



Earlscliffe



Easter and
Summer
2025



The Earlscliffe campus is formed of eight Victorian and Edwardian buildings, all recently renovated to provide high-quality teaching and residential facilities.

Based in the coastal town of Folkestone, in the county of Kent, Earlscliffe is also very close to central London (54 mins by train) and its airports.



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"I've really enjoyed spending 3 weeks at Earlscliffe. The staff are really friendly, funny and caring, it's like a big family where you get to know everyone and make friends from all over the world. Everything was excellent."

Sofia, Spain



Our purpose

We strive to promote international understanding and collaboration through transformative learning experiences for teenagers from all over the world, which help shape their future lives and careers.

Our short courses provide unique educational opportunities, equipping youth with knowledge and skills beyond mainstream schooling.

Cultural activities, including language experiences, foster higher-level communication, enrich minds and spirits and nurture compassion and understanding among people.

We endorse travel as a positive force for good in our lives, while also working to mitigate its negative impact on our global environment.



Our methodology

Basing our curriculum on the 21st century learning skills of collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity, our students are motivated and stimulated not only by the course content but its relevance to their generation's aims and concerns.



About Earlscliffe

Earlscliffe is an independent sixth form college during the academic year and offers a highly personalised learning environment, offering GCSE, A-levels or Foundation courses to 15–19 year olds from all over the world.



Our location

Earlscliffe is situated within a residential area in the safe town of Folkestone, Kent. We are 54 minutes from central London and 5 minutes' walk from the beach and town centre.

Heathrow to Earlscliffe:

Car 90 minutes

Gatwick to Earlscliffe:

Car 75 minutes

Central London to Earlscliffe:

Train 54 minutes



↑ Interactive tour



Rooms and meals

Girls and boys live in separate, supervised accommodation. Most rooms are spacious single or twin rooms and all have en-suite WC and shower. A very small number of triple rooms are available. All rooms have Wi-Fi.

The accommodation is attractive: modern, light rooms within historic façades. Earlscliffe is an 'in-town' campus of buildings meaning that students can easily walk between classes, meals, accommodation and activities.

Meals taken in the college dining room and prepared by our own chefs are varied and often international, such as Chinese, Mexican or Indian, but not forgetting the occasional British fish and chips!

Think Global!

13–17yrs

Lessons:
20 hours per week

Min English level:
A2+

Max class size:
12



Special Feature
UNESCO debates
every Thursday



◆ Work towards a better future

Think Global! is designed not only to maximise a student's language development but to do this through using UNESCO's 'Four pillars of learning': learning to know; learning to do; learning to be and learning to live together.

By exploring global themes and utilising 21st century learning skills, students enhance their language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and gain the confidence to engage in discussions, debates, and challenges with their peers.



Core content areas:

- Studying global developments and their societal impacts
- Examining technology and social media's effects on mental health
- Creating cultural profiles for a school board display
- Discussing tourism's needs, potential, and impacts
- Designing and promoting a holiday brochure
- Debating motions on mass tourism, social media, sports & ethics, fast fashion and government priorities
- Participating in a desert survival role-playing game
- Investigating the impacts of mass consumption and sustainable lifestyles
- Writing, producing, and performing theatre pieces in English
- Developing interview skills and examining question bias for journalistic integrity

◆ **"I have never experienced so much in such a short time and also met a lot of great friends from other countries. All the people were so nice. I think it's the best time of my life that I will never forget."**

Thomas, Germany



Sustainable Futures

14–17yrs

Lessons:
20 hours per week

Min English level:
B1+

Max class size:
12



Special Feature
Sustainability scavenger hunt in Folkestone

Raft building



◆ Empowering the change-makers

The Sustainable Futures course is designed specifically for students who have a keen interest in sustainability and are passionate about contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This course provides an in-depth exploration of the SDGs, focusing on their significance, implementation strategies, and potential impact on global sustainability.



