



Hilderstone College

English Studies Centre

Courses 2021

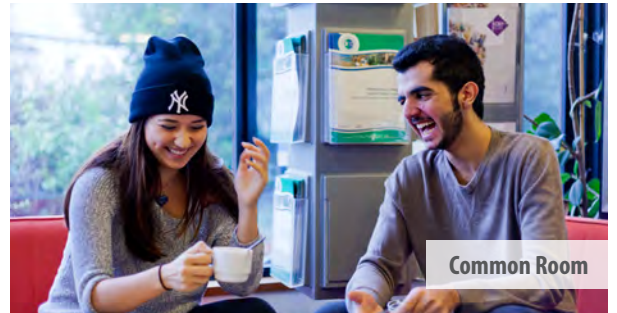




Hilderstone College



Front of the College



Common Room



Student in College garden

Hilderstone College

Hilderstone College is a non-profit specialist Language Studies Centre. We offer a wide range of English language courses for adult learners aged 16+, and for teenage school groups. Since 1970 Hilderstone has established an international reputation for running top quality courses for students and teachers from all over the world. We work with educational organisations, companies and government agencies in the UK and worldwide.

Quality

We have a rigorous system of quality assurance and we do everything we can to ensure that students enjoy and benefit from their course, whether it is here in Broadstairs, or online.

Hilderstone is accredited by the British Council, is a member of English UK and IALC, and was named an EL Gazette Centre of Excellence in 2020 for the 10th year in a row.

Accredited by the

 for the teaching
 of English in the UK



Safeguarding

We apply safeguarding procedures to all our services: in our face-to-face courses, in our online courses, in our homestays, and on our social programme.

Key strengths

1. **Quality** – fully committed to providing a quality experience for all students
2. **Well-structured course programmes** – adapted to the needs of the class
3. **Results for students** – very high levels of progress for students, excellent exam results
4. **Very high levels of student satisfaction** – friendly and supportive staff and teachers
5. **Quality homestay and welfare** – caring hosts, 24-hour support
6. **Great destination** – good transport links, lovely seaside town
7. **Exciting social programme** – sports, talks, evening activities, excursions
8. **Strong focus on British culture, history, arts and literature** – in and out of the classroom

“ Napatsorn from Thailand
 Hilderstone is the **best language college I have ever known**. Good accommodation, the best teachers, friendly local people and town. ”



Roller skating in Dreamland (Margate)



96% of students in the last 3 years said that the College is 'good' or 'very good'



Cycling in Betteshanger

25 was the average age of students on our adult courses last year

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Brighton excursion

We welcomed 35 different nationalities in 2019

Since 2016 19 students have achieved an overall score of 8+ in IELTS



Broadstairs harbour arm

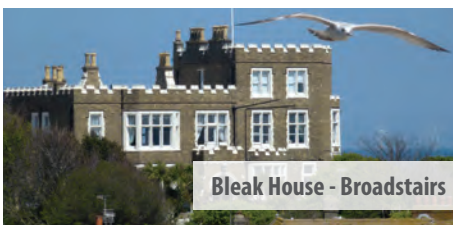


College garden

In 2019, 100% of our students passed their B2 First (FCE) and C1 Advanced (CAE) examinations



Beach huts on Stone Bay - Broadstairs



Bleak House - Broadstairs



Viking Bay - Broadstairs

Broadstairs and the Local Area

A great place to stay

Hilderstone College is located in the centre of Broadstairs, a beautiful seaside town with wonderful, golden, sandy beaches, on the south-east coast of England. It is attractive and friendly with excellent residential areas within walking distance. There is a wide choice of small shops, restaurants, coffee bars and pubs in the town centre and on the seafront. Not far from the College is a modern shopping centre, and there are cinemas, swimming pools, sports facilities and much more in the local area.

The town dates back over 700 years and has many historical connections, including to Queen Victoria, Charles Dickens and smugglers. It continues to be a popular destination for people coming on breaks and holidays, as well as to enjoy the many annual festivals and events which fill its busy calendar.

Easy to reach

Travelling to Broadstairs is easy – just one hour and twenty minutes from London St. Pancras by high-speed train. The town is also close to the port of Dover, as well as the international stations of Ashford and Ebbsfleet. Travelling to the College from a London airport – Gatwick, Heathrow, Stansted, or City – is simple: either take a train straight into London and catch the direct train to Broadstairs, or (from Heathrow and Gatwick) use the local airport shuttle coach service. If you prefer, we can arrange for a taxi to collect you from the airport and take you straight to your accommodation.



Megumi from Japan

Broadstairs is a **lovely** town next to the sea. I really like the **beaches**, the **little shops** and **going out in the evenings** with my friends.



Key Information

- The College is in the heart of the town, 300 metres from the railway station, and 900 metres from the beach
- The town has 7 beautiful, sandy bays
- There are shops, supermarkets, cafes, pubs, restaurants, a library, a gym and a cinema, all in the town centre
- The town has tennis courts, a golf course, a surf school, a sailing club and a coastal cycle path
- There is a modern shopping centre, Westwood Cross, on the edge of the town with shops, supermarkets, a multiplex cinema, restaurants and banking facilities
- There are events in the town throughout the year, including a Dickens festival, Broadstairs Folk Week and blues music and food festivals
- There are regular firework displays on the beach in July and August
- Broadstairs is located in the county of Kent, known as the 'Garden of England', and is one of the driest and warmest parts of Great Britain.



