



# Weymouth English Centre

English Language Courses  
in England for teenagers





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*Weymouth English Centre is a friendly family-run school which was established in 2002.*

*We specialise in English language courses for young people during the summer.*

*For most students, going on a language holiday is an important life experience. Learning the language is a key benefit, but the whole experience is much more than that: it is a key stage in their lives.*

*For parents, it is important to know that their children are well looked after from the moment they arrive at the airport to the moment they leave at the end.*

*Christopher Hills has been organising English language holidays for the past 34 years and Kate Cragoe has been working with him for 27 years. Together, they bring a great deal of knowledge and experience to these courses – for the benefit of our students and their parents.*

*There is a lot you will want to know before you book a course. We hope you will find all the important information in this brochure, but if you have any questions or special wishes, please contact us – we will always be pleased to give you all the information and advice you need.*

## Weymouth



Weymouth (population c. 80,000) is in the beautiful county of Dorset, on the south-west coast of England.

The town is on the “Jurassic Coastline”, a 95-mile stretch of coastline awarded World Heritage Status by UNESCO, with exposed cliffs which let us look back 185 million years. This coastline is famous for fossils, and fossil-hunting is one of the many activities which we run during the summer.

It is one of the most popular seaside resorts in the south-west. The beach stretches for kilometres across a lovely bay and there are street cafés around the picturesque harbour, which is busy with fishing and sailing boats.

There are lots of shops, small and large, a cinema, a theatre, 10-pin bowling, squash courts, tennis courts, cafés, parks, minigolf, the Nothe Fort, a sealife centre, go-kart racing, a swimming pool, a laser zone and much more.

The Isle of Portland is nearby, with a lighthouse, quarries from which the famous Portland stone was cut for St. Paul's

Cathedral and a path down to a cove with smugglers' graves near a ruined church and castle.

Chesil Beach, a unique beach 18 miles long with 180 billion pebbles, starts at Weymouth. It runs past Abbotsbury, a small and unusual village close to Weymouth with an enormous swannery and stunning subtropical gardens.



## General Information

### What sort of courses do you offer?

There are three types of course:

**English and Activities** has lessons each weekday morning and a full programme of activities in the afternoons, evenings and at weekends.

**English and Sailing** has lessons each weekday morning followed by sailing lessons on weekday afternoons from Tuesday to Friday. There is also a programme of activities in the evenings and at weekends.

**English and Theatre Studies** has lessons each weekday morning followed by drama, dance and vocal training lessons on weekday afternoons from Tuesday to Friday plus a performance on Friday evenings. There is also a programme of activities in the evenings and at weekends.

### How old should I be to go on a course?

Between 13 and 17 at the time of the course. We do not accept anyone outside that age range.

### Who are the students?

Our students are school children from all over the world who want to improve their English.

### I don't speak any English yet: are the courses suitable for me?

No, you need to be able to speak at least a little English. The courses are not suitable for complete beginners.

### How do I book?

You can fill out the booking form and send it to us either by post or fax. You can also book online. We will then send you written confirmation of your booking. You should wait for our confirmation of your booking or check with us that there is a place free on the course of your choice before you book your flight. Available places are also listed on our website.

### Do I need a visa?

If you hold a passport from an EU country or Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway, you should not need a visa. Otherwise you should check with your nearest British Embassy or Consulate or look at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website at [www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk).

### If I need a visa, what do I need from the school?

When we receive your booking form and deposit we will send you a Confirmation of Enrolment which you will need in order to apply for your visa. You should tell us as soon as you have got your visa.

### What happens if my visa application is refused?

If your visa is refused, you should send us the refusal letter as soon as possible. We will then refund the money you have paid us minus an administrative fee of £50, provided we receive the original letter of refusal at least one week before your course is due to start.

### Do I need health insurance?

Yes. You must arrange or already have medical insurance before the start of the course and you must bring the insurance certificate with you. You can book insurance through our website. EU citizens should bring a European Health Insurance Card with them.

### When do I have to pay?

Once you have booked your course, we will ask you for a deposit of £150 to confirm your place. The rest of the course fees are payable three weeks before the course starts.

### Can I contact the students on my course before the course starts?

You can meet other students and ask and answer questions on our online forum. You can also stay in contact with your new friends after your course through this forum. We will send you details of this with the booking confirmation.



# The Courses

## English & Activities

This course has 15 hours of lessons per week plus a full programme of activities including sports, creative workshops, visits to local places of interest and half-day as well as full-day excursions.

