

Bournemouth & London 2017





Welcome

Improve your English in England! Improve your understanding of British culture, compare it to your own culture and other cultures from around the world. You can do all of these things at our international language schools in Bournemouth and London.

Speaking English today is an essential skill to be able to communicate globally as well as improving your career prospects. Join us and improve your English skills with the support of our friendly, experienced and qualified teachers, visit wonderful places in England, and enjoy the great variety of activities we have to offer in the city or by the sea.

As well as having improved facilities at our Bournemouth centre, we are happy to announce a new Westbourne Academy in London. One of the strengths of Westbourne Academy is the high quality of teaching, accommodation and the warm welcome we offer to all our students, and this will not be changing.



Left to right: Richard Surtees, Managing Director, Westbourne Academy Simon Freeman, Principal, Westbourne Academy Bournemouth

We wish you a successful and enjoyable experience in the UK.



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Ideal location

Westbourne Academy Bournemouth is in a beautiful location within walking distance from the sandy beaches of Bournemouth, and only a few steps away from the picturesque shopping centre of Westbourne. In this safe and friendly part of Bournemouth, you will find banks, a post office, traditional English pubs, international restaurants, and great shopping facilities.

Bournemouth town centre and Poole are only 20 minutes by bus. These towns are world famous as international holiday resorts where you can find many exciting attractions. Bournemouth is also a popular area for education, with over 30,000 students, it is the most popular place to study English in the UK, after London.

Please see page five for information about our new site – **Westbourne Academy London**.



Arrival

Westbourne Academy can arrange a taxi service from most UK airports to the homestay on request.

There is also good public transport by train or coach from all airports to Bournemouth and London

Your homestay provider will:

- · welcome you when you arrive
- give you information about the area you will be staying in
- explain to you how to get to Westbourne Academy and give you a map showing the bus routes to the school
- have meals with you and help you practise your spoken English

On your first day at school, you will have a test so we know your English level and can place you in the correct class.

You will then have an induction which will give you useful information to help you enjoy your time at Westbourne Academy.

Facilities

Both sites offer excellent WiFi facilities to give you instant access to your favourite apps and websites.

The cafeteria at Westbourne Academy Bournemouth provides good food and drinks during the day. It is also used for many social functions at the school and is a place where students can relax and meet friends. There is also a patio and an attractive garden.

Teaching

Our qualified and experienced teaching staff will:

- give you as much personal attention as possible
- make sure you are learning exactly what you need
- help you with all the learning possibilities both inside and outside of the classroom
- organise sports and social activities; this helps build a closer relationship with their students

Student Learning Resources

Westbourne Academy provides:

- use of student books for class
- when part of a course, you will be given a work book which you can keep
- a listening centre where students can practise their listening skills on a self-access basis
- a reading centre where students can borrow reading books to help their studies outside of class
- a range of audio/visual facilities during your lessons, including interactive whiteboards and web-based resources





Westbourne Academy, London

In 2016 we set up a new Westbourne Academy in London, connected to Tower Hamlets College, a government funded college with an excellent reputation for quality of teaching and student service. The school is near Limehouse DLR station or Stepney Green underground in zone 2, just ten minutes from the Tower of London and 15 minutes from the business and shopping district of Canary Wharf.

You can study in London, or if you prefer we can arrange a two-site study visit so you can benefit from staying and studying in the city and by the sea. We will arrange your accommodation close to the college - you can either stay near the centre of the city or in the quieter suburbs if you prefer, and in a homestay or in private accommodation.

Students at Westbourne Academy London have access to the excellent college library, canteen and garden where you can mix and chat with local students.

There is a social programme and a dedicated international team who will ensure you have a friendly welcome, a high standard of accommodation and an excellent learning experience.

The sports and social programme makes full use of all that London has to offer

including trips to the British Museum, colourful London markets, theatre and music shows and sports activities.

Courses are the same as those offered at Westbourne Academy Bournemouth and they follow the same course structure, meaning you can stop a course at one site and continue it from the same place at the other site.

University and College Advice Service

Tower Hamlets College offers all Westbourne Academy students a free university or college progression service either in person or over the phone to support you in finding the best part-time or full-time course for you in London.

We will also advise you on the availability of funding to pay for the course as well as arranging your accommodation.



Courses at our Bournemouth

General English

Duration 4-48 weeks

Hours per week 15*

Class size Maximum 15, Average 12

General English (this includes the four main language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing).



English Plus

Duration 4-48 weeks

Hours per week 21*

Class size Maximum 15 Average 12

General English plus the opportunity to take additional modules in Cambridge Exam Preparation, IELTS Preparation, Conversational English or General English.

Examination Programmes

Duration 8-24 weeks

Hours per week 21*

Class size Maximum 15 Average 12

Exams offered: FCE, CAE, CPE, IELTS, BEC (please contact us for advice on which exam is suitable for your needs).

Extra Intensive English

Duration 2-4 weeks

Hours per week 30*

Class size Maximum 15 Average 12

General English, short intensive course.

