



CHURCHILL HOUSE SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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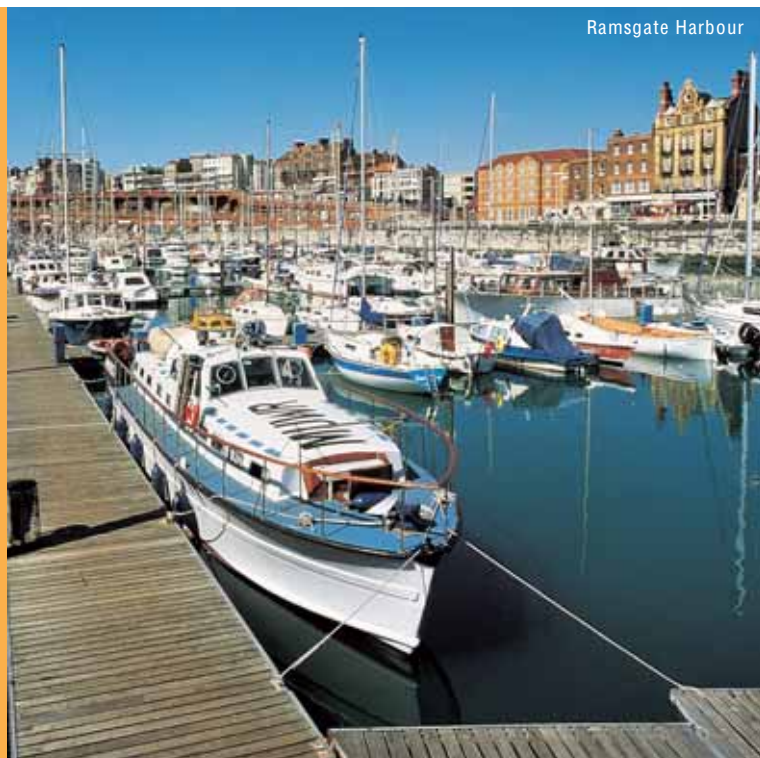


CHURCHILL HOUSE

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WHY CHOOSE CHURCHILL HOUSE?

The best country in which to learn English is England and one of the best language schools in England is Churchill House. Founded in 1971 there are now over 110,000 Churchill House students using English in their work and leisure throughout the world. As one of the UK's leading independent language schools we are large enough to be able to offer a wide range of courses, class levels and different nationalities in the class, yet small enough to ensure an individual interest in you and your studies. Our excellent teaching is balanced with good accommodation and a well-designed leisure programme, all equally important.



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- **Excellence in learning**
Churchill House has a first class record of academic achievement and a consistently high pass rate in internationally recognised English Language Examinations.
- **Excellence in accommodation**
Our families are all personally known to us and only those who meet our extremely high standards are given the distinction of becoming a Churchill House family.
- **Excellence in leisure**
Our Social Club is famous for its well-designed and comprehensive programme of activities and excursions, giving you many marvellous opportunities to learn English through leisure.



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QUALITY AND VALUE, WHY PAY MORE

Our results speak for themselves. One of our proudest achievements is that over half of our students come to Churchill House through word of mouth, or return to us for another visit.

Churchill House has clear procedures for assessing your level of English ability, for monitoring your progress and for delivering the language course on which you have enrolled.

We are constantly striving to improve our teaching and respond to the needs of our students. We recognise that today's English language students not only want to enhance their career prospects or win that all-important university place, but also to learn the language needed in a variety of professional situations. The Elective Courses we offer reflect this.

Value for money is guaranteed at Churchill House. Our general, professional or examination courses are identically priced with significant discounts the longer your stay and our accommodation charges are among the most reasonable in the UK.

OUR PROMISE

If you want to learn English under the guidance of professional staff in a warm and informal atmosphere then Churchill House is the right choice for you. We promise to ensure that your stay here will be both successful and enjoyable.



Churchill House, Paragon Building



CHURCHILL HOUSE IS ACCREDITED BY THE
BRITISH COUNCIL.



The British Council runs the internationally acclaimed official accreditation scheme for English Language Schools in the UK. The inspection covers: management, resources and environment, teaching and learning, welfare.

CHURCHILL HOUSE IS A MEMBER OF QUALITY ENGLISH



Quality English is a marketing led association of some of the leading independent, and high-quality, English language training providers – offering quality courses and high levels of personal service.

CHURCHILL HOUSE IS A MEMBER OF EDUCATION UK



As a partner in 'UK Education' Churchill House guarantees a vibrant, welcoming, inventive, modern, rich and exciting educational experience.

CHURCHILL HOUSE IS A MEMBER OF ENGLISH UK.



