



# Junior Brochure



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# WELCOME TO WESTBOURNE ACADEMY

Westbourne Academy has been open since 1996 teaching English as a foreign language to thousands of students from all over the world. Our British Council Accredited school is located in Bournemouth which is the most popular place to study English in the UK, second only to London.



With 15 classrooms mostly equipped with top of the range Interactive Whiteboards and experienced, friendly and passionate teachers, lessons are always fun and engaging and cover Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking skills as well as the Grammar that is found in each level.

Outside of lesson time in the school, students have access to many facilities such as free Wi-Fi, on-site cafeteria, private study areas, additional learning resources, lunchtime and after school activities and weekend excursions to famous sites and cities.

# BOURNEMOUTH

## OUR LOCATION

Situated in the beautiful seaside town of Bournemouth, we benefit greatly from our incredible surroundings and take full advantage of them, with optional daily social activities and weekend excursions to the beaches, New Forest and local attractions. The school is located near the picturesque shopping centre of Westbourne and in this safe and friendly part of Bournemouth, you will find banks, a post office, international restaurants, and great shopping facilities. The beach is only 10 minutes' walk and Bournemouth town centre is 5 minutes away by bus. The historic town of Poole is also just 20 minutes away by bus and Christchurch is 30 minutes away.



# JUNIOR PROGRAMME

## 12–17-YEAR-OLDS

Our exciting Junior Programme is available for students aged 12 – 17 years old to study for 1 week or more. This programme promotes the interaction of students of similar ages and interests from around the world.

### WHY CHOOSE THE WESTBOURNE ACADEMY JUNIOR PROGRAMME?

- ✓ We have a Designated Junior Coordinator for students to come to with any questions or issues they may be having. There are weekly meetings for all under 18 students to check they are happy and enjoying their stay because we have their welfare and safety as a priority.
- ✓ High standards of supervision and student welfare for students aged 12-17 in school, in their accommodation and in social activities and excursions arranged by Westbourne Academy staff
- ✓ Classes with other students in their age group and language level making it easy for them to make friends and practise their English
- ✓ 24 Hour Emergency phone number with a friendly Designated Safeguarding staff member that students can contact if they have a problem.
- ✓ Carefully selected police checked Homestays with experience of hosting students and specially chosen to host Junior Programme students.
- ✓ Exciting social programme available with a wide variety of activities to suit all interests



# JUNIOR COURSE OPTIONS

Students aged 12-15 must be part of a group booking with a maximum stay of 3 weeks. Students aged 16-17 who are not part of a group booking can only join the Junior Programme during the Summer Term (29<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> August; subject to availability).

<b>COURSE A</b> English language classes only	<b>NUMBER OF WEEKS</b>	<b>START DATES</b>
<b>20 Lessons</b> <i>13 hours and 20 minutes</i>	1 – 3 weeks (Age 12-17)	<b>Any Monday</b>
	4+ weeks (Age 16+ only)	
<b>Optional Extras</b>	5 x lunch (Mon-Fri) 3 x social activities 1 x weekend excursion 1x bus pass	

<b>COURSE B</b> Full Programme	<b>NUMBER OF WEEKS</b>	<b>START DATES</b>
<b>20 Lessons</b> <i>13 hours and 20 minutes</i>  <b>Hot lunches, 3 activities,                      1 excursion,                      bus pass (For groups only)</b>	1 – 3 weeks (Age 12-17)	<b>Any Monday</b>
	4+ weeks (Age 16+ only)	

# DAILY TIMETABLE AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME

On the Junior Programme, students have the same daily timetable. Lessons are Monday to Friday, and the day starts at 9:00am with four lessons per day and finishes at 12:00pm followed by lunch. (each lesson is 40 minutes). Students booked onto the Full Programme have a hot lunch from 12:00pm – 1:20pm and an afternoon activity arranged by Westbourne Academy from Tuesday to Thursday with one full day excursion each week. Students are welcome to join the activity programme if they have not booked the Full Junior Programme and pay for each activity, they wish to take part in.

## SAMPLE JUNIOR TIMETABLE

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9:00 – 9:45	<b>English Language Lessons</b> With practice of Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Vocabulary					Full day Excursion to London    	Family Day with Homestay  OR Activity arranged by group leader
9:45 – 10:20							
10:20 – 10:40	Break Time						
10:40 – 11:20	<b>English Language Lessons</b> With practice of Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Vocabulary						
11:20 – 12:00							
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Lunch Time</b> (Hot lunch included in the school Cafeteria) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal</li> <li>Cake or Fruit</li> <li>Drink</li> </ul>	<b>Lunch Time</b> (Hot lunch included in the school Cafeteria) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal</li> <li>Cake or Fruit</li> <li>Drink</li> </ul>	<b>Lunch Time</b> (Hot lunch included in the school Cafeteria) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal</li> <li>Cake or Fruit</li> <li>Drink</li> </ul>	<b>Lunch Time</b> (Hot lunch included in the school Cafeteria) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal</li> <li>Cake or Fruit</li> <li>Drink</li> </ul>	<b>Lunch Time</b> (Hot lunch included in the school Cafeteria) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal</li> <li>Cake or Fruit</li> <li>Drink</li> </ul>		
Afternoon Activity 14:00 – 17:00	Free time with group leader to visit Poole  	Laser Quest  	Russell Cotes Art Gallery & Museum Quiz  	Bowling  	Free time with group leader to visit Christchurch  		