Daily topics are investigated in three phases:

Phase 1 – 'Thinking Locally': students look to Folkestone and the English coast; discovering local developments and sustainability initiatives, and simulating getting involved through fieldwork, projects and practical tasks

Phase 2 – 'Thinking Globally': students look to the wider world; exploring where it may be heading, and what big organisations are doing to make a positive impact

Phase 3 – 'Acting, Not Just Thinking': students look to themselves, their immediate environment and their lives, and do a series of hands-on projects focused on how they themselves can make a positive impact. This includes creating and undertaking a sustainability survey on Earlscliffe and making suggestions on how we can improve

Topics include:

- Our planet & reaching net zero
- Our habits & living sustainably
- The UN sustainability goals and how we can achieve them
- Sustainable construction & materials
- Sustainable cities & urban spaces
- Sustainable business – product development & innovation
- Sustainable fashion vs. fast fashion



Mini-MBA™ 15–17yrs

Lessons:
20 hours per week

Min English level:
B2+

Max class size:
12



◆ Develop high-impact ideas

This programme is for students looking for an inspirational, ambitious and relevant course which gives them the perfect introduction to the exciting and productive world of start-ups, business and global trade.

Our experienced staff will inspire students to look at the world through the eyes of an entrepreneur. From identifying and solving problems, to learning how global events impact local businesses, the Mini-MBA™ is perfect for ambitious students who thrive under pressure and seek out challenges.



General topics covered:

- Entrepreneurship, finance & start-ups
- Market research & marketing
- Management, organisation & leadership
- Businesses of the future – sustainability

This course is ideal for committed students looking for a very different kind of summer course, who want to boost their CV and university applications by completing this rigorous and challenging programme.

For students considering studying business, finance, management, economics or accounting at A-level, IB or undergraduate level, the Mini-MBA™ provides an intensive and comprehensive introduction.

◆ **“I met so many great people, had such a great and funny time. The trips are always interesting and unforgettable. The staff are always there for you. In the evening we always sit together and hold the best conversations.”**

Lena, France



Special Feature

Visit to the Bank of England or the Museum of Brands

Breaking Digital 14–17yrs

Lessons:
20 hours per week

Min English level:
B2+

Max class size:
12



◆ Shaping the socio-cultural landscape through communication

This two week programme is designed to equip students with the skills and know-how to critically challenge and interpret information, data and news in order to arrive at a balanced view on global ‘big issues’.

The course will also teach students how best to communicate creatively their own ideas and opinions to the widest target audience.



This course is perfect for curious, well-informed students who think independently yet enjoy working collaboratively in dynamic teams. Students will harness technical skills in creating video, audio and text output to bring political, cultural and social discussion to the table.

Topics include:

- **Breaking Sound:** Expanding the focus to issues within the 21st-century media landscape, this project involves collaboration to create a podcast focusing on global current affairs.
- **Breaking Image:** Exploring the power of imagery, this project teaches how to evoke feelings and reactions in social media, journalism, and marketing.
- **Breaking Text:** Focusing on print media and article writing, this project replicates the hustle and bustle of a newsroom through a series of investigative journalism assignments. Students will create newspaper articles and podcasts involving real-life interviews with the public, other students, and staff. Additionally, students will act as ‘reporters’ at the Think Global! debates.



Special Feature

London media workshop with professional experts



Uni-Prep 15-17yrs

Lessons:
20 hours per week

Min English level:
B2+

Max class size:
12



Special Feature

Guided tour of the University of Oxford



◆ Aiming high

The Uni-Prep course is for those aged 15-17, who will soon be considering applying to universities either in the UK or their own countries.

This higher level, skills-based course is designed to focus on all the independent learning skills required of an ambitious undergraduate, and indeed to help some of our students seeking entry to the UK's best universities.



The academic thread running throughout the course is completion of an extended essay on an academic topic of the student's choice. This task brings together many of the skills taught across the two weeks and is similar to first year undergraduate work.