The internationally recognised association of British Council accredited schools dedicated to maintaining high standards of education and welfare.



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SEASIDE LOCATION

Ramsgate is located in the South East of England in the county of Kent – ‘the Garden of England’ – famous for its apple and cherry orchards, green fields and pleasant rolling hills. It is on the coast in an area known as ‘the Isle of Thanet’, famous for its 26 miles of golden sandy beaches and rich history dating back to pre-Roman times.

This picturesque seaside town has many fine old buildings and the colourful Royal Harbour. The area around the pretty yachting marina is lined with pavement cafes, bars and smart restaurants, whilst the pedestrianised town shopping centre is two minutes’ walk away. With a range of sports facilities in the town and surrounding area Ramsgate has a great deal to offer. Relatively small, peaceful and safe, it has a relaxed atmosphere and is an ideal centre for the serious student to study. The absence of any other language schools means that our foreign guests are treated as friends.



RAMSGATE WEATHER

Ramsgate has one of the best sunshine records in the UK and nearly the lowest rainfall – visit our website at www.churchillhouse.co.uk and click the weather webcam to see what today’s weather is like.

TRAVEL TO RAMSGATE

Close to continental Europe and to London - the town is very well positioned. The train to London takes only 80 minutes; London airports are less than 2 hours away; Dover with hourly ferry services to France is 35 minutes away; the Eurotunnel car shuttle at Folkestone is 45 minutes. Eurostar trains from Paris to London have stops in Kent at Ashford and at Ebbsfleet- the Eurostar journey to Paris takes only a little over 2 hours!

Personal Meeting Service. We offer a shared meeting service at London’s Heathrow and Gatwick airports if you arrive on one of our official starting dates. Alternatively, we can offer an individual meeting service at any of the other London Airports to suit your arrival time. If you are travelling by Eurostar we can arrange for a taxi to meet you at Ashford International Station or Ebbsfleet International Station - also if you are travelling by ferry to Dover. For full details please request our general travel information sheet.



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SITUATION AND FACILITIES

Churchill House is located in a quiet residential area less than 10 minutes walk from the town centre. It is set in Spencer Square, an attractive 19th century square boasting some of the town's most beautiful architecture and overlooking tennis courts and the sea. All the administration offices are in the Spencer Square building including Teaching, Accommodation and Social Club.

Across the square are the two main classroom buildings of the school; the spacious, modern Executive Centre, and the Paragon Building. All classrooms are designed to maximise enjoyment and effectiveness of the lessons. The Paragon overlooks the sea and the harbour and in addition to its many classrooms, houses our language laboratory, video/DVD rooms, Individual Learning Centre, the internet café (with free emails) and bookshop. Also in the Paragon is the students' own clubroom and the school's own pub and restaurant – The Churchill Tavern. The Clubroom offers a range of facilities and activities including cafeteria, disco, video, DVD and pool table.



CHURCHILL HOUSE

Churchill House is an independent language school offering a wide range of teaching and social facilities to its students. Truly multi-national, there are usually students from 40 different countries at the school at any one time and in a year we welcome over 70 different nationalities. You will meet students of all ages, with many different occupations and from diverse cultures and backgrounds. We have a strict admission policy to ensure that there are never too many students of one nationality.

Churchill House is big enough to guarantee professional service, small enough to guarantee you individual care and attention. From the day you arrive until the day you leave us our staff will be available to you.



Churchill House administration building



Ramsgate - restaurants



Ramsgate - Homestay house

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WHAT IS THE AIM OF OUR TEACHING?

Our basic objective is to teach you in a professional and caring manner as much useful English as possible whatever your length of stay, so enabling you to move successfully towards your own learning targets. Our Study Chart shows the progress through the various levels which you can expect to make – progress is dependent upon the number of hours studied each week and upon personal aptitude and motivation. You can choose to study for 15, 20 or 25 hours per week. The chart shows your current level, your examination opportunities, your main learning objectives and the work, study and life possibilities your new language skills will offer you.



At Churchill House we will:

- Assess your level prior to the course starting
- Consult with you on which course to take and how long to study
- Continually monitor and advise you on your progress.

ASSESSING YOUR LEVEL

We offer General English classes at 12 different levels ranging from complete beginner to very advanced, so you'll always be in a class with people of a similar level. Each level or module is a self contained course with sufficient work for an average learner to cover in 4 weeks. Successive modules interlock to form a continuous pathway through the English language – The Churchill House Module system.

You first complete an English Ability Questionnaire (part of the Enrolment Form), which the Course Director will use to decide which of the Churchill House Entrance Tests you should next complete – Elementary, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate or Advanced. These tests can be sent to you by post or you can download them from our website. When you arrive at Churchill House the results of the test and a personal interview will be used to confirm your first module level.

