

Programme at the University of St Andrews

EXTENSION LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

English for Young Learners and Teenagers

27th July - 10th August 2019

(two-week programme)

This international English language programme for young learners and teenagers is aimed at juniors from the ages of 8-15. The programme covers English language classes delivered by university teachers experienced in working with young people from all over the world, afternoon and evening activities like quiz nights, communication activities, Scottish dances and sports in a multinational environment.

The English classes are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from: 9.30 – 12.00 and from 14.15-16.15 with a short break between the classes. The aim of these classes is to improve students' reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere. Classes are taught in university buildings so that students have a chance to meet with the history, prestige and tradition of our 600 year old institution.

After the classes students participate in a number of activities demanding use of English in a multinational environment. Juniors prepare for the talent show, play sports in multinational groups, participate in Scottish dances practice or solve puzzles based on the history of the old town of St Andrews, supported by their teachers.

In addition, there are one day trips organized to places of national heritage in Scotland. The aim of those trips is to show students the beauty, history and culture of Scotland, famous for such great historical characters as: Mary Queen of Scots, Alexander Bell, the inventor of the telephone, Adam Smith, the world's first economist, John Logie Baird, the inventor of television and many others. Before every trip students are introduced to the history and heritage of the places they are going to visit in their classrooms.

Full board accommodation is provided at one of the university residences. Meals are provided at the following times:

8.00-9.00 breakfast

12.30-13.30 lunch

18.15-19.00 dinner



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On excursion days students are provided with packed lunches.

Most young learners and teenagers attending the programme come with the group supervisors from their own countries.

Detailed description of classes

MORNING CLASSES, MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

9.30 - 10.45

Students work on a daily journal or diary.

The daily topic is based on their social events/visits etc., of the previous day, eg., museum, ceilidh, sport etc.

Each day three or four of the students read out their journal for that day as an introduction which is followed by grammar development based on the discussed topics and the appropriacy of used language. Grammar development covers the three conditionals, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, phrasal verbs, relative pronouns and clauses, comparisons the gerund, infinitive commands, requests, invitations, advice and suggestions and linking words. Formal learning is followed by an activity, either as individuals or in small groups working together.

MORNING CLASSES, MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

11.00 am - 12.00 pm

This section focusses on communication skills development. Under the theme of ' Scotland and Britain ', various topics like history, geography, agriculture, industry, population density and distribution, the environment and climate are covered. The topics are researched discussed and written about. This work provides valuable information and material for the afternoon class magazine and newspaper project.

AFTERNOON CLASSES MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

2.00 - 4.00 pm



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CREATIVE LANGUAGE - Project - Class Newspaper or Magazine.

Each class takes some of the topics that have been introduced in the morning classes and produces either a class newspaper or magazine. Students also introduce comparisons from their own countries. On the second Thursday afternoon, all the magazines will be displayed in the lecture theatre and each class will give a brief explanation or presentation to the other classes before everybody has the opportunity to have a closer look at each magazine and to discuss them.

MORNING CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

9.30am - 12.00midday

CREATIVE LANGUAGE - Spoken Practice

There are two Friday mornings for this activity, with a performance on the 2nd Friday afternoon.

Each class will write, rehearse and produce a 10-minute play/drama sketch. This project will involve all Communication Skills - discussing, reading, writing, but in particular the spoken word. This is a fun, clear and a valuable exercise in communication skills.

This speaking practice will also encourage the students to use their own abilities and talents in both speech and acting.

Certification

On completion of the English for Young Learners and Teenagers Programme students receive a certificate from the University of St Andrews.

Cost of tuition and full board accommodation: 3250 GBP

There is also a special offer for Polish students, who are interested in joining the programme.

Cost of tuition and full board accommodation: 2200 GBP

