



Chaucer College

Providing intensive and specialised
English Language Courses throughout the year



Welcome to Chaucer College

At Chaucer College, we provide intensive and specialised English language courses for International students at our two Colleges in Canterbury and Broadstairs in Kent, the 'Garden of England'.

With over 20 years experience in teaching English as a foreign language, we look forward to working with you and developing your knowledge of the English language through fun and exciting lessons and a vast array of social activities, trips and excursions.





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About Us

Chaucer College was founded in 1992 by the Shumei Foundation, a Japanese educational charitable organisation and has over 20 years teaching experience in delivering English language courses in the UK.

Amongst our objectives is to promote international co-operation and friendship through the study of the English language.

Our friendly and professional staff are committed and passionate with internationally recognised qualifications in teaching English as a foreign language, ensuring the highest standards of tuition are delivered in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

We aim to provide quality teaching in a friendly, safe environment on well-structured courses with varied and interesting cultural and social activities.

In all that we do, we want to ensure your time with us is as stimulating and successful as possible. We take pride in your progress and in supporting you to develop confidence both in and out of the classroom. Our courses are designed to develop your communicative competence

with a particular focus on contemporary speaking and listening and natural use of English. Our enjoyable and exciting social activities will build your confidence and fluency in English as well as help you form new, international friendships.

Chaucer College has a reputation for being a welcoming and caring organisation. As a small, but well established school, we have the time and resources to make sure we know our students well and can cater to their individual needs. We place the well-being and success of our students at the centre of everything we do.

We make a point of ensuring that each lesson and activity engages our learners to the full and set out to make sure that every course will leave you with unforgettable memories. We look forward to welcoming you to either one of our Colleges in Canterbury or Broadstairs.



“Thanks to the teachers for being so lovely to me. It felt like a family.”

Maria Segovia, Spain



Accreditations

Chaucer College is committed to delivering high standard English language courses to all of its students at both its campuses in Canterbury and Kingsgate, Broadstairs.

This is evident by the accreditations and awards we have successfully achieved. Both Colleges are effectively managed, with well established procedures to provide a very high level of support to students and staff.

The British Council inspected and accredited both Chaucer College Canterbury and Chaucer College Kingsgate in December 2013.

Highlights from the British Council report include:

This private college of high education offers residential courses in general and academic English for adults and under-18s. Strengths were noted in the areas of premises and facilities and care of students. The inspection report stated that the organisation met the standards of the Scheme.

Chaucer College Canterbury was first accredited by BAC in January 2009 and subsequent interim and spot-check inspections in 2010 and 2011 found it had maintained its high standards of provision. Chaucer College Kingsgate was inspected for the first time in 2012.

Highlights from the BAC report include:

Student welfare has some considerable strengths, particularly with regard to induction/orientation, social and sporting activities, the accommodation available and the provision of UK students to support language acquisition and interaction. Teachers demonstrated very good rapport with students, and were clearly working hard to ensure students enjoyed their lessons and social activities and progressed in both English and cultural aspects.

Chaucer College Canterbury is the only IELTS test centre in the South East. This IELTS test centre is able to accept English language testing applications from UK and Visas Immigration applicants who have recently taken an English language test in the UK or Ireland with another SELT provider, and who are now required to submit other evidence of English language proficiency.



*“Here the staff are very kind and well organised.
There are a lot of activities but you also have some time for yourself.”*
Sofia Negri, Italy

Student Care and Support

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our students and take our responsibilities very seriously.

We have 24 hour monitored CCTV surveillance at all times. There is a residential ratio of at least 1 adult to 12 students in College.

All Chaucer College staff have oversight of the safeguarding of our students and are fully DBS (Police) checked to ensure students' safety and well-being.

All students are accompanied by College staff and group leaders on all excursions and activities. Where students are accommodated in homestay, all adults in the family are also police checked.

There is a minibus pick-up service available to transport all students to and from the College each day where required.



Chaucer College Canterbury

Chaucer College Canterbury is situated in a unique and purpose built learning campus on the University of Kent. Self-contained and secure, we are within minutes of Canterbury City centre.

