



International Student Club

AN EXCELLENT SUMMER SCHOOL
IN AN AMAZING LOCATION





ISC COURSES AT BLOXHAM SCHOOL

Welcome to International Student Club, an English language summer school for international students aged 9-17 years.

ISC has run fun, educational English language courses for 23 years and is launching its new, exciting programme at Bloxham in 2021. Bloxham School is a beautiful, historic boarding school founded in 1860 and is located near Oxford and London. It has fantastic school facilities, comfortable accommodation and its idyllic campus is situated on the edge of the Cotswolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The ISC Directors Al, Nic and Jill work year round to make sure our students are safe, comfortable and have the best possible programme to enjoy. We had 23 nationalities on our last courses, so there are lots of opportunities for you to practise your speaking with international classmates and learn about other cultures. Our team of loyal and hardworking staff bring their talents and enthusiasm to give you an experience you'll never forget!

In our last British Council inspection in 2016, we were awarded 9 areas of strength including teaching and care of under-18s. Please see the ISC website for the full report and up-to-date information on 2021's courses. We are also in EL Gazette's top 25% of junior language schools for 2020.

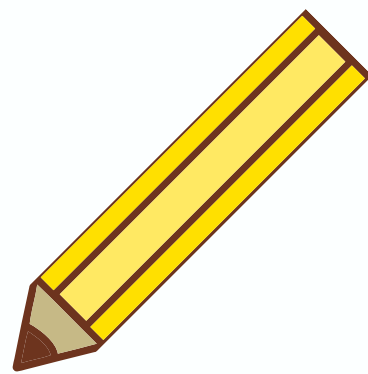
ISC is a special place, where you will have a great time, improve your confidence in English and make friends for life. We think you'll agree that ISC is an excellent summer school in an amazing location.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Al, Nic and Jill



ISC STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



“I loved being at ISC, everyone was so kind. Being in the common room with my housemates and head of house felt like being with family.”

Giulia from Italy

“The trips, the lessons, the new friends I met and just the atmosphere. Everything was amazing!”

Klara from Germany

“My favourite thing about ISC was the hospitality. The activities were fun and a good way to meet new people. I was encouraged to try new things and during the two weeks it not only helped me improve my English, but also taught me other life lessons. Thank you ISC, you’ll always be in my heart.”

Sofia from Portugal

“People at ISC are amazing: the students, teachers and staff. I really liked the lessons and activities, because they were fun and I learned a lot about England, other people, life and the world.

The food here is amazing, everything was perfect. I’m sad because I have to leave, but I’m happy because it was one of the best experiences of my life.”

Egle from Lithuania



“Well after 7 years at ISC, I’m going to say that everything was perfect, just everything.”

Karel from the Czech Republic

“Everything was great, the sports activities, the friends that I made, the campus, the teachers. Thank you ISC.”

Manuel from Mexico

“The lessons are so productive and interactive with interesting things to talk about, you can’t be bored.”

Marta from Spain



ISC COURSES AT BLOXHAM

LOCATION

ISC is held at Bloxham School, a historic, independent boarding school founded in 1860.

Bloxham is a fantastic location for a summer school. Set in a picture-perfect village in northern Oxfordshire and near historic Oxford and vibrant London, this is a must-visit destination for a summer language course. The campus provides a very safe environment for students, situated on the edge of the beautiful Cotswolds.



CAMPUS FACILITIES

- Indoor sports hall, 23m indoor swimming pool, climbing wall, tennis courts, fitness studio, astro turf pitches and outdoor playing fields.
- Modern classrooms and excellent facilities for theatre, art and food technology.
- A mix of historic and impressive modern buildings.
- On-site café and homely common rooms to relax and socialise in, and Wi-Fi to keep in touch with family.
- 24 hour campus security and there is always a member of staff happy to help.



GENERAL ENGLISH

ENGLISH LESSONS

We have an excellent team of experienced, professional and friendly teachers, who help students to improve in confidence and fluency when using English.

Lessons are interesting and fun and focus on improving communication skills. Students practise vocabulary, grammar and skills work and the communicative approach is used to get students speaking as much as possible. We also help to prepare students for life outside of school with leadership and teamwork activities.

Learning is fun at ISC and we want to help you learn and use English to the best of your ability!