COURSE CONSULTANCY

Knowing your level, our experienced Course Consultants will discuss the course options available and advise on the appropriate study path for you. The learning targets of our students vary – you may wish to improve your general fluency or take an examination course, to enter university or improve your career prospects. You may only be able to study for a few weeks or you may have a longer time available. We offer a wide range of courses with many starting dates and whatever your personal situation Churchill House will have a course for you. For specific course information please see page 8-14 and the Enrolment Form with its price and start date details.

MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS

Module courses start at the beginning of each month and are designed to last 4 weeks (2 and 3 week courses are possible). During a 4-week module course your teacher will display the syllabus and learning targets in the classroom and go through these with the class on a regular basis. Your progress will be checked in a number of ways and you will receive guidance and counselling.

■ Progress Tests

Progress Test 1 at the end of the first week to inform the teacher about the skill levels of all students in the class and which will enable the teacher to adjust teaching material or style of teaching as appropriate.

Progress Test 2 highlights any areas of the syllabus that the teacher needs to revise or re-teach and identifies any problems individual students might have.

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Beginner LANGUAGE LEVEL

You know only a few words or phrases of English. You will learn to pronounce letters and sounds, form very simple sentences and exchange basic personal information.

MODULE LEVEL 1
LENGTH OF STUDY
4 weeks of intensive study

Move to next level ▶

Elementary LANGUAGE LEVEL

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.

MODULE LEVEL 2-3
LENGTH OF STUDY
4 to 8 weeks of intensive study
EXAM LEVEL
IELTS 2 to 3
Cambridge KET

AIMS
You can begin to use English for the first time to give and get basic information and ask for things you need.

Move to next level ▶

Pre-Intermediate LANGUAGE LEVEL

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

MODULE LEVEL 3-5
LENGTH OF STUDY
8 to 12 weeks of intensive study
EXAM LEVEL
IELTS 3 - 4
Cambridge PET
Cambridge KET

AIMS
You can order basic goods and services in restaurants, by letter, on the Internet. You have enough language to deal, at a basic level, with unexpected events & emergencies when travelling, or hold simple conversations.

Move to next level ▶

Intermediate LANGUAGE LEVEL

You can exchange simple information on familiar matters. You will now learn to communicate with reasonable fluency, accuracy and pronunciation in everyday situations.

MODULE LEVEL 5-7
LENGTH OF STUDY
8 to 12 weeks of intensive study
EXAM LEVEL
IELTS 4 - 5
TOEFL 90 - 120
Cambridge FCE
Cambridge PET

AIMS
You can travel with more confidence in English speaking countries. You can visit English speaking chat rooms & establish international friendships. The earliest level at which you could conduct simple business.

Move to next level ▶

Upper Intermediate LANGUAGE LEVEL

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.

MODULE LEVEL 7-9
LENGTH OF STUDY
8 to 12 weeks of intensive study
EXAM LEVEL
IELTS 5 - 6
TOEFL 120 - 150
Cambridge FCE

AIMS
University Foundation Year and some vocational courses are now open to you. The exams at this level mark the first steps to a future career or promotion for which English is essential. You can begin to take part with greater ease in the international English speaking community on the Internet etc.

Move to next level ▶

Post Intermediate LANGUAGE LEVEL

You can express and understand more complicated ideas on a wide range of topics. You will now learn to use language more effectively and flexibly with natural rhythms and sounds.

MODULE LEVEL 9-11
LENGTH OF STUDY
Rate of progress varies
EXAM LEVEL
IELTS 6 - 7
TOEFL 200 - 250
Cambridge CAE

AIMS
Entry to many degree, diploma or vocational courses starts here. You have the potential to work in departments or businesses where English is very important. You can now pursue hobbies and interests where an ability to scan English text or audio rapidly adds greatly to enjoyment.

Move to next level ▶

Advanced LANGUAGE LEVEL

You can understand demanding longer texts and speech. You will now learn to deal with complex and highly colloquial forms of speech and writing, differentiating finer shades of nuance and meaning.

MODULE LEVEL 11-12
LENGTH OF STUDY
Rate of progress varies
EXAM LEVEL
IELTS 7+
TOEFL 240+
Cambridge CPE
Cambridge CAE

AIMS
Entry to graduate degree courses (including prestigious universities) and most post-graduate degree courses is possible. You are equipped to work in an English speaking environment. You can now begin to fully enjoy all aspects of English culture (books, films, television, etc.).

The End of Module Test takes place on the last Thursday of the month and covers everything studied in the module. It is used along with the teacher's recommendation in determining your level for the next module.

