



Junior Course Guide 2023



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Welcome to St Brelade's College

Our English programmes for juniors have been designed to provide students with an unforgettable learning experience on the safe & beautiful island of Jersey.

The language centre is second generation, family-run and we understand the expectations of parents sending their children on a learning holiday. Our programmes are structured to encompass all aspects of the stay so that students can feel confident and enjoy their time in Jersey.

Classes delivered by qualified English teachers and a vibrant island-focused leisure programme define our courses. Above all, our concern for student welfare helps to build a comfortable environment in which students can communicate naturally and build some of their first strong memories of independence and discovery.





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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 students learn in the classroom and what's outside the door. We use up-to-date course books enhanced by stimulating activities and authentic media.

Participation and interaction are encouraged in multilingual classes, to help students gain confidence both academically and socially.

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 our students write in their mid and end of course feedback is important to us, not only so that we can check their wellbeing during their stay but also to improve our programmes in the future.

"We recommend this school to all the parents and children who are looking for a quality language holiday."

St Brelade's College

Our permanent study centre, St Brelade's College is based in the picturesque harbour village of St Aubin. Outside of summer all junior and adult courses take place here.

- » Capacity: 50-80 students
- » 12 bright and traditional classrooms
- » Separate junior & adult student lounges
- » Volleyball court & table football
- » BBQ & picnic area
- » WiFi access
- » Drink & snack machines
- » A short walk from the beach, supermarket & cash machine, 20-30 minutes drive to the main town of St Helier



Highlands College

Our summer study centre for holiday, semi intensive & semi combination course students aged 13 - 17 years is held at the local college of further education close to St Helier.

- » Capacity: 150-200 students
- » Over 25 large & modern classrooms with interactive whiteboards
- » Picnic & games area
- » Cafeteria & student lounge
- » Sports field

The Island of Jersey

A small and welcoming place, rich in natural beauty, and culture, the island of Jersey is perfectly suited to juniors studying English away from home.



About Jersey

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

The island provides a safe and friendly setting for young students. 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 lively main town of St Helier has a pedestrianised area with shops for varying tastes.

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. Students can also travel via London Gatwick, Heathrow and other UK airports.

Our hosts and residence staff collect students straight from the harbour and airport at no extra cost so students are made to feel at home from the start.



Junior English Courses

Adapted programmes for the different age groups and abilities, balancing effective learning with lively activities in an international environment.



Our Courses

We understand the varying needs of young students at each stage in their development. Our junior courses are designed with this in mind in order to provide the optimal learning and leisure programme for every student.


Pre-teens and teenagers can combine morning English classes with an exciting range of daily afternoon activities, while older teenagers can choose the more in-depth semi intensive & intensive programmes with activities on two or three afternoons per week.

During summer, we run two study centres for juniors on different courses, while out of summer all students study together at St Brelade's College.

Holiday Course

- » Age range: 11-17 years*
- » Lessons per week: 15 hours - morning group lessons only
- » Maximum class size: 16 students
- » Pre-teen summer activities (11 & 12 years): Afternoon activities every weekday, an evening BBQ every week, plus weekend beach games
- » Teen summer activities (13-17 years): Afternoon activities every weekday, two or three evening activities per week plus weekend beach games
- » Rest of year activities for all juniors: Afternoon activities every weekday plus weekly evening BBQ party

Course dates for different age groups can be found on 'Course Dates & Fees'.



"Everything was perfect, from the academic side of things to the homestay."

Teenage Intensive Course

- » Age range: 16 & 17 year olds can join the adult intensive programme
- » Lessons per week: 22.5 hours - mornings plus three or four afternoons of group lessons (depending on the time of year)
- » Maximum class size: 10 students
- » Summer activities: Afternoon activities on two afternoons, two or three junior evening activities plus weekend beach games every week
- » Rest of year activities: Two afternoon activities plus junior evening BBQ party every week

Semi Intensive Courses

- » Age range: 14-17 years*
- » Lessons per week: 19 hours - morning group lessons plus two afternoons of group lessons (semi intensive course) or private lessons (semi combination course)
- » Maximum class size: 16 students
- » Summer activities: Afternoon activities on three afternoons, two or three evening activities plus weekend beach games every week
- » Rest of year activities: Three afternoon activities plus weekly evening BBQ party

* At the discretion of the principal, students a year outside of the recommended age range may occasionally be accepted on the course.