Located in our own spacious and beautiful grounds, the campus is set in an ideal location for residential and homestay groups wishing to follow tailor-made and personalised programmes.

Classrooms are light and designed for small group teaching and many are fitted with up-to-date technology to aid your learning.

The College has very good catering facilities that provide excellent quality meals for all of our residents and course members.

All meals are freshly prepared each day on-site and can cater for all dietary requirements.

The world renowned city of Canterbury has welcomed people for centuries, from the pilgrims coming to

Canterbury Cathedral more than 800 years ago to the international students of today.

From this mix, Canterbury has developed into a lively, vibrant city with friendly people and great amenities including excellent shops, a wide variety of cafés and restaurants and a theatre which regularly hosts London productions.

The city also has wonderful sports facilities, a skate park and a bowling alley nearby.

All this with London just one hour away and easy access to the Continent. Whatever your interest, Canterbury can meet it. With its beautiful parks, magnificent World Heritage Cathedral, a bustling shopping centre and its quaint back streets, studying in Canterbury will be a unique and unforgettable experience.



Accommodation

At Chaucer College Canterbury we offer single sex accommodation blocks to all residents.

Each student has their own individual, spacious bedroom containing a comfortable bed, wardrobe, desk, washbasin and plenty of storage.

Some rooms have balconies which offer a beautiful view of Canterbury. High speed Wi-Fi access to the internet is available in all the accommodation blocks and all over the campus, free of charge.

The accommodation blocks are spread over two or three floors, made up of either seven or nine bedrooms. Each floor also benefits from its own kitchen with a seating area, and modern bath, shower and toilet facilities.

All bed linen and towels are provided by the College and changed fortnightly. Students can also use the designated laundry room to do their own washing at a small extra charge during their stay.





Homestay

As well as residential accommodation at Chaucer College Canterbury, we also offer homestay accommodation to students.

The purpose of homestay is to give students the opportunity to come in to close daily contact with English speakers and their way of life and it is seen by many students as one of the most important and enjoyable aspects of their stay in England.

To make students feel welcome, we ask our families to involve the students in family activities or outings whenever possible.

The majority of our homestay families are located in central Canterbury and the neighbouring seaside towns of Whitstable and Herne Bay, giving an opportunity to students to visit and explore these local areas. Students can be transported to and from the college each day by our private minibuses, when required.

Students consistently report on the kindness and friendliness shown by homestay families and many remain in contact even after their homestay has finished.

Facilities

Chaucer College Canterbury benefits from a vast array of facilities on its campus.

We have a library with over 3000 books in English for both education and entertainment. As well as academic texts and journals, we receive daily newspapers. The library also has a bank of computers for student use.

In addition, the College has a state of the art IT centre containing 15 modern computers and a smart board for

effective computer assisted language learning. When not in use for lessons, the IT centre is available to students from 7am until midnight every day.

The College Common Room has a range of leisure equipment such as a pool table, table football, large flat screen television, games console and DVD player. On the mezzanine above the dining hall residents can play table tennis.

Residents can also make use of our large lawn areas to play football, volley ball, badminton and basketball. We supply nets, goals and equipment for all games.

Students staying at our College in Canterbury have the benefit of being able to use the Sports Centre at the University of Kent. They provide a range of up-to-date facilities with the latest equipment, including a fitness suite, a dance studio and hall with courts for badminton, tennis and basketball as well as squash. There is also a climbing wall.



Chaucer College Kingsgate

Nestled amongst the sandy Blue Flag beaches of the traditional English seaside town of Broadstairs in Kent, Chaucer College Kingsgate could not be in a better location.

The College is situated in a charming mansion building in its own spacious and beautiful grounds. Self-contained and secure, we are a short walk from the centre of Broadstairs and provide minibuss access to the town as required.

With award-winning beaches, Joss Bay and Viking Bay, only ten minutes walk away and the golf course next door, our College lies in a tranquil and safe location.