For any students ending their stay with us it is also the Leaving Test.

■ Class Opinion Questionnaires

You will be asked at the end of the first week or start of the second week of each module to complete a questionnaire giving your opinion on the different aspects of the class – pace of learning, balance of skills and others. The results of these questionnaires are viewed anonymously and discussed in class. Advice and guidance will be given on a one to one basis as required.

■ Individual Tutorials

There are programmed individual progress tutorials with your teacher in addition to any other individual advice that might be offered as a result of tests and daily homework. A record of attainment is kept on your personal register sheet which will be passed to your next teacher as you move through the module system.

■ Teacher Recommendations

At the end of each 4-week module your teacher will discuss your progress with your Course Director and will make recommendations on your progression for the following month.

This clear and open system of recording your progress enables us, and you, to achieve your learning targets most effectively.

CERTIFICATION

In your final class you will receive a Certificate of Achievement from your teacher. This gives details of your entire course: your attendance, your final level of English, and any elective or other special courses which you have studied during your stay.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING

The Director of Studies or Academic Principal are available to you before and after your arrival in Ramsgate. If you have not already been offered a place at a University you can contact our counsellor for free and impartial advice on which course and which university would be best for you. If you have already chosen our counsellor can give you advice on what to expect when you move up to university.

Universities will require proof of a good standard of English. This will be a good IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC or Cambridge Exam grade. At Churchill House we have many years of expertise in preparing students for the exams.



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THE TEACHING DEPARTMENT

All our teachers are chosen for their qualifications, experience and motivation. Their enthusiasm and commitment ensure that you make maximum progress and they always give help and advice when needed. During your course you will normally have a number of teachers to provide interesting and varied lessons to encourage learning.

Churchill House has its own Training and Development Unit which means that we can take advantage of every new opportunity to improve our teaching. You therefore learn English using the most up-to-date and effective methods available. You will actively enjoy learning English at Churchill House.

We have a permanent teaching staff of over 15 whose experience, professionalism and dedication to teaching English as a foreign language have given us one of the best academic records of any school in the country. Your learning is accelerated by our teachers' awareness of your problems and the expert use of all our facilities.

TEACHING MANAGEMENT

Our Academic Principal, John Flood, has over 30 years' experience in teaching English and in academic management. He is assisted by the Head of Resources and a team of Senior Teachers and Course Directors, all of whom have special responsibilities for different courses. This management structure and our systems of assessment and monitoring ensure that a close and personal interest is continually taken in you and the progress you make.



TEACHING FACILITIES

- The classrooms vary in size but have all been designed to maximise the enjoyment and effectiveness of your lessons. Our classroom furniture has been carefully selected to allow freedom of communication in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.
- The Individual Learning Centre has an extensive range of materials which have been especially developed for study on a self-access basis. They are carefully graded and colour-coded according to topic. They cover the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, in addition to vocabulary building activities, grammar practice and examination materials. Here you have the opportunity to work individually on those areas of your English that need the greatest attention. You may go into the Individual Learning Centre with your class teacher as part of the course but in addition it is open outside normal class hours (evenings and weekends) for everyone to use free of charge.
- The Language Laboratory has recorded materials to help you improve your fluency, pronunciation and communicative skills and allow you to concentrate on the specific areas that need most attention.
- The Bookshop has a wide range of English language books at all levels that will be of interest to you both for use in England and at home. Course books are lent from the School Bookshop on payment of a deposit (usually £15- £25) which is refunded in full when the books are returned in good condition. This deposit is not normally included in the course price and neither is the cost of homework books.
- The Internet Café is used for project work and to obtain topical resource and discussion material.

HOW DO I CHOOSE MY COURSE?

Churchill House offers a comprehensive range of courses so you are almost sure to find one that will meet your exact requirements. To help you select the right course we have specially trained Course Consultants who are pleased to offer you free and friendly advice before you enrol.

Classes have an average of 11 and a maximum of 14 students with a good mix of nationalities. A morning lesson is 45 minutes (full teacher contact) making a 20 lesson course = 15 hours per week. An afternoon lesson is 50 minutes (full teacher contact) making a 26 lesson course = 20 hours and a 32 lesson course 25 hours



MAIN AND INTENSIVE COURSES

Churchill House Main and Intensive courses are designed for hard working students who want maximum benefit from a general English course. Short or long term courses are possible, from a minimum of 2 weeks – no maximum, with increasing levels of discounts applied to the lesson price after 10, 20, 30 and 40 weeks. Most months have 2 starting dates – main month and mid-month and we usually advise short term course students to arrive on the main month starting date if possible - long term students can choose the date that suits them best.