This two week course includes:

- Research skills, essay writing skills and note-taking skills
- Critical thinking
- Choosing appropriate universities and courses
- The Oxbridge entry process
- Guided tour of the University of Oxford
- Personal Statement guidance and interview technique
- Application preparation – producing a CV
- University life skills
- Public speaking skills

◆
**"Best camp ever!
I had the best time.
Everyone is amazing
and I can't believe it's
been two weeks. It felt
like two days!"**

Clara, Romania



Easter 8-17yrs

Lessons:
16 hours per week

Min English level:
Beginner to Advanced

Max class size:
12



◆ Step into Spring!

Earlscliffe has been running English language and activity courses in the Easter holiday period for over 20 years. This course will provide you with a balanced mix of language learning, sports, activities and cultural visits. It is designed to help you improve your English skills while enjoying an immersive and fun-filled environment.

Qualified English language teachers will guide you through interactive lessons, discussions, and language practice activities to help you develop your fluency and accuracy.



For our Junior students (8-12yrs.), morning classes focus on the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening, and our afternoon sessions being more interactive project lessons involving drama, music, film, arts and crafts.

For our senior students (13yrs.+ with a level of English B1+), we offer our Think Global! course in order to stimulate and improve the development of soft skills such as critical thinking, communication and collaboration.

In addition to the English lessons, there will be a wide range of sports and activities available for you to participate in. This could include sports such as football, basketball, tennis, swimming, or activities such as arts and crafts or baking. These activities will provide opportunities for you to develop your English in a practical and engaging way while enjoying physical exercise and teamwork.



Moreover, the programme will also include excursions to various places of interest in the south-east of England, such as historical sites, cultural landmarks, museums, etc. Every Wednesday we will visit a major attraction in London i.e. British Museum or the Natural History Museum. These excursions will not only allow you to explore the local culture and history but also provide you with opportunities to interact with native English speakers and further enhance your language skills in real-life situations.

One and two week options available.



Special offer
Buy one week,
get the second
week half price

Earlscliffe Easter courses:
12–25 April 2025

Earlscliffe summer courses:
29 June–16 August 2025

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↑ Book now!

Course title	Ages	Level of English	Dates	Price/Duration	Total number of students	Lessons	Accommodation	Cultural visits	Extra options	Airport transfers	Travel insurance	What's included	
Easter	8–17yrs	All levels from Beginner to Advanced	12–25 April 2025	1 week £1,675 2 weeks £2,515	Maximum 90	16 hours pw (16 x 60 min lessons)	All rooms have private bathrooms and are recently renovated	2 day trips per week including a weekly trip to London	4 hours of English * Small group lessons £195 per week * One to one lessons £325 per week	Transfers are included in the course fees for flights scheduled to arrive and depart between 9am–3pm*	Student travel insurance is included in the price	All accommodation Meals Lessons Sports Activities and events Excursions including admissions costs Wi-Fi Weekly laundry service Travel insurance Airport transfers* Earlscliffe water bottle and T-shirt	
Summer	Think Global!	13–17yrs	Minimum level Lower Intermediate (A2+)	29 June–16 August 2025 (2–7 weeks)	Think Global! £1,675 per week (min 2 weeks)	Maximum 125	20 hours pw (20 x 60 min lessons) Important Laptops needed for all courses except Think Global!	1–2 students sharing per room, with a select few triple rooms	1 evening trip to the cinema, ten-pin bowling or laser tag 1 afternoon trip every Saturday	Stand Up Paddle Boarding (2 hours pw) £135 Paintball (one session) £135 London musical i.e. Disney's The Lion King™ including transport and theatre ticket £210 Warner Bros Harry Potter™ Studios trip including transport and entry ticket £210	Arrival and departure days are Saturdays except for the first arrival day in summer: 29 June (Sunday) and our Easter school last departure day: Friday 25 April See Booking Form for out-of-hours and Unaccompanied Minor transfer prices		
	Sustainable Futures	14–17yrs	Minimum level Intermediate (B1+)	29 June–09 August 2025 (2 week course)	2 week course £3,665								
	Mini-MBA™	15–17yrs	Minimum level Upper Intermediate (B2+)				Students can extend their stay by combining courses.						
	Breaking Digital	14–17yrs	Minimum level Upper Intermediate (B2+)										
	Uni-Prep	15–17yrs	Minimum level Upper Intermediate (B2+)	29 June–12 July 2025									

