



Teenagers | Newbury, England

Scholar English - Summer courses

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Key points

Small class sizes ensure that each student receives individual attention from their tutors, providing a learning experience which is unique to their needs. This close proximity between students and teachers fosters close relationships and a supportive environment, which builds confidence amongst the young learners and encourages them to succeed.

Teachers challenge students to achieve to the maximum of their potential, and set milestones and goals for each student, with constant evaluation. This sets the pace for each learner to surpass their academic expectations and achieve more than they thought possible.

In tandem with English language development, the course piques the intellectual curiosity of the learners by exposing them to a range of authentic sources from different academic subjects, which in turn develops their critical thinking skills as they discuss and analyse them.

The mix of nationalities in the classroom and the wide range of materials covered creates an international outlook amongst students, broadening their horizons and exposing them to new ideas, cultures and ways of thinking.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

To develop intellectual maturity in teenagers

Intensive summer English language course to develop intellectual maturity in teenagers. This intensive English language summer course acts as a prelude to higher education.

Scholar English

OISE Newbury Study Hall delivers 'trajectory education'. As a stepping stone from pupils' backgrounds towards their ambitions, the course helps each learner to forge their own learning practices in harmony with their personality.

The course is a useful revision of the fundamentals of the language including grammar, vocabulary, written expression and spoken performance. In addition, students are exposed to a wide mix of topics including current affairs, history, literature, etc which are taught in English.

Summer courses available:

07.06.26 - 29.08.26

[SAMPLE TIMETABLE \(IN PDF FORMAT\)](#)

Academic programme

Unlike traditional language courses designed to teach the mechanics of the language as an end in itself, the Scholar English programme provides language development through an all-encompassing school programme delivered in English. The aim of the course is to develop the child's education in English, to expand their knowledge via the medium of English and encourage them to form their own opinions, in English.

Programme content

Grammar and pronunciation are embedded throughout all lessons. The programme includes a rich variety of content including:

- workshops in creative writing
- guidance in essay writing
- journalism workshops
- biographies
- debates
- Book Club
- career subject tasters
- guided research projects with presentations
- group discussions
- eloquence 'walkshops'
- training in philosophical thinking, etc.

Option: Intensive Exam Skills

For students who are interested to prepare for an English language exam, there is the option to take the Exam Preparation option. These programmes teach exam strategies for the IELTS English exam, the Cambridge B2 (first)

English exam and the Cambridge C1 (CAE) English exam. The programmes provide extensive practice tests with feedback against mark schemes so that pupils feel confident going into the exam. Pupils also have dedicated language lessons to ensure they cover the exam vocabulary and grammar. The exam strategies which are taught, help students to navigate the exam with ease and to understand the requirements of the exam, allowing them to approach the exam with confidence and achieve the best results.

EXPECTATIONS

Course outcomes

- Language: students gain the ability to speak and write in English with confidence and accuracy, whilst feeling comfortable using the language.
- Personal development: students increase their self-assurance.
- Cultural awareness: students gain a cultural awareness that is useful to them in their further studies and higher education.
- Academic subjects: students gain foundation knowledge of a wide range of academic subjects which helps students to choose pathways in their further higher education.

OISE PROFESSORS

Tutors are selected for their qualifications, their experience and their subject specialisms

ACCOMMODATION

Residence at Newbury

Students stay in single study bedrooms, each with a private bathroom.

The school is equipped with fire and burglar alarms as well as CCTV. At 22:00, the main gate is locked, and the main entrance of the residence and the corridors are alarmed, to prevent students from entering other student's corridors at night. Students will each have their own key card which lets them enter the residence building and only their own room. There is a safe in the school office in which students can keep any valuables they wish.

All meals are prepared daily using quality, fresh ingredients from local suppliers to deliver a well balanced and varied menu of dishes. Meat, fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered daily to ensure quality and freshness. Fruit is always available as well as milk, hot drinks for the morning and afternoon break. In the evenings we also have fruit, milk, hot drinks plus biscuits and other snacks available. The chef and catering team are trained to cater for all dietary needs and requirements, including food allergies and religious food restrictions.