For a complete list of official starting dates, fixed dates for Exam courses and full pricing information, please refer to the Enrolment Form at the back of this prospectus or go to our website: www.churchillhouse.co.uk

All General English **MAIN COURSES** are 20 lessons (15hrs) per week with 3 hours of tuition each weekday morning. Courses follow a syllabus which is primarily designed to develop the four skills of speaking, writing, reading and listening, and to increase your awareness of how English works. There is an individual syllabus at each of the 12 module levels. You will learn and revise new vocabulary and in addition to the classwork you will be expected to complete at least one hour's homework each day. You will be kept busy!

INTENSIVE COURSES are 26 or 32 lessons per week ie 20 or 25 hours. Students have a General English Main 20 course followed by either 6 or 12 lessons a week of Elective courses. Students taking an Intensive 26 lesson course choose 1 elective subject each month and students taking an Intensive 32 lesson course choose 2 elective subjects per month.

The system of **ELECTIVE COURSES** is designed to enable you to choose from a range of courses covering a wide variety of different subjects or topics. We recognise that today's English language students not only want to improve their career prospects or win that all-important university place, but also to learn the language and vocabulary needed in a variety of professional situations.

A range of Elective courses appropriate to each level is offered each month and could include:

- **Additional English**
- **Listening, Pronunciation, Speaking or Writing Skills Development**
- **English for Business**
- **English + Computing**
- **English for Academic Purposes (pre-university preparation)**
- **English through Drama**
- **English for Tourism**
- **Preparation for the international examinations offered at the school, e.g.**
 - IELTS, ■ Cambridge PET, BEC & FCE
 - TOEFL
 - TOEIC

For more detailed information on the Elective courses please ask for our Elective Brochure.

Please note: Beginners must follow a 32 lesson per week Intensive course including an Additional English Elective of 12 lessons (double elective) a week for at least the first month of their course.

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YOUR CHOICE OF COURSE



IELTS (INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM)

is the required qualification for entry to British Universities and is also accepted by many institutions in Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Preparation courses are available throughout the year as part of our afternoon elective course system.

TOEFL (TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

is the required test for entry to US Universities and is also widely accepted in Britain. Preparation courses are available throughout the year as part of our afternoon Elective Course system.

TOEIC (TEST OF ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION)



is the most widely recognised test for people using English in the workplace and is accepted by Human Resources Directors worldwide. Preparation courses are available throughout the year as part of our afternoon Elective Course system. Churchill House is an authorised centre for TOEIC.

EXAMINATION COURSES

Churchill House has specialised in examination courses for over 33 years and knows exactly what is required to ensure our students pass their exams. This is why Churchill House has a first-class record of academic achievement.

Our examination courses are 32 lessons per week. Some can be taken as afternoon Electives if you are doing an Intensive Course with General English in the morning, e.g. the TOEFL, TOEIC and IELTS examinations. Others, like the Cambridge Examination Courses: First Certificate, Advanced and Proficiency, maybe run independently of other courses.



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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION COURSES

The University of Cambridge Examinations are recognised worldwide and can be sat at Churchill House here in Ramsgate.

Cambridge First Certificate (FCE). The most popular Cambridge Examination, tests English at an Upper Intermediate level. The examinations are held three times a year in March, June and December. Churchill House runs a 10 or 12-week course starting in January then 11 or 12-week courses starting in April and October. We also offer a 13-week First Certificate Preparation Course during the summer for those who require the intense exam preparation we can offer, but who wish to take the exam in their own country, or at a later date.

Cambridge Advanced (CAE). For students whose level is between First Certificate and Proficiency, this examination takes place three times a year in March, June and December. Churchill House offers 10 or 12-week intensive courses starting in January, March and October.

Cambridge Proficiency (CPE). This is the highest level, non-specialist Cambridge examination and is held twice a year in June and December. Churchill House offers 15 or 16-week courses starting in March and August.

Cambridge Lead-Up Courses. For students who need more tuition before attempting the actual examination course we can offer Lead-Up Courses for both FCE and CAE exams as part of our Elective Course system. These courses will help to raise your ability to the level needed for the actual exam course. Starting dates twice a year, in March and September.

ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMMES

These flexible programmes are ideal for the long term student who can book a 6, 9 or 12 month Main or Intensive course starting on one of the four module start dates in January, April, July or October. Courses of 22, 33 or 44 weeks are split into terms of 11 weeks with a 'holiday' period between each term.

- Study for 20, 26 or 32 lessons a week.
- Students taking 26 or 32 lessons will select from the monthly electives courses menu (see Intensive Courses on page 8).
- Students taking main 20 lesson courses can book extra lessons at any time.
- Students taking Intensive 32 lesson courses can switch to a University of Cambridge Exam course at no extra cost apart from the examination fee.
- NB Minimum enrolment period 6 months /22 weeks.

