

# WELCOME TO CHURCHILL HOUSE School of English Language

# Ramsgate

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# Welcome to Churchill House

Churchill House was established in 1971 and has over 48 years of experience teaching English to students from all around the world. During this period, we have built a reputation for delivering quality courses whilst maintaining great value for money.

As a dedicated, independent English language school, we are large enough to be able to offer a wide range of courses and class levels with many different nationalities, yet small enough to provide each student with personal attention and commitment to their achieving their goals.

We are accredited by the British Council and a member of organisations such as EnglishUK, a membership body for quality-driven schools.

As a result of this we can offer you:

- Excellence in learning Experienced, professional teachers supported by a well-qualified academic team.
- Excellence in accommodation Long standing relationships with our host families, who are all personally known to us.
- Excellence in Leisure Comprehensive programmes of activities and excursions allowing students to make the most of their free time.

# **Our** Goal

We want to help you achieve your personal and professional targets by offering you a range of courses designed to improve your communication skills. We know that helping people communicate more effectively leads to greater personal and business success in the future. We think that Churchill House is the perfect school to make that happen!

# What makes us different?

- Over the last 49 years we have helped many thousands of students from all over the world achieve their language targets. We are extremely proud of having played a role in their future success.
- We work with you from the time of booking until your course is complete to ensure you reach your goals. We assess your English ability and learning needs, place you in a class to suit those needs and then monitor your progress throughout the course.
- We have a dedicated Social Club which has many years experience in organising leisure activities to make your time here in England rewarding and enjoyable. In addition to one day and multi-day trips to many famous places, our Social Club organises a range of weekly social events in our Clubroom to help you practise your English and make life-long friendships.
- We guarantee value for money in all areas; with reasonable prices for accommodation, lessons, plus significant discounts the longer you stay with us.

- We are constantly improving our teaching resources and responding to the changing demands of our students.
- We are an independent school, not part of a chain and offer a friendly individual service with experienced professionalism.

Churchill House is accredited by the British Council and a member of English UK.











"I love this school. I'm making very fast progress learning English which I need for my Masters Degree. Churchill House has given me the confidence and encouragement to improve. I enjoy Ramsgate as it's a small town with a holiday atmosphere and I will miss the peace and quiet. I've made lots of friends from all over the world but best of all is the friendship with my host family. They have made me very welcome in their home and helped me understand the culture here." Alperen, Turkey.







# Why Ramsgate?



Average over five years questionnaires

of our students have enjoyed their stay with Churchill House in Ramsgate

Ramsgate is located on the South East Coast of England, in the county of Kent known as 'the Garden of England'

This picturesque seaside town is most famous for the Royal Harbour and golden sandy beaches. It has a rich history dating back to the pre-Roman times and used to be an important port town. There are plenty of places to sit, relax and study around the yachting marina, which is lined with cafés, modern bars and restaurants.

Ramsgate has great transport links to the surrounding areas. Should you want to experience city life, Canterbury is just 30 minutes away by train or car and offers a great deal of history, culture and things to see and do. London is only 76 minutes away by train so you can easily see the famous landmarks, walk around the museums and enjoy all that London has to offer. Ramsgate is also perfectly located to explore England and the rest of Europe. With a quick trip to Ashford or Dover (35 minutes away) you can easily travel to the rest of Europe by Eurotunnel or ferry.

Ramsgate provides the ideal location for students to study in a relaxed and safe environment with little distractions, allowing you to make the most of your experience in England.



# **Churchill House School**

Our school is in one of Ramsgate's fine old Regency quarters. We have 3 separate buildings all 10 minutes' walk from the town centre and beach. Our head offices are in an attractive 19th century square with beautiful architecture, a lovely garden, tennis courts and sea views. Across the square are the two main classroom buildings, the Executive Centre and the Paragon building, sketched by Van Gogh who lived nearby. In addition to its many classrooms, the Paragon also includes the Rosetta Stone room where students practise their English using selfstudy software. Below the classrooms is The Churchill Tavern, our very own pub and restaurant popular with both local people and our students. The Paragon building also houses our Clubroom where students come in the evenings to enjoy quiz nights, talks, discos – the perfect place to meet up with your new friends.

