



YOUNG ENGLISH LEARNING

IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND



WELCOME TO BURY ST EDMUNDS

Near Cambridge, Bury St Edmunds is a beautiful and historic market town in the county of Suffolk. It plays a very important part in English history. It was here, in 1214, that the barons swore they would force King John to accept the Charter of Liberties, later known as the Magna Carta. King Henry VIII's sister, Mary, is buried in St Mary's Church, and the ruined abbey, with its magnificent gardens, was a shrine to Saint Edmund, king of the East Angles.

Bury St Edmunds has a striking combination of architecture from the Medieval era and elegant Georgian squares and the glorious Cathedral with its Millennium Tower, to magnificent gardens and ultra modern facilities.

Bury St Edmunds has a population of 45,000 and is on a train line and coach service to London. London is 80 miles away, Cambridge 28 miles, Ipswich 26 miles and Newmarket 14 miles. For more information on Bury St Edmunds, go to www.visit-burystedmunds.co.uk

Bury St Edmunds is a wonderful location with lots to see and do for teenagers. Of cultural interest for students, there are art galleries, a museum with Roman artefacts, a modern auditorium and concert hall and one of the oldest operating Regency theatres in England. For more relaxed enjoyment, there is the Bury Bowl ten pin bowling alley, excellent sporting facilities including swimming pools with

water slides, Planet Laser indoor amusement centre, the Curvemotion roller skating rink and a multiplex cinema complex. Facilities for football games, volleyball, tennis and mini golf are around the town, in the gardens, open spaces and modern leisure centre.



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

“In 1995, having taught in a number of countries, I founded a Language School in beautiful, historic and vibrant Bury St Edmunds. From small beginnings, we have welcomed tens of thousands of international students from over 90 different countries around the world. The Adult and Junior Centres are in separate centrally located premises and each is a beautiful period building. Bury St Edmunds is bursting with independent shops and lots to do for all ages. Cambridge and London are both within easy reach too. We are a dynamic school constantly evolving and developing new courses to meet the needs of our international students - whether for an individual adult or a group of younger learners.

Our aim is to inspire learning in everything that we do – motivating lessons, interesting trips, engaging activities and a fun social programme. We strive to help each and every student achieve their learning goals in a friendly, stimulating, supportive and inclusive environment.

My role these days is marketing which means I am often a broad meeting Language Travel partners. When there is a classic car parked in front of the Adult centre, people know that I am at school. We are about the people, students, staff, and host families. I am indebted to the care and dedication of everyone who works here and very proud of the school.”



*Patrick Murphy
Founder*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“I truly believe that Bury St Edmunds is the perfect destination to stay and study English. We are situated in the heart of this vibrant town, providing a safe yet stimulating environment for our students. As a father of four children, I understand how important choosing a school can be. Good schools are built on the efforts of good people, and I believe that our staff and students are among the very best. Why not come and judge for yourselves? We would be delighted to meet you!”



*Ben Logan
Principal*

WHY CHOOSE US?



- Over 20 years of experience in younger learners' courses
- University of Cambridge Registered Training centre
- Trinity College London Registered Exam Centre
- Accredited for peace of mind (British Council)
- We are the only accredited language school in Bury St Edmunds
- London Stansted Airport is only 45 minutes away



Want to spend the Summer in England? Make new friends from around the world? Learn new skills? Join our Summer Junior Programme!

JUNIOR SUMMER (10-17)

Immerse yourself in English language and culture with an exciting, supervised programme. The course combines intensive English language classes with cultural activities, sports, social events and integrated excursions to world famous cities like London and Cambridge. Living with a host family gives students the opportunity to experience English daily life.

