

CHURCHILL HOUSE SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE



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School of English Language

Why Ramsgate?

Ramsgate experiences some of the warmest weather with one of the highest sunshine records in the UK and nearly the lowest rainfall.



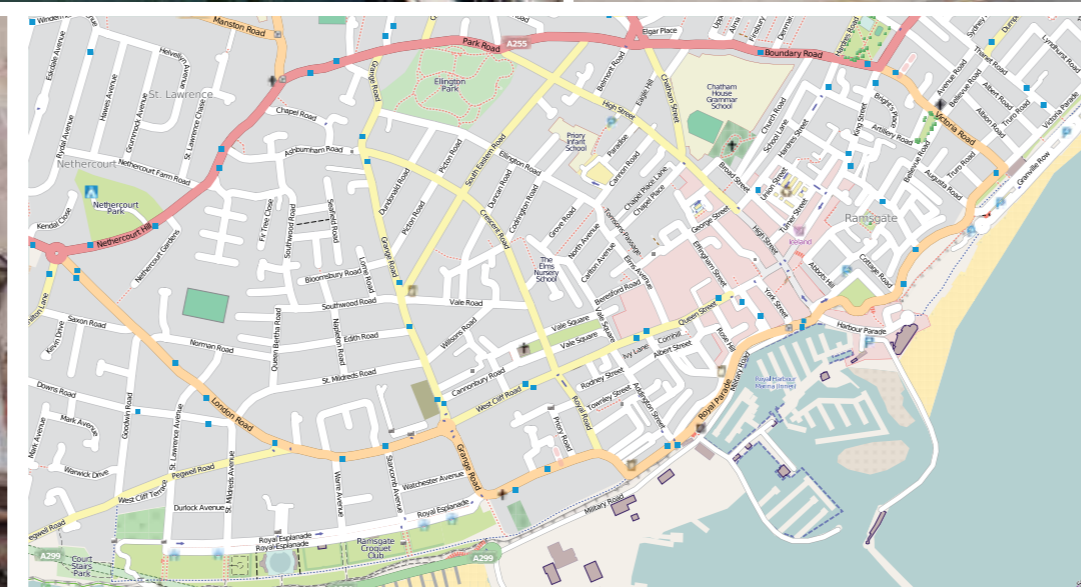
Why Ramsgate?

Ramsgate is located in the South East of England, in the county of Kent known as 'the Garden of England'.

This picturesque seaside town is most famous for its golden sandy beaches and royal harbour as well as a rich history dating back to pre-Roman times. The town itself has many fine old buildings and lots to offer around the pretty yachting marina, which is lined with cafes, modern bars and quaint restaurants. Should you want to experience city life, Canterbury is just 30 minutes away by train or car and offers a great deal of history, culture and things to see and do. In addition to this, Ramsgate has great transport links for the surrounding areas. London is less than 90 minutes away so you are never too far away from the cosmopolitan capital of the England and France is just a short train or ferry trip away from the port of Dover.

Ramsgate is perfectly located to explore England and the rest of Europe.

Ramsgate has been welcoming students from a wide range of cultures and nationalities for a number of years and remains highly regarded amongst visitors as a small, traditional and friendly seaside town. This enables our students to adapt and settle into their new environment with relative ease as local residents are more than happy to embrace people within their community. Ramsgate provides the ideal location for students to study in a relaxed and safe environment with little distractions, allowing you to make the most of your experience in England.



Nationality Mix

At Churchill House we have an admission policy that attempts to make sure there are never too many students from any one country at any one time. In this way, we aim to ensure that Churchill House keeps its truly multi-national character.

* Note that these figures may vary at different times of the year and for different courses.



School Facilities

Our school is situated in one of the many fine old Victorian streets in Ramsgate. We have 3 separate buildings which are all 10 minutes' walk from both the town centre and the beach. Our head office is set in an attractive 19th century square which boasts beautiful architecture, a lovely central garden, public tennis courts and sea views over the English Channel. Across the square are two main classroom buildings of the school; our spacious executive centre and the paragon building famously painted by Van Gogh. In addition to its many classrooms, the paragon also includes our Rosetta Stone room where students can practise their English using self-study software.

"I never thought I would adapt to Ramsgate so well. I feel as if I've been living here for years that I feel like a native not a student. Ramsgate makes you feel like a resident in such a short period of time like 2 months."

Yaprak Civan, Turkey.

