

English Language Courses for Teenagers (ages 14-17)

Learn English at Isca and make international friends for life!



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We prepare for

Cambridge

English Qualifications™



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Welcome to the Isca School!

Dear Parents,

How do you choose the best English language experience for your child – an experience to remember for life?

Here at the Isca School of English, we want your child to feel safe and happy.

We offer English Language courses for teenagers each summer. Our aim is to teach your child as much English as we can and to provide an exciting and varied programme of activities and excursions.

English Language diplomas are increasingly important for life in the 21st Century. Your child can join one of our intensive Cambridge exam preparation courses and take the official Cambridge exam at the end of their stay.

Your child will live in a welcoming English home. Our hosts play a very important role in what may be your child's first experience in a foreign country and you can be sure we take great care when choosing them. You can find lots more information about Isca and our courses on our website. If you have any questions, please email me.

I look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming your child to the Isca School.

With very best wishes,



Sarah Tomlinson
Principal

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Family-run since 1966



Sarah Tomlinson, Javi and Jack
2016...



Richard and Jo Tomlinson with Sarah
1979-2016



Margery and Ronald Tomlinson
1966-1979

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The Friendly, Family-run School

Isca is a school for individuals and small groups. You will study in mixed nationality classes where you use English naturally all the time.

Isca has two large Georgian buildings and a modern classroom extension. The school is surrounded by large gardens and is in a quiet residential area, close to Exeter city centre.



A Guarantee of Quality – British Council Accreditation

The Isca school of English has been accredited by the British Council since 1986. Their inspectors carry out regular inspections of the school.

This accreditation shows that you can expect first-class teaching and an interesting, varied programme of social activities and excursions. It means that we show proper concern and care for your accommodation and welfare.

We achieved strengths in our latest full inspection.

- Teaching
- Care of under 18s
- Accommodation
- Leisure opportunities
- Course design
- Premises and facilities
- Care of students
- Learner management
- Academic management
- Quality assurance
- Learning Resources
- Staff management
- Student administration



English UK Member

The Isca School is a member of English UK, the national association of English language centres in the UK.



EL Gazette Centre of Excellence

The English Language Gazette, our industry newspaper, has named the Isca School of English a Centre of Excellence every year since 2009.

Summer General English Courses for ages 14-17

CEFR levels: B1- C2 (pre-intermediate to advanced)

Maximum class size is 12.

- You will have 18 hours (18x 60 minutes) of English language tuition per week in mixed nationality classes.
- You will follow a course specially designed for your class and English level using topics and materials relevant to your age group.
- You will practice all language skills with an emphasis on expressing your thoughts and ideas clearly in English.
- You will have a weekly progress test and an Isca School Certificate with a personalised report at the end of your course.

Pre-arrival Placement Test

Before you arrive, you will take our online placement test. You will start learning English on your first morning at Isca!

"Daniil came back yesterday transformed. His mind is more open to the world, his level of English much much improved."

Daniil's father, Switzerland.



Our Teachers

We are very proud of our enthusiastic team of friendly teachers. They are all university graduates with accredited English Language Teaching qualifications.

They choose interesting topics and communicative activities to develop your global skills, creativity, and critical thinking. They help you improve your English skills in grammar, reading, listening and speaking.



Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses for ages 15-17

Our Cambridge Preparation Courses include 60 hours (60 x 60 minutes) of exam focused tuition during your three week preparation course.

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Pre-arrival Placement Test

We will send you our placement test to check your level before accepting you on this course.

You can choose to take the official Cambridge B2 First or C1 Advanced exam in the final week of your course.

Your certificate is valid for life and recognised around the world by employers and universities.

We offer the following three week Cambridge examination courses:

Cambridge B2 First Preparation Course

Minimum CEFR level: B2

Maximum class size: 12

Cambridge B2 First is the new name for the FCE. It is a very useful qualification to achieve for your future academic and working life.

Your class programme will include exam topics, exam techniques, grammar revision and exam practice.



