

Eastbourne

Little Explorers

With a beautiful setting at the foot of Beachy Head, an area of outstanding natural beauty, our Eastbourne centre overlooks the sea and is the term-time home of Bede's Preparatory School. This compact centre, founded as the first Bede's School in 1895, has the feel of a family home and offers a safe and welcoming environment for our youngest students. The academic, social and cultural programme is carefully designed to educate and inspire our youngest learners.

The Little Explorers course is full of lessons, activities, events and excursions that give students a great introduction to the UK. Lessons are in small classes with a syllabus and materials perfect for young learners. Activities make use of our outstanding facilities and are designed around the interests of younger students.

The evening entertainment programme provides an opportunity for recreation and fun and is designed to immerse students in the English language and culture in a stimulating and innovative way.

Excursions enable students to visit places of interest. Students will go on a half-day trip on Wednesday afternoons and full-day trips on Saturdays and Sundays to our exciting range of historic, cultural and fun attractions and destinations.

ACCOMMODATION

Our secure boarding houses have bedrooms accommodating 4–8 students that enable new friendships to form and help a sense of community to develop. Students share their bedroom with children of a similar age and from different countries. Bathrooms are shared and in close proximity to bedrooms.

FACILITIES AT EASTBOURNE

- Art Studio
- Astroturf Playground
- Beach Access
- Dance Studio
- Drama Theatre
- Garden Access
- IT Suite
- Sea Views
- Sports Fields
- Sports Hall
- Swimming Pool
- Wi-Fi

LOCATION

Our Eastbourne Little Explorers centre is located at Bede's Prep School, situated between the town of Eastbourne, the South Downs National Park and directly in front of the beach.




London: 74 miles/119 km
LGW: 50 miles/81 km
LHR: 89 miles/143 km

TOP 10 NATIONALITIES 2023

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|  Chinese |  Brazilian |
|  Turkish |  Taiwanese |
|  Japanese |  Romanian |
|  Italian |  Spanish |
|  Polish |  French |





 AGES	6–11 years
 DATES	30 June–10 August 2024
 CAPACITY	70 (Residential) & 50 (Day)
 LESSONS	17½ hours per week
 LEVELS	A0–C2 (All levels)
 MAX CLASS SIZE	12
 EXAMS	Trinity GESE
 BEDS PER ROOM	4–8 beds
 STAFF:STUDENT RATIO	1:3
 SPECIALITY	Day & Parent Courses. Integration with local students on-site
 EXCURSIONS	Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday



Academics

This carefully crafted programme, with 17½ hours of lessons per week, consists of English Skills, StoryTime and Explorations, where students learn English through stimulating subjects such as Science, Technology, Geography and History.

Lessons improve students' general language competencies (including grammar and vocabulary) while placing particular emphasis on communication, fluency and building confidence in the speaker.

LEVELS & CLASSES

All levels are welcome, starting from A0 (Complete Beginner) up to C2 (Proficiency). To ensure the best possible outcome in lessons, our academic team places students in classes based on their level, age and nationality.

For further information on Academics at Bede's Summer School, please see [page 10](#) of the Introduction.

ENGLISH SKILLS

These lessons are designed to improve students' general language skills, extend their vocabulary and better their understanding of grammar, to improve accuracy when producing spoken and written English.

STORYTIME

Working on several different children's stories per week, StoryTime lessons stimulate students' natural curiosity, develop their listening and speaking skills and extend their everyday vocabulary.

EXPLORATIONS

These lessons use CLIL methodology to develop students' English skills through a range of stimulating subjects such as Science, Technology, Geography and History.

EXAM COURSES AVAILABLE

Trinity GESE



Leisure

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES (AFTERNOONS)

After lessons, students participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities. Students will be able to choose their preferred sport or activity.

Examples are: Cooking, Dance, Drama, Football, Handball, Short Tennis, Swimming and Touch Rugby.

SOCIAL EVENTS (EVENINGS)

Social events are always the perfect time for students to mix and enjoy themselves with their new friends. At Eastbourne they include: Disco, Egg Drop Challenge, Fashion Show, Karaoke, Messy Games, Mini Olympics, Talent Show, and Treasure Hunt.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions are a great way for Little Explorers to safely venture outside of their campus. We offer students the opportunity to visit places of cultural and historical interest, as well as chances for sightseeing, shopping and amusement.

Examples of excursions are:

Wednesdays (half-day)

Drusillas, Blackberry Farm, Treasure Island Minigolf

Saturdays (London full-day)

London Science Museum, London Zoo, Kidzania, Legoland

Sundays (full-day)

Brighton Sealife, Chessington, Knockhatch Adventure Park, Hobbledown

ACADEMIES (OPTIONAL)

Academies are a great addition to our Little Explorers course, these include:

- Baking and Decorating
- Film & Animation
- Horse Riding
- Tennis
- Zookeeper Experience



Please check the Course Summary for further information on Academies.

Day Course

Bede's Day Course, offered at Eastbourne, is a non-residential option for students who are coming to England with their parents/guardians on a family holiday.

PROGRAMME

The programme runs from 08.30 to 17.00 Monday to Friday (18.00 on Wednesday) and includes the half-day excursion on Wednesdays. Students may add the evening option (includes dinner and evening social events) on a daily basis and may also join the Saturday and Sunday excursions (supplements payable, see Registration Form for details).

