

## Bath (Downside)

Our Bath Residential Summer Centre is based at Downside School. This classic "Harry Potter" style English boarding school is one of the oldest and most prestigious private schools in the country. Downside occupies a beautiful 500-acre estate at the foot of the Mendip Hills and offers excellent facilities. The centre is ideally situated just 25 minutes south of the city of Bath in Somerset and two and a half hours from London.

### Courses offered

#### Active English

Kings Active English course is a fully-inclusive summer programme designed specifically for international juniors and teenagers. It will improve your child's English while providing an excellent choice of sports, activities, and excursions in a safe and secure environment. Accommodation, meals, lessons and most activities take place on the campus. Students are fully supervised by the Kings Summer Team.

#### Key information

**Course length:** 1 - 6 weeks

**Start dates:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29\* July; 5\* August. *The standard arrival/departure day is Wednesday.*

**Course ends:** 12 August

**Lessons:** 15 hours of English lessons per week plus full programme of sports, activities and excursions

**Age range:** 10 - 16

**Maximum class size:** 15

**Minimum entry level:** Beginner

\*1 week bookings only available on these dates

#### Intensive Academic (Pre-boarding school)

This intensive programme of English and academic subjects consists of 27 hours of lessons per week, evening activities (or supervised Evening Study Club), and a full excursions programme. The lessons are arranged in two sections. General English lessons (15 hours per week) include reading, writing, speaking and listening. Academic Taster lessons (12 hours per week) include English for Academic Studies, and taster lessons (in English) in Science, Maths and Humanities.

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**Start dates:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29\* July; 5\* August *The standard arrival/departure day is Wednesday.*

**Course ends:** 12 August

**Lessons:** 27 hours per week of English and a range of academic subjects and excursions.

**Age range:** 12 - 16

**Maximum class size:** 15 (English lessons), 12 (Academic lessons)

**Minimum entry level:** Intermediate (Pre-test required)

\*1 week bookings only available on these dates

#### Included in the price of all courses

- Full-board residential accommodation
- 2 full-day and 1 half-day excursions per week
- At least one excursion entrance fee per week
- Placement test and regular progress tests
- Welcome party and orientation
- Internet access
- End-of-course certificate
- 24-hour supervision
- Weekly laundry service
- School bank service

#### Included in the price of Active English

- 15 hours of English lessons per week
- Day-time sports and activities programme with a choice of at least 2 - 3 activities per session
- Full programme of evening activities
- Optional specialist activities (Digital Photography and Cookery)

#### Included in the price of Intensive Academic

- 27 hours per week of lessons in English and academic subjects
- 6 evening activities per week and 1 Study Club evening

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### Sample timetables

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Morning	●● Full-day excursion	●● English lessons	●● English lessons	●● English lessons	●● English lessons	●● English lessons	●● Full-day excursion
Afternoon	Lunch						
	● Activities	● Mathematics	● Activities	● Science	● Half-day excursion	● Activities	● Mathematics
	● Activities	● Science	● Activities	● History	● Activities	● Geography	● Activities
Evening	Dinner						
	●● Social evening	●● Activities	●● Activities	●● Activities	●● Activities	●● Activities	●● Activities

## Accommodation

### On-campus residential accommodation

Single and twin rooms with modern communal bathrooms and a number of dormitories for 4-8 students. The dormitories are usually given to younger students to help them make friends and settle in quickly. Boys and girls are accommodated in different accommodation areas / boarding houses and each area is supervised by Kings residential staff.