Botany Bay - Broadstairs



Cafes on Broadstairs seafront



Small and friendly town



Joss Bay Surf School - Broadstairs



Margate Carnival - 5km from Broadstairs



local area with year-round entertainment



Ramsgate Harbour - 3km from Broadstairs



Lower cost of living when compared to some big cities



Westwood Cross Shopping Centre - Broadstairs



80 minutes away from London by high-speed train



Firework display Viking Bay - Broadstairs



Dreamland - Margate 5km from Broadstairs



Approximate guide to language levels	IELTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	CEFR	A1		A2	B1		B2	C1		C2
		Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate		Upper-Intermediate	Advanced		Proficiency

Learning at Hilderstone College

At Hilderstone we aim to create an integrated learning environment to give you a complete experience of English. Different people learn in different ways, so our teachers use a variety of methods, materials and technology to make sure that your lessons are stimulating, and that you progress as quickly as possible. We have 15 classrooms, all equipped with computers.

Students attending our face-to-face courses also have the option to do supervised self-access study and/or examination practice each week.

They all offer the **Hilderstone experience:**

- **professional and committed teaching**
- **an intensive course**
- **a lively social programme**
- **the chance to use your English and make friends with people from England and all over the world.**

Below is a typical timetable for one week of a course at Hilderstone College. Your own timetable may be a little different, but will certainly be as full and interesting as this.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09.00 - 10.30 break 11.00 - 12.30	Morning classes: language development					Full day excursion e.g. London, Cambridge, Oxford, Windsor Castle, Brighton, etc.	Free day Spend time with your homestay hosts, relax, visit our local shopping centre, go to the beach or take a trip by train or bus to somewhere further away
	Lunch in the College Cafeteria, or in the town centre						
13.45 - 14.45 break 15.00 - 16.00	Sport or supervised self-study	Afternoon classes: language practice			Afternoon trip or supervised self-study		
16.00 - 17.30	Supervised study in the multimedia Learning Centre						
	Dinner with homestay host						
Evenings	Welcome evening at the College	An evening of folk dancing or live music	Evening talk on an aspect of British culture	Multimedia Learning Centre	Students' club evening		

Teaching Staff

One of the key strengths of the College is the quality of its teachers, who are carefully chosen for their qualifications and experience. Our teachers are extremely motivated to help students reach their full potential quickly and effectively.

Teaching methods

Our teachers use a wide range of up-to-date materials and technology, and are constantly involved in the discussion and sharing of new ideas and the production of teaching materials, based on English as it is used today. We believe that if you want to learn English fast and effectively, you need to enjoy your learning and your classes. Variety is part of this – in teaching styles, materials and activities. Our teachers are friendly, accessible and always happy to offer help and advice – or to just have a chat!



Multimedia Learning Centre - Computer stations



Multimedia Learning Centre - Library section



College cafeteria



Multimedia Learning Centre - Listening stations

Learning Facilities

We are very proud of our Multimedia Learning Centre. It is an important part of the teaching programme and is popular for self-access study after class. It is open every day and some evenings. There will always be a member of staff to help you with anything you need.

Computer workstations

Students have free computer access and are given a Google for Education account. Using this account, they can access the internet, practise their English with online materials and resources, communicate with other students and their teachers, prepare homework or presentations and keep in touch with family and friends at home.

Listening stations

Our touch-screen listening stations are a wonderful way to help you practise and improve your listening skills for exam preparation, the workplace and everyday communication.

Exam preparation and practice

If you plan to take an English language exam during your course, our Learning Centre has all the essential materials you will need and is a quiet place to study after class.











Study materials and resources

The Learning Centre has a wide range of study materials to help you practise grammar, vocabulary, business English, teacher development, reading, listening and writing. There are also dictionaries, newspapers, magazines, DVDs and library books at different levels, which you can borrow.

Rafael from Brazil

“ The Learning Centre was the **best** and **most helpful** thing for me. I used to read the audio books and do the CAE exams. It helped me a lot to improve my English. I was looking for a good school. I couldn't be more satisfied. ”

Other College Facilities

-  Free Wi-Fi access throughout the College
-  Google for Education account for every student
-  Cafeteria offering freshly prepared lunches as well as hot and cold drinks and snacks
-  A room designated for prayer
-  Gardens for students to relax in
-  Common Room open throughout the day and evening with newspapers and drinks machines
-  Lower Common Room with TV/DVD player and pool table
-  Table tennis/sports equipment available after class most days
-  Use of hall, theatre and some musical instruments
-  A quiet room for self-study and relaxation, which is open from early morning to late evening



Intensive English Course

This course is designed to improve your English language skills for work, study, travel or pleasure.

Objectives

Our Intensive English course is designed to improve your overall level of English to make you more confident, fluent and able to communicate in different life and work situations. Grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation are presented in meaningful and enjoyable ways, and the teaching programme is designed to improve all four language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. The teachers will also help you with your pronunciation.


Outcomes

You will improve your accuracy and fluency in English as well as your confidence in using the language in social, travel and general work situations.

Fees and dates 2021 (per week)

1 week	£315	13 - 24 weeks	£275
2 - 4 weeks	£302	25 - 35 weeks	£265
5 - 12 weeks	£285	36 weeks +	£260

Students are charged a single registration fee of £80 (see page 22)
Homestay accommodation (if required): £146 per week (see page 20)

 **Course available throughout the year.** Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 5 April, 3 May, 31 May and 30 August. On each of these days, we will offer students a free excursion/activity. The College closes for Christmas from 17 December 2021 to 10 January 2022.

















