



Hilderstone College

English Studies Centre

Courses 2023

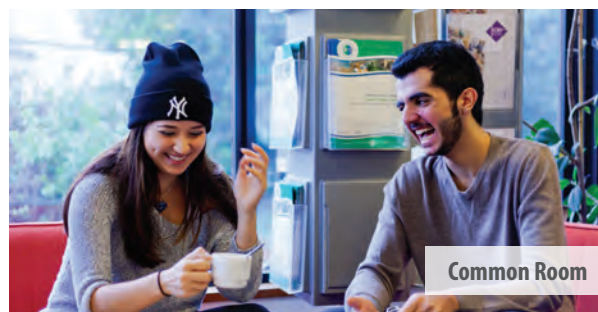




Hilderstone College



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 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 has been named an EL Gazette Centre of Excellence since 2010.

Accredited by the

 for the teaching
 of English in the UK



Safeguarding www.hilderstonecollege.com/care-of-under-18s

We apply safeguarding procedures to all our services: our face-to-face courses, our online courses, our homestays, and our social programme. Go to our website to find out more about our care of under 18s.

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“ Tânia from Brazil
 Hilderstone College + Broadstairs =
 lifelong friendships, unforgettable
 moments and lots of good memories. ”



Established in
1970



Cycling in Betteshanger



97% of students in the first half of 2022 said that the College is 'good' or 'very good'



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



Brighton excursion



25

was the number of different **nationalities** we welcomed to the College in 2020



Students out and about in Broadstairs



Since 2020 our students have had **17** scores of **7+ in IELTS**



Students out and about in Ramsgate



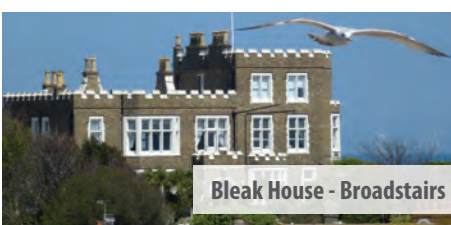
Westgate garden - Canterbury



100% was the pass rate of the students booked on our June 2022 Cambridge exam preparation courses



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, art galleries, theatres 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 (availability subject to Covid-19 restrictions). If you prefer, we can arrange for a taxi to collect you from the airport and take you straight to your accommodation.

“

Christian from Austria

Everything in **walking distance**, good **facilities**, **beautiful** surroundings, **close** to London.

”

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



Royal Albion Hotel - Broadstairs seafront



Small and friendly town



Joss Bay Surf School - Broadstairs



Margate Carnival - 5km from Broadstairs



local area with year-round entertainment



Lower cost of living when compared to some big cities



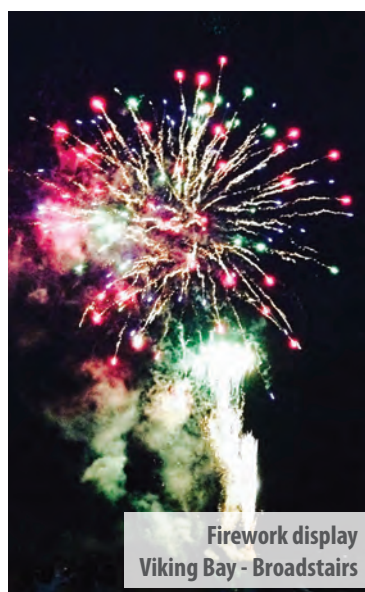
Ramsgate Harbour - 3km from Broadstairs



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. Our lessons often include British culture, history, arts and literature in and out of the classroom. 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.

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 the most appropriate materials and technology, and enjoy discussing and sharing 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!

The Hilderstone Experience



Professional and committed teaching



An intensive course



A lively social programme



A chance to make friends from all over the world

Canterbury Excursion

Leeds Castle Excursion

A typical week at Hilderstone College

	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 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 optional self-study	Afternoon classes: language practice			Afternoon trip or optional self-study		
16.00 - 17.00	Optional self-study in the multimedia Learning Centre						
	Dinner with homestay host						
Evenings	Welcome evening at the College	An evening of folk or salsa dancing	Evening talk on an aspect of British culture	Free evening	Students' disco		



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 there is a member of staff to help you with anything you need.

Listening stations

Our 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.