There is usually a range of different types of activities to choose from, with something for everyone. All the costs of the whole programme are included in the course price.

Each week you will get an overview of the activities available. You can then use our unique touch-screen system to plan your own programme. Each student ends up with an individually designed programme.

Team games and tournaments will help you get to know the other students – there is always something going on.

## English & Sailing

Students have English lessons at school each weekday morning and 3 hours of sailing lessons in the afternoons from Tuesday to Friday.

The sailing takes place with professional instructors in the safe environment of Weymouth Harbour, which is also the site of the sailing events of the 2012 Olympics.

At the end of the course the students will receive a Royal Yachting Association Certificate of at least stage one in the Young Sailors Scheme. All equipment is provided by the school, including wetsuits and buoyancy aids. Students must be able to swim at least 25 metres and they must wear buoyancy aids at all times when on the water.

In the evenings and at weekends there is a programme of activities and excursions.

## English & Theatre Studies

This course has 15 hours of English language lessons per week plus 3 hours of dance, drama and / or vocal training in the afternoons from Tuesday to Friday, leading up to a new performance each Friday evening.

You will learn a whole range of skills including stretching your vocal range, increasing breath control, building confidence in producing volume, themed improvisations, learning a group song as the finale to the show, movement to accompany the song and a different style of dance each week (e.g. street, show, rock and roll, contemporary) to the music of, for example, Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, Madonna or an artist of the group's choice.

The tutor is a professional choreographer, vocal trainer, director and performer who trained at London's Royal Academy of Music. Since graduating she has continued to work on both stage and screen as a director and choreographer. Some of her students have gone on to appear in shows in London's West End.

This is a highly professional course which will teach you a whole range of new skills, improve your English beyond the classroom and give you a huge amount of satisfaction and pride in what you achieve for the final performance. It is an amazing experience.

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# Activity Programme

## What does a typical week look like?

Here is an overview of the different courses:

	English and Activities	English and Sailing	English and Theatre Studies
weekday mornings	English lessons	English lessons	English lessons
Monday afternoons	activities	activities	activities
Tuesday to Friday afternoons	activities	Sailing lessons	Theatre Studies
weekday evenings	4 evening activities	4 evening activities	4 evening activities
Saturdays	full day trip*	full day trip*	full day trip*
Sundays	half day trip	half day trip	half day trip

\* not on the day of departure for your return journey

## What are the activities?

Here are just some of the activities that we run ...

bowling, a visit to the Nothe Fort, tennis, cream tea, rounders, karaoke, fossil-hunting in Charmouth, African drumming, snooker, beach volleyball, pirate mini-golf, a talent show, disco, a quiz night, golf, a visit to the Sealife Centre, badminton, squash, football, Laser Quest, a magic skills workshop, a pizza and games night, cinema, a boat trip and more.

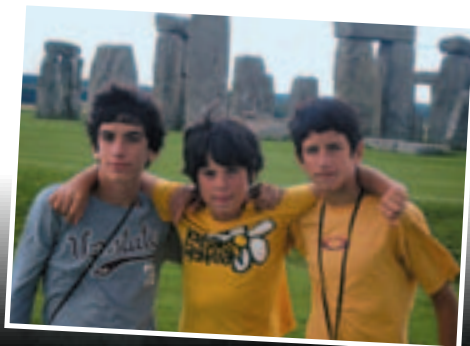
The trips can include a sightseeing trip to London, a trip to Bath including the Roman Baths, Oxford including punting, Salisbury and Stonehenge, Winchester, Cheddar and Wells, Dorchester, a tour along the Dorset coastline, Portland including the castle, Lyme Regis and more.

## Can I choose my activities?

Usually there is a variety of activities to choose from. Each week the different activities are listed on the noticeboard, with information about each one. We have a unique touch-screen system which shows all the activities and how many places are free. You can use this to select the activities and trips you would like to take part in. When you have finished, you get a printout of your personal programme for the week. You can come back later and change anything, provided there are still places free on the activities you would like to change to. If the group is not so large, you will all have the same programme of activities.

## What activities do I have to pay for myself?

None - they are all included in the course price.