Anabel from Spain

I am **completely satisfied** with my experience at the college. I've learnt so much, not only grammar and vocabulary but also pronunciation, informal language and useful English that you can't learn from a book.



Course Facts

-  **Entry level:**  IELTS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
CEFR A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2
-  **Course length:** Minimum one week, no maximum
-  **Class hours:** 21 hours per week
-  **Supervised self-study:** up to 14 hours per week
-  **Maximum class size:** 14 students
-  **Average class size:** 7 students
-  **Minimum age:** 16
-  **Nationalities:** mixed
-  **Learning materials:** included
-  **Coursebook:** included for students booked for 3 weeks+*
-  **End-of-course certificate:** included
-  **Tutorials:** every 4 to 6 weeks
-  **Progress tests:** monthly

*A loan coursebook is given to students booked for 1 or 2 weeks, with an option to buy at cost price or return unmarked at the end of the course.



 Cambridge Assessment English

Cambridge English Preparation Courses

The perfect preparation course for reaching your full potential in these internationally recognised examinations: **B2 First (FCE)** and **C1 Advanced (CAE)**.

Objectives

These courses focus on the language and communication skills required for each section of the exams, as well as the specific skills needed to do the best you can on the day.

Outcomes

You will improve your accuracy and fluency in English to the level required for the exam, as well as become familiar with the techniques and strategies necessary for the different papers.

Course and exam dates 2021

Course dates	B2 First exam	C1 Advanced exam
29/03/2021 - 11/06/2021 (11 weeks)	08/06/2021	09/06/2021
28/06/2021 - 27/08/2021 (9 weeks)	26/08/2021	27/08/2021
27/09/2021 - 10/12/2021 (11 weeks) ⁺	11/12/2021	11/12/2021

Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 5 April, 3 May, 31 May and 30 August. On each of these days, we will offer students a free excursion/activity.

⁺ In December, as the exam is on Saturday, an additional night's homestay accommodation until the Sunday is included for the final weekend (if required).

Tuition and exam fees 2021

Tuition (per week)		Exam (in local test centre)	
1 week	£320 per week	B2 First	£150
2 - 4 weeks	£306 per week	C1 Advanced	£155
5 - 12 weeks	£285 per week		

Students are charged a single registration fee of £80 (see page 22)
Homestay accommodation (if required): £146 per week (see page 20)



Cristina from Italy

All I've learned at the college turned out to be **really useful** to pass my FCE exam brilliantly. I recommend Hilderstone to everyone who asks me about holidays in the UK to learn English. I wish I could be there right now!



Course Facts

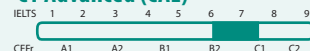


Entry level:

B2 First (FCE)



C1 Advanced (CAE)



Course length: Minimum one week, maximum 12 weeks



Class hours: 21 hours per week



Supervised self-study: up to 14 hours per week



Maximum class size: 14 students



Average class size: 7 students



Minimum age: 16



Nationalities: mixed



Learning materials: included



Coursebook: included for students booked for 3 weeks+*



End-of-course certificate: included



Tutorials: every 4 to 6 weeks



Mock exams: every 6 weeks

*A loan coursebook is given to students booked for 1 or 2 weeks, with an option to buy at cost price or return unmarked at the end of the course.



Academic English Courses

Since 1970, Hilderstone College has been helping students progress on their academic journey, providing them with the language skills they require for university entrance, and preparing them to study effectively at university.

Intensive English and IELTS

This course combines an intensive English language programme, helping you improve your overall level of English, with the academic English skills required to achieve your full potential in the IELTS examination. The course offers excellent preparation for the Pre-University and IELTS Course.

Pre-University and IELTS

This academic English course will help you prepare for university entrance and the IELTS examination. The course aim is to raise your level of English to enable you to gain a place at university and develop your study skills to help you succeed in your chosen course.

Fees and dates 2021

Tuition (per week)		13 - 24 weeks	£275
2 - 4 weeks	£306	25 - 35 weeks	£265
5 - 12 weeks	£295	36 weeks +	£260

IELTS booking (fee per exam)

UKVI	£220
Non-UKVI	£190

Students are charged a single registration fee of £80 (see page 22)

Homestay accommodation (if required): £146 per week (see page 20)

Courses available throughout the year. Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 5 April, 3 May, 31 May and 30 August. On each of these days, we will offer students a free excursion/activity. The College closes for Christmas break from 17 December 2021 to 10 January 2022.

“ Mansoor from the United Arab Emirates
Thank you for everything, especially my tutors who helped me to improve my English so much. It's my pleasure to be one of the College students and I will **highly recommend** it to all my friends. **”**

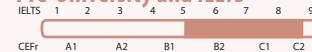
Course Facts

Entry level:

Intensive English and IELTS



Pre-University and IELTS



Course length: Minimum 2 weeks, no maximum

Class hours: 21 hours per week

Supervised self-study: up to 14 hours per week

Maximum class size: 14 students

Average class size: 7 students

Minimum age: 16

Nationalities: mixed

Learning materials: included

Coursebook: included for students booked for 3 weeks+*

End-of-course certificate: included

Tutorials: every 4 to 6 weeks

Mock exams: every 6 weeks

*A loan coursebook is given to students booked for 1 or 2 weeks, with an option to buy at cost price or return unmarked at the end of the course.



