

2024 BROCHURE



WEYMOUTH ENGLISH CENTRE

Summer courses by the sea
in the South of England

Accredited by the
BRITISH COUNCIL
for the teaching
of English in the UK



*Best beach
in the UK
according to the
Times and Sunday Times
Best UK Beaches' Survey.*



Weymouth English Centre

The place to learn English and create memories

We are a small and friendly school offering English language courses with an activity programme and trips in homestay accommodation for international students aged 13 to 17 in the summer holidays.

- ✓ In Weymouth since 2004
- ✓ 5 minutes from sea
- ✓ Choose your own activities
- ✓ Caring homestay
- ✓ British Council Accreditation
- ✓ Carefully selected team



Peter Bodri

Director & Centre Manager

Peter has nearly 30 years' experience in teaching English and managing language schools.



Jennie Parsons

Accommodation officer

Jennie has been organising student accommodation in Weymouth & Portland for over 20 years.



Vladka

Director of Studies

Besides her wide-ranging experience in summer schools, Vladka has a long history with WEC

Course dates:

1st July to 9th August 2024

Arrival on Sunday, departure on Saturday

Location

“I’ve been coming here for 20 years and Weymouth is like a second home to me.” Nacho, Group Leader

● College - The ideal campus

Language classes, lunch, and many of the sports activities and games take place at the college campus that is located in a safe, residential area of Weymouth, only 5 minutes’ walk to the beach and 10 minutes’ walk to the town centre.

- ✓ **Spacious classrooms**
- ✓ **Hot lunch at the canteen**
- ✓ **Relaxation area**
- ✓ **Sports hall**
- ✓ **Dance studio**
- ✓ **Theatre**
- ✓ **Football pitch**



● A great town to experience

With Weymouth Beach being no 1 in the UK according to the Times and Sunday Times 'Best UK Beaches' Survey, Weymouth is the ultimate seaside destination for those looking for an authentic English summer experience. You will have the chance to enjoy the summer vibe of this amazing location and immerse yourself in the life of a seaside resort in the South of England

- ✓ **Walkable town**
- ✓ **Fantastic beach**
- ✓ **Plenty of history**
- ✓ **Jurassic Coast**
- ✓ **Water sports**



English lessons

“The lessons were very good and every morning I was happy to go to school.” Annabelle, France

● Develop your English

We will help you **communicate better in English**. The language classes will be interactive, challenging and require active participation and language use.

You will have the opportunity to **develop your speaking, listening, reading, writing as well as your grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation** by participating in enjoyable group activities.

- ✓ 15 hours per week
- ✓ Placement test
- ✓ Levels A1 to C1
- ✓ Max class size 15
- ✓ International classes
- ✓ Great teachers
- ✓ Skills focus
- ✓ Interactive lessons
- ✓ Fun!
- ✓ End-of-course certificate



Homestay accommodation

“They looked after me very well and I felt like a member of the family.” Laura, Spain

Highest quality hosts

Our homestay hosts are selected according to British Council criteria, for their friendliness, warm hospitality and their genuine interest in hosting our students. Some are within walking distance and most a short bus ride away

in Weymouth and Portland. You'll be the only guest of your language in the home, usually in a twin room. On study days, hot and cold lunches are provided at the college canteen, and you'll have all other meals with your host.

- ✓ Friendly hosts
- ✓ One person of a language
- ✓ Regularly inspected
- ✓ Special diets catered for
- ✓ Single room available
- ✓ Special requests

Excellent homestay

WEC hosts consistently receive great feedback from our students.

The English way of life

Staying in an English home will develop your intercultural and language skills.

Giorgia, Italy

We have had two weeks with two English parents. They have been lovely, patient, they took us as daughters and I'll miss them so much.”





ACTIVITIES



ENGLISH
AND...

SAILING



WINDSURFING



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

● WEC Programmes

The minimum stay is 2 weeks, maximum stay is 4 weeks.

English & Outdoor Adventure is a one-week programme and can be combined with any other programmes.

English & Sailing and **English and Windsurfing** can be booked for several weeks and you can progress up the skill levels.

Any combination of the 4 courses can be booked, for example a 4-week stay can include all our courses.

English & Activities

“The activities have been fantastic”

Emma, Italy

English, fun, and friends for all

English & Activities suits you if you want a great experience in a lovely English seaside town, where you are safe to walk around with your friends, immerse yourself in the language and culture. After your classes in the morning, have lunch in the canteen and off you go to your activities that you choose yourself from various options in many of the cases.

You can decide, for example, (see Friday on the sample programme below) if you want to go cycling to Chesil Beach, visit a local café for a traditional British cream tea, play tennis or enjoy a casino afternoon with friends. Next is dinner with your host family and, for the evening activity, you choose between pirate golf or Mini Olympics on the beach.

