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Colchester English Study Centre

Learn General and Professional English in Britain' s oldest recorded town

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General English
IELTS Preparation
Teacher Training
English for Professionals
Group Courses
Fifty Plus
One-to-One

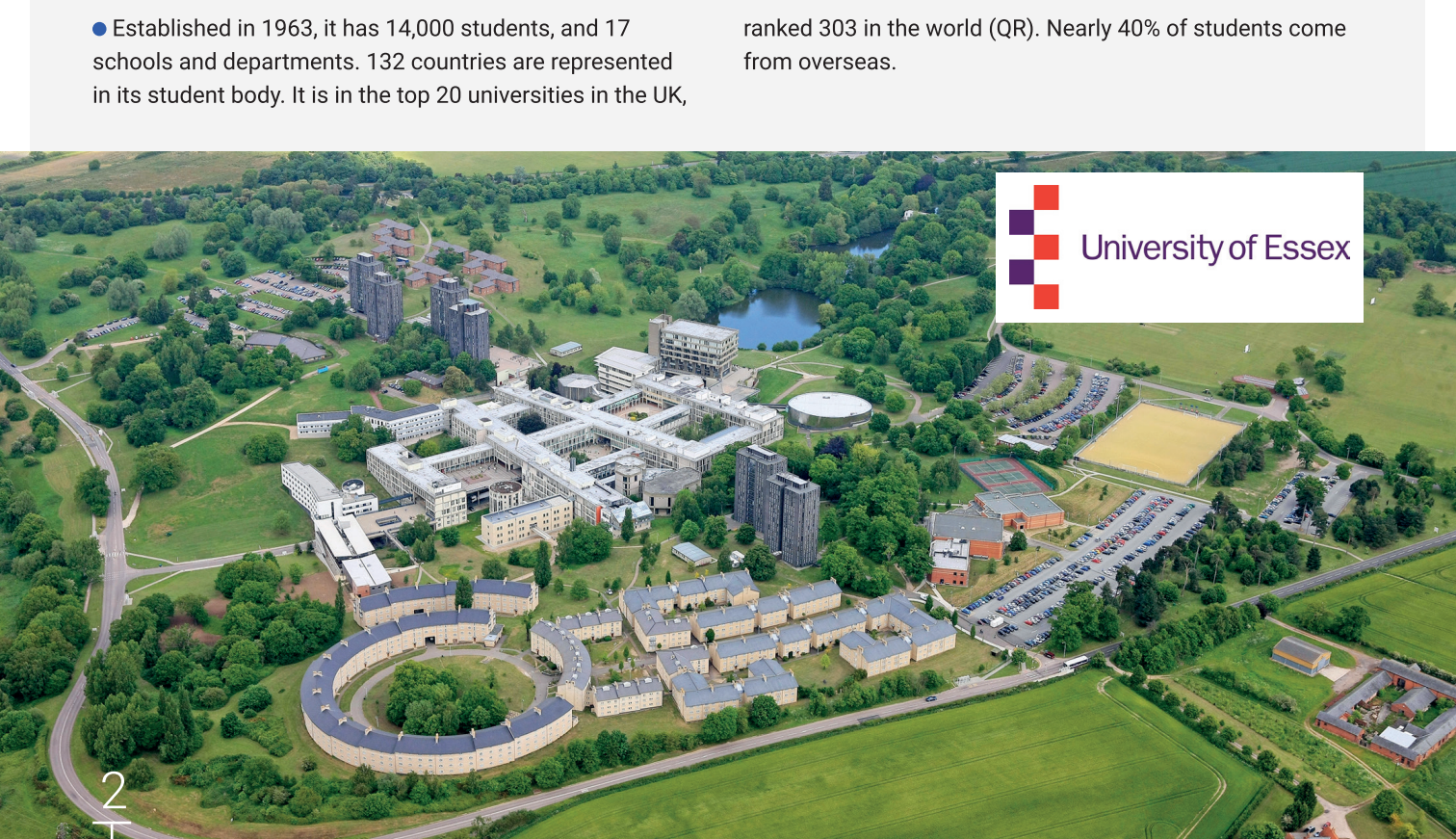
Established in 1969

ABOUT COLCHESTER

- Colchester was the first capital of Britain and it is also Britain's oldest recorded town.
- Colchester today is a thriving, modern town with great visitor attractions, including the family favourites Colchester Zoo and Colchester Castle, as well as fantastic places to eat, drink and shop.
- According to the Office for National Statistics as of 2008, Colchester had a population of approximately 181,000. "Colchester's population is predicted to grow faster than anywhere else in the UK by 2018."
- Take time out from the busy town centre with a visit to the classic Victorian gardens in Castle Park at the end of the High Street. This was awarded a Green Flag for its high standards. Colchester's Castle Park provides a perfect setting for a huge range of events including shows, festivals and concerts.
- Nearby Dedham Vale has the official status of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- Visit Mersea Island, home to the Colchester native oyster, and the ideal place to get out and enjoy the fresh air.

ESSEX UNIVERSITY

- Established in 1963, it has 14,000 students, and 17 schools and departments. 132 countries are represented in its student body. It is in the top 20 universities in the UK, ranked 303 in the world (QR). Nearly 40% of students come from overseas.



Max Walsh
Head of Studies

Welcome to Colchester English Study Centre.

We are a long established, friendly school in a pleasant historic town called Colchester. Colchester has good links to London and Stanstead airport. For nearly 50 years, CESC has been providing high quality education for tens of thousands of people from all over the world.

We have a beautiful traditional building, a lovely garden, and comfortable and well-equipped classrooms. It is the perfect environment to learn quickly and have a good time.

Our highly qualified and experienced teachers and staff make sure that all our students improve their English and other skills quickly. We give each individual the care and attention they need to focus on their aims whether they are here for general English, exam preparation or for a specialist course.

In addition to caring about our students academically, we have a great social programme. This is designed to give students more opportunities to practise their language and talk to people from Britain and other countries while enjoying themselves. We offer high quality accommodation with friendly and experienced homestay providers. This provides another opportunity to practise speaking.

We look forward to meeting you soon and helping you on your personal journey. Maybe you want to improve your English and have a relaxing time. Possibly, you need an intensive course to prepare you for studies or the next stage in your career. Many of our students come here with a very low level of English and study for months until they are ready to take IELTS and go to University. Perhaps, you need help in English for a specialist area such as teaching, business, law or medicine.

We are here to help you achieve your goals, and look forward to welcoming you.

