

# WELCOME TO DUKES

## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Dukes International Summer School provides a magnificent location for a fantastic summer school experience. Dukes is located at the prestigious Canford School, which is on the south coast of England, just 20 minutes from the coastal town of Bournemouth, one of the most popular UK destinations for English language learning outside of London.

Dukes International Summer School offers students from all around the world a genuinely international experience where they will be able to improve their English, study interesting and stimulating academic subjects, take part in an extensive activity programme, go on exciting excursions and form lifelong friendships.







## The School & Location

Dukes International Summer School is located at the highly-esteemed Canford School, which was founded in 1923 and is set in 250 acres of stunning parkland grounds on the banks of the River Stour in the South West of England.

Only a short distance from the school is the delightful Dorset market town of Wimborne, which has one of the largest and most popular markets in the South of England. Around 30 minutes from the school is the lovely coastal town of Bournemouth, famous for its beachfront promenade and sandy beaches.

The school is renowned for its historic buildings but equally for its fantastic modern facilities, some of the best to be found anywhere in Europe making it an ideal place for students to have a sensational summer school experience.

The Dukes International Summer School is operated and staffed by Summer Boarding Courses Ltd.

## The School Facilities

The exceptional facilities at Canford are second to none. The state-of-the-art sports centre and boarding facilities are of the highest quality and are all set amongst expansive and picturesque grounds and playing fields. The facilities include:

- Indoor heated swimming pool
- 290 seat theatre
- Modern, well equipped classrooms
- Tennis courts & volleyball courts
- Football pitches, basketball courts
- Double sized sports hall
- 9 hole golf course
- Dance studio
- Historic dining hall
- School shop

## Accommodation

The accommodation at Canford is spacious, comfortable and of the highest quality. There are a number of boarding houses with separate houses for boys and girls. Accommodation is made up of mostly single rooms, with a small number of multi-bedded rooms available.

## Meal Times

Students will have all their meals in the stunning Great Hall - located in the heart of the oldest part of Canford School. Meal times provide students with an excellent selection, for example a full English breakfast is provided three days a week and a continental breakfast is available every day.

For lunch and dinner there is always a choice of two hot meals, including a vegetarian option. Students also have a delicious salad bar available to them as well as fresh bread, fruit and desserts.

In addition, drinks and biscuits are prepared each night before bed.



**In 2016 we welcomed students from 100 different countries to Summer Boarding Courses**





# Overview of Dukes International Summer Programme

	<p>15 hours English tuition each week</p>		
	<p>2 full day trips each week* with all transport and entrances included <small>*Except for departure week when there is one full day trip.</small></p>		
<p>Afternoon Activity Programme plus full Evening Activity Programme</p>			
	<p>Dukes International Summer School T-Shirt</p>	<p>Progress Report and End-of-Course Certificate</p>	
<p>Laundry Service</p>	<p>Comprehensive Travel Insurance</p>	<p>On campus accommodation</p>	<p>All meals included</p>



## The Academic Programme

Classes take place on 5 mornings each week, with a maximum class size of 15 students. Our courses have been written exclusively for Dukes International Summer School and across all of our academic options, we believe in creating a stimulating and interactive learning environment for students. All students will be asked to complete a two-part online English assessment before their arrival at the school, in order to assess their level of English and ensure they are placed into suitable classes.

### English Course Options

Every student receives 15 hours of General English lessons in the mornings with professionally qualified teachers to ensure that they learn at the right pace. We also offer a variety of different academic course options for an additional cost, which replace the 15 hours of General English. More information on all academic course options can be found on pages 8-11.

### Day Trip Preparation & Cultural Workshops

As well as having fun and seeing some fantastic sights, day trips are a great opportunity for students to use their English skills in real-life situations. Therefore, during their stay students will participate in project tasks that focus on either the historic cities visited or on the activity programme. Additionally, students learn about different aspects of British culture, discussing and comparing other cultures through the sharing of their own views and experiences, in a very student-centred environment.

### Reports & Certificates

As well as keeping our teaching imaginative, creative and enjoyable, we also make sure it is effective. Students are monitored and encouraged to practise their study skills throughout their stay. All students receive a Dukes International Summer School Certificate and a School Report at the end of their stay.