JUNIOR SYLLABUS

Our passion is for you to succeed at learning English. We have been running English courses since 1995 and what makes us special is the dedication and focus that the teachers put into each and every lesson to make them interesting, stimulating and intensive. The Director of Studies regularly observes classes so that the our ethos is maintained and enhanced. We cover all of the main skills of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening as well as grammar and vocabulary with a focus on communication. Our courses use modern, up to date course materials and resources that reflect this. Our aim is to significantly boost every student's English in a short time ready for school or university in September. This aim is partly achieved through our unique Crystal Clear Speaking module, where the students focus on clarity and avoiding misunderstandings when using English in a wide range of contexts. Homework is set every day and tests are given every week.

HOMESTAY

We strongly believe that our host families are an important part of our success. Students become part of a friendly, local home and are encouraged to speak English as much as possible, which helps to quickly develop their communication skills. Host families are carefully selected and checked for safety and for their understanding of international students. The homestay and welfare team regularly check that each and every student is happy throughout the course. Hosts live a maximum 30 minute walk from the school, or the hosts will drive and collect. (Max. 30 minute drive from the school).

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Bury St Edmunds is very safe and provides the perfect environment to encourage students to learn and live. We believe that our combination of intensive English classes,

social and cultural activities, excursions and comfortable, welcoming homestay accommodation provide the perfect way to rapidly learn the language and culture.

HOMEWORK AND WEEKLY TESTS

Every school has homework! On our courses you are asked to study at home for a minimum of one hour per evening; our teachers will provide you with homework each day to help guide this self study. Our programme of studies follows a syllabus which ensures steady progress, and you are tested every Friday to give you the opportunity to check your knowledge, measure your progress and understand where you need to focus your energy to continue improving your English.

HOMEWORK CLUB

We believe in an intensive programme of academic support which is why after classes there is a daily supervised homework session. The aim of this 1-2 hours session is for students to catch up and to quietly work on their new material. There is also opportunity to ask questions. This is ideal for serious students who are waiting to be collected by their host or in between classes and activities.

EVENING SOCIAL PROGRAMME

We want your summer to be packed full of fun, there are two evening activities arranged and supervised by our staff each week of the summer programme. These include teenager discos, British food tasting evenings, team games, bowling, film evenings, Laser Quest plus much more. Our students are given the opportunity to practise their English in a safe, multi-cultural atmosphere.

FEEL REAL PROGRESS

- One-to-one discussions with your teacher and throughout your course.
- You can request a one-to-one talk directly with the Director of Studies about your progress
- You will learn how to improve your results through weekly Progress Tests
- You will receive an End-of-Course Certificate

ENGLISH COURSE FEES INCLUDE

- Carefully inspected host accommodation
- Easy walk to school from accommodation (maximum 30 minutes walk to school) or the host will drive and collect (maximum 30 minute's drive to school).
- Care and support from the Welfare Officer
- 24 hour a day Emergency contact number
- Full level testing before arrival via our online test link
- 21 hours of lessons per week
- A weekly half day excursion to towns and cities around Bury St Edmunds, for example Ipswich, Cambridge and Newmarket as well as places of local interest
- Saturday full day excursions with our activity staff and teachers to cities including London, Cambridge and Norwich
- Students learn about the destinations in class beforehand and are integrated into the programme with follow up worksheets ...it's fun AND learning
- Two evening activities, supervised social programme with our staff
- After class homework clubs
- Sports every week at a modern local leisure centre or in the beautiful Abbey Gardens
- Three meals per day (packed lunches provided by hosts Mon – Sat)
- Course materials all included
- Course certificate upon completion
- Use of internet, with most host accommodation or wireless available at school
- University of Cambridge FCE Syllabus option*

*UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE FIRST CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

Higher level students will learn about the CEFR B2 level exam in the morning classes. It may be possible to sit the exam while at Bury St Edmunds or on return home. Examination fees apply.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

Chauffeured airport meet and greet can be arranged but is not included in the fee. We can also assist students at check-in for their return journey; assisted check in is compulsory for students younger than 16 years old (extra costs apply). Fees available on our website:

VISA INFORMATION

We can give you information regarding student visas and provide you with supporting documents for your visa applications.