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STATISTICS

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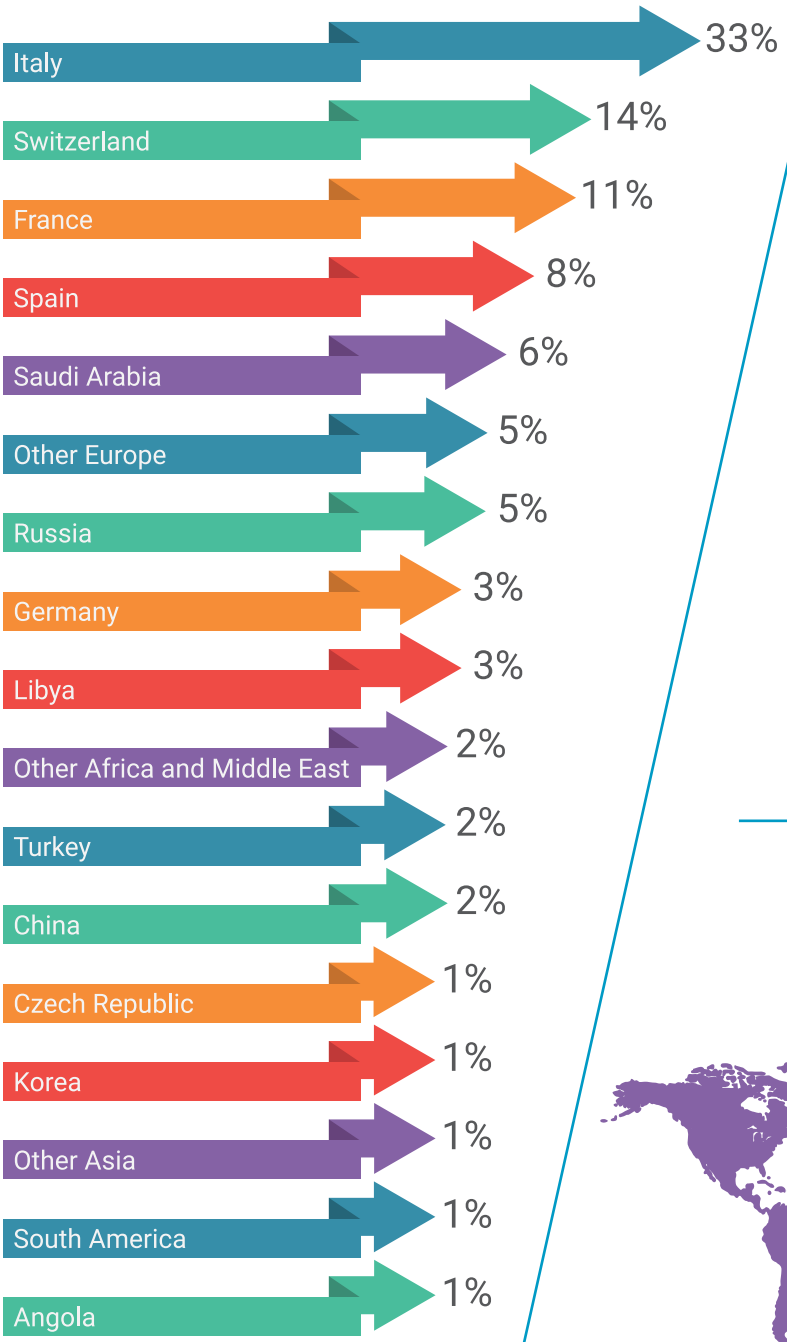
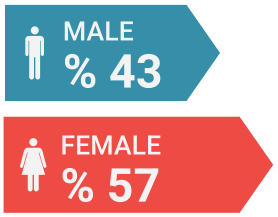
Here is a breakdown of our students according to nationality, based on data collected over the last 5 years.

