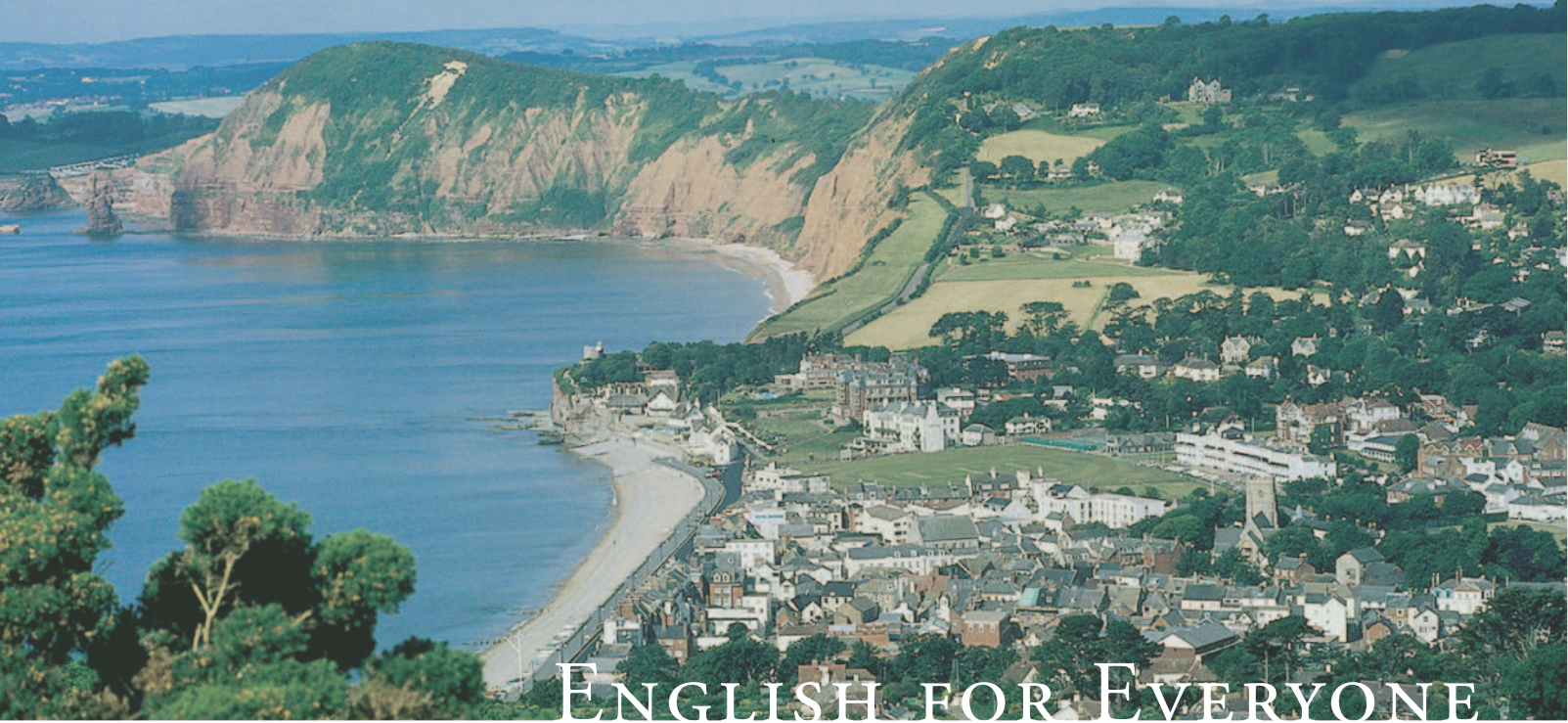


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International School



ENGLISH FOR EVERYONE

IN ENGLAND

ESTABLISHED IN 1976
OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Accredited by the



WELCOME TO SIDMOUTH

Where is Sidmouth?

Sidmouth is on the south west coast of England, in the beautiful county of Devon. SIS is the only language school in Sidmouth.

What is Sidmouth like?

Sidmouth is a safe and friendly seaside town in a lovely river valley. There are traditional shops, cafes and pubs for you to enjoy. The town itself is small (population 15,000) but there are lots of things to do:

- cinema and theatre
- safe beach
- sports: tennis, golf, horse-riding
- indoor swimming pool and sports hall
- excellent shopping

Where is the school?

The main school is in the centre of town, five minutes from the sea. There are 11 classrooms for adults on a campus with an attractive garden. The separate teenage and junior departments are nearby (15 classrooms).

When is the best time to come to Sidmouth?

It depends on you. Sidmouth is a town for all seasons.

Spring - new life, new friends, new skills

Summer - bright sun, blue sea, vacation courses for the family

Autumn - changing colours, carnivals, exams courses

Winter - log fires, bright lights, low course prices

What is the weather like?