The 'holiday' period is normally 2 weeks and this gives you the chance of a break from lessons and the opportunity to visit other parts of the UK and Europe (our Social Club can help you with any arrangements). Alternatively you can book extra lessons and continue to study.



John's class

Online course

YOUR CHOICE OF COURSE



ENGLISH 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 over 60 experienced and dedicated teachers in 40 different locations throughout Britain and Ireland, who welcome students into their comfortable homes. Home Tuition students become part of the family during their stay.

Courses we offer include General English, English for the Professional, English for Exams, Academic English and, for our younger students, Junior Plus (lessons plus leisure activities).

For each course, we design an individual, tailor-made programme based on your language needs.

Please ask for the English Home Tuition Courses brochure.



ONE-TO-ONE

One student to One teacher. A One-to-One teaching programme of individual lessons can be tailor-made to your specific needs. Your teacher will assess your learning requirements and will adapt the teaching methods to your learning style and pace. Any number of One-to-One lessons can be booked and our Course Consultants will give advice on the most appropriate programme for you. One-to-One private lessons can be arranged as a supplement to any of our standard courses.

ENGLISH EXTRA

Short courses combining 20 lessons (15 hours) per week of general lessons in the morning with 5/10/15 hours one-to-one lessons in the afternoon can be booked. Afternoon lessons concentrate either on areas of general English you would like to improve or specialist tuition in a variety of subjects e.g. business, marketing, management, computing.





WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

The use of English as the international means of communication in the workplace continues to grow and for some students' classroom learning is not enough. A language course at Churchill House followed by a work placement in a profession of your choice will improve your general English and your work related language skills. You will gain practical work experience as well as confidence in your ability to function in an English-speaking environment.

Churchill House offers work placements in a large number of work places covering a wide range of professions including Business Administration, Computing, Finance & Accounting, Hotel & Catering, Law, Retail, Tourism & Leisure. At the end of the programme you can receive a testimonial from the company you worked for and a certificate from the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.

SPECIAL GROUP COURSES

Churchill House runs a number of different courses for groups of students arriving together:

■ 2 week Crash Courses

With a maximum of 5 students per class and 30 hours of lessons per week, these courses are a cost effective solution for those small groups of students who need to learn a lot of English in a short period of time.

■ Teacher Development Courses

2 to 12 week professional development closed class courses for teachers of English - EFL professionals and English teachers from overseas primary and senior schools.

Courses are taught by teachers with the highest recognised diploma qualifications and supported by a large Resources Centre providing the latest books and material to teachers and students.

■ All Year Round Group Programmes

Churchill House runs closed class courses for school or college groups during the school year. The minimum length of course is one week, the minimum number of students is 12 and the minimum age is 10 years. Whole term courses of 11 or 12 weeks are possible too. Exam preparation can be incorporated into any course e.g. TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS or any of the Cambridge examination courses.

All courses can be booked with an optional programme of sports/leisure activities plus full and half day excursions organised by the Social Club.

For groups consisting of students aged 16 plus and booking a minimum of 2 weeks multi-national classes are possible from main month start dates.

■ Cambridge Alpha Courses

These courses at First Certificate, Advanced and Proficiency level offer groups of students who cannot spare the time to study for three months or more the opportunity to take the exam after only 4 weeks of concentrated study in a small class of 4 or 5 students. They are also for students who may have followed the exam syllabus previously but who wish to improve their grade. Our own in-house Alpha test will assess your ability to follow these extremely intensive courses.

■ Special Interest Courses

Churchill House will design courses for any Special Interest Group - academic, professional, recreational or cultural. Courses for qualified professionals or for trainees who need intensive English specific to their work - from universities or government departments

■ Summer Vacation Group Courses

Every summer Churchill House offers summer vacation courses for groups of all ages with homestay and residential accommodation options in a number of different locations throughout the UK. Courses can be combined with an exciting programme of sports/leisure activities and full/half day excursions and multi-day tours to Scotland, Paris or Amsterdam.

For more detailed information and prices please contact our Course Consultants and request a brochure.

homestay

BE PART OF A FAMILY

In Ramsgate we have over 300 families, all personally inspected and classified. They are re-visited annually to ensure that the highest standards are maintained.

Our families are selected not just for their cleanliness and comfort but also for the friendliness with which they welcome you into their home. They will try their very best to help your English improve and do everything possible to make your stay happy and successful.

Ramsgate is not a large town so most of our families are within easy walking distance of the School.



HOW DO I CHOOSE MY FAMILY?