# Nationality Mix

At Churchill House we aim to have a varied nationality mix throughout the year to try and ensure we keep our truly multi-national character.



\* Note that these figures may vary at different times of the year and for different courses.

† Other includes students from: Albania , Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Congo, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Oman, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam & Yemen.

"I never thought I would adapt to Ramsgate so well. I feel as if I've been living here for years that I feel like a native not a student. Ramsgate makes you feel like a resident in such a short period of time like 2 months."

# Key Facts

- 3 buildings
- 26 classrooms
- Free WiFi
- Interactive whiteboards
- Computer/Internet room
- Fully equipped Rosetta Stone Language lab



- Private study rooms
- Bookshop
- Prayer Room
- Clubroom our own evening space for students to meet and socialise in
- Churchill Tavern our own pub/ restaurant



Yaprak, Turkey.

# Travelling to Ramsgate



# **By Airplane**

Most of our students fly into the UK arrive O From London's St Pancras International at London Gatwick or London Heathrow. station it is 76 minutes by train to Ramsgate when using any of our school's to the school or 5 minutes by taxi. transfer services.



# **By Train**

They are just two hours away from Ramsgate. The station is a 20 minute walk



# By Coach

National Express coach services from London Victoria coach station depart regularly for Ramsgate and stop at the Royal Harbour, just five minutes' walk from our school.



# By Ferry

There are regular car and passenger ferry services running between France and Dover. The ferry port at Dover is just 35 minutes from Ramsgate by car.



# Transfer Service

We offer a comprehensive 'meet & greet' transfer service from many of the country's major transport hubs to Ramsgate to help students arrive swiftly and safely to their

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# Teaching

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All our teachers are chosen on the basis of their qualifications, experience and motivation to ensure that students make the best progress possible while they are here. "I'm having a fantastic experience learning English at Churchill House. The classes are small, often no more than 10 students per class so teachers have lots of interaction with the students. I'm making rapid progress." Son, Korea

# Teaching 'Achieving your learning targets'



Average over five years questionnaires

To help you move successfully towards your targets we aim to teach you as much useful English as possible in an enjoyable and professional manner. And we will encourage you to develop learning skills that will help you continue learning long after you leave us.

# How do we teach?

Teaching is in small groups so students have a more personal learning experience. Our experienced teachers can spend more time with each student working on their skills and building their confidence. Lessons are communicative so students are encouraged to take an active part in the class whilst following a structured learning programme constantly progressing towards their goals. We use modern teaching methods, carefully chosen course books, authentic materials with multimedia resources delivered on interactive whiteboards.

Students also have access to facilities such as the computer room with additional independent learning resources (Rosetta Stone software) so can practise as much as they like.

# How we help students achieve their goals

We understand how important it is to identify students' learning needs at the start of their course and work with them throughout their stay to ensure that they continually improve towards achieving their personal goals.

## To help you achieve your goals at Churchill House, we will:

- Assess your level prior to the course starting through an online test
- Give you a personal interview on arrival to get a better understanding of your skills and needs to choose the best class for your ability
- Provide you with a written schedule of the syllabus you will study in each module
- Continually monitor and advise you on your progress throughout your stay via written progress reports and individual progress tutorials (given by your teacher)
- Suggest additional elective classes to help you with specific areas you need to work on e.g. exam preparation, writing
- Encourage you to join in with other students on our social programme



# Choosing your course

Churchill House has a wide range of courses so you are sure to find one that meets your needs.

Our course consultants can discuss course options with you and advise a study path they think is realistic and achievable. Beginners and all 16/17 year olds must follow a 32 lesson per week intensive course for at least the first month of their course.