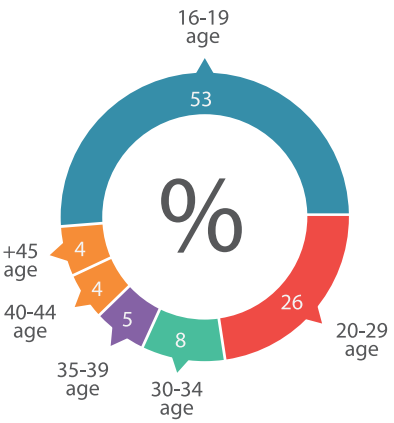
Nationality of Students



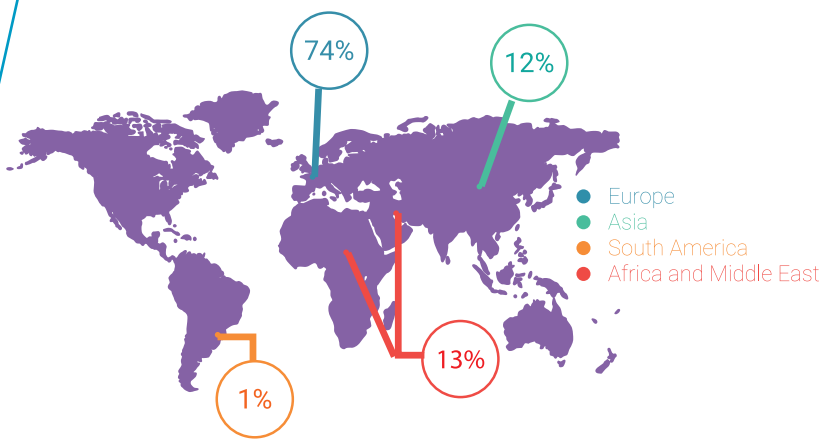
Male/Female Ratio



Age Profile



Regional Overview



COURSES

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20 lessons per week (16 hours and 40 minutes)
25 lessons per week (20 hours and 50 minutes)
30 lessons per week (25 hours)
M Any Monday start
Available for group bookings

GENERAL ENGLISH

Main Course		M
Main Course Intensive		M

EXAMINATION PREPARATION COURSES

IELTS Preparation Course		M
Cambridge English FCE Preparation Course		
Cambridge English CAE Preparation Course		

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

One to One	1:1 (1x50 minute lesson)	M

SPECIALISED ENGLISH COURSES

Business English	English Communication Skills for International Business		
	English Communication Skills for International Business (Blended)		
Teacher Training	English for Teachers-CLIL		
	English for Teachers-ICT		
Adult Vacation	Select – English & Culture		
Medical English	English for Doctors		
	English for Nurses		

EXAMPLE COURSE PROGRAMME (FOR B1 LEVEL)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 - 10.40	Vocabulary building / review: food and cooking; Ways of learning vocabulary	Listening and speaking: food and eating	Reading and discussing an article about food science	Listening and speaking about restaurants; Present simple and continuous	Review and test; Writing about eating habits in your country
11.10 - 12.50	Vocabulary building / review: money; Talking about money: spending and saving habits	Present perfect / past simple; Talking about experiences	Reading about a business person's life; Discussing ways to overcome problems	Talking about changes; Present perfect and for/since; Writing a summary of your life	Review and test; Researching & presenting information about famous people's lives
1.50 - 2.53	Review; Brainstorm technology vocab; Describe devices	Listening & speaking: favourite devices	Invent a device and give a sales presentation	Newspaper articles about technology; Discuss pros / cons	

ACTIVITY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15.15 15.15	15.00	16.00 20.00	15.00	14.30
WALKING TOUR OF COLCHESTER: Get to know Colchester. See where the shops, cafes, and places of interest are DRAMA: Express yourself in English and have a great time.	TRADITIONAL ENGLISH TEA: Learn all about the traditions behind afternoon English Tea and why it is so popular. Join us for a taste of fruit scones, served with jam and clotted cream.	I-CHAT: Use your English through discussion, interacting and asking questions with our interesting i-chat team, native speakers from Colchester. TENPIN BOWLING: At Tenpin you can show off your strike to your friends and when you have finished bowling, you can visit the arcades or have a game of pool.	AFRICAN DRUMS WORKSHOP: Drums are an instrument that anyone can play. Come and join us to learn to play traditional rhythms. Write your name in reception by Monday lunch time. You can have 2 games for £5.50.	GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ: Have fun and make a team with your friends for this quiz. There will be prizes for the winners!

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John Irving

Start Date: 1999

John Irving qualified with a Diploma in 1989. He has been teaching at CESC since 1999.John has taught on a wide variety of courses including General English at all levels, IELTS and ESP courses. He also has a lot of experience with younger learners having worked as Centre Manager and Director of Studies at our summer centres over the years.
He is a Law graduate and has a degree from the University of Warwick.

Brian Cooke

Start Date: 1999

Brian has over 20 years of teaching experience since he obtained his CELTA qualification in 1993.He has been working for CESC for 18 years now, and has contributed immensely to General English, IELTS and other specialist courses. Brian has a special interest in teaching writing, and has developed a lot of materials for this.

Isabel Wheelwright

Start Date: 2006

Isabel first qualified with a Trinity TESOL certificate in 2001.She taught for several years in Spain. Isabel started her professional relationship with CESC in 2002, when she worked in our Summer Schools. After gaining valuable experience teaching in Australia, she came back to teach for us full-time in 2006. She obtained a Delta in 2008. She has a degree in English,Art History and American History from the University of Leicester.