BRITISH CULTURE

In our British Culture lessons, students have the opportunity to learn all about the British way of life, food, music, festivals and much more.

We also prepare our students for their excursions in British Culture lessons, where they learn all about the history, geography and cultural significance of the places they will be visiting.



PROJECTS

Project classes are a much loved part of ISC and a hugely enjoyable and creative way to improve spoken confidence and fluency. Mixed ability classes work together as a team with the support of their teachers to create a drama Project. Students use their imaginations to create a story, characters, costumes and props. Their drama Project is performed to their peers in an exciting Project show at the end of the course.

Please visit our website for full details on the General English Programme.





OUTSIDE OF LESSONS



ACTIVITIES

ISC has a fantastic daily activities programme when students are not in class. There are sports, arts and crafts, circus skills, competitions, dance, yoga, swimming, climbing, geocaching, traditional British games and much more. Evening activities include a murder mystery, discos, team competitions, drama games, quizzes and cinema nights. During activities, students have the opportunity to use their English to communicate and make new friends.

We have great facilities for activities, including a sports centre, a 23m indoor swimming pool, climbing wall, tennis courts, large sports fields, a well-equipped art block, theatres and indoor spaces for drama, games and events.

EXCURSIONS

ISC students go on 3 full-day trips to London, Windsor and Oxford. In London, students explore the capital's most famous sights, visit the world-renowned British or V&A Museum and go souvenir shopping in Covent Garden. Students go rowing and witness the famous changing of the guard in royal Windsor. In Oxford, students visit the Ashmolean/Natural History Museum and learn about the university's historic colleges.



Our students also go on 1 half-day trip to Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon.

On the first Sunday of the course, there are optional trips for an extra charge to lots of exciting places such as London, the Harry Potter Warner Brothers studios, amusement parks and places of local interest. Please see the ISC website for full details.





BLOXHAM SCHOOL

CATERING

Bloxham are very proud of their in-house catering team, who prepare all meals on-site using fresh ingredients.

The food is plentiful and wholesome and there is always a choice of meat, fish or a vegetarian option. There is a well-stocked salad bar, pasta bar, soup, fruit and desserts.

A range of cooked and cold options are available for breakfast. The fortnightly barbecue is always popular with students!

All special dietary requirements are routinely catered for.

After evening activities there is a light supper in the boarding houses before bed.

There is also a tuckshop and school café that sell snacks and drinks.



ACCOMMODATION

Bloxham's peaceful campus is located in Bloxham village - a very safe environment for young people.

Residential accommodation is in one of the college's eight comfortable, and regularly refurbished, boarding houses. Each house has its own character with a mixture of modern and more traditional buildings. The houses have more than one kitchen, common room and ample bathroom facilities.

All of our staff live on site so there are always people around to help.

At night, the school is protected by a security patrol, and all boarding houses are locked at 2300 hours.



ACADEMIC ENGLISH

PERFECT FOR STUDENTS WHO MIGHT BE THINKING OF STUDYING IN THE UK



In addition to all the aspects of our General English course, our Academic English course is for motivated students who wish to study in the UK in the future.



Our professional and qualified teachers offer useful advice and information for UK academic life and courses take place at an historic UK boarding school.

We aim to develop and practise essential academic skills and to nurture life skills that are necessary for studying away from home, such as time management, being independent and making international friends.

The Academic course is aimed at students with a B2 level of English or higher. Students may take this course in addition to our General English course.

Students benefit from practical lessons on essay writing, giving effective presentations and note taking techniques. Students create and deliver short presentations and receive individual feedback.



KEY INFORMATION

- For students aged 14-17 years old
- Maximum class size – 8
- For students studying towards a B2/C1 level of English
- 8 x 45 minute lessons in addition to 15 hours General English lessons per week (maximum class size – 16)
- Excursions and daily activity programme

PET AND FCE EXAM PREPARATION

SECRETS TO EXAM SUCCESS

Our PET and First Certificate Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses are designed for students who require practical exam strategies and guidance on how to approach Cambridge reading, writing, listening and speaking exam tasks. Students may take this optional course in addition to our General English course.



During the course, our students practise and develop their communication skills in English and are given exam tips and advice from our professional and experienced teachers. Classes include practice of useful speaking expressions, essay writing and strategies for a variety of reading and listening exam tasks.



Students have the opportunity to use authentic Cambridge past exam papers and receive individual feedback on mock-speaking exams.

