

### COURSES FOR YOUNG LEARNERS 2018

VACATION COURSES – EASTER (26 MARCH – 6 APRIL) & SUMMER (11 JUNE – 31 AUGUST)

INTENSIVE COURSES – SUMMER (11 JUNE – 31 AUGUST) & AUTUMN (1 – 26 OCTOBER)

‘A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE’ (EL GAZETTE SEPT 2017)

Sidmouth International School has been successfully running courses for young learners since 1983. A team of teachers and activity leaders organise a varied programme of teaching and leisure activities specially designed for this age group. Our aim is to provide the special care and supervision required by younger students, in the safe and secure environment of this small seaside town.

### JUNIOR (8 - 11 YEARS) & TWEENS (12 - 13 YEARS) VACATION COURSES – EASTER & SUMMER

Both courses are based in Heydon's Hall, our Young Learner department, which is separate from the Adult and Teenage departments (only a short 5-minute walk away). The courses are specially designed to teach English to the young learner in a holiday atmosphere, with the emphasis on improving fluency and increasing their language skills. Students are placed in class according to their age and level of English and they work together to develop their communication skills. They should leave with more confidence and a greater understanding of both the English language and culture.

#### COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- First day test to ensure correct class level
- **15 hours** (20 lessons) of tuition per week, mornings only (9.00-12.30, Monday to Friday, *includes 30 min break*)
- Mixed nationality classes, maximum 12 students
- Language levels from beginner to advanced
- Certificate with personal report at the end of the course
- Accommodation booking service with special Junior homestay families
- ID card with homestay address + phone number + school's 24 hour emergency phone number

#### Social programme:

- 12 hours of afternoon activities + excursions
- 2 evening activities (Tweens only)

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Easter):

£329

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Summer):

£412

### YOUNG LEARNERS INTENSIVE COURSE – SUMMER (8 - 13 YEARS) & AUTUMN (12 - 13 YEARS ONLY)

This intensive course is designed for the younger learner who wishes to concentrate on his/her individual needs in a small group. Students are placed in mixed nationality classes according to their level of English. A detailed needs analysis of each student provides the basis for these classes, focusing on the student's interests and aims. Some homework is set and marked each week.

#### COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- **21 hours** (28 lessons) of tuition per week
- 15 hours (20 lessons) of English tuition (9.00-12.30, Monday to Friday, *includes 30 min break*)
- 6 hours (8 lessons) of English tuition on 3 afternoons (13.30-15.30, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
- Class size, maximum 9 students
- Certificate with personal report at the end of the course
- Accommodation booking service with special Junior homestay families
- ID card with homestay address + phone number + school's 24 hour emergency phone number

#### Social programme:

- 2.5 hours of afternoon activities on Mondays + excursions
- 2 evening activities for Tweens 12-13 years (Summer only)

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Summer):

£489

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Autumn):

£397

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## Add registration fee £75 and accommodation to all course fees

There are no classes on Saturdays or Sundays.

The school will be closed for Public Holidays on 1 January, 30 March, 2 April, 7 May, 28 May, 27 August, 25/26 December.

No lesson time will be lost. If the holiday is on a Monday, an excursion will be organised on that day. (This does not apply to 25 December)

Courses for 14-17 years available in our Teenage department.

## JUNIOR ACCOMMODATION

Our homestay families only take students from SIS so we can guarantee: no other students of the same nationality; no adult or teenage students. Students on the Young Learners courses are placed with Junior homestay families who provide the care, supervision and correct environment for children of this age. The safeguarding of young children is our priority and all Junior homestays have checks completed on behalf of the school by local and national government services and are regularly inspected by the school.

### HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION (per person)

£196 per week

Please note: a supplement may be charged for special diets – contact the school for further information

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

During the afternoons there is a busy programme for vacation course students which includes beach activities (paddle-boarding/sea kayaks, beach barbeques, adventure walks, competitions) sports (swimming, football, tennis, golf, mini-golf, field games) boat trips and fishing, arts/crafts, puzzle solving, team building and many other activities, all supervised by SIS staff.

For all young learners, the programme includes a half-day excursion on Thursdays and a full-day excursion on Saturdays (except on week of departure). ALL ENTRY FEES INCLUDED.

Sports coaching (tennis and golf) and horse-riding lessons are available on request - ask the school for prices and details.

## SUPERVISION

**Junior** students (8-11 years) are supervised at all times during their stay in the UK. They are brought to school each day by the homestay family or by school minibus, and met by a member of staff. After lessons the students are supervised by activity leaders who hand them over to the homestay family at the end of the day. There are **no** evening activities for students on the **Junior** course. The staff/student ratio is 1:12 for classes and 1:10 for activities.

The **Tweens** course has been designed for students in the 12-13 years age group who still need a lot of supervision but are able to have a limited amount of freedom, for example: shopping in small, unsupervised groups during the day-time. The Tweens also have two evening activities each week, which include full supervision and transport to and from school/homestay. The staff/student ratio is 1:12.

## TRANSFERS

We provide an escorted bus transfer to and from London Heathrow Airport every Saturday throughout the year, with a meeting and check-in service for unaccompanied students (cost £35 one-way). The bus aims to arrive at the airport at 12.00 hrs and to depart at 16.30 hrs. Average journey time (including comfort stop) is 3.5 hours.

**All students under 14 years travelling alone must book our escort service.**

Arrivals:	Flights must arrive at Heathrow between 12.00 and 15.30
Departures:	Flights must depart from Heathrow between 13.45 and 16.30

We can arrange car transfers (up to 4 people) to Sidmouth from anywhere in the UK. Minimum price per car for single journey: Heathrow £240; Gatwick £265; Bristol £132; Exeter £40. Our drivers will meet students at arrivals and help with check-in on departure.

**The school must be advised if a student is booked on their airline's 'Unaccompanied Minor Service' (UM).**