Marianne McKenzie

Start Date: 2001

Marianne started working at CESC in 2000. While at CESC she has contributed immensely to the General English programme and ESP courses such as English for nurses and the GATTS course for German diplomats. She also has a lot of experience on exam courses for Cambridge exams and IELTS. Marianne holds both a degree in Modern Languages and Linguistics, and a PGCE from the University of Essex.

Alison Wheelwright

Start Date: 2005

Alison first taught at CESC in 2002, when she was involved as a teacher at Summer School. She had attained a CELTA qualification in that year. Since 2005, she has taught extensively on the General English programme while continuing each summer to play an important role in Summer Schools. Alison has a degree in Psychology from the University of Exeter.

Rosa Butterfield

Start Date: 2014

Rosa was awarded a Certificate in TESOL in 2011. She first worked for CESC in 2015 at the Summer School in Framlingham. Here she made such a positive impact that she was asked to come and teach on the General Course in Colchester. Rosa graduated from King's College London with a degree in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies and French.

Ian Rowe

Start Date: 2008

Ian attained his CELTA in 1997 after three years of teaching in Poland. Ian has worked for CESC Since 2007 mostly on the General Course, and also teaching exam classes such as IELTS and FCE. In 2011, he completed his Diploma. Ian has a degree in Fine Art from Sunderland Polytechnic.

Emily Oza
Teacher

Start Date: 2010

Phil Erith
Teacher

Start Date: 1991

Admin Team

Max Walsh
Head Of Studies

Start Date: 1999

Max has been working for CESC for 18 years in a variety of roles, both teaching and managerial.
As a result, he has a great understanding of how the school and the business work.
He is now our Head of Studies.
He is a History graduate from UCL, and also has an MA in Applied Linguistics.

Francesca Ambrosini
Accommodation & Marketing

Start Date: 2006

Francesca came to CESC 12 years ago as a student and 2 years later joined the CESC team, working in administration and accommodation. She has a degree in Educational Science and she is a qualified counsellor.
Francesca has a wealth of experience in customer care and looks after our homestay families efficiently.

Maria Walters
Activity & Welfare

Start Date: 2007

Maria has been with CESC/ilh for over 10 years and manages Safeguarding and Welfare. Maria is also responsible for organising all aspects of social life within the school and excursions.
" I'm available to help students out with anything they need. The most rewarding part of my role is seeing students develop during their stay at CESC. They arrive on the first day being quite shy and every day they flourish by making friends, engaging with their course."

Steve Bull
Marketing and Admissions

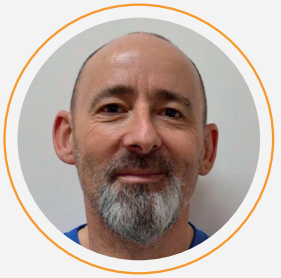
Start Date: 2013

Steve has been with the company for over 3 years, after graduating from Bournemouth University with a BA (Hons) in Events Management. Steve has over 10 years' experience in both managerial and marketing roles and is a great asset to the CESC & ilh team.

Elaine Murphy
Reception

Start Date: 2013

Elaine started working at CESC in 2012 as an Accounts & Payroll Assistant. She is now employed as Receptionist and Personal Assistant to the Managing Director. She has worked as an Administrator for many years.
"There is a great sense of community at CESC . I am happy to answer any questions and will always do my best to make sure that students are pointed in the right direction".



Barrie Strawson
Caretaker

Start Date: 2016

Barrie was a painter and decorator for 34 years.
He backpacked around the world for a year.
He has written books and poetry. He was a homestay provider for CESC.

