



Earlscliffe

Spring and Summer 2024

# THINK GLOBAL!

Work towards a better future



Ages: 13-17 years  
Lessons: 20 hours per week  
Minimum English level: A2+  
Maximum class size: 12

Think Global! is designed not only to maximise a student's language development, but to do this through using UNESCO's 'Four pillars of learning': learning to know; learning to do; learning to be and learning to live together.

By exploring global themes and utilising 21st-century learning techniques, students enhance their language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and gain the confidence to engage in discussions, debates and challenges with their peers.

#### Topics for the week include:

- The 21st-Century Citizen: students look at what it means to be a citizen of the 21st century, with a focus on mental health, social issues, media, and identity
- Rise & Fall of Civilizations: a week revolving around a huge game of 'diplomacy', where students study culture, peace & conflict and global issues, to help debate, negotiate and strategise foreign policy
- Mini PPE: through a series of simulations of major global events, students look at the application of politics, philosophy and economics to our complex world
- STEM week: from practical challenges to theoretical debates, students study the impact of science and tech through the ages – from the industrial revolution to the near future

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

UNESCO debates every Thursday

# SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

Empowering the change-makers



Ages: 14-17 years  
Lessons: 20 hours per week  
Minimum English level: B1+  
Maximum class size: 12

This course is intended for students who have a keen interest in sustainability and are passionate about contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This course provides an in-depth exploration of the SDGs, focusing on their significance, implementation strategies and potential impact on global sustainability.

#### Daily topics are investigated in three phases:

Phase 1 = 'Thinking Locally': students look to Folkestone and the English coast; discovering local developments and sustainability initiatives and simulating getting involved through fieldwork, projects and practical tasks;  
Phase 2 = 'Thinking Globally': students look to the wider world; exploring where it may heading and what big organisations are doing to make a positive impact; and  
Phase 3 = 'Acting, Not Just Thinking': students look to themselves, their immediate environment and their lives and do a series of hands-on projects focused on how they themselves can make a positive impact

#### Topics include:

- Our planet & reaching net zero
- Our habits & living sustainably
- Food & regenerative agriculture
- Sustainable construction & materials
- Sustainable cities & urban spaces
- Sustainable business – product development & innovation

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

Coastal expeditions

# MINI-MBA™

Develop high-impact ideas



Ages: 15-17 years  
Lessons: 20 hours per week  
Minimum English level: B2+  
Maximum class size: 12

This programme is for students looking for an inspirational, ambitious and relevant course which gives them the perfect introduction to the exciting and productive world of start-ups, business and global trade.

Our experienced staff will inspire students to look at the world through the eyes of an entrepreneur. From identifying and solving problems, to learning how global events impact local businesses, the Mini-MBA™ is perfect for ambitious students who thrive under pressure and seek out challenges.

#### General topics covered:

- Entrepreneurship, tech & start-ups
- Marketing & products
- Management, organisation & leadership
- Economics & global business

This course is ideal for committed students looking for a very different kind of summer course, who want to boost their CV and university applications by completing this rigorous and challenging programme.

For students considering business, finance, management, economics or accounting at A-level, IB or undergraduate level, the Mini-MBA™ provides an intensive and comprehensive introduction.

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

Visit to the Bank of England or the Museum of Brands

# BREAKING DIGITAL

Shaping the socio-cultural landscape through communication



Ages: 14-17 years  
Lessons: 20 hours per week  
Minimum English level: B2+  
Maximum class size: 12

This two-week programme is designed to equip students with the skills and know-how to critically challenge and interpret information, data and news in order to arrive at a balanced view on global 'big issues'.

The course will also teach students how best to communicate creatively their own ideas and opinions to the widest target audience.

This course is perfect for curious, well-informed students who think independently yet enjoy working collaboratively in dynamic teams. Students will harness technical skills in creating video, audio and text output to bring political, cultural and social discussion to the table.

