



TAUNTON
— SCHOOL —



JUNIOR SUMMER SCHOOL
SUMMER 2023

A warm welcome to the Summer



School at Taunton School



Every year it is our pleasure to welcome students from all over the world to study at our Summer School at Taunton School. We pride ourselves on creating a safe, happy, action packed, disciplined and supportive educational experience that challenges, nurtures and inspires every one of our students.

Established in 1847, Taunton School has long been one of the leading providers of private education in the UK. We are located in the beautiful rural county of Somerset in the South West of England, occupying a 56 acre site with superb facilities.

We have been educating international students on our Summer School courses for more than 20 years, providing a wonderful balance of academic subjects, sports, activities and trips. Our Summer School courses offer a genuine taste of British boarding school life and our students take home with them memories, experiences and friendships they will never forget.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our Summer courses in 2023, where many opportunities and a warm welcome awaits you.



Challenge • Nurture • Inspire



Kevin Griffiths
Director of Summer School

Kevin grew up in Hampshire and moved around the south of England following his father's job in the Royal Navy. After graduating with a BSc (Hons) in Geography and a brief foray into Chartered Accountancy, Kevin began a career in teaching in 1999.

He soon became a Head of Department and a Head of Year and was then promoted to Assistant and Deputy Headships. He subsequently became a Secondary School Headteacher.

Kevin's children have both benefited from being students at Taunton School and having taught Maths and Science in the International School, he is delighted to be the Director of Summer School.

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Courses

Junior Summer School courses are offered to students aged between **8 and 12 years old**.

Course	Duration	Dates
Summer School 1:	2 Weeks	Saturday, 1st July to Saturday, 15th July
Summer School 2:	2 Weeks	Saturday, 15th July to Saturday, 29th July
Summer School 3:	2 Weeks	Saturday, 29th July to Saturday, 12th August

Students may study for 2, 4 or 6 weeks. Please note that the option to study for 3 or 5 weeks is available but incurs an additional fee for airport transfers.

The course content is different on each Summer School and there is a maximum class size of 12.

Every student receives 15 hours of formal English lessons each week plus 10 hours of an exciting range of other courses to study. For students attending for 2 or more weeks, it is possible to choose a different combination of courses throughout their stay with us.

We offer English plus:	
Academic Programme	£2,915 for 2 weeks
STEM: Computer Programming & Robotics	£2,915 for 2 weeks
Multi-Sports	£2,915 for 2 weeks
Cookery	£2,915 for 2 weeks



English Tuition

Learning English in a fun, exciting and engaging way is at the core of what we do on our Summer School and we believe our students make significant progress in just two weeks.

Students are taught in age and level-appropriate groups by highly qualified and experienced English teachers, catering for all levels from A1 to C1. No matter what summer programme is chosen, all of our students study English for 3 hours each day.

The first two hours of teaching cover the essentials of Grammar, Vocabulary and the four skills of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. Following this, students choose from a selection of one-hour English Enrichment courses in which they develop aspects of English acquisition such as

Pronunciation, Creative Writing, Vocabulary Development, Public Speaking, Debating, Philosophy & Ethics and Conversational English.

With an average class size of just 8, students are able to quickly develop their confidence and participation in the use of the English language. We aim to develop the student's ability to work independently, as well as advancing their collaborative skills by working in pairs and in small groups.

"To have another language is to possess a second soul"

Charlemagne



Academic



The Junior Academic course offers young students a fun and hands on learning experience. Specially designed to engage young learners, this course offers a range of challenging and stimulating learning experiences in English (3 hours) and other academic subjects (2 hours).

Class sizes are small, averaging eight students per class (maximum of 12) and students are taught by specialist teachers, offering two hours of academic lessons in a range of subjects from Art, Design Technology and Performing Arts to Science, Mathematics, ICT and Humanities.

Aimed at encouraging experiential and thematic learning, students will work both individually and collaboratively to solve problems, be creative, to question and develop their study skills. Fun, active

and stimulating, this course will build confidence in communicative English as well as preparing students academically.

This course is ideal as a stand-alone course for students who wish to boost their English level and confidence or for those wishing to enter into the British independent school system.

Students also enjoy a busy activities schedule with sports, games, activities and trips leaving them with a British experience they will never forget!

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela



STEM

With 4 billion people using the internet every day, over 550 new websites created every minute and the sale of robots increasing by 30% each year, it is not surprising that so many young people are interested in STEM subjects.

On this course, our junior students are introduced to the world of computer programming and robotics.

Students use programming software to run virtual homes, roller coasters and fairground rides, car and house alarms, traffic management systems and automated production lines. This is a great opportunity to develop a greater understanding of computer logic and the sequencing of programming instructions. Electronic mimics allow students to test and develop their programming skills.

For the more experienced students, it is possible to advance to computer games design using Scratch or Python.

Our students will design, make and programme Lego Mindstorms© robots using a wide range of motors, sensors and servos. This is a great course for young students interested in technology who want to combine programming with working models that allow them to be creative, experimental and develop their naturally enquiring minds.

