



Southbourne School of English

Established 1966

Adult 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.

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 make friends from all over the world whilst improving their English skills.

Whatever your language level, we can help, and whatever your reason for studying - career, travel, interest or pleasure - Southbourne School of English is the place for you.

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

Paul Gallina
Managing Director



Paul and Italo Gallina





The perfect place to study

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

We provide a structured course programme with intensive courses for serious study. All teaching materials are included in our course prices and we provide regular progress assessment.

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)
- Language laboratory (self-study)
- Library
- Computer room with free internet access
- Free WiFi
- Cafeteria offering hot and cold food, drinks, and snacks
- Film room with surround sound

Teachers and staff

Our qualified teachers are friendly and efficient and are happy to advise and assist students at all times. With interactive whiteboards in all classrooms, our teachers are able to utilise the most up-to-date teaching methods and offer our students a complete multimedia learning experience.

The 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.

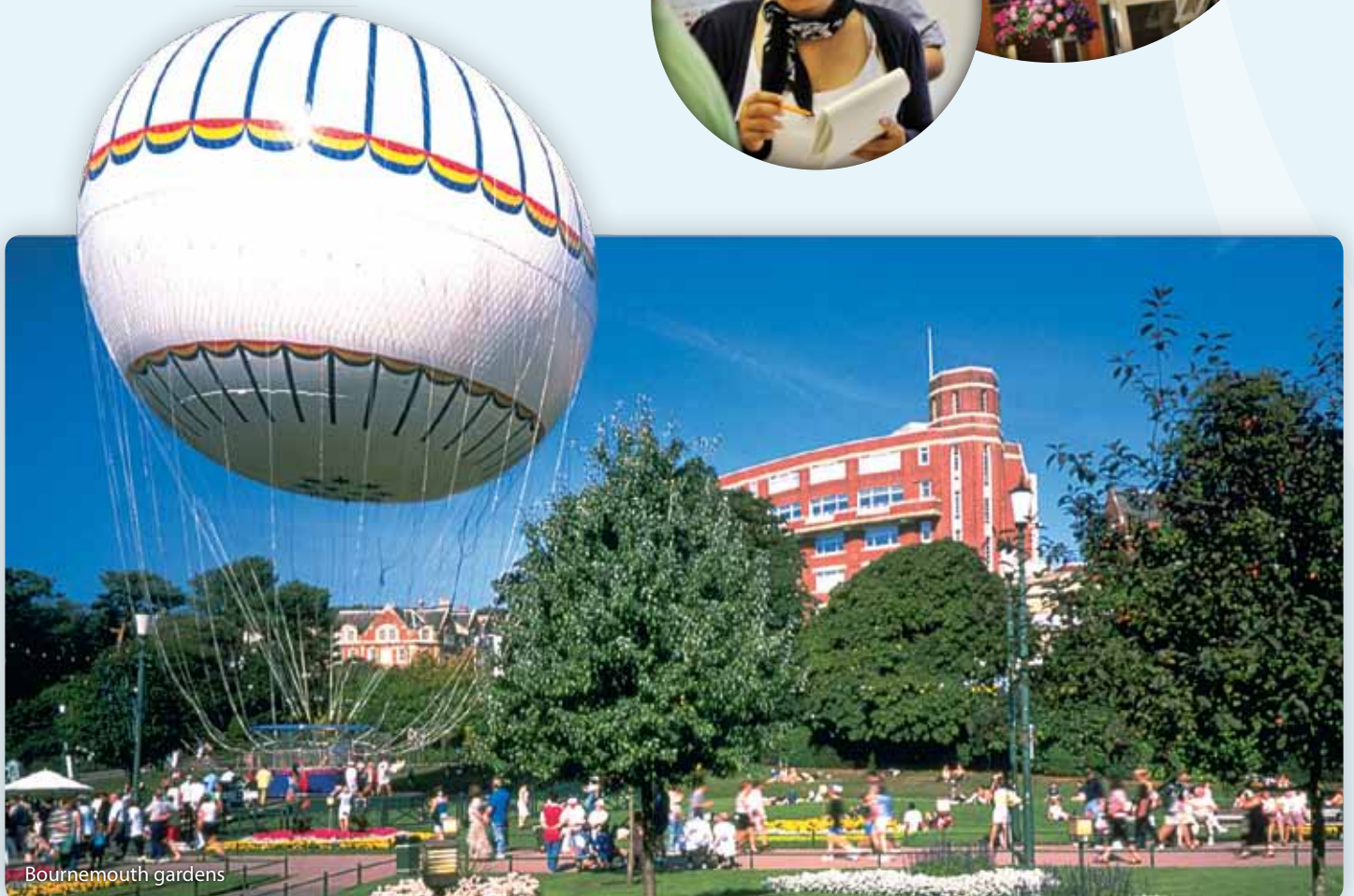
Attractions on our doorstep

As a lively entertainment centre, Bournemouth boasts clubs, pubs, live concert venues, cinemas and a diverse mix of restaurants. Aside from sun, sand, and sea, the town offers a host of exciting leisure activities including bowling, 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 interspersed with beautiful public gardens.

Adult summer courses include excursions every Saturday to London, Oxford, or Bath, all of which are a comfortable two-hour coach journey away. Many other well known places are also within easy reach including Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge, Winchester, and the New Forest National Park, all of which are frequently offered as optional extra excursions.

Five reasons to choose to study in Bournemouth:

- 12km of award-winning, clean, sandy beaches
- Europe's first artificial surf reef
- Home of a major English university and vibrant student scene
- First-class cultural and sports facilities
- A buzzing town centre with great shopping and energetic nightlife



Bournemouth gardens



Bournemouth beach



Poole quay



Bournemouth bay at night



Bournemouth fireworks



Bournemouth town centre

Academic services

Courses to suit you

Studying English is a big commitment for students. Each person has a different goal (work, further education or pleasure) but the aim for everyone is to improve their knowledge and ability to use the English language.

We test our students on arrival and place them in a class which will be the best for their English language development across all key areas (speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation).

Whatever your current level of language ability, we can provide you with the right course to meet your needs.



Guide to levels

Each level works towards CEF (Common European Framework) descriptors.

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



Introducing the courses

Your first day

It is important to us that students feel welcome throughout their entire stay at the school. A good first day is essential to this, and we try to ensure that students are made to feel comfortable and familiar right from the start.