# **Main Courses**

Our Main Courses in General English follow a syllabus designed to help students develop fluency and confidence in communicating and improve their skills in speaking, reading, writing and listening. The courses provide a structured and enjoyable way to progress in English and achieve learning targets. We encourage students to develop their own independent learning skills and we monitor progress through regular assessment and feedback reports. All General English Main Courses are 20 lessons (15 hours) per week with 3 hours of tuition each weekday morning. In addition students are expected to complete at least one hour's homework a day.

## **Intensive Courses**

Intensive Courses are 26 lessons (20 hours) or 32 lessons (25 hours) per week. Students have a General English Main Course for 15 hours a week plus either 5 or 10 hours a week Elective Courses. Students with 20 hours a week choose 1 elective subject each month (2 afternoons per week) and students taking 25 hours choose 2 elective subjects per month (4 afternoons per week). There are no elective classes on Friday afternoons.

## **Elective Courses**

Afternoon Elective Courses provide a choice for students to either practise a particular skill (e.g. writing, listening, speaking), broaden their knowledge in a specific language or cultural area (e.g. business or academic English), or focus on preparing for exams.

## **Elective Courses include:**

- Additional English
- Skills Development (Speaking, Writing, Listening, etc.)
- English for Business
- English for Academic Purposes (Further education)
- English for Tourism
- English through Literature
- Exam preparation courses

For more detailed information on Elective courses, please ask your course consultant.



### **Key Facts**

- Lesson length 45 minutes (mornings), 50 minutes (afternoons)
- General English morning classes
- Intensive courses morning and afternoon
- Minimum age to attend is 16
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## **One-to-One courses**

One-to-One lessons are tailor-made to your specific needs. Your teacher will assess your learning requirements and use teaching methods to suit your learning style and pace.

One-to-One lessons can be delivered as a specific course or in addition to normal Main or Intensive lessons.

\* A deposit is required for course books which is refundable providing books are returned in good condition.

\* Elective courses are subject to minimum student numbers so if a course does not reach the minimum it will not run in that elective month or until there are sufficient numbers.



# Monitoring your progress

We monitor your progress in a number of ways

## Weekly targets

You may start your course at the beginning of any week. Each week your teacher explains the learning targets and syllabus for that week and discusses these with the class.

# Weekly assessment

Your teacher gives you a task each week in skill areas such as speaking, fluency, pronunciation, intonation, writing, listening and reading. Successful outcomes with these tasks help us monitor your progress and assess your increase in level.







### • Student study records

Enable you to keep track of your work for the week and show your level of confidence in each area.

## Individual tutorials

Are used to give individual advice and encouragement. Your teacher goes through your progress report and discusses areas where you are strong or where you need more work and makes recommendations for improvement. In addition, teachers are always available for additional advice.

### Your level

Your teacher discusses progress with the course director and makes recommendations about your level and possible class change. Students may talk to their teacher about moving level at any time.

### End of course certificate

In your final class you will receive a Certificate of Achievement from your teacher outlining the details of your entire course, including:

- Course dates and number of hours
- Your final level of English
- Any Electives you studied

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words or phrases in English.

LENGTH OF STUDY 4 weeks of intensive study

### OUTCOMES You can pror

letters and sounds, form simple sentence and exchange basic personal information. ELEMENTARY -CEFR A1

You have basic phrases and sentences but depend heavily on repetition. You will now explore new grammar and vocabulary to make real, if limited, communication possible.

LENGTH OF STUDY 4 to 8 weeks of intensive study EXAM LEVEL

IELTS 2 to 3 OUTCOMES You can ask for things you need and get basic information. PRE-INTERMEDIATE - CEFR A2

You can understand and use familiar expressions. You will now learn to interact more fluently in routine tasks and social situations. LENGTH OF STUDY

### 8 to 12 weeks of intensive study EXAM LEVEL

Cambridge Key OUTCOMES You can order in a restaurant, write simply on the internet, when travelling deal with events and emergencies at a basic level. You can exchange simple information on familiar matters. You will now learn to communicate with reasonable fluency, pronunciation and accuracy in a social situation.

