

# BEST in Bath



# English Language Courses

## in the City of Bath





# Welcome to **BEST** in Bath!



## Come and study with us

in the beautiful UNESCO city of Bath, with the atmosphere of a big city, but without the stress! Enjoy the fantastic teaching, active social life, friendly staff and warm welcome that the school offers in this shoppers' paradise.

The school is owned and managed by people who live in Bath, and love living here. We are experienced educational specialists. School Principal, Mark Appleton, has 25 years' experience, and for 15 years has been running courses for teenagers in the city. The school is run with reference to British Council accreditation guidelines. We are a small, friendly, independent school, dedicated to providing our students with an experience we believe to be the Best in Bath!

We are the local experts who can offer you excellent all-round quality. The school has an academic management team of many years' experience, leading a staff of carefully chosen teachers. We place huge emphasis on high-quality

teaching, individual attention and student care, both in and out of school.

We aim to make sure that lessons are challenging, lively and enjoyable, and that the social programme is active, varied and fun. Visits and excursions are supported by lessons linked to the programme. Co-operative project work and topic lessons give students the opportunity to learn outside the classroom in a real-language environment. Courses take place in comfortable classrooms in the city centre.

Our social programme manager heads a team of activity staff, who supervise and lead all sporting and cultural activities during the week, and excursions at the weekends.

We can arrange your accommodation too. Choose from a range of options – including homestay and residential options in the summer. (Please see our brochure insert for residential options for groups.)

We look forward to seeing you in our beautiful city!

**Mark Appleton, School Principal**

**JUMP IF IT'S FUN!**  
Have a great time with us in Bath



# Bath - the **BEST** place in England to study!

## Bath is one of the most visited cities in England

famous around the world for its beautiful buildings, wide range of cultural attractions, great shops and restaurants and its fantastic atmosphere. Just ninety minutes from London, Bath is the ideal place to study - the perfect size to get around easily, but with a vibrant buzz that makes it feel like a much bigger city. With two universities and world-class sporting facilities, plus amazing historical attractions, great parks, summer festivals and fantastic shopping, there is always something going on. And it's also a great place simply to relax and chill out!

We take care to make sure our school is a comfortable place to study. Situated in the heart of the city, all facilities are close by, and travel is easy and quick.

## FACT FILE

### Some of Bath's features...

- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Ancient Roman Baths
- Stunning Georgian architecture
- Famous for the author Jane Austen and her novels
- Festivals all through the year
- River and canal boat trips
- 14 amazing museums
- Pretty parks throughout the city
- Botanical gardens
- Olympic-size swimming pool
- 5 theatres
- 10 cinema screens
- 4 golf courses
- Christmas market
- Population of 85,000
- Surrounded by beautiful countryside
- Just 90 minutes from London

**BATH ABBEY**  
Just one of many historic sites in the heart of the city



**CLUB XL**  
The best night of the week...

**FUN DAYS OUT**  
Students enjoy boating on the river Avon



**HOLE IN ONE?**  
Will you be the mini-golf champion?



**ENJOY LEARNING**  
With challenging lessons and fun IT activities

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- Courses include**
- 15 hours of lessons per week
  - Fully supervised social programme
  - Daily activities
  - Two evening activities per week
  - Weekend excursion
  - Full-board accommodation
  - Placement test on arrival
  - All course materials
  - End of course certificate
  - Weekly feedback with staff
  - Student identity card
  - 24-hour emergency phone number



**SAMBA NIGHT** Learn this exciting music style

# Lessons & activities

## Enjoy learning at BEST

Lessons are varied, challenging and fun. We don't follow course books based on grammar syllabuses, as most students place greater importance on improving speaking, listening and vocabulary. We give students the maximum opportunity to express themselves and gain confidence through co-operative projects and topic lessons – often linked to activities, visits and excursions.

Our teachers carefully select materials depending on the group, with some lessons taking place outside the classroom in real-language contexts, to encourage students' independence and help them make the most of their study experience. All students have a test on the first day, including a 'mini-interview', to find out students' interests, and help place them in the appropriate class. We also check how each student is getting on through a questionnaire at the end of the first week. Our staff members are approachable, and students can ask questions at any time.