Key Facts

- 3 buildings
- 29 Classrooms
- Interactive white boards
- Free Wi-Fi
- Internet Room
- Rosetta Stone Room
- Bookshop
- Private study rooms
- Prayer room
- Churchill Tavern – Pub & Restaurant
- Clubroom



Courses

To help you select the right course we have specially trained course consultants who are pleased to offer you free and friendly advice.



Choosing my course

Churchill House offers a comprehensive range of courses so you will certainly be able to find one that meets your exact requirements.

Depending on your specific needs and time available our experienced course consultants will discuss the available course options with you in detail and advise you on a study path they think is realistic and achievable. Beginners and all 16/17 year olds must follow a 32 lesson per week intensive course for at least the first month of their course.

Overview

Our General English courses follow a syllabus which is designed to help students develop fluency and confidence when communicating in English and improve their abilities in the four main skills of speaking, reading, writing and listening. We also encourage students to develop their own independent learning skills and monitor their progress through regular tests and written feedback reports. These courses are designed to give students a structured and enjoyable way to progress in English and to achieve the learning targets they set for themselves.

Main Courses

All General English main courses are 20 lessons (15 hours) per week with 3 hours of tuition each weekday morning. There is a separate monthly syllabus at each of the 12 module levels. You will learn and revise new vocabulary and in addition to

your class work, you will be expected to complete at least one hour's homework each day.

Intensive Courses

Intensive courses are available as 26 or 32 lessons per week (i.e. 20 or 25 hours). All students have a general English Main 20 course followed by either 6 or 12 lessons a week of Elective courses. Students taking an Intensive 26 lesson course choose 1 elective subject each month (2 afternoons per week) and students taking an Intensive 32 lesson course choose 2 elective subjects per month (4 afternoons per week). There are no elective classes on Friday afternoons.

Elective Courses

We recognise that today's English language students not only want to enhance their career prospects or win that all-important university place but also to learn the language needed in a variety of professional situations. Therefore we try and reflect this with the Elective Courses we offer each month. Elective courses are offered depending on demand and will be appropriate to each level.

Key Facts

- 20 lessons = 15 hours per week
- 26 lessons = 20 hours per week
- 32 lessons = 25 hours per week
- Lesson length = 45-50 minutes
- Average Class size = 11 students
- Maximum Class size = 14 students
- Minimum age to attend is 16 years old

Elective Courses include:

- Additional English
- English for Business
- English for Academic Purposes (further education)
- English through Drama
- English for Tourism
- Exam courses (see next page)
- IELTS
- Skills Development (Speaking, Writing, Listening, etc.)

For more detailed information on Elective courses, please see our Elective Brochure

* The School requires an approximate £25 deposit for course books which is refundable once returned, providing they are in good condition.



Examination Courses

At Churchill House, we offer a variety of exam preparation courses that help students to get ready for sitting tests such as IELTS, TOEIC or the various different Cambridge examinations.



Further Information

- All of our elective exam preparation courses are dependent on student demand. Should a course not reach the minimum number of students necessary it will not run in that elective month or until there are sufficient numbers. For more information visit our website.
- The minimum enrolment age for any exam preparation course is 16
- For students enrolling on one of our three standard Cambridge preparation courses (Cambridge First Certificate FCE, Cambridge Advanced CAE or Cambridge Proficiency CPE), the fee for the examination will be included in the course price if booked at the same time as booking the course
- For all other exams a fee will apply to book and sit the examination. Fees range from approximately £125 - £150 depending on the test taken and the centre the student has chosen to sit the test in.

Course Objectives

- To fully prepare students for the testing process prior to them sitting their exams
- To help students achieve their best possible test result

"I think I'm really lucky because I had two great teachers who were both interesting and had complete different styles of teaching."

Sahin Dede, Turkey



IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

Course Overview

- Widely recognised by universities in Britain and many other English-speaking countries
- General modules are suitable if you are going for secondary education in an English-speaking country, for work experience or immigration purposes.

Key Information

- Recommended English level – **Intermediate and above**
- Minimum course length is 2 weeks
- Students have 10 hours (2 elective courses) of extra lessons as a supplement to their General English course



Cambridge First Certificate (FCE)

Course Overview

- The most popular Cambridge Examination at Churchill House
- We offer a 10 or 12-week course starting in January then 11 or 12-week courses starting in April and October.

Key Information

- Recommended English level – **Intermediate and above**



Cambridge Advanced (CAE)

Course Overview

- For students whose level is between First Certificate and Proficiency,
- Examinations take place three times a year in March, June and December
- Churchill House offers 10 or 12-week intensive courses starting in January, March and October.

