

St Brelade's College
English Language School



Adult Course Guide 2023



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Welcome to St Brelade's College

Our English programmes for adults are designed to encompass all aspects of your stay, so that you can maximise your learning & leisure experiences on the beautiful & friendly island of Jersey.

The language centre is second generation, family-run and we are strongly committed to providing quality English tuition. Our aim is to help you achieve your specific learning needs and communicate with confidence in a comfortable environment.

English lessons are combined with a diverse social programme so that you can continue learning outside the classroom and can get a sense of Jersey's outdoor lifestyle, landscape and heritage in the company of other international students.





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St Brelade's College

Our principles remain the same today as in 1978 when the centre was founded; to provide relevant and motivating English lessons as part of a comprehensive learning package.



Teaching Methods

St Brelade's College is the only British Council accredited study centre in the Channel Islands.


Our structured syllabus, with a focus on communication, has been devised in order to bridge the gap between what you learn in the classroom and what's outside the door. We use up-to-date course books enhanced by stimulating activities and authentic media.

We encourage you to work towards your learning goals and gain confidence through flexible & engaging classes planned to meet individual needs.

We promote continual learning for our teachers, through internal workshops, appraisals and training courses so that their teaching styles and skills are in line with modern practice.

Student Feedback

What you write in your mid and end of course feedback is important to us, in order for us to check your satisfaction during your stay and also to help us improve our programmes in the future.



"The courses were taken by experienced and dedicated teachers who were very interesting."

Facilities

Adult courses take place from April to October at our main centre in St Aubin. Courses for other age groups also take place at the centre at certain times of the year.

- » Capacity: 50-80 students
- » 12 bright and traditional classrooms
- » Adult student lounge in an attractive log cabin, alongside the main building
- » Picnic area with woodland views
- » Drink & snack machines
- » Newspapers, English books and DVDs available to read and borrow
- » Office staff, ready to provide extra information and help arrange activities and excursions
- » WiFi throughout

Location

Our permanent study centre, St Brelade's College occupies a charming 19th century granite building a short walk from the picturesque harbour village of St Aubin.

The centre is positioned amongst lush woodland, ideal for quiet and focused study. Just down the hill in St Aubin, students can find the adult residence, beach, harbour-front promenade with restaurants, bars & cafes, an art gallery and all the necessary amenities, including a supermarket, cash machine & post office.

Bus routes connect St Aubin to the main town, St Helier and airport in 20-30 minutes and woodland paths & beach promenades make the area perfect for walking & cycling.



The Island of Jersey

A small, yet well-connected island with a vibrant way of life. Jersey is a delightful place to get to know, either in your free-time or as part of our social programme.



About Jersey

Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands, a distinctive collection of British islands located between France and England.

Although it is relatively small, it has a sizeable international population and varied tourist attractions. Breathtaking beaches with golden sands and rocky landscapes define the coastline, providing a haven for outdoor living. Remnants of Jersey's unique history can be seen from its castles, Napoleonic fortresses and World War II fortifications along the coastline and Neolithic burial sites found amongst the lush inland countryside.

The island provides a warm and welcoming setting for our courses, with locals known for their open & friendly attitude.

The lively main town of St Helier has a pedestrianised area with shops for varying tastes and restaurants serving local seafood and international cuisines.

Getting to Jersey

As a prominent offshore financial centre Jersey is well connected to Europe. Regular ferries from France and direct flights from Germany & Switzerland allow for uncomplicated travel. You can also travel via London Gatwick, Heathrow and other UK airports.

Our homestay providers will collect you straight from the harbour or airport at no extra cost.



Adult English Courses

Individual & group English tuition to meet your learning needs, combined with a diverse social programme embracing Jersey's finest sights & attractions.



Standard Course

Our standard English course includes a structured programme of morning English lessons with afternoons free to take part in our social programme or explore the island.

