



CAMBRIDGE LANGUAGE AND ACTIVITY COURSES

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“**CLAC** is a way to practise English by having fun and talking with new friends”





# Welcome to CLAC

Cambridge Language and Activity Courses was founded in 1985 with the idea of bringing together overseas and British students for an international summer course experience with a focus on natural language exchange and friendship. It is an idea that is still at the heart of CLAC and drives what we do today.

From the start CLAC has operated like a family both in terms of management and the atmosphere of its summer schools.

CLAC is owned and run by mother and son team Anne and William George. The business has grown over the last 30 years, but the management are committed to remaining small enough to keep a family feel and providing personal attention.

Both Anne and William make it their priority to ensure that CLAC retains everything that has made it special for so many years. Their aim is to give the best learning experience combined with the highest quality care.

We believe language learning should be fun, so our courses combine traditional English lessons with inspiring interest based classes, an exciting social programme, unique CLAC events and a full range of sports, activities and memorable day trips.



Anne George

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Join students from

# ALL OVER THE WORLD

have fun, learn and make friends for life

**33**

Years of experience

**2018**

Centre of Excellence

**1:4**

Staff to student ratio

**100**

Hours of English per week

**25+**

Nationalities

**14**

Max students per class

**100%**

Outstanding welfare

**18**

Hours timetabled classes

**1000s**

Amazing memories

**2**

Beautiful and safe schools

**93%**

'Excellent' student rating

**60%+**

Student return rate



CLAC is proud to be named a Centre of Excellence in 2018 by El Gazette



Accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English, our most recent inspection was in 2017



Member of English UK to promote quality language courses



Member of English UK Young Learners to promote the safety and wellbeing of under 18 year old students



Chosen as one of the "Best of English Summer Schools" in 2014 by El Gazette

# Awards and Accreditations





“**CLAC** is like a second home where you can make friends, play and study together,”  
Claudia, Italy



# Great Ballard School for 8 - 13 year olds



*“You never get bored, you always have  
something fun to do”  
Max, Germany*

Great Ballard School is situated in the village of Eartham, just five minutes away from our other course at Slindon. The school is set in 10 hectares of parkland with extensive grounds suitable for a variety of sports and games.

This exceptional school with its excellent teaching and sports facilities, provides the family atmosphere of a private house with comfortable rooms, homely cooking and cosy accommodation, ideal for our younger age groups.

Staff live on-site and their bedrooms are well positioned for close supervision and 24 hour on-call care.

The boys and girls' bedrooms are on separate floors with ample bathroom and shower facilities.

## Facilities include

- Heated outdoor swimming pool
- Tennis courts, netball and badminton
- Playing fields for football, rounders and team games
- Indoor hall for sports and activities
- Art and cookery rooms
- Themed events and international evenings
- Drama and music workshops
- Aerobics and dance classes
- BBQs, discos, quizzes and competitions
- Nature walks and treasure trails





“Attending **CLAC** was one of the most beautiful  
and unforgettable memories in my life,”

Hongming (Jerry), China



# Slindon College for 13 - 17 year olds



Slindon College offers a language immersion experience with 100 hours of English each week, an all-inclusive core programme, outstanding welfare and British students for natural language exchange.

The school has been popular with CLAC students for 20 years. Located in a charming country village, 4km from the town of Arundel and with views of the sea, it has space and facilities perfect for teenagers. The courses are friendly and fun with a high standard of teaching and entertainment.

With a maximum of 90 students and around 20 nationalities everyone has the perfect opportunity to practise language skills and make friends from around the world.

Students are encouraged to socialise through the activity programme, making their own choices on what to enjoy from the wide range of activities, sports, trips and social experiences available.

## Facilities include

- Large heated outdoor swimming pool
- Tennis, basketball, volleyball and squash courts
- Extensive sports fields for football, cricket and outdoor games
- Art and craft studio, cookery room
- Weekly themes and special CLAC events
- Sports tournaments and competitions
- Video and photography studio
- BBQs, camp fires and disco venue

‘Nao cannot stop talking about her fantastic experiences such as dancing, making films, especially the two awards she got,’

*Mr and Mrs Okura, Japan*



# Learning English at CLAC

The CLAC English learning programme aims to give students maximum benefit during their stay by linking what is studied in the classroom with the language that they will need in all other aspects of their course. In this way students immediately get to practise what they have learnt, which builds both fluency and confidence, which in turn builds more friendships!