We have many exciting and fun activities to cover a wide variety of interests from Table Tennis to Treasure Hunts, Bowling and Laser Quest and full day excursions to popular cities. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

### SAMPLE 3 WEEK JUNIOR SOCIAL PROGRAMME

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY <small>LOCAL ATTRACTIONS DAY</small>	WEDNESDAY <small>LOCAL CITY DAY</small>	THURSDAY <small>SPORTS DAY</small>	FRIDAY	SATURDAY <small>EXCURSION DAY</small>	SUNDAY
1	Free time with group leader in Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch	Indoor Climbing 	Russell Cotes Art Gallery & Museum Quiz 	Bowling 	Free time with group leader in Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch	Excursion to Oxford 	Family Day with Homestay OR Activity arranged by group leader
2	Free time with group leader in Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch	Laser Quest 	Cream Tea & British Culture Quiz 	Mini Golf 	Free time with group leader in Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch	Excursion to London 	Family Day with Homestay OR Activity arranged by group leader
3	Free time with group leader in Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch	Oceanarium 	Winchester half day excursion 	Beach Volleyball 	Free time with group leader in Bournemouth, Poole or Christchurch	Excursion to Swanage including Poole Harbour Boat cruise 	Family Day with Homestay OR Activity arranged by group leader

# HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Homestay accommodation is an important part of the programme experience and involves living as a member of the home. Students are treated as a full member of the household, eating together and sharing the common living areas. Living with local people is the best way to get extra language practice and it also helps you to understand English culture and customs. Often students staying (even if only for a short time) become so happy in the homestay that they come back to visit!

## **WHAT BENEFITS ARE THERE OF HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION?**

- A warm welcome is provided to students on arrival making the transition from one culture to another much easier.
- Homestays are full of local knowledge and can assist with any questions or concerns you have as well as recommending great things to do during your stay
- All our homestays are carefully selected by the Academy's accommodation department with regular inspections and a thorough application process.
- You will feel like part of the family and invited to join activities with the homestay.
- Special diets can be arranged with advanced notice so you are sure to be well fed! Please note this may cost extra. Please ask your agency for more details on these.
- Students have a curfew to ensure they are home safely from activities
- All the homestays are located within one area so students can travel together



## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Fully furnished twin bedroom with space for your clothes and a desk, chair and lamp where you can study (Students 16+ can request a single room for a higher cost)
- Shared shower or bathroom and toilet facilities
- Breakfast and evening meal Monday to Friday
- Breakfast, snack lunch and evening meals Saturday and Sunday
- Packed lunch if going on a weekend excursion.
- One wash load of clothes per week.
- Weekly bed linen and towels are provided
- A front door key to use during your stay
- Free Wi-Fi

Please note that accommodation bookings are Saturday to Saturday, unless otherwise arranged.

# STUDENT WELFARE AND SAFETY

The safety and security of all our students is a priority. Several of our staff members are trained to a high level as Welfare Officers who are available to give advice and help whenever it is needed. The school also operates a 24-hour emergency telephone service for students for when the school is closed.

The Safeguarding and Welfare Officers are:



**Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
(DSL)**

**Mark Halls**  
Principal



**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
(DSL)**

**Vanessa Elphick**  
Head of  
Accommodation



**Safeguarding  
Officer**

**Emma-Jayne  
Lochhead**  
Head of  
Administration



**Safeguarding  
Officer**

**Mr G. Garfield**  
Academic  
Administrator



**Safeguarding  
Officer**

**Louise Ingham**  
Director of Studies

Students are provided with a wristband on their first day at school that has the 24-hour emergency phone number on it (Yellow band for 12–15-year-olds, blue band for 16 – 17 year olds). This band is worn at all times during their programme to ensure they are always able to contact us in an emergency.

With weekly meetings for our junior students, we are able to keep an eye on students and make sure they are happy and settling well on the programme. We get to know them and build a trusting relationship that allows them to tell us of any worries they may be having so that we can help.



All our Junior Homestays have been carefully selected and have had police checks to ensure that the students are living in a safe environment. The homestays are located on a main bus route that has regular buses every 10 minutes and we also place 14 – 15-year-old students in twin rooms in a homestay to ensure they are never travelling alone.

We look forward to welcoming you to our lovely school to improve your English skills and make life-long friends and memories that will last forever.