## General English

### Why Choose General English?

*Build English, Build Confidence.*

General English consists of 15 hours per week of English lessons, and is designed especially for 11 to 15-year-old young learners. This challenging and dynamic course emphasises communication, teamwork and imagination to build both the student's knowledge of English, and their confidence to use it. Every day, students learn vocabulary and grammar while developing their reading and writing skills through fun and interactive task-based lessons, in which they design, develop and collaborate to realise creative projects.

### Learning Language and Using Language

*Using English in a meaningful way.*

General English focuses on building both language knowledge and language skills. Students will develop their understanding of vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, reading and writing, and activate this knowledge in challenging and dynamic activities, projects and tasks. The course emphasises using language in spoken interactions as the most effective method of activating what has been learned, and gaining confidence in using this knowledge.

### How We Teach: Making English Fun

*Activating what you learn.*

We have designed our lessons following a modern, communicative approach. The language that is taught in each lesson is activated in collaborative tasks, activities and projects, so that each student interacts in English throughout the lesson. By using language in a creative and imaginative way, the course builds both language skills and the confidence to use the language in real-world situations.

### Tasks and Projects: What Students Learn

*A diverse and varied programme.*

Each week, every student will take part in a series of dynamic tasks and projects. Example projects include making short films, photography exhibitions, theatre and drama performances, team challenges and class competitions.

**"I had a wonderful summer, made new friends and learnt lots of English."**

Efim, Student, Russia

## Summer Study

### Why Choose Summer Study?

*Build English, Build Confidence.*

Our Summer Study course consists of 15 hours of lessons per week and is available to students of an Upper Intermediate to Advanced level of English. Students will benefit from a content-based learning approach, providing them with the opportunity to develop their English language skills through the study of other subjects. These include English Literature, Creative Writing, History, Science and Geography, and the syllabus has been designed specifically for our 11 to 15-year-old learners at Dukes International. Our communicative method to lessons provides students with a comfortable, interactive environment that aims to build on their confidence as well as language fluency.

### Learning Language Through the Study of Other Subjects

*Using English in a meaningful way.*

The course draws on a variety of materials, ranging from famous works of literature to scientific case studies, and covers both classic and modern elements of each subject. Lessons focus on spoken interaction, including classroom discussions, debates, improvisation and fun topic-based activities. This provides students with an opportunity to actively engage in the subjects they are studying and further develop their understanding of the language surrounding the subjects studied.

### How We Teach: Making English Fun

*Activating what you learn.*

We believe that students learn best when they are actively applying language in practice. For this reason, our lessons are designed to be communicative, meaning that our students are constantly using English in an interactive way. This way students not only develop their language skills, but their confidence in using English too.

### Tasks and Projects: What Students Learn

*A diverse and varied programme.*

Each week, every student will take part in a series of dynamic tasks and projects. Example projects include making short films, theatre and drama performances, presentations and team challenges.

**"An excellent stay for our son. The worry about him feeling at home, making friends and learning great stuff very soon turned into a worry about him never wanting to come home."**

Johansson, Parent, Sweden





## English Through Football

### Why Choose English Through Football?

*English lessons which focus on The Beautiful Game.*

English Through Football is SBC's incredible new Football Course. The course has been specially designed for boys and girls with a love of football, who want to develop their game skills while improving their English language ability.

English Through Football is for students aged 11 to 15. The course consists of 15 hours per week English language tuition and 10 hours of practical football training delivered by coaches from the Premier League's AFC Bournemouth. Students will also have the unique experience of visiting a Premier League football ground as part of their London Excursion.

The perfect course for any football fan!

### Learning and Doing

*Practice makes perfect.*

English Through Football is designed to use football as a medium to develop students' communicative abilities through lessons, workshops and practical activities. During football-themed English language lessons, students will study grammar, vocabulary, speaking, listening and pronunciation. A variety of practical assignments will increase their understanding of the tactics, strategies, psychology and motivation required for success in the modern game. This engaging method maximises the students' active participation in the lesson, meaning that throughout the course students are interacting and studying in English.

