

# DOWNE HOUSE 2023

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# WELCOME TO

# LINES DOWNE HOUSE 2023!

Downe House is LINES' longest running centre in the UK. Established in 1995, LINES Downe House is based in the County of Berkshire, home to the family of the Princess of Wales, Kate Middleton. Downe House is approximately 45 minutes from Heathrow Airport, 90 minutes from central London and 45 minutes from Oxford. The school is located just outside the market town of Newbury and is surrounded by beautiful countryside. The school has private access and is set in 210 acres of forest.

LINES offers a personal meet and greet service to and from London Heathrow (other airports on request). From the moment of arrival until departure, LINES takes responsibility for the welfare of each of the students. LINES offers an intensive academic programme for English at Downe House. The programme accepts all levels from complete Beginner to Advanced. There are 3 age groups at LINES Downe House: Teens (9-12), Juniors (13-15) and Seniors (16 to 18).

There is a strong international mix of students at LINES. Students are welcomed from all corners of the world: Spain, Russia, Italy, France, China, Germany, Poland etc. with up to 25 different nationalities on site.

There is a strong emphasis on immersion and students are always encouraged by LINES staff to speak English, whether in class, at dinner, on excursion, during activities or when relaxing in their accommodation.









# WHY CHOOSE LINES DOWNE HOUSE?

TOP QUALITY BOARDING SCHOOL

PRO ACTIVITIES

32 LESSONS (24 hrs.) PER WEEK

STAFF-STUDENT RATIO 1:4 AGE GROUPS Teens (9-12) Juniors (13-15) Seniors (16-18)

LEARN ENGLISH THROUGH LIFE SKILLS 2 FULL DAY EXCURSIONS A WEEK

FULL IMMERSION PROGRAMME

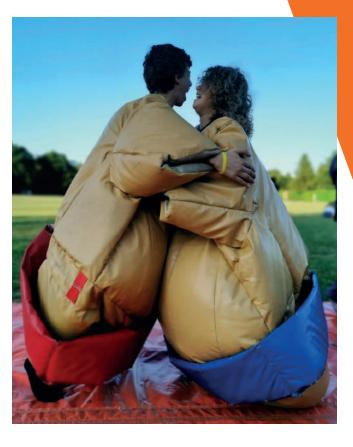






# WHAT MAKES LINES UNIQUE?

- Complete Immersion
- 8 x 45-minute lessons a day
- 16 English Language (Learning)
  & 16 Life Skills Lessons
  (Acquiring) a week
- A combination of general English and English through life skills
- Small class sizes, average 7-8, maximum 10 students
- Class groups of same age and same level
- Midweek & weekend excursions
- Pro Activities
  (Golf, Music, Football)
- Accredited by the British
  Council & member of EnglishUK
- Qualified, professional teachers
- Staff to student ratio 1:4
- Safe and secure environment
- First class school and residential facilities
- ✓ Tailor-made courses
- ✓ All-inclusive package





# LINES APPROACH

LINES wants to offer its students the summer of their lives: learn or improve English, make friends from all over the world, visit amazing places, have exciting and fun activities. This is why we offer a theme-based programme: our three areas (academic, activities and excursions) focus on one theme. Every week offers a new theme. The students can practise in the evening and on excursions what they have learned during the lessons. Here are our themes per week:

WEEK 1: TEAM BUILDING
WEEK 2: ART YOU READY?
WEEK 3: KNOW YOUR BODY
WEEK 4: SELF-DEVELOPMENT



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

# LEARNING & ACQUIRING

LINES offers all its students, whatever their age and ability, the opportunity to both learn English and acquire the skills needed in today's modern world to communicate effectively and successfully in English!

The Academic Programme is at the heart of the LINES experience. At LINES Downe House, we are proud to offer students access to some of the finest learning facilities, with modern classrooms and fully qualified and experienced teachers who have a passion for bringing language to life.





# GENERAL ENGLISH

# 4 LESSONS A DAY (12 HOURS PER WEEK)

Language lessons based on the age and the level of each student in classes up to max. 10 students same age and level. Improve the general English skills:

- > Speaking: fluency and pronunciation
- Listening, Reading & Writing to support fluency
- > Grammar: Consolidation and opportunity to practice
- > New Vocabulary Reviews
- A Friday Language Test to assess learning progress and level

# LIFE SKILLS

# 4 LESSONS A DAY (12 HOURS PER WEEK)

Each day students will learn English through new life skills based on the age and the level of each student in classes from up to 10 students same age and level, as follows:



# **DEVELOP:**

# ME, MYSELF AND I

Developing a personal vision, self-reflecting, controling emotions.



