



LEWIS SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Winchester

Summer Junior Centre

2026

28 June - 2 August



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Winchester Junior Centre

University of Winchester



Historic Winchester (population: 48,000) was England's capital before London. From its stunning cathedral to its iconic Great Hall to its beautiful riverside walks, you'll find something charming around every corner. Our centre is based at the University of Winchester, just a 15-minute walk from the city centre. Here you'll find top class facilities, including a £6.5m teaching and learning building - a modern study environment to complement the city's historic beauty. You're sure to have a great summer here!

- ✓ One of England's most beautiful cities
- ✓ Only 1 hour from London
- ✓ Impressive modern campus



"The teachers are amazing and the lessons are very interesting and engaging."
Bianca, Italy



Key Facts



Location

University campus



Dates

28 June - 2 August 2026

- Individuals can arrive on any Sunday
- Groups staying 1 week can arrive any Sunday
- Groups staying 2 weeks arrive on 28/6 or 12/7
- For longer stays or different dates, contact us.



Ages: 11-17*

Class size: Max. 18 students per class



Accommodation

Residential (single en-suite)



Weekly Trips

- | full-day trip
- | half-day trip
- | optional Sunday trip (additional fee)



Distance from Airports

Southampton (SOU) 18 km
London Heathrow (LHR) 90 km
London Gatwick (LGW) 125 km
London Stansted (STN) 180 km

**We may accept a younger or older student from the same school year as someone else in the group. NB: English & Football is for ages 14-17.*

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Front cover: dressing up in Winchester Great Hall.
This page: Winchester Cathedral, riverside walk.

Welcome to our Winchester Centre

Our centre is based at the University of Winchester, whose origins go back to 1840 and which was granted university status in 2005. The university has recently undertaken a number of impressive development projects, so you'll find an attractive blend of historic and modern architecture on campus. It offers a safe and peaceful environment but is just a 15-minute walk from the city centre.



Photos show campus views, disco venue and sports hall.

"The campus is awesome. The staff are kind, empathetic. It's really worth coming here. I'll miss this place."
Elisa, Italy



Accommodation

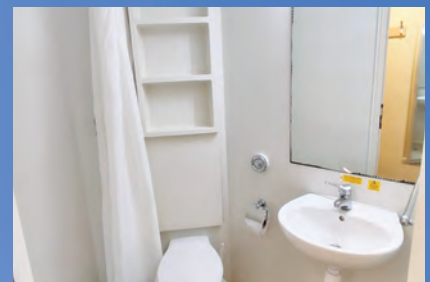
Residential accommodation is provided on campus in attractive halls with a 24/7 security service.

Residence Details

- Full board accommodation, arranged by Lewis School
- Single rooms with en-suite toilet, washbasin and shower facilities
- All meals taken at dining hall (packed lunch on Sunday and for full-day trip)
- Please note that the campus shop has limited opening times and stock during the summer
- Bed linen and towels provided (laundry of bed linen and towels included)
- For washing of clothes, there is a laundry operated by an app. Cost: £5 for a wash + dry cycle.
- Wi-Fi available in all bedrooms

'No Accommodation' Programmes

We also welcome students who have their own accommodation. Our 'No Accommodation' students attend dinner and evening activity twice per week instead of every day. See our price list and timetable for full details.



"The rooms are very good and well-organized as well as the campus."
Ruy, Spain

Beautiful Historic City

A thousand years ago, beautiful Winchester was the capital city of England. Today, it's visited by 4 million people every year, and you'll soon see why. Here are some of its highlights.

At the heart of the city is Winchester Cathedral. This Gothic masterpiece was built in the 11th century and was used in the filming of *The Da Vinci Code*. Another attraction not to be missed is The Great Hall. This is the only surviving part of the old Winchester Castle. It is best known for the Round Table, which has hung in the hall for over 700 years. According to myth, the wizard Merlin created the original Round Table for King Arthur. This is an imitation believed to be made in the 13th century for King Edward I.

As you explore its charming historic streets, you'll find echoes of famous figures such as 19th century novelist Jane Austen, who lived in the city and is buried in the cathedral, and King Alfred, a celebrated saxon king.

With riverside walks, hilltop views and a buzzing centre with enticing shops and restaurants, you're sure to love this special city.



Winchester High Street



Medieval fancy dress!



Statue of King Alfred the Great



Classic Programme



- ✓ 28 June - 2 August 2026 (join for 1-5 weeks)
- ✓ All levels of English welcome
- ✓ 15 hours of lessons per week
- ✓ Maximum 18 students per English class
- ✓ Weekly trips and a variety of afternoon and evening activities

Our Classic Programme combines fun and challenging lessons with a full activities programme. As both a tourist and a language learner, you'll have a truly unforgettable experience!

