



Summer Courses for Young Learners



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Cambridge Academy of English established its distinct brand of programmes for individual young learners in 1991, and since then it has played host to many thousands of young people from some 65 countries.

We are delighted to present the four well established summer centres that we run for young learners each year. Each of these four centres has their own character and characteristics, and each is tailored to children or teenagers of a particular age-range. There are however also certain important features common to the **Teenage Homestay (Girton)** and residential courses at **Moreton Hall; Old Buckenham Hall** and **Princess Helena College**:

- None of these centres takes large groups from one country
- Never more than 12 students per class
- Courses are quite intensive: 15-20 hours (full 60 minutes) of teaching – but teaching of a stimulating and dynamic kind that is likely to be quite different from anything our young clients will have experienced at home
- Young learners at all our centres start their courses together. Youngsters will not arrive to find that they are newcomers amongst other students who all got to know each other the previous week
- A choice of several sport and non-sport activities in the afternoons
- Excursions are to places that are both educational and great fun
- Course fees are fully inclusive: no voluntary extras or add-ons

In 2020, CAE is excited to extend to our Young Learner provision as we open a fifth summer centre – **Riddlesworth Hall** : a new multi-national summer centre especially for groups. Full details are available on pages 30 and 31 but the key points are as below:

- Multi-national summer centre: for groups aged 8 – 12, and 13 – 17 years old
- Group leaders join the CAE team, and are accommodated on site

Our aim is simple – to send all our students back to their own countries speaking and understanding more English than when they arrived. And we believe this only happens if they are kept both busy and entertained in a friendly, English –speaking environment that is not too large and where every child has the opportunity and a reason to speak English.

We invite you to have a closer look at the five centres that are described individually later in the brochure. We have tried to include as much detail as we can – but if you have further questions about any aspect of the course, please contact us or your local CAE representative.

Come and join us this summer! We look forward to meeting you.

The ages given in our promotional material and on the CAE website are the recommended age ranges for our summer courses. Under special circumstances, e.g. siblings enrolling on the same course or a parent enrolling on an adult course at the same time, CAE reserves the right to accept individual children with the following ages on these selected courses: Teenage Homestay: 13, Old Buckenham Hall: 11 and 16, Princess Helena College: 13, Moreton Hall: 8.



Homestay Courses: Teenagers 14-16

- Maximum class size – 12
- All costs included in the price (incl. airport transfers & insurance)
- Supervision provided by CAE and Homestays
- 20 full hours of lessons per week
- 1 full-day and 2 half-day excursions
- Afternoon options and evening activities
- Elementary to advanced level
- Excellent mixture of nationalities
- Homestays all near school

Every summer CAE runs special courses with homestays for young people aged 14-16 years but with a mature outlook. The programmes are colourful, varied, exciting, original. Read on ...!

What happens when I arrive at the airport?

On the Sunday before the course begins we will meet you and take you to your homestay. The inclusive airport transfers service is only available to/from Stansted and Luton airports, London Heathrow and London Gatwick, and for flights arriving between 0900 and 1900 on the Sunday before the course begins, and for flights departing between 0900 and 1900 on the Saturday after the course ends. If, however, you wish to arrive or depart at a different time or at a different airport, please allow for an extra charge for your transfer.

What if I am delayed?

Don't worry! We will wait at the airport until either you arrive or your parents (or agent) confirm that you are not coming. CAE will confirm your safe arrival at your homestay by email.

Where is the CAE centre?

CAE is located in a safe residential area called Girton which is on the outskirts of Cambridge, the famous university city. The centre of Cambridge is about 15 minutes by bus from the school.

How big are the classes?

There will never be more than 11 other students in your class.

How much English must I already know?

We can teach any level from elementary to advanced (**but not absolute beginners**). On your first day we will test your spoken and written English and make sure that you are placed in the right class for your level.

Which countries will my classmates be from?

A wide variety. And remember – (i) at CAE we never take large groups of students from one country, and (ii) we limit the number of students speaking the same mother tongue. This means that you will have the maximum opportunity to practise your English with all your fellow students.