Cambridge C1 Advanced Preparation Course

Minimum CEFR level: C1

Maximum class size: 12

This qualification used to be called the CAE. It is an exam that challenges advanced learners and is recognised worldwide.

Your class programme will develop essential exam techniques and improve your ability and confidence in the key areas of the exam.



Accommodation in an English Home

Friendly and welcoming homes in Exeter

Your English Home in Exeter

Living in an English home is one of the most important parts of your stay. When we choose a home, we always ask ourselves if we would be happy for our own child to live there. If the answer is yes, they become a home for our students.

All Isca hosts abide by our Code of Practice in accordance with British Council and British Tourist Authority recommendations. We carry out police checks on all adults over 18 in the home and ask for two personal references.

We guarantee that no students with the same mother tongue are placed in the same home, unless two friends ask to share.



You will have:

- **full-board accommodation every day (with packed lunch from Monday to Saturday).**
- **a comfortable twin room with a friend, a twin room with another Isca student of a different nationality, or a single room if available.**
- **a warm and friendly welcome of course!**

"Our son Thomas had a Wonderful time in your school. He felt very well looked after and helped, both in class and when he lost his wallet. He loved his family who was very generous, warm-hearted and funny! So thank you again for the WONDERFUL time our son was able to experience thanks to your great care and experience." **Thomas's parents, Switzerland.**

"I would also like to ask you to send our congratulations to his host family since he has had a great time with them. They included him in their family life, sport activities and he enjoyed his time with their son, a great young man." **Rafael's father, Spain.**

"Thank you also for the wonderful stay Anne-Lys had at ISCA School. She is really happy with what she has learned and done. For sure, we'll recommend without hesitation your school here in France to our friends." **Anne-Lys's parents, Paris**

"We want to congratulate you for your efficient organisation. The school was very helpful, he improved his English and he appreciated also all the activities in the spare time. The host family also was great!!!" **Leonardo's parents, Italy.**



"Their two weeks were so fantastic: the teachers, the families, their new friends and definitely your organisation were the reason for the success." **Valentina and Sebastian's mother, Switzerland.**

"A perfect mix of study, sports, leisure, tours and stay with friends, old and new. Her host family were really very nice and spending a lot of time with her. Isabella will remember it with joy."

Isabella's mother, Italy.

"I really wanted to send you all my congratulation because the stay at the Isca school for my daughter Maria Vittoria. It was such a great experience. I would love to send her again next year." **Maria Vittoria's mother, Italy.**

"We are very happy that Matthew spent these weeks with you. We think that this experience has matured and enriched him. We want to thank you for the host family you chose too, they were very kind and loving. Thanks again for everything you have done for him"

Matthew's parents. Italy.



Welfare and Caring for you!

We provide the best care that we can for you from arrival to departure. All of our activities are supervised by Isca school staff. We employ qualified sports instructors. We follow British Government and British Council regulations about the care of young people under the age of 18.

At Isca you will have:

- an Isca School ID card with 24 hour emergency telephone numbers, the address of the school and your home in Exeter
- on-site trained staff for medical emergencies
- contact on a daily basis with Sarah, the Principal
- All activities are supervised by Isca School staff.

Contacting Home

FREE WIFI at the school to contact your friends and family.



Sports & Leisure Programme

You will have a full leisure programme including a full day excursion on Saturdays, an afternoon excursion on Tuesdays and a wide choice of sports and activities during your course.

- Basketball
- Canoeing
- Cathedral tour
- Dance / aerobics
- Devon Cream Tea
- Kayaking
- Paddleboarding
- Swimming
- Tennis (lessons with coach)
- Tour of Exeter's Underground passages
- Yoga
- Games evening
- Ten-pin bowling



"Paul is having a great time, really enjoying all the activities!"

Paul's mother, France



"I'd like to thank you for the great two weeks that our children spent at ISCA. They came back home very happy and enthusiastic about the experiences. It seems that the whole stay has been a great and precious time for them."

Moritz and Miryam's mother, Vienna

Excursions

Our Saturday excursions are an important and enjoyable part of the course. They show you features of the British way of life, our heritage and culture. All activity and entry fees are included.