Your Course Objectives

- To develop your confidence in communicating in English,
- To improve your skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing, as well as your grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation
- To learn about British culture, particularly in relation to trips and other activities
- To develop your soft skills such as problem-solving and teamwork
- To showcase what you have learnt through weekly projects



Lessons

- ✓ Engaging lessons with a focus on communication
- ✓ Strong links between lessons and activities
- ✓ Weekly projects enabling students to showcase what they've learned

Lewis School lessons are active, productive and fun. They are designed to help you express yourself, be creative and make friends. We focus on speaking and listening, as we believe that staying in Britain gives you an ideal opportunity to develop these skills.

Each week there's a new theme and a new challenge, and at the end of it, you'll complete a project. This can be a presentation, a news show, a marketing pitch or advert for a new product, or even a travel fair for imaginary countries!

Light, airy, hi-tech classrooms provide the perfect learning environment. On your first day, we give you a written and oral placement test to assess your level of English and place you in a suitable class. We monitor your progress and if you do well, you may be able to move to a higher level the following week.

Trinity GESE exams can be arranged for group bookings on request (this must be arranged in advance). Highly motivating and communicative, these exams assess students' ability in speaking and listening in a friendly 1:1 interview.



Project-based lessons with weekly themes

- Week 1 - Me & My World
- Week 2 - Music & Media
- Week 3 - Fantasy Island
- Week 4 - Time Machine



Activities

- ✓ 1 full-day trip, 1 half-day trip and 2 local visits per week
- ✓ Optional extra Sunday trips (additional fee)
- ✓ Wide variety of daytime and evening activities

Our activities are exciting and varied. They're designed to encourage communication in English between you and your classmates, and to introduce you to our culture. Each trip has a learning theme that we explore during English lessons and reinforce during the trip. In this way, you're prepared with the knowledge and vocabulary to help you get the most out of your visit. From treasure hunts to social events, music, drama and team challenges, there's plenty of fun to be had throughout the week!

See page 12 for trip details



"The trips are great... The competitions and challenges are also really fun."
Berinay, Turkey



Sample Weekly Timetable

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Morning	Arrival	Placement Test / Lessons (3 hours)	Lessons (3 hours)	Lessons (3 hours)	Lessons (3 hours)	Lessons (3 hours)	Full-Day Trip	Arrival / Departure/ Activities on Campus / Optional Full-Day Trip on Request
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
Afternoon		Off-Campus Activity	Half-Day Trip	Activity	Off-Campus Activity	Activity	<i>Packed Lunch</i>	
	<i>Chill Out*</i>	<i>Chill Out*</i>	<i>Chill Out*</i>	<i>Chill Out*</i>	<i>Chill Out*</i>	<i>Chill Out*</i>	<i>Chill Out*</i>	<i>Chill Out*</i>
	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
Evening	Chill Out*	Activity	Chill Out*	Activity	Activity	Disco	Chill Out*	Chill Out*

Most new students arrive on a Sunday. However, we can organise arrivals on other days by special arrangement.

On your first school day, you'll have a placement test, your first lesson and a welcome tour of the city/campus. The evening activity is designed to help you make friends with those already at the centre.

Activities on campus are varied and fun. You'll develop your creative, physical and team-building skills with a range of challenges.

At busy times, lessons alternate between morning and afternoon on a weekly basis. Off-campus activities may include museums, treasure hunts, city exploration, countryside / riverside walks and town challenges.

Each week there are exciting destinations to explore on our full-day and half-day trips. See page 9 for dates.

On Sundays, there are activities on campus for residential students. You can also book an extra full-day trip for an additional fee. Students aged 15+ who have permission from their parents and the Centre Manager can have free time in the city centre if they remain in groups of 3 or more.



Download the full timetable from our website

*'Chill Out' periods are unsupervised free time for students to relax, study or socialise. If they are outside the residence, they must stay on campus within a designated area and in groups of 3+. Staff can be contacted if needed. Students aged 15+ with permission from parents and the Centre Manager can go into the city centre during afternoon chill out time (not in the evening) and on Sunday mornings/afternoons. They must stay in groups of 3+ and keep their phone switched on.



Photos: Riverside walk in Winchester

English & Football

- ✓ 28 June - 25 July 2026 (join for 1-4 weeks)
- ✓ All levels of English welcome
- ✓ Ages 14-17
- ✓ 15 hours of General English & 9 hours of sports sessions
- ✓ Weekly trips and a variety of evening activities
- ✓ Maximum 18 students per English class



Includes matches against a team of a similar age!

Join us for a fantastic summer of fun and football in the home country of the Premier League! English & Football offers you an exciting combination of professional football coaching, English lessons, trips and many other activities. Each week you will also have a friendly match against either a mixed nationality team or local British school team.

Training sessions take place at Winchester City Ground, which has a superb 4G football pitch. The sessions will help you understand the game better and improve your performance through fitness and analytical exercises. You'll learn tactics that you can put into practice during the weekly friendly matches. You'll also have the option to visit St Mary's Stadium (capacity: 32,500), home of Southampton Football Club, for an additional fee.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Morning	Arrival / Departure / Football Match / Optional Full-Day Trip on Request***	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	Full-Day Trip Packed Lunch
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon		Off-Campus Activity	Half-Day Trip	Sports Session	Sports Session	Sports Session	
	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Evening	Chill Out**	Activity	Chill Out**	Activity	Activity	Disco	Chill Out**

Please note: this timetable is a sample only - see website for full timetable. For course objectives, see page 6. Photos show match day at Winchester City Ground. Training sessions also take place at this stadium.