As a part of this process, students are given a welcome talk on the first morning of school. After this, students are introduced to the school facilities and given information about attractions and amenities in the local area.

All students take a placement test on the first day of their course to determine their English language level. From the result of the placement test students are then placed in an English class best-suited to their ability.

Student progress

Throughout the course, progress is monitored through regular assessments. Tutorials (short one-to-one individual interviews with the teacher) are held every 4 weeks between September and June. In addition, students are always able to discuss their individual progress with their teachers.

A weekly teachers' meeting enables us to carefully monitor each student and decide on any necessary changes. Additionally, for long-term students, formal monthly progress reports can be provided.





Adult closed groups

We are happy to welcome closed adult groups for students aged 16+ at any time of year, and can tailor our courses to meet specific needs. We offer a range of options, including general courses, intensive courses, cultural programmes, and more. Examination courses are very popular, enabling students to gain certified qualifications at the end of their studies. We offer a number of different examination courses including Cambridge exam courses, IELTS courses and Business English Certificate courses.

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 and quiz nights.

Transfers from all major UK airports can be arranged for all groups.

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.

Course certificate

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

Junior courses

We also offer junior homestay courses run at Southbourne School and residential courses run at locations in the South of England, both homestay and residential, for young people aged 12-15yrs (homestay) and 10-16yrs (residential) during the summer months (mid-June - end of August) and for closed groups all year round.

For further details, contact the school office for a copy of our junior brochure or visit our website (see our contact details on the back cover).

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.

Adult courses

General English course and Intensive English course

These are both general English courses tailored to meet differing student needs. They are suitable for students studying English either as part of their education or for a specific purpose.

- Courses run all year round
- Minimum course length is just 1 week
- Beginner courses start on specific dates throughout the year (see dates and fees)
- All levels of English are catered for, from beginner to advanced

Course includes:

- 15 hours tuition per week on the General English Course
- 21 hours tuition per week on the Intensive English Course
- All teaching materials
- Structured course programme covering grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, as well as the four basic language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Regular progress assessments
- Monthly tutorials (not mid-June to end August)
- Weekly evening social programme (not mid-June to end August)
- Optional weekend excursions
- Access to self-study facilities (computer room, language laboratory and library)

General/Intensive English course PLUS

This intensive course is ideal for business or professional people and mature students with limited time available to improve their English for work and study.