At the end of a hot day, many residents find it is a great idea to walk to the beach and relax, stroll along or swim on the beautiful, sandy beaches.

Alternatively, you can visit Broadstairs' unique high street and independent shops, all on your doorstep and within walking distance of the College.

For those who like to travel, there are nearby bus stops taking you directly to neighbouring Ramsgate, Margate and historic Canterbury. It really is the perfect place to study, relax and explore.

Fifteen minutes away by bus is another famous seaside town, Margate. It is home to the Turner Contemporary Art Gallery and a retro shopping area just near the beach. J M Turner painted many of his sunsets here.

Ramsgate is also only twenty minutes by bus. With its beautiful harbour and classic Victorian houses, it is well worth visiting during your stay.

Our Kingsgate campus is an ideal location for individuals and groups wishing to experience a friendly, personalised course in a smaller, more intimate environment than is provided elsewhere.

Our classrooms are designed for small group teaching, so teachers can focus on your progress and enjoyment of the course. All meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner, are freshly prepared and cooked by our in-house catering team and served in our large dining hall.

All dietary requirements can be catered for and residents can choose from a range of dishes from an international

Accommodation

At Chaucer College Kingsgate we offer on-site residential accommodation for up to 44 students in single, double or triple bedrooms, with sensational sea views to the rear of the building.

Each bedroom is equipped with its own desk, washbasin and comfortable single bed(s). All linen and towels are provided to residents. Our housekeeping team ensure that the College, its bedrooms and facilities are always clean, maintaining our high standards and exceeding your expectations.

All bed linen and towels are changed fortnightly and residents will be notified of this day on arrival. Residents are also welcome to use our on-site laundry facilities at a small extra charge during their stay.



Homestay

As well as accommodation in the College, we have an excellent rapport with the local community and are lucky enough to have a high number of long-standing host families.

All students accommodated in Homestay will be transported to and from the College each day by our own private minibuses and Chaucer College Kingsgate drivers.

Homestay is often a popular choice amongst International students. It gives them a chance to experience life with a British family, learning a little more about British culture, while developing their language and knowledge in a comfortable and informal setting.

If you would prefer to stay with one of our host families, you can still participate in all of our organised evening and weekend activities. Families offer accommodation and meals to either one or two students in each household, depending on requirements. Homestay is seen by many of our students as one of the most important and enjoyable aspects of their course.





menu. During the summer, we often provide BBQs on our large lawn area, which are always popular amongst our residents.

For ease of access, the town operates fantastic fast rail links to London, Ashford International railway station and

the Channel Tunnel. We are also just half an hour from Dover ferry terminals and within two hours of all the major London airports.

Transfers to and from the College are available and competitively priced.



Facilities

When not in class, Chaucer College Kingsgate offers the perfect setting to explore several traditional English seaside towns.

Alternatively, take advantage of the College's large playing field to the front with volleyball and football goals or step next door to the golf club, which has a demanding short course. Tennis courts are available at an extra cost.

The College has a large common room equipped with game consoles, a large television screen, a projector and plenty of films to choose from, or challenge a friend to a game of table tennis, pool or table football.

The beautiful dining room with its large open fireplace is the perfect place to set you up for the day and relax in the evening.



Studying at Chaucer College

As a British Council Accredited Centre for the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language, Chaucer College Canterbury and Kingsgate can offer 1, 2, 3 or 4 week courses on both our sites for independent students or groups.

At our unique and attractive site in Canterbury we cater for school or club groups looking for a safe, but exciting environment within walking distance of the City Centre.

We offer a variety of courses tailored to your interests, be it Intensive English, Drama, British Icons, Castles or Charles Dickens.

Our campus in Broadstairs offers the opportunity for individuals and groups to enjoy life in England while learning with new friends, on either our Intensive Courses or on our Special Themed weeks.

Students are provided with all teaching materials required for classes. Breakfast, lunch (packed lunch on trips) and dinner are all provided by our on-site caterers or host family, where students are accommodated in homestay.



