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## INTRODUCTION

Ardmore's Horse Riding Academy offers a fantastic opportunity for students interested in Equestrianism to combine their English lessons with a horse riding programme based at Ardmore's language centre in Bath. We aim to provide a lively, exciting, and safe environment for each child to develop his or her riding skills as well as their written and spoken English.



## WHO CAN TAKE PART

Ardmore's Horse Riding Academy is aimed at boys and girls between the ages of 9-17. Each year we are pleased to welcome students from all over the world to the Horse Riding Academy. Our highly qualified, friendly instructors offer great advice and encouragement for new riders and draw on years of experience to help the more advanced equestrians improve their riding skills and gain further confidence. So whether your students are complete beginners through to advanced riders they are sure to enjoy this great British riding experience.

## DAY TO DAY

Students attending the Academy will be fully immersed in all things equestrian. The Academy includes both Horse Riding and Horse Care as part of each session. Depending on how the individual course is run, days will start with 'mucking out' of stables and feeding the horses. All aspects of cleaning, grooming and the general care of these beautiful creatures will be covered as well as vital information on their nutritional needs.

Boys and girls on each course will be assessed on their skill and confidence and the horses they ride will be selected for them based on this information. Trained veterinarians will be on hand to take care of the horses' medical needs but students will be instructed on the general care of horses on each course. An important part of caring about horses is learning about the equipment, known as 'tack'. Students will be involved in learning how to use, clean and maintain tack, a fundamentally important part of equestrianism.



### ENGLISH LESSONS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

We will take care of all teaching and welfare aspects of the course and the students that attend the Academy will be mixed with students on our international summer course to provide the best possible integration opportunities.

The lessons will be conducted in English immersing the students in the English language and enhancing their listening and speaking skills. The lessons will cover a variety of topics that can be used in every day conversation with equestrian specific vocabulary being taught around the stables and paddocks . The students will be placed into groups according to age and ability.

A Placement Test designed to assess English ability will be completed on arrival with an Exit Test before departure to record the student's progress whilst on the course. In the evenings, the students will have supervised evening activities with students from our international summer course to encourage integration with other students and to promote cultural understanding.

#### Price includes:

- Full board accommodation
- 15 lessons per week in international classes
- 12 hours of the Horse Riding Academy with qualified instructors
- Use of horse riding equipment (students must bring shoes / boots with a heel)
- 1 full day excursion per week
- 1 half day excursion per week
- Placement Test on arrival
- Exit test on departure
- Evaluation Certificate on completion of course
- Evening activity Programme

Students will have the chance to meet, socialise and ride horses with other like minded students from all over the world. Their use of practical and conversational English combined with their daily language classes will help to improve their spoken and written English.



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## BERKSHIRE COLLEGE, MAIDENHEAD

Berkshire College is a perfect location for students wishing to attend an English Language course. It is set in extensive grounds with a historic Mansion House. Our classrooms and common room are located within the Mansion House with the accommodation blocks nearby.

This centre offers fantastic facilities including football and rugby pitches, an outdoor activity centre and a large modern canteen. Its close proximity to London and the quick transfer time from all the London airports make it a very popular centre for all students who wish to improve their English and enjoy cultural visits to London, Windsor, Oxford and Reading.

### ACCOMMODATION

- Residential. Maximum number of beds 200
- Twin, triples and multi-bedded rooms – most with hand basins. Some single rooms available
- Homestay. Carefully selected host family accommodation available in Maidenhead on a full board basis.

### FACILITIES

- New sports hall (2014)
- Football and Rugby pitches
- Classrooms
- Large modern dining room
- Outdoor Activity Centre (supplementary cost)



29 km from Heathrow  
89 km from Gatwick  
122 km from Stansted



Central London – 53 km  
Full day London excursion



Residential and Homestay Programme



Suitable for groups and individual students



Horse Riding Academy



Tennis Academy



Golf Academy

**Trinity**

Trinity Examination



Intensive English



European City Tours Available



Adult to Student ratio 1:10 min

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