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**WORLD**  
*English Schools*

**SUMMER  
COURSES  
2024**

# Welcome

Welcome to Our World English Schools, providers of high quality summer courses since 1989. Over the last 34 years we have grown steadily; each year new groups and individuals join us and many return year after year.

Integration at all levels, from classroom to boarding house, is the key to the truly international flavour of our courses, in which communicating in English becomes a passport to new friendships and understanding.

Our World represents a global village in keeping with the spirit of the age and the British Council accreditation, which we have had for over 20 years, provides an assurance of the high quality of our courses. We look forward to welcoming you this summer, and to helping you discover what makes Our World such a special place.

*Now in my 7th year at Our World I still enjoy it and I can't wait to come back and spend my summer in beautiful surroundings with students from all over the world!*

*Beth Eades, Global Young Leaders  
Coordinator*



# You are Our World



**A family atmosphere lies at the heart of our courses. Each student's welfare is of vital importance to us, and our staff are on hand to guarantee your peace of mind. You can rest assured that Our World revolves around you.**

## Supervision and Welfare

Our schools has an appropriate ratio of staff to students and many of our team return year after year. Our English teachers are suitably qualified, and we employ a team of enthusiastic and capable activities staff who help the students

- Excellent teaching resources and carefully selected staff
- Lively programme of social activities each evening
- Two full-day excursions each week for sightseeing and culture

make the most of our exciting sporting and social programme.

Staff trained in first aid are resident on all courses. Students enjoy three meals each day, with a wide range of salads and hot dishes. Vegetarian meals are available and other dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Drinks and snacks are provided during break times.

Single/Twin/Triple and Quadruple rooms, cleaned each day for the students; all bed linen is provided and changed weekly. Clothes are laundered for students on a weekly basis.

- Careful supervision ensuring safety and well-being
- Imaginative, effective and original courses

*I really like my room because it has everything I need*

*Macario, Mexico*

# Tonbridge School and Town

Internationally renowned Tonbridge School sits firmly in the heart of the historic market town in a spacious, green campus of 150 acres.

- Boys and girls aged 8-17
- Top UK school founded in 1553
- Beautiful historic buildings in a 150 acre campus
- Accommodation; single, twin, triple and quadruple rooms with shared facilities
- Superb swimming pool and extensive sports facilities, media centre and theatre

The school's history dates back to its foundation in 1553, and its buildings have great character and architectural significance, including as they do a magnificent chapel, as well as many more modern buildings, such as the superb swimming pool and sports centre, media centre and theatre.

Dedicated block of classrooms, with smartboards and wireless internet access, and the programme involves use of many of the school's facilities and resources.

There are three comfortable boarding houses adjacent to the school campus for our sole use. Boys and girls may mix in recreation areas but may not enter each other's sections of the boarding houses. There is a range of room types, including singles, twins, triples and quadruple, and room type can be confirmed at the time of booking. Bedrooms have shared bathroom facilities, which afford an appropriate degree of privacy. Staff members are accommodated within the boarding houses and are available at all times to provide assistance and a high level of supervision.

The town of Tonbridge attracts many international visitors and offers a wide range of shops and amenities, with a train station providing easy access to London, which is less than 45 minutes away. At the centre of the town, and just next to Tonbridge School, sits a well preserved 13th-century motte-and-bailey castle, set in beautiful gardens.

There is a strong link between the novelist Jane Austen and the school and town - her father, George, was a pupil of the school and later a teacher there. The literary connection is further established through the novelist E M Forster, who studied at the school and in whose honour the impressive school theatre is named.





# English plus Sport and Activity

General English classes are designed to build confidence through communicating in English and teaching in small groups of up to 15 students.

Ages: 8-17  
Language Level: A0-C2

Students are streamed by age and ability and are tested at the beginning of the course and placed in a class of the appropriate level. During the course, teachers monitor students' progress and an academic report and a certificate are awarded at the end of the course. Our syllabus is designed to suit the needs of our students, providing them with practical language skills. The aim of the course is to improve English comprehension skills, along with grammar and pronunciation, as well as building confidence in communicating through English.