Google for Education

All students are given a Google for Education account, which is used throughout their course, in and out of the classroom. They can practise their English with a variety of online materials and resources, communicate with other students and their teachers, and prepare homework and presentations. All students need to bring either a laptop or a tablet to take part in our courses.

“ Daniela from Czech Republic
The multimedia Learning Centre is a **fascinating** place with a lot of possibilities to improve my English. **”**

Other College Facilities

-  Free Wi-Fi access throughout the College
-  Cafeteria offering freshly prepared lunches as well as hot and cold drinks and snacks
-  A room available for prayer
-  A garden for students to relax in
-  Common Room open throughout the day and evening with newspapers and TV/DVD player
-  A pool table, air hockey table and table football
-  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 available after school



“ Marie from Belgium
It was always **enjoyable, funny**
and **rewarding. Amazing** teachers.
I really enjoyed the courses. ”

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 2023 (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): £150 per week (see page 20)

Course available throughout the year. Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 10 April, 1 May, 29 May and 28 August. On each of these days, we will offer students a free excursion/activity. The College closes for Christmas from 18 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.

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
- Optional self-study:** up to 11 hours per week
- Class size:** Average 7 students, maximum 14*
- Minimum age:** 16
- Nationalities:** mixed
- Learning materials:** included
- Laptop/tablet:** required (please bring your own)
- Coursebook:** included for students booked for 3 weeks+**
- End-of-course certificate:** included
- Tutorials:** every 4 to 6 weeks
- Progress tests:** monthly

*Unless Covid-19 restrictions are in place (hilderstonecollege.com/covid).

**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.



Napatsorn from Thailand

“ All of my classes were **perfect** and very [suitable], especially the FCE class, it made me **confident** to take the exam. The teachers are wonderful - lots of patience and **caring, kind words** which encourage students. ”

 **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 for the exam, as well as become familiar with the techniques and strategies necessary for the different papers.

Course and exam dates 2023

Course dates	B2 First exam	C1 Advanced exam
03/04/2023 - 09/06/2023 (10 weeks)	06/06/2023	07/06/2023
26/06/2023 - 25/08/2023 (9 weeks)	24/08/2023	25/08/2023
18/09/2023 - 08/12/2023 (12 weeks) ⁺	09/12/2023	09/12/2023

Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 10 April, 1 May, 29 May and 28 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).

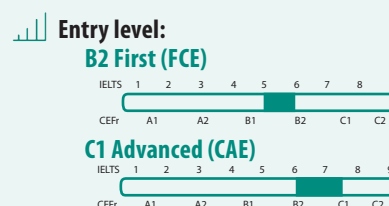
Tuition and exam fees 2023


Tuition (per week)	Exam (in local test centre)
1 week	£320 per week
2 - 4 weeks	£306 per week
5 - 12 weeks	£285 per week

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


Homestay accommodation (if required): £150 per week (see page 20)

Course Facts




 **Course length:** Minimum one week, maximum 12 weeks

 **Class hours:** 21 hours per week

 **Optional self-study:** up to 11 hours per week

 **Class size:** Average 7 students, maximum 14*

 **Minimum age:** 16


 **Nationalities:** mixed


 **Learning materials:** included

 **Laptop/tablet:** required (please bring your own)

 **Coursebook:** included for students booked for 3 weeks+**

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

 **Tutorials:** every 4 to 6 weeks

 **Mock exams:** every 6 weeks

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“ Emanuel from Switzerland
Full support in all areas, great
teachers and lovely co-students. I met
a lot of new international friends. ”

IELTSTM
English for International Opportunity

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 university pre-sessional or foundation courses, or the IELTS exam.

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 2023

Tuition (per week)

2 - 4 weeks	£306	25 - 35 weeks	£265
5 - 12 weeks	£295	36 weeks +	£260
13 - 24 weeks	£275		

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

Homestay accommodation (if required): £150 per week (see page 20)

Courses available throughout the year. Please note: the College is closed for national holidays on 10 April, 1 May, 29 May and 28 August. On each of these days, we will offer students a free excursion/activity. The College closes for Christmas break from 18 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.

i 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

Optional self-study: up to 11 hours per week

Class size: Average 7 students, maximum 14*

Minimum age: 16

Nationalities: mixed

Learning materials: included

Laptop/tablet: required (please bring your own)

Coursebook: included for students booked for 3 weeks+**

End-of-course certificate: included

Tutorials: every 4 to 6 weeks

Mock exams: every 6 weeks

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

Combination Course

Add 2 or 3 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.