A typical day for a resident at Chaucer College

Morning

- The day starts at 7.45am in the dining room with a healthy, substantial and filling breakfast. Choose from the typical full English or continental choices, depending on your wishes.
- You then have a morning of stimulating and interesting classes which start at 9am. You will study through fun and activity-based lessons which focus on communication. Writing, reading and listening exercises will complement and strengthen all aspects of the syllabus.
- There is a half-hour break at 10.30am to give you a chance to refresh yourselves. Why not play some table-tennis or outdoor sports or just chat with your classmates? For those with a sweet tooth, the handy College Tuck Shop is open during the break.

Afternoon

- 12.30pm... Lunchtime! Our chefs have been busy preparing your meal, fresh each day. Catering for every need, choose from something hot or cold and a delicious salad bar.
- Be sure to fill yourself up as after lunch at 1.30pm you will take part in one of our activities or project class. This can include a trip to Margate or Ramsgate, a visit to a local museum or for those with lots of energy, enjoy a game of volleyball or another of your favourite sports.

Evening

- After your active afternoon, replenish your energy with a hot evening meal at the College, in preparation for the evening programme. To keep you entertained, enjoy a bowling match, a laser shooting game or one of the other activities on offer.
- If the weather is good, our experienced chefs are on hand to prepare a mouth-watering barbecue while you sit back and relax in our garden area or use up the rest of your energy in a friendly football match. On a wet day, our quiz and karaoke evenings will ensure you are just about ready for a good night's sleep.

"I like many things about my stay at Chaucer College, for example, the evening activities, sports and the opportunity to speak and stay with foreign students."

Filippo Petroni, Italy

General Intensive English Language Course

Chaucer College offers Intensive English Language Courses at both campuses in Canterbury and Broadstairs. The course provides a strong core of English lessons and a mix of activities and visits.

Come to Chaucer College Canterbury or Kingsgate to improve and develop your English and experience British life and British culture.

Come and have a great holiday, see some wonderful sights and make new friends as well!

Our Intensive English Language Courses are available to Juniors (11-17 years of age) and Adults (18+), groups and individuals.

Course Highlights

Academic Programme:

- A total of 15 or 21 hours of language lessons a week designed to improve and consolidate your English with a focus on listening and communication skills, vocabulary and grammar development. Classes are divided according to placement tests completed on arrival and have no more than 14 students.
- You can choose to study for 1 week or up to 4 weeks depending on your requirements.
- We can cater for individual students or groups from elementary to advanced level.
- Get to know your fellow students and build long-term friendships in our small class groups.

Activities and Excursions:

- 1 full day excursion per week on Saturday to London, Brighton or Cambridge (examples).
- ½ day excursions to Dover Castle, Ramsgate, Rochester and Leeds Castle (examples).
- A variety of social activities in the afternoons and evenings including local beach trails, Lazer Rush, skate park and climbing wall, pool and table tennis competitions, ten-pin bowling, quiz nights and cinema visits. Available sports include basketball, volleyball, football and badminton.
- In the autumn term, students will have the opportunity to see traditional British events such as Halloween and Bonfire Night as well as a theatre visit to the wonderful Pantomime.

“I enjoyed homestay with the family.”

Amadio Romano Marchiol, Italy

Intensive English For Academic Success

This course follows the same format and timetable as our General Intensive English course with 6 hours of afternoons spent undertaking your chosen examination preparation. Options include Trinity, GESE or IELTS examinations or Cambridge exams.

Our Intensive English for Academic Success Courses are available to closed groups only of Juniors (11-17 years of age) or Adults (18+).

Course Highlights

Academic Programme:

- 21 hours of tuition per week.
- Course length: 2-4 weeks.
- Maximum 14 students per class.
- All course materials provided.
- Lessons are focused on speaking, listening, role play and activity learning. Examination preparation sessions include technique and appropriate remedial grammar.
- Final Friday or Saturday to include examination of choice.

Activities and Excursions:

Activities and excursions will follow the same format as our General Intensive English 21 hour timetable.