LESSONS & ACTIVITIES

Day students will join the residential students in classes which are mixed to ensure they are learning with peers of different nationalities and of the same language ability and age. Day students will also join the varied and exciting on-site activity programme offered as part of the Little Explorers course, or can add any of the available Academies onto their Day Course.

ACCOMMODATION

We recommend you stay in Eastbourne, which is a popular seaside town on the South Coast of England, with many seafront hotels offering beautiful views across the coastline. There is something to suit every

budget, from self-catering apartments to deluxe 5-star hotels. You need to book your own accommodation.

BEDE'S HOLIDAY CLUB

Bede's Holiday Club is a day activity camp for local British children to spend their summer at Bede's Eastbourne making friends with our Little Explorers!

Summer School students have the opportunity to interact during breaks, afternoon activities and mealtimes with children from the local community. This will help build their confidence and provide excellent practice for their English skills in real life scenarios.



Parent Programme

Parents of Little Explorers can also study at Bede’s Summer School.

ENGLISH LESSONS







English lessons are available for the parents of day students who would also like to improve their English. We offer lessons in small groups (see Registration Form for details).

Classes are designed to improve parents’ general language skills, extend their vocabulary and better their understanding of grammar to improve accuracy when producing spoken and written English.

LEISURE PROGRAMME

A Leisure Programme is included on two afternoons per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) to give parents the chance to enjoy light activities and short trips in the local area. Examples may include:

Afternoon Tea, The Hydro Hotel | Charleston House | Towner Art Gallery | Herstmonceux Castle | Hastings Visit | Arlington Bluebell Walk and Farm Trail | Beachy Head Walk | Shopping in the Lanes, Brighton | Visit to Bede’s Senior School.

 DATES	30 June–10 August 2024	
 HOURS	10 hours per week	
	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
 LEVELS	A0–B1	B2–C1
 SCHEDULE	Mon–Fri 09.00–11.15	Mon–Fri 11.30–14.00
 MAX CLASS SIZE	8	8
 LEISURE PROGRAMME	Tue & Thur 14.00–17.00	



A Typical Day

MON | TUE | THUR | FRI

07.30 WAKE UP + BREAKFAST

Students will be woken up by the House Parents who will ensure they are ready for the busy day ahead. Students will then be able to select from a wide range of breakfast choices, where staff will be available to help those in need or who have any special requirements.

08.45 STUDENT MEETING

A morning register will be taken and a meeting held for students to understand the plan for the day. This is a perfect chance for students to ask any questions or raise any concerns.

09.00 ENGLISH SKILLS 1+2 (WITH A 15MIN BREAK)

English Skills focus on developing students' general knowledge in English and ability to communicate effectively and accurately in everyday situations and different contexts. Students will be tested, challenged, supported and stimulated.



10.45 BREAK + SNACK

11.00 STORYTIME

StoryTime gives students the opportunity to share personal and fictional stories in a creative and stimulating way, enhancing their spoken fluency in English. Students become storytellers and story listeners, with the StoryTime teacher as their role model.

12.00 SIESTA/CHILL 'N' CHAT

Siesta Time or Chill 'n' Chat is included to allow our youngest students to re-energise in preparation for a busy afternoon of sports and activities.

12.30 LUNCH

Our Eastbourne centre offers a beautiful dining experience overlooking the sea. Students will be able to enjoy their lunch prepared by the award-winning Holroyd Howe. Staff will be on hand to help students.

13.30 EXPLORATIONS

These CLIL-based (Content and Language Integrated Learning) lessons allow students to improve their English whilst at the same time explore a range of stimulating subjects such as Ecology, Space, Science and Technology.

14.45 BREAK

15.00 SPORTS + ACTIVITIES

A register will be taken and a daily activity briefing will be given by the Activities Manager. Each student will meet with the Activity Leader and get the chance to burn off some energy by taking part in a choice of different activities.

16.45 FREE TIME

17.30 DINNER

Students can choose from a specially designed nutritious dinner menu designed by Holroyd Howe. Summer School Staff will be on hand to help students understand the options available and make sure they are eating a balanced diet.

18.15 SOCIAL EVENTS

Before the evening activities take place, staff will take the register and the Activities Manager will give a short meeting to plan for the evening. This is a great way for students to all get together. This could be a Treasure Hunt, Disco, Messy Games or something the students have chosen.

20.00 HOUSE TIME + SNACK

21.00 BEDTIME



Weekly Excursions

WED | SAT | SUN



WEDNESDAY EXTENDED HALF DAY

Students will break their regular weekday routine and leave the campus to enjoy a half-day trip to a local attraction such as Herstmonceux Observatory, Blackberry Farm or Drusillas Park Zoo and return to campus for dinner and their social events.

SATURDAY EXTENDED FULL DAY LONDON

Little Explorers head to London for an extra long day in the capital. Students will be accompanied by Activities Leaders and see all of the sights of Westminster, before having supervised shopping time or take in a West End Musical or heading to an attraction such as KidZania or London Sea Life.

SUNDAY FULL DAY

After breakfast, Bede's Summer School students will embark on a full-day excursion. Guided by trained Activity Leaders, they will explore and enjoy cities such as Brighton, Hastings or Windsor or take in some of the best attractions England has to offer such as Chessington World of Adventures or Legoland and return in time for dinner.

“Bede's is an independent, great summer school. I went there for 2 weeks and I wanted to stay a month there. The Staff, food, classrooms are great. I will miss Eastbourne!”

—
BARAN TURKEY

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