LOCATION

The town of Newbury

Newbury is an historic market town about an hour from London and also within easy reach of Oxford, Winchester and Bath. Dating from the 11th century, the town has a population of around 30,000 and boasts a beautiful town centre with a picturesque canal and superb facilities including a wide range of shops, cafes and restaurants. In addition there is a modern local cinema, excellent theatres and a whole host of sporting opportunities.

Arrival/departure transfers - Shuttle service

On arrival days, a shuttle is scheduled to leave for the school at the following times:

- Gatwick airport: 18.00;
- Heathrow airport: 18.00;
- St. Pancras: 18.00

Students should choose a flight/ train that lands / arrives 90 minutes before the shuttle departure. They should also be aware that the earlier they arrive the longer their wait at the airport/station. A representative will be at the airport or station 6 hours before the departure of the shuttle to welcome the students and provide assistance.

On departure days, a shuttle will drop the students at the following time:

- Gatwick airport: 11.30;
- Heathrow airport: 11.30;
- St. Pancras: 11.30

Students should choose a flight or train that departs at least 2 hours after the above drop off times. They should also be aware that the later the flight the longer the wait. A representative will stay at the airport or the station 5 hours after the arrival of the shuttle to provide assistance while waiting to go through the departures gate.

For arrival transfer outside of the times of the Shuttle Service

For any students who require a transfer service at a time or on a date other than those served by the OISE Shuttle service, OISE will provide contact details of a local taxi service so that the student can arrange a personal taxi meeting service directly with the taxi provider.

CULTURE

Sample day

A full day of intensive English learning

The course lessons take place from 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs from Monday to Friday.

In addition, the day includes homework sessions in which the student can prepare content for upcoming lessons. Each morning and afternoon includes a break in which students can relax and help themselves to refreshments.

The school offers plenty of quiet spaces in which students can do personal work and reading.

0900 hrs to 1100 hrs

Lessons

Morning break

1130 hrs to 1300 hrs

Lessons

Lunch break

1400 hrs to 1500 hrs

Lessons

Afternoon break

1530 hrs to 1700 hrs

Lessons

1700 hrs to 1830 hrs

Homework Clubs

Evenings and weekends

The course includes extra-curricular activities such as full-day excursions, social evenings, quiz nights, movie nights and hobby clubs.

Freedoms and permissions: pupils will not be allowed to leave the school premises or leave the group during activities unsupervised, unless they are over 14 and the school has received parental consent. The full supervision and curfew policy is available on request.

The level of supervision is structured to keep every pupil safe: the accommodation is attached to the teaching building within the same fenced grounds. (with security gate). Throughout the stay, pupils enjoy a high staff / student ratio: the minimum of one adult to 15 pupils is often increased up to 10 and

sometimes 5.

activity noticeboard

yoga

art and craft

museum visits

cookery workshop

sports and games

london excursion

sports and games

English tea

oxford excursion

history field trip

lesson

lesson

OISE AMBASSADORS

Feedback

Ella

Newbury

One tutor - 8 students

- *'My favourite session on a Monday is Book Club. This week, I chose a James Bond book, because my Dad likes James Bond films!'*

Hubert

Newbury

One tutor - 8 students

- *'I came on this course to improve my essay writing. I like writing in English, but sometimes I find it hard to organise my thoughts into a clear format - my Mum says my writing is good, but very confusing! So I asked the tutors to show me how to arrange the information in a better way. It was helpful because they gave me some methods to follow. I think my writing is better now.'*

Isabella

Newbury

One tutor - 8 students

- *'I like it that the lessons are not only English language. We do some History which is nice because I am learning about the history of England, which we do not do in my English lessons in my own school. I really like the stories of all of the Kings and Queens of England.'*

USEFUL INFORMATION

Price includes

The price is all inclusive, i.e. covers the full academic programme, all 3 meals a day, accommodation in individual en-suite bedrooms, evening activity programme, excursions and very close supervision throughout the pupils' stay. The price also includes all books and teaching material.

What's not included in the price:

1-The costs for taking an exam: to cover the exam fee and supervised transport to the exam venue.

2-Health insurance to cover medical charges while in Newbury. This insurance cover should be bought in the student's own country before leaving home.

3-The transfer service on arrival and departure.

Need help choosing the course that best fits your personal needs? Contact us!

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