Student in Multimedia Learning Centre

English Courses for Individual Needs

English is the international language of business, commerce and technology. We offer a range of courses for people who need to use English effectively in their professional lives.

Intensive English and Business Combination Course

21 hours of Intensive English plus 2, 3 or 4 hours of one-to-one lessons with a focus on Business English personalised to your requirements. This combination option will allow you to practise specific work-related issues, such as giving a particular presentation, or just general everyday business communication issues.

Combination Course

Add 2, 3 or 4 hours of one-to-one tuition per week to your chosen course in order to maximise progress and focus on your individual needs.

One-to-One Course

Based on your individual language needs/objectives, your personal teacher will create a course programme to help you make as much progress as possible.

The teacher will also provide guidance on how you can continue to improve your English after the end of the course.

“ Geesje from the Netherlands
Inspiring, enthusiastic teachers.
 Pleasure to meet them! ”

Course Facts

Intensive English and Business Combination

Course length: Minimum two weeks

Fees per week: £50 per one-to-one hour added to the Intensive English course fee (see page 7)

Combination

Course length: Minimum one week

Fees per week: £50 per one-to-one hour added to your course fee

One-to-One

Course length: Minimum one week

Fees per week: 15 hours per week £900
 21 hours per week £1260

Homestay accommodation: £146 per week (see page 20)

Students are charged a single registration fee of £80 (see page 22)



Surfers at Joss Bay

English + Action

Not everyone wants to spend all day in a classroom. Therefore, if you choose this course, you will spend your morning in class and your afternoon playing sports or participating in outdoor or indoor activities. Where basic instruction is needed, this will be provided by fully-trained personnel.

Objectives

The learning objectives are the same as for the Intensive English course (see page 7).

Outcomes

On this course, students will improve their English language skills as well as benefitting from all the activities they take part in.

Activities

Depending on the time of year and weather conditions, the afternoon activities may include a selection from the following: swimming, tennis, surfing, paddleboarding, golf, badminton, skating, aerial runway, climbing wall, laser tag, escape rooms, gym, horseriding.

Fees 2021

Tuition and activities: £390 per week
 Registration fee: £80 (see page 22)
 Homestay accommodation (if required): £146 per week (see page 20)

Dates 2021

Course 1: 29/03/2021 - 09/04/2021 (2 weeks)
 Course 2: 05/07/2021 - 16/07/2021 (2 weeks)
 Course 3: 19/07/2021 - 31/07/2021 (2 weeks)



Laura from Germany

Because it's not just a course, it's a whole **experience** surrounded by a **beautiful** landscape and finding a second family with members from the whole world!



Course Facts



Entry level:



Course length: Minimum one week, maximum two weeks



Class hours: 15 hours per week (mornings)



Activities average: 2 to 3 hours per day



Supervised self-study: up to 14 hours per week



Class size: Minimum 3 students, maximum 14 students



Average class size: 7 students



Minimum age: 16



Nationalities: mixed



Learning materials: included



End-of-course certificate: included



Afternoon and Saturday activities and excursions: included

Visit our website for a sample programme!



Students on a London excursion

English + Sightseeing

If you would like to combine your English studies with some visits to local places of interest, this is the course for you! Spend your mornings developing your language skills with our friendly and experienced tutors, and then make the most of our wonderful location with excursions to a variety of destinations.

Objectives

Your morning classes are designed to improve your overall level of English and increase your confidence in using the language in a variety of situations, especially in social situations and while travelling. Your tutors will develop your grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation, and provide plenty of opportunity for speaking practice.

Outcomes

On this course, students will improve both their accuracy and fluency to enable them to communicate more confidently in English, in a variety of situations.

Fees 2021

Tuition and activities: £390 per week
 Registration fee: £80 (see page 22)
 Homestay accommodation (if required): £146 per week (see page 20)

Dates 2021 (Sunday to Sunday - 1 week each)

Course 1: 11/04/2021 - 18/04/2021
 Course 2: 16/05/2021 - 23/05/2021
 Course 3: 13/06/2021 - 20/06/2021

“ Livia from Switzerland
 I've **learnt many new things** and would say I have definitely improved my English. My teachers were great. We did many **excursions** which I **really enjoyed**. **”**

Course Facts

Entry level: IELTS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Course length: One week

Class hours: 15 hours per week (mornings)

Activities average: 2 to 3 hours per day

Supervised self-study: up to 14 hours per week

Class size: Minimum 3 students, maximum 14 students

Average class size: 7 students

Minimum age: 16

Nationalities: mixed

Learning materials: included

End-of-course certificate: included

Afternoon and Saturday activities and excursions: included



“ **Márta from Hungary**
 I was part of a wonderful group of people. We had two **brilliant, inspiring** teachers who taught us new words, phrases, idioms and gave us a lot of teaching materials. **”**

Teacher Development Courses

Since 1970, Hilderstone College has established an international reputation for running top quality teacher development courses. We currently run courses for secondary and higher education English teachers and CLIL (Content Language Integrated Learning) teachers from around the world. Our highly experienced trainers ensure that the professional development courses provide you with the ideal opportunity to improve your English language, develop your teaching skills and share teaching ideas.