- » Dates: 3rd April - 27th October
- » Lessons per week: 15 hours per week - mornings only
- » Maximum class size: 10 students
- » Course duration: 1 - 30 weeks
- » Minimum age: 18 years*
- » Minimum level of English: Elementary
- » Social programme: Standard programme of two afternoon excursions per week for courses of 1 - 3 weeks and two optional social evenings

Intensive Course

Gain the confidence to communicate effectively in English through morning English lessons, as well as afternoon classes focused on discussion & debate.

- » Dates: 3rd April - 27th October
- » Lessons per week: 22.5 hours - mornings plus four afternoons
- » Maximum class size: 10 students
- » Course duration: 1 - 30 weeks
- » Minimum age: 16 years
- » Minimum level of English: Elementary
- » Social programme: Standard programme of two afternoon excursions per week for courses of 1 - 3 weeks and two optional social evenings

* Classes may include students aged 16+ following the intensive course.



50+ Course

Our 50+ programme is designed to appeal to mature students who want to enjoy what Jersey has to offer in the company of people of a similar age.

Courses take place in the spring and autumn. Our morning lessons aim to strengthen your understanding of English and improve confidence & fluency.

With its stunning scenery and easy-going lifestyle, Jersey is well-suited to the mature student. The social programme includes coastal & country walks, garden & manor visits, excursions to Jersey's main

attractions & historical sites and social evenings where you can get to know each other in a relaxed environment.

- » **Dates:** 8th - 19th May, 4th - 15th September
- » **Lessons per week:** 15 hours per week - mornings only
- » **Maximum class size:** 10 students
- » **Course duration:** 2 weeks
- » **Minimum age:** 50 years
- » **Minimum level of English:** Elementary
- » **Social programme:** Four afternoon excursions per week, a full day island tour and two optional social evenings

Combination Courses

Our combination English courses are ideal if you want to focus on a specific topic during private lessons, as well as meet other students and practise communicating in English in the group environment.

- » **Dates:** 3rd April - 27th October
- » **Lessons per week:** 15 hours group, 7.5 hours private lessons or 7.5 hours group, 15 hours private lessons - mornings plus four afternoons
- » **Maximum group class size:** 10 students
- » **Course duration:** 1 - 30 weeks
- » **Minimum age:** 18 years*
- » **Minimum level of English:** Elementary
- » **Social programme:** Standard programme of two afternoon excursions per week for courses of 1 - 3 weeks and two optional social evenings

* Classes may include students aged 16+ following the intensive course.

Private Tuition

If you have a specific English requirement, such as English for business or are simply looking to improve your English quickly, private tuition is the ideal choice.

- » **Dates:** 16th January - 15th December
- » **Lessons per week:** 15 or 22.5 hours - mornings only or mornings plus four afternoons. 7.5 hours is also available during low season**
- » **Course duration:** 1 - 48 weeks
- » **Minimum age:** 18 years
- » **Minimum level of English:** Beginner
- » **Social programme:** Standard programme of two afternoon excursions per week for courses of 1 - 3 weeks and two optional social evenings during main season only**

** Low: 16th January - 31st March and 30th October - 15th December / Main: 3rd April - 27th October.



English plus Golf

With six golf courses at impressive locations around the island, Jersey is an obvious choice for a keen golfer. You can enjoy some of these top courses, as well as improve your English on one of our English and golf programmes.

Design your own programme based on the intensity of English and golf required.

If you are looking to focus more on your English, you may choose to play a pleasant round of golf in the afternoons with an English teacher or alternatively, you can improve your golfing skills with a PGA professional.

- » Dates: 3rd April - 27th October
- » Lessons per week: Combine your choice of English course with afternoon golf sessions with an English teacher or PGA professional (1.5, 3 or 6 hours)
- » Maximum group size for golf: 1 - 3 students with an English teacher or PGA professional
- » Course duration: 1 - 4 weeks
- » Minimum age: 18 years
- » Social programme: Standard programme of one or two afternoon excursions per week (depending on the course chosen), for courses of 1 - 3 weeks and two optional social evenings.

"The warm environment and teachers were very important for me."



