

YOUNG LEARNER COURSES 2025

VACATION COURSES

Available Easter (12 April – 3 May) & Summer (7 June – 30 August)

INTENSIVE COURSES

Summer (7 June – 30 August) & Autumn (4 October - 25 October)

The school will be closed for Public Holidays on: 1 January, 18 & 21 April, 5 & 26 May, 25 August, 25 & 26 December 2025

Sidmouth International School has been successfully running courses for Young Learners since 1983.

A team of teachers and activity leaders organise a varied programme of teaching and leisure activities specially designed for this age group. Our aim is to provide the special care and supervision required by younger students, in the safe and secure environment of this small seaside town.

VACATION COURSES – EASTER & SUMMER COURSES

JUNIOR (8 - 11 YEARS) & TWEENS (12 - 13 YEARS)

Both courses are based in Heydon's Hall, our Young Learner department, which is separate from the Adult and Teenage departments (only a short 5-minute walk away). The courses are specially designed to teach English to the young learner in a holiday atmosphere, with the emphasis on improving fluency and increasing their language skills. Students are placed in class according to their age and level of English and they work together to develop their communication skills. They should leave with more confidence and a greater understanding of both the English language and culture.

COURSE FEE PER WEEK: (Easter): **£439** (Summer): **£549**

COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- First day test to ensure correct class level
- 15 hours (20 lessons) of tuition per week, mornings only (9.00-12.30, Monday to Friday, including 30 min break)
- Mixed nationality classes, maximum 12 students
- Language levels from beginner to advanced
- Certificate with personal report at the end of the course
- Accommodation booking service with special Junior homestay families
- ID card with homestay address + phone number school's 24 hour emergency phone number
- Social programme: 12 hours of afternoon activities + excursions

YOUNG LEARNER INTENSIVE COURSE

SUMMER (8 - 13 YEARS) & AUTUMN (12 - 13 YEARS ONLY)

This intensive course is designed for the younger learner who wishes to concentrate on individual needs. Students are placed in mixed nationality classes according to their level of English. A detailed needs analysis of each student provides the basis for these intensive afternoon classes, focusing on the student's interests and aims. Some homework is set and marked each week.

COURSE FEE PER WEEK: (Autumn): **£531** (Summer): **£654**

COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- 21 hours (28 lessons) of tuition per week
- 15 hours (20 lessons) of English tuition (9.00-12.30, Monday to Friday, includes 30 min break)
- 6 hours (8 lessons) of English tuition on 3 afternoons (13.30-15.30, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
- Class size, maximum 12 students in the mornings and 9 in the afternoons
- Certificate with personal report at the end of the course
- Accommodation booking service with special Junior homestay families
- ID card with homestay address + phone number + school's 24 hour emergency phone number

Social programme:

- 2.5 hours of afternoon activities on Mondays + excursions

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Add registration fee £85 (Low season) and £125 (Summer) and accommodation fee to all course fees.

Registration fee also includes travel insurance for all students under 65 years old (registration fee will be adjusted for all other students).

Policy details and coverage is provided with registration confirmation and available on our website. Courses for 14-17 years available in our Teenage department.

JUNIOR ACCOMMODATION

Our homestay families only take students from SIS so we can guarantee: no other students of the same nationality; no adult or teenage students. Students on the Young Learners courses are placed with Junior homestay families who provide the care, supervision and correct environment for children of this age. The safeguarding of young children is our priority and all Junior homestays have checks completed on behalf of the school by local and national government services and are regularly inspected by the school.

Junior homestay includes shared room, all meals (packed lunch on weekdays), daily escorted transfers to and from school and Sunday with the homestay family.

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

£245 per week, per person

Please note: a supplement may be charged for special diets – contact the school for further information.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

During the afternoons there is a busy programme for vacation course students which includes beach activities (paddle-boarding/sea kayaks, adventure walks, competitions) sports (swimming, football, tennis, golf, mini-golf, field games) boat trips, arts/crafts, puzzle solving, team building and many other activities, all supervised by SIS staff. For all young learners, the programme includes a half-day excursion on Thursdays and a full-day excursion on Saturdays (except on week of departure). **ALL ENTRY FEES INCLUDED.**

Sports coaching (tennis and golf) is available on request - ask the school for prices and details.

Please note: some activities depend on the weather and/or the number of students.

SUPERVISION

Junior students (8-11 years) are supervised at all times during their stay in the UK. They are brought to school each day by the homestay family or by school minibus, and met by a member of staff. After lessons the students are supervised by activity leaders who hand them over to the homestay family at the end of the day. There are no evening activities for students on the Junior course. The staff/student ratio is 1:12 for classes and 1:10 for activities.

The Tweens course has been designed for students in the 12-13 years age group who still need a lot of supervision, but are allowed to have a limited amount of freedom, for example: shopping in small, unsupervised groups during the day-time. The staff/student ratio is 1:12. **Please note: some activities depend on the weather and/or the number of students.**

TRANSFERS

We provide a FREE transfer from London Heathrow Airport every Saturday throughout the year. The bus aims to arrive at the airport at 12.00 and to depart no later than 16.30. Average journey time (including comfort stop) is 3.5 hours approximately.

To use this free transfer:

Arrivals: Flights must arrive at Heathrow before 15.00 Departures: Flights must depart from Heathrow after 13.45.

The bus departure time may vary during low season; please contact the school directly prior to booking flights.

We offer a Meet & Greet service (meet at arrivals gate and help with check-in on departure) for unaccompanied students. Costs: £35 one-way. To use this service, flights must arrive between 12.00 and 15.00 and depart between 13.45 and 16.30.

We can arrange car/taxi transfers (up to 4 people) to Sidmouth from anywhere in the UK. Minimum price per car for single journey:

Heathrow £325, Gatwick £341, Bristol £184, Exeter £60.

Please note, prices are approximate only. In the event of delays, waiting time will be charged at £25 per hour.

The school MUST be advised if a student is travelling with the airline's 'Unaccompanied Minor Service'.

An 'unaccompanied minor', commonly known as an 'UM', is a child who is travelling alone without a parent, guardian or responsible adult. Unaccompanied Minor Service is the special service provided by some airlines to supervise children whilst travelling. This service is usually booked by a parent or guardian and NOT to be confused with the School's Escort service. We can arrange car transfers (up to 4 people) to Sidmouth from anywhere in the UK. Minimum price per car for single journey: Heathrow £325; Gatwick £341; Bristol £184; Exeter £60. Our drivers will meet students at arrivals and help with check-in on departure.