- 1 afternoon activity can be replaced by a visit to local University, such as University of Kent or Canterbury Christ Church University.
- 1 full day excursion to include city visit, such as Cambridge or Oxford, including the universities and a London University.



IELTS Examination Preparation Course

This two-week IELTS course is an intensive preparation for the Academic IELTS examinations, with exam techniques and practice as its focus.

It is designed for those who know that training in the exam format will help to make sure they can get the best result possible. All parts of the exam are covered: listening, reading, writing and speaking, and IELTS Practice Tests (C.U.P.) are used to give students experience in taking the exam.

Many of our IELTS teachers are also examiners, giving you access to high quality assistance.

Course Highlights:

- 30 hours of tuition per week (Monday to Friday).
- Maximum 14 students per class.
- All course materials provided.
- Free use of College library and computer access for online IELTS self-study after class.
- A mock IELTS examination.
- Final Saturday - optional IELTS examination at Chaucer College Canterbury. Please note, this should be booked separately using our online booking system or via the IELTS website.

As the only recognised IELTS test centre in the South East, this course is available at our College in Canterbury only.

Closed Group Business Courses

Our business courses are specially designed to provide high quality training for your specific business needs.

The course content will come from a detailed needs analysis. Examples include customer service, making presentations, negotiations, emailing, report writing.

Course Highlights:

- 30 hours of tuition per week (Monday to Friday) or to client specification.
- Maximum 14 students per class.
- Minimum student age: 18 years +.
- All course materials provided.

Specialised Courses

Each of our specialised courses are designed to help you improve and practise your English in a fun and exciting environment.

We have prepared various themed English language courses which run for one week only.

Each morning will be spent in class, studying through fun and activity-based lessons, with an aim to improving your English language and grammar skills.

Our themed courses follow the same academic programme as our Intensive English Language course, but with the added benefit of the afternoon spent focusing on your desired activity.

During the week, there is also one full day trip themed towards the week.

Group bookings can choose to study any one of our Specialised Courses at either Canterbury or Broadstairs. Please contact us with your preferred dates.

“Chaucer College Canterbury is near the city centre and the location is beautiful.”

Sofia Negri, Italy

Intensive English Sporting Activity Week

Available at Chaucer College Kingsgate only, our activity weeks will enable you to develop your English alongside your favourite sport.

Taught by specialist teachers and sports coaches, the course includes a number of visits to a major sporting venue focused towards your chosen activity. This may include football, sailing or windsurfing, to name but a few.

Course Highlights:

- 15 hours of tuition per week.
- Maximum 12 students per class.
- All course materials provided.
- Student age: 12-18 years.
- 4 afternoons per week spent focusing on your chosen sporting activity.
- 1 full day city excursion per week and 1 half day excursion. Visits can include a tour of a premier football ground, Wembley Stadium or the Olympic Park.

Intensive English Performance Week

Students will have the opportunity to work in an international environment with native English speaker students alongside.

Immerse yourself in a mix of drama, dance, creative arts and cultural activities with Native English Speakers. Develop teamwork skills, negotiating skills and confident self-presentation in English.

Course Highlights:

- 21 hours of tuition per week.
- Maximum 14 students per class.
- Student age: 12-18 years.
- All course materials provided.
- 1 full day excursion and 1 half day excursion per week.

Tailor Made for Your Group

Any one of our programmes can be used as a model for any groups who may wish to personalise it to meet their requirements.

Alternatively, if you would like a course created specifically for your group's requirements, please contact us with more details and we will work with you in developing a timetable that suits.



Themed English Language Courses



Charles Dickens

Famous author Charles Dickens was a regular visitor to Broadstairs, Kent in the 1850s and 1860s. Spending many summer holidays in the seaside town, it is thought Dickens came to seek

inspiration for some of his most popular novels.

Appealing to all Charles Dickens fans or any lovers of English Literature, each morning holds an English lesson themed towards Charles Dickens' activities and books. Afternoon activities include visits to the Dickens Museum and Bleak House where Dickens lived whilst writing David Copperfield. There will also be a mid-week trip to Dickens World in Chatham, Kent and time in Rochester, Kent – the setting for Dickens' last, unfinished novel, The Mystery of Edwin Drood.