Social Programme

The social programme plays an important part in your stay, giving you the opportunity to discover what the island has to offer, meet people from around the world and practise English in an informal setting.

Jersey's rich heritage and varied natural environment allow for a broad and unparalleled leisure programme. The striking coastline is a key feature with breathtaking coastal walks and castles included regularly, along with other attractions, such as Neolithic dolmens, museums & Jersey zoo.

Two afternoon excursions are included in the standard social programme (main season courses only). Excursions are included for courses of 1 - 3 weeks, however students on longer courses are free to join excursions, for an additional fee.

The 50+ course includes excursions tailored to this age group (although some may be shared with students on other courses).

By taking part in the optional evening programme students can experience the local nightlife and gastronomy with their fellow students. The programme includes a pub night and a meal at a pub or restaurant.

Our helpful office staff are ready to advise & book other activities that you may be interested in whilst in Jersey, such as watersports or day trips.

Standard Programme

This sample programme indicates the type of excursion and social evening that take place on short courses during the main season.

Monday 13:30-16:30: Mont Orgueil castle

Tuesday 20:00-22:00: Welcome drinks at the Old Court House pub*

Thursday 19:00-21:30: Dinner & drinks at a local pub or restaurant*

Friday 14:30-16:30: St Brelade's bay to Beauport coastal walk

* Additional costs apply for food & drinks.



Accommodation

Stay privately with one of our carefully selected local hosts or opt for our sociable international residence close to the study centre in the harbour village of St Aubin.



Homestay

Staying with a local & English-speaking host whilst in Jersey is one of the best ways to discover more about the island, culture and people. Our hosts welcome you into their homes and provide a casual & supportive environment in which you can continue your English experience.

We work closely with hosts around the island, many of whom have been working with us for numerous years, granting us the knowledge to place students appropriately.

In accordance with British Council regulations, our hosts are visited and checked regularly by our Student Services department, who also check them through the relevant authorities.

This option is ideal if you want to immerse yourself in Jersey life or are looking for reasonably priced accommodation over the short or longer term.

What to Expect

- » **Your host:** Homestay providers include individuals, couples, families, single parents and retired people
- » **Board:** Half board, comprising breakfast and an evening meal
- » **Rooms:** Single or double rooms
- » **Location:** Around the island
- » **Daily transport:** Travel to and from the study centre included
- » **Transfers:** Airport and harbour transfers included

Student Residence

Our newly refurbished Peterborough House residence is a characterful former merchant house dating back to 1690. It is conveniently located in the charming harbour village of St Aubin, just a short walk from the main study centre, other essential amenities and over 20 restaurants, pubs & cafes.

The residence has been tastefully decorated, combining stylish decor with historic features. From the terrace and numerous bedrooms, you can take in the sprawling view of St Aubin's bay, a 17th century fort and Elizabeth castle.

Benefit from more independent living at the residence, explore Jersey on your own terms and enjoy the company of other international guests during your stay.

What to Expect

- » **Minimum age:** 18 years (+ children accompanied by parent/s)
- » **Board:** Continental breakfast
- » **Rooms:** 12 en suite single, twin, double & treble rooms, some with sea views, 1 sea view suite with lounge/kitchenette
- » **Location:** 10 minutes' walk to St Brelade's College, 5 minutes walk to the beach & harbour-front pubs & restaurants, a supermarket & cash machine, 20-30 minutes' bus ride to the airport & St Helier
- » **Facilities:** Communal areas include a kitchen, breakfast room, dining rooms, sun room and sea view terrace. WiFi access
- » **Laundry & cleaning:** Bed linen & bath towels provided, as well as weekly room cleaning
- » **Staff:** Caretakers located on-site





Next Steps

Insurance

Before you arrive in the Jersey for your English course, you are strongly recommended to take out insurance for your financial and personal security.

International student policies offered by many insurance providers are specially designed for those studying English abroad.

Visas

Visit the UK Borders Agency website for more details about which countries require visas and the visa application process. Our helpful team in the office can also advise you on this.

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