KEY INFORMATION

- PET Course - for students studying towards a B1 level of English
- FCE Course - for students studying towards a B2 level of English
- For students who want to take the Cambridge PET or FCE exam
- Maximum of 8 students per class
- 2 week course - 8 x 45 minute lessons
- 15 hours General English lessons/week (maximum class size 16)
- Excursions & daily activity programme



**GIVES STUDENTS THE CONFIDENCE
THEY NEED!**

HOME TUITION COURSES

FAST TRACK LEARNING IN YOUR TEACHER'S HOME



Our fully immersive Junior and Adult Home Tuition English courses offer an unforgettable opportunity for students to develop their confidence and accelerate their learning. Students live and learn with their host teacher and achieve their individual goals with personalised 1:1 lessons, activities and excursions.

Courses take place in Cardiff, Wales' exciting capital city, which is rich in history, culture and home to fantastic restaurants, shops and major international music and sporting events. Cardiff airport is only 30 minutes away and Bristol airport is just over an hour's journey. It truly is the perfect setting for a unique cultural and learning experience.



Our fun, interactive English courses are designed to improve spoken fluency, build confidence and deliver quick progress. Students enjoy personalised lessons, activities, local excursions and 1:1 tuition.

Our friendly, experienced teachers tailor lessons and help students to attain their personal goals. A variety of engaging activities are used to develop communication skills and practise pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary.

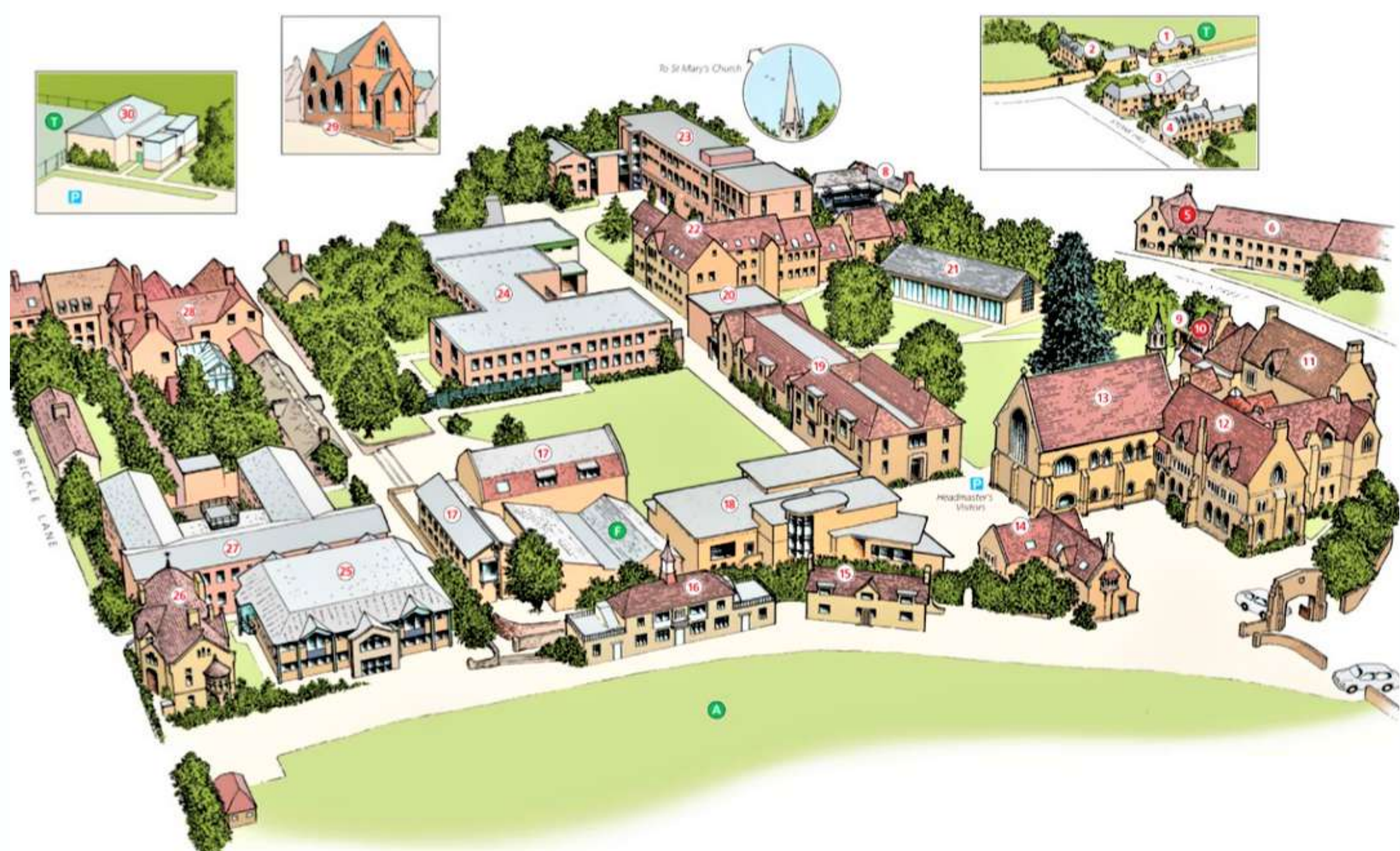
General English, Academic English and Cambridge Exam Preparation courses are available from October to May.