# Sample Programme

	English & Activities	English & Sailing	English & Theatre Studies
<b>Monday</b>			
Morning	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
Afternoon	Programme planning & Weymouth tour	Programme planning & Weymouth tour	Programme planning & Weymouth tour
Evening	Karaoke		
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Morning	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
Afternoon	Bowling / Golf / Sea Life Centre / Go-karting or Laser	Sailing	Theatre Studies
Evening	Pizza & Games		
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Morning	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
Afternoon	Magic workshop / Snooker / Volleyball / Tennis or visit to Nothe Fort	Sailing	Theatre Studies
Evening	A free evening to spend with your family		
<b>Thursday</b>			
Morning	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
Afternoon	African drumming workshop / Football / Boat trip / Squash or Swimming	Sailing	Theatre Studies
Evening	Disco		
<b>Friday</b>			
Morning	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
Afternoon	Shopping or time on the beach	Sailing	Theatre Studies
Evening	A show performed by students on our Theatre Studies course		
<b>Saturday</b>	A full day trip to London / Bath / Oxford or Winchester		
<b>Sunday</b>	A half day trip to Dorchester / Portland / Lyme Regis or Poole		



# Lessons

## What are the aims of the course?

The main objectives are to improve your written and spoken English, to improve your fluency and overall understanding of the language and to improve your marks at your school back at home. There is an oral and a written test on the first school day, following which you will be put into a class according to your ability and age.

## What will I learn in the lessons?

Speaking and listening activities play a major role in the lessons. Students are also often asked to do project work in order to encourage them to learn more about British life and customs and to compare them with their own.

We expect students to take the lessons seriously but, when planning the lessons, we take into consideration the interests and attitudes of young people in order to make the lessons stimulating and motivating.

## Which methods do you use?

The centre has modern teaching resources. The timetable and the class methodology recognise the fact that students need regular breaks and a varied and stimulating programme in order to learn effectively. Games, songs, role-plays, drama techniques and project work are used extensively to encourage the students to use the language they have learnt.

## How many lessons will I have?

There are 20 lesson units of 45 minutes a week (15 full hours), even when there is a public holiday. This includes the test on the first day. Lessons are usually from 09:00 to 12:30 with a

total break time of 30 minutes. Lessons may occasionally take place in the afternoon from 13:30 to 17:00 with a total break time of 30 minutes.

## How many students are there in each class?

There is a maximum of 15 students in each class.

## Who are the teachers?

The teachers are all trained to teach English as a foreign language and enjoy working with young people. Their qualifications are internationally recognised.

## Will I get a certificate?

Yes, on the last day you will receive a certificate. You will also receive a written report on the progress you have made during the course.

## Where is the school?

Lessons are held at Weymouth College, which is a few minutes walk from the beach and the centre of the town.

There are excellent facilities, including interactive whiteboards in most classrooms, a computer suite, a canteen, sports hall, theatre and music and dance studios. Our students also have access to the college's wireless internet system.

## How do I get to school?

The school is directly in Weymouth and your host family might live close enough for you to walk to school. For students who live further away, Weymouth has a very good bus service.

You can buy a bus pass at school on the first day, this allows you unlimited travel on the buses throughout your stay.



# Accommodation

## Where will I stay?

You will stay with a carefully selected English host family as a member of the family. You will be the only guest of your native language. Accommodation is sharing a double room with a student of a different nationality. If we do not have a suitable student for you to share a room with, we will put you in a single room at no extra cost. A single room can be booked for a supplementary charge (please see price list).

## How are the families chosen?

Accommodation is booked through an agency which has been arranging host family accommodation in Weymouth for eighteen years. Great care is taken in choosing host families where our students will get the attention and supervision they need when away from their parents.

All the families have been inspected by the agency. They are chosen for their caring attitude and friendly manner. On your first full day we will ask you whether you are happy with your family and we will sort any questions or problems you may have. We will check again regularly that you are happy with everything.

After the first two or three days you will be asked to write a short report about your host family, saying whether you are happy there and whether you would recommend them for a future student. If we are not completely happy with your answer we will discuss it further and move you to another family if we all agree this would be best.

At the end of your course we will ask you to fill out a detailed questionnaire about your family. All this helps us to maintain a high standard of accommodation.

## What sort of families are they?

We have many different sorts of families - some have young children, some have older children the same age as you and

others have no children. We have young, middle-aged and elderly families and some widows - but whatever the age they all look forward to having a guest in their homes.

We also have a wide variety of students who want to stay with different types of family: some want a young couple with young children, some want a family with lots of animals and others prefer to stay with a widow because they feel they will get more attention there than in a big family with lots of children.