Homestay Accommodation

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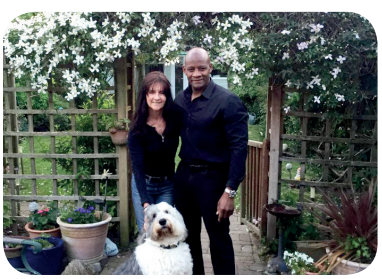
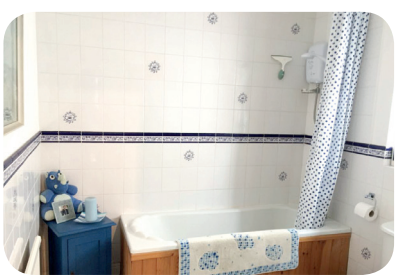
We provide accommodation with our local homestay providers. 99% of our homestays are native speakers of English.

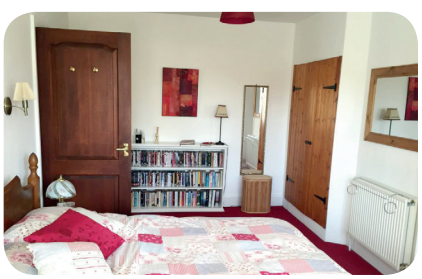
WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Single Room or Ensuite (on request)
- Towels, bedding and weekly laundry.
- Meals are half board (breakfast and dinner) from Monday to Friday. Full Board at weekends.
- Homestay can cater for special diets on request

We are proud to have homestay providers who have been working with us for more than 30 years.







Hi! I'm Alice, I come from Italy and I was a student at CESC in autumn 2016. I would highly recommend this school to everyone who wants to learn or improve their knowledge of the English language. I attended the IELTS class, as my goal was to achieve at least a 7 in each component of the exam, in order to apply for a PhD in Psychology. Thanks to CESC, I got even more than I was hoping for, with an overall band score of 8. I'm truly grateful for all the help I received from CESC, it really made the difference! All the teachers are highly qualified and they have many years of experience in teaching English as a foreign language. They really care about the different goals of each student and the lessons are very interesting. The afternoon activities organised by the staff combine the opportunity of both practicing English and meeting new friends. I had the chance to meet interesting people from all over the world and to learn with them in a friendly environment. The staff has also been very nice and helpful. I'm really missing being at CESC!

Ms. Alice Zaniolo – Italy

I think this school is amazing , I like the classroom, the canteen, the garden and all the staffs, they are patient and kind. I enjoy chatting with other students, it's an unforgettable experience.

Ms S Chen (30) – China

The word "good" as a mark is very weak, because everything was the best (the town, the family, the school, teachers, the residence). I´m recommending the staying in Colchester to everybody. I´m very happy that I could stay there for one month. But it wasn´t enough. So I hope that I will come back. Thank everybody from CESC for everything. I enjoyed every minute there.

Mrs R Triskova(30) – Czech Republic

A very nice atmosphere, well-prepared teachers, interesting lessons, a big variety of methods and topics useful and well-chosen teaching materials, carefully-chosen (extracurricular) activities, e.g. school visits and trips

Ms R Krusch (59) – Germany

The quality of the teachers is generally good. They are professional and some of them are really dedicated teachers. Actually, this is the best English school I've ever attended. The students were also good, studying seriously.

Miss T Hirama (64) – Japan

Social Programs

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Social Programs

Walking Tours	Drama	First Site
i-Chat	Bowling	Castle Museum
English Tea	Cinema	Hollytrees Museum
Football	Zoo	African Drums
Samba	Arts and Crafts	Karaoke
Team Games	Bingo	Board Games

Facilities

Wi-Fi	Piano	Quiet Room
Student Common Area	Table Tennis	Library
Wii	Garden	Student Computers
Pool Table	Table Football	Parking