Language Development

Morning classes are language intensive and are designed to help you improve your fluency and command of English in stimulating ways. We use a continuously updated range of resources and materials to provide you with the ideal opportunity to enrich your language. You will also experience current approaches to exploiting authentic texts, audio-visual resources, the internet and communication technology in the classroom.

Teacher Development

In the afternoons, there is a range of course options allowing you to focus on your own areas of interest. These may include: Creative Teaching and Culture, CLIL and Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE) exam preparation for teachers.

Fees and dates 2021

Jan, Feb and Nov £320 per week
 Jul and Aug £390 per week
 Students are charged a single registration fee of £80 (see page 22)
 Homestay accommodation (if required): £146 per week (see page 20)

	CLIL	Creative Teaching and Culture	C1 Advanced preparation
Course 1	11-22 Jan 2021 (2 weeks)	11-22 Jan 2021 (2 weeks)	15-19 Feb 2021 (1 week)
Course 2	05-16 July 2021 (2 weeks)	05-16 July 2021 (2 weeks)	15-19 Nov 2021 (1 week)
Course 3	19-30 July 2021 (2 weeks)	19-30 July 2021 (2 weeks)	
Course 4	02-13 Aug 2021 (2 weeks)	02-13 Aug 2021 (2 weeks)	

Course facts



Class hours:

Language development: 15 hours per week
 Teacher development: 6 hours per week

Supervised self-study: up to 14 hours per week

Maximum class size: 14 students

Average class size: 7 students

Minimum age: 18

Nationalities: mixed

Learning materials: included

End-of-course certificate: included

Contact us for information on Erasmus+ funding.



Lee's trip to Siberia

Outreach Teachers

For many schools, taking a class of students to the UK may be too difficult to organise within a busy curriculum.

One solution would be for us to come to you.

Examples of what we can offer

- We can come to your schools and give your students a week of intensive conversation and fluency practice - teaching a range of classes for a week or two.
- We can help create a period of "English only" in the classroom through project work, extended role plays, creating presentations or performances.
- We can provide lessons on English culture and take students on a "virtual" tour of Kent and the UK.
- We can do pronunciation workshops.
- We can do workshops with your teachers on CLIL or Creative Teaching methodology. You could even invite the teachers from neighbouring schools to attend.
- We can provide preparation lessons for a future trip to Broadstairs or we can follow up on your recent trip.
- We can provide intensive booster courses to prepare for exams.

Contact us and let's put together a tailor-made project to fit your school's needs.

Minimum length of stay 3 days, maximum 2 weeks.

“ **Yvonne in France**
 I am just back from the TESOL conference in Paris where I had a great time.
 Whilst there I met up with Rachel Connaber whom I had previously met at a conference in Germany. I heard her speak at both conferences and was really **impressed** by her talk, it was **packed with teaching ideas** and she shared her knowledge easily. I was not the only one who thought so either looking at some of our feedback forms other were impressed too! **”**



Sue with students in Russia



Group of Chinese trainee teachers in College garden

Courses for Groups Aged 16+

Since 1970, Hilderstone College has offered courses for groups of students, teachers, business people and organisations throughout the year.

A course to meet your specific needs


Many groups join our year-round courses to improve their overall level of English. We offer classes at all levels from elementary to advanced. Groups with participants at beginner or proficiency level, as well as groups with specific requirements, are taught in closed classes in order to focus on their particular needs.

Popular group courses include:

- Intensive general English
- Exam preparation, e.g. IELTS, Cambridge, BEC
- Academic English and Pre-University
- Business/Professional English
- English+Action and English+ Sightseeing
- Professional Development courses for teachers of English and/or CLIL (see below).

Group courses for teachers

We can design your language and methodology course to include your specific requirements. The course can be offered at Hilderstone College, or in your own country, by our team of teacher trainers, who are experienced in a wide range of specialist areas. Courses can be of any length and organised at any time of the year.

 **Courses available throughout the year.** Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 5 April, 3 May, 31 May and 30 August, but on these days an excursion/activity will be included in your programme. The College closes for Christmas from 17 December 2021 to 10 January 2022.


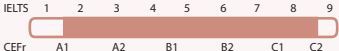
A Complete Package


All our courses for groups aged 16+ include, as a minimum:

- All tuition and teaching materials
- Use of the College's multimedia self-access facilities after class and some evenings
- Homestay accommodation (half-board weekdays, full-board weekends)
- A programme of afternoon and evening social activities, including a weekly evening talk on an aspect of British life
- College registration fee
- Free homestay accommodation for a non-student group leader (for groups of 10 or more students)
- Free course for group leaders if required and if available (1 place for every 10-15 students).


Airport transfers, insurance, excursions, luncheon vouchers and other specific requests can be added in order to meet your exact requirements.

Course Facts

 **Entry level:** 


 **Course length:** Minimum one week, no maximum


 **Class hours:** 21 hours per week

 **Supervised self-study:** up to 14 hours per week

 **Maximum class size:** 14 students

 **Average class size:** 7 students

 **Minimum age:** 16

 **Nationalities:** mixed or closed groups

 **Learning materials:** included

 **End-of-course certificate:** included



Dover excursion



London excursion



College disco

Courses for Teenage School Groups

Our courses for teenage school groups are designed to the same high standards as our adult programmes. Courses are planned to meet your requirements and the group's needs and interests. We use lively, stimulating materials specially designed for young, teenage students.