#### Topics include:

- Breaking Text: Focusing on print media, article writing and replicating the hustle and bustle of a newsroom through a series of investigative journalism projects
- Breaking Sound: Looking wider to issues which exist within the 21st-century media landscape and collaborating to create a podcast focusing on global current affairs
- Breaking Image: Looking at the power of image and how to craft feeling and reaction in social media, journalism and marketing
- Breaking Video: Learning skills and techniques in storyboarding, filming and editing to create a short movie as a capstone project

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

London media workshop with expert professionals

# UNI-PREP

Aiming high



Ages: 16-17+ years  
Lessons: 20 hours per week  
Minimum English level: B2+  
Maximum class size: 12

The high-intensity two-week Uni-Prep programme is for those aged 16-17+, who will soon be applying to universities either in the UK or their own countries.

This higher-level, skills-based course is designed to focus on all the independent learning skills required of an ambitious undergraduate and indeed to help some of our students seeking entry to the UK's best universities.

The academic thread running throughout the course is the completion of an extended essay on an academic topic of the student's choice. This task brings together many of the skills taught across the two weeks and is similar to first year undergraduate work.

#### This two-week course includes:

- IELTS lessons
- Research skills, essay-writing skills and note-taking skills
- Critical thinking
- Choosing appropriate UK universities and courses
- The Oxbridge entry process
- Guided tour of the University of Oxford
- Personal Statement guidance
- Interview technique
- Taking part in our weekly UNESCO debates
- Public speaking skills

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

Guided tour of the University of Oxford

# EASTER

Step into Spring!



One and two week options available  
Buy one week, get second week half price

Ages: 8-17 years  
Lessons: 16 hours per week  
Level of English: Beginner to Advanced  
Maximum class size: 12

Earlscliffe has been running English language and activity courses in the Easter holiday period for over 20 years. This course will provide you with a balanced mix of language learning, sports, activities and cultural visits. It is designed to help you improve your English skills whilst enjoying an immersive and fun-filled environment.

Qualified English language teachers will guide you through interactive lessons, discussions, and language practice activities to help you develop your fluency and accuracy.

For our Junior students (8-12 years), morning classes focus on the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening, whilst our afternoon sessions are more interactive project lessons involving drama, music, film, arts and crafts.

For our senior students (13+ years with a level of English B1+), we offer our Think Global! course in order to stimulate and improve the development of soft skills such as critical thinking, communication and collaboration.