Easter & Summer Programmes

Duration 2-4 weeks Summer: 2-10 weeks

Hours per week 15*

Class size Maximum 16 Average 13

General English – more emphasis on speaking and listening and the social/cultural programme.

English Language courses for leisure, academic or professional needs.





Executive Programmes

Duration 2-4 weeks, but longer courses available on request

Hours per week 15-25*

Class size 1 or 2 students

These courses are tailored to the specific requirements of the student.

A written report is given at the end of the course giving details of your progress.

Closed Group Programmes

Duration 1-8 weeks

Hours per week Tailored to class need*

Class size Minimum 8

Courses we have run include: closed school groups, refresher courses for English language teachers, English for Access to College, Industry-specific courses.

Please contact the school or your agent to discuss your needs.

* A 3 hour session = 4 lessons and a 20 minute break

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum age is 16 for all class groups





Homework

Homework is an essential part of all programmes except Easter and summer courses. This helps teachers monitor students' progress.

Completion of Your Course

Leaving certificates, stating level of achievement and a comparison to the Common European Framework of Reference, are given to all students who complete their course. A report is also given to students who study for four weeks or more on all courses except Easter and summer courses.



Culture, Sports and Social Programme

The school organises a full and exciting programme. A relaxed student social life is important for the student to study well in the classroom.

Sports organised by staff:

- football
- table tennis
- beach volleyball (Bournemouth only!)

These are available near the Bournemouth school, we can help you to arrange a game:

- tennis courts
- tenpin bowling
- swimming
- golf
- squash

Students at Westbourne Academy London have free membership of the excellent gym facilities at the Shoreditch campus.

As Bournemouth is a seaside town, the popular sports of windsurfing, surfing and sailing are easily available Guided full day excursions are run to such places as

- London
- Bath/Stonehenge
- Oxford
- Salisbury/Winchester and the Jurassic Coast.

We also arrange many evening activities such as international parties, old English pub tours in the countryside, theatre visits, and other similar events.

Please see our website for an example of our monthly programme.



Accommodation and Welfare

Homestay providers are carefully selected for their friendliness as well as their experience in taking care of students.

After the first inspection by our accommodation officer they are regularly re-inspected by the school.

The safety and security of all our students is a prime consideration.

Homestay accommodation gives our students many opportunities for extra language practice and also helps them to understand English culture and customs.

There is a full-time welfare officer available to give advice and help. The school also operates a 24-hour emergency telephone service.



Enrolment procedure

1. Direct to the Academy

- Complete and return the enrolment form to the Academy with the nonrefundable enrolment fee or full fees, and two passport photographs.
- ii) The Academy will confirm acceptance by letter and enclose an invoice with payment instructions. Or, if fees have already been paid, send a receipt, an acceptance letter, accommodation details and student identity card.
- iii) School and accommodation fees should be paid at least 4 weeks before commencement of the course. If enrolment is made less than 4 weeks prior to commencement total fees are payable with booking.
- iv) Details of our bank account can be found on the enrolment form.

2. Through an Agency

Complete and return the enrolment form to the Agency with any requested deposit and follow their instructions. Westbourne Academy recommends this system of enrolment if you have an agent in your country. This enables you to pay in your currency, obtain a full explanation in your own language and receive advice on all forms of travel to and from England.

A contract is made only when a student's enrolment has been confirmed and a receipt for fees has been given by the Academy.



Conditions of Enrolment

1. Cancellation of course

Cancellation can be made by email only and is subject to the following indemnity conditions;

- more than 21 days before course commencement, two weeks' school and accommodation fees
- less than 21 days before course commencement, no refund of school fees unless special emergencies exist.

2. Late arrival and leaving a course early

No fees are refundable in the case of late arrival, leaving early or being asked to leave the Academy because of misconduct such as non-attendance or unacceptable behaviour. The Principal may use discretion under special circumstances.

3. Accommodation

This is normally arranged from the Saturday before the course commencement to the Saturday after a course finishes. Cancellation or change must be notified to the Academy at least one week in advance. In the absence of one week's notice an additional week's accommodation fee is payable.

- Westbourne Academy or its staff will not be responsible for any loss, damage, injury or illness to any students or property. Students should take out their own personal insurance before they leave home.
- There will be a holiday on the last Friday of each term for the Main and Examination Courses. No fees are refundable.
- Westbourne Academy is closed on all English Public Holidays and no fees are refundable.
- Students attending Westbourne Academy are expected to speak English at all times on the school premises. If students do not follow this rule they may be asked to leave Westbourne Academy without any refund of fees.

University and College Advice Service

Bournemouth has two universities, one being a specialist arts university, and a further education college. More than 30,000 English students attend them. This makes the town an ideal place for students wishing to continue their studies on to degree or similar levels.

Westbourne Academy has close connections with these universities and colleges and provides a free service, which assists students through the entire application process.

This service includes:

- Giving advice on the different types of universities and colleges in Bournemouth.
- Providing advice to the student on the appropriate course relevant to the student's needs.
- Giving advice on which English examinations are necessary to enter universities or colleges.
- Help with completing the application form and interview preparation.
- Arranging interviews.





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