INTERMEDIATE

- CEFR B1

**LENGTH OF STUDY** 8 to 12 weeks of intensive study

EXAM LEVEL

TOEFL 32iBT Cambridge Preliminary OUTCOMES You can travel with some confidence

in English speaking countries, use English socially and conduct simple business communication.

### UPPER INTERMEDIATE - CEFR B2

You can understand the main points of written and spoken language. You will now learn to communicate more fluently with a high degree of grammatical control.

8 to 12 weeks of intensive study **EXAM LEVEL** IELTS 5-6

LENGTH OF STUDY

TOEFL 50iBT Cambridge First

courses

OUTCOMES You can engage more easily with English speakers internationally and enter some University Foundation Year and vocational You can understand demanding longer texts and speech. You will now learn to deal with complex and

ADVANCED - CEFR C1

highly colloquial forms of speech and writing, differentiating finer shades of nuance and meaning.

LENGTH OF STUDY Rate of progress varies EXAM LEVEL

TOEFL 80iBT Cambridge Advanced

### OUTCOMES You can apply for graduate degree courses, work in an English speaking environment and fully enjoy all aspects of English culture - books, films, television etc.

You can understand with ease virtually everything you hear or read. You will learn to pronounce English with natural rhythm and sounds with no interference from mother tongue accent.

PROFICIENCY

- CEFR C2

LENGTH OF STUDY Rate of progress varies

EXAM LEVEL

TOEFL 100iBT Cambridge Proficiency **OUTCOMES** You can interpret virtually all forms of written language, apply for higher degree courses and work in a fast paced English speaking environment.

Progress chart

The chart shows the various levels of progress you can expect to make during your time at Churchill House. Progress is dependent upon the number of hours studied each week as well as your personal motivation and language aptitude.

# You can exchange simple information and on familiar matters

# Examination Courses

At Churchill House, we offer a variety of exam preparation courses that help you to get ready for sitting tests such as IELTS, TOEIC or the various different Cambridge examinations in the U.K. or in your home country.

# Our aim is to prepare you to get the best possible test result!





"My English Wasn't very good, I had only studied English for three years at school. After five months I took the First Certificate Exam (FCE) and passed. The teacher prepared me perfectly."

## Fabienne, Switzerland



### **Further Information**

- All of our exam preparation courses are dependent on student demand.
- For students enrolling on one of our Cambridge preparation courses (Cambridge First, Cambridge Advanced or Cambridge Proficiency) the fee for the examination will be included in the course price. If a student decides, after arrival, to enter for an exam they will be required to pay the fee to the school on enrolment for the exam.

### Please visit our website for more details about our courses.

\* Should an exam elective course not reach the minimum number of students necessary it will not run in that elective month or until there are sufficient numbers.

# Accommodation

We understand that the quality and type of accommodation is just as important as the choice of course - a lot of your time will be spent there. Years of experience have enabled us to choose the right type of accommodation to suit all preferences.











# Accommodation your home from home



with their accommodation

Living in an English-speaking environment is the best way to learn and practice English

Whether you want private accommodation or to experience life with a British family we have a wide range of options available. Our friendly and experienced year-round

Average over five years questionnaires

team will find the accommodation that is best for you and will ensure that you are happy and comfortable in your new home.

"My host family was amazing, I would love to stay with them again next time I visit England" Luis, Brazil

"My host family was very friendly and they helped me a lot to improve my English skills "

Cristina, Spain



## Homestay

The most popular option is to live with a host family providing an opportunity to learn more about the British lifestyle and culture, while also practising English in a natural setting.

Churchill House has over 46 years experience with Ramsgate families and has over 150 within twenty minutes walk or a short bus ride from the school.

Each household is personally inspected by our Accommodation Managers every year to maintain our high standards of cleanliness, comfort and friendliness. We work with our homestay families all year round so we know them well and they really understand our students' needs. We encourage them to speak English to their students at every opportunity.

