



# Wimbledon School of English London

Quality Education | Perfect Location















# Welcome to Wimbledon School of English

Our brochure is designed to give you an idea of what life is like at WSE and why we are regarded as one of the top English language schools.

Our continued success is largely thanks to the talent of our staff, the dedication they devote to our students and the pride they take in the school. For all of us our students come first and we work hard to make sure every part of your learning and living experience is of the highest possible standard.

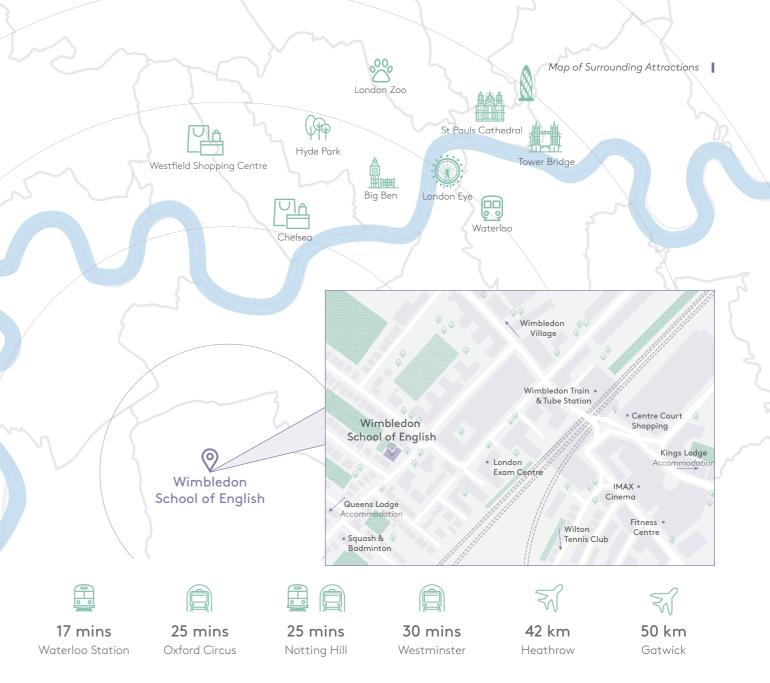
I look forward to welcoming you here very soon.

Jane

Jane Dancaster BA MA DTEFLA Managing Director

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## WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL?

- Dedicated, professional teachers
- Accommodation in local area
- Beautiful building and garden
- Convenient location
- Social activities organised every day
- 53 years' experience

## EL Gazette top performing UK Centre of Excellence\*

\*Based on British Council inspection results



The British Council accreditation is a quality assurance scheme that evaluates UK providers of English as a foreign language courses.

## WSE TIMELINE

1964	•	Founded by Marjorie Housden
1970s	•	Moved to current premises
1984	•	Accredited by the British Council
1999	•	Jane Dancaster joins WSE for the second time
2003	•	WSE acquires Kings Lodge
2006	•	First named Centre of Excellence
2010	•	Became an IELTS test centre
2014	•	Named top performing UK Centre of Excellence
2016	•	Opened First Junior Centre

# Our students

Studying at Wimbledon School of English is a truly global experience and we are proud to have created a learning environment where people from all different cultures and backgrounds feel part of a big family.



# Xisca, Spain

WSE helped me open my mind, earn about other cultures and to nderstand and respect them."

Monika, Czech Republic The social program was really great and I'm grateful for the opportunity to meet new people from other countries."



## Sofia, Russia

This is my second time studying English at WSE and I am really happy to be here again."



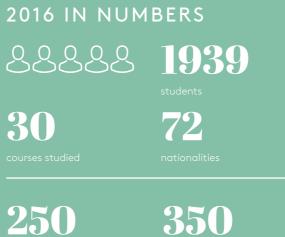
Beautiful garden, big common room, quiet study centre and a lot of green areas!"





great abilities in teaching and are always ready to help students"







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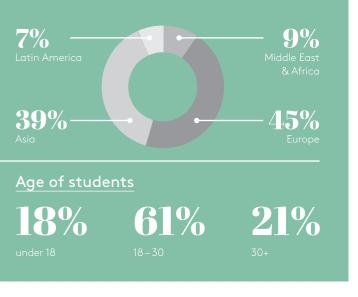
### **Profile:**

9	Brazil
Ð	Academic Year Programme
	24 weeks

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"Four months ago I barely knew how to spell my name, let alone what the verb "to be" was. Today, I can communicate, understand the lessons and even write short texts. This experience is priceless."

