

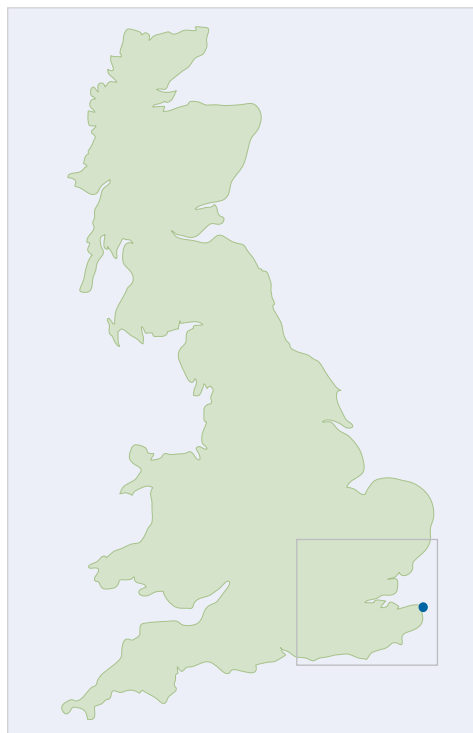


Hilderstone College

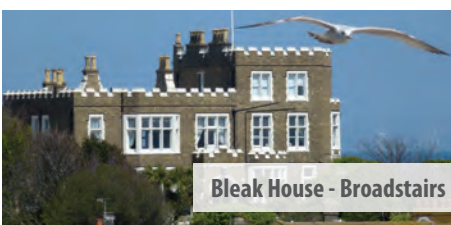
English Studies Centre

Courses 2022





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.

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Christian from Austria

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

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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.



Multimedia Learning Centre - Computer stations



Multimedia Learning Centre - Library section



College cafeteria



Multimedia Learning Centre - Listening stations

Learning Facilities

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

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
-  Gardens for students to relax in
-  Common Room open throughout the day and evening with newspapers and TV/DVD player
-  A pool table, ice 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



“ **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, Exam Preparation, Teaching Young Learners and Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE) Exam Preparation for teachers.

Fees and dates 2022

- 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): £148 per week (see page 20)

	Creative Teaching and Culture	Exam Preparation	CLIL	Teaching Young Learners
Course 1	10-21 Jan 2022 (2 weeks)	10-21 Jan 2022 (2 weeks)	10-21 Jan 2022 (2 weeks)	10-21 Jan 2022 (2 weeks)
Course 2	18-29 July 2022 (2 weeks)	04-15 July 2022 (2 weeks)	04-15 July 2022 (2 weeks)	18-29 July 2022 (2 weeks)
Course 3	01-12 Aug 2022 (2 weeks)			01-12 Aug 2022 (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

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

 **Class size:** 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).



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 need a minimum number of students for activities to go ahead. Usually we set that minimum at 4 students.

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

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

Costs

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

A warm welcome

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

Enjoy your free time

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

Help and advice

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

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

“ **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: £148 per week

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