# **Homestay Options:**

There are different homestay options:

- Half board (breakfast and dinner provided by your host family Monday-Friday, plus lunch on weekends only)
- Full board (breakfast and dinner provided by your host family, lunches provided at school during the week and by the host family on weekends)
- Single Room
- Shared room, shared with a student of a different nationality

## **Choosing my Host Family**

When you book we ask about your needs.

 have you any dietary requirements or allergies?

It may cost a little more to stay with a family providing a specialised diet.

• a smoking or non-smoking home?

• a home with or without dogs or cats? Many English homes have pets so if you prefer no pets then this may limit the choice of family.

Most of our families accommodate one or two students, some even welcome up to four students. We have many years experience in matching students to families and have a good record of success. However, if you are not happy with the family for any reason, we will try hard to resolve any issues but if this cannot be done we will quickly transfer you to another family.

## Paying the Family

Family costs are included in the fees quoted on your Certificate of Enrolment. So you pay us for your accommodation and we pay your host family.

# Other Accommodation Options

We can help find other accommodation in the local area including:

- Hotel (5 minutes from the school)
- Guesthouse (15 minutes from school)
- Bedsits
- House/Flat-shares
- Self-contained Flats

Alternatively you can find your own accommodation and just pay us for lessons but please note you cannot privately book host families currently on our register.



of our students are happy with the friendliness of their host family

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Average over five years questionnaires

"The family is wonderful, I enjoyed staying with them, they were very helpful and lovely and their children too. They talked a lot with me. The food was very good. " Sachiko, Japan



The Social Club is responsible for ensuring that you get to experience the England that exists outside of your classroom. Activities, excursions and social events are available for you to participate in throughout your stay.

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# Social Club



Our Social Club adds fun to learning English, with trips to famous places and local venues plus activities in our Clubroom.

The Social Club team play a valuable welfare role, providing practical help and information plus emergency support.

"I liked the weekend programs in social club, it really helped me save money and I can learn the stories or history of different cities. "

Kuan-Ju, Korea

# Social Programme

Our Social Club team has many years experience organising leisure activities to make your free time enjoyable and rewarding and helping improve your language skills.

The aims of our social programme are to:

- Enable students to meet new people and make friends with fellow students from all over the world.
- Encourage students to practice their speaking skills in social situations.
- Provide opportunities to visit English towns and cities.
- Help understand English culture and traditions, which helps learn the language more successfully.

# The Clubroom

The school has its own Clubroom with bar, disco and lounge area. There is something to enjoy most evenings, including some of the following:

- Film nights
- International party
- Quiz nights
- A weekly disco
- Karaoke nights
- Educational Talks
- Sporting events on TV such as big football matches

# Day and Weekend trips

We offer a good choice of day and weekend trips which are accompanied by an experienced staff member. You receive a detailed itinerary or information pack to help you understand what you are going to see.

# Here are some of our most popular trips

Dover Castle
Leeds Castle
Cambridge
Windsor
Paris
Scotland









# **Sports**

Around Ramsgate there are a lot of sports available from football, volleyball and tennis to more adventurous activities such as horse riding, sailing and martial arts.

# The Churchill Tavern & Restaurant

Churchill House also owns one of Ramsgate's most traditional pubs, the Churchill Tavern. Sketched by the famous artist Van Gogh during his stay in Ramsgate, the Churchill Tavern has all the features of a good English pub with wooden beams and a log fire. The Tavern is renowned for its friendly atmosphere with a mix of our students and local people who come to see live music or enjoy a meal.



## Find out what's happening

Be sure to keep up with the latest gossip from our parties and excursions by connecting with us via our social media. Here you'll find news, photos and videos of recent or upcoming events which will allow you to get a real taste of what the school is about.



facebook: Churchill.house.official

twitter :/Churchill\_house

googleplus: churchillhouseschoolofenglishlanguageramsgate

Instagram: Churchill\_house

# social programme

# monday



induction walk

Explore the town and see what Ramsgate has to offer, including where useful shops and cool hangout spots are located.