### Premier Feel

*Activating what you learn.*

Each afternoon consists of two practical Football sessions. These will focus on both technical skills as well as game practice. During 10 hours of coaching from AFC Bournemouth coaches, students will develop footballing skills, game understanding and tactical awareness. They will also participate in theory sessions around diet and nutrition. During the two-week programme, every English Through Football student will have an exclusive visit to AFC Bournemouth's training ground, gaining behind-the-scenes experience of a top-flight English Football team. Students will also benefit from a full Premier League Stadium tour during the London excursion. During the evenings on campus, students will be involved in the whole school social programme.

### What Students Learn

*Achieving your goals.*

In this interactive and communicative themed course, students will develop their knowledge of both their general English and their football-related vocabulary, grammar and expressions. In addition, students will use English in exciting football match settings to learn how to apply tactics and strategies. English Through Football is available as a two week option.



## English Through Acting

### Why Choose English Through Acting?

*English lessons which focus on Acting and Speaking.*

English Through Acting is the perfect course for any students with an active passion for acting. Specifically designed for 11 to 15 year olds, this 30 hour course enables students to develop their understanding of English language, acting and spoken performance. Through a series of engaging and varied lessons, students learn how to put theory into practice and are prepared for a group theatrical performance at the end of the course, graded by an external Trinity examiner. Upon completion of the course, all students will receive a Trinity Performance Certificate in Acting and Speaking.

### Learning and Doing

*Practice makes perfect.*

This interactive and dynamic course provides our students with the opportunity to learn English through speaking and performance. All of our lessons, which take place both inside the classroom and in the beautiful Canford Theatre, involve tasks, activities and assignments in which students must interact and engage in spoken English.

### How We Teach: Making English Fun

*Activating what you learn.*

Our belief is that students learn best when they are able to put theory into practice. Our lessons are taught by experienced teachers and our creative lessons teach English and Drama through a communicative approach, providing students with the perfect opportunity to activate their language skills and improve on their acting ability.

### Tasks and Projects: What Students Learn

*Taking to the stage.*

In this interactive and communicative course, students will develop their general English language vocabulary and grammar, through a series of drama-related tasks and activities. Students will also be given the opportunity to rehearse and perform different types of theatrical material, build on their confidence as actors and, at the end of the course, will take to the stage in groups for a final performance, to take place in front of an audience and a Trinity examiner.





## Introduction to Business

### Why Choose Introduction to Business?

*A stepping stone to the world of business.*

Introduction to Business is a 30-hour course in which students gain knowledge and practical experience of key concepts in international business. The course has been designed especially for 11 to 15-year-old students, and focuses on learning through interactive and communicative project work and team-building exercises.

### Learning and Doing

*Practice makes perfect.*

This interactive course teaches the essentials of business through a fun and interactive project in which students create a product and pitch their creation to a panel of business moguls for investment. Students develop both their theoretical and practical knowledge of business practice and know-how.

### How We Teach

*Activating what you learn.*

Introduction to Business is an interactive course in which the students are fully active in spoken English throughout. This focus on communicative learning is the ideal way for students to understand how the theory of business is realised in practice.

### What Students Learn

*The Business project.*

Students will have a thorough and immersive course in the following business concepts: branding, marketing, business styles, finance, as well as an introduction to building a business web page. These skills will then be used to create a product, its website, its marketing and business strategy, which will be presented to a panel of judges at the end of the course.

**"It has been some really really fun weeks, with good lessons, good activities and many new friends for the rest of life."**

Hugo, Student, Sweden

## International Relations

### Why Choose Introduction to International Relations?

*Paving the way for the young leaders of tomorrow.*

Introduction to International Relations is a 30-hour course which introduces students to major concepts of world politics. It has been designed specifically for 11 to 15-year-old students and is a dynamic and interactive course, which challenges our students to think about key global issues through a series of communicative tasks, role-plays and discussions.

### Learning and Doing

*Practice makes perfect.*

As well as providing students with a broad overview of International Relations, this course will also develop key skills in presentation, negotiation and diplomacy. By taking on the roles of political leaders during role-play assignments, our students are able to use their newfound understanding of world politics to present their ideas, negotiate resolutions and deal with hypothetical crisis situations.