When you fill in your Enrolment Form there is a separate section for accommodation. You can choose between a single or shared room (shared with a student of a different nationality) and between half board and full board.

Half board. Breakfast and evening meal from Monday to Friday and all meals at weekends.

Full board. Breakfast and evening meals with the family and lunches in the school's restaurant from Monday to Friday. All meals at weekends with the family.

You also have other choices including whether you want to stay in a family with or without children, with or without animals, and who do or do not smoke. Most of our families accommodate 1 or 2 students, some families welcome 3. If you prefer to be more independent and have less family involvement some families can provide private accommodation for up to 5 adults.

Based on your choices, our accommodation manager uses a combination of a computer matching programme plus her personal knowledge to select the most suitable family for you. She sends details to both you and your English family so that, if you wish, you can contact them before you arrive.

Although we try very hard to choose the ideal family, if you are not happy, for any reason, we can always transfer you to another family.

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PAYING THE FAMILY

We will include your accommodation charges in the total fees quoted on your Certificate of Enrolment. You then make just one total payment to us and we pay the family on your behalf, so you have nothing more to worry about.

OTHER ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

If you don't want to stay with a family you can ask us for full details of the special arrangements we have with:

- The Royal Guest House, a small private guest house, 1 minute from the school.
- The Royal Harbour Hotel, more luxurious, with some rooms overlooking the sea, 5 minutes from the school.
- Bedsits, flatshares, self-contained flats.

You can also arrange your own accommodation and pay the School only for lessons. You may still use all the school facilities including The Clubroom and have free membership of the Social Club. But remember that you cannot privately book any of the families currently on our register.



LEARNING THROUGH LEISURE

At Churchill House we firmly believe that a successful language course does not just depend on excellent teaching and accommodation. A comprehensive and well organised leisure programme is equally important to help you:

- Learn how to speak English with native speakers.
- Practise English with other people in real situations.
- Make friends from all over the world, which in turn broadens your horizons.
- Promote your understanding of culture and tradition, which helps you learn the language more successfully.

SOCIAL CLUB ORGANISATION

Our Social Club team has many years' experience between them in organising leisure activities for students of English. Their objective is to make your learning through a leisure programme as successful and rewarding as possible.

Your teachers also get fully involved in the programme and it is this which has given Churchill House its wonderful reputation for mixing academic efficiency with informal friendliness.

DAY AND WEEKEND TRIPS

We offer a wide selection of day and weekend trips regularly throughout the year. Every trip is accompanied by an experienced member of Churchill House staff and you will receive a detailed itinerary or information pack to help you understand what you are going to see. Day trips include London, Oxford, Cambridge, Windsor and Bath. Weekend trips visit London, Stratford-upon-Avon and Manchester, as well as European cities such as Paris and Bruges.

MULTI-DAY TOURS

These include our famous tours of Scotland, Belgium and Holland, the UK and Ireland.

YOUR OWN TRIPS

If you prefer to travel independently our Social Club staff are always pleased to assist you with advice on where to go, how to travel, car hire, accommodation – everything you need.

SPORTS

Ramsgate and its surrounding area can offer swimming, sailing, fishing, golf, athletics, the martial arts, hockey, rugby, basketball, squash, horse riding and much more. If you are keen to try or continue any sport, the Social Club can arrange this for you. Our sports sessions regularly include aerobics, volleyball and football and there are three tennis courts right in front of the School.

WELFARE AND ADVICE

Student care is an integral part of the Social Club work and our staff will always help with any problem or give guidance on anything concerning your welfare. If you should need medical treatment we have arrangements with a local doctor and dentist and there is a hospital in nearby Margate. The Social Club will be happy to make appointments for you. We can also provide private medical insurance for all students.



Canterbury Cathedral



Kent - Leeds Castle





THE CHURCHILL TAVERN

Ramsgate's most traditional pub, the Churchill Tavern, is owned by the school and is just across the square from our main building. An 'Olde Worlde' pub with wooden beams and a log fire, you can relax here after class with your friends. Local people as well as students often come to the Tavern to see the musicians who frequently play live music here, or to enjoy a drink and a meal – it's an ideal place to make friends of all nationalities in a warm and secure atmosphere.



THE CLUBROOM

Downstairs from the pub is our Clubroom – with a bar, disco and games area. There is something to enjoy on most evenings including the weekly Friday disco, plus cabarets, karaoke, quiz nights, international party nights, salsa sessions and DVD nights.

As a student at Churchill House your course fees include membership of The Clubroom. Don't forget to send us your photo before you come, or bring it with you, since you will receive your membership card on the day you arrive. The Social club also has English members so not only do you have the opportunity to mingle with your classmates, you also meet interesting English people.



OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Apart from The Clubroom there are many other opportunities to mix with your classmates, make new friends and share new experiences, including trips to London musicals, museums and discos, plus regular sports fixtures with local clubs.

HOW DO I CHOOSE MY SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES? Your course price includes membership of the Clubroom and a wide choice of free evening activities. All activities and trips are shown on the monthly programme you receive when you arrive. Your membership also entitles you to a discount in the Churchill Tavern restaurant.



summer

YOUR SUMMER COURSES



benefit from combining their studies with some time for relaxation, so if you wish to concentrate on your lessons and not to have think about what to do with your leisure time, let us organise it for you with the specially designed weekly activity programme.

Churchill House offers Family homestay and Self-catering accommodation options during the summer. The self-catering accommodation for up to 80 students is available in single study bedrooms with private shower room and toilet. Each group of 5 rooms shares a large well-equipped kitchen and there is also an on-site launderette and recreation room.

Self-contained Flats, Flatshare and Hotels are other possible accommodation options.

For more detailed information please ask for our Adult Summer Courses brochure and the July and August Social Club programme which give details on all excursions and multi-day tours.

We also run Residential campus and Family homestay Summer courses for students aged 10 to 17 at centres throughout the UK – please ask ask for our Junior Summer Courses brochure.

SUMMER VACATION COURSES

Use your summer holiday to improve your language skills.

Churchill House is one of the best all year round language schools in the UK with a full time teaching staff and 40 years experience fulfilling a wide range of professional and recreational needs. With this expertise we are able to provide you with a really worthwhile and enjoyable summer vacation course.

Churchill House runs summer vacation courses from mid June to early September. Courses with 15 hours teaching per week (20 lessons) start each week during the summer and can be booked with a comprehensive leisure programme. Intensive courses with 20 hours teaching per week (26 lessons) or 25 hours (32 lessons) are possible from the main month start dates in July and August. Intensive course students will combine general English lessons with one or more of our Elective subjects. You choose from the range of subjects that includes: English for Business, IELTS, English for Academic Purposes or one of the Skills development subjects – Listening, Pronunciation, Speaking or Writing.

The Social Club provides all students with an evening social programme and the opportunity to book as many full/half day excursions or multi-day tours as they would like.

Students taking a course with 15 hours lessons per week can combine their course with a carefully designed leisure programme that offers a variety of activities, sports and excursions. We believe our students



Ramsgate Beach



excellent quality - great value

HOW TO ENROL AND MORE



PAYMENT

- By Bank Transfer (Airmail, Telex, Swift)
A/C name: Churchill House School of English Language
A/C no: 41133659. Bank: HSBC, 1 High Street, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9AD
Sort Code: 40-38-02
IBAN: GB79MIDL40380241133659
BIC: MIDLGB2110L
Swift Code: MIDLGB22
- By International Bank Draft
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

ENROLMENT

- For prices and start dates please refer to 'Course Fees, Start Dates and Enrolment Information' enclosed. Or go to www.churchillhouse.co.uk where you can also enrol and pay online. For additional advice please contact your Local Agent or one of our Course Consultants.
- Please send your enrolment (and enrolment fee) as early as possible as some courses have limited places and become quickly full – you can check availability with a Course Consultant.
- On receipt of your Enrolment we will send you a Certificate of Enrolment with full course details and total fees. You can use this Certificate of Enrolment to help obtain a visa if you need one (see below), for payment with your bank and at Immigration Control on arrival in England.
- Please pay the balance of your fees as soon as possible. At the latest the fees must be credited to our bank account by your arrival date otherwise you will not be able to begin your course. Payment for social club activities can be made on arrival but can also be included with your course fees payment. Pocket money can also be paid with your course fees and withdrawn in weekly payments.

Churchill House is accredited by the British Council and a member of Quality English, English UK and the Education UK Partnership.



VISAS

If you need to obtain a visa you will have to apply for it under Tier 4 of the new Points-Based System. If you are not sure whether you need a visa to study in the UK please visit www.ukvisas.gov.uk for more information. If you intend to study for 26 weeks or over, you will need to apply for a General Student Visa (GSV) and will require a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number for your visa application. Churchill House will apply for this on your behalf via the UK Borders Agency website and will send this number to you in the form of a CAS Statement, together with your Certificate of Enrolment and confirmation documents.

If you intend to study for 25 weeks or less and you require a visa, you will need to apply for a Student Visitor Visa (SVV), which does not require a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies. Churchill House will issue you with our standard visa letter of acceptance to use to apply for your visa.

For further information on how to apply for your visa under Tier 4 of new Points-Based System, please visit www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk.



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