# Welcome Party

A great chance to break the ice with fellow students and start to make new friends with people from all over the world.

# tuesday

# sports afternoon

Get involved with some of the many sports that are on offer, it doesn't matter what your skill level is just as long as you take part and enjoy.



sports afternoon



# Karaoke night

Come and sing your favourite songs either on your own or with your friends. Everyone is welcome and you might be surprised how useful it is for your English too.

# wednesday



Take in some traditional English culture as you walk around Kent's most popular city. Be prepared to marvel at Canterbury's world famous cathedral.



# Games night

Don't be misled; games night is not just for kids. Here students can play pool, table tennis or even exchange different games with each other from their home country. Whenever possible we also try and show a variety of live sport on our projector.

An extremely important part of our "learning through leisure" ethos is our weekly activities schedule. Here's an example of a weekly programme.

# thursday

# Disco night

Certainly the highlight of the week for students, after a hectic week of classes, it's the ideal time to unwind and enjoy a drink with friends.



Disco night

# friday



Movie Night

This is a great opportunity to relax whilst improving your listening skills before a busy weekend on one of our many excursions.

# saturday

# London trip

No trip to England would be complete without visiting one of the most iconic and visited cities in the world. For this reason, it's no surprise London is our most popular excursion.





# brighton trip

Brighton is one of the coolest destinations to visit in the UK. With its unique style, quirky lanes and lively seaside, who would want to miss out!?

\*Note – Summer courses can be arranged with activities in the morning or in the afternoon depending on when your class takes place.

# Special Courses Available

Many students have particular language needs above and beyond what a general English course can provide therefore we offer a range of extra courses which may be more suitable for you.





# **One-to-One Courses**

In Ramsgate either as a course by itself or in combination with classroom lessons.

# Special Interest Group Courses

We design courses for special interest groups - academic, professional, cultural or recreational for any number of weeks.

# **Home Tuition Courses**

Some students prefer to learn English on a one-to-one basis in a relaxed home atmosphere rather than at school. We have dedicated and experienced teachers in different locations in the UK, who welcome students into their comfortable homes.

You can choose 10 to 30 lessons a week in General English, English for the Professional, Academic English, and English for Exams lessons. There are also social/leisure options together with your teacher. Please contact us for more information.

# Work Experience Programmes

A course at Churchill House followed by a Work Placement will improve general English as well as work related language skills in a practical environment. There are 2 options:

- Paid live-in hospitality placements
   A General English course followed by a stay at a hotel where you live and work.
- Internships

After attending a general English course in Ramsgate we can arrange an internship in a field such as accounts, retail, catering or business management.



# **Special Courses** Available

"Churchill House looked after us wonderfully. Our children loved the lessons and we also appreciated our trips accompanied by two lovely boys from Churchill House who were always very kind. Thank you for nice lunches at your canteen served always with a smile. All the children were happy with all the host families and delighted with their hospitality. We hope we will come to Ramsgate again in the future."

Daniela, Teacher, Czech Republic

# Non Summer Group Courses - Mini Stays

Our All Year Round Group courses are very popular for school or college groups (minimum 12 students) wanting a short course to improve their English generally or specifically; exam preparation can be included. The minimum age is 12, teaching is in closed classes for 1 to 12 weeks. This programme is typically homestay but alternative accommodation can be arranged. Courses can include a programme of sports and leisure activities plus full and half day trips according to your wishes. Courses run from September to June each year.





Main Courses into our Summer Courses to provide a really worthwhile and enjoyable summer vacation course - English by the Sea!



# Summer Courses

Use your summer holiday to improve your language skills.

Churchill House runs Summer Vacation courses from mid-June to the end of the August.