YP student at WSE



# **Our school**



Located in a beautiful Edwardian building, WSE combines traditional British architecture with modern facilities. We also have a large garden at the rear of the building which students can enjoy year round.

## Our facilities

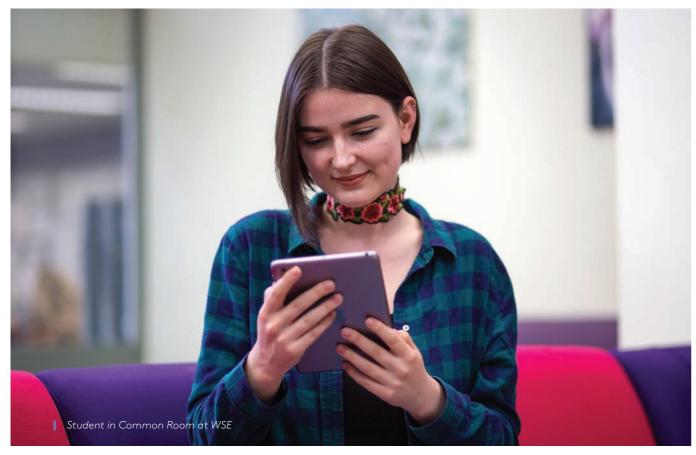


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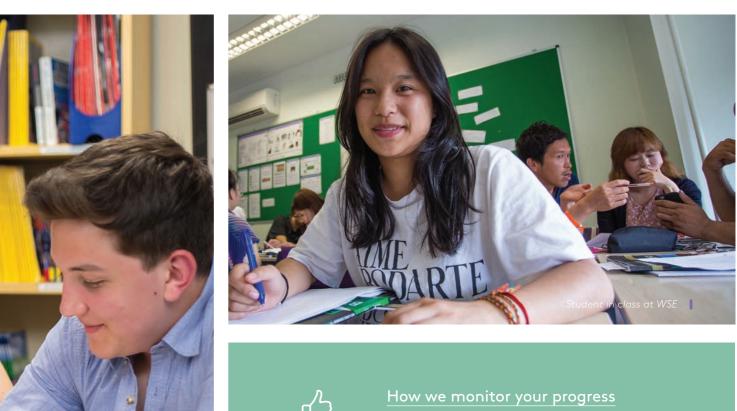


# Our approach

We have a large team of well-qualified teachers and they are committed to helping you achieve your language learning goals. We want to help you communicate effectively in real life situations so all of our full-time courses focus on speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary.

## THE WSE PROMISE

- To help you make rapid progress
- To help you make the right academic choices for your future
- To ensure you're happy in your accommodation
- To help you enjoy your stay and explore London and the rest of the UK
- To make your experience at WSE one of the best times of your life







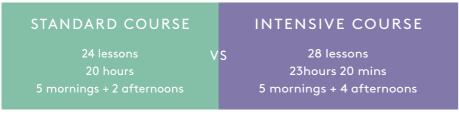
## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

If you do not progress as quickly as you should, we are here to help. Outside the classroom, we offer free academic consultation, guided self-study and hands-on learning support. All we ask of you in return is that you attend all classes and complete the homework set by your teachers.

- End of level exams

# Our courses

Whether you're improving your English for study, business or pleasure, we use the best possible teaching methods to help you develop your language skills and knowledge. We are serious about your progress so our courses are a minimum of 20 full hours per week.



Homework is important and will help you progress more quickly. Students should expect 1-2 hours per day.