Timetables include classroom work and afternoon, evening and weekend activities. Class sizes range from 10 to 15 students, and courses start on Mondays throughout the year for a minimum stay of 1 week. All groups must be accompanied by one group leader for every 10-15 students.

For safeguarding purposes, our teen students are taught in closed groups separately from adult students.

A Complete Package

All our courses for teenagers include, as a minimum:

- All tuition and teaching materials
- Homestay accommodation (shared within the group, two, sometimes three, per homestay, single or twin-bedded rooms depending on availability)
- Full-board (packed lunch provided by homestay)
- A programme of afternoon and evening social activities, including a weekly evening talk on an aspect of British life
- College registration fee
- Free homestay and course (if suitable course is available) for one group leader for every 10-15 students.

Deborah from Switzerland
It was an adventure that I will never forget!

Course Facts

Entry level: IELTS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Course length: Minimum one week, no maximum

Class hours: 15 or 21 hours per week

Maximum class size: 15 students

Age range: 11-16 years

Nationalities: closed groups

Learning materials: included

End-of-course certificate: included

Courses available throughout the year. Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 5 April, 3 May, 31 May and 30 August, but on these days an excursion/activity will be included in your programme. The College closes for Christmas from 17 December 2020 to 10 January 2022.

Airport transfers, insurance, excursions, luncheon vouchers and other specific requests can be added in order to meet your exact requirements.



Online Courses and Lessons

For people who cannot travel to the UK, we also have several programmes of online courses and lessons available:

- **Online Intensive English course**
- **Online IELTS Preparation course**
- **Online B2 First Preparation course**
- **Online C1 Advanced Preparation course**
- **Online Teacher Development courses**
 - CLIL
 - Creative Teaching and Culture
- **Online courses for groups aged 16+**
- **Online courses for teenage school groups**
- **Online Booster 1:1 lessons**
 - 45-minute lessons
 - 15-minute lessons (packs of 4)

Check our special brochure for online courses, or visit our website for the details and terms and conditions for each course.

Online Social Programme

In order to make our online programmes as similar as possible to a course here in Broadstairs, we have also put in place an online social programme. This gives you the chance to meet other participants and communicate in a more relaxed manner.

It is free and voluntary for participants of our online courses. Go to our website for a sample programme and for further information.



Mayara from Brazil

I can easily say that these 2 weeks have not only made me **improve my English**, but also **developed my career** as a professional.





Margate Carnival

“A lot of opportunities and facilities provided to [help us] progress :) I’ve visited some other language schools before, and this one provided the **best study facilities** :)”
Annemarie, Germany



Oxford excursion

“My host family was very friendly [...], I felt as comfortable as if I [were] at home. Their food was excellent and I had [different meals] every day. They helped me with speaking and grammar.
I think I have found a new family :)”
Jana, Czech Republic



Punting in Cambridge



Students in class

The programme was **stunning!**
I loved the excursions, the talks and the dance classes.
Christiane, Germany

“The **quality of the programme**, the **teachers and Hilderstone staff**, as well as the **host families**, is wonderful and very well suited for our stay.”
Michaël, the Netherlands



London excursion



Paintballing

“[Broadstairs is a] very nice place; I liked the atmosphere. It was a **good mix** between **being quiet** and having **possibilities to go out.**” Florian, Switzerland



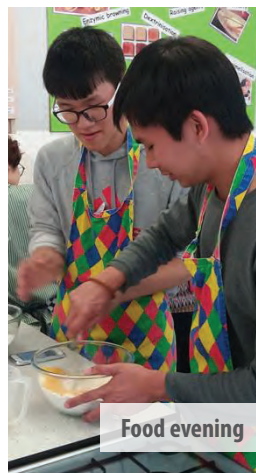
London excursion



College disco



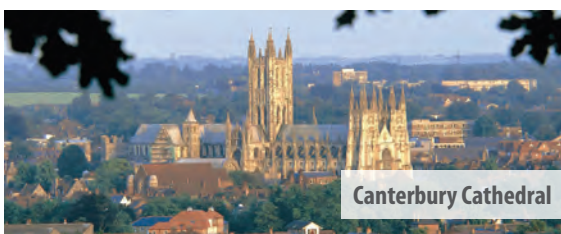
Evening talk at the College



Food evening



Sports afternoon



Canterbury Cathedral



Walmer Castle excursion

Social Programme

Evening activities

We organise a range of exciting and interesting evening activities, including quizzes, live music, film evenings, karaoke, folk and salsa dancing, a summer international show and themed evening events. Hilderstone is also home to a theatre company who frequently put on shows at the weekend.

Talks and presentations

Your course is also an opportunity to discover more about the British way of life and culture. We offer weekly evening talks on an aspect of British life, giving you the chance to get a greater understanding of this country and its people, as well as practising your listening skills.

Sports

We offer a range of free, indoor and outdoor sports opportunities throughout the year.

Weekly excursions

With half-day excursions every Friday afternoon and full-day excursions every Saturday, you will have the opportunity to visit some of the most famous places in England. Before an excursion we give you information about the destination, and members of staff are always present to give help and advice.

* In quiet months we may sometimes need a minimum number of students to allow a social event to go ahead. Usually that minimum is set at 4 for evening activities and 6 for excursions.

Magdalena from Czech Republic

“

The activities were **great** to meet other students and make new friends.