### **DISCOVER:**

# SOCIALIZE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

Active listening, joining a conversation, sharing, asking for help.



# **CREATE:**

# MANAGERS OF TOMORROW

Debating, negotiating, planning, making decisions and problem solving.



### RISE:

# BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR

Creativity, innovation and risk-taking, critical thinking, the ability to plan and manage projects.











At LINES Downe House, students can enjoy two full-day excursions to a range of destinations, selected for their interest and enjoyment. All excursions are fully supervised by our trained staff to make sure that our students get the very best out of each excursion! At LINES, excursions form an integral part of the learning programme, giving students the opportunity to practise and use their language skills in real-life settings whilst gaining an appreciation and understanding of the culture and history of the UK.

# **SAMPLE 2023**

# TEENS (9-12 YEARS OLD)

DATES	THEME	ACADEMIC	WEEKEND EXCURSIONS
Week 1	Team Building	Warwick Castle	10/07: Trampoline Park
(12/07 - 22/07*)	learn building	wai wick castle	17/07: Kidzania & Westfield London
Week 2 (22/07 - 29/07)	ArT You Ready?	Bristol Graffiti	London Eye & Regent Street/ Piccadilly
Week 3 (29/07 - 05/08)	Know Your Body	We the Curious, Bristol	Chelsea Stadium Tour & Designer Outlet

# JUNIORS (13-15 YEARS OLD) & SENIORS (16-18 YEARS OLD)

DATES	THEME	ACADEMIC	WEEKEND EXCURSIONS
Week 1	Team Building	Christchurch College	10/07: Trampoline Park
(12/07 - 22/07*)	rearn building	& Punting, Oxford	17/07: The Shard & Westfield London
Week 2	ArT You Ready?	Bristol Graffiti	London River Cruise
(22/07 - 29/07)	All loo neady:		& Regent Street/Piccadilly
Week 3 (29/07 - 05/08)	Know Your Body	The Roman Baths	Wembley Stadium Tour & Designer Outlet

<sup>\*</sup>First week is from Wednesday 12/07 until Saturday 22/07

# SATURDAY WEST END MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

West End Musicals are a must when visiting one of the world's biggest cities, London. It is world famous for its top West End shows, people travel from everywhere to experience breathtaking performances from some of the best leading actors. Every Saturday, we give our students the opportunity to do the same!

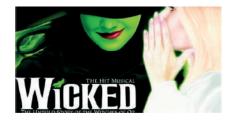
London by night is also an experience not to be missed: the bright lights and bustle of the West End give our students the opportunity to see the real London at its very best. Our dedicated staff will make sure that our students enjoy their Saturday night: before going to the musical, all students have a fast food meal and our staff then accompany them to the theatre and make sure that they find and settle into their seats to watch a performance they will remember forever!

Please note that musicals are not included in the basic package cost. Prices are available on request by emailing office@lines.ac

Reservations should be made as early as possible as places are limited and sell out very quickly. See below for a few shows we offered in the past. The 2023 programme will follow shortly.







# SUNDAY FUNDAY EXCURSIONS

In addition to the academic and Saturday excursions, we also offer optional Sunday excursions from Downe House. We advise that you book places for these trips at the enrolment stage to avoid disappointment. Students do have the opportunity to book once on site but places at this stage are limited and subject to availability.

Optional Sunday excursions are not included in the basic fee. Prices are available upon request by emailing office@lines.ac



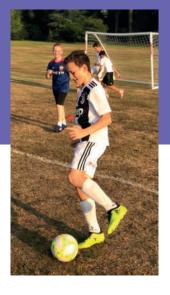




# ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Once classes have finished for the day, it is time for students to get active, let their hair down and have fun! At LINES Downe House, we run our activity programme every evening, with a range of carefully planned activities offered to suit all ages and interests.







