



The Sunny Hill Language School

In the beautiful Somerset countryside

For a school trip with your class like no other!

As an English teacher, you will agree that offering your pupils the chance to practise their spoken language skills in a truly authentic setting is the best way for them to make rapid progress. Bring your class to the Sunny Hill Language School for exactly that opportunity! We offer a full-immersion programme which puts English language and culture at the heart of all activities. The Sunny Hill Language School has a unique approach, which makes culture accessible to all English language learners and aims to develop their language skills *in context*. Our aim is to boost linguistic confidence and awaken an awareness and appreciation of all things English in your students: to foster a life-long enjoyment of English language and culture.



Who are we?

The Sunny Hill Language School is part of Bruton School for Girls, a private day and boarding school in Somerset. The Language School welcomes both boys and girls from Europe for a one-week fully-immersive stay with their teachers during term-time, with the opportunity to interact with the school's pupils. Activities are run in a beautiful, safe environment by fully-qualified and vetted staff under the guidance of the school's expert subject teachers. We offer you exclusive use of the Language School during your stay, but because your pupils are accompanied by you and taught by us, they and their parents can be safe in the knowledge that they will have a worthwhile experience of England.

Where are we?

The Sunny Hill Language School is based at Old Vicarage, a stand-alone boarding house situated on the edge of the Bruton School for Girls campus, in idyllic surroundings with iconic views over the legendary Glastonbury Tor. Bruton is a small Saxon town in rural Somerset, with several schools and a thriving art scene. It is conveniently located one hour away from Bristol Airport and 10 minutes from the A303, the main road linking London and the South West.



How do you get there?

You will be responsible for travel arrangements from your country. The easiest way is to fly into Bristol Airport, and we will collect you and transport you to Bruton. Any local transport required during the week will be met by us, using a local coach company (at no extra cost). Alternatively, you may bring your own coach, which you will use for outings too, but accommodating the coach driver in a local B&B will be at your expense.



What do we offer?

A six-day trip (5 nights away) where we host students and their teachers in exclusive accommodation, providing full board and a programme of activities to suit different tastes and interest different age groups, catering for the specific level of language stipulated for your pupils. Old Vicarage can accommodate up to 40 pupils in small dormitories, with separate bathroom facilities. We offer one free staff place for every ten pupils. Visiting staff are accommodated in private bedrooms with their own bathroom facilities, located in the vicinity of the pupils' accommodation for ease of night-time supervision. All meals are taken in the school's Dining Room, which serves delicious, traditional, restaurant-quality meals and caters for all dietary requirements upon request. Old Vicarage has good recreational facilities, including a fully-equipped staff lounge with free wi-fi, but guests are also able to use some of the extensive facilities (picnic tables, giant outdoor chess, tennis courts, etc.) on the school grounds, under staff supervision. As well as lessons, day-time activities and local visits, we offer a programme of evening activities, some of which include interaction with our boarders, so your pupils are fully occupied at all times. We plan and deliver all lessons, activities and trips, but the students remain your responsibility throughout your stay. The role of the accompanying teachers is to supervise their group at break times, meal times and overnight (including personal care, such as getting ready, showering, first-aid, dispensing medicine, etc). There are several first-aiders on site.



How much does it cost?

The cost of a five-night stay is £415 all-inclusive per pupil, except for transport to the UK. At an exchange rate of 89p, this equates to €466 (please check the current exchange rate for an exact conversion). Please note that some luxury packages and day trips incur a surcharge. Pupils may wish to bring some pocket money for souvenirs.

What might pupils do?



This depends on the pupils' age and level of English, but essentially we offer a lot of choice! The Sample Programme, Menu of Activities and Day Trips Historical Timeline give details of what you may choose for your pupils to do during their week at the Sunny Hill Language School.

You may choose three Day Packages of themed activities from our 'pick 'n mix' programme, whereby the mornings are spent learning topical language, doing hands-on, kinaesthetic activities in English such as crafts, sport or cooking. After lunch, pupils go on an outing and do language activities whilst visiting local places of interest such as small towns, places of historical or cultural interest, museums, etc. In the evening, pupils will have the opportunity to play games, watch films and take part in social activities, where appropriate

together with our boarders. Each part of the day is designed to provide an avenue for your pupils to interact with native speakers in an authentic setting and practise their spoken English skills.

In addition to this, one of the four days is set aside for a trip further afield, where cultural visits are combined with language work in situ. Again, there is much to choose from depending on the historical period you decide to focus on for the day, ranging from Pre-Historic to Modern-Day Britain.



The themes you choose dictate which activities we might do and can be adapted to suit different age groups, although some lend themselves better to a particular audience; we will be guided by your requirements and your aims for the week. We are lucky to have many places of interest on our doorstep, which makes for a bespoke approach for each school group. Pupils will be able to partake in typical transactional activities such as shopping for souvenirs, ordering a cream tea, etc. as part of these activities. Every activity is designed with the aim of developing the pupils' fluency whilst making them experience England at its most authentic.



On the last evening of your stay, we will be awarding quintessentially English prizes to reward various aspects of your pupils' progress whilst at the Sunny Hill Language School, such as the Best Pronunciation, Most Culturally Curious, Most Improved Speaker, Most Enthusiastic, etc. Our focus really is on each pupil's individual progress! We hope you will be keen to come and experience English at the unique Sunny Hill Language School.