# EARLSCLIFFE EASTER COURSES 24 MARCH – 06 APRIL 2024 / EARLSCLIFFE SUMMER COURSES 30 JUNE – 17 AUGUST 2024

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COURSE TITLE		AGES	LEVEL OF ENGLISH	DATES	PRICE / DURATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS	LESSONS	ACCOMMODATION	CULTURAL VISITS	EXTRA OPTIONS	AIRPORT TRANSFERS	TRAVEL INSURANCE	WHAT'S INCLUDED
EASTER		8-17 years	All levels from Beginner to Advanced	24 March - 06 April 2024	1 week = £1,595 2 weeks = £2,395	Maximum 80 students	16 hours per week (16 x 60 minute lessons)	All rooms have private bathrooms  Mostly single or twin rooms, with a select few triple rooms	2 day trips per week including a weekly trip to London  1 evening trip to the cinema, ten-pin bowling or laser tag  1 afternoon trip every Saturday	4 hours of English (small group lessons): weekly cost £175  4 hours of English (one-to-one lessons): weekly cost £300	Transfers are included in the course fees for flights scheduled to arrive and depart between 9am-3pm*	Student travel insurance is included in the price	Accommodation Meals Lessons Sports Activities and events Excursions including admissions costs Wi-Fi Weekly laundry service Travel insurance Airport transfers* Earlscliffe water bottle and T-shirt
SUMMER	THINK GLOBAL!	13-17 years	Minimum level = Lower Intermediate (A2+)	30 June – 17 August 2024 (2-7 weeks)	<div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p><b>SUMMER</b></p> <p>Early Bird discount available Book by 31 March 2024 to get £100 discount per week</p> </div>	Maximum 125 students	20 hours per week (20 x 60 minute lessons)	All rooms have private bathrooms  Mostly single or twin rooms, with a select few triple rooms	2 day trips per week including a weekly trip to London  1 evening trip to the cinema, ten-pin bowling or laser tag  1 afternoon trip every Saturday	Stand Up Paddle Boarding (2 hours per week) £125 Paintball (one session) £125 London musical i.e. Disney's The Lion King™ including transport and theatre ticket £195 Warner Bros Harry Potter™ Studios trip including transport and entry ticket £195 All extra options are subject to availability.	Arrival and departure days are Saturdays except for the first arrival day: 24 March and 30 June (Sunday)  See Fees online for out-of-hours and Unaccompanied Minor transfer prices	Student travel insurance is included in the price	Accommodation Meals Lessons Sports Activities and events Excursions including admissions costs Wi-Fi Weekly laundry service Travel insurance Airport transfers* Earlscliffe water bottle and T-shirt
	SUSTAINABLE FUTURES	14-17 years	Minimum level = Intermediate (B1+)	30 June – 10 August 2024 (2 week course)									
	MINI-MBA™	15-17 years	Minimum level = Upper Intermediate (B2+)	Students can extend their stay by combining courses i.e. two weeks Sustainable Futures, followed by 1 or 2 weeks Think Global!									
	BREAKING DIGITAL	14-17 years	Minimum level = Upper Intermediate (B2+)										
	UNI-PREP	16-17+ years	Minimum level = Upper Intermediate (B2+)	30 June – 13 July 2024									

**Important**  
Laptops needed for all courses except Think Global!

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## ABOUT EARLSCLIFFE

Earlscliffe is an independent sixth form college during the academic year and offers a highly personalised learning environment, offering GCSE, A-level or foundation courses to 15-19 year olds from all over the world.

## OUR METHODOLOGY

Basing our curriculum on the 21st-century learning skills of collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity, our students are motivated and stimulated not only by the course content but its relevance to their generation's aims and concerns.



'I enjoyed my time at Earlscliffe. It was my best summer experience! In Earlscliffe I loved everything from the food, to activities, excursions and even the lessons. I will come back – 100%'

**Saveliy, Russia**



## ACTIVITIES

Earlscliffe offers a balance of sports, cultural events, arts and crafts, fun games, walks and competitions, so there is something for everyone on the programme.

Students play volleyball, basketball, badminton, billiards and table tennis on-site. Our supervised afternoon and evening activities include karaoke nights; football; softball; 'Earlscliffe's Got Talent'; swimming; house competitions; themed disco nights; 'Minute to Win It'; tennis; 'Scavenger Hunt'; rounders; 'Jeux sans Frontières'; 'Bake Off' and quiz nights, to name just a few.

Regular daytime and evening beach trips are a popular part of the week's activities.



## OUR PURPOSE

We strive to promote international understanding and collaboration, through transformative learning experiences for teenagers from all over the world, which help to shape their future lives and careers.

Our short courses provide unique educational opportunities, equipping youth with knowledge and skills beyond mainstream schooling.

Cultural activities, including language experiences, foster higher-level communication, enrich minds and spirits and nurture compassion and understanding among people.

We endorse travel as a positive force for good in our lives, while also working to minimise its negative impact on our global environment.



## CULTURAL VISITS

Earlscliffe offers full day trips on Wednesdays and Sundays and evening trips to bowling, laser tag or the cinema.

An Earlscliffe highlight is our weekly trip to London (Capital Wednesday™) when, over the course of the summer, we visit many famous London landmarks: the Tate Modern; the London Dungeon; the London Eye; the Natural History Museum; the Tower of London; British Museum and Buckingham Palace.

