



Teenagers | Newbury, England

Scholar English - Short courses all year

Octorial™

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

Scholar English

The course is 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.

[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 concept of gaining bilingual status through immersion in subjects which were the preserve of the first language, raises the profile of second language to be equal to the first language. 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.

Meaningful content

Workshops in creative writing, guidance in essay writing, journalism workshops based on the school's cultural calendar, biographies, debates, literature, reciprocal reading, subject tasters, guided research projects with presentations, book club with presentations and discussions, eloquence 'walkshops', training in philosophical thinking, etc. Grammar and pronunciation are embedded throughout all lessons.

Option: Intensive Exam Skills

These programmes teach exam strategies (for example IELTS) and 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

EXPECTATIONS

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 cultural awareness and their self-assurance.

OISE PROFESSORS

Tutors are selected for their qualifications and their areas of specialist knowledge

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

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.

CULTURE

Cultural Experience

The course includes extra-curricular activities such as field trips, social evenings, 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 at Newbury is structured to keep every pupil safe: the accommodation is attached to the teaching building within the same fenced grounds. 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.

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OISE AMBASSADORS

Louis

Newbury

The Octorial Programme

- *'I took a one week course in my October school vacation. I was happy to be able to do this because I was not free to come to England in the summer vacation, so this was a good chance for me. The course was intensive and I managed to get a lot of work done. I liked doing the work in a fast, concentrated way in one week - it felt dynamic.'*

Margot

Newbury

The Octorial Programme

- *'I like the immersion: English food, English people, English books and TV. It helped me to absorb all of these things. I like the character of England and I think I would like to come back here to study when I am older. I want to research English universities, especially London.'*

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 and pastoral activities 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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