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Key Information

- **Afternoon sports** such as football, tennis, basketball, badminton, swimming, volleyball, running
- **Evening activities** such as salsa dancing, live music, magic evenings, folk dancing, karaoke, international food evenings
- **Evening talks** on subjects such as the Royal Family, the history and geography of London, British history and international cultural differences
- **Half-day excursions every Friday** to local places of interest: Canterbury, Dover Castle, Rochester, Whitstable, a local vineyard, etc.
- **Full-day excursions every Saturday** to places such as London, Cambridge, Oxford, Brighton, Hampton Court Palace, Windsor Castle.

Costs

- Sports, evening activities and evenings talks are all free of charge
- Half-day trips normally cost from £3 to £20, depending on the destination⁺
- Full-day trips cost from £10 to £35 depending on the destination. ⁺

⁺ Included in the English+Action and English+Sightseeing courses on page 11.



Student arriving at homestay accommodation



Student in homestay accommodation



Student in homestay accommodation

Accommodation

Most of our students choose to stay in one of our excellent homestays. Living with a homestay host is an important part of the Hilderstone College experience. It will give you an opportunity to find out about the British way of life and to practise the English you learn.

A warm welcome

We select our homestay hosts very carefully. Our Accommodation and Welfare Officer knows each host and, from the information you give on your enrolment form, will choose a suitable homestay.

Enjoy your free time

Everyone needs time to relax. At the end of the day, after your studies, you can look forward to a pleasant meal and a chat with your homestay host. The College has a full programme of social activities for you to enjoy in the evenings and at the weekends.

Help and advice

The Accommodation and Welfare Officer, or another member of staff, is always available to help and advise you throughout your stay.

For other types of accommodation (e.g. hotel or self-catering), upon request, we can give you a list from the **Visit Thanet** website where, if you wish, you can make a booking.

Anne from Switzerland
 “ Everything was **perfect**. I couldn't imagine getting a better host family. They made me feel very **welcome** and talked a lot to me and motivated me to speak English. ”

Key Information

Homestay accommodation fees: £146 per week

- Your own room and a place for you to study
- Breakfast and evening meal weekdays, all meals at weekends
- Arrival is normally on the Sunday before your course starts, departure on the Saturday after your course ends
- The majority of hosts are within walking distance of the College (30 minutes maximum)
- If you are placed with a homestay host further away, we will provide you with a free bus pass giving you unlimited travel in the local area
- Extra nights' homestay accommodation before or after your course: £30 per night (up to 2 nights), subject to availability
- Late arrival (between 22.30 and 00.00): £20 (no arrivals after midnight)
- Early departure (before 6.30): £20
- Additional weekly charge for special diets: £22



Hilderstone teaching staff

Additional Information

Arrival and departure transfers www.hilderstonecollege.com/location

We can organise a taxi to meet you at your point of arrival (airport or station) and take you to your homestay accommodation, as well as on your departure. Please note, students under the age of 18 travelling without an adult **must** have transport to Broadstairs organised by the College.

Please check our website for taxi transfer prices from Heathrow/Gatwick/Stansted/London City airports, Ashford International rail station, and Dover ferry port.

National holidays and College closure dates

College courses start for the year on 4 January 2021, with an arrival day of Sunday 3 January. There will be no classes on the following national holidays in 2021: 5 April, 3 May, 31 May and 30 August. On each of these days the College will arrange a free excursion or activity for students. The College closes for the Christmas break from 17 December 2021 to 10 January 2022.

How to enrol

- 1 Complete our enrolment form
www.hilderstonecollege.com/enrolment-form
- 2 Submit your pre-course test and questionnaire
www.hilderstonecollege.com/pre-course-test-and-questionnaire
- 3 Once we have accepted your enrolment, pay a non-refundable deposit of £300 or the full amount
www.hilderstonecollege.com/payment-and-banking
- 4 Please tell us your travel plans when you have this information
www.hilderstonecollege.com/travel-details-form

Aria from the Netherlands
I have had a very good time at Hilderstone. All the teachers are very **friendly** and **enthusiastic**. The lessons are very **varied** and **inspiring**. Thank you very much!

Anais from France
I sincerely enjoyed my stay in Broadstairs. The school, the teachers, the host family and the town. **Everything was perfect**.

Terms and conditions of enrolment www.hilderstonecollege.com/terms

Please read our terms and conditions of enrolment before booking your course. These are available on our website at the link above.

Insurance www.hilderstone.college.com/insurance

Hilderstone College strongly advises all students to purchase suitable student/travel/medical insurance before travelling to England. If you would like help with this, please visit our website.



Hilderstone College support staff



Lee Shutler, Principal and Head of Teaching

Fees and payment www.hilderstonecollege.com/payment-and-banking

- You must make a payment in advance to confirm your booking: either the total fees or a deposit of £300. This deposit counts towards your fees; it is not an additional payment
- All fees must be paid at least 4 weeks before the start of your course
- In addition to the course fees, there is a single registration fee of £80.

- By Flywire, credit card, debit card or bank transfer through our website.
- By bank transfer to:

Account name: Hilderstone College	Account number: 00470902
Bank: Barclays Bank PLC	Sort code: 20-17-92
IBAN: GB72BUKB20179200470902	Swift: BUKBGB22
Address: 13 Queen Street, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9UP, United Kingdom	

- Bank transfers often incur extra charges which must be paid on arrival
- Please ensure that the student's name, student number and address appear clearly on the transfer

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For further information regarding course dates and fees, how to enrol, information on visas, insurance, how to pay, as well as travel information, please visit our website: www.hilderstonecollege.com, or contact us and we'll be delighted to help you and send you the information you require.