On Wednesday afternoon, you will have trips to superb attractions such as Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove and on Saturdays (except on your departure day) to sights such as Oxford, London, Stonehenge & Salisbury.

- ✓ 15 hours of **communicative English lessons**
- ✓ 4 afternoons and evenings of **sports, games, cultural and arts activities**
- ✓ You can **choose many of your activities**
- ✓ **Optional trips and activities on Sunday** (extra cost)
- ✓ **Breakfast and dinner at the host, hot lunch Mon to Friday at the college**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14:00-16:00 Induction & Tour, Time in town, Beach games	14:00-16:00 Snooker, Indoor & outdoor sports SEALIFE Centre	13:00-18:00 Trip to Bournemouth	14:00-16:00 Dance lesson, Escape room, Nothe Fort, Indoor & outdoor sports	14:00-16:00 Cycling tour, Cream tea, Tennis & Putting, Casino	10:00-18:00 Trip to Stonehenge & Salisbury
19:15-21:15 Pizza and games	19:15-21:15 Beach volleyball, Arts and crafts, Pirate golf	 	19:15-21:15 <i>DISCO Night</i>	19:15-21:15 Mini Olympics, Pirate golf	 

Sample programme (the same activities are not guaranteed)



WEC students enjoying
a slice of pizza on
Weymouth beach

English & Sailing

“Sailing teachers are awesome.”

Enrico, Italy

Sail at the 2012 Olympic venue

On the sailing course, you will follow the English & Activities programme except that from Tuesday to Friday afternoons you go to the sailing academy at the 2012 Olympic venue of sailing events in Portland and learn sailing

from professional and experienced instructors. You will participate in the activities with all other students on Monday afternoon, 4 evenings and also go on the full-day excursion on Saturday.

Learn sailing from professional instructors at a world-class location and gain the Royal Yachting Association Certificate on successful completion of the course.

- ✓ 12 hours/week
- ✓ Experienced instructors
- ✓ Beginner to advanced
- ✓ RYA Certificate
- ✓ Saturday full-day trip
- ✓ Wetsuits provided
- ✓ Free buoyancy aids
- ✓ 1 afternoon activity/week
- ✓ 4 evening activities/week



English & Windsurfing

“It was really exciting and very well organized.”

Eugenia, Italy

Learn English and go windsurfing

On the windsurfing course you will follow the English & Activities programme except that from Tuesday to Friday afternoons you will go to the windsurfing academy at the 2012 Olympic venue of sailing events in

Portland and learn from experienced instructors. You will participate in the activities with all other students on Monday afternoon, 4 evenings and also go on the full-day excursion on Saturday.

Learn windsurfing from professional instructors at a world-class location and gain the Royal Yachting Association Certificate on successful completion of the course.

- ✓ 12 hours/week (including changing times)
- ✓ Experienced instructors
- ✓ Full syllabus on website
- ✓ RYA Certificate
- ✓ Beginner to advanced
- ✓ Wetsuits provided
- ✓ Free buoyancy aids
- ✓ 1 afternoon activity/week
- ✓ 4 evening activities/week
- ✓ Saturday full-day trip



English & Outdoor Adventure

“It was really exciting and very well organized.”

Eugenia, Italy

Explore land and sea activities

On the Outdoor Adventure course you will follow the English & Activities programme except that from Tuesday to Friday afternoons you will go to various fantastic locations in Portland and enjoy activities including Kayaking, Climbing,

Paddle Boarding and Mountain Biking with the help of experienced instructors. You will participate in the activities with all other students on Monday afternoon, 4 evenings and also go on the full-day excursion on Saturday.

Enjoy a week of adrenaline filled activities on sea and on land in the most amazing outdoor locations in Portland.

- ✓ One-week programme
- ✓ Any skill level accepted
- ✓ Land and water activities
- ✓ Experienced instructors
- ✓ Free buoyancy aids
- ✓ Wetsuits provided
- ✓ Saturday full-day trip
- ✓ 1 afternoon activity/week
- ✓ 4 evening activities/week



Getting to/from Weymouth

Arrival day: Sunday

Departure day: Saturday

● London Heathrow

(approx. 2 hrs 45 minutes from Weymouth)

Arrival: arrive at Heathrow between 09.00 and 17.00 – our travel leaders will meet you and take you to Weymouth on one of our transfer coaches. Our coaches depart from Heathrow at 13.00 and 18.00.

Return: book a flight that departs from Heathrow any time after 14.00 – our travel leaders will take you to Heathrow.

Please see price list for transfer coach prices.

● Other airports/times

We will arrange for a taxi to meet you at the airport and take you directly to your host family. On the return journey the driver will help you check in if you are under 16. Please see price list for details.