Key Information

- Recommended English level – **Advanced and above**
- Our CAE preparation course includes up to 25 hours of lessons per week



Cambridge Proficiency (CPE)

Course Overview

- For students whose are the highest level
- Non-specialist Cambridge examination is held twice a year in June and December.
- Churchill House offers 15 or 16-week courses starting in March and August.

Key Information

- Recommended English level – **Advanced and above**
- Our CPE preparation course includes up to 25 hours of lessons per week



TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication)

Course Overview

- TOEIC is one of the most widely respected English-language tests in the world, and the United States.
- Preparation courses are available throughout the year as part of our afternoon elective course system.

Key Information

- Recommended English level – **Intermediate or above**
- Minimum course length is 2 weeks
- Students can have either 5 hours (1 elective course) or 10 hours (2 elective courses) of extra lessons as a supplement to their General English

Other Available Courses

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- Cambridge Key English Test (KET)
- Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET)
- The Cambridge Business English Certificates (BEC) Exam





Additional Courses

Many students have particular language needs above and beyond what a general English course can provide therefore we offer a range of extra courses which may be more suitable for you.

Additional Courses

Our courses aim to give you confidence and strong communication skills in an English speaking environment. They can also be taken with other courses to help you learn English at your own pace.

Academic Year Programmes

Course Overview

- These flexible programmes are ideal for the long term student who is thinking of booking a 6, 9 or 12 month English Course.
- Courses of 22, 33 or 44 weeks are split into terms of 11 weeks with a 'holiday' period between each term.
- Choose from 20, 26 and 32 lessons a week
- Students taking 26 or 32 lessons will select from the monthly elective courses menu
- Students taking main 20 lesson courses can book extra lessons at any time
- Student taking Intensive 32 lesson courses can change to a University of Cambridge Exam Course at no extra cost apart from the examination fee

Home Tuition Courses

Some students prefer to learn English on a one-to-one basis in a relaxed home

atmosphere rather than a school. We have many experienced and dedicated teachers in several locations throughout the UK, who welcome students into their comfortable homes. Home tuition students become part of the family during their stay.

Available courses include:

- General English
- English for the Professional
- Academic English
- English for Exams

For more information, please see our English Home tuition Course brochure.

One-To-One Courses

Churchill House offers a One-To-One teaching programme which allows individual lessons to be tailor made to your specific needs. Your teacher will assess your learning requirements and will adapt the teaching methods to suit your learning style and pace. Any number of One-To-One lessons can be arranged and our course consultants will give you advice on the most appropriate programme for you.

Key Information

- All English language levels are acceptable for this course.
- Minimum enrolment period is 6 months/22 weeks and maximum is 12 months
- Students can have either 5 hours (1 elective course) or 10 hours (2 elective courses) of extra lessons as a supplement to their General English course





Work Experience Programmes

For some students, classroom learning is simply not enough. Therefore, a language course at Churchill House followed by a work placement in a profession of your choice is more suitable. This will enable students to improve their general English as well as their work related language skills in a practical environment. This can be the perfect addition to add to any student's CV when looking for future employment opportunities. Churchill House offers two types of work experience programme:

- The hotels we use are based in rural locations throughout the UK and Ireland.

Internships

- This programme includes a standard General English course at our Ramsgate main school followed by an internship at a company in the student's chosen field (such as accounts, retail, catering, or business management).
- They are aimed at students looking to gain experience in a specific profession/industry in which the use of English is important.
- Internships may be based anywhere in the UK and all positions are unpaid, meaning that students will need to arrange and pay for their own accommodation, meals, travel and any other living costs.

Paid Live-in hospitality Placements

- This programme includes a standard General English course at our Ramsgate main school followed by a placement at a hotel in which students will live and work.
- They are aimed at students needing to gain experience in a working hospitality environment in which the use of English is important.

"I loved my time at Churchill House in Ramsgate. My English has improved, I am more confident and I have made many friends for life. There are many good teachers and I made friends from all over the world. I'm sure that I learnt many things."

Lily Bernet, Germany.

Special Group Courses

Churchill House offers a number of different courses for groups of students arriving together:

2 Week Crash Course

- Maximum of 5 students per class
- 30 hours of lessons per week
- Ideal for small groups of students who need to learn a lot of English in a short period of time

All Year Round Group Programme

- Closed class courses for school or college groups available during the school year
- Minimum length course is 1 week
- Minimum number of students is 12
- Minimum age is 12 years
- Whole term courses (11 or 12 weeks) are available
- Exam preparation can be incorporated into any course (e.g. TOEIC, TOEFL,

IELTS and all Cambridge examination courses)

- All courses can be booked with an optional social programme including sports/leisure activities plus full and half day excursions organised by the social club.

