



**English & Activity Summer Courses
for 12 to 17 year olds**

COURSE INFORMATION - Standard Courses

PISCES (Poole International Study Centre for English and Sport) was established in 1998 as a summer school for young students age 12 to 17 years. PISCES is the sister school to the Wessex Academy School of English established in 1971, and they are both fully accredited by the British Council. Both schools are owned and managed by the Doran family.

PISCES is an international school with students attending from many different countries around the world. The School has one of the most comprehensive summer programmes for young people in the south of England. **PISCES** is about learning English, making new friends and having fun in a comfortable and stimulating environment.

PISCES is located between Poole and Bournemouth on the south coast of England. The school is in a safe residential area with local shops and amenities and it is only a short distance from Poole and Bournemouth town centres. Poole and Bournemouth have excellent amenities including large shopping centres, cinemas, theatres, historical places of interest, leisure centres and some of the best beaches and scenery in England. The combined population of Poole and Bournemouth is about 400,000. It is a thriving business centre and tourist destination, popular with holidaymakers and foreign students alike.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE PROGRAMME?

- Entry test and Induction
- Welcome pack, work folder and local area map
- Student Identity card
- 15 hours of English lessons each week with professional and fully qualified teachers
- Sports and Activities on four days a week
- 3 evening social activities per week
- 1 half day excursion per week (mid-week)
- 1 full day excursion per week (Saturday)
- Full board Homestay (host family) accommodation in easy walking distance of the school
- Relevant entrance fees, transportation and sports equipment are provided
- Private taxis to homestay accommodation after evening social activities
- 24-Hr Emergency telephone number and welfare support
- Safe deposit and student bank.
- Certificate of attendance

The course programme is designed to be interesting and stimulating. Students are encouraged to speak English at all times and the activity programme develops their English further whilst having fun!

EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

| | <i>Morning</i> 09.00 to 12.30 | | <i>Afternoon*</i> 13.30 to 16.30 | | <i>Evening*</i> 19.30 to 22.00 |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
| MONDAY | ENGLISH LESSONS | LUNCH at School | SPORTS & ACTIVITIES | DINNER with Host Family | FREE <i>to spend with Host Family</i> |
| TUESDAY | ENGLISH LESSONS | | SPORTS & ACTIVITIES | | BARBECUE |
| WEDNESDAY | ENGLISH LESSONS | | EXCURSION to CHRISTCHURCH 13.15 to 17.00 | | DISCO |
| THURSDAY | ENGLISH LESSONS | | SPORTS & ACTIVITIES | | BOWLING |
| FRIDAY | ENGLISH LESSONS | | SPORTS & ACTIVITIES | | FREE <i>to spend with Host Family</i> |
| SATURDAY | EXCURSION to LONDON | | | | |
| SUNDAY | FREE DAY with Host Family | | | | |

INDUCTION

On the first day of school, all students take an entry test to assess their level of English and to place them in the appropriate class. After the test, there is a full induction to the school providing them with all the information they need for their stay, a tour of the school facilities and introductions to the Teachers and Activity Leaders. After lunch there is a familiarisation tour of the Bournemouth and Poole area.

ENGLISH LESSONS

From Monday to Friday there are 3 hours of English per day for which all the teaching materials and books are provided. Classes are graded according to the students' level of English, this is determined by the test on the first day of school. All our teachers are professional, enthusiastic and dedicated. The course content is lively, interesting and above all communicative.

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

These include:

Swimming, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Water Polo, Dancing, Board Games, Quizzes, Poster Design, Beach Games and Mini Olympics.

All sports and activities are organised and supervised by our Activities' Leaders. All the sports equipment is provided by the School. However, students must bring their own sports shoes, swimwear and suitable clothing.

EVENING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These include:

Ten pin bowling, International Parties, Barbecues, International Discos (for under 18's), Firework Displays, Film Nights and Games Nights.