What are the classes like?

They will probably be quite different to anything you may have experienced before. You will spend a lot of time speaking and listening (though you'll get the chance to do reading and writing as well). We know that people learn language most easily when they use it for something interesting to them, so we help you to choose the activities which you most enjoy. We'll give you lots of opportunities to develop your study skills and to use your English in real situations. You will find that you can't help learning quickly!

What about the end of the course?

We will take you to the airport and help you check in. Then we will wait at the airport until we know your plane has taken off.

A roof over my head?

All teenage course students studying at CAE are accommodated with local homestay providers chosen to meet teenage needs. You will be asked to share a bedroom – usually with someone speaking another mother tongue. You will be able to have a bath or shower every day, and your homestay will provide you with a laundry service once a week.

The homestay?

Because our homestays come from the same residential area as our school we know them very well – in almost all cases we are the only school they work with. When you apply you should give us as much information about yourself as you can – perhaps you don't eat meat, or you are allergic to cats, or you like music? We will try to choose the host which we think most suits you. All our 'T-course' homestays specialise in accommodating young people.

Something to eat?

You can try real English food at your homestay, who will give you breakfast and dinner every day, and lunch during the weekend (if you are on a weekend excursion they will give you a packed lunch). During the week you can get lunch in the school cafeteria. Don't worry about money for meals; they're all included in your course fee.



Girton

But how will I get to school?

Your homestay will be within easy reach of the school and no more than a 5-minute direct bus journey from the bus stop nearest to your homestay. Your parents will allow you to walk to/from school or to use the local bus and you can talk with your new friends on the journey.

What happens if I am ill?

Your homestay will know exactly what to do. If it's a minor problem you can see the local doctor, who is used to foreign patients. If it is more serious, we refer you immediately to the local hospital, and if necessary we will fly you home (and the cancellation of your course is covered by insurance included in your course fee).

Other emergencies?

When you arrive we will give you an emergency 24-hour school telephone number which you can use at any time of day or night. There is also an emergency number for your family back home to use if they want to contact you.

Money! Money! Money!

Only bring your pocket money. Everything else – airport transfers, your meals, excursions, sports, admissions – is included in the fee. (If you like, we can keep your pocket money safe until you need it.)

Here is A SAMPLE timetable for this course

	09:15 - 10:20 LANGUAGE FOCUS	10:20 - 10:40	10:40 - 11:30 SKILLS FOCUS	11:30 - 11:40	11:40 - 12:30 SKILLS FOCUS	12:30 - 13:30	13:30 - 15.05 ELECTIVES	15.05 - 15.15	15:15 - 16:45 ACTIVITIES/SPORT	EVENING	
MONDAY	Language presentation	BREAK	Learning to learn	BREAK	Discussion	LUNCH	Academic Electives Choose from: Music, Film & Games or Exam Skills Workshop	BREAK	Tennis Treasure Hunt Swimming	HOMESTAY DINNER	Karaoke
TUESDAY	Grammar game		Jigsaw reading		IT Work: web search				Cooking Badminton T-shirt painting		Sports Night
WEDNESDAY	Functional English: 'Making requests'		Communicative writing		Pair work games				Volleyball Arts and Crafts Table Tennis		Disco
THURSDAY	Vocabulary extension: 'Food'		Magazine article		Comparing cultures				Football Team Building Bracelet making		Quiz
FRIDAY	Weekly review: Grammar auction		'Storyboard' on computers		Excursion Preparation				EXCURSION		
SATURDAY	Full-day excursion with sight-seeing visits, evening with homestay										
SUNDAY	School open afternoon and evening for sports and movies, dinner at homestay										

Time for sport! Mad about tennis ...?

Or football, volleyball, badminton, basketball, table tennis, baseball? There are lots of opportunities for different sports.

Is your name Picasso?

Even if it's not, you can still have great fun glass painting, designing T-shirts or making jewellery.

Those CAE evenings ...

Barbecues, music nights, ice-skating, cinema, bowling, big-screen DVDs, karaoke and much more ... all organised by our full-time social activities team.

