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**DULWICH
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Welcome

Welcome to Our World English Schools, providers of high quality summer courses since 1989. Over the last 32 years we have grown steadily; each year new groups and individuals join us and many return year after year.

Integration at all levels, from classroom to boarding house, is the key to the truly international flavour of our courses, in which communicating in English becomes a passport to new friendships and understanding.

Our World represents a global village in keeping with the spirit of the age and the British Council accreditation, which we have had for over 20 years, provides an assurance of the high quality of our courses. We look forward to welcoming you this summer, and to helping you discover what makes Our World such a special place.

I look forward to coming back to Our World year after year. It is a privilege to be able to spend my summers in such beautiful surroundings and an absolute honour to meet such incredible children and teenagers from all over the world.

Stephen, Centre Manager



You are Our World



A family atmosphere lies at the heart of our courses. Each student's welfare is of vital importance to us, and our staff are on hand to guarantee your peace of mind. You can rest assured that Our World revolves around you.

Supervision and Welfare

Our schools has an appropriate ratio of staff to students and many of our team return year after year. Our English teachers are suitably qualified, and we employ a team of enthusiastic and capable activities staff who help the students

- Excellent teaching resources and carefully selected staff
- Lively programme of social activities each evening
- Two full-day excursions each week for sightseeing and culture

make the most of our exciting sporting and social programme.

Staff trained in first aid are resident on all courses. Students enjoy three meals each day, with a wide range of salads and hot dishes. Vegetarian meals are available and other dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Drinks and snacks are provided during break times.

Single and twin bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, are cleaned each day for the students; all bedlinen is provided and changed weekly. Clothes are laundered for students on a weekly basis.

- Careful supervision ensuring safety and well-being
- Imaginative, effective and original courses
- Inclusive packages with no hidden extra costs

I really like my room because it has everything I need

Macario, Mexico



Dulwich College

We are proud to reflect that we have been offering summer courses at London's prestigious Dulwich College since 1989.

The College is most fortunate to own such extensive green spaces so close to central London; a safe and quiet village setting only about 20 minutes' drive from the city centre.

Dulwich College was founded in 1619 by an associate of William Shakespeare and the splendid buildings at the heart of its campus date back to 1868.

As well as valuing its great tradition, Dulwich College is dedicated to providing the very best in modern classrooms, computing, accommodation and sports facilities. The College offers summer students not just a London course in a village setting, but also a 21st century campus in a historic environment.

The boarding houses in which students are accommodated, Blew House and Ivyholme, each have en-suite bathroom facilities comprising singles and twin rooms. Catering is of a high standard, with full English and continental breakfasts on offer, and a good selection of hot meals and salads available at lunch and dinner. On excursion days, students are supplied with a packed lunch containing a sandwich, pasta or noodle pot, along with fruit, snacks and water.

- Our courses have run here since 1989
- Boys and girls aged 12-17
- A residential setting on the edge of London
- Top UK school founded in 1619
- Beautiful Victorian Buildings in a 70 acre campus
- Accommodation; single and twin en-suite rooms
- Indoor heated swimming pool and extensive sports facilities

The scenic location of the Dulwich campus gives students the perfect base to explore the cultural highlights of London and the South East of England. The Campus strikes a balance being a state-of-the-art teaching environment and a historic venue of architectural beauty, which encourages students to appreciate the history of the British educational tradition. - Beckie, Course Leader





English plus Activity

General English

General English classes are designed to build confidence through communicating in English and intensive classroom teaching in small groups of up to 15 students.

Students are streamed by age and ability and are tested at the beginning of the course and placed in a class of the appropriate level. During the course, teachers monitor students' progress and an academic report and a certificate are awarded at the end of the course. Our syllabus is designed

to suit the needs of our students, providing them with practical language skills. The aim of the course is to improve English comprehension skills, along with grammar and pronunciation, as well as building confidence in communicating through English.

General English classes are comprised of three hours per day of teaching time, five days per week. All English teachers are suitably qualified and our courses are accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Language Activities

In addition to General English classes, all students on the English plus Activity courses experience a wide range of activities designed to give them the opportunity to develop new skills, whilst using their spoken English in a specific context.

Students move on to a new activity each day, including: journalism, creative writing/story telling, vlogging, cookery, drama, and arts and crafts. Classes last for 90 minutes and focus on the development of speaking and listening skills.