KEY INFORMATION

- 7 nights full-board accommodation (adults: half-board)
- Comfortable, friendly home environment
- Private bedroom
- 15 hours 1:1 tuition per week (£25 per extra hr)
- Specialist course materials (to use during stay)
- Diagnostic test, course report & certificate
- *15% Discount - 2:1 tuition (same level & sharing a twin)
- 3/4 x half-day local excursions/activities (adults cover entry costs)
- Booking fee & local transfer included (local airport or train station)



BLOXHAM CAMPUS MAP



ISC SAMPLE PROGRAMME

TUES 6/7	ARRIVAL	TEST	WELCOME TALK & FILMS IN HOUSES
WED 7/7	SPORTS/SWIMMING/ BENCHBALL/DANCE/TENNIS OR OPTIONAL COURSES	FIRST LESSONS	7.15 HOUSE MEETING WELCOME DISCO/BOARD GAMES
THUR 8/7	LESSONS	STRATFORD UPON AVON	TEAM GAMES
FRI 9/7	TREASURE TRAIL BLOXHAM/SPORTS/YOGA OR OPTIONAL COURSES LESSONS	LESSONS	INTERNATIONAL TALENT SHOW
SAT 10/7	FULL DAY TRIP WINDSOR – CHANGING OF THE GUARD, TOUR, BOATING AND SHOPPING (OPTIONAL EXTRA: WINDSOR CASTLE)		DRAMA GAMES
SUN 11/7	OPTIONAL TRIPS, FULL DAY: LONDON X 2 WAYS, HARRY POTTER, WARWICK CASTLE, DRAYTON MANOR HALF DAY: COTSWOLDS WILDLIFE PARK/SILVERSTONE OR ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS: GEOCACHING/SPORTS/PUZZLE IT OUT		QUIZ NIGHT
MON 12/7	LESSONS	GEOCACHING/FOOTBALL/ BENCHBALL/CAPTURE THE FLAG	FANCY DRESS/MASQUERADE DISCO & KARAOKE
TUES 13/7	SPORTS/CLIMBING/ SWIMMING/CAPTURE THE FLAG OR OPTIONAL COURSES	LESSONS	7.15 HOUSE MEETING MURDER MYSTERY
WED 14/7	FULL DAY TRIP TO LONDON – WALKING TOUR, BRITISH MUSEUM AND COVENT GARDEN SHOPPING		LATE DINNER AND CINEMA NIGHT
THUR 15/7	LESSONS	BAKING/ULTIMATE FRISBEE/DODGEBALL/TENNIS OR OPTIONAL COURSES	BARBECUE AND OUTDOOR GAMES
FRI 16/7	LESSONS FOR ALL	OXFORD – TOUR, MUSEUM AND SHOPPING TRIP RETURN 20:30	
SAT 17/7	ENGLISH SUMMER FAIR /BRITISH GAMES/ARTS AND CRAFTS/SWIMMING	LESSONS	PROJECT SHOW
SUN 18/7	LESSONS	CIRCUS SKILLS/ SPORTS/FITNESS/ROUNDERS	PRIZE-GIVING & DISCO/KARAOKE
MON 19/7	DEPARTURE		BINGO AND BOARD GAMES



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