Paula from Spain

I cannot be more **pleased** with the College, they give you the confidence and their **relentless support** and coaching in order to improve your English. I am very happy with the **tailored content** and the materials. ”

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: £150 per week (see page 20)

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



Eva from Germany
 “It was simply a **very pleasant** experience, I wouldn't have wanted anything to be different.”

Students taking a paddleboarding lesson - Viking Bay (Broadstairs)

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: tennis, surfing, paddleboarding, badminton, skating, swimming, gym, climbing wall, paintballing, escape rooms.

Fees 2023

Tuition and activities: £390 per week

Registration fee: £80 (see page 22)

Homestay accommodation (if required): £150 per week (see page 20)

Dates 2023

Course 1: 03/04/2023 - 14/04/2023 (2 weeks) ⁺

Course 2: 03/07/2023 - 14/07/2023 (2 weeks)

⁺ Please note: the College is closed on 10 April. A free excursion/activity will be offered to students on this day.

i 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, maximum two weeks

Class hours: up to 15 hours per week (mornings) ⁺

Activities average: 2 to 3 hours per day

Optional self-study: up to 8 hours per week

Class size: Minimum 3 students, maximum 14 students*

Average class size: 7 students

Minimum age: 16

Nationalities: mixed

Learning materials: included

Laptop/tablet: required (please bring your own)

End-of-course certificate: included

Afternoon and Saturday activities and excursions: included

Visit our website for a sample programme!

*Unless Covid-19 restrictions are in place (hilderstonecollege.com/covid).



“ 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**. ”

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

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

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 2023

Tuition and activities: £390 per week
Registration fee: £80 (see page 22)
Homestay accommodation (if required): £150 per week (see page 20)

Dates 2023 (Sunday to Sunday - 1 week each)

Course 1: 30/04/2023 - 06/05/2023 ⁺
Course 2: 28/05/2023 - 03/06/2023 ⁺

⁺ Please note: the College is closed on 1 May, 28 May. A free excursion/activity will be offered to students on these days.

Course Facts

- Entry level:** IELTS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
CEFR A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2
- Course length:** One week
- Class hours:** up to 15 hours per week (mornings)⁺
- Activities average:** 2 to 3 hours per day
- Optional self-study:** up to 8 hours per week
- Class size:** Minimum 3 students, maximum 14 students*
- Average class size:** 7 students
- Minimum age:** 16
- Nationalities:** mixed
- Learning materials:** included
- Laptop/tablet:** required (please bring your own)
- End-of-course certificate:** included
- Afternoon and Saturday activities and excursions:** included

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“ **Márta from Hungary**
I was part of a **wonderful** group of people. We had two **brilliant, inspiring** teachers, who taught us so many new words, phrases [and] 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, Preparing Your Students for Exams, and Teaching Young Learners.

Fees and dates 2023

- Jan, Feb and Nov: £320 per week Students are charged a single registration fee of £80 (see page 22)
- Jul and Aug: £390 per week Homestay accommodation (if required): £150 per week (see page 20)

	Creative Teaching and Culture	Preparing Your Students for Exams	CLIL	Teaching Young Learners
Course 1	09-20 Jan 2023 (2 weeks)	09-20 Jan 2023 (2 weeks)	09-20 Jan 2023 (2 weeks)	09-20 Jan 2023 (2 weeks)
Course 2	17-28 July 2023 (2 weeks)	03-14 July 2023 (2 weeks)	03-14 July 2023 (2 weeks)	17-28 July 2023 (2 weeks)
Course 3	31 July-11 Aug 2023 (2 weeks)			31 July-11 Aug 2023 (2 weeks)

Course facts

 **Entry level:**
Teaching Young Learners 

All other courses 

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

 **Optional self-study:** up to 11 hours per week

 **Class size:** Minimum 2, average 7 students, maximum 14*

 **Minimum age:** 18

 **Nationalities:** mixed

 **Learning materials:** included

 **Laptop/tablet:** required (please bring your own)

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

Contact us for information on Erasmus+ funding.