Sports

A fantastic mixture of sports are offered to students each day. They can practice their skills or use the opportunity to learn new ones with our sports and activity leaders, who ensure that the highest levels of safety are maintained at all times.

Activities include: basketball, badminton, table tennis, dance, volleyball, swimming, rounders, soccer, tennis, aerobics.

- 15 hours of General English classes per week
- 6 hours of Language Activities classes and cultural events per week
- 6 hours of sports per week
- Varied social programme
- Two full-day excursions per week to London and beyond

Intensive IELTS Exam Preparation

Our IELTS course is perfect for those wanting to learn more about the IELTS examination, improve their exam skills, and to develop their academic English. Students have the option of sitting the exam at the end of their course at an IELTS test centre.

The course is open to students with an upper intermediate (B2) level of English or above.

A level test will be provided to students who wish to determine suitability prior to booking the course. Students are taught by suitably qualified exam preparation teachers.

All students will have the opportunity to integrate and make friends with those on other courses during the excursions, boarding and evening social programme.

Intensive IELTS Exam Preparation

This course is suitable for those who wish to focus solely on preparing for an IELTS exam, focussing on IELTS exam techniques and strategies, preparing students for each element of the academic English exam. There is ample time for past paper practice and individual feedback.

- A minimum of 24 hours of IELTS preparation
- Varied social programme
- Two full-day excursions

I had the most fun at Dulwich College making friends from all over the world and at the same time, prepared effectively for the IELTS exam with the help of the best teachers I could ask for!

It was the best summer school experience I've ever had.

Idil, Turkey





Excursions

The weekly London trip offers students a range of options combining cultural/historical attractions with sightseeing and shopping.

There are two full-day excursions each week to London and beyond.

Destinations in London may include:

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, Madame Tussauds or London museums.

Students will also visit other top UK destinations which may include:

Warner Bros. Studio Tour and The Making of Harry Potter, Brighton, Cambridge, Oxford, Whipsnade Zoo or Chessington World of Adventures.

All travel costs and entry fees are included and a packed lunch is provided.

I like the excursions because we always go somewhere different. We are able to choose where to go and what we'd like to do.

Alexson, Hong Kong

Social events

Part of the special atmosphere of Our World English Schools comes from the close friendships which develop between students. Many of them keep in touch after the summer is over, and many come back year after year. The wide range of nationalities provides a fascinating insight into other cultures.

After a full day of English lessons, activities and sports in the evenings, students enjoy a lively programme of social activities. Each week there is a varied social programme with fun events such as a disco, barbecue, challenge event, treasure hunt and sports competition or similar.

Students also have some free time to spend in the boarding house, common rooms and computer facilities, or relaxing in the extensive grounds. There are special events too, such as Quiz Night and the highly enjoyable Talent Show in which students and Our World staff share the spotlight.

The Talent Show was amazing. I had so much fun, especially watching the staff take part.

Ahmed, UAE





PROVIDING AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE



Sports

There is a huge range of indoor and outdoor sporting activities in some of the best school sports facilities in the UK: spacious gymnasiums, indoor heated swimming pools, tennis courts and running tracks.

Students choose which sports activity they would like to take part in each day. They can practice their skills or use the opportunity to learn new ones with our sports and activity leaders, who ensure that the highest levels of safety are maintained at all times.

- ACTIVITIES ON OFFER MAY INCLUDE:
- basketball
 - badminton
 - table tennis
 - dance
 - volleyball
 - swimming
 - rounders
 - soccer
 - tennis
 - aerobics

I love the sports activities and particularly enjoyed playing volleyball, football and breakdancing with my friends.

Abdullah, Saudi Arabia



General Information

Course staff

Our World English Schools offers an excellent ratio of staff to students, according to the ethos and high standard of student care that our courses follow. We employ carefully selected and suitably qualified teachers in the classroom and responsible members of activities staff to organise and run an extensive social and excursion programme.

Our centre is led by a Centre Manager who is directly responsible for the welfare of all students and staff. He/she leads a team of teaching, activities and welfare staff who teach the students in the classroom, accompany them on excursions, instruct and supervise the students' social programme and ensure high levels of safety and welfare. Most staff are also resident in the boarding houses with students. We employ a team of enthusiastic and capable staff who ensure the students' safety, wellbeing and enjoyment at all times in order for the students to gain the maximum possible benefit from the course.

Arrivals and departures

Students should arrive at and depart from London Gatwick or London Heathrow airport or London St Pancras Station. The return UK transfer is included in the package price for flights/trains scheduled to arrive/ depart between 10am and 4pm.