A typical day begins with a 90-minute intensive English language lesson that has been carefully designed to teach grammar and vocabulary. In the second part of the morning students have two shorter 45-minute intensive English skills lessons.

Teachers focus specifically on areas such as pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading and writing. Language games and role plays encourage involvement and motivation. For further writing practice, students are encouraged to keep a diary throughout their course. Prizes are awarded for the best diary!

Specialist Workshops are one hour classes held on three afternoons each week focussing on interest-based topics which vary each week and are chosen by each student according to their own interest. These classes aim to reinforce English through engagement and enjoyment.





# British Buddies



For international students at a summer school to have a British student who they can talk to, exchange ideas with, make a friend of and simply live together with is a dream that CLAC makes come true.

British students attending the courses each summer enhance the international atmosphere and create the opportunity for natural language exchange.

They join in classes, activities, meal times and excursions, share bedrooms and are part of every student's experience and memories. Many of our international students make such good friends with the British Buddies that they keep in contact long

after the courses have finished, visit each other and often stay lifelong friends.

Speaking practice in English improves fluency, pronunciation and confidence and the British Buddies know that their role is to ensure CLAC international students get as much practice as possible.

British Buddies are carefully selected for their friendly, lively personalities so that they become a friend to all, encourage international friendship groups and create a genuine reason for all the students to communicate together in English.



Both of our courses are held in beautiful, safe, countryside schools, where CLAC makes the most of the on-site learning facilities as well as the fresh outdoors for its integrated activity programme.

Accommodation is full board with breakfast, lunch, dinner, break-time refreshments and evening hot chocolate. The food on CLAC courses is cooked on-site and is homely and plentiful. There are two hot choices at both lunch and dinner, a vegetarian option and a salad bar with bread and fresh fruit.

We are also able to cater to individual dietary requirements such as allergies and intolerances if notified in advance.

Bedrooms and bathrooms are separate for boys and girls. Students are placed with similar age groups and mixed nationalities in bedrooms from 2 to 6 students, in order to encourage new friendships and maximise English speaking.

All rooms are comfortable and clean with plenty of storage and hanging space for each student. Bathroom and showering facilities are well situated for easy access throughout the accommodation areas.

There are always enough facilities for everyone. Included in the fees is a personal laundry service and also bed linen, which is changed once a week.

## Accommodation

*“Students said that their expectations had been met or,  
in most cases exceeded”  
British Council*







‘At both centres, excellent provision is made for the safety and security of the students.’  
British Council

## Welfare

CLAC takes very seriously its responsibility to take care of all the children in its care and to protect them from harm.

CLAC staff are carefully selected and together with the centre manager and director all live on site during the course.

Each school has its own housemother who will personally look after each student and will be available 24 hours a day for children to go to if they feel unwell or need someone to talk to.

CLAC will keep personal items such as student passports, travel tickets and pocket money safe in the course office, which is open all day and all evening to help students.

Mobile phones and any other electronic devices are also stored in the CLAC office and can be accessed at allocated times. Parents can contact the centre manager 24 hours a day and can make contact with their children throughout the day at set times, when they are not in lessons or activities.







# Social Programme

The Social Programme provides an opportunity to relax, meet up with friends and practise speaking and listening in a natural environment.

Every afternoon after classes there are sports, excursions and activities that make the most of what CLAC and the surrounding area have to offer.

In the evenings the social team arranges games, tournaments, parties, quiz nights, discos, film nights and shows where students can be involved and socialise with their friends from around the world.

Once a week there is a full day trip to a nearby city or place of interest, such as London, Oxford, Brighton or Portsmouth. Throughout the week there are also shorter day trips to local towns and attractions or to activities such as trampolining, cinema or paintballing.

Some of these optional activities may have a charge but there will always be a free on-site activity available at the same time.

