

over **25**

*years of
top quality
summer
courses*



English Together

Junior Vacation English Courses

Summer 2012

Parkland
International
LANGUAGE SCHOOL



A message from the Principal



It is now over 25 years since Isabel, my wife, and I began to offer our residential English Language summer courses to young people. Thousands of students from all over the world have enjoyed Parkland courses, and as each year has gone by we have never forgotten the original principles which have underpinned the success of our business. We have always aimed to offer top quality residential courses at reasonable prices. I hope the comments from recent clients that you will find in this brochure will help you understand our aims – and the extent to which we achieve them!

Our rewards go far beyond the financial. It is a privilege to welcome so many young people to our country and to help them benefit in so many ways from the opportunities they have been given. The atmosphere of international friendship has been pure magic!

By maintaining the highest standards of lessons, activities, entertainment and excursions we believe we offer a first class summer school experience. But there is one thing that is even more important – we have always promised parents that we will take good care of their sons and daughters. This means that their safety and welfare is of paramount importance to us. We never forget that parents place enormous trust in us when they send their sons and daughters to our summer school.

Our host school, the prestigious Ampleforth College, is extraordinarily well equipped, especially in terms of its accommodation and leisure facilities. It is an ideal place to offer a residential language school for young people. It is also in a splendid location for excursions, and that is why we have included an exceptionally generous number of excursions in our programme. It is in the North of England, a part of the country which is renowned for its stupendously beautiful scenery... and for the friendliness of its people.

Students who feel they can't leave England without visiting London will not be disappointed – there is a 'London special' option enabling them to spend a day in the capital. Similarly, there are opportunities to visit Edinburgh, Scotland's beautiful capital city, full of cultural and historic interest.

As in previous years, we will be personally responsible for the management of the course, and will be assisted by a strong team of colleagues, including members of our own family.

We all very much look forward to welcoming students to Parkland at Ampleforth College in 2012. Thank you in advance to the parents, relatives and friends who will be making it possible for them to come.

John Allinson





English Together

– the complete summer school experience!

For students aged 11 to 17 we offer our unique combination of purposeful English tuition, a wide range of sports and other leisure activities, a full and varied entertainment programme, and a selection of fascinating excursions. The courses are held in one of Britain's most famous and prestigious private schools, offering superb teaching, leisure and residential facilities in a spacious and beautiful parkland setting of 2000 acres.

Our British Council accreditation, gained after a meticulous inspection of the school, is a reliable hallmark of the high quality of the organisation.

We take pride in the overall quality of our organisation, but above all in the high standard of care for the students: our resident teaching and pastoral staff work hard to provide a safe and secure environment and a caring, welcoming atmosphere.

The teaching programme is provided by a staff consisting of an appropriately qualified Director of Studies and professionally trained teachers. There are two 75-minute lessons and one 50-minute lesson per day on five days a week (Monday–Friday). The total morning lesson time in a full week is 16.5 hours except in week beginning 2 July when the total is 14 hours.

Students may stay for periods of one, two or three weeks.

The maximum size of each teaching group is fifteen. A carefully designed placement test is used to ensure that students are placed in the most suitable teaching group.

During the course, students prepare articles for the course magazine which they receive later in the year as an attractive and tangible souvenir of the course. At the end of their course, students receive a certificate indicating the progress they have made.

Students may opt to take a supplementary course leading to a Trinity College oral examination at an appropriate level. Trinity College qualifications are recognised internationally by educational institutions and employers. The supplementary Trinity course consists of a diagnosis session, two further one-hour training sessions, and the examination itself. These sessions take place in the afternoon. Parkland has a 100% success record in Trinity College examinations

A special feature of our courses is the inclusion of afternoon conversation practice sessions led by young British students from our host school, Ampleforth College.

We appreciate the organisation of the course – in our opinion it was perfect. There were lots of details to guarantee that the children felt at home and were well and safely cared for. We thank you very much for the effort you, together with your daughter and staff, have made.

Marta and Diego, parents, Spain

Location

Parkland International Language School 's courses are held at Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire. Situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, yet only a short journey from the city of York, winner of the 2007 European Tourism City of the Year Award, it is an ideal place to capture the atmosphere of the very essence of England.





Accommodation

The beautiful parkland setting of Ampleforth College offers a congenial and relaxing environment in which to live and learn.

The residential buildings are modern and equipped to a high standard. Each building has its own recreational and computer facilities. Girls and boys sleep in separate accommodation. Single rooms and double rooms are available. There are toilet and bathroom facilities on each floor. En suite private bathrooms (shared with one other person in the adjacent room) can be reserved.

The expert catering staff ensure that a mixture of traditional British cooking and more international dishes are served, all to a very high standard.

Most of the rooms have en suite bathrooms, shared with a student from an adjacent room. We try to mix nationalities of students in our room allocations. Requests for specific room configurations will be considered. Parents of students who wish it to be guaranteed that they will have specific configurations must pay a £100 room reservation fee.