Whatever your wish, we try to fulfil it! If you have any special wishes please note them on the booking form.

## What should I expect from my host family?

Your host family will treat you as part of the family. They will give you breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal and will do your basic washing for you.

## I am vegetarian; have you got families who can cater for vegetarians?

Yes, we have families who are able to provide different diets. You should note this on the booking form and give us any additional information we need to know when arranging a suitable family for you. It is important that you give us this information when you book the course as there is a charge of £30 for any later changes. For vegetarian, vegan, diabetic, lactose/gluten free, Halal or any other special diets, there is an extra charge.

## I am allergic to cats; have you got a suitable family for me?

Yes, we are able to cater for most special needs provided you give us full details on your booking form. This is very important as we will arrange your accommodation once we have your booking and there is a charge of £30 if we have to change the family.

## Will other students live near me?

We try to put several students near one another so you always have someone to go to school with in the mornings.



# Travel

## Flying to England

The arrival day is Sunday and the return day is Saturday.

If you fly to England, it is best to book a flight to London Heathrow. We have leaders at Heathrow between 09:00 and 17:00 on each arrival day to meet you when you arrive and to take you to one of our transfer coaches.

Our transfer coaches depart at 13.00 and 18.00. Your flight must arrive at least one hour earlier than the transfer departure time. We recommend that you book a flight as close to these times as possible in order to avoid long waiting times at the airport. One of our leaders will travel with you on the coach to Weymouth.

The journey from London Heathrow to Weymouth takes about 2 hours 45 minutes. We also run transfer coaches to London Heathrow on Saturdays for the return journey at the end of your course. To use these you should book a flight departing after 14.00.



### What happens if I book a flight to a different airport?

If you travel to any other airport (London Stansted, London Gatwick or London City, Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter and Southampton) or if you arrive at Heathrow before or after the times our leaders are at the airport, we can arrange for a private taxi to meet you on arrival and take you straight to your host family (please see the price list for details).

### How do I book a place on the transfer coach?

When we send you the confirmation of your booking we will also send you a form to complete asking for details of your flight. If you wish to book a place on one of our transfer coaches, or wish us to book a taxi transfer for you, you will be able to order this on the form we send you. You should complete and return the form as soon as you can in order to guarantee a place.



### What happens if my parents want to take me to England?

If your parents wish to bring you to England, they can take you directly to your host family but you must give us an approximate arrival time so that we can make sure the family will be there to welcome you. We will send you your host family's address and contact details when we send you the course papers.



# Terms and Conditions

## 1. Enrolment

To book a course, please fill out the booking form and send it to us by post or fax. Alternatively you can complete our online booking form.

You should send a deposit of £150. You can pay this by

(A) credit card (please note that an additional 2% will be charged for card payments) or

(B) direct bank transfer to our bank; you should tell your bank that you will pay the charges for sending and receiving the money.

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Weymouth English Centre Ltd.

Bank: Lloyds TSB Bank

Sort-code: 30-97-41.

Account Number: 04253747.

IBAN GB75 LOYD 3097 4104 2537 47

BIC CODE: LOYDGB21063

Once we have received your deposit we will send the confirmation of your booking. The rest of the course fees should be paid 3 weeks before your course starts.

## 2. Cancellation by the student

The student may cancel the course at any time before the course starts. The date of the cancellation is the date the cancellation is received by the School. You are advised to send any cancellation in writing. If you cancel the booking or do not take part in the course, the School is entitled to compensation for the work already done and expenses incurred. In calculating such compensation, expenses and work saved is taken into account. Cancellation fees are as follows:

- more than 30 days before your course is due to start: £75
- between 30 and 15 days before your course is due to start: 30% of the total fees
- between 14 and 7 days before your course is due to start: 45% of the total fees
- less than 7 days before your course is due to start: 75% of the total fees

If your visa is refused, we will refund the money you have paid us minus an administrative fee of £50, provided we receive the original letter of refusal from the British Embassy at least one week before your course is due to start.

## 3. Change of course

If you change your course dates after the original booking or if you change your accommodation requirements there will be an administrative charge of £30 for each change.

## 4. Replacement person

Up to the date of the start of the course the student may find a replacement student to take over his or her rights and responsibilities. The School has the right to reject such a replacement person if he or she does not comply with the requirements of the course or his or her participation would be in contravention of any appropriate laws or regulations.