*"Let's go invent tomorrow
instead of worrying about
what happened yesterday"*

Steve Jobs





MULTI SPORT

Multi Sports



For all those active young learners, the Junior Multi-Sports programme is a must!

This two-week course features two hours of a different sport every day, from the more traditional sports of football, tennis, basketball, athletics, badminton and swimming to the less widely known sports of rugby, cricket, rounders, fencing and netball.

Running alongside the sport, students have three hours of academic English classes where their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills are developed by our highly experienced and dedicated teachers.

Vocabulary learning is an integral part of the programme, with many new words associated with the numerous sports on offer being woven into their lessons.

There is ample opportunity for students to take part in sports competitions during the two-week programme and to use the wonderful sports facilities that are available on our 56-acre campus, including two indoor swimming pools, fitness suite, tennis courts, sports pitches, squash courts, athletics track and a climbing wall.

Whether you are a sports fanatic or just looking for a healthy and active summer camp, our Junior Multi-Sports programme will not disappoint.

"Apart from education, you need good health, and for that you need to play sports."

Kapil Dev



Cookery



Our new and exciting Junior Cookery course provides our younger students with three hours of English and two hours of practical cookery each day, using the excellent kitchen facilities at Taunton Prep School.

Students not only learn how to cook delicious, healthy food and significantly improve their culinary skills, they also learn about world cuisine and where our food comes from, the seasonality of food, its nutritional value and the importance of a balanced diet.

Throughout the two-week course, students will be introduced to a range of new vocabulary and learn how to budget, shop and prepare for their wonderful cookery experience.

Students will learn a huge number of culinary skills, techniques and methods and every day will see them creating colourful, imaginative and tasty dishes from raw ingredients. And for those with a competitive edge, there is the chance to win the much coveted 'Chef of the Week' contest!

By the end of the course, we expect all of our young chefs to have gained enough knowledge, experience and confidence, so that when they return home, they will be able to continue their love of cooking by preparing meals in the family home.

"Where there is food, there is love."

Anon



Trips, excursions & activities

A Taunton School summer course includes lots of new adventures and experiences. It is important for students to see and discover as much as they can as this further fuels their appetite for learning.

Over the duration of their course, students see many different aspects of British culture, such as the galleries and museums of London, the world-famous colleges of Oxford University, Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon and the world heritage site of Stonehenge.

Excursions are also about having fun, so some courses include trips to theme parks, beaches and famous cities, as well as offering the chance to explore the outstanding natural beauty in the area surrounding Taunton School.

We want our students to keep busy after lessons, therefore in the evenings, we offer a wide range of sports, activities and workshops which cater for all interests and ages. You could try your hand at archery, fencing, zorbing, climbing, high ropes, canoeing, surfing, sailing, karting and horse riding to name but a few!

Our summer courses are designed to bring students together and grow cross-cultural friendships as well as being full of fun and adventure. They give students the opportunity to build on their strengths and discover new talents, interests and abilities and, by the end of the course, we expect all of our students to have tried new things, to have increased in confidence and furthered their 'can do' approach to life.



*“Life was meant for
big adventures and
good friends.”*

Anon







Outstanding Facilities

During our Summer courses, students have the entire 56-acre campus at their disposal.

Lessons are taught in well-equipped, spacious and modern classrooms, with Smartboards in every room and Wi-Fi widely available across the whole campus. For academic lessons, our facilities include a library, Art studios, Design and Technology workshops and large, fully-equipped Science labs. For co-curricular sports and activities, the site also boasts two indoor swimming pools, two sports halls, a gymnasium, a fully equipped fitness suite, a climbing wall, tennis courts, squash courts, an Olympic-sized all-weather hockey pitch, numerous sports pitches, a theatre, a fully-equipped kitchen, a dance studio and a Music School.

Our meals are served in the newly-opened dining hall on campus and students are able to serve themselves from a wide selection of hot and cold food, with meat, fish, vegetarian and salad options always available.

Whatever your child's needs and interests, we are confident that we have the facilities to cater for them and indeed, that they will have the opportunity to take part in many new sports and activities whilst here with us.





Boarding and Pastoral Care

Students reside in one of our two comfortable boarding houses (Thone or The Grange) in bedrooms of between three to six students and wherever possible, we make sure they share with students of a different first language. This helps our students to speak English at all times, and is one of the reasons why progress in the English language is so noticeable.

Our summer courses are neither too big nor too small, which means we are able to maintain that all important personal and individual contact. We provide the highest levels of care and attention to every member of our community to make sure their time at Taunton School is safe, secure, remarkable and memorable.

Experienced House Parents and boarding staff provide a family atmosphere and with our low student-staff ratio, we ensure there is always someone available to support and lend a helping hand if needed.

If students are feeling unwell, we have a matron available to look after them as well as nurses and doctors on call, should the need arise. There is also a hospital less than 10 minutes away.

Taunton School quickly becomes a home from home for our students and no matter how far they have travelled, they soon feel comfortable, confident and secure with their new 'family' and friends.







Exeter



Dorset



Bristol



Stonehenge

Our Location

Taunton School is situated in the beautiful English countryside and benefits from clear air and a safe environment away from large urban populations.