Our courses are perfect for students of all ages and abilities wishing to enjoy their summer holiday whilst improving their English. Ramsgate is a perfect place for a holiday with its long sandy beach, attractive marina and 18th century harbour. One of the sunniest places in Britain it is the ideal place for a Summer Vacation course. Ramsgate is in the county of Kent, known as the 'Garden of England' with some of the UK's most beautiful rolling countryside and lovely beaches. Ramsgate is only 76 minutes from London and close to the historic towns of Canterbury, Dover and Sandwich. There are 3 lesson options - 15, 20 or 25 hours per week - with courses starting every week and you can stay for 2 to 9 weeks. Intensive courses (20 or 25 hours) combine general English lessons with one or more elective subjects (see page 10).

We understand that finding a good balance between work and leisure time is vital for an enjoyable experience. There is a whole range of sights and attractions available in Ramsgate and its surrounding areas. Our Social Club provides a very full evening activity programme and a range of half day and full day excursions so there is something different to enjoy every day of the week. Activities and trips can be booked on a 'pay as you go' basis. There is also an Excursion Programme with one half day and full day trip per week. Accommodation is provided by our experienced homestay families although other options are local guest houses, hotels and self-catering flats. Our host families are within twenty minutes walk or a short bus ride from the school and provide bed, breakfast and evening meal from Monday to Friday and all meals at weekends. Lunch is available in our Clubroom or in The Churchill Tavern or many other venues in the town.

Summer Vacation courses at Churchill House are excellent value for money and provide a perfect balance of study and leisure.













"I would recommend Churchill House to everyone. It's my third time here and every year it's always better" Diletta, Switzerland



# Summer Junior Homestay

Junior Homestay courses are perfect for students aged 12-17 who would like to learn as well as have fun in their summer vacation. "Had a lovely time. Met really nice friends. My host family was the best. I love Ramsgate."

Aleja, Argentina



# Ramsgate Summer Junior Homestay

As well as adult courses, Churchill House offers award-winning courses for junior students (12-17 years old) which combine the same excellent language teaching with a package of exciting and interesting activities, visits and excursions. Learn English on holiday by the sea!

### Classes

Ourjunior classes focus on helping students to gain confidence while developing their existing knowledge of English. Students are tested before arrival and put into classes with learners of similar ability. There are 15 hours lessons a week, Monday to Friday, with a maximum of 15 students per class. Students are encouraged to develop and practise their English skills to help them communicate more confidently and we often see students make rapid progress during their course. A zig-zag programme runs through the summer so students alternate between morning lessons and activities on a weekly basis.

### Homestay accommodation

Homestay accommodation offers a great opportunity to spend time with English people, learn about the English way of life and practise speaking in an English environment. We have been providing homestay courses for over forty-six years. Most of our families welcome our students all year-round so we have an excellent relationship with them and know them well. Students become part of the family, living and eating meals with them seven days a week and enjoying leisure time with them on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Most of our families are within a 20-minute walk from the school although some older students may be in families a short bus ride away.

## **Activities and Excursions**

Our junior courses include a full programme of activities to encourage students to practice their English while taking part in a wide range of fun events such as discos, competitions, sports and shows. Courses also include one half-day and one full-day excursion each week, visiting attractions in the local area and the major sights of London and southern England.

### **Student Welfare**

All our courses are run with the safety and welfare of our students in mind. All our homestay accommodation is regularly inspected by our Accommodation Managers to ensure its suitability. All our activities are designed to be safe for junior students and at the end of the evening they are escorted home. Our students have the full support of our welfare team, with 24 hour emergency phone support.

### More information

Please see our summer website and/or ask for our detailed Summer Junior brochure.





"I made so many friends. My English has improved a lot. Best school in the world!" Vladimir, Russia

# **Churchill House** Summer Juniors Residential Centres

Churchill House also provides junior residential courses in a wide range of locations around the UK. Each campus provides excellent facilities and a safe environment for our students to live and learn in.

Our award winning residential centres welcome students from 10-17 years old and offer a complete English learning experience. Students have 15 hours lessons a week and a full activity programme. Students eat, sleep and learn on campus meeting and making friends with students from many different countries so they practise their English and learn about other cultures.

