

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

SHERBORNE, ENGLAND



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SPRING VACATION 2012

IGCSE/GCSE Revision
and English Language Courses

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Spring Vacation (April) 2012

Week one: Tuesday 10th April – Saturday 14th April inclusive

Week two: Monday 16th April – Friday 20th April inclusive

Arrival to International College on 9th or 15th April by 1800

Departure from International College on 14th or 20th April after 1600 or next morning

Sunday 15th April is excursion day for two week stays

NB: Monday 9th April is a Bank Holiday in England (Easter Monday): Book flights early



IGCSE/GCSE REVISION COURSES

- For non-native English speakers
- Small classes – maximum **eight** students
- Detailed revision of **two** subjects per week
- Examination technique and practice
- Specialist teachers
- Individual guidance
- Recreational programme included

ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

- For 13 – 17 year old boys and girls
- Small classes – maximum **eight** students
- English and different subjects – 30 lessons per week
- Full sports and recreational programme included
- Specialist teachers

Costs

- £1,055 per week

The fees include

- Tuition
- All teaching materials
- Single or twin study bedrooms
- All meals
- Sports and recreational programme
- Examination practice (revision course)
- Educational visits (English language course)
- Middle Sunday Excursion (if booked for both weeks)

Pastoral care

- 24 hour pastoral care
- Residential house tutors
- Matron and supervisory staff
- No smoking, no alcohol

IGCSE/GCSE Revision Courses

Subjects available (subject to sufficient demand)

- **IGCSE** English as a Second Language (CIE); Biology (CIE); Chemistry (CIE); Physics (CIE); Geography (Edexcel); History (Edexcel); Business Studies (Edexcel); French (Edexcel); Additional Mathematics (CIE)
- **GCSE** Mathematics (Edexcel); Art & Design (Edexcel); Business & Communications Systems (AQA)
- **Two** subjects to be revised each week
- Subject choices should be discussed with current teachers
- Also included: Study Skills, Examination Technique, English for Examinations

Who is the revision course for?

The course is dedicated to non-native English speakers who are preparing for IGCSE and or GCSE examinations in May/June 2012.

Why choose the International College?

Our teachers are specialists in teaching non-native speakers of English. The classes are small with a maximum of eight students. This allows each student to receive individual guidance, tailor-made to his or her needs.

We welcome visits from parents and students, and are happy to answer any further questions. In order to secure a place on either course, please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to us with the **non-refundable deposit** of £300. This will be deducted from the fee.

How intensive is the course?

The course is designed to focus on the core topics with the emphasis on understanding rather than rote learning and to provide the opportunity to cover problem areas in depth. There is constant testing throughout the course in order to help students develop appropriate examination technique. Our aim is to build up the students' confidence in their application of knowledge under examination conditions.



What is the daily programme?

There are six x 45 minute lessons each day in the chosen subjects, plus one and half hours of supervised examination practice in the evening. The work is set and marked daily. Lessons in study skills and examination technique form an integral part of the programme. The students are encouraged to develop efficient working habits and active revision.

Will the course cover the different requirements of examination boards and syllabuses?

Applicants from outside the International College need to provide information about the examination boards and syllabuses for each revision subject chosen. If there is a sufficient match with the syllabus being taught and if it is felt that the student will benefit from joining the course, then a place may be offered. Where this is not the case, students will be informed.

What does the College expect from the student?

The workload is heavy and total commitment by the student is expected throughout the course. However, with our help, the student receives a valuable boost at this vital stage. In order to gain optimum benefit from the course it is suggested that the student attend both weeks.

Recreation

Students on the revision course are strongly encouraged to use the two free hours in the afternoon to exercise their bodies in order to refresh their minds. The physical recreation options include swimming, football, tennis, basketball and using the gym. For students staying for both courses, there is a local excursion on the Sunday between Course one and Course two.



What next?

On completion of the course, reports are sent to parents and schools with detailed comments on the work covered and guidance for further study.





English as a foreign language course

Who is the course for?

The course is intended for non-native English speakers who wish to develop their language skills in a friendly and encouraging environment.

What is the aim of the course?

The aim of the Spring Vacation Course is to give students a taste of what happens on our academic year programme, so students have lessons in different subjects as well as English. They also have homework (prep) on four evenings per week to consolidate work done in class. The course is designed for students who are serious about studying.

What is the programme?

The lessons are lively and interesting and all aspects of the English language are covered. We also teach, in English, individual subject lessons in a variety of subjects from Geography, History, Science, Mathematics, Computer Studies, Art and Drama. The emphasis is on the English "academic" usage and vocabulary of the subject rather than the content. There are 30 lessons of 45 minutes each in a course, a total of 22½ hours tuition each week.

How will the lessons help my child?

Students should increase their vocabulary in different subjects as well as English. They should also become more confident about using English, especially about speaking it, as emphasis is placed on clear and assured communication.

The programme emphasises the development of language for the individual, and that is why our classes are small – a maximum of eight students.

Will it be fun?

The full academic programme is complemented by daily sports and activities such as tennis, swimming, football, gym, squash, badminton and basketball. Cinema visits, shopping expeditions and educational visits to places of interest also take place.

My child is travelling alone. How will he/she get to the International College?

We are happy to arrange for someone to meet your child from the airport and take him/her to the College. There will be an **extra charge** for this service.

How are the students cared for?

The students live in single or double rooms in purpose built accommodation. Resident house parents ensure the comfort and well-being of each student. The additional supervisory staff care for the students when they are not in lessons, and accompany them on excursions. Our matron is on call to respond to any medical problems.

What is a typical day?

A typical day starts at 07.30 when the students are awakened by the friendly house tutors. Breakfast is served in the College dining hall from 08.00. Classes start at 09.15.

09.15 – 10.00	Lesson
10.00 – 10.45	Lesson
10.45 – 11.15	Break time
11.15 – 12.00	Lesson
12.00 – 12.45	Lesson
Lunch in dining hall	Free time
14.00 – 14.45	Lesson
14.45 – 15.30	Lesson
16.00 – 18.00	Sport and activities
18.00 – 19.00	Dinner in dining hall
19.15 – 20.15	Prep
20.15 – 21.30	Activities

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Where is the International College?

The International College is ideally situated two-and-a-half hours south west of Heathrow London Airport in the clean, quiet and safe rural environment of Dorset.

It is on the edge of Sherborne town itself, a small traditional English market town.

The friendly nature of the town ensures that it is safe for students to visit the town without staff supervision during designated times.

Sherborne has its own railway station on a direct line with frequent trains from London Waterloo station. The College can also arrange to meet students at any of the London or local airports, though arrival at Stansted is not advised because of distance from the College and cost of transfer.



To apply please see your local agent / educational consultant, visit our website, or complete the enclosed registration form and send it to the International College.