First Day at CESC

- Usually we will test your English grammar, reading, speaking and listening at 8.00 on your first day
- We will show you around the school and tell you what to do in an emergency
- We will introduce you to key members of staff and the private study areas
- We will tell you about the social activities for your first week, and ask you to sign up for anything you would like to do
- After testing, we will put you in a class at your level starting on the first day. We can run classes from beginner (A0) to advanced (C1) level
- On your first day we ask you to either purchase your course book or hire it. The fee for purchasing or hiring the course book is £30. If you hire the book, £25 is returned to you when you return the book to us
- If you find your class too easy or too hard you should wait two days, then talk to your teacher if you are still sure the class is not right for you
- There is a walking tour of Colchester on Monday afternoon, so you can see the town and learn where everything is

Welfare and Student Services

Our welfare and student services team welcomes students to the centre and looks after them during their stay at CESC. The team are here to help with any problems you may have.

The team can offer help and advice on the following:

- Visas
- What to do and see in Colchester
- Public transport
- Registering with the local police
- Information on doctors and dentists
- Opening a bank account
- Any other questions you may have during your stay

School Integration Courses

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In partnership with Colchester Sixth Form College

For students aged 15-18 years

Available throughout the UK school term

Our School Integration Programme offers a fantastic opportunity for students to improve their English language and to attend afternoon classes at an English Sixth Form College.

Students will study on CESC's Main Course in the mornings and have three afternoons participating in lessons with English students at the local College.

Students stay with specially selected, friendly and welcoming homestay providers, giving them a true experience of English life.

1 Week programme includes:

15 students + 1 Group Leader

- 20 lessons studying Main Course English
- 3 afternoons at the Colchester Sixth Form College
- Full-board homestay accommodation
- 1 full-day excursion to London
- CESC Programme of activities* including walking tour of Colchester
- Return transfers from Stansted airport
- All teaching materials
- Leaving Certificate
- For extra activities/excursions please contact CESC

Free Group Leader lessons
Group Leaders are welcome to join our Main Course at no extra cost for an opportunity to improve their own English language skills.

Sample Programme

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15:10 - 16:30 Walking Tour of Colchester **Summary** Get to know Colchester. See where the shops, cafes and places of interest are.	14:00 – 16:00 Integration Class **Summary** - Introduction session - Q & A about school life and cultural differences between the two countries	15:30 – 16:30 I-Chat **Summary** Use your English through discussion, interacting and asking questions with our interesting I-chat team from Colchester.	14:00 – 16:00 Integration Class **Summary** - Focus on pronunciation - Confronting stereotypes using role play	14:00 – 16:00 Integration Class **Summary** - Presentation to English students about chosen subject, this presentation will be worked on at CESC during lessons	09:00 – 18:00 Excursion to London **Summary** Visit the capital's famous sights – Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, St James Park, and Trafalgar Square
		19:00 – 21:30 Tenpin Bowling £5.50 per person **Summary** Challenge your English friends to a game of Tenpin bowling. A great way to team up and enjoy an evening out			

Integration courses can be tailored to the group's needs.

International Foundation Diploma

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Why choose this qualification?

NCC Education's IFD (International Foundation Diploma) is designed for speakers of English as a foreign language who are seeking to gain entry to Higher Education qualifications taught and assessed in English.

NCC Education's International Foundation Diploma is:

- Quality assured and well established in the UK and worldwide.
- A valuable university preparation qualification which allows candidates to demonstrate their English language skills (both General and Academic) together with key transferable study skills, cultural knowledge and mathematical understanding, as well as an understanding of the essential concepts of business and economics.
- Recognised and valued by many universities, both in the UK and in other countries. There are over 30 university progression routes to UK and overseas universities. For more details of the universities to which successful IFD candidates have progressed see low
- A pathway to NCC Education's level 4 Diploma qualifications and greater employment opportunities.

Guaranteed Progression routes

Of the 30 university progression routes, NCC Education have specific agreements with 3 that will provide students with guaranteed entry at the point of application to the IFY course here at CESC.

Entry Requirements

For entry onto the NCC Education IFD qualification course at CESC, candidates must have:

- Successfully completed secondary education in an appropriate range of subjects;

AND

- A valid score of 4.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination or equivalent.
- Alternatively, you can take the free NCC Education Standard English Placement Test which is administered by CESC as an Accredited Partner Centre.