Throughout June each year, Broadstairs is home to the 'Broadstairs Dickens Festival', when people can follow in Charles Dickens' footsteps and savour the delights of the popular English seaside town.



English Castles

Appealing to all lovers of history, warfare or architecture. Britain is famous for its castles, most of which were built during the Middle Ages (c.1000-1500).

A castle could be a home, a centre for administration and justice, a way of keeping the population under control and to launch an attack from.



Wm. Shakespeare

This course will be sure to help young people get to know the world's number one writer!

Find out about Shakespeare the man and his times in a course that brings him alive

and makes his writing accessible.

Students will experience the richness and beauty of Shakespeare's writing and its relevance today, even over 400 years after his death.

In morning classes, using English texts and films, we will look at examples of his poetry and plays, showing the huge range of his writing and see how it has been interpreted by artists today. Afternoon and evening activities will include a visit to the Globe Theatre and museum in London (a replica of the theatre that was there in Shakespeare's time) and a visit to a professional production of one of Shakespeare's many plays.

Each morning there will be an English lesson themed around the history, design and purpose of some of the most important castles in the South-East.

Afternoon activities include castle visits: from Dover Castle, one of the largest, defensive castles, to Hever Castle, the home of Ann Boleyn, one of the most tragic Queens in English history.

There will also be the option of a visit to the most famous castle of them all, the Tower of London, home to the Crown Jewels.

British Cultural Icons

These courses will help teenagers to understand the people who have helped to create Britain's unique identity.

People such as Jane Austen, author of *Pride and Prejudice*, Arthur Conan Doyle (the creator of Sherlock Holmes), or The Beatles, one of Britain's most famous cultural icons, amongst others.

In morning classes, students will use English to learn about these fascinating lives in an enjoyable and lively way; through hands on research and discussion using literary extracts, films, YouTube clips and songs. Activities and trips may include visits to the city of Bath, Baker St, the London home of Sherlock Holmes; a Harry Potter Walking Tour in London or a tour of Warner Bros studio; Abbey Road, the London site of the famous Beatles album cover.

Theatre and Drama

This is the perfect course for young people who have an interest in theatre, drama and performance.

In morning classes, students will use English to take part in drama workshops and theatre skills classes incorporating improvisation, scriptwriting, developing character and stagecraft.

Afternoon and/or evening activities may include a visit to the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, a theatre in the West End, London's famous theatre district, a back stage theatre visit or a visit to Shakespeare's Globe theatre. With the guidance of a drama professional, they will use the themes from that production to improvise and develop a performance. The culmination of the course will be a short production or revue devised, directed and performed by the course participants.

Trips and Excursions

Both Chaucer College Canterbury and Chaucer College Kingsgate are perfectly positioned to explore some of the best cities and landmarks the country has to offer.

Depending on the length of your stay, we can organise a sight-seeing day trip to London, where you will get the chance to walk past Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

You will also have some shopping time near Piccadilly and Covent Garden to buy souvenirs and gifts for your friends and family at home.

Chaucer College Canterbury has fantastic panoramic views over the historical city, whilst Chaucer College Kingsgate is only half an hour away. We will organise a tour of this popular city and explore its history. Canterbury Cathedral is the most famous and beautiful cathedral in England and is the centre for the Anglican Church. The city is well known for Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and has many old buildings, as well as many modern shops.

Another possible half-day trip is to Dover Castle. This sits on a hill overlooking Dover town and across the sea to France. Under the castle are tunnels which date back to Napoleonic times and earlier. These were also used during World War II as a command centre and hospital and are now open to visitors.

Other trips are also possible depending on your length of stay and requirements, for example to Cambridge, Brighton, Greenwich or elsewhere.

Whether you stay for one, two or more weeks, Chaucer College offers two excellent places to study and take part in an enjoyable and active social programme. You will go back to your own country with more confidence and knowledge in English and also with many happy memories and the desire to return.



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