NATIONALITIES

Each week brings a unique nationality mix. We love seeing our international students integrating, mixing, and making new friendships. We encourage only English to be spoken in class. New students arrive every week!



A TYPICAL DAY

9:00 ARRIVE AT SCHOOL

- 9:30 – 11:00 1ST MORNING LESSON
- 11:00 – 11:20 MORNING BREAK
- 11:20 – 12:30 2ND MORNING LESSON
- 12:30 – 13:30 LUNCHBREAK
- 13:30 – 14:30 1ST AFTERNOON LESSON
- 14:30 – 14:45 AFTERNOON BREAK
- 14:45 – 15:45 2ND AFTERNOON LESSON
- 16:00 – 17:00 OPTIONAL HOMEWORK CLUB
- 17:00 – 19:00 MAGNA CARTA TRAIL
OR SPORTS (e.g cricket, football, rounders)

19:00 PICKED UP BY HOST,
DINNER WITH FAMILY.



SUMMER JUNIOR ENGLISH & ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

10-17 YEARS



21 HOURS OF ENGLISH LESSONS



24-HOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE IS 15



FIRST AID TRAINED STAFF ONSITE



SATURDAY **FULL** DAY EXCURSIONS (1 PER 13 NIGHT STAY)



1 WEEKLY **HALF** DAY EXCURSION



2 EVENING ACTIVITIES PER WEEK OR EVERY NIGHT FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS



1 AFTERNOON OF LEARNING THROUGH SPORT, DRAMA OR BAKING PER WEEK



ALL STAFF POLICE CHECKED



ALL STAFF CHILD PROTECTION TRAINED



3 MEALS A DAY PACKED LUNCHES MON-SAT



EXCURSION SUPERVISION RATIO 1:15



WI-FI ZONES AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND MOST HOMES



COURSE CERTIFICATE





OUTDOOR ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Air Rifles • Archery • Bouncy Castle • Fencing • Frisby Golf • Horse Riding
Jungle Gym • Orienteering • Parachute Games • Problem Solving • Quad Biking
• Raft Building • Bridge Building (*water*) • Rope Activities (*abseiling, climbing, crate
climb & low ropes*) • Bush Craft (*cooking food on open fire, den and shelter building,
fire construction and lighting, hammock and tarp use, knife use and basic camp
craft, overnight sleep out, saw work, species identification, tracking and campfire*)
Canoeing and Kayaking • Circus skills (*juggling, plate spinning, stilts and slack-lining*).

PICK ANY ACTIVITY AND ADD TO YOUR PROGRAMME

half day £55 per student • optional hot lunch extra £10pp



HOST ACCOMMODATION

Host accommodation and our approach to it is one of the secrets of our success. On registration tell us exactly what is expected from the host experience. Our host coordinator will choose the best option. During the stay our host coordinator will talk to students to ensure they are settling in and happy with the host accommodation. Our inspections meet British Council standards, interviews and revisits are all overseen by our host coordinator.

A profile of the host family we have selected will be issued about 2 weeks before student's arrival and once full fees have been received.

The host will provide a bed, breakfast, a packed lunch to bring to school and an evening meal each day. The host will provide towels and bedding and will offer a weekly laundry service. There will be access to bath or shower facilities every day.

Students will have either a single or shared room. Some hosts can accommodate more than one student at the same time. The maximum number of students sharing a host family at the same time is four.



THE HOST EXPERIENCE

- We have over 20 years of experience in arranging great host families
- Hosts can be emailed before arrival
- Feel welcome
- Become part of the home
- Conversation practice
- A comfortable clean room
- Three meals – breakfast, lunch (packed lunch when at school or on a full-day trip) sit down dinner with host
- Somewhere to study in quiet
- Maximum 30-minute walk to or 30-minute drive by host to and from school.

ACCOMMODATION START AND FINISH

Homestay accommodation bookings start from the Sunday afternoon before the course starts, until the Saturday morning after the course finishes. Extra nights can be booked if needed (subject to availability).