**General English** classes are comprised of three hours per day of teaching time, five days per week. All English teachers are suitably qualified and our courses are accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

**Language Activities** In addition to General English classes, all students on the English plus Activity courses experience a wide range of activities designed to give them the opportunity to develop new skills, whilst using their spoken English in a specific context. Students move on to a new activity each day, including: journalism, creative writing/

storytelling, mindfulness workshops, vlogging, cookery, drama, and arts and crafts. Classes last for 90 minutes and focus on the development of speaking and listening skills.

**Sports** A fantastic mixture of sports are offered to students each day. They can practice their skills or use the opportunity to learn new ones with our sports and activity leaders, who ensure that the highest levels of safety are maintained at all times. week.

**Activities include:** Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Dance, Volleyball, Swimming, Rounders, Soccer, Tennis, Aerobics

- 15 hours of General English classes per week
- 7.5 hours of Language Activities classes and cultural events per week
- 7.5 hours of sports per week
- Varied social programme
- Two full-day excursions per week to London and beyond



## English plus Performing Arts

The English plus Performing Arts course offers boys and girls the opportunity to develop their theatrical skills in drama and dance, whilst also improving their English.

**Ages: 8-17**  
**Language Level: A0-C2**

### English

English in the morning sessions for 15 hours per week. Classes in small groups of up to 15 are organised with students from the other English courses to encourage a great mixture of students.

### Performing Arts

The afternoon sessions are devoted to building skills in acting, singing, dancing and stagecraft culminating in a performance to other students and staff at the end of the programme. One highlight of the course is an optional visit to a London Musical show in a West End Theatre at an additional cost.

The English plus Performing Arts course is taught by subject specialist teachers and is open to all ability levels including beginners.

- 15 hours of general English classes per week
- 15 hours of performance Art classes per week
- Varied Social Programme
- Two full-day excursions per week to London and beyond
- A Visit to London Musical Show in a West End Theatre is available for purchase.

# Global Young Leaders

Now in its 17th year, The Global Young Leaders summer programme, based at the prestigious Tonbridge School, in the South-East of England, Kent, is a premier debating and critical thinking course, introducing some of the most influential thinkers, and an array of global issues to students from all over the world.

**Ages: 14-17**  
**Language Level: B2+**

## Tonbridge School

Internationally renowned Tonbridge School sits firmly in the heart of the historic market town in a spacious, green campus of 150 acres, just 40 minutes by train to London Charing Cross station.

*"Our mentors are current students and graduates of some of the top UK universities and are able to use their passion and knowledge to teach students a wide range of global topics including, philosophical thinking, international relations, economics, literature, law, university preparations and more..."*

## Debating as a Key Life Skill

- Debate with Students from all around the World.
- A window into the World Schools Debating Championship
- Learn from experienced debate teachers.
- Develop competitive debating skills: a powerful tool for self-development.
- Improve exam performance and day-to-day confidence.
- Participate in both a TED-style public speaking event and a debating tournament.

## PPE and Critical Thinking Skills

- Covering a variety of global subjects in undergraduate-level discussions.
- Encourage the development and application of critical thinking skills.
- Learn to critically engage with the world around them.
- Academic Writing and research skills promoted through the Independent Research Project, a perfect preparation for the Extended Essay component of the international Baccalaureate, and for academic writing at University.

## Developing a Global Perspective

- Classes modelled on university seminars to prepare students for undergraduate academic disciplines.
- Our diverse range of students encourages a global perspective and outlook
- Students gain an understanding of current affairs, and confidence presentation skills

*I had a really great time at Global Young Leaders. The classes, the competitions and the excursions were fun, and I really hope to go back next year. I had the best time of my life in those two weeks.*

*Debora, Switzerland*



# Foundation Global Young Leaders

Foundation GYL is an introduction to debating and the history of the ideas which have shaped the world as we know it today. Our Global Young Leaders course has been running for over a decade, and Foundation GYL is designed to be the perfect introduction to the ideas explored in more depth in our Global Young Leaders courses. Experienced teachers guide small classes through lessons on a range of themes designed to help them become more informed and engaged global citizens.

