a student from another country unless you prefer to stay in a single room, but we think you will improve your English much more if you have an international roommate!

## Prices include the following services:

- ◆ 15 hours of General English lessons per week in international classes (maximum 15 students per class)
- ◆ Full-board twin or triple room homestay accommodation  
Note: some rooms have bunk beds
- ◆ Packed lunches prepared on school premises on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays and a hot lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches at the weekends are provided by your host
- ◆ Culture and activity programme as per sample
- ◆ Bus passes for local travel in and around Edinburgh
- ◆ Taxis home after organised evening activities
- ◆ Use of all school facilities (school open until 22:00 every evening including weekends for you to come along, meet friends, use the WiFi, and have fun)
- ◆ Written report and certificate at the end of the course
- ◆ Welcome pack

DURATION	PRICE (PER PERSON)
7 nights	£700
14 nights	£1385
21 nights	£2065
28 nights	£2740
SUPPLEMENTS/ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Airport transfer (Edinburgh Airport)	£75 each way
UM Service (Unaccompanied Minor) on departure Note: this is in addition to the airport transfer fee of £75	£50
Registration fee	£45
Special Diets, e.g. coeliac, vegan & halal (per week)	£30



- ◆ EXPERIENCE EDINBURGH LIKE A LOCAL
- ◆ INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT
- ◆ EXPERIENCED, FRIENDLY HOSTS, CAREFULLY SELECTED BY OUR IN-HOUSE ACCOMMODATION TEAM
- ◆ VISIT TOP EDINBURGH TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND OTHER SCOTTISH CITIES/TOWNS DURING EXCURSIONS
- ◆ PROGRAMME RUNS FROM OUR MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING IN VIBRANT, TRENDY LEITH
- ◆ IPADS PROVIDED FOR A SELECTION OF YOUR CULTURAL VISITS WHICH FEATURE FUN GAMES, PHOTO AND VIDEO CHALLENGES – EXCLUSIVE TO MACKENZIE SCHOOL!

	SAMPLE PROGRAMME						
	MORNING OR AFTERNOON				MORNING OR AFTERNOON		EVENING
MONDAY	(Tuition) Placement Test & Induction	BREAK	(Tuition) Scottish Traditions	LUNCH	'Get to Know Edinburgh'	DINNER	Free night (school open)
TUESDAY	(Tuition) Relationships		(Tuition) Supernatural		Edinburgh Castle		Ceilidh
WEDNESDAY	(Tuition) Crime & Social Problems		(Tuition) Scottish Myths & Legends		Half-day excursion to Linlithgow Palace & South Queensferry		Free night (school open)
THURSDAY	(Tuition) Engineering Marvels		(Tuition) Music		Climb Arthur's Seat		Witchery Tour
FRIDAY	(Tuition) Innovation		(Tuition) Storytelling		National Museum of Scotland		Free night (school open)
SATURDAY	Full-day excursion to Stirling & Loch Katrine						Free night (school open)
SUNDAY	Optional full-day excursion						Free night (school open)





**EDINBURGH  
HOMESTAY  
SUMMER SCHOOL**

**INSPIRE AND CREATE**



**MAKE FRIENDS**

**MAKE  
MEMORIES**



**CHALLENGE  
ENGAGE**



**LEARN  
FUN**



**TRAVEL  
DISCOVER**



**PLAY  
UNWIND**



**DATES:**  
30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE –  
27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

# MERCHISTON CASTLE BOARDING SCHOOL SUMMER RESIDENTIAL

If you want an exclusive campus-based programme with 24-hour care and supervision, our summer residential centre at Merchiston Castle, one of the UK's top boarding schools, could be just what you are looking for. Set in 100 acres of beautiful parkland, the extensive campus, which is within easy reach of the city centre, features one of the largest tree collections in Scotland and is also the location of the ruins of 13th Century Colinton Castle. The main school buildings, purpose-built in the 1930s, are grand and impressive, but all with modern facilities.

This is one of our most popular options and with places limited to 140 students per week, early booking is essential!