If a replacement student takes the place of the original student, both the replacement student and the original student are jointly responsible for ensuring that the course fees are paid together with any additional costs incurred through the replacement of the original student.

## 5. The course offer

The course is provided according to the description contained in the 2012 brochure for the relevant course town and course type. Any les-

sons or activities which are included in the package but not used by the student cannot be refunded unless the School incurs lower costs as a result of the non-participation of the student.

## 6. Notification of claims

If any part of the course is not provided as described in the brochure, the student should notify a course leader or our office in Tunbridge Wells in order that the matter can be rectified immediately. If the student fails to notify the school of any such complaint he or she is not entitled to any subsequent compensation.

## 7. Responsibility of the student

Our course centre has rules which are designed to ensure the safety of the students at all times. The student must follow the rules of the school. If he/she fails to do so a warning will be given. If the student continues to fail to obey the rules of the school then the school has the right to send the student home at the student's expense. In this case the school will make reasonable efforts to contact the student's parents or legal guardians to inform them accordingly. It is the responsibility of the student's parents to supply full contact details in advance of the course.

**Student Behaviour:** if a student behaves in a disruptive manner, the school reserves the right to send the student home by air at the student's or the parents' expense. If a student engages in any criminal activity, he/she will immediately be sent home by air at the student's or the parents' expense, even if criminal proceedings have not been instigated by the police.

**Timekeeping:** all students are expected to abide by the rules laid down by the School and by the families. As a rule, all students should be home by 22.00.

**Pubs:** there are specific laws relating to drinking alcohol and visiting pubs in Britain. No-one under 18 years may buy or consume alcoholic drinks. Young people aged 15-17 can only go into pubs if accompanied by a responsible adult. The School rules regarding pubs reflect these legal requirements.

**Drugs and Illegal Substances:** any student found in possession of drugs or any illegal substances will be sent home by air immediately at the expense of the parents or the student.

## 8. Liability of the school

Weymouth English Centre, its staff, representatives and host families will not be liable for any loss, damage, illness or injury to persons or property however caused except where such liability is imposed under UK law. It is the student's responsibility to take out insurance to cover all such risks. We also advise students to take out insurance to cover any costs of cancellation or curtailment of the course.

Weymouth English Centre will not be held liable in any way if any service contracted to be supplied by them becomes impossible to supply as a result of any industrial or other dispute which is outside the School's control.

## 9. Attendance

Students are awarded certificates for attending courses at the Weymouth English Centre. Where a student is consistently late or misses lessons, no such certificate will be awarded.

## 10. Insurance

Students must arrange or already have medical insurance before the start of the course and must bring the insurance certificate with them. EU citizens should bring a European Health Insurance Card with them.



## Impressions



## Weymouth English Centre

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Weymouth English Centre is accredited  
by the British Council. Only schools  
which have been inspected and meet  
the high standards of the British Council  
can be accredited



# WEYMOUTH ENGLISH CENTRE

## Course Dates & Prices 2012

### Course dates

Courses can be booked for 2, 3 or 4 weeks between the dates below:

	English & Activities	English & Sailing	English & Theatre Studies
<b>Courses are held between:</b>	24 June – 18 August	24 June – 4 August	24 June – 4 August

Students should arrive on the Sunday before the course begins and depart on the Saturday at the end of the course.

### Course fees

Booking fee	£60.00
With Accommodation	£455 per week
With No Accommodation	£335 per week
<b>Optional Extras:</b>	
Sailing	£180 per week
Theatre Studies	£145 per week
Single room	£25 per week
Bus pass	£12 per week
Special diet	£15 per week

<b>Included in price:</b>
1 full day trip each Saturday
1 half day trip each Sunday
5 afternoon activities per week
4 evening activities per week
Lesson material
End of course certificate and progress report
Weymouth map
London map

### Transfers

**Weymouth English Centre transfer coach/minibus - available for flights arriving at Heathrow on Sundays between 09:00 and 17:00 and departing from Heathrow on Saturdays after 14:00.**

London Heathrow	£45 single journey
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**Private transfer by taxi - available for flights arriving on Sundays between 07:00 and 21:00 and departing on Saturdays between 07:00 and 22:00.**

London Heathrow	£160.00 single journey	Bournemouth	£80 single journey
London Gatwick	£180.00 single journey	Bristol	£120 single journey
London Stansted	£225.00 single journey	Exeter	£105 single journey
London City	£185.00 single journey	Southampton	£110 single journey