



# Southbourne School of English

Established 1966

## Junior Courses



# Welcome to Southbourne School of English

When my grandfather first started the school in 1966 he wanted to create an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness in which students from all over the world would be able to study and learn.

Today, I run the school with my father and our dedication to this vision remains as strong as ever. We believe that it is vitally important that students remain happy if they are to get the best out of their education. Teachers, host families and our social calendar are all carefully selected with this in mind.

Over the years we have gained an international reputation for providing a quality education in a caring and friendly environment. The recent extensive refurbishment of the school and the addition of some first-class facilities can only further enhance this growing reputation.

We know that choosing to send your child on a language holiday is an important decision. Our school has a caring ethos so your child will be looked after while they are with us. Our homestay families are carefully selected and are all within walking distance of the school. It is also important that there is a good balance between learning and fun. Our teachers all have a recognised teaching qualification and our courses are especially aimed at our younger students so you can be sure their English will progress. Our activity programme is varied and includes local trips, sports and a full-day excursion every week.

We enjoy working with young people and find that our value is not just limited to our work in the classroom. We also offer a full programme of activities every day with lively and informative lessons supported by a variety of sports and cultural activities.

Bournemouth, less than a two-hour train journey from London, is recognised as the entertainment capital of the south coast and is a wonderful place to live. Situated just a short walk from one of the cleanest beaches in Europe, the school makes an ideal place for students to enjoy an unforgettable and valuable experience, allowing them to make friends from all over the world whilst improving their English skills.

As well as the main Southbourne School building in Bournemouth, we also offer junior courses at other centres in the south of England. Full details can be found on the next few pages.

I look forward to welcoming you to the school very soon.

Paul Gallina  
Managing Director



Paul and Italo Gallina





# Bournemouth

## Location

Located on the South coast of England, Bournemouth is home to twelve kilometres of award-winning golden beaches, and is one of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan places in Britain. Internationally renowned for being clean and green, the town's busy shopping centre and beautiful public gardens buzz with activity all year round.

In contrast, Southbourne School of English is situated in a quiet and safe residential suburb, just a ten-minute walk from the beach. This enables us to place all students with host families that are within walking-distance of the school.

The local high street, only a five-minute walk away, is home to many amenities including banks, a post office, several grocery shops, bakeries, cafes, etc. The school is also located on a main bus route, enabling students to reach the town centre in just fifteen minutes with their group leaders.

## Attractions on our doorstep

As a popular family holiday destination, Bournemouth is an ideal place for young students to study. As well as sun, sand, and sea, the town offers a host of exciting activities for students of all ages including a local water park, bowling, Laser Quest, paintballing, a surf school at Bournemouth's state-of-the-art surf reef, horse riding classes, golf, and much, much more. The town also has excellent shopping facilities as well as plenty of places to eat.

Junior summer courses include excursions every week to London, Oxford, or Bath, all of which are a comfortable two-hour coach journey away. Many other places of world-renown are also within easy reach including Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge, Winchester, and the New Forest National Park. There are regular optional trips to these places.



Bournemouth beach



Kayaking at Bournemouth



Bournemouth gardens

# Perfect place to study

Southbourne School of English is set in a lovely location, occupying purpose-built facilities in a safe residential area just a ten-minute walk from the beach. The school is open all year round and caters for students of all levels and nationalities.

We provide a structured course programme which utilises our state-of-the-art equipment to provide students with a complete multimedia learning experience. All teaching materials are included in our course prices.

But it's not all work. We also pride ourselves on our busy sports and social calendar with a variety of optional weekend excursions.

## School facilities:

- 19 fully interactive classrooms (with air conditioning)
- Computer room with free internet access
- Free WiFi
- Cafeteria offering hot and cold food, drinks, and snacks
- Film room with surround sound  
(not available mid June - end August)



Southbourne overcliff





# Your Education

All language teachers at Southbourne School of English have a recognised teaching qualification. Our teachers are friendly, helpful, and efficient, and are available to advise and assist students at all times.

Our Academic Principal and teaching staff are responsible for the selection of all teaching materials used in class. They are constantly researching and developing new ways of improving language teaching.

## Courses

Junior courses run from the middle of June until the end of August, and closed group junior courses are available all year round. All students take a placement test on the first morning of school, allowing us to accurately assess each student's ability and place them in an appropriate class.

At the end of the course, students receive a certificate which assesses their level according to the CEF (Common European Framework) levels.

