

Severnvale

Excellence in English Language teaching



Why choose Severnvale Academy?

We offer:

Dedicated English tuition from teachers with experience in working with young adults

- Informative, active and fun lessons, helping you to improve your English in a short space of time
- Small class sizes, a maximum of 12 students in each class
- Providing individual attention and guidance
- Guaranteed to meet, study and socialise with other young adults from all over the world
- Homestay accommodation, be welcomed as part of the family and discover English family culture and traditions

Academy information

- Established over 30 years ago
- Family-run, placing emphasis on personal welfare and safety
- Academic campus close to Shrewsbury town centre
- Recently renovated facilities, with modern classrooms, library/quiet study area, large assembly hall, cafeteria, "chill-out" zone, outside terrace, artificial football pitch and other sports facilities all on site
- Well-organised, fun and varied social programme
- Severnvale private shuttle buses to and from the Academy each day

"I loved this 2 weeks here. I have improved my English in a very short period of time. I would like to come next year."

Maria, 15, Spain

Course information

- Students between 13 – 18 years old
- All levels of language welcome from Beginner to Advanced
- 6 week course in July and August (minimum stay of 2 weeks)
- 2 courses: "Starline" (moderate intensity) or "Express" (higher intensity with grammar)
- Lessons specifically designed to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills
- The only accredited language school based in Shrewsbury

Location

- Shrewsbury is a unique, traditional and historic town, situated in central England
- Within easy access to major international airports and with good transport links
- Small, safe and friendly town with good shopping and leisure facilities
- 100,000 inhabitants
- Green parkland with a river surrounding the town



Course information



We guarantee that:

- The international mix of students helps to ensure that English is spoken at all times
- Different tutors teach throughout the day to ensure variety and interest
- Focus on “functional” language, improving reading, writing, listening and speaking skills
- Homework regularly given and marked
- Active class participation and continual assessment of progress
- Students are encouraged to keep a written journal as part of their learning and development

STARLINE COURSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 20 lessons (15 hours) per week ■ Full social and activity programme included ■ Ages 13-16 years ■ Suitable for all levels of English (Beginner to Advanced)

EXPRESS COURSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 28 lessons (21 hours) per week ■ Full social and activity programme included ■ Ages 15-18 years ■ Suitable for all levels of English (Beginner to Advanced)

Which course is right for me?	STARLINE COURSE	EXPRESS COURSE
Aged 13-16 years	✓	
Aged 15 -18 years		✓
Arrival test and appropriate group allocation	✓	✓
20 x General English lessons	✓	✓
4 x Intensive Grammar and Practice lessons		✓
4 x “active communication” and “use of English” lessons		✓
Final certificate of level and progress	✓	✓
Awards and prize-giving ceremony for high-achieving students	✓	✓
ALL entrance fees and travel for Severnvale excursions and activities included	✓	✓
High and diligent levels of supervision throughout the course	✓	✓
24 hour emergency telephone contact	✓	✓
Medical and dental assistance	✓	✓
Free private Severnvale buses to and from the Academy	✓	✓

Course information

Example timetable (students select **Starline** or **Express**)

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
MON	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	STARLINE BLISTS HILL and THE IRON BRIDGE see the World's first Iron Bridge and experience life 100 years ago in the recreated Victorian village	DISCO
		EXPRESS Afternoon Tuition (4 x 45 minute lessons) <i>Active Communication/Intensive Grammar</i>	
TUES	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	Indoor Sports indoor football, badminton, and more	
WED	MANCHESTER FOOTBALL CLUB tour Old Trafford Football Ground - "The theatre of dreams" and TRAFFORD PARK - one of the leading indoor shopping centres		BARBECUE
THURS	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	STARLINE ICE SKATING activity afternoon	
		EXPRESS Afternoon Tuition (4 x 45 minute lessons) <i>Active Communication/Intensive Grammar</i>	
FRI	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	LUDLOW - CASTLE & MARKET one of central England's most beautiful market towns with a wealth of "black and white" buildings; and a fine example of a medieval castle; the castle visit includes the 'Living History' tent & a falconry display	Late finish excursion
SAT	CHESTER one of the most historical and beautiful small cities in Britain		
SUN	"Free/relaxation time" spent with host family or meeting friends		

Leisure programme

We want to make sure our students enjoy their time with us and have fun

Leisure Activities

We offer:

- Well-organised leisure programmes with a variety of excursions and activities over the 6 week course
- A structured, safety-conscious and supervised timetable with a staff ratio of at least 1 adult per 15-20 students on ALL excursions
- Students receive detailed information about staying safe on their first morning induction
- The opportunity to meet students from around the world, share experiences, memories and make long-lasting friends
- A wide range of excursions to suit all interests, see below: *

Historical and cultural

Visits to local areas of interest e.g. Ironbridge, Powys Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon and the market town of Ludlow.

