

# sidmouth

## International School

### EXAMINATIONS COURSES 2024

AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND, AT THE SCHOOL AND ONLINE  
EASTER (25 MARCH - 12 APRIL) & SUMMER (3 JUNE - 30 AUGUST)

The school will be closed for Public Holidays on: 1 January, 29 March, 1 April, 6 May, 27 May, 26 August, 25 & 26 December.  
No lesson time will be lost.

'A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE' (EL GAZETTE SEPT 2023)

### IELTS COURSE (16+ YEARS) – ALL YEAR

**IELTS** is an internationally recognised qualification for university entrance in the UK and most English-speaking countries. The IELTS test is available in nearby Exeter (transport provided). Results are issued within 2 weeks of the test. Early booking of test dates is essential to guarantee a place.

#### COURSE STRUCTURE

##### MINIMUM 4-WEEK COURSE

- Start any Monday
- 15 hours (20 lessons) of general English per week (9.00-12.30, Monday to Friday, includes 30 min break)
- 6 hours (8 lessons) of formal IELTS training per week in small groups, or personalised tutorial groups (13.30-15.30, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
- One-to-one lessons can be taken at an extra charge

#### COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- 21 hours of tuition per week
- Social programme for 18+yrs - free basic social programme, there is a charge for excursions
- Full social programme included for 16-17 yrs
- Student handbook
- Assistance with school, college or university placement
- Class of maximum 6 students (9 in summer)
- FREE use of student internet and Wi-fi
- FREE accommodation booking service
- FREE airport transfers on Saturdays

<b>COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Low season):</b>	18 +	£425	<b>COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Summer):</b>	18 +	£519
	16 - 17	£475		16 - 17	£581

Supplement for entry fee, course book and materials £225

### FIRST CERTIFICATE (FCE), CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH (CAE) AND PROFICIENCY (CPE)

Our courses are designed to give you the specific exam preparation you will require for all four papers. Specific attention will be given to any areas that you need to develop. We recommend a minimum course of 6 weeks. Examinations are held in March, June, August and December (CPE examination is not available in August). *Late entry fees may be charged for any courses of less than 6 weeks.* **Preliminary English Test (PET)** – preparation course available, contact the school for dates.

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- 21 hours of tuition per week (9.00-12.30, Monday to Friday, includes 30 min break) (13.30-15.30, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
- Class of maximum 6 students (9 in summer)
- Transport to the nearest examinations centre
- Social programme for 18+yrs - free basic social programme, there is a charge for excursions
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All examinations are internationally recognised and correspond to the levels of the Common European Framework.

Common European Framework	Cambridge ESOL	IELTS (General or Academic)
C2 (Mastery)	CPE (Proficiency)	Grade 9 
C1 (Effective Operational Proficiency)	CAE (Advanced)	
B2 (Vantage)	FCE (First Certificate)	
B1 (Threshold)	PET (Preliminary English Test)	
A2 (Waystage)	KET (Key English Test)	
A1 (Breakthrough)		Grade 1 

**Add registration fee £85 (Low season) and £120 (Summer) and accommodation 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.

## ACCOMMODATION

Our homestay families only take students from SIS so we can guarantee: no other students of the same nationality; no overcrowding; no junior students. All families hosting students under the age of 18 have checks completed on behalf of the school by local and national government services and are regularly inspected by the school. Most homestays are an easy walk from the school (max 25 minutes). Breakfast and evening meals included, with light lunch at weekends. Weekday lunches are not included; lunch is easily purchased locally (allow £5 per day) and can be eaten at the teenage social centre.

### HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION (per person)

Single room £210 per week    Standard room\* (high season only) £200 per week

**\*Please note during our high seasons, all Teenage students aged 16-17 years will be placed in a standard room (single or twin) according to age, nationality and gender. In order to maximise homestay capacity during busy times, the school will place students in either single or shared rooms depending on availability.**

**A supplement may be charged for special diets – contact the school for further information**

The school can also provide details of suitable hotels, guest houses and self-catering apartments for adult students aged 18+.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

There is a social programme for all students. This is included in the price for students aged 16-17 yrs, (16-18 yrs during summer season) please ask the school for more details. For adults some afternoon activities and evening activities are organised for you and are free of charge. Afternoon activities include scenic walks on the Jurassic Coast, tennis, lawn bowls and cream teas in the garden. In the evening, students can enjoy weekly Summer BBQs, pub nights with other Adult students, movie nights and wine and cheese evenings hosted at the school.

There are half day excursions on Thursdays and a full day excursion on Saturdays, visiting places of cultural and historical interest. Students have the opportunity explore this beautiful part of England with their fellow students. The costs of the excursions are between £5 and £30 for adults. For an extra treat, we can also organise visits to the Theatre, traditional afternoon tea at one of Sidmouth's seafront hotels or dinner at a quintessential English country pub. Please ask for further details in the main office.

**Please note: During the low season, the social programme and excursions maybe reduced depending on student numbers. Staff are always available to advise students on interesting things to see and do in the local area.**

## TRANSFERS

We provide a FREE transfer to and from London Heathrow Airport every Saturday throughout the year. The bus aims to arrive at the airport at 12:00 hrs and to depart no later than 16:30 hrs. Average journey time (including comfort stop) is 3.5 hours. To use this transfer:

Arrivals:                      Flights must arrive at Heathrow before 15.30  
 Departures:                  Flights must depart from Heathrow after 13.45

Regular shuttle buses link Heathrow and Gatwick Airport (journey time 80 min). **The bus departure time may vary during low season, please contact the school directly prior to booking flights.**

We can arrange car transfers (up to 4 people) to Sidmouth from anywhere in the UK. Minimum price per car for single journey: Heathrow £285; Gatwick £310; Bristol £160; Exeter £52.

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

There are frequent bus ([www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)) and train ([www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)) services from London to Exeter and a regular bus service from Exeter to Sidmouth ([stagecoachbus.com](http://stagecoachbus.com)).