Ages: 12-17

Language Level: B1+

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## An Introduction to Debating

- Develop competitive debating skills: a powerful tool for self-development.
- Improve confidence in academic spoken English.
- Participate in a debating competition in the World Schools Debating format
- Classes structured to encourage cooperation, mutual support and inclusivity.

## Becoming an Informed Global Citizen

- PPE lessons introduce a range of key ideas in philosophy, politics and economics
- Lessons cover a range of ideas within the social sciences: world history, geography, history of science, world religions, sociology, and the law
- Interdisciplinary approach gives students an overview of the world as we know it and their role within it

*GYL was the most incredible two weeks, I learned, grew, made friends and brought so much of what I experienced back with me to school and beyond.*

*Ridge, India*



# Future Young Leaders and Intensive English

Future Young Leaders with Intensive English is an introduction to debating and the history of the ideas which have shaped the world as we know it today, supplemented with tailored English lessons designed to ensure the ideas discussed are accessible to all students, perfectly balancing language acquisition and usage in a variety of global contexts.

Experienced teachers guide small classes through lessons on a range of themes designed to help them become more informed and engaged global citizens.

Ages: 12-17

Language Level: B1+

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## Developing English through Debate:

- Improve confidence in spoken English through lessons in debate and public speaking
- An opportunity to debate with students from around the world.
- A window into the World Schools Debating Championship, learning from experienced teachers
- Develop competitive debating skills: a powerful tool for self-development.
- Improve exam performance and day-to-day confidence.
- Use vocabulary from English and PPE lessons to succeed in debates and present a winning argument!
- The course ends with students participating in a debating competition in the World Schools Debating format

## Introduction to Philosophy, Politics and Economics

- This prestigious combination of subjects helps students to develop their understanding of the world around them
- Learning with students from around the world for diverse perspectives

## Intensive English

- Develop a deeper linguistic understanding of the content debated.
- A tailored English programme provides relevant language support to scaffold the content delivered within the Global Young Leaders Programme
- Targeted English lessons designed around the key concepts and ideas discussed within the Global Young Leaders Lessons.
- Develop a deeper linguistic understanding of the content discussed and debated.

*Future Young Leaders with Intensive English - Insert Student Testimonial – 'Our teachers were wonderful and informative with innovative teaching methods.'*

*Annesha Banerjee, Dubai*







## Sports

There is a huge range of indoor and outdoor sporting activities in some of the best school sports facilities in the UK: spacious gymnasiums, indoor heated swimming pools, tennis courts and running tracks.

Students choose which sports activity they would like to take part in each day. They can practice their skills or use the opportunity to learn new ones with our sports and activity leaders, who ensure that the highest levels of safety are maintained at all times.

### ACTIVITIES ON OFFER MAY INCLUDE:

basketball	swimming
badminton	rounders
table tennis	soccer
dance	tennis
volleyball	aerobics

*I love the sports activities and particularly enjoyed playing volleyball, football and breakdancing with my friends.*

*Abdullah, Saudi Arabia*



## Social events

Part of the special atmosphere of Our World English Schools comes from the close friendships which develop between students. Many of them keep in touch after the summer is over, and many come back year after year. The wide range of nationalities provides a fascinating insight into other cultures.

After a full day of English lessons, activities and sports in the evenings, students enjoy a lively programme of social activities. Each week there is a varied social programme with fun events such as a disco, barbecue, challenge event, treasure hunt and sports competition or similar.

Students also have some free time to spend in the boarding house, common rooms and computer facilities, or relaxing in the extensive grounds. There are special events too, such as Quiz Night and the highly enjoyable Talent Show in which students and Our World staff share the spotlight.

*The Talent Show was amazing. I had so much fun, especially watching the staff take part.*

*Ahmed, UAE*





**PROVIDING AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE**



## Excursions

The weekly London trip offers students a range of options combining cultural/historical attractions with sightseeing and shopping.

There are two full-day excursions each week to London and beyond.

Destinations in London may include:

**Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, London museums.**

Students will also visit other top UK destinations which may include:

**Brighton, Cambridge, Oxford, Whipsnade Zoo or Chessington World of Adventures.**

All travel costs and entry fees are included and a packed lunch is provided.