Intake Dates

The course will commence in **September** with a second intake in **January.**

The International Foundation Diploma syllabus and assessment is suitable for students aged 16-19 as well as adult learners.

International Foundation Diploma graduates have successfully progressed to one of the many universities NCC Education has agreements with.

- Bangor University
- Birmingham City University
- De Montfort University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Heriot-Watt University
- Keele University
- Kingston University, London
- Liverpool JMU
- London Metropolitan University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Northumbria University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Plymouth University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Essex
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- University of Sussex
- University of the West of Scotland
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Worcester
- Aston University
- Buckinghamshire New University
- Leeds Beckett University
- University Of Gloucestershire

* Ipswich Summer Centre English Language Courses for Young Learners

Age
11-17 years

Duration
1-3 weeks

Course Dates
10-30 July

Accommodation
Full board homestay accommodation

Lessons p/w
15 hours tuition: 20 x 45 minute lessons per week

Distance
100 minutes to London

Class sizes
10-14

Facilities
Wi-Fi, swimming pool, sports hall, outdoor sports pitches & multimedia room

Ipswich School dates back to 1399 and has connections with King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I.
Ipswich is a fascinating mixture of an ancient port, a busy commercial centre and an attractive historic town. Its famous Christchurch Park hosting the annual music festival brings many visitors each summer. Ipswich Summer Centre is located very close to the town centre making it easy for students to walk to a wide range of attractions.

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Colchester English Study Centre is our main Centre and was established in 1969. CESC is a short walk from the centre of Colchester and only 15km from Mersea Island and the coast.

The town has a rich heritage and is full of history – the Roman wall, the Norman castle and "Jumbo", the Victorian water tower. It is also a vibrant, modern town with a wide variety of shops, cafes, theatres, art galleries and a cinema complex.

By living with one of our friendly and welcoming homestay providers, students will learn more about British life as well as improving their speaking and listening skills.

*Ipswich summer school is awaiting accreditation.

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Off-Peak Season Duration: 1-4 weeks

We are excited to offer Communicative English language courses for Young Learners all year-round for students aged 11-17 years (closed groups) at our main Centre in Colchester.

SAMPLE ACTIVITY AND EXCURSION PROGRAMME

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
09.00 - 12.30	Arrivals	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Full-day Excursion
12.30 - 13.45		Lunch					
13.45 - 16.00		Activity	Activity	Half-day Excursion	Activity	Activity	
19:00 - 21:00		Evening with English family	Evening with English family	Activity	Evening with English family	Activity	Evening with English family

Afternoon activities		Evening activities	Half-day excursions	Full-day excursions
African drumming	Fencing	BBQ	Bury-St-Edmunds	Brighton
Badminton	Football	Bowling	Clacton-On-Sea	Cambridge
Basket Ball	Friendship bracelets	Disco	Colchester	London
Board games	Rounders	Games night	Dedham	Norwich
Cake decorating	Swimming	International Evening	Felixstowe	
Cheerleading	T-shirt painting	Movie night	Ipswich	
Corsage making	Table Tennis	Quiz night	Layer Marney	
Cricket	Tennis		Mersea Island	
Cup painting	Volleyball		Southwold	
Drama	Zumba		Suffolk Coast	
English baking				

Accredited by the BRITISH COUNCIL for the teaching of English in the UK

UK Visa and Immigration approved ABLS Accreditation

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NCC education ACCREDITED PARTNER

ENGLISH UK member

ROAD TO IELTS
IELTS preparation and practice

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON
Registered Exam Centre 59256

	Airport Name	Average distance from CESC by car
1	Stansted Airport	45 min.
2	Southend Airport	55 min.
3	City Airport	75 min.
4	Luton Airport	95 min.
5	Gatwick Airport	95 min.
6	Heathrow Airport	110 min.

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