## Classes

Our courses concentrate on improving students' level of fluency and raising confidence in speaking English. Teachers use lively and practical activities to encourage use of existing knowledge and then improve on this. Students are encouraged to practise their English at all times.

## **Activity Programme**

There is a very full and varied afternoon and evening activity programme:

Afternoon sports could include football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, tag rugby, climbing wall.

Afternoon arts could include drama, music, dance, photography, arts & crafts, media, fashion.

Evening activities could include quizzes, discos, karaoke, cabaret, fashion show, talent evening, BBQ, international night.

### Trips

Each week there is one half day trip and one full day trip (normally by coach) to places of interest and attraction.

### **Student Welfare**

The welfare of our students is our prime concern, from the moment they arrive in the UK until they return home. To ensure our students are safe, happy and cared for during their stay we have a ratio of 1 member of staff to every 8 students to provide full and attentive supervision. Each centre has two first-aid trained staff available at all times. There is also a doctor's surgery near each centre. Residential staff are always available to help students 24 hours a day.

### **More Information**

Please see our summer website and/or ask. for our detailed Summer Junior brochure.

# Your Next Step

Do you have all the information you need?



Payable to Churchill House School of English Language and sent directly to Churchill House, Spencer Square, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9EQ

# By Credit Card

Visa and Mastercard are accepted.



# Visa Support

If you are from outside the European Union, please check if you need to obtain a visa to study an English Language course in the UK. You can check if you require a visa by visiting:

## https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

If you require a visa and are planning to study for up to 6 months, you should only require a Short-Term Study Visa (up to 6 months). If you are 16 years old or over and are planning to study for longer than 6 months (up to 11 months), you will require a Short-Term Study Visa (up to 11 months). For more information on applying for a visa, please visit https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa

If you are refused a visa we can defer your course until you have successfully reapplied for a visa. However, if you cannot obtain a visa at all, please send us a copy of the official visa refusal letter and we can refund the course fees, minus the enrolment fee.

# FAQs

## What happens if I don't get my visa?

If your visa is refused it is often because of a technicality and you can re-apply. We can hold your booking until the reapplication is complete. If you are still refused a visa please send us a copy of the official refusal letter – we will refund all fees minus the enrolment fee.

# Do I have to start my course on a specific day?

Students can join most courses on any Monday as we run courses all year (except for the Christmas holidays).

## Do I need to take an English test?

Yes. You can take the placement test online before you come which allows us to put you into class almost as soon as you arrive. One of our experienced course directors will also interview you on arrival to check your spoken English.

# What happens on my first day at school?

When you arrive at school you will have an interview with a course director who will ask you about your educational needs, where you have studied before and what you plan to do in the future. This enables us to judge your English level better and place you into a suitable class at the start of the next lesson. Lunch is available in the Clubroom or in the Tavern, but there are also lots of restaurants and cafes in Ramsgate town centre. If you are taking elective lessons, they start at 2pm.

## Will I need to buy any books?

Yes. You will be required to buy a book for your course, however if the book is in good condition at the end of your stay you can return the book and get a refund.

# What is the best way to get to the school from the airport?

Book a taxi in advance with our Transfer service – it is much cheaper than taking a taxi from the airport rank and they will be able to take you directly to your accommodation.

# I want to go to university in Britain. Can you help me get my IELTS grades?

Many of our students aim to take the IELTS exam so we have regular IELTS preparation elective courses and our teachers are very experienced at preparing students for the exam.

## How do I book accommodation?

Accommodation is booked on the enrolment form. If you have any preferences (e.g. if you require a single room or have allergies to pets) please let us know as soon as possible.

# Will there be WiFi available at the homestay?

Most homestays can give you free WiFi access through their internet connection. All three school buildings have WiFi and you will have access to a computer room and printers.

# How easy is it to get into London from Ramsgate?

There is a regular fast train service into London from Ramsgate station. There is also a bus service which is cheaper but slower and less regular.

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