*I like the excursions because we always go somewhere different. We are able to choose where to go and what we'd like to do.*

*Alexson, Hong Kong*



# General Information

## Course staff

Our World English Schools offers an excellent ratio of staff to students, according to the ethos and high standard of student care that our courses follow. We employ carefully selected and suitably qualified teachers in the classroom and responsible members of activities staff to organise and run an extensive social and excursion programme.

Our centre is led by a Centre Manager who is directly responsible for the welfare of all students and staff. He/she leads a team of teaching, activities and welfare staff who teach the students in the classroom, accompany them on excursions, instruct and supervise the students' social programme and ensure high levels of safety and welfare. Most staff are also resident in the boarding houses with students. We employ a team of enthusiastic and capable staff who ensure the students' safety, wellbeing and enjoyment at all times in order for the students to gain the maximum possible benefit from the course.

## Arrivals and departures

Students should arrive at and depart from London Gatwick or London Heathrow airport or London St Pancras Station.

Transfer from flights/trains can be accommodated for a supplement fee and handled by our experienced staff. (Further information is located on our website including fees and dates).

Students will be met at the airport or train station by a member of Our World staff at the appropriate exit point, carrying a board with the Our World English Schools logo and the student's name. If several students arrive at a similar time of day, some may be asked to wait until we have met another arrival before leaving the airport or station. Upon departure, Our World staff will accompany students to the airport or station and will stay

until they have gone through security into the departure area.

Students must have a valid return travel ticket, complete with a time and date. It is essential that we are kept informed of any changes to the students' travel arrangements. Parents must not assume that we have received details of changes until they are acknowledged by us in writing.

## Meals

Students will have most of their meals in the school dining hall. A large selection of hot and cold options are on offer for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with vegetarian options also available. Drinks and snacks are provided during break times.

Any special dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Packed lunches will be provided on excursions. Pocket money and valuables All course expenses are included in the course fees, however, students may want to bring a small amount of pocket money for souvenirs and other expenses e.g. UK sim cards. We believe £100 - £150 per week should be adequate. Upon the student's arrival, their passport, pocket money and other documents will be collected and a banking service will be available.

In the interests of safeguarding, student bedrooms do not have locks on the doors. Valuables may be left with the Centre Manager in the Course Office. Our World English Schools disclaims responsibility for loss or damage to students' personal possessions, money and other valuables, except when officially banked with us.

## Student accommodation

Girls and boys are accommodated separately and may only mix

in the recreational areas. The student residences include single/twin/triple and quadruple bedrooms with shared facilities. Bed linen will be provided and changed once a week.

## Clothes and laundry

Clothes are laundered once a week by the school. Students may be expected to sort out their own clothes when they are returned clean, so it is a good idea to have name tapes on items which are not readily identifiable, such as white T-shirts. Students must bring their own towels and toiletries.

## Student safety and welfare

All staff are safeguarding trained and several are also trained in First Aid. Students will be taken to the local health centre or hospital when necessary. Please include any relevant medical details on the application and medical forms.

The students are under the supervision of the course staff when they are off-campus, except where they have written permission from their parents and course staff to have free time (within a designated area) during shopping times.

## Insurance

Students are advised to arrange insurance cover for personal possessions and medical treatment.

## Security Deposit

A £100.00 security deposit will be required from each student upon arrival / check-in. Deposit will be returned at the end of the course providing there has been no damage caused to any of the site facilities or accommodation.

6. Smoking is not permitted in school premises at any time.
7. Girls and boys may not enter each other's bedrooms or other designated areas under any circumstances.
8. Students will be required to be in their rooms and to maintain silence at a certain time prescribed by the Centre Manager.
9. Bullying will not be tolerated and may, at the discretion of the Centre Manager, result in expulsion from the course.
10. Students will be expected to show courtesy to all course staff and domestic staff and to behave in a civilised manner on and off the campus.