Taunton is the county town of Somerset and is located in the South West of England.

Taunton School is within walking distance of the town centre which is an excellent place to do some shopping, meet for coffee or visit the theatre or cinema.

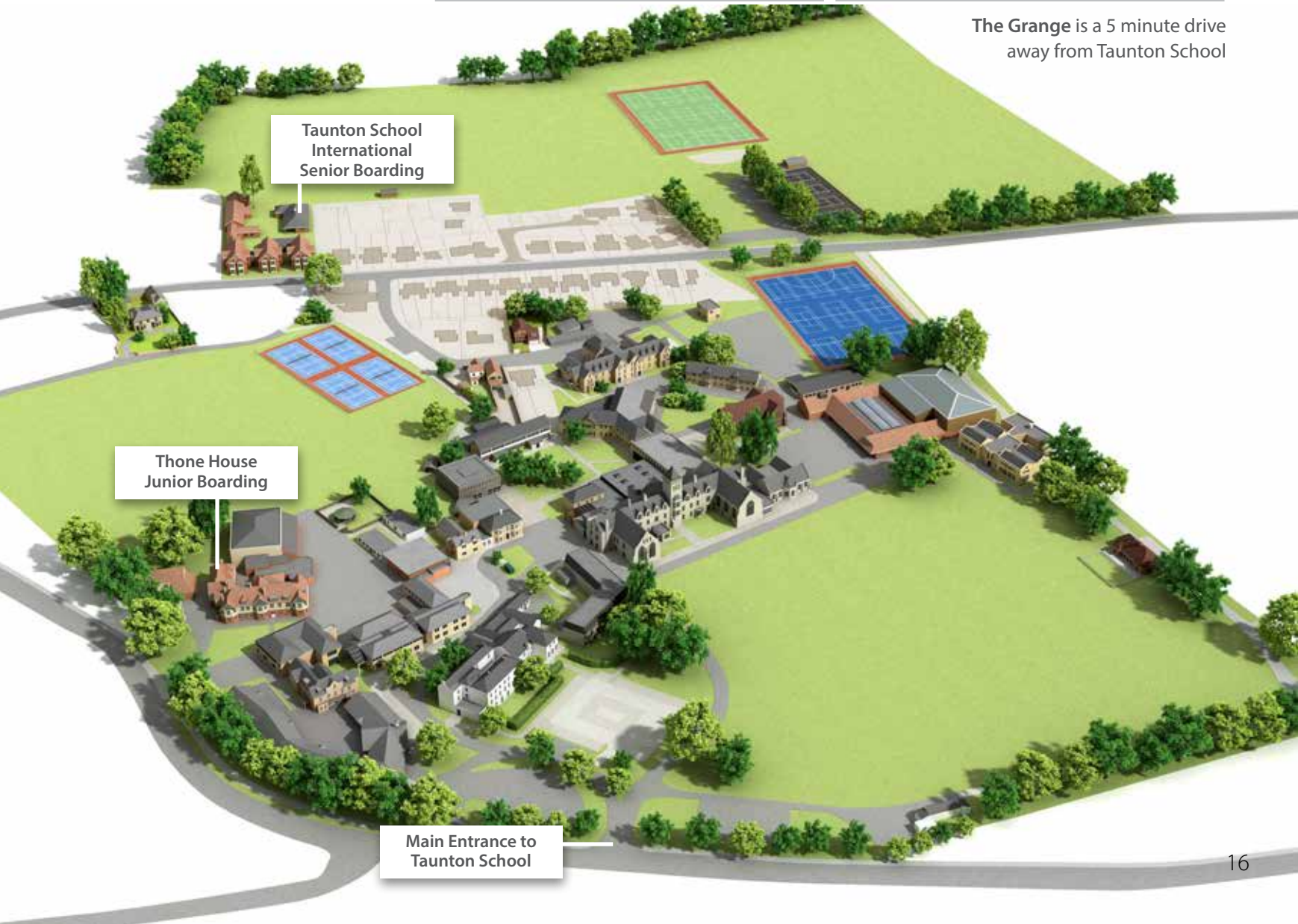
The South West region enjoys good weather, areas of outstanding natural beauty and a wonderful coastline.

The cities of Bristol and Exeter are under one hour in travel time and Taunton is on main road and rail links to London and other major cities.

Our Campus



The Grange is a 5 minute drive away from Taunton School





Booking

We look forward to welcoming your child to Taunton School during the summer of 2023.

Our friendly Summer School team is happy to answer all of your questions and assist you through the easy booking process. The extremely popular courses get booked up quickly on a first come served basis so please contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Fees include

Tuition, teaching materials, accommodation, sports coaching, full academic report and course certificate, food, laundry, activities, insurance, excursions and airport transfers to selected airports (between published times on transfer days).

Travel and Visa assistance

We are on hand to provide information to assist you in booking your child's transport to and from the UK, to coincide with our meet and greet airport transfer service.

For children who require a visa, we will advise you about the process involved in obtaining a visa and supply the necessary evidence to support the visa application.

Contact us

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