

### COURSES FOR YOUNG LEARNERS 2024

VACATION COURSES – EASTER (25 MARCH - 12 APRIL) & SUMMER (3 JUNE - 30 AUGUST)

INTENSIVE COURSES – SUMMER (3 JUNE - 30 AUGUST) & AUTUMN (30 SEPTEMBER - 25 OCTOBER)

The school will be closed for Public Holidays on: 1 January, 29 March, 1 April, 6 May, 27 May, 26 August, 25 & 26 December 2024. No lesson time will be lost.

‘A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE’ (EL GAZETTE SEPT 2023)

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.

### JUNIOR (8 - 11 YEARS) & TWEENS (12 - 13 YEARS) VACATION COURSES – EASTER & SUMMER

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 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, includes 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

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Easter):

£399

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Summer):

£499

### YOUNG LEARNERS 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 his/her individual needs in a small group. 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 classes, focusing on the student's interests and aims. Some homework is set and marked each week.

#### 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
- 1 evening activity for Tweens 12-13 years (Summer only)

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Summer):

£595

COURSE FEE PER WEEK (Autumn):

£483



# YOUNG LEARNERS COURSES 2023

**Add registration fee £85 (Easter & Autumn) and £120 (Summer) and accommodation to all course fees**

Registration fee also includes travel insurance for all 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 (per person)**

£225 per week

**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, beach barbeques, adventure walks, competitions) sports (swimming, football, tennis, golf, mini-golf, field games) boat trips and fishing, 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.

## TRANSFERS

We provide an escorted bus transfer to and from London Heathrow Airport every Saturday throughout the year, with a meeting and check-in service for unaccompanied students (cost £35 one-way). During high season 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.

**All students under 14 years travelling alone must book our escort service.**

Arrivals: Flights must arrive at Heathrow between 12.00 and 15.30

Departures: Flights must depart from Heathrow between 13.45 and 16.30

**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. Our drivers will meet students at arrivals and help with check-in on departure.

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 '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.