**NB: Students breaking any of the rules of the course they are attending may be dismissed within 24 hours at their own expense and without refund.**

# FAQ

## If I am interested in booking a course what should I do?

- Contact our office to check availability
- We will hold a place for you whilst you complete the booking form and other relevant forms
- A deposit of £575 is payable to secure your place

## What if I require a visa to come to the UK?

- On receipt of your booking form and deposit we will issue a letter of confirmation to support your visa application

## How can I pay for my course?

- We accept payment by Bank Transfer

## What do I do after I have paid my deposit?

- The balance of fees is due by 1st June 2024
- On receipt of full payment we will send airport transfer confirmation and the student handbook which contains useful information about your course
- All students arriving on our courses are met at the point of arrival in the UK and accompanied to the centre
- Students are strongly encouraged to take out insurance for medical and personal possessions cover; please contact us if you require assistance

## When should I arrive on my course?

- Students must arrive and depart on the dates advertised on the Fees and Dates section on our website
- Return Airport transfer can be provided for a supplement fee (More information is listed on our fees and dates section of our website).

# Terms & Condition

## Enrolment

Places on each course are strictly limited and you are advised to complete and return your application form as early as possible. The enrolment is valid once receipt of the deposit has been confirmed by us in writing. Payment in full must be received by 1st June 2024. If payment is not received by this date, Our World English Schools reserves the right to cancel the student's place on the course. If the application is accepted after 1st June, full payment must be made at this time. Once the full fee has been received students are sent further course details.

## Airport Transfers

Students requesting an airport transfer will only be accepted for such if they are in possession of a valid return ticket with a specified time and date of departure. It is essential that Our World English Schools is kept informed of any changes to the student's travel arrangements. Changes must be communicated to us in writing. We will always confirm receipt of these changes in writing. Excess baggage and Unaccompanied Minor charges will not be met by Our World English Schools. Please check with the relevant airline at the time of booking regarding arrangements for payment of airport departure tax, or any other charges which may be incurred.

## Student Safety and Welfare

Students will be under the supervision of the course staff when they are off campus, except where small groups of children aged 13 and over are given permission by staff to go shopping. Permission can be given on the Parental Consent Form. Parents must write a letter to the Head Office before the course commences, if they do not wish for such permission to be given. Several of our staff at each centre are trained in First Aid. Students will be taken to the local health centre or hospital when appropriate. Please include any relevant medical details on the application form.

## Cancellation

An enrolment may be cancelled and a full refund given if, before the start of the course, the student, a parent or brother or sister suffers sudden serious illness, accident or death. Appropriate medical certificates will be required confirming the reason for cancellation. Cancellation for any other reason, except failure to obtain a visa, will not qualify for a refund of any sort. Where a visa application fails, Our World English Schools will refund the course fees, less the deposit, upon receipt of the original documentation issued by the Entry Clearance Officer.

## Student Visas

Student Visas may be required. We will be happy to provide a letter of acceptance and visa support letter to assist the student in obtaining a visa.

## Visitors to the Courses

Any relative or friend who wishes to take a student out during the course must have permission of the Centre Manager or his/her deputy. The parent/guardian of the student must send a written confirmation to the Centre Manager at least 24 hours in advance before permission can be given, and such permission is at the discretion of the Centre Manager. A form of photo ID such as a passport will be required when a parent/guardian collects the student from the centre.

## Promotional Materials

Our World English Schools may wish to use photographs or video images of students on the course for future promotional purposes. If parents do not wish to permit this for their children they should state this on the Parental Consent and Medical Form.

## Liability

It shall be the condition of the contract between Our World English Schools and the parent/guardian that Our World English Schools shall not in any way be liable to the parent/guardian in the event that any service contracted to be supplied by Our World English Schools becomes impossible to supply due to reasons outside our control.

## Personal Possessions

Students are strongly advised to hand in their passports, tickets, pocket money and valuable personal possessions to our staff and although every possible care will be taken with these items, no responsibility will be taken for the loss or theft of any item left for safe keeping.

## Student Information

If incorrect information or misinformation is provided in the application to Our World English Schools, we reserve the right to ask the student(s) to leave the course. In this case, there can be no refund of the course fees.

## Insurance

Students are strongly advised to arrange insurance cover for personal possessions and medical treatment. Once signed, the Booking Form represents a contract between the parent/guardian and Our World English Schools Ltd and is governed by UK law.

**NB: All references in the prospectus, fees and dates and booking form to Our World English Schools are an abbreviation of Our World English Schools Ltd.**



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