The course content is the same as the Intensive English Course, with the addition of 6 hours of private tuition per week that are designed around the student's individual needs.

Course includes:

- Everything listed above, including 15/21 hours group tuition per week
- 6 hours of private one-to-one tuition per week
- Extensive conversation, pronunciation and specific English to meet the student's needs

Long stay courses

These courses are ideal for students who wish to have a long-term study programme to perfect their English, and to introduce them to higher education possibilities in the UK. A range of recognised examinations are available for a supplement.

- Courses run all year round
- Minimum course length is 24 weeks
- Extra weeks can be added to suit your requirements
- Levels of English from beginner* to advanced can be catered for

Course includes:

- An option of 15 or 21 hours tuition per week
- All teaching materials
- Structured course programme covering grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, as well as the four basic language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Regular progress assessments
- Monthly tutorials (not mid-June to end August)
- The option of taking Cambridge, BEC or IELTS examinations (supplement)
- Access to self-study facilities (computer room, language laboratory and library)
- Weekly evening social programme (not mid-June to end August)
- Optional weekend excursions



Class size: Max 14 (summer mid June - end August - max 16)

*Beginners on the specified dates (See dates and fees)

Summer Vacation Course

An ideal course for students who wish to spend part of their summer holiday combining English language study with a good social and sports activity programme and excursions.

- Available from mid-June until the end of August
- Course duration is between 1 and 12 weeks
- Students can start any Monday
- Elementary to advanced level (CEF A1-C1)

Course includes:

- An option of 15 or 21 hours tuition per week
- All teaching materials
- Structured course programme covering grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, as well as the four basic language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Regular progress assessments
- Tour of town by coach following entrance test on first day
- Free excursion every Saturday to London, Oxford, Brighton or Bath
- Afternoon activity programme
- Regular optional evening activities (some only suitable for over 18s)
- Optional Sunday excursions
- Access to self-study facilities (computer room, language laboratory and library)
- Student handbook

Summer vacation courses may also run at annexes.

One-to-one tuition

One-to-one lessons are designed to fit the student's own particular requirements. They may be used to solve any particular linguistic problems, or to study Business English or for other specific purposes.

These lessons can be added on to all regular courses and can be booked at any time during the course.

Other courses

Other courses are available on request. We offer a variety of tailor-made group courses for students with medical, security or military English requirements. School groups are also welcome at any time of the year. Please contact the school direct for further information.



Examination courses

An internationally recognised language qualification can help your entry into higher education and strengthen your career prospects. Southbourne School of English can help prepare you for these examinations by providing you with the skills, techniques and confidence that you will need.

We offer a variety of courses for students at different levels. Preparation time for the examinations listed takes between 4 and 12 weeks, depending on the course chosen.

Please see the separate leaflet "Adult Courses - Dates & Fees" for details of our course and examination dates.

Cambridge exams

Students taking Cambridge examinations are tested for their suitability on enrolment. They will receive regular homework, regular examination counselling and a comprehensive mock examination during their course.

• Key English Test (KET)

- A basic test of writing, speaking, reading and listening skills
- Course duration is 6 weeks
- Mornings consist of 15 hours general English tuition per week
- Afternoons consist of 6 hours specialised KET tuition per week
- Suitable for elementary and pre-intermediate level students (A1/A2)

• Preliminary English Test (PET)

- A test of writing, speaking, reading and listening skills
- An excellent stepping stone to FCE
- Course duration is 6 weeks
- Mornings consist of 15 hours general English tuition per week
- Afternoons consist of 6 hours specialised PET tuition per week
- Suitable for intermediate level students (B1)

• First Certificate in English (FCE)

- The most widely taken examination, used to demonstrate the ability to use English effectively
- Recognised worldwide and suitable for professional purposes
- Course duration is between 9 and 12 weeks
- Course includes 21 hours of tuition per week
- Suitable for upper-intermediate level students (B2)

• Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

- Becoming one of the most important Cambridge exams, especially for career purposes and UK university entry
- Course duration is between 9 and 12 weeks
- Course includes 21 hours of tuition per week
- Suitable for advanced level students (C1)

• Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)*

- The most prestigious of the Cambridge exams, especially important for students working in a professional environment and UK university entry
- Course duration is 12 weeks
- Course includes 21 hours of tuition per week
- Suitable for students who already have CAE (C2)

*Only available for groups.