### How We Teach

*Activating what you learn.*

Introduction to International Relations is an interactive course in which the students are fully active in spoken English throughout and, alongside developing their subject knowledge, students are provided with the perfect opportunity to build on their English language fluency.

### What Students Learn

*The Model UN project.*

Throughout the course students will look at key global issues, such as climate change, globalisation or human rights case studies, and develop their debating, research and critical thinking skills. They will also be introduced to different forms of governance and learn about the role of the United Nations, before taking part in a Model UN simulation where students will take on the roles of different countries and develop their presentation skills.

**"My daughter has followed International Relations for two weeks at Dukes Summer School. Dukes was an amazing experience for her and she is looking forward to next year already!"**

Nicollier, Parent, Switzerland



# Afternoon Activities

## Multi-Activity Programme

Our excellent grounds and first class facilities provide the ideal environment for students to participate in our extensive afternoon Activity Programme. The mixed nationality activity groups ensure that students continue to practise and develop their English speaking skills outside of the classroom.

On 4 days a week students will have 2 afternoon activity sessions. There are different activity options every afternoon, and students will have up to 6 different activities each day to choose from, which include:

- Swimming
- English sports
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Football
- Cookery
- Arts & Crafts
- Yoga
- Fitness circuits
- Music workshops
- Cricket
- Water polo
- Photo challenges
- Blogging

Additionally, on 1 afternoon each week students will participate in a whole school activity, such as 'Challenge Day', where all students will complete exciting and fun challenges in teams.



**"I love SBC! All the activities are fun and I made many new friends here! I will come back."**

Tina, Student, China



**"A place you should come to at least once in your life."**

Tommaso, Student, Italy



# English Plus<sup>+</sup>

We offer optional English Plus+ courses with students able to select one choice each week, at an additional cost. Our English Plus+ programme provides students with an opportunity to engage in exciting new activities and classes or to develop existing interests and skills. The English Plus+ courses take place on two afternoons per week, replacing the Multi-Activity Programme. The English Plus+ courses available are:

## Intensive English: Speaking

Intensive English: Speaking has been designed to develop our students' English speaking and listening skills with small classes focusing on pronunciation and fluency. This class is ideal for students who would like an extra focus on building spoken confidence and pronunciation skills, as well as speaking and listening strategies.



## Intensive English: Writing

Intensive English: Writing has been designed for students with a Pre-Intermediate to Advanced level of English. This course is tailored to develop students' written English skills, such as essay composition, paragraphing, journalistic writing and creative writing. These valuable skills are transferable to writing components within internationally recognised English examinations.



## Adventure Sports

This course is for our adventurous students and includes Bushcraft, High Ropes, Kayaking, Go Karting, Laserquest and Paint Balling. All activities take place off-site and are run by qualified professional instructors.



## Art & Design

This 2 week course is for creative students looking to develop their artistic skills. Students will focus on painting, sculpture, photography and drawing, creating their own portfolio over the 2 week period and displaying their work for other students to see at the end of the course.



## Horse Riding

Students are taught by British Horse Society approved instructors at their school in the New Forest, which provides some of the finest countryside riding in the South of England. Beginners or experienced riders receive tuition in riding and looking after horses.



## Dance

Students will love our dynamic and vibrant dance classes where they receive tuition in modern styles and street dance by a qualified instructor. The classes are open to students of all abilities and culminate in a performance at the end of their course.



# Evening Activities

Our creative and varied Evening Programme is a very important part of the summer school experience, providing fantastic opportunities for students to have fun and socialise together.

The Evening Programme can include:

- Silly Olympics
- Fashion Shows
- Games Nights
- Movie Nights
- Make a Music Video
- Capture the Flag
- Discos
- Talent Nights
- Sports Tournaments
- Team Challenge
- Wild West Night

## Evening Trips

In addition to the two full day excursions, our students can look forward to another trip off site with a great evening of entertainment at Splashdown Water Park.