Sidmouth is in the warmest part of the country. We have pretty good weather (for England!) We don't usually freeze in the winter (average 9°C) and the summer is often a comfortable 20-25°C.

How can I travel to Sidmouth?

We make it as easy as we can (please see travel details on back cover).



AND TO SIDMOUTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

What is Sidmouth International School?

SIS is an English language school for students of all ages. We have different departments for adults, teenagers and juniors. We are also an examinations centre and teacher-training centre.

When is the school open?

All year, including Christmas. We have courses starting every Monday.

Who runs the school?

Sidmouth International School is an independent language school with a small management team who have professional experience in academic administration and welfare. We are not part of a chain or group.

We work as a team for you as an individual. We look after you from the beginning (when you first contact us) all the way through your stay.

Where do your students come from?

We usually have students from about 35 different countries every year and we try to make sure that we really are an international school. We hope you will enjoy learning English in a lively and friendly atmosphere. Many of our students keep in touch with the school and with the people they meet here, and return year after year.

Who will teach me?

All our teachers have appropriate qualifications recognised by the British Council. You will have lessons with different teachers working together to make your course as interesting and useful as possible.

What courses do you run?

We run a lot of different courses at all levels from beginner to advanced.

Please see the next page for details.

If you would like any more help in choosing your course, please contact us.



ADULT COURSES

We have a range of courses and will be happy to help you decide which one is best for you. Please contact us for more details of these courses:

- **Adult General:** mornings only, the ideal opportunity to combine study and holiday;
- **Adult Intensive:** mornings and afternoons, an opportunity to make the most of your time at the school;
- **Combination courses:** General Plus One-to-One or Intensive Plus One-to-One, the perfect way to combine practice in mixed-nationality groups with a focus on your individual study needs.

We include a sports and leisure programme with every course at no extra cost.

- **Courses for Overseas Teachers of English**

We offer courses throughout the year, combining English Language development in mixed nationality groups with specialist ELT sessions designed to meet the individual needs of teachers. We can also arrange specially-designed courses for groups of teachers. Contact us for details.

- **Examination Courses**

We can help you to prepare for the main examinations in General English and English for Business or Academic Purposes. These include:

- Cambridge FCE, CAE, CPE
- IELTS
- City & Guilds International ESOL and Spoken ESOL, and Spoken English Test for Business
- Cambridge Young Learners

You can take internationally-recognised English Language examinations at any time of the year at the Sidmouth International School centre. Please contact us for details of examinations at all levels.

SIS has a long and successful record of preparing candidates for examinations. We are happy to share our experience as teachers and examiners to help you get the best results.

- **Business Executive & Professional English**

We offer a full range of courses to suit the needs of individual business people and companies.

- **English Language & Culture for Age 50+**

We offer a communicative course in English language for people who are aged 50+ and who have experiences to share. We include a social programme suitable for the more mature student with cultural trips, excursions and activities. Contact the School for dates.



TEENAGE COURSES

What courses do you offer for teenagers?

- **Teenage Vacation:** In SUMMER and at EASTER we offer a VACATION course for students aged 14-17. This course includes morning lessons and a sports and social activities programme in the afternoon and evening.
- **Year-round Teenage Intensive:** This course is suitable for students aged 14-17 years who require a general English course with a personalized study programme. It is also suitable for students wishing to gain entry to a UK boarding school or college, or an international school where classes are taught in English.

We can prepare students for exams that will help them continue their education, and we can give advice to students and their parents on choosing the right school or college.

- **Young Adults:** In SUMMER and at EASTER we also offer the YOUNG ADULTS courses for students aged 16-18 years. These courses are for mature, well-motivated students and are based in our adult department. Lessons are in small groups and can be mornings only, or mornings and afternoons, plus a social activities programme.

JUNIOR COURSES

What courses do you offer for Junior students?

We have a separate department which offers courses at Easter and during the summer for younger learners aged 8-13.

Who looks after the Juniors?

We have a specialist Head of Department and a team of qualified teachers who are enthusiastic about teaching young learners. We supervise Junior students in organised free time activities.

What do Junior students learn?

They learn English in a way that is fun, and have the chance to communicate with children from all over the world as well as with English people.

Do you arrange special transport for Juniors?

Yes. We can arrange for an SIS leader to meet students at the airport when they arrive and escort them on our free minibus (see back page). We can also arrange for one of our school drivers to meet them. There is a similar service for the return journey. Juniors are driven to and from school each day by their homestay family or the school minibus.

For full details, prices and conditions, ask the school for a Transport Information Pack.



ACCOMMODATION & WELFARE

Where can I stay in Sidmouth?

We can offer homestay, self-catering apartments, hotels, guest houses and B&B. Our accommodation booking service is FREE. Our homestay families take students only from SIS so we can guarantee: no other students of the same nationality; no overcrowding; no mixing of adult, teenage and junior students.

What does homestay include?