## Prices include the following services:

- ◆ 15 hours of General English lessons per week in international classes (maximum 15 students per class)
- ◆ Full-board, twin room, en-suite accommodation.
- ◆ Hot lunches during the week; packed lunches provided on weekends
- ◆ Culture and activity programme as per sample
- ◆ Bus passes for local travel in and around Edinburgh when required for activities and cultural visits
- ◆ Written report and certificate at the end of the course
- ◆ Welcome pack

DURATION	PRICE (PER PERSON)
7 nights	£820
14 nights	£1620
21 nights	£2420
27 nights	£3165
<small>Note: This centre runs for 27 nights so students arriving on the 14th July must opt for a 13 night option at £1565</small>	
SUPPLEMENTS/ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Airport transfer (Edinburgh Airport)	£75 each way
UM Service (Unaccompanied Minor) on departure	£50
<small>Note: this is in addition to the airport transfer fee of £75</small>	
Registration fee	£45



- ◆ TRADITIONAL, BRITISH BOARDING SCHOOL CAMPUS
- ◆ JUST A COUPLE OF MILES FROM EDINBURGH CITY CENTRE
- ◆ BEAUTIFUL GREEN SURROUNDINGS AND LOTS OF SPACE; PICTURESQUE AND PEACEFUL!
- ◆ MODERN EN-SUITE ROOMS
- ◆ ON-SITE SPORTS FACILITIES
- ◆ YUMMY FOOD AND LOTS OF IT!
- ◆ 24 HOUR SUPERVISION EVEN DURING FREE-TIME

SAMPLE PROGRAMME								
MORNING			AFTERNOON			EVENING		
MONDAY	(Tuition) Placement Test & Induction	(Tuition) Scottish Traditions		'Get to Know Edinburgh'		Cinema night	Military style fitness class	Karaoke
TUESDAY	(Tuition) Relationships	(Tuition) Supernatural		Camera Obscura		Sports	Art attack	Lateral thinking challenge
WEDNESDAY	(Tuition) Crime & Social Problems	(Tuition) Scottish Myths & Legends		Half-day excursion to Tantallon Castle		Ceilidh		
THURSDAY	(Tuition) Engineering Marvels	(Tuition) Music		Sports		Drama workshop	Climb Arthur's Seat	Zumba class
FRIDAY	(Tuition) Innovation	(Tuition) Storytelling		Royal Mile Tour		Quiz night	Art attack	Sports
SATURDAY	Full-day excursion to Stirling & The Trossachs					Disco		
SUNDAY	Optional full-day excursion/Supervised free time					Free night (on campus)		



SOCIALISE  
LAUGH



EMBRACE  
CULTURE



**MERCHISTON  
CASTLE SCHOOL**  
SUMMER RESIDENTIAL



LEARN



EXPLORE



RELAX



FRIENDS  
MEMORIES



GROW  
DEVELOP



CONFIDENCE  
TEAMWORK







## SAFETY & WELFARE

Spending time in a new country for the first time is exciting, but can also be daunting. At Mackenzie School, we want you to feel and to be as safe as possible at all times. That is why we have lots of policies and procedures in place to make sure that this is the case.

As a young independent person, we want you to make the most of your experience but we also want you to feel secure. That is why we will keep track of where you are at all times. It's not because we want to control you but so that we can keep you safe and help you to concentrate on having an 'unforgettable experience'!

It's also important that your parents/guardians are relaxed and support your choice in Mackenzie School. With this in mind, we are happy to discuss any aspects of our organisation with them prior to booking your programme. We can also keep in touch with them throughout your visit if they have concerns or just want to know how you are getting on!

We have a strong support network and you are encouraged to ask for help at any time during your stay. You will be given emergency numbers and introduced to key staff members so you know who to speak to and who can help you with different things.

We know our local partners well and have worked with many of them for several years. We only use companies that we trust and that care about your safety as much as we do! What's more, all students studying on our homestay programme



are transported directly home by taxi after all organised evening activities!

All of our staff are trained to British Council guidelines in Safeguarding and everything we do is carefully risk-assessed prior to your arrival.

As members of Young Learners English UK we continually evaluate and look for ways to improve standards of safety, welfare and child protection.

This is in-line with UK external advisory bodies (GIRFEC, NSPCC, DSCF, NCSL) and is an ongoing process.





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