Students will be met at the airport or train station by a member of Our World staff at the appropriate exit point, carrying a board with the Our World English Schools logo and the student's name. If several students arrive at a similar time of day, some may be asked to wait until we have met another arrival before leaving the airport or station. Upon departure, Our World staff

will accompany students to the airport or station and will stay until they have gone through security into the departure area.

Students must have a valid return travel ticket, complete with a time and date. It is essential that we are kept informed of any changes to the students' travel arrangements. Parents must not assume that we have received details of changes until they are acknowledged by us in writing.

Meals

Students will have most of their meals in the school dining hall. A large selection of hot and cold options are on offer for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with vegetarian options also available. Drinks and snacks are provided during break times.

Any special dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Packed lunches will be provided on excursions. Pocket money and valuables All course expenses are included in the course fees, however, students may want to bring a small amount of pocket money for souvenirs and other expenses e.g. UK sim cards. We believe £100 - £150 per week should be adequate. Upon the student's arrival, their passport, pocket money and other documents will be collected and a banking service will be available.

In the interests of safeguarding, student bedrooms do not have locks on the doors. Valuables may be left with the Centre Manager in the Course Office. Our World English Schools disclaims responsibility for loss or damage to students' personal possessions, money and other valuables, except when officially banked with us.

Student accommodation

Girls and boys are accommodated separately and may only mix in the recreational areas. The student residences include single and twin bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. Bed linen will be provided and changed once a week.

Clothes and laundry

Clothes are laundered once a week by the school. Students may be expected to sort out their own clothes when they are returned clean, so it is a good idea to have name tapes on items which are not readily identifiable, such as white T-shirts. Students must bring their own towels and toiletries.

Student safety and welfare

All staff are safeguarding trained and several are also trained in First Aid. Students will be taken to the local health centre or hospital when necessary. Please include any relevant medical details on the application and medical forms.

The students are under the supervision of the course staff when they are off-campus, except where they have written permission from their parents and course staff to have free time (within a designated area) during shopping times.

Insurance

Students are advised to arrange insurance cover for personal possessions and medical treatment.

COURSE REGULATIONS

1. Students will be subject to the course rules. In particular, they will be required to attend all meals, lessons and arranged activities and excursions.
2. Students will be responsible for keeping their own rooms tidy.
3. All damages to property, equipment and rooms will be charged to the students and must be settled within 24 hours.
4. Consumption of alcohol by students is not permitted (note it is against the law in Britain for persons under the age of 18 to purchase alcohol). Alcohol must not be brought into the school premises by students of any age.
5. Drug-taking or suspicion of drug-taking of any kind will result in immediate dismissal.
6. Smoking is not permitted in school premises at any time.
7. Girls and boys may not enter each other's bedrooms or other designated areas under any circumstances.
8. Students will be required to be in their rooms and to maintain silence at a certain time prescribed by the Centre Manager.
9. Bullying will not be tolerated and may, at the discretion of the Centre Manager, result in expulsion from the course.
10. Students will be expected to show courtesy to all course staff and domestic staff and to behave in a civilised manner on and off the campus.

NB: Students breaking any of the rules of the course they are attending may be dismissed within 24 hours at their own expense and without refund.

FAQ

IF I AM INTERESTED IN BOOKING A COURSE WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Contact our office to check availability
- We will hold a place for you whilst you complete the online booking form and other relevant forms
- A deposit of £575 is payable to secure your place

WHAT IF I REQUIRE A VISA TO COME TO THE UK?

- On receipt of your booking form and deposit we will issue a letter of confirmation to support your visa application

HOW CAN I PAY FOR MY COURSE?

- We accept payment by Flywire (via our online booking system)

WHAT DO I DO AFTER I HAVE PAID MY DEPOSIT?

- The balance of fees is due by 1st June 2022
- On receipt of full payment we will send you airport transfer confirmation and the student handbook which contains useful information about your course
- All students arriving on our courses are met at the point of arrival in the UK and accompanied to the centre
- Students are strongly encouraged to take out insurance for medical and personal possessions cover; please contact us if you require assistance

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE ON MY COURSE?

- Students must arrive and depart on Mondays on the dates advertised on the Fees and Dates section on our website
- Return transfers are included free of charge to/from Heathrow and Gatwick airports and London train stations between 10am and 4pm (supplements which apply outside these times are listed with our Fees and Dates on our website)





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