Special Interest Course

- Churchill House will design courses for any special interest group, whether they are academic, professional, recreational, cultural or other
- Courses for qualified professionals or for trainees who need intensive English specific to their work are also available

Summer Vacation Courses

- Summer vacation courses are available every summer for groups of all ages
- Homestay and Residential options available in a number of different locations throughout the UK
- Courses are combined with an

exciting social programme including sports/leisure activities, full/half day excursions and even multi-day tours to some European destinations

Teacher Development Courses

- 2 – 12 week professional development closed class courses for teachers of English, EFL professionals and English teachers from overseas schools (primary and senior).
- Course taught by teachers with the highest recognised diploma qualifications and supported by a large resources centre providing the latest material to students and teachers.

For more detailed information and prices, please contact our Course Consultants and request a brochure.

social programme

An extremely important part of our "learning through leisure" ethos is our weekly activities schedule. Here's an example of a weekly programme.

monday



Induction walk

Explore the town and see what Ramsgate has to offer, including where useful shops and cool hangout spots are located.



Welcome Party

A great chance to break the ice with fellow students and start to make new friends with people from all over the world.

tuesday

Sports afternoon

Get involved with some of the many sports that are on offer, it doesn't matter what your skill level is just as long as you take part and enjoy.



Sports afternoon



Karaoke night

Come and sing your favourite songs either on your own or with your friends. Everyone is welcome and you might be surprised how useful it is for your English too!

wednesday



Canterbury visit

Take in some traditional English culture as you walk around Kent's most popular city. Be prepared to marvel at Canterbury's world famous cathedral.



Table Tennis



Table Football

Games night

Don't be misled; games night is not just for kids. Here students can play pool, table tennis or even exchange different games with each other from their home country. Whenever possible we also try and show a variety of live sport on our projector.

thursday

Disco night

Certainly the highlight of the week for students, after a hectic week of classes, it's the ideal time to unwind and enjoy a drink with friends.



Disco night

brighton trip

Brighton is one of the coolest destinations to visit in the UK. With its unique style, quirky lanes and lively seaside, who would want to miss out!?

*Note – Summer courses can be arranged with activities in the morning or in the afternoon depending on when your class takes place



Brighton trip



Brighton trip

friday



Movie Night



Movie Night

This is a great opportunity to relax whilst improving your listening skills before a busy weekend on one of our many excursions.

saturday

London trip

No trip to England would be complete without visiting one of the most iconic and visited cities in the world. For this reason, it's no surprise London is our most popular excursion.



London trip

We understand that not all students are able to join us in the winter months for whatever reasons. For this reason, we promise to use our experience and expertise to provide you with a really worthwhile and enjoyable summer vacation course.

Summer Courses

Why not use your summer holiday to improve your language skills!

Churchill House runs summer vacation courses from mid-June to early September. Here are the available course options:

- 20 lessons (15 hours per week) courses start each week during the summer and can be booked with a comprehensive leisure programme
- 26 or 32 lessons courses are available from the main month start dates in July and August
- Intensive courses will combine general English lessons with one or more elective subjects (see our Course Elective Brochure for more details)

We understand that finding the perfect balance between work and leisure time is vital for an enjoyable experience. For this reason, the Social Club provides all students with an evening social programme and the opportunity to book as many full/half day excursions and multi-day tours as possible,

to ensure you get the most out of your vacation.

Students taking a course with 15 hours of lessons per week can combine their course with a carefully designed leisure programme that offers a variety of regular activities, sports and excursions. We believe our students benefit from combining studies with some time for relaxation, so if you wish to concentrate on your lessons and not worry about what to do with your leisure time, let us organise it for you!

Course Overview

During peak summer months (late June to early September) we offer summer vacation courses at our Churchill House Main School in Ramsgate. These courses combine General English lessons with an optional programme of fun leisure activities and exciting excursions.

Course Length & Start Dates

Courses start at a minimum of 2 weeks. The maximum course length is 8 weeks for students over 18 and 10 weeks for students aged between 16 and 17.

Our summer 2015 start dates for students over 18 are – 28/06, 19/07, 26/07 and 09/08.

"I would recommend Churchill House to everyone. It's my third time here and every year it's always better"

Diletta Venuti, Switzerland