On Sundays we may visit: the world-famous cathedral city of Canterbury and take a river boat tour; Thorpe Park theme park; Margate and Dreamland.



'I have never experienced so much in such a short time and also met a lot of great friends from other countries. All the people were so nice. I think it's the best time of my life that I will never forget.'

**Thomas, Germany**



'I've really enjoyed spending 3 weeks at Earlscliffe. The staff are really friendly, funny and caring, it's like a big family where you get to know everyone and make friends from all over the world. Everything was excellent.'

**Sofia, Spain**



## LOCATION

The Earlscliffe campus is formed of eight Victorian and Edwardian buildings, all recently renovated to provide high-quality teaching and residential facilities. Located in the desirable West End of Folkestone, Earlscliffe is within walking distance of the elegant Leas promenade and the beach, the town centre's shops and the high-speed train link to London St Pancras.

**We are 54 minutes by train from central London and a 5-minute walk from the beach and town centre.**

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'I met so many great people, had such a great and funny time. The trips are always interesting and unforgettable. The staff are always there for you. In the evening we always sit together and hold the best conversations.'

**Lena, France**



## ROOMS AND MEALS

Girls and boys live in separate, supervised accommodation. Most rooms are spacious single or twin rooms and all have en-suite WC and shower. A very small number of triple rooms are available. All rooms have Wi-Fi.

The accommodation is attractive: modern, light rooms within historic façades. Earlscliffe is an 'in-town' campus of buildings, meaning that students can easily walk between classes, meals, accommodation and activities.

Meals taken in the college dining room and prepared by our own chefs are varied and often international, such as Chinese, Mexican or Indian, but not forgetting the occasional British fish and chips!



'Best camp ever! I had the best time. Everyone is amazing and I can't believe it's been two weeks. It felt like two days!  
**Clara, Romania**



## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Available in summer:

**Paintball** Have fun in the forest, dodging your opponents and trying to plant the flag for your team (all safety equipment is provided and must be worn at all times).

**Musical trip** Watch Disney's The Lion King™ in London's West End as the ultimate finish to a day out in London.

**Warner Bros Harry Potter™ Studios trip** For Harry Potter fans, why not enjoy a day out at another boarding school – Hogwarts?!

**Paddle boarding** Learn the basic skills needed to be competent at balancing, paddling, turning and stopping.

Available at Easter:

Extra English lessons in small groups or one-to-one basis.

# SAMPLE WEEK

SATURDAY

BREAKFAST
Arrivals and departures throughout the day
BREAK
Park games
LUNCH
<b>Trip to Folkestone including crazy golf on the beach</b>
Free time in houses
SUPPER
Welcome BBQ and games



TUESDAY



BREAKFAST
Lessons
BREAK
Lessons
LUNCH
Lessons
Afternoon activities: swimming, tennis, volleyball, arts and crafts
Free time in houses
SUPPER
'Minute to Win it!'

FRIDAY



BREAKFAST
Lessons
BREAK
Lessons
LUNCH
Lessons
Afternoon activities: dance, football, baking, basketball
Free time in houses
SUPPER
Leavers' disco

SUNDAY



BREAKFAST
<b>Trip to Canterbury including boat tour</b>
Free time in houses
SUPPER
Film and popcorn night

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST
<b>High speed train to London: the London Eye, walking tour and Covent Garden</b>
Free time in houses
SUPPER
Quiz night



MONDAY

BREAKFAST
Lessons
BREAK
Lessons
LUNCH
Lessons
Afternoon activities: beach trip, softball, football, photography
Free time in houses
SUPPER
Karaoke night



THURSDAY



BREAKFAST
Lessons
BREAK
Lessons
LUNCH
Lessons
Afternoon activities: Visit Folkestone in small groups
Free time in houses
SUPPER
<b>Laser tag trip</b>

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