# **EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- > BASKETBALL
- > SWIMMING
- > STREET DANCE
- > AFRICAN DRUMMING
- > ARTS
  - & CRAFTS
- > ARCHERY
- > T SHIRT TIE-DYE
- > LASER TAG
- > FOOTBALL

## **ON-SITE ACTIVITIES**

TUESDAY + WEDNESDAY FOR TEENS
MONDAY + WEDNESDAY FOR JUNIORS
MONDAY + TUESDAY FOR SENIORS

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

(ARCHERY, STREET DANCE, POP ART,...)
MONDAY FOR TEENS, TUESDAY FOR
JUNIORS & WEDNESDAY FOR SENIORS

# OFF-SITE EVENING THURSDAY SHOPPING TRIP!

AWARDS & ENTERTAINMENT AND DISCO NIGHT!

**FRIDAY** 

### **LINES ACTIVITY NIGHT:**

CARNIVAL, FESTIVAL & LIVE BAND OR OLYMPICS (SATURDAY)
FUNDAY! ONSITE GAMES AND EVENING CONCERT (SUNDAY)

# **PRO ACTIVITIES**

LINES is delighted to offer an additional programme of high-quality activity coaching with a team of dedicated, highly trained and qualified professionals. It has been our privilege to work with some of the best people in their respective sports for several years which means they truly understand the needs of our students and know how to maximise their enjoyment in every session. A minimum of 4 participants is required for each Pro Activity to take place. We advise that reservations are made during the enrolment process in order to guarantee a place. This is recommended as places are limited and sell out fast.

These activities are optional and not included in the basic fee. Prices are available upon request, office@lines.ac

# > MUSIC

(Tim Walter & Gary Bentley)

# > FOOTBALL

(Berkshire Elite FC)

### , GOLF

(Matt Woods)











# GENERAL INFORMATION





### DATES

- > START DATE: Wednesday 12/07/2023
- > STUDENTS CAN START EVERY SATURDAY, EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST ARRIVAL DAY (12/07)
- > CLOSING SATURDAY 05/08/2023
- MINIMUM STAY 2 WEEKS, MAXIMUM STAY 4 WEEKS



## **AGE GROUPS**

- > TEENS (9 - 12 years old)
- > JUNIORS (13 - 15 years old)
- > SENIORS (16 - 18 years old)



# **ACCOMMODATION**

- SINGLES OR DOUBLES FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS
- DOUBLES, TRIPLES OR QUADS FOR KIDS AND TEENS



# **FEES**

Available upon request, office@lines.ac











# **SAMPLE TIMETABLE**

# A COMBINATION OF GENERAL ENGLISH AND LIFE SKILLS IN VERY SMALL GROUPS FROM THE SAME AGE AND THE SAME LEVEL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
7:45	Wake up	Wake up	Wake up	
8:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:15			Excursion Meeting	
10:00	Lessons 1 & 2	Lessons 1 & 2	8:45	
10:45	Break	Break		
11:00	Lessons 3 & 4	Lessons 3 & 4		
11:45	E0330113 7 & T	LC330113 J & T		
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	A - mala mai -	
13:30	Lessons 5 & 6	Lessons 5 & 6	Academic Excursion	
14:15	Lessons J & 0	LC330113 J & 0		
15:00	Break	Break		
15:15	Lessons 7 & 8	Lessons 7 & 8		
16:00	Lessons / & 0	LC330113 / Q 0		
16:45	Free time	Free time	Free time	
17:45	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
18:30	Free time	Free time	Free time	
19:00				
19:15	Activities	Activities	Activities	
20:00	or Pro Activity	or Pro Activity	or Pro Activity	
21:00				
21:30	Free time	Free time	Free time	
22:00	Back to house	Back to house	Back to house	
22:30	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
		Wake up		
Wake up	Wake up	Breakfast	Wake up	
Breakfast	Breakfast	Excursion Meeting 8:45		
Lessons 1 & 2	Lessons 1 & 2		Breakfast	
Lessons T& Z	Lessons 1 & Z		Meeting 10:15	
Break	Break		ACTIVITIES	
Lessons 3 & 4	Lessons 3 & 4		or Harry Potter or Thorpe Park	
Lunch	Lunch	Day Out Excursion	Lunch	
Lessons 5 & 6	Lessons 5 & 6	+ Musical	Free time	
			Meeting 14:15	
Break	Break		ACTIVITIES	
Lessons 7 & 8	Lessons 7 & 8		or Harry Potter or Thorpe Park	
Free time	Free time		Welcome meeting	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	
Evening Shopping trip	End of Week Awards Show			
	Friday Disco	Lines carnival	Pizza & movie night	
Free time				
Back to house	Back to house	Back to house		
Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	















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