*‘First words from Alex when he arrived home;  
the best two weeks of my life. I’ll stay longer next year’*

*Mr and Mrs Ellqvist, Sweden*





# Sample Weekly Timetable



	8:30	9:15	9:30	11:00	11:30
<b>Monday</b>	Breakfast	Welcome meeting, getting to know you games and placement test			
<b>Tuesday</b>	Breakfast	Meeting & Morning Stretch	English Class: Grammar	Break	English Class: Vocabulary Skills
<b>Wednesday</b>	Breakfast	Meeting & Quick Yoga	English Class: Grammar	Break	English Class: Skills & Preparation for London
<b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast	All day excursion to London: including Big Ben, Buckingham			
<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast	Meeting & Friendship Games	English Class: Grammar	Break	English Class: Skills (Listening) Singing
<b>Saturday</b>	Breakfast	Meeting & Quick Yoga	English Class: Grammar	Break	Creative Writing
<b>Sunday</b>	Breakfast	Meeting & Morning Stretch	Trip to Portsmouth - Cultural visits: Historic Boatyard,		



12:15	12:20	13:00	14:00	15:00	15:30 - 18:00	18:00	19:00 - 21:00
Break	School orientation and Fire Drill	Lunch	Visit to Chichester. Local Quiz then shopping. Getting to know you in mixed nationality goroups			Dinner	Welcome Party: Board Games
Break	English Class: Language Game	Lunch	Choice of Workshops: Cricket/Study Skills/Yoga/Horseriding	Break	Football/Cooking	Dinner	English Outdoor Games
Break	English Class: Role Play	Lunch	Choice of Workshops: Film-making/Tennis/Forest School/Art	Break	Swimming/Yoga	Dinner	Ten Pin Bowling
Palace, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, London Eye and Oxford Street Shopping!						Dinner	Camp Fire with Marshmallows
Break	English Class: Class Debate	Lunch	Choice of Workshops: Rugby/Gymnastics/Baking	Break	Basketball/Art	Dinner	Mystery Cluedo
Break	English Class: Study Skills	Lunch	Choice of Workshops: Dance/Drama/Teambuilding/Art	Break	Cricket/Jewellery Making	Dinner	Awards, Prizes and PARTY!
Harbour Tour, Spinnaker Tower Tour followed by supervised shopping				Break	Music Games	Dinner	Karaoke Night



# Specialist Workshops



Specialist Workshops are topic based classes three times per week. Their purpose is to increase the motivation of students to practise their English through interest-based subjects.

By engaging students in the language they are learning, these workshops can significantly increase confidence and accelerate progress. Students can choose from a variety of options, which will vary each week.

## Workshops to choose from will include:

- Film Academy
- Health and Fitness
- Yoga and Mindfulness
- Career Preparation
- Professional Dance
- Cookery
- Arts and Crafts
- Forest School
- Gymnastics
- Singing and Drama









# Arrivals and Departures

The safety of students and peace of mind of parents are CLAC's top priority on arrival and departure days. For children travelling from overseas, CLAC provides a personal care service at HEATHROW, SOUTHAMPTON and GATWICK airports.

On arrival days CLAC staff are clearly visible in their green t-shirts and carrying the crocodile flag. Each student is individually welcomed with a friendly smile and is transferred safely to their school.

Transfers are included in the fees for arrivals and departures on scheduled course start and finish dates between the hours of 10.00 and 18.00.

## Scheduled Arrivals & Departures

<b>Heathrow</b>	Free
<b>Gatwick</b>	Free

## Unscheduled Arrivals & Departures

<b>Heathrow</b>	£170
<b>Gatwick</b>	£130

\* Any alternative transfer arrangements will be charged individually



# Booking and Dates and Prices

Please refer to our CLAC website at [www.clac.org.uk/booking](http://www.clac.org.uk/booking) to check dates, prices, availability and what the fees include.

If a place is available we will request your deposit payment of 20% to secure the place. The balance of fees is payable within 30 days of booking confirmation.

When you have booked, the enrolments manager will provide a certificate of enrolment, visa supporting documents if required, a travel authorisation letter and pre-course handbook giving all the necessary information prior to the student's arrival.



“ I want to thank all the staff for the care and attention given to my daughter, nothing is even more comparable to CLAC ,  
Sacco Proila family, Italy



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