Excursions and study visits

Regular excursions and study visits are a very important part of your course. You will visit Cambridge and London as well as other local destinations. When you are out and about you will get a chance to put your new English skills into practice.

So here's a typical week ...



Residential Courses: Children 9-13

- Maximum class size – 12
- All costs included in the price (incl. airport transfers & insurance)
- 24-hour supervision
- 15 full hours of lessons per week
- Staff/student ratio 1:6
- Regular excursions
- Full programme of afternoon and evening activities
- Secure location
- Accommodation in shared dormitories (4-10 students)

What is Moreton Hall?

Moreton Hall is a private boarding school which in summer becomes the centre for CAE's junior residential course. It is in Bury St Edmunds, which is a small, friendly town 35 minutes east of Cambridge by car.

Where will I live?

Moreton Hall is a residential summer school which means that you will sleep in dormitories with between 3 and 9 other children.

Where will the other children be from?

You will meet children from all over the world – all learning English like you. In the past, children have come from many different countries including Turkey, France, Cambodia, Italy, Spain and Russia.

What are lessons like?

Your lessons will probably be quite different to the English lessons you have in your country. Your class group will work on a course project. You will develop your vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation as you write newspapers, produce a tourist guide or make a film. You will learn the English you need by doing the things you like to do. You will prepare a CAE portfolio as a record of what you have learnt and all the unusual and exciting activities you have tried.

Sports and activities?

Moreton Hall has opportunities for some great sports: a private heated swimming pool; two 'all-weather' tennis courts and a large sports hall for playing basketball, volleyball, badminton and other indoor sports. There are hectares of fields for football, baseball, cricket and rugby.

... then there are the other activities

– art, dance, juggling, T-shirt painting, face-painting, craft work, acting and music ...

... and then in the evening

– cinema trips, ten-pin bowling, theme parties, treasure hunts, quiz nights, karaoke and DVD's!

What about excursions?

Regular excursions and study visits are a very important part of your week. You will visit London and Cambridge as well as the local town of Bury St Edmunds. When you are out and about you will get a chance to put your new English skills into practice! Good luck!

What about the food?

All your meals will be in the school along with your friends and teachers. If you go out on a full-day excursion, we give you a packed lunch.

What will my teachers be like?

They will all be energetic, qualified and experienced in looking after children of your age. They will not only teach you English, but also sports and other activities.

How much money will I need?

You only need to bring enough money for sweets, souvenirs and presents. Everything else has already been paid for. We will keep your money safe until you need it.





Moreton Hall

Information especially for parents

No doubt you will have a lot of questions about Moreton Hall too – particularly about the safety and welfare of your children.

Here are some of the most common questions we receive:

What happens at the airport?

All children are met at the airport by CAE representatives carrying boards to identify themselves. They will wait at the airport until either they have met your child, or they receive confirmation from you or your agent that your child will not be arriving. Children are then taken direct to Moreton Hall. At the end of the course, children are taken back to the airport, and CAE staff do not leave the airport until the plane has departed. The inclusive airport transfers service is available to/from Stansted and Luton airports, London Heathrow and London Gatwick, and for flights arriving between 0900 and 1900 on the Sunday before the course begins, and for flights departing between 0900 and 1900 on the Saturday after the course ends. If, however, you wish to arrive or depart at a different time or at a different airport, please allow for an extra charge for your transfer. Our staff will contact you to confirm your child's safe arrival at Moreton Hall.

How safe is the centre?

The school itself is set in spacious grounds in the small town of Bury St. Edmunds. Children are supervised 24 hours a day (our staff are on site throughout the night) and they are not allowed out of the school grounds unaccompanied. School excursions are also closely supervised.

How large are the English classes?

Classes never contain more than 12 children. Children learn most outside of the classroom and our staff/student ratio of 1:6 ensures individual attention at all times of the day.

What is the nationality mix?