## FULL LIST OF ENGLISH COURSES

General EnglishBusiness and Professional EnglishIELTS Preparation with Pre-sessional<br/>Academic EnglishCambridge English Exam Preparation<br/>(FCE, CAE, CPE)Medical EnglishLegal English with TOLES PreparationLong term Academic Year ProgrammeCourses for Teachers of English

English and Culture: Explore London (min. age 40)

Young Learners (aged 11-16)



## ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

We also offer a number of English for Specific Purpose courses for closed groups or as one-toone. These courses are tailor-made and available on demand. Areas we offer include:

Military
Finance
Teaching
Journalism
Exam preparation
Oil and Gas
Management

For more detailed information on our courses including dates, entry requirements, course content and timetables, please see the accompanying Information Booklet or visit www.wimbledon-school.ac.uk

Our minimum age for individuals is 16, but we occasionally accept 15 year olds as part of a group with a group leader.

Our average class size is 12, with a maximum of 14. In July and August, General English and Cambridge English Exam Preparation classes may have up to 16 students.





## Exam courses at WSE

Taking an internationally recognised exam is a great way to prove your English language skills. You will study with others who share the same goal as you in an exam focussed group.

#### Full time exam courses

IELTS preparation	
Cambridge English: First (FCE)	
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	
Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)	
TOLES: Test of Legal English Skills	

All of our full time exam preparation courses have an exam at the end of the course, which is held in Wimbledon. This means you don't have to travel to an unfamiliar place to take the test

### Guided self study exam courses\*

Cambridge English: Business Higher (BEC)
OET: Occupational English Test
BULATS
TOEFL
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\*For guided self study courses you will receive a personalised study plan and will be expected to complete this in your own time. Regular one-to-one support is available between 13:30 and 16:30 in our Study Centre.

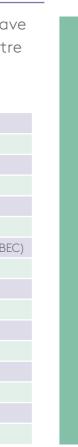


# London Exam Centre

We are one of the few schools in the UK to have our own exam centre. The London Exam Centre is located 2 minutes' walk from school.

Exams available at The London Exam Centre

Cambridge English: Key (KET)
Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)
Cambridge English: First (FCE)
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)
Cambridge English: Young Learners (YL)
Cambridge English: Business Preliminary, Higher and Vantage (
Cambridge BULATS (The Business Language Testing Service)
Cambridge TKT (Teaching Knowledge Test)
IELTS Academic (non-SELT)
IELTS General Training (non-SELT)
TOLES: Test of Legal English Skills
PTE Academic
Trinity GESE
Trinity ISE
OET (Occupational English Test)
For a full list of exam dates, please visit londonexams.co.uk



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## Take your exam in Wimbledon

Advantages of studying in a school with an exam centre:

- Guaranteed exam courses throughout the year
- Prepare with experienced examination teachers
- Timed exam practice throughout your course
- Access to past exam papers in the Study Centre

# Accommodation

Feeling at home in your accommodation is key to your happiness and your academic success. We have a number of different options available, and our dedicated accommodation staff work hard to meet your requirements. We manage all of our homestay and residential accommodation ourselves, so you can be assured of high standards at all times.





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Student house share



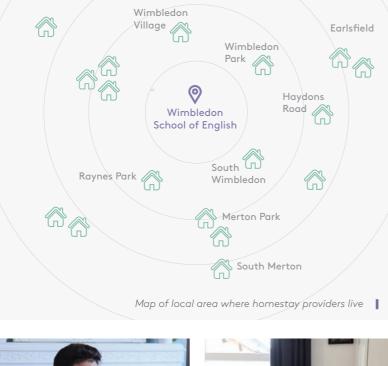




40% Wimbledon Southfields Common Wimbledon Village Earlsfield 15 Wimbledon Park 0 Haydons Road 🖉 Wimbledon School of English South L Raynes Park 25 Wimbledon Merton Park 250 South Merton average walking pace, up to 25 minutes



Bedroom in homestay accommodation





Student in homestay accommodation



Student in homestay accommodation



## HOMESTAY

## Why homestay?

- Practise your English in real-life situations
- Experience a new way of life
- Home cooked meals if you take the half board option