*Unless Covid-19 restrictions are in place (hilderstonecollege.com/covid).



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 period 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.

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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 Connabeer 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!

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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 10 April, 1 May, 29 May and 28 August. The College closes for Christmas break from 18 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.


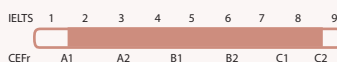
A Complete Package

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) if required
- A programme of after-school social activities
- College registration fee
- Free homestay accommodation for a non-student group leader (for groups of 10-15 or more students) if required
- 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:** 

 **Programme:** Tailor-made

 **Class size:** Average 7 students, maximum 14*

 **Minimum age:** 16

 **Nationalities:** mixed or closed groups

 **Learning materials:** included

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

*Unless Covid-19 restrictions are in place (hilderstonecollege.com/covid).



Group of students visiting Dreamland (Margate) with their group leaders

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 (unless there are restrictions in place). 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 after-school social activities
- College registration fee
- Free homestay and course (if suitable course is available) for one group leader for every 10-15 students.



Špela from Slovenia

It doesn't get better than this; beyond my expectations!



Course Facts

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

Programme: Tailor-made

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 10 April, 1 May, 29 May and 28 August. The College closes for Christmas break from 18 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.

*Unless Covid-19 restrictions are in place (hilderstonecollege.com/covid).

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
 - Preparing your Students for Exams
- **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)

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.

Usually the minimum number is set at 4 students for each online social event to go ahead.

“

Julie from Czech Republic

I had a really good time. The lessons online with our teacher were **awesome**. She was very cheerful and helpful. **It felt like we were all back in Broadstairs** even though it was online.

”





Leeds Castle Excursion

“ The teachers at Hilderstone are very **committed** and the **quality** of the content and the classes in general was **outstanding**. ”
Leopold from Germany



Viking Bay - Broadstairs

“ I really enjoyed the lessons. Due to the nice way of teaching, I really think I **improved** my English level, and especially my **confidence** while speaking and presenting. ”
Britt from the Netherlands



Louisa Bay - Broadstairs

“ In merely two weeks I have learned a lot. Not only was there time for CLIL-focused lessons and methodology, but also for expanding and revising. Our **fabulous** teacher helped us with any problem we had and was incredibly kind to send us a variety of materials for practice and also later use in our lessons. ”
Helena from Czech Republic



“ **Great** teacher, **really good** materials and **much** food for thought. ”
Viviane from Spain



Cream tea - Canterbury



London excursion



College disco



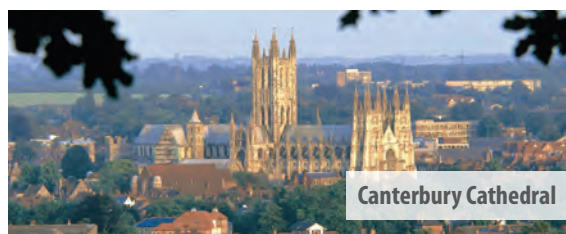
Evening talk at the College



Food evening



Sports afternoon



Canterbury Cathedral



Walmer Castle excursion

Social Programme

Evening and/or after-school activities

We organise a range of exciting and interesting evening and after-school activities, some onsite and some online, 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 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.

We require a minimum of 4 students for each activity to go ahead. Some activities may also have a maximum number of students, which will be stated in the current social programme.

If there are restrictions in place, our traditional social programme may have to be adjusted.

Ioana from Romania
 “I really enjoyed the trips to different places and the disco evenings because you get in contact with other students and have the whole day (during trips) to get to know each other better.”

Key Information

Every week we typically offer:

- **1 sports/crafts afternoon** e.g. tennis, football, swimming, badminton, volleyball, crafts, baking
- **2 evening/after-school activities** e.g. salsa dancing, folk dancing, quizzes, karaoke, live music, films, theatre, yoga, fitness training, talk on an aspect of British life and civilisation (short history of Britain, the Royal Family, the British education system, the history and geography of London)
- **an online/hybrid programme** with up to 3 activities per week e.g. quiz nights, online cafes, game challenges, cultural talks
- **1 half-day excursion/activity every Friday** e.g. Canterbury, Dover Castle, vineyard visit, bowling, wall climbing, shopping outlets
- **1 excursion/activity every Saturday** e.g. London, Oxford, Cambridge, Windsor Castle, Leeds Castle, Brighton, surfing, boat trips, paddle boarding

Costs

- All online, evening or after-school activities are free
- Some sports are free. If basic instruction or equipment hire is required, it costs between £5 and £40. ⁺
- 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 and 12.