We do not allow more than a certain number of children of the same mother-tongue. Above all, we do not accept large groups of children from one country. Your child will be in classes with children from other countries, share dormitories with children from other countries and enjoy activities with children from other countries. We encourage them all to use English at all times.

What happens in the case of illness?

We have staff with first aid training available at all times to deal with emergencies. All but the most minor problems are referred to the local doctor. In more serious cases arrangements are made to fly the child home (and your included insurance policy covers loss of fees).

What if my child is homesick?

This is quite normal for the first day or so, especially if your child has never been away from home before. Our staff are very experienced in dealing with this problem. A full and varied schedule almost always means that homesickness is quickly forgotten.

And laundry?

Children's clothes and towels are cleaned regularly.

Moreton Hall - A Typical Day

Morning

- 7.30 "Good morning! It's time to wake up."
- 8.00 Breakfast
- 8.30 Meeting and morning assembly
- 9.00 **English lessons:** new language/grammar game
- 10.00 Break "Time for a snack."
- 10.15 **English lessons:** listening and speaking
- 11.15 Break
- 11.30 **English lessons:** London visit preparation - reading and writing
- 12.30 Lunch "That looks delicious."

Afternoon

- 13.30 Afternoon assembly
- 13.45 **Choose any activity:** swimming/tennis/juggling/singing
- 15.15 Break "Tea and cakes."
- 15.45 **Activity classes:** your weekly choice of magazine, arts and crafts, British sports, photography
- 17.15 Break
- 18.00 Homework/Portfolios

Evening

- 18.30 Evening meal followed by free time
- 19.30 **Treasure Hunt and Pirate Party**
- 21.00 Boys and Girls House meetings
- 21.30 Bedtime "Goodnight"

(Exact timings are subject to change)



Residential Courses: Teenagers 12-15

- Maximum class size – 12
- All costs included in the price (incl. airport transfers & insurance)
- Secure rural environment with 24-hour supervision
- 15 full hours of lessons per week
- Staff student ratios of 1:6
- Excellent nationality mix, no large groups from one country
- Private tennis courts, heated swimming pool, sports hall, football pitches and golf course
- Accommodation in shared dormitories (2-8 students)

Old Buckenham Hall

Old Buckenham Hall – we just call it ‘OBH’ – is designed for young people aged 12-15. OBH is a private English boarding school in the lovely English county of Suffolk, not far from Cambridge and within easy reach of the main airports. It is also only about 20 minutes from another of our centres, Moreton Hall.

The CAE team takes over at OBH in the summer as a residential summer camp for children from other countries. This means that as with Moreton Hall and Princess Helena College we have sole use of beautiful buildings with big classrooms, a library, IT centre and, of course, comfortable accommodation, and lots of wonderful sports facilities and grounds as well.



Getting you there safely . . .

CAE representatives will meet you and take you to Old Buckenham Hall. We will be wearing brightly coloured CAE identification and carrying CAE welcome boards. At the end of the course, you will be taken back to the airport, and CAE staff do not leave the airport until the plane has departed. The inclusive airport transfers service is available to/from Stansted and Luton airports, London Heathrow and London Gatwick, and for flights arriving between 0900 and 1900 on the Sunday before the course begins, and for flights departing between 0900 and 1900 on the Saturday after the course ends. If, however, you wish to arrive or depart at a different time or at a different airport, please allow for an extra charge for your transfer.

Your summer course

We run 2-week courses at OBH, but you can come for all 4 weeks if you want to. You might find that the classes are very different from your English classes at home. There will never be more than 11 other students in your class and on this course you can be sure you will meet lots of people from other countries. So far, students from more than 75 different countries have studied at CAE! All this means you will have the maximum opportunity to practise your English with all your classmates ... and we can teach any level from elementary to advanced (but not absolute beginners).

Your classes

In your classes you will spend a lot of time speaking and listening – though you’ll get the chance to do reading and writing as well. We know that people learn language best when they are doing interesting things, so our team of qualified and energetic teachers will help you to choose the activities which you enjoy most. The action does not stop from the moment you get up to the moment you go to bed, so you’ll have lots of opportunities to use your English in real situations – you’ll be amazed how quickly you will learn to communicate better in English. Who knows, you may even start dreaming in English! You will complete your own CAE portfolio - a wonderful record of lessons, activities, trips and new friendships made. We hope you will show it off to family and friends and be proud of your English achievements.