### Meal plan

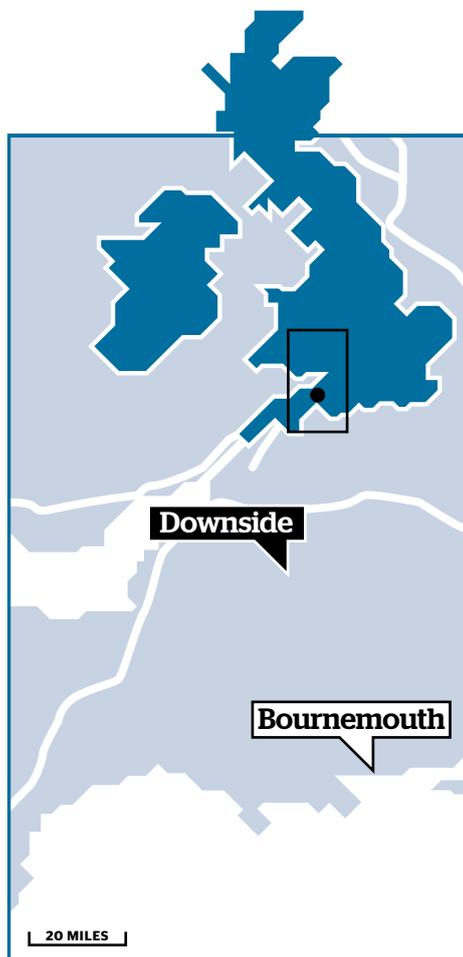
Full-board. Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. Lunch and dinner are usually hot (with packed lunches on excursion days) and there is usually a choice of at least two main courses. We can cater for vegetarian and other dietary requirements on request.



Centre facilities	
100 acres of sports fields for football, rugby and cricket	
Volleyball, basketball and tennis courts	
Large sports hall	
Indoor 25-metre swimming pool	
Art room and fashion workshop	
600-seat theatre	
Large dining-room	
Computer suites	
Internet access (wifi in most areas)	

Airports and distances	
Bristol	45 minutes
Heathrow	2 hours
Gatwick	2½ hours
Stansted	3¼ hours

Travel times stated are average times based on a transfer by taxi



Typical activities	
Arts and crafts	Quizzes
Badminton	Rounders
Barbecue	Rugby
Basketball	Salsa
Cookery	Squash
Cricket	Student parties
Dance	Swimming
Dodgeball	Table tennis
Fencing	Talent shows
Football	Tennis
Movie night	Volleyball
Pool parties	World Music night

Typical full-day excursions	
London	Oxford
Bristol	Cardiff
Cheltenham	Warwick Castle
Bristol	Longleat Safari Park
Salisbury and Stonehenge	
Typical half-day excursions	
Cheddar Gorge	Bath
Wookey Hole	Bristol Zoo

**Optional specialist activities**  
**At least 4 hours per week. Minimum 1 week course. Active English students only. (Should be booked in advance)**

**Digital Photography**  
 Students will learn about some of the main aspects of digital photography, and will produce a photo exhibition or online gallery.  
 Included in price.

**Cookery**  
 Students learn how to cook traditional British food and international food, and make a range of dishes from start to finish. Many skills are covered, including pastry-making, meat and vegetable preparation, making dough and cooking pasta, rice and potatoes. Students also learn about food hygiene.  
 Included in price.

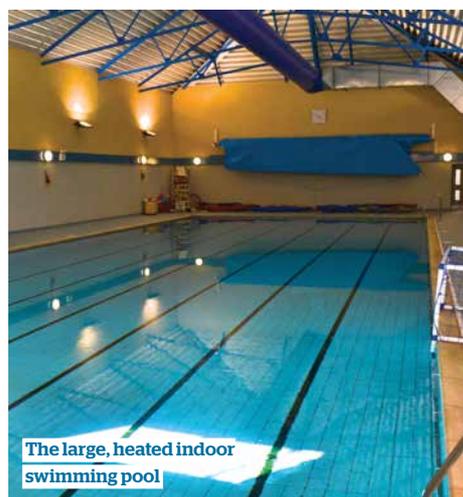
\*2-day excursions also available. Contact us for details, or visit [www.kingssummer.com](http://www.kingssummer.com)



The main dining hall



Downside School boasts an impressive 600-seat theatre



The large, heated indoor swimming pool