City Sightseeing

Trips to nearby major cities e.g. Manchester, Birmingham, Chester and Liverpool.

Sports events

Include swimming, football, basketball, badminton, table tennis, ten-pin bowling and cricket!

Evening socials

Discos and outdoor BBQs.

The countryside and seaside

Experience the beautiful coast, beaches and mountains of Wales including Snowdonia and Llandudno.

Other places of interest

Adventure parks, football stadiums, zoos, cinema and shopping trips.

* (these are examples only, excursions vary from year to year)



I had a wonderful two weeks in Severnvale Academy. I met lots of new people from different countries and I really liked the excursions and activities, which were very diverse. Also, the lessons were fun and teachers were very friendly."

Marie Elise, 17, Estonia

Accommodation

All of our students stay in homestay accommodation with host families

- We work with trustworthy and reliable host-families
- Many of whom have been hosting with Severnvale for a number of years
- Accommodation is guaranteed to be appropriate for the students' needs, clean and of a high standard

What benefits are there to staying with a host family

- Being welcomed and included as part of the family throughout their stay ✓
- Being looked after and cared for in a safe and friendly environment ✓
- Experiencing English family life, cuisine and culture ✓
- Joining in activities and social events with the family on Sundays and during other "free time" ✓
- Practising English language outside of the classroom in "real-life" situations ✓
- Having a single or shared room (with student of a different nationality) ✓
- Access to a desk/study area ✓
- Allergy/dietary requirements/specific requests are met where possible ✓
- Students receive information about the home and family before arrival ✓
- Daily meals included: Breakfast, packed lunch (Monday – Saturday), Sunday lunch and evening meals ✓
- Laundry included ✓
- Private shuttle bus to and from the Academy included ✓



"I loved my English host family because I had very good meals, they understood me and they helped me if I had a problem"

Valery, 14, Russia

Welfare and Safety

We take great care to ensure the welfare and safety of our students at all times

- All our staff are qualified, trained and have official clearance to work with juniors or vulnerable adults
- Staff ratios to students are strictly observed at all times, particularly during excursions
- All Severnvale staff receive activity and excursion training
- Specialist external supervision where necessary (e.g. canoeing and climbing)
- Qualified first aiders are always on site
- Self-contained campus ensures that all students are known personally to all staff
- Trained staff are available to help at any time
- 24 hour/7 day-a-week helpline number to call in cases of emergency

Location



Arrival information

- We will send confirmation information prior to student arrival

Taxi transfers

- We recommend that our students book a taxi transfer with us
- Our taxi driver will meet the arriving student with a sign saying "Severnvale" and the student's name


There is an additional charge (for under 16 year olds) for driver waiting time where airlines request that the driver stays at the airport until the flight has departed.

TRAVEL TIMES FROM AIRPORTS	BY TAXI/PUBLIC TRANSPORT*
BIRMINGHAM [BHX]	50 mins/75 mins
MANCHESTER [MAN]	70 mins/85 mins
LIVERPOOL [LPL]	70 mins/100 mins
NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS [EMA]	90 mins/2 hours
LONDON LUTON [LTN]	2 hours/3 hours
LONDON HEATHROW [LHR]	2.5 hours/3.5 hours
LONDON STANSTED [STN]	3.25 hours/4.5 hours
LONDON GATWICK [LGW]	3.25 hours/4.5 hours

Nearest Airports to Shrewsbury are Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool

Taxi transfers from airports to your accommodation are available at an additional cost

* these journeys times are ONLY a guide and will vary according to time/date of travel



"I have made new friends from Spain and Switzerland. I would like to come back here next year."

Zoe, 15, France

"No one cares about you more than John, Jane and the teachers at Severnvale (except my parents), so I feel safe here and I'm not afraid of anything"

Olesia, 14, Russia

"I have enjoyed my time here very much. I've done things I'll probably never do again. It was so interesting to meet many people from different countries."

Bianca, 15, Germany

"It was an amazing 3 weeks. I learnt so much about English history and culture. I want to say 'Thanks' to Severnvale Academy for this wonderful opportunity."

Natalia, 16, Russia

"I've made lots of friends, I've improved my English a lot and it has been the best experience ever! I would like to repeat this experience because it was just fantastic!"

Pedro, 17, Spain

"Shrewsbury is a great place to study. Since coming here I have improved my listening skills, comprehension and I learnt a lot of grammar."

Ping-Hao, 16, Taiwan

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