WE CARE ABOUT YOU

Homestay is our most popular accommodation option, and we like to choose the right host for you. Our accommodation co-ordinator is based in the school reception. If at any time you have any questions or problems, speak to us and we will help.





*'They are the best hosts ever!
I'd like to return to
their house again'*

Ksenia, Russia, 2017



RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Springfield House is a beautiful Victorian villa situated in the centre of the town with restaurants and local amenities minutes away. It was a former three-star guesthouse and provides comfortable and convenient accommodation. Our friendly English staff member lives on site to welcome students on arrival, help them settle in and resolve any problems they may have whilst staying in the house.

ACCOMMODATION

Springfield House is fully furnished and comprises 12 bedrooms, each with its own private bathroom facilities. There is a communal kitchen and large dining room. In addition, there are large private gardens leading to the car parking area and the other English residence, Spring Lane Cottage. The property has individually controlled central heating in all rooms. Every room has its own hand-basin, shower and WC. Six of the rooms have en-suite facilities. The others have private bathrooms situated close to each room. There is Wi-Fi internet access in designated wi-fi zones.



CATERING

English can provide all meals on site as requested. Hot or cold lunch options are possible. Meal times can also be flexible to allow for full day trips. English has a maximum 5-star rating for food hygiene awarded by our local council.

FACILITIES

There is free ground-floor Wi-Fi, a TV and DVD player within the games room for students to share. There is access to a BBQ in the communal gardens and areas to sit and socialise outside. In summer students can play table tennis too.





*'All the things were nice
and very amazing!'*

Gervard, Spain, 2017



EXCITING PLACES TO VISIT

CAMBRIDGE

- 40 minutes away from Bury St Edmunds
- Explore one of the famous historical Universities
- Go punting and enjoy “The Backs” from the water
- Visit one of the many museums such as the Fitzwilliam or the famous King’s College Chapel



IPSWICH

- 40 minutes away from Bury St Edmunds
- Discover local history at Ipswich Museum and works by famous Suffolk artists Gainsborough and Constable at Christchurch Mansion
- Shop in the centre of this busy county town and take time out at the stylish marina



LONDON

- 90 minutes away from Bury St Edmunds
- See the famous sights, Buckingham Palace, Westminster, Covent Garden, Tower Bridge, London Eye and Piccadilly Circus
- Shop in the famous stores Harrods, Selfridges or along Oxford Street
- Or explore the London markets
- Visit one of the fascinating museums; the Natural History, Science Museum or British Museum



NEWMARKET

- 25 minutes away from Bury St Edmunds
- Visit Palace House the NEW National Heritage Centre for Horseracing & Sporting Art
- Explore the Newmarket High Street shopping



NORWICH

- 60 minutes away from Bury St Edmunds
- View the beautiful Cathedral
- Visit the Castle and its eerie dungeons
- Explore the boutique shops and cafes in “The Lanes”
- Visit one of the largest street markets in the UK



WEST STOW

- 15 minutes away from Bury St Edmunds
- Recreate life in Anglo Saxon times

COLCHESTER

- 55 minutes away from Bury St Edmunds
- Discover the history of the oldest recorded town in the UK
- Explore the Keep at the 11th century Castle, the largest ever built in Britain





- 1 Adult Centre
- 2 Spring Lane Residence for Adults
- 3 Springfield Junior Centre & Residence
- 4 Angel Hill Junior Centre
- 5 Public Swimming Pool and Gym
- 6 University Campus Suffolk
- 7 Arc Shopping Mall
- 8 Cornhill Shopping Mall
- 9 Multiscreen Cinema
- 10 Public Library
- 11 Bus Station
- 12 Train Station
- 13 Moyses Hall Museum
- 14-23 Restaurants
- 24 Co-Op Supermarket
- 25 Tesco Express Supermarket
- 26 Waitrose Supermarket
- 27 Iceland Supermarket
- 28 Cathedral
- 29 Tourist Information Centre
- 30 Public Tennis Courts
- 31 Apex Concert Hall





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