Students take fifteen one hour lessons each week, from Monday to Friday. The maximum class size in summer is 16, and the average is 14. Courses can be of any length, from one week to a whole summer, with many students choosing to stay for a month or more. We accept students from 12 to 15 at the main school, and students from 10 – 16 at our residential centres.

Please note that students aged 9-11 may be in the junior classes at the main school and residential centres if they have enrolled as part of a group. 16 year olds may be in main school junior courses for the same reason.

## Levels

### Beginner

- Can communicate very basic needs and understand very simple conversational language
- Has a limited vocabulary for everyday situations
- Can read and produce short, simple pieces of writing

### Elementary (A1)

- Can communicate basic needs and speak about personal topics
- Has sufficient vocabulary for everyday routines
- Can recognise main grammatical structures
- Can write short personal texts and notes

### Pre-intermediate (A2)

- Can communicate in everyday situations and hold short conversations
- Can use main grammatical structures
- Can write texts which include details

### Intermediate (B1)

- Can communicate with some confidence in a reasonable number of situations
- Has good control of main grammatical structures
- Can write longer texts using paragraphs with reasonable accuracy

### Upper-intermediate (B2)

- Can communicate effectively and express ideas / opinions in most situations
- Can discuss a range of topical issues
- Can use a wide range of structures, with reasonable accuracy
- Can produce a range of written texts using the correct register

### Advanced (C1)

- Can express feelings, opinions and ideas accurately and precisely using a wide range of vocabulary
- Can produce the full range of texts with unnoticeable, natural cohesion
- Can understand authentic texts with little difficulty
- Has a very good degree of grammatical control

# Host family accommodation

We know how important it is for our students to be happy where they are living. This is why we choose all student accommodation with the utmost care. We always do our best to meet any special accommodation requests, and most dietary requirements can be catered to with prior notice.

Living with a host family helps to ensure students feel safe and welcome when they arrive in England. It also gives students the chance to practise their English with native speakers outside of lessons – an essential part of the learning process – and gives them the opportunity to experience and understand more of the English culture and way of life.

We always work hard to ensure that students are not placed in accommodation with another student of the same nationality. This means that students cannot use their own language, and therefore encourages them to practise their English more often. All students rooms are clean and comfortable. The happiness of our students is a top priority, and our Accommodation and Welfare Officer is on hand to help.

## Residential Courses and Accommodation

Southbourne School of English also offers summer residential courses at various sites in the South of England. These run in well established English boarding schools and offer very good facilities, pleasant locations, and comfortable accommodation. Rooms vary in size, from single to multi-occupancy dormitories all of which have access to washing facilities. Bed sheets are changed weekly, and a laundry service ensures that students' clothes are washed regularly.

For more information on our residential centres, please refer to the inserts at the back of this brochure.



# Junior Closed Groups

We are happy to welcome closed junior groups for students aged 9 to 16 at any time of year, and can tailor our courses to meet their specific needs. We offer a range of options, including general courses (15hrs per week), intensive courses (21hrs per week), cultural programmes, and examinations. Examination courses are very popular, enabling students to gain certified qualifications at the end of their studies. We can offer Cambridge Young Learner and Trinity examinations.

All of our closed groups can be provided with a full social and activities programme. Examples of what can be offered include: trips to local historical and cultural places of interest: half-day and full-day excursions to a number of places known throughout the world such as London, Oxford, Bath, Stonehenge, the Jurassic coast etc, a wide range of sport and leisure activities including football, golf, surfing, bowling, horse riding, paintballing etc: social events such as film nights and quiz nights; and much, much more.

Transfers from all major UK airports can be arranged for all groups. Students aged 16 and above are welcome to travel with a junior group, and can participate in our standard adult programme during their stay.

For more information, or if you would like to discuss a possible closed group booking, please contact the school office using the contact details at the back of this brochure.





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## Getting here

There is easy access to our school from Gatwick, Heathrow, Southampton and Bournemouth airports by train, bus or taxi.

On request, we can arrange a personal welcome and taxi transfer to and from all London and local airports. Our main school office can also advise on train and bus services to our centres.

For more details visit our website: [www.southbourneschool.co.uk](http://www.southbourneschool.co.uk) or contact us at the address below:

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### Did you know?

We also run summer courses for juniors (ages 10-16) and closed groups all year-round. Please contact the school for a copy of our latest brochure



Your local representative