“ Wendy from the Netherlands
Very swift responses, and the website contains all the information you need. ”

Key Information

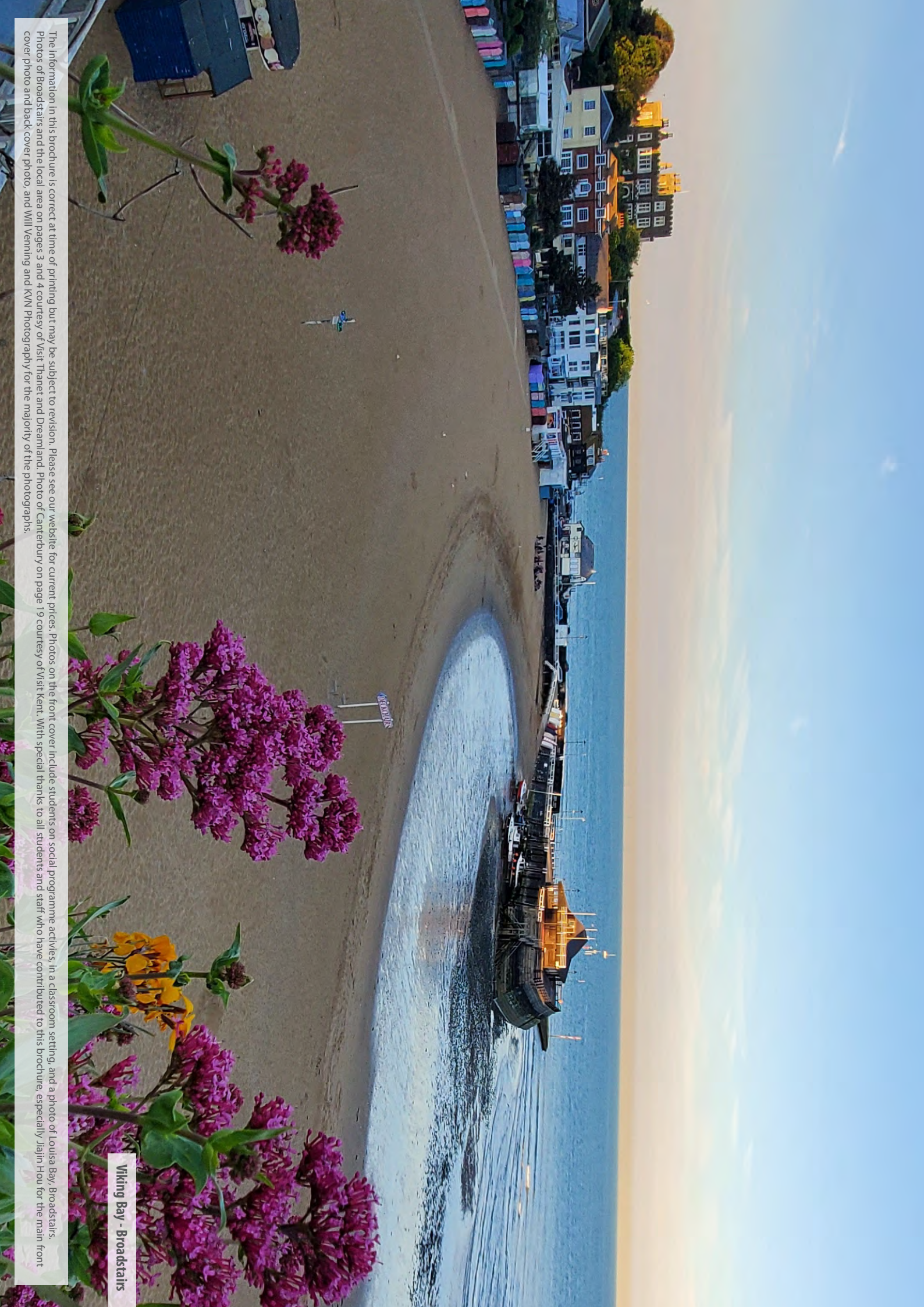
Included in all courses:

- Access to our multimedia Learning Centre and hilderstone.net
- Google for Education account
- Afternoon sporting activities
- Evening social programme of activities and talks
- Free Wi-Fi internet access throughout the College

Not included in your course fees:

- Registration fee of £80
- Homestay accommodation: £146 per week (see page 20)
- Optional, half-day excursions every Friday afternoon and full-day excursions every Saturday (except for English + Action and English + Sightseeing (see page 11))
- Student travel insurance
- Examination booking fees – please see our website

“ Nadine from Germany
 [The College administration is] **well organised**, Student Services always tried their best to help us in every situation.
Thank you! =) ”



Wiking Bay - Broadstairs

The information in this brochure is correct at time of printing but may be subject to revision. Please see our website for current prices. Photos on the front cover include students on social programme activities, in a classroom setting, and a photo of Louisa Bay, Broadstairs. Photos of Broadstairs and the local area on pages 3 and 4 courtesy of Visit Thanet and Dreamland. Photo of Canterbury on page 19 courtesy of Visit Kent. With special thanks to all students and staff who have contributed to this brochure, especially Jijjin Hou for the main front cover photo and back cover photo, and Will Venning and KVN Photography for the majority of the photographs.