## SAMPLE PROGRAMME

### Week One

- 09.00 - 12.30 Lessons
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 - 16.30 Orientation sightseeing walk, crazy golf, boating on the river Avon, ice-skating, sport
- Evening Karaoke, Disco
- Saturday Full-day excursion to London

### Week Two

- 09.00 - 12.30 Lessons
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 - 16.30 Photo competition, swimming, Roman Baths, ten-pin bowling, sport
- Evening Samba, Disco
- Saturday Full-day excursion to Oxford (continuing students)

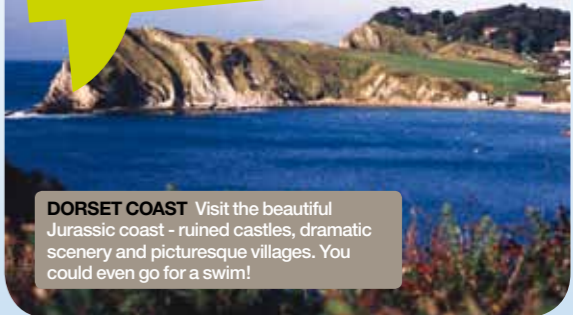
■ Please note that in busy weeks activities may take place in the morning and lessons in the afternoon



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**LONDON** One of the world's greatest cities, you could spend months enjoying the amazing sights of England's capital! We offer an exciting tour of this fabulous city's most famous attractions, which is sure to leave you wanting to come back for a return visit...

Here are some of our favourites, but there's much more too...



**DORSET COAST** Visit the beautiful Jurassic coast - ruined castles, dramatic scenery and picturesque villages. You could even go for a swim!



**OXFORD** Home to one of the world's most famous universities, this historic city also supplied the magical locations for the award-winning Harry Potter films



**KING ARTHUR'S GLASTONBURY**  
The legend lives on. Visit this magical, mystical place, and learn about the Knights of the Round table and the astounding story of King Arthur

# Social life & excursions

## Bath offers a range of cultural & social attractions

to suit everyone, making it the ideal city to study in. Surrounded by beautiful countryside, full of splendid buildings and with its own unique atmosphere, students will experience what are sure to become some of their most treasured memories.

Our social programme manager heads a team of activity staff, who supervise and lead all sporting and cultural activities, with students' safety and welfare a priority at all times. The school's active social programme encourages networking, and students can make friends for life in our wonderful international environment. Walk where Romans walked at the Roman Baths, enjoy sports in the city's beautiful parks, take a boat on the river Avon, experience the beautiful English countryside, and enjoy many more activities as part of our varied and social programme. And after your activities you can relax with friends in the cosmopolitan city centre or look for souvenirs and gifts in the fantastic shops. Bath is just the right size to let teenagers develop and appreciate their independence.

Check out what the city has to offer, and the wide range of cultural and social attractions at [www.visitbath.co.uk](http://www.visitbath.co.uk)



**CARDIFF AND CHEPSTOW**  
Visit the capital of Wales and the Welsh border town of Chepstow with its fantastic castle. And maybe learn some Welsh!



**STONEHENGE AND SALISBURY**  
Your chance to visit the world-famous prehistoric stone circle of Stonehenge and discover how and why it was built. Then explore the charming city of Salisbury with its astonishing cathedral - home of the Magna Carta and the world's oldest clock!

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# Accommodation - supervision and welfare

## Living with a host family means you experience the best of the city.

You are looked after like a member of the family, giving you the chance to experience life in an friendly English home and to practise your language skills as much as possible.

Our host families, chosen for the quality of their homes and the warm welcome they offer, are regularly visited by our accommodation department. They reflect life in the UK today, so they might include, for example: two parents and their children, a older couple whose children have grown up, or perhaps a young couple. We do our best to match families and students, and to make sure your preferences are met.

Students usually arrive on a Sunday after 4.00pm and leave on a Saturday. Please let us know if you need to arrive on a different day or at a different time. Students will normally be met on arrival in Bath. Families have clear guidelines on the hosting of students, especially those under 18, and take their responsibilities seriously. Students or families with concerns can contact our Accommodation Manager at any time.

Most families are a short bus ride or walk from the city centre. The host family will bring the student to school on the first morning, and school staff will make sure that they know how to get home again on the first evening. Students will be able to have a bath/shower at least once a day. Hosts will do light laundry and provide clean bed linen and towels. Students should, however, bring their own towel for swimming.