Student arriving at homestay accommodation



Student in homestay accommodation



Student in homestay accommodation

Accommodation

Most students choose to stay in homestay accommodation. This offers excellent value for money and also means you can continue to practise your English, as well as discover more about life in Britain. All our homestay hosts are caring and will treat you as a member of the family.

We will do our best to place you in homestay accommodation which matches your individual needs and requirements. The majority of homestays are within walking distance of the College (30 minutes maximum).

If you are placed in accommodation which is further away, we will provide you with a free bus pass, giving you unlimited travel in the local area.

Our homestay accommodation includes:

- your own bedroom
- bedding and towels
- a place for you to study
- breakfast and dinner on weekdays (Monday to Friday)
- breakfast, lunch and dinner at weekends (Saturday and Sunday)
- a light laundry service

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.

“ **Cristiana from Italy**
My host mum and dad made me feel **‘at home’**; they took care of me **as if I was their real daughter** and for any kind of problem they were always able to help me solve it. **”**

i Key Information

Homestay accommodation fees: £150 per week

- You should plan to arrive on the day before your course start date (usually Sunday) between late morning and early evening, and depart on the day after your course end date (usually Saturday) before midday.
- For arrivals to homestay between 22:30 and 0:00 there is a disruption charge of £20. This must be agreed with the College in advance and before finalising any travel arrangements. Hosts cannot accept students between 00:00 and 08:00.
- There is a charge of £20 for departures before 06.30. We ask students to plan their departure from homestay between 08.00 and 12.00.
- Up to 2 extra nights' accommodation is charged at £30 per night, and it is subject to availability.
- Additional weekly charge for special diets: £25 per week



Additional Information

Covid-19 www.hilderstonecollege.com/covid

There may be changes to the experience you are expecting, and also to some of the information provided, because of Covid-19. Please see our Covid-19 Guidelines, and please do not hesitate to contact us for further 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 9 January 2023, with an arrival day of Sunday 8 January. There will be no classes on the following national holidays in 2023: 10 April, 1 May, 29 May and 28 August. On each of these days, the College will arrange a free excursion or activity for students booked on face-to-face courses, or make up the time during the course for students booked on online courses. The College closes for the Christmas break from 18 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.

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

Tomomi from Japan
It was **fantastic** and **enjoyable** every day. My hostfamily is **very kind**, so it was **comfortable** for me.

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.hilderstonecollege.com/insurance

Hilderstone College strongly advises all students to purchase suitable student/travel/medical insurance before travelling to England. Please check for exclusions related to Covid-19. If you would like help with this, please visit our website.



Martin - Finance Manager



Lynne - Head of Marketing



Steve - Technician



Melanie - Student Services Co-ordinator



Rianna - Accommodation and Welfare Officer



Anita - Finance Officer



Ashley Academic Administrator



Sam - EFL Tutor and Marketing Administrator



Natacha - EFL Tutor and Enrolments Officer



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.

Key Information

Included in all courses:

- Access to our multimedia Learning Centre (except for our teenage school groups) 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: £150 per week (see page 20)
- Optional, half-day excursions or activities 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! =)



The information in this brochure is correct at time of printing but may be subject to revision. Please see our website for current information and 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. Photo on the back cover courtesy of Brian Whitehead. With special thanks to all students and staff who have contributed to this brochure, and Will Venning and KVN Photography for the majority of the photographs.



Margate Carnival

"As somebody who will take the IELTS, I **highly appreciated the opportunities at the Learning Centre!**"

Sophie , Germany



Students visiting Buckingham Palace

"**Broadstairs** is a wonderful place to be if you don't want to be in a big city but still want to enjoy the pub-life. A very special trip is the beach and the marvellous natural landscapes around Broadstairs."

Ioana, Romania



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



Manston Adventure Golf

"They were absolutely lovely people. I felt at home and had a great time with them **like a real family.**"

Nawon, South Korea