"Jersey means more than an ordinary English course"



Activity Programme

On an island with such an abundance of clean and well lifeguarded beaches, water sports are an obvious choice for our summer activity programme. Jersey's rich heritage has also not been overlooked, with cultural visits to historic castles, Neolithic sites and Jersey zoo.

Teenage holiday course students take part in stimulating activities every afternoon, where they can

"Students with different mother tongues played & communicated together and were such a close team."

share moments with new friends, practise their English and explore their surroundings. The programme includes a wide variety of activities daily during the summer.

Students on semi intensive and intensive courses can also enjoy activities on two or three afternoons, depending on the course chosen.

The fun continues on summer evenings with supervised sporting and beach activities.





"He enjoyed the afternoon and evening activities planned by the school and made some new friends."

Sample Summer Programmes: Teenage Holiday Course (13-17 years)

Monday	13:30-16:30: Shopping
Tuesday	13:30-16:30: Team sports competition / RIB tour / Beach & caves 19:00-21:00: Beach festival
Wednesday	13:30-16:30: Banana rides / Mont Orgueil castle / Football
Thursday	13:30-16:30: Surfing / Jersey zoo 19:00-21:00: Sports evening
Friday	13:30-16:30: Kayaking / Bowling & beach / Swimming 17:00-20:30: BBQ party
Sunday	14:00-17:00: Beach games



Pre-teen Holiday Course (11 & 12 years)

Monday	13:30-16:30: Elizabeth castle
Tuesday	13:30-16:30: Surfing
Wednesday	13:30-16:30: Bowling & beach
Thursday	13:30-16:30: Crazy golf
Friday	13:30-16:30: Shopping 17:00-20:30: BBQ party
Sunday	14:00-17:00: Beach games

Accommodation

For a taste of British life, stay with a local homestay provider. Alternatively, for a lively international environment choose one of our conveniently located student residences.



Homestay

A student's time living with a local & English-speaking host makes up one of the most important aspects of their stay. Our hosts welcome students into their homes and provide a friendly & supportive environment in which they can continue their 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.

What to Expect

- » **Dates:** Holiday periods
- » **Your host:** Homestay providers include individuals, couples, families, single parents and retired people
- » **Board:** Full board, comprising breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal
- » **Rooms:** Students usually share with 1 or 2 students of a different nationality (max. 4 per household). Juniors under 13 years must share with a friend or family member.
- » **Location:** Around the island
- » **Daily transport:** Private bus service or free public bus travel
- » **Transfers:** Airport and harbour transfers included

Student Residences

More independent students between the ages of 14 and 17 years frequently opt for one of our two international student residences, where they can mix with other students and explore other cultures.

Our residences are light and spacious with plenty of communal areas for relaxing with friends outside of the course programme.

They are both conveniently located within walking distance of the beach and St Helier, where most evening activities take place.

"I personally had the absolute dream family."

What to Expect

- » **Dates:** Available during the summer
- » **Board:** Full board, comprising breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal
- » **Rooms:** 2 or 3 students per room
- » **Facilities:** Bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, communal lounges & dining rooms
- » **WiFi:** Throughout the residences
- » **Daily transport:** Bus passes are provided for students studying at St Brelade's College (approximately 30 minutes bus journey). Highlands College students can walk to and from the study centre.
- » **Transfers:** Airport and harbour transfers
- » **Supervision:** Live-in residence managers & supervisors who offer first aid support & 24 hour contact



Student Welfare

The safety of our students is our priority so all aspects of our junior programmes have been carefully considered in order to provide the appropriate level of supervision and care.



Safeguarding Policy

We are committed to protecting and supporting our students from the moment they arrive. Our comprehensive safeguarding policy ensures that all our staff and accommodation providers understand the process for monitoring and responding to students' needs effectively.

On their first day students are given an induction which includes details about their course, activity programme, accommodation and how to be safe while in Jersey. We also ensure all students are given identification cards with details of their accommodation and our 24 hour emergency support numbers.

Supervision

During the school day students are supervised by our teachers and activity staff, while at home our homestay providers and residence staff act 'in-loco parentis' – taking on parental responsibilities.

Depending on their age, students may be allowed some unsupervised free time outside school hours. Clear guidelines are in place to ensure that students and accommodation providers understand the parameters. Throughout the summer our activity staff are located around the main town on activity evenings to provide support to students if required. They are also located at the bus station on the first morning to help with transport links.



Next Steps

Insurance

Before students arrive in Jersey for their English course, parents are strongly recommended to take out insurance for their 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 offer advice on this.

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