After all evening activities, students are taken back to their homestay accommodation by private taxi. This is a unique service operated by **PISCES** to ensure the safety and well-being of young students.

EXCURSIONS

Every week there is a half-day excursion to a local town or place of historical interest such as Corfe Castle, Christchurch and the New Forest. On Saturdays there is a full-day guided excursion to one of England's famous places such as London, Dorset Jurassic Coastline, Winchester and Bath.

ACCOMMODATION

Our students live in homestay accommodation with English Hosts, located within easy walking distance of the school. All accommodation is carefully selected to suit the needs of young students. Accommodation is usually in twin bedded rooms (two students per room) with all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), bed linen and towels, plus a laundry service.

WELFARE, MEDICAL & INSURANCE

Our priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of your children during their stay with us. The Course Director personally supervises all welfare and medical matters, a 24-hour emergency telephone help line is available to all students. Parents must arrange adequate travel and medical insurance for the period of the course and provide the school with a 24-hour emergency contact telephone number for the period of the course. If the student has a medical condition or severe allergy that requires medication, it is important that detailed information is provided to the school at the time of enrolment.

POCKET MONEY & STUDENT BANK

We suggest that pocket money is provided for souvenirs, postcards, snacks and drinks etc. The school operates a student bank to deposit money, passports and flight tickets. Each student must deposit these items on the first day of school. They will receive a personal record form for deposits and withdrawals. They may take out money from the student bank every day. Passports, flight tickets and any remaining pocket money will be returned to them on the last day of school.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel arrangements should be made so that the student arrives on the Sunday before the start of their course and leaves on the Sunday following the end of their course. If possible, the flights should be arranged to arrive in the U.K. after 07.00 and before 19.00. Departure flights should be after 09.00 and before 20.00.

Most airlines only accept unaccompanied minors (aged 16 and under) if they are being met on arrival by an appointed representative. It may be necessary to pay an extra fee to the airline for under 16's travelling alone. Please check with your travel agent.

If the student travels alone, they will require our "accompanied taxi meeting service". All drivers carry identity cards and an authorisation letter from PISCES. Please note that the taxi transfers are not included in the course price. Please see price list for details. For groups, a mini-bus or coach transfer can be arranged.

For international flights the nearest London airports are Heathrow and Gatwick. The journey time to Poole from Heathrow is approximately 1½ hours by taxi and from Gatwick approximately 2 hours by taxi. In addition there are some direct flights from some European cities to Bournemouth International airport (15 minutes by taxi) and Southampton airport (45 minutes by taxi).

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

To ensure that all students come fully prepared to enjoy and participate in all the programmed activities, a recommended clothing list is provided on enrolment. It is essential that students wear suitable sports shoes (trainers) and clothing for sports activities.

VISAS

Students who require a visa to come to the U.K. should contact the British Embassy to check the procedure and make an appointment. The British Embassy requires proof of payment and a letter of acceptance from the school. For further information you can contact the British Embassy in your country or check the U.K. Government (Home Office) web-site: www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk .

TERMS & CONDITIONS/SCHOOL RULES

Full details are printed on the back of the enrolment form.

During the course, students are obliged to follow the school rules and regulations that are in place for the safety and well-being of the students and the school staff responsible for them. The school rules are clearly explained and a copy is given to the students on their first day of school. A copy of the rules can be sent to you on request.

HOW TO ENROL

Complete an enrolment form and send it to the school (or local agent) by post, fax or e-mail with two passport sized photographs. A Parent/Guardian must read the terms and conditions of the school and sign the enrolment form. Please write in capital letters so that the information is clear.

When we receive the enrolment form, we send a confirmation letter and an invoice. The enrolment fee and £100 deposit should be paid to the school to confirm the enrolment. The balance of payment is due at least four weeks before the start of the course. All payments should be made in £ sterling by bank transfer, credit card, or cash. The payment details can be found on the enrolment form. On receipt of full payment, we send a receipt, the homestay accommodation details and taxi transfer information.