**“Finding new friends, learning about other cultures, having fun and, most importantly, learning English in a very motivating environment are all results of an outstanding organization and effort of the whole SBC team. My children are looking forward to spending another exciting summer at SBC.”**

**Markovinović, Parent, Croatia**





# Excursions

Each week our students enjoy 2 full days\* visiting some of the UK's famous tourist attractions. The Excursion Programme combines a mixture of cultural and historic visits with fun-filled days out and a little time for souvenir shopping. The Excursion Programme includes:



## Bournemouth & the Beach

Students will spend the day exploring the coastal town of Bournemouth. With seven miles of golden sand and sparkling sea, plus a vast variety of shops, cafés and gardens, there is something for everyone.

[www.bournemouth.co.uk](http://www.bournemouth.co.uk)



## Oxford

A trip to the picturesque university town of Oxford. Includes a walking tour, a punting boat trip on the River Thames and enough time for some shopping.

[www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com](http://www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com)



## Royal Windsor

Students will spend the day visiting the beautiful and historic town of Windsor, including a river cruise along the River Thames and a trip to see one of The Queen's favourite residences, Windsor Castle.

[www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/windsorcastle](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/windsorcastle)



## Thorpe Park

Enjoy an exhilarating day out at one of the nation's most popular theme parks, with over thirty extreme rides and attractions, and one of the world's most exciting roller coasters!

[www.thorpepark.com](http://www.thorpepark.com)



## Bath

Students will get to enjoy the historic city of Bath, visiting the famous Roman Baths and learning about their 2000 year history. The day continues in the wonderful city of Bath with its stunning architecture and students can soak up the atmosphere of this beautiful city with time for some shopping.

[www.visitbath.co.uk](http://www.visitbath.co.uk)

\*There is one full day excursion during the departure week.



# London Day

A trip to the UK would not be complete without a visit to the bustling capital city of London. During the excursion, students will spend the day in the capital exploring some of its many great attractions, such as Big Ben, the Natural History Museum and Covent Garden. There will also be time for shopping in some of the UK's top high street stores in famous areas such as Oxford Street or Knightsbridge.

The day will be complete with dinner in a London restaurant and either a boat trip on the River Thames or a trip to the beautiful Kew Gardens before returning to Dukes International Summer School.







**“Basically I think that this is one of the best in the world.”**

Alex, Student, Ukraine



## Student Welfare

The staff members at Dukes International Summer School are friendly, dedicated professionals who are passionate about working with children from all around the world. The welfare of our students is our main priority at all times, both on-site at the school and off-site during excursions and trips. With 1 member of staff to every 6 students, we offer a very high level of supervision, ensuring that our students feel supported and cared for every moment of their stay with us.

### Parent Liaison

Our Parent Liaison team has a wealth of experience and many have worked at our summer schools, giving them a valuable insight to summer school life. Your Parent Liaison is your main point of contact and works closely with you and the team at the school to ensure your child has the very best experience at Dukes International Summer School.

### School Management

Our Management team take responsibility for every aspect of student welfare, along with the day to day running of the school. The Director of Studies oversees the Academic Programme, whilst the Summer School Director, supported by the Welfare Coordinator, Student Director and House Parents ensure that the students are fully engaged in summer school life and are happy and well during their stay. The Social Programme Coordinator leads the team of Activity Leaders to provide a dynamic and engaging Activity Programme. Together, all of our Managers see that every aspect of the school runs smoothly, safely and offers every child the chance to participate fully.

### House Parents

House Parents are key members of summer school staff whose main duty is overseeing the welfare of our students. The House Parents are always available in the boarding houses and also help during break and meal times. They offer our students a friendly face with whom they can discuss any specific welfare issues.

### Teachers

The 6 different English course options are all taught by our professionally qualified teachers, with two 90 minute lessons taking place on five mornings each week. Our teachers also assist in ensuring the general welfare of students, as well as playing their part in leading the activities and excursions.

### Activity Leaders

Our Activity Leaders are responsible for implementing the Activity Programme and Excursion Programme. The Activity Leaders ensure that the students are enjoying the activities, that they are having fun and practising their English.

### Safeguarding

Summer Boarding Courses is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We have a comprehensive Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which all employees, volunteers and contractors are expected to adhere to.