Many of our students will be in shared accommodation, or in a family where there is another student, which makes the travelling easier, especially in the first few days! A packed lunch is provided at school in the week, and students can choose from a selection of sandwiches. Please notify us at the time of booking of any specific dietary requirements.

Accommodation is in single or twin rooms, with a maximum of four students per family, though most have one



**HOMESTAY FAMILIES**  
Provide a welcoming and friendly environment

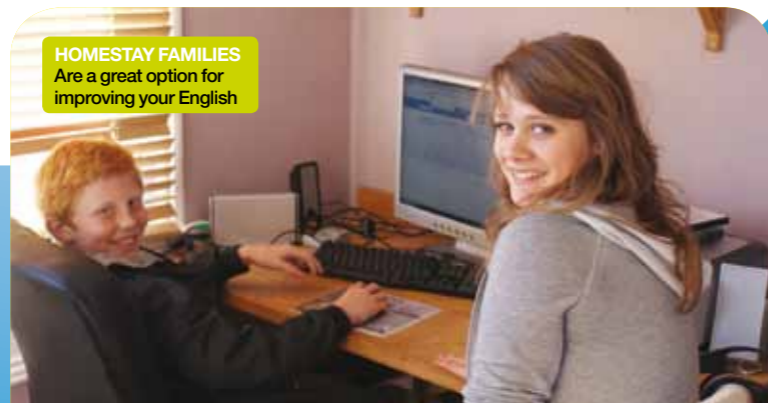
or two. Our Accommodation Manager is available in school for students to discuss any problems they may have.

We require all students to have adequate insurance for the duration of their stay. This should cover the potential cost of any emergency medical treatment. Please inform the school of the policy details. EU citizens should obtain their European Health Insurance Card before travelling. If a student is ill during their stay, they should inform their homestay host or a member of staff. We can arrange for a visit to a local doctor or chemist, or to the local National Health Service centre. Insurance is also necessary to cover loss or theft of personal belongings. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost or stolen goods. Any loss or theft should be reported as soon as possible, and the school will help the student with police reports for insurance claims etc. Please keep a copy of the student's tickets and ID documents in case of loss.

The school has recommended curfew times (when students should be home). Host families take their responsibilities very seriously, and we expect students to be home by these times. Whenever a student goes out in the evening when a school activity is not taking place, they should inform the hosts where they are going and at what time they intend to be back. Please contact us for further details or to request our booklet on accommodation for teenagers.



**GOOD FRIENDS**  
Many students keep in touch with their host families long after their stay



**HOMESTAY FAMILIES**  
Are a great option for improving your English

## Travel to Bath

### Bath is well connected with excellent travel links

These include great transport links to London Heathrow and London Gatwick airports, with Bristol airport only 45 minutes from Bath. We can help you arrange transfers and book coach or train tickets from your arrival airport and for your return journey. We also offer a meeting service. Alternatively you can book a taxi, which will take you directly to your accommodation.

London Heathrow	London Gatwick	Bristol
Coach 2 ½ hours	Coach 3 ½ hours	Coach & train 1¼ hours
Pre-booked taxi 1½ hours	Pre-booked taxi 2½ hours	Pre-booked taxi 45 minutes
	Train 2½ hours	

Please see the brochure insert for further details, or contact us if you are arriving at a different airport.



**ENROL ONLINE**  
It's quick & easy



**BEST FRIENDS**  
Make friends for life!

## How to enrol...

Please check the brochure insert for details of fees.

You can enrol online for courses at:  
[www.bestinbath.co.uk](http://www.bestinbath.co.uk)

Or please contact us by email:  
[info@bestinbath.co.uk](mailto:info@bestinbath.co.uk)

When we receive your application form and fees (or deposit), we will send you a confirmation letter. Details of your accommodation will follow as soon as possible after we receive the full fees. We recommend that you send us your details as far in advance as you are able, in order to make sure the booking process runs smoothly.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**  
Please contact us



**BRISTOL AIRPORT**  
18 miles from the city of Bath

**HEATHROW AIRPORT**  
100 miles from the city of Bath

London

**GATWICK AIRPORT**  
128 miles from the city of Bath

**STANSTED AIRPORT**  
160 miles from the city of Bath



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