Sports & Leisure Facilities

A wide range of sports and leisure activities is available: football, volleyball, tennis, swimming, badminton, basketball, rounders... the list is endless! The extensive and spacious parkland grounds are fully equipped with the necessary sports facilities. There is a heated indoor swimming pool, a magnificent, spacious sports hall and plenty of tennis courts.

Leisure activities also include art and drama clubs, and our innovative 'video arts experience'.

We are also pleased to offer, as optional extras, professional golf tuition and horse riding. Further details are available later in the application process.

Evening entertainment includes concerts, quiz evenings, 'rhythmic riot', circus skills, treasure hunts, and the highly popular discos!



I am sure that you are special people. Your strong motivation and professionalism in work forever leave a positive memory in all those who have known you.

T and D, parents, Italy



Excursions

There is no shortage of places to visit in this wonderful part of the country. Every week there are full-day excursions on Saturdays and Sundays and half-day trips on Wednesdays.

Our policy is to prepare our students thoroughly before each excursion, making them aware of the cultural importance of the centres visited, but also ensuring that the practical details are understood.

Most of our excursions allow for some shopping time, but some students may wish to go on extra shopping trips to York. These extra supervised shopping trips will be by private coach and will take place subject to demand. The fare will be £7 return, payable in cash on the day.

Ampleforth is close to York, frequently described as 'one of Europe's most inspiring cities' and 'UK's favourite city'. The city is renowned for its world-class attractions reflecting 2000 years of history and its distinctive shopping experience.

Other destinations include the charming and historic seaside resort of Whitby, the World Heritage Site of Fountains Abbey and the shopping paradise town of Harrogate. We also offer amazing day trips to London and Edinburgh as optional extras.

My husband and I would like to express to you our deepest satisfaction and our heartfelt thanks for making K's stay such a pleasant experience. We appreciate the special care you took of her and we are really grateful for it. We'd like to inform you that K had a marvellous time and enjoyed herself very much at Parkland Summer School thanks to your friendly staff and qualified teachers. She really enjoyed her course and the teaching programme, the leisure activities she joined, the sports she practiced, the local excursions you had arranged.

Ioannis and Spyridoula, Greece

Parkland
International
LANGUAGE SCHOOL





The Parkland London Special

London is one of the greatest and most exciting cities in the World and it attracts millions of visitors each year. We are pleased to give our students the opportunity of a day trip to London. It can be reached easily from York by high speed train, and in our full day trip we will have a sightseeing tour, visit the British Museum and do some shopping.

This trip is available at a supplementary charge in lieu of the programmed local excursion on Saturday 7 and Saturday 21 July. Packed lunch is supplied. A hot evening meal is included.



Parkland
International
LANGUAGE SCHOOL



The Parkland Edinburgh Special

This is an extra special one-day excursion by high-speed train to Scotland. In this wonderful capital city, the highlight is our visit of the historic Castle, We also visit Princes Street and the Royal Mile. We leave Edinburgh after an evening meal and return to Ampleforth just before bedtime.

Parkland
International
LANGUAGE SCHOOL





Your school is perfect. I have a big experience with English schools and yours is really the best one.

Arkadi, parent from Russia

Course fee includes:

- ~ Two 75 minute lessons and one 50 minute lesson per day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. (Total 16.5 hours per full week)
- ~ Opportunities for additional free conversation practice with British students.
- ~ Full board and lodging in college residential accommodation.
- ~ Full programme of sports and other leisure activities, mostly free of charge, in the spacious school grounds.
- ~ Use of modern, heated indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, indoor sports centre and other facilities.
- ~ Evening entertainment programme: discos, concerts, international evening, 'rhythmic riot', circus skills, quizzes and other activities.
- ~ Full day excursions on Saturdays and Sundays (arrival and departures dates excluded) and half-day trips on Wednesdays.
- ~ 24-hour initial medical care with qualified residential Course Nurse.
- ~ Washing of machine-washable clothes once a week
- ~ Use of textbook and stationery, presented in special study file.
- ~ End-of-course certificate and copy of school magazine.
- ~ Use of computer facilities

** excluding time required for placement tests.

I LOVE PARKLAND TOO!! So perfect it is!! I will never forget the life in PARKLAND!!

J, student, China

I really enjoyed those days with those wonderful kids from 26 countries all over the world and the friendly staff and the teachers of course.

K, student, Bulgaria

A few days have passed but it seems that those 2 weeks were a dream. I've met so many new people from so many different countries! It seems silly when I say it like that, but everyone was just so nice to me! the students, the staff, everyone! I think every person should try something like this at least once in her/his life, it is so good to go to a completely different country and learn new things, try new food, meet new people.

Juliana, student from Portugal



Parkland
International
LANGUAGE SCHOOL



Parkland International Language School
3 Ryhill Way, Lower Earley, Reading,
Berkshire RG6 4AZ, UK

Tel +44 (0) 118 931 3214

Fax +44 (0) 118 378 9677

email: admin@parkland.demon.co.uk

www.parklang.co.uk

Principal & Proprietor: John Allinson B.A. P.G.C.E.

Co-principal & Proprietor: Isabel Allinson B.A. P.G.C.E.