*English lessons may be in the morning or the afternoon. This alternates on a weekly basis.

** See page 7 for details about Chill Out. ***There is an additional fee for optional trips.



English & Theatre

- ✓ 28 June --25 July 2026 (join for 1-4 weeks)
- ✓ All levels of English welcome
- ✓ Ages 11-17
- ✓ 15 hours of General English & 9 hours of theatre sessions per week
- ✓ Weekly trips and a variety of evening activities
- ✓ Maximum 18 students per English class



Improve your skills in singing, acting and dancing

A fantastic mix of English lessons and theatre workshops, developing your confidence with language inside and outside the classroom. During our workshops you'll develop your skills in singing, dancing and acting. We'll also work on an adaptation of a well-known musical: *Matilda*, *The Lion King*, *Wicked* or *School of Rock*.

You'll learn the importance of effective warm-ups for voice and body and exercises to improve pronunciation and diction. You'll also learning how to bring a text to life. Every Friday there will be an open class where you'll have the chance to show what you have achieved. Our students invariably find the performing arts are not only great fun, but also highly beneficial for their English. We can't wait to give you an unforgettable experience!

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	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Morning	Arrival / Departure / Activities on Campus / Optional Full-Day Trip on Request***	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	English Lessons* (3 hours)	Full-Day Trip Packed Lunch
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon		Off-Campus Activity	Half-Day Trip	Theatre Session	Theatre Session	Theatre Session	
	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**	Chill Out**
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Evening	Chill Out**	Activity	Chill Out**	Activity	Activity	Disco	Chill Out**

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Trips



London Oxford Bath Southampton Salisbury Portsmouth Bournemouth

	Destination	Includes	Learning Theme
Full-Day	London	Walking tour and Thames cruise	Famous attractions
	Oxford	Walking tour and entry to an Oxford College	University of Oxford
	Bath	Walking tour and entry to Bath Abbey	Georgian Britain
Half-Day	Bournemouth	Walking tour and games on the beach	The seaside
	Salisbury	Walking tour and entry to Salisbury Cathedral	Magan Carta / cathedrals
	Southampton	Walking tour and entry to SeaCity Museum	RMS Titanic
	Portsmouth	Walking tour and entry to Spinnaker Tower	Towers of the world

Week	Full-Day Trip	Half-Day Trip
28 June - 4 July	London	Bournemouth
5-11 July	Oxford	Portsmouth
12-18 July	London	Southampton
19-25 July	Bath	New Forest
26 July - 1 August	London	Portsmouth

For more details about trips, including optional extra excursions, download 'Your Guide to Trips: Winchester' at <https://lewis-school.co.uk/brochure-downloads>.
 Photo: Radcliffe Camera, Oxford



Welfare

Your safety and well-being are our top priorities. Here's how we ensure this.

- ✓ Welfare officer & 24-hour emergency phone number
- ✓ 1:20-supervision ratio on all activities
- ✓ All staff are DBS-checked and trained in welfare and safeguarding
- ✓ Regular meetings with group leaders
- ✓ Lewis School guardian for students without a group leader

A Warm Welcome!

As part of our warm welcome, you'll be given an introductory talk, a welcome pack and a tour on your first day. You're also given a card with your accommodation address and the emergency phone number. We can also provide an optional 'meet and greet' service (additional fee) to welcome you on arrival at the airport and ensure a smooth transition to the centre.

Caring for Groups & Individuals

We work closely with Group Leaders to ensure their students are happy and are getting the most from their stay. Our management staff are always available to discuss any issues, and we organise regular meetings between Group Leaders and our Centre Manager, Head Teacher and Activities Manager. We also welcome many students who arrive unaccompanied. These students are placed under the care and supervision of a dedicated Lewis School guardian.

Safeguarding

We take great care to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, and for this reason we have very robust safeguarding procedures. For example, all of our staff are DBS-checked (police-checked) and receive training in safeguarding issues. You can read our Safeguarding Policy in full on the School Policies page of our website.



50 Years of Excellence!

This year, the Lewis School is celebrating 50 years since its foundation in 1976. Since then, we've helping many thousands of students from all over the world to become confident communicators in English. We would like to express our deepest thanks to all of you who have been part of our amazing journey.

Here's a brief summary of our story.



1976 Lewis School is founded in Southampton by Dereck Lewis (left)

1989 The school first achieves British Council accreditation

1994 Alistair Walker (right) becomes Owner/Director



1997 Our first junior programmes

1999 Our first teacher training courses

2007 Multiple summer junior centres since this date

2007 Lewis School becomes a Quality English member



2010 Worldwide Theatre Express service is launched (left)

2017 Centre of Excellence award*

2020 Lewis Online Learning is launched

2022 Winchester Junior Centre opens





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