FCE summer

Currently FCE is only available in August in the UK.

- 30 hours per week
- Exam preparation
- Vocabulary input and speaking practice through local trips
- Exam fee **included**

Please note suitable for upper-intermediate (CEF B2 level) students only.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

This internationally recognised qualification is an entry requirement for all British universities, foundation and further education courses. It is also a requirement for those working in the UK in the medical professions. Successful applicants for university entrance normally require a score of 6.0/6.5, depending on the university and the course.

This is a 4-week course and consists of 9 hours of tuition on weekday afternoons.

Business English Certificate (BEC)

BEC qualifications are particularly suitable for students wishing to use the English language for international business purposes and are widely recognised in Asia and Europe.

There are three BEC levels:

- Preliminary - suitable for intermediate level students (B1)
- Vantage - suitable for upper-intermediate level students (B2)
- Higher - suitable for advanced level students (C1)

All four skills are used in a wide range of business contexts

This is an 8-week course and consists of 6 hours of tuition on weekday afternoons.



Welfare and social activities

Student welfare

Our school welfare officer is available if you need any advice or support on any aspect of living in England and should be the first point of contact in the event of any emergency.

We can also provide you with information that you may require before you travel and advise you on the best accommodation option to suit your needs.

Passports, visas and insurance

Our school office provides letters and certificates of acceptance to assist with visa applications where required.

We recommend that all students take out adequate insurance before travelling to Britain as no personal or travel insurance is included in our fees. However, we can offer advice on medical and travel insurance or insurance can be booked direct through our website.

Sports and social events

The school prides itself on participating in regular football and volleyball tournaments, together with opportunities for students to participate in basketball, swimming, bowling and tennis. Golf, horse riding, surfing and sailing can also be arranged.

Outside the summer vacation period the school is open three evenings a week for social activities such as film nights, quizzes, and games evenings. These social events provide students with an excellent opportunity to practise their English conversational skills while, at the same time, making new friends.

Regular excursions are arranged by the school and information is posted on the school noticeboard. Popular destinations include London, the historic city of Oxford, the ancient Roman spa town of Bath and Windsor Castle.

Winchester and Salisbury, with their magnificent cathedrals, are well worth visiting as are the many picturesque local villages and towns. Full weekend trips to destinations further away from the school are also extremely popular and run by local companies.

Stonehenge, the beautiful New Forest national park and Beaulieu Motor Museum all form a part of our varied activity programme.



Bournemouth beach

Your home away from home

Accommodation

We know how important it is to be happy where you are living so that you can get the most from your time in England. This is why we choose all student accommodation with special care. We offer three main types of accommodation.

Homestay

Living with a family gives students an ideal opportunity to learn about the English way of life. Students of different nationalities are often placed with the same host family to encourage spoken English. Host families provide a very homely environment and are all within easy walking distance of the school.

In the winter, students are accommodated in single rooms, unless they ask to share. In the summer, students under 18 years old are accommodated in a twin-bedded room.

All host families are carefully selected and many of them have worked with the school for many years.

We ensure:

- All host families are within easy walking distance of the school
- You will not be placed with another student of the same nationality
- Your room will be clean and comfortable with fresh bed linen and towels provided every week

Guest houses and hotels

As a major tourist destination, Bournemouth has a wide range of small hotels and guest houses available throughout the year. Guest houses are like small hotels, often family run, and offer great value for money. We annually inspect all of the guest houses and hotels which we recommend to ensure they meet our standards of quality and comfort. Further details are available on request.

Self-catering

Centrally located, fully equipped houses and flats are also available for students on longer courses. We are happy to provide you with contact details of available accommodation for the time you will be staying in England. Alternatively, we can arrange temporary lodgings for your first few weeks so that you can choose your own accommodation once you arrive.

Airport transfer service

There is easy access to Bournemouth 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 school office can also advise on train and bus services to Bournemouth.





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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