● Travelling with parents

Your parents can take you directly to / collect you from your host family. You should arrive between 16:00 and 21:00 on the Sunday and depart by 10:00 on the Saturday.

● None of the above

Any students not choosing one of the above three options must be accompanied to and from Weymouth by an adult.



Other information

VISA INFORMATION

If you are the citizen of an EU country or Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway, you should not need a visa but from 1 October 2021 you need a valid passport to travel to the United Kingdom as other ID is not accepted. Otherwise, for visa requirements, you should check with your nearest British Embassy or Consulate or look at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/>.

HEALTH INSURANCE

You must arrange or already have medical insurance before the start of the course and you must bring the insurance certificate with you. Alternatively, we also offer comprehensive student insurance. Please ask for details on application.

CHILD SAFETY

The safety of our students is very important to us. Weymouth and Portland has proved to be a safe area for our courses. We will send you full information about your stay in England before you come to Weymouth including information about staying safe. We will also go through these points with you on your first day at school and answer any questions you might have.



Course dates & prices 2024

Starting Dates:

Courses are held between 1st July and 9th August with the arrival on Sunday and departure on Saturday. The minimum stay is 2 weeks. Please note that four-week stays are only available for students aged 16 and 17.

COURSE FEES

Our courses	Price
English & Activities	£770/week
English & Sailing	£1065/week
English & Windsurfing	£1065/week
English & Outdoor Adventure	£1065/week
Courses without homestay (Monday to Friday lunch included)	Course price minus £160 per week
Single Room	£29/week
Lunch on the day of arrival	£5
Special diet: gluten free, lactose free, sesame free, coeliac, vegan, severe nut allergy	£25/week
International Student Insurance	£6/week
Booking fee (Once per booking)	£70

Included in price

- 15 hours of English lessons per week
- Homestay accommodation – starts with an evening meal on the first day and ends with a packed lunch on the final day
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal (a choice of hot / cold lunches at the college canteen from Monday to Friday)
- 1 full day trip each Saturday
- 4 afternoon activities and 1 half-day trip per week (1 on the Sailing, Windsurfing and Outdoor Adventure courses)
- 4 evening activities per week
- All lesson materials
- End-of-course certificate

Not included in price

- Airport transfer (see prices below)
- Local bus pass (to be bought through the First Bus app or on the bus)
- Optional Sunday activities and trips (see website for details)

AIRPORT 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	£120 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. Prices per single journey.

Heathrow - £280	Stanstead - £320	Bournemouth - £155	Exeter - £175
Gatwick - £295	London City - £375	Bristol - £200	Southampton - £190

Check-in/Unaccompanied Minor Service - £50

On departure, students under 16 will be assisted with check-in and accompanied to security. When Unaccompanied Minor service has been arranged with the airline, a member of our team will hand the student over to the airline representative. Unless we are otherwise notified, this service will automatically be supplied and invoiced.

Terms and conditions

1. Enrolment

To book a course please fill out the booking form or use the online form on our website. We will then reserve a place and send you details of how to pay the deposit of £150. You should pay the deposit within seven days in order to secure your place. The rest of the course fees should be paid three weeks before your course starts.

2. Cancellation by the student

You have a legal right under the Consumer Contract (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013 to cancel the contract within 14 days ("Cancellation Period") without giving any reason. The Cancellation Period will expire 14 days from the date of our booking confirmation. To cancel you must inform us by a clear statement. You may use the cancellation form at

<http://www.weymouthenglishcentre.com/cancellation> or send it by email or post. The cancellation is only valid when it has been acknowledged by the School.

We will not start providing services to you during the Cancellation Period unless you expressly request us to do so.

If you cancel within 14 days, we will refund the fees you have paid within 14 days after we receive your cancellation. However, if you have expressly requested that we start providing services within the Cancellation Period then we will be entitled to charge you a reasonable sum for those services and we will deduct this sum from any refund payable to you.

If you cancel after the Cancellation Period, 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 £60 provided we receive the original letter of refusal from the British Embassy at least one week before your course is due to start.

3. Medical information

Any medical, physical or mental conditions which might affect the student's stay in Weymouth must be disclosed in full at the time of booking. If any relevant information is not fully disclosed, the School has the right to send the student home at the student's expense.

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 brochure for the relevant course town and course type. Any lessons 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 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

The School 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. All students are expected to abide by the rules laid down by the School and by the families. All students should be home by 22:00.

Alcohol:

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. Insurance

Students must arrange or already have medical insurance before the start of the course and must bring the insurance certificate with them. The School also offers comprehensive student insurance.

See you in Weymouth in summer 2024!



Peter Bodri

Director & Centre Manager

You will see me in the college every day. It is my mission to ensure you will have great memories of your stay with WEC. Whenever you have anything you want to share with me, I will be there for you.

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