



ENGLISH IN CHESTER

**50+
PROGRAMME**

Course 505

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Social Organisers:

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Course 505 Social Programme

We have tried to produce a full and varied programme with ‘something for everyone’, and we hope that you will enjoy our exploration of Chester and the surrounding region.

However, if you are tired or do not wish to come with us on any of our excursions for any reason, please inform Jean or Mathew.

We understand that some of you may wish for more free time.

Nothing is compulsory.

Please note that all excursions will depart from English in Chester.

Welcome to English in Chester and your 50+ course!

In this handbook you will find lots of information about your course, so please keep it carefully and don't forget to look at it each day.

I look forward to meeting you during your stay and hope that you have an enjoyable time with us here.

Nigel Paramor

Principal

The 50+ team



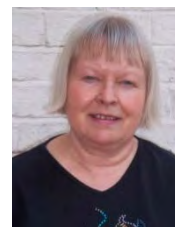
Jean Mitchell
Teacher



Ken Robinson
Teacher



Jessica Brearey
Teacher



Moragh Litherland
Excursion support

Your first days

We will test you and put you in a group with other students with a similar level and/or needs. We will talk about your course and the excursions programme that you will be doing.

Stationery

We will give you a folder. You can keep notes and material given out by your teacher in this. You can buy folder dividers and vocabulary notebooks in the office which you can use to organise your work. You should provide your own pen and paper.

Our general timetable is as follows:

Morning Lessons: 09.30 – 11.00
Break: 11.00 – 11.30
Lessons: 11.30 – 13.00
Lunch 13.00 – 14.15
Afternoon lessons: 14.15 – 15.45

Monday

A full day trip to North Wales and the National Slate Museum.

Please meet at English in Chester at 09.30 for a coffee. The bus will leave at 10.00 and will arrive back in Chester for approximately 18.00.

Tuesday

09.30 -13.00 Morning testing, and BRITISH LIFE QUIZ
LUNCH AND AN ORIENTATION WALK AROUND CHESTER
14.15 After lunch you will have a walking tour of Chester.

Wednesday

09.30 – 12.45 Morning Lessons

13.30 Leave from English in Chester for a guided tour of **Port Sunlight**, one of the world's first purpose built towns which was designed by Lord Leverhulme to house all the workers in his nearby soap factory. The village has been maintained exactly how it was when it was first built. You can also visit the art gallery if you wish, which has a fantastic collection of British and European paintings and sculptures.



Thursday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

Free Afternoon. Why not visit **Chester Cathedral**?

VINTAGE BUS TOUR OF CHESTER

19.30 Meet at Stanley Place for a tour of Chester on a vintage bus!

The tour lasts about an hour so those who wish could go for a drink together afterwards. The vintage bus is one of only three in the world! Views from the top deck give an unusual view of Chester, very good for photographers!

Friday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

14.15 – 15.45 Afternoon Lessons

Saturday

Free day

Why not visit **Manchester** or get the train to **Shrewsbury**, a lovely market town? Please see Mathew for any travel advice you may need.

Sunday

Ironbridge and Blists Hill Living Museum



Leave at 10.00, return to Chester by 18.00

We will drive to Ironbridge in the heart of Shropshire to view the bridge built by Abraham Darby III between 1779 and 1781 and a powerful symbol of the industrial revolution. Then we will visit the Living Museum at Blists Hill, a recreation of the way life was in industrial Britain.

Monday

Morning Lessons 09.30 – 13.00

Free Afternoon. Why not take a walk along the city walls or the River Ree?

Tuesday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

14.15 – 15.45 Afternoon Lessons

Wednesday

A FULL DAY TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

09.00 leaving from English in Chester. Return to Chester approx. 18.00.

Full Day trip to Liverpool to visit the two Liverpool Cathedrals, a coach tour of the city then the Albert Dock with the Tate Gallery, Beatles Story and Museum of Liverpool. Then walk around the city centre and explore the sites of the city including Mathew Street where The Beatles played their very first concert!



Thursday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

13.00 – 17.00 Free Afternoon. You could have an ice-cream by the River Dee.

17.00 – 22.00 Pub Walk: get the bus to a local country pub.

Friday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

14.15: Join Moragh for a walk alongside the canal?



Saturday

Free day.

There is a charity walk on Saturday to raise money for Voluntary Services Overseas – English in Chester's official charity.

Sunday

CONWY AND BODNANT GARDEN

10.00 Leave from English in Chester and drive along the North Wales coast.

We will be back in Chester about 18.00.

Conwy is a beautiful seaside town of huge importance in English and Welsh history. Built between 1283 and 1287 by Edward I, Conwy Castle is a spectacular example of a strategic medieval fortress. Conwy itself is the most outstanding walled town in Britain. This vibrant, lively town is great to wander around and a nice ice cream by the sea is always a highlight! Other attractions include Plas Mawr – an excellent example of an Elizabethan town house, and the smallest house in Wales.

Bodnant Garden is one of the most beautiful gardens in the UK, spanning some 80 acres situated above the River Conwy. Enjoy a pleasant walk round these interesting gardens, where you can see a wide variety of beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees.



Monday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

14.15 – 15.45 Free Afternoon. Why not visit **Chester Zoo**?

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Wednesday

09.30 – 13.00 – Morning Lessons

13.45 – 18.00 **Visit to Erddig Hall**

Erddig is a unique family home that has captured the way of life of a bustling household community during the early years of the 20th Century.

You will learn how both the rich and their servants lived. Much of the furniture is original. There are stables with horses and carriages and there is also a very nice garden, gift shop and pleasant tea rooms.



Thursday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

Free Afternoon

17.30 – An optional theatre trip at additional cost. More details will be given at the 'Introduction to Excursions' session on Tuesday 7th May.
Leave from English in Chester.

Tickets must be booked and paid for in advance. (subject to availability)
Taxis home can be arranged.

Friday

09.30 – 13.00 Morning Lessons

A SAD GOODBYE

After morning classes, lunch will be provided for 50+ teachers and students.
This will be a chance to take last photos and exchange addresses.