## Our homestay guarantee

- Your host will be welcoming, friendly and happy to talk to you\*
- The home will be clean and comfortable and your room will be cleaned weekly
- You will be able to bathe or shower every day
- If you take the half-board option, you will be given a varied, balanced diet
- You will not be placed in a homestay with a student who speaks the same language as you, unless you ask to share with a friend from your country
- There will normally be no more than 4 students in the homestay
- Free WiFi will be available
- If you are unhappy with your accommodation, you will be moved as soon as possible
- \*Independent and Breakfast Only options offer you less contact with your host.



## **Room Types**

+	Standard homestay – shared bathroom
++	Standard plus-private bathroom
+++	Superior – private bathroom + walking distance

## **Board Types**

Half-board: Breakfast and Dinner (16+)

Breakfast Only (18+)



Independent/Self-catering (18+)

# Accommodation



## 88 88 ♥ STUDENT HOUSE SHARE

#### Why student house share?

- Live with other WSE students
- Self-catering
- More independence
- International experience

#### Communal facilities

- Well-equipped kitchen
- Washing Machine
- Television
- Lounge area
- Garden
- Wifi
- Washing machine/laundry room

## Individual bedrooms



Bed, Desk, Chair, Wardrobe, Safety deposit box Private bathroom in some rooms

## SUPERIOR HOUSE SHARE

All en suite rooms, cleaned daily 10 minutes' walk to school **££** - **£££** 

#### STANDARD AND STANDARD PLUS HOUSE SHARE

Mix of en suite and shared bathroom, cleaned weekly Journey times of up to 25 mins **£** - **££** 



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This facility is operated by the Catholic Church but WSE can make bookings on your behalf, subject to availability. Struan House welcomes unmarried women of all faiths aged between 18 and 27.





## HOTELS AND B&Bs

Many of our executive students prefer to stay in hotel accommodation and there are several options within walking distance. For a full list of hotels in Wimbledon, please visit:

www.wimbledon-school.ac.uk/ accommodation/hotels

# **Our Social Programme**

We want you to have fun, make friends, practise your English and enjoy all that England has to offer, so we organise an exciting and inclusive social programme.

Check out our Instagram for more photos of life at WSE [O]@wimbledonschoolofenglish #MyWse

## **SPORTS**



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Volleyball

Zumba



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Every week day the school organises at least one social activity. Some are free while others have a cost.

#### Free activities

Museum trips (travel extra) London's markets (travel extra) Film screenings International student parties Salsa classes Walking tours (travel extra) Quiz nights Fancy dress parties

## Paid activities

Theatre trips Madame Tussauds London Eye Football matches River cruises Buckingham Palace Tower of London Squash and badminton

Weekend excursions
Oxford
Cambridge
Brighton
Bath and Stonehenge
Windsor and Eton
Stratford upon Avon
The Cotswolds





## SAMPLE PROGRAMME

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Welcome Party and Table Tennis	Volleyball or Walking tour of London	Squash and Badminton or Film Club	Football or British Museum	Tennis or Camden Market	excursion to explor	Free to explore London
Evening		Salsa Classes	Theatre Trip	International Party			





# Wimbledon-**The Perfect Location**

Wimbledon is known throughout the world for the Tennis Championships held every summer, but there is much more to discover in this beautiful part of London.

## WIMBLEDON IS FAMOUS FOR





We asked our students to describe Wimbledon in one word:

# $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}$ Peaceful Green eaceful orech Multicultural G Classic Friendly Beautiful Safe



# London

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London is, and always will be, one of the most exciting cities in the world. It is a truly global city, which combines fascinating history with modern architecture and design. There is so much to do here, and Wimbledon is a great base for exploring our museums, galleries, monuments, restaurants and shops. With quick connections into the city centre, living in Wimbledon offers you all the advantages of London but none of the stress.









**300**+



















Michelin-starred restaurants





Theatre performance each year



See what our students say about WSE



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