Your accommodation

OBH is a residential summer school, which means that you’ll sleep in dormitories of up to 7 other teenagers. All your meals will be in the school along with your friends and teachers, unless you go out on a full day excursion when we will give you a packed lunch.



Old Buckenham Hall

Activities at OBH

Old Buckenham Hall offers you some great activities and sport. In fact, if you prefer to learn English by doing things rather than just studying, then we think OBH is your centre ... **You will get an opportunity both to specialise in one sport or activity, and to try out lots of others.**

- Your afternoon is divided into two halves. In the first half you can try something you have never done before – perhaps film-making or golf – while in the second you can move on to your favourite activity for the whole week – such as baseball or model making. It would be impossible to list all the things you'll be able to do at OBH, because we are always having new ideas! – but you will always find football, tennis, baseball, volleyball, swimming, basketball, badminton, as well as art, crafts, drama and dance.
- In the evening we have films, theme parties, discos, quiz nights and talent competitions – you'll be kept so busy that you won't even notice that you're doing all these things in English and enjoying it too.
- On every course there are excursions during the week. Your closely supervised excursions may be to London, where you'll be able to see the famous sights and do some shopping.



Welfare

On every CAE course you will find a friendly, hard-working and, above all, safe environment.

- Teenagers are supervised 24 hours a day and they are not allowed out of the school grounds unaccompanied.
- Homesickness at the start of the course is quite normal but our staff are very experienced in dealing with this problem. A full and varied schedule should mean that homesickness is soon forgotten.
- We have staff with First Aid training available at all times to deal with emergencies. All but the most minor problems are referred to the local doctor. In more serious cases, arrangements are made to fly the teenager home (and your included insurance policy covers loss of fees).

What is included?

Only bring your pocket money, pens and pencils! Everything else – airport transfers, your accommodation, your course, your meals, excursions, sports, admissions – is included in the fee.

How do I enrol?

Just fill in the Young Learner Enrolment Form and send it to CAE. We will confirm your booking and send you all the information you need. We'll start getting things ready for your course at OBH. You'll never forget your time there - or the new friends you make from all over the world.

Old Buckenham Hall

A Typical Day

Morning

- 7.30 Get up "Good morning! Enjoy your day!"
- 8.00 Breakfast
- 8.45 Morning assembly
- 9.00 **English classes:** language and vocabulary
- 10.00 Break
- 10.15 **English classes:** develop your skills: reading and writing
- 11.15 Break
- 11.30 **English classes:** excursion work: prepare to visit London!
- 12.30 Lunch and free time

Afternoon

- 13.30 Afternoon meeting
- 13.45 **Activities:** your daily choice of sport and creative arts
- 15.15 Afternoon tea
- 15.45 **Activities:** more time for your favourite sport or for making a film or magazine
- 17.15 Free time
- 18.00 Homework/Portfolios

Evening

- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 **Mini olympics:** your chance to go for gold!
- 21.30 House meeting and time to relax, read and write home
- 22.00 Bedtime "Goodnight! Sleep well."

(Exact timings are subject to change)



Residential Courses: Teenagers 14-17

- Maximum class size – 12
- All costs included in the price (incl. airport transfers & insurance)
- 24-hour supervision
- **20 full hours** of lessons per week
- Regular excursions
- Wide choice of afternoon and evening activities
- Self-contained and secure location
- Accommodation in shared dormitories and twin rooms (2-8 students)

Princess Helena College

Would you like to have lots of fun learning English this summer? Would you like to spend your time studying with teenagers of your age from all over the world – making new friends, doing sports and activities, and doing all these things in English? If you would, then Princess Helena College is the right place for you!