Single or shared bedroom, breakfast and evening meal. Homestay also offers you much, much more:

- The opportunity to live as a part of a British family.
- The chance to practise English in everyday situations.
- A quiet and comfortable place to study.

If you tell the school's Accommodation Officer exactly what sort of homestay you would like, she will try to arrange the right place for you. If for any reason you are not happy, she is always here to help.

What type of self-catering accommodation do you recommend?

We work with a local agency offering a wide range of houses and apartments in and around Sidmouth. Self-catering is a popular choice for many of the families who come to SIS every year. We can give you contact details.

What sort of hotels and guest houses can you offer?

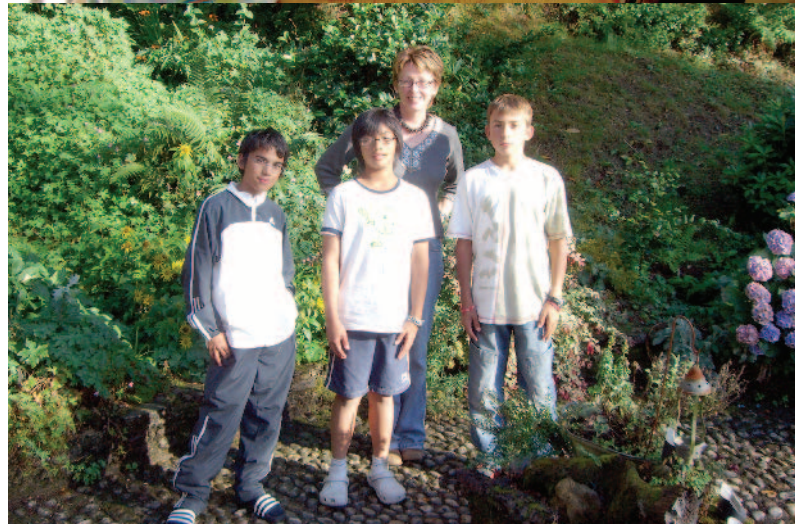
Sidmouth has a whole range, from 4-star hotels to inexpensive guest houses and B&B. We can send you a price guide, and give advice for your stay or for the stay of family and friends who visit while you are here in Sidmouth.

Do you arrange special accommodation for junior students?

Yes. We have special homestay families with experience of looking after our younger students. All are checked by a local government agency. Juniors stay with families where there are other young children. All meals are included, and Juniors travel to and from school with the homestay family or by school minibus.

What happens if I am ill?

We hope you won't be, but if you are the doctor, dentist and hospital are near the school. Speak to the Accommodation Officer, and she will make an appointment for you, and can go with you if you want her to.



SOCIAL PROGRAMME



Do you offer a social programme?

Yes! In fact we offer three separate social programmes for junior, teenage and adult students! These include a half-day and a full-day excursion every week (except on weekend of departure). All admission charges for teenagers and juniors are included except for occasional specialist activities (e.g. paintballing, rock-climbing). Adults pay for excursions and some activities.

- **Juniors:** The Junior courses include a full programme of excursions and afternoon activities: sports and games, art & craft, competitions, walks, beach visits, etc. There are also some early evening activities for 12-13 year olds: discos, barbecues, etc. SIS social activities leaders look after junior students at all times.
- **Teenagers:** The teenage and Young Adults courses include a full programme of excursions, afternoon and evening activities, sports and games. SIS social activities leaders are there to organise and supervise at all times.
- **Adults:** We arrange theatre visits, fishing trips, shopping and cultural excursions, and much more. Please give us your own ideas and suggestions. We organise many afternoon activities and evening entertainments which are free of charge.

Can I play any sports?

Yes, you can. You don't need to be an expert to enjoy some of the sports we can arrange for you, and help you to arrange for yourself. These include:

- Tennis (grass court or hard court)
- Golf (mini-golf too)
- Horse-riding
- Football
- Swimming (in the sea or the heated swimming pool)
- Badminton, basketball and squash at the Sports Hall

The social programme is a great way to have fun, meet people and practise your English while you relax. Come and join us!

How can I travel to Sidmouth?

There is a FREE school escorted bus between Heathrow Airport and Sidmouth (2 1/2 hours) every Saturday all year round, with an airline meeting and check-in service for younger students.

Ask for the school Transport Information Pack.

There are various ways to get here. We can send you transport information to help you plan your journey and save you time and money.

Possibilities include:

- National Express coach or train services from Central London and London airports to Exeter.
- Bus and train services from ferry ports to Exeter.
- School car from any UK location direct to your accommodation in Sidmouth.
- Fly to our convenient and safe airport in Exeter.

You can make the short trip from Exeter to Sidmouth (24 km) by school car, taxi or local bus.

International flights are available from the following regional airports: Exeter, Bristol, Southampton or Bournemouth.

Please ask for the school transport information pack or see our website for more information and prices.



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