On Tuesdays, we will visit some of the many beautiful attractions in Devon, one of the most popular holiday destinations in England. You will go to our sandy beaches to have a swim, to the Jurassic coast with its dramatic cliffs or up to Dartmoor for a walk in lovely countryside.

Day trip to London – by train

We organise optional excursions to London too. We see the most famous monuments, have time for souvenir shopping near Piccadilly Circus and finish the day with a River Thames cruise.



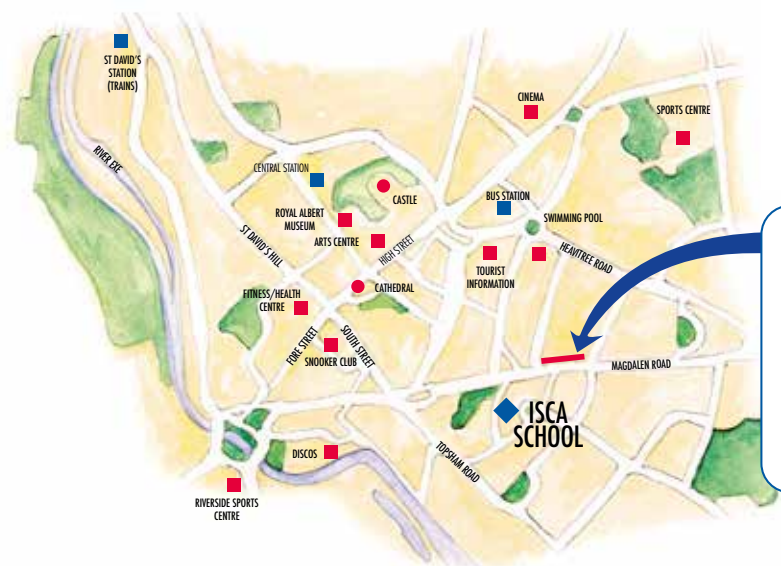


The City of Exeter

When the Roman army reached Exeter in AD55, they built a fort and called the small town that grew around it Isca Dumnoniorum. We chose the name "The Isca School of English" for our school because of this.

Exeter, the capital of Devon, is one of the oldest cities in Britain. Set in the heart of the West Country, an area famous for its mild climate and natural beauty, Exeter is a mixture of ancient and modern with its Roman Walls, Norman Cathedral and modern city centre.

It has a friendly and welcoming population of 130,000 and is one of the top English cities for its quality of life.



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Local Facilities

200m from the school, there is a supermarket, a bakery, a greengrocer and a newsagent.

The city centre is 10 minutes on foot from Isca.

How to come to Exeter

We meet students arriving at London Heathrow, Bristol and Exeter airports on Sundays. Please look at the enclosed price sheet for times and dates. If you need any advice, email us and we will do our best to help you.

Fly to Exeter airport

You can fly to Exeter – just a 15 minute transfer!

Fly to Bristol airport

It's just 75 minutes away from Exeter – a quick and easy transfer.

Fly to London Heathrow airport

You can fly to Heathrow with all major airlines. Please check our meeting times before buying your flight.



If you want to arrive at other airports, ferry ports or by Eurostar, let us know. We are here to help!



History of Isca

1966

Ronald and Margery Tomlinson founded the Isca School of English. Our students lived in and had lessons at the school. There were only two published course books!



1986

The Isca school of English became one of the first British Council accredited schools

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2001

The Isca School of English becomes a specialist summer centre for junior students



2016

Sarah Tomlinson becomes Principal



Today

We invite you to join the
Isca International family

1979

Richard Tomlinson became Principal. Teenagers from all over Europe started to come for short summer courses.



1990s

As Richard and his wife Jo's family grew, so too did the number of junior students coming to Isca for summer courses



2009

The EL Gazette names the Isca School a Centre of Excellence for the first time in 2009. We are still a Centre of Excellence today.



2017-23

The EL Gazette names the Isca School the best family-run summer school in the UK.



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