Princess Helena College is a private boarding school, which in summer becomes the centre for CAE's teenage residential course. The school is a beautiful and safe building, and is surrounded by its own large picturesque park and gardens. There are great learning and sports facilities, including a library, computer rooms, swimming pool and sports hall ... and this fine building has been recently modernised and refurbished to provide accommodation of a high standard.

Princess Helena College is in a great location, in the middle of some wonderful English countryside less than an hour by road from Cambridge and London, which means it is in easy reach of the main London airports.

Getting you there safely . . .

You will be met at the airport by CAE representatives carrying boards to identify themselves. You will then be taken direct to Princess Helena College. At the end of the course, you will be taken back to the airport, and CAE staff do not leave the airport until the plane has departed. The inclusive airport transfers service is available to/from Stansted and Luton airports, London Heathrow and London Gatwick, and for flights arriving between 0900 and 1900 on the Sunday before the course begins, and for flights departing between 0900 and 1900 on the Saturday after the course ends. If, however, you wish to arrive or depart at a different time or at a different airport, please allow for an extra charge for your transfer.

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Princess Helena College

Activities, sports and excursions

Princess Helena College offers you some great activities and sport. There's a private swimming pool, 'all-weather' tennis courts and a large sports hall for playing basketball, volleyball, badminton and other indoor sports. Add to that over 50 hectares of fields for football, baseball and many other outdoor activities. Favourite afternoon activities include art, craft, drama, model-making and music.

What about the evenings? We've got some great things for you to do then, too. Films, theme parties, discos, games, quiz nights and talent competitions – don't worry, our full-time social activities team will keep you entertained and you probably won't even notice that you're doing all these things in English!

On every course there are excursions during the week. Your excursions may be to London, where you'll be able to see the famous sights and do some shopping. There are also excursions to attractions near the school, such as the city of Cambridge or Stratford upon Avon.

Your accommodation

Princess Helena College is a residential summer school, which means that you'll sleep in dormitories with up to 7 other teenagers. All your meals will be in the school along with your friends and teachers, unless you go out on a full-day excursion, when we will give you a packed lunch. There are great places in the school where you can spend your free time – ideal for doing homework, socialising or just relaxing with a good book.

Welfare

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- Homesickness at the start of the course is quite normal but our staff are very experienced in dealing with this problem. A full and varied schedule should mean that homesickness is soon forgotten!
- School excursions are always closely supervised.
- We have staff with First Aid training available at all times to deal with emergencies. All but the most minor problems are referred to the local doctor.
- In more serious cases, arrangements are made to fly the teenager home (and your included insurance policy covers loss of fees).

What is included?

Only bring your pocket money, pens and pencils! Everything else – airport transfers, your accommodation, your course, your meals, excursions, sports, admissions – is included in the fee.

How do I enrol?

Just fill in the CAE Young Learner Enrolment Form and send it to the Cambridge Academy of English. After we've confirmed your booking, we'll send you all the information you need and we'll start getting things ready for your course at PHC. You'll never forget your time there – or your new friends from all over the world.

Princess Helena College A Typical Day

Morning

- 7.30 Get up "Good morning! What a beautiful day!"
- 8.00 Breakfast
- 8.45 Morning assembly
- 9.00 **Wake up activity** sessions: a morning walk; swimming; workout and more
- 9.45 Break
- 10.00 **English classes:** language and vocabulary
- 11.10 Break
- 11.25 **English classes:** develop your skills: reading and writing
- 12.30 Lunch and free time
- Afternoon
- 13.25 Afternoon assembly
- 13.30 **English classes:** excursion work: prepare to visit Cambridge or London
- 14.15 Break
- 14.30 **Electives:** your weekly choice of special classes
- 15.30 Afternoon tea
- 16.00 **Activity classes:** sport, art, music and more
- 17.30 Free time
- 18.00 **Portfolio session:** portfolio work; student committee meeting; computer time

Evening

- 18.30 Dinner
 - 19.30 **Talent show** – your chance to shine!
 - 22.00 **House meeting:** time to relax with your friends
 - 22.30 Bedtime "Goodnight! Sweet dreams."
- (Exact timings are subject to change)