Summer:
Early Bird Discount
Book by 31 March 2025 to get a £100 discount per week



Activities

Earlscliffe offers a balance of sports, cultural events, arts and crafts, fun games, walks and competitions, so there is something for everyone on the programme.

Students play volleyball, basketball, badminton, billiards and table tennis on-site. Our supervised afternoon and evening activities include karaoke nights; football; softball; 'Earlscliffe's Got Talent'; swimming; house competitions; themed disco nights; 'Minute to Win It'; tennis; 'Scavenger Hunt'; rounders; 'Jeux sans Frontières'; 'Bake Off' and quiz nights, to name just a few.

Regular daytime and evening beach trips are a popular part of the week's activities.



Cultural visits

Earlscliffe offers full day trips on Wednesdays and Sundays and evening trips to bowling, laser tag or the cinema.

An Earlscliffe highlight is our weekly trip to London (Capital Wednesday™), when over the course of the summer we visit many famous London landmarks: the Tate Modern; the London Dungeon; the London Eye; the Natural History Museum; the Tower of London; British Museum and Buckingham Palace.

On Sundays we may visit: the world-famous cathedral city of Canterbury and take a river boat tour; Thorpe Park theme park, Margate and Dreamland.





Optional Extras

Available in summer:

Paintball – Have fun in the forest, dodging your opponents and trying to plant the flag for your team (all safety equipment is provided and must be worn at all times).

Musical Trip – Disney's 'The Lion King'™ in London's West End. Most will have seen the movie and be familiar with Elton John's music which makes the experience all the more fulfilling and easy to understand.

Warner Bros Harry Potter™ Studios trip – For Harry Potter fans, why not enjoy a day out at another boarding school – Hogwarts?!

Paddle boarding – Learn the basic skills needed to be competent at balancing, paddling, turning and stopping as well as touring the Folkestone harbour area and Sunny Sands bay.

Available at Easter:



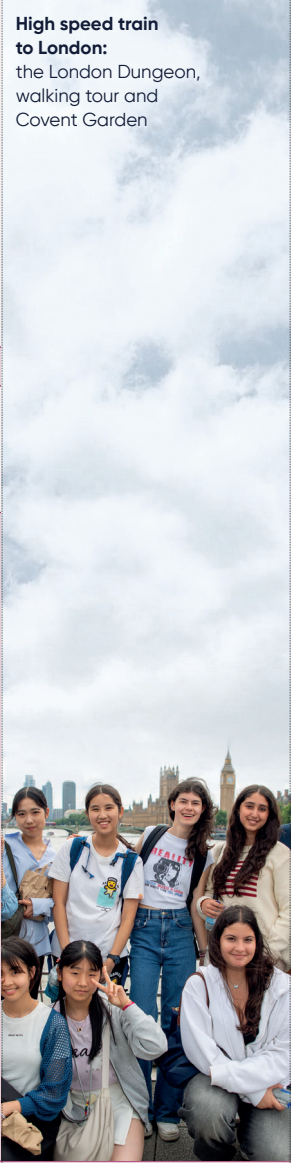








Extra English lessons in small groups or one-to-one basis.



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"I enjoyed my time at Earlscliffe. It was my best summer experience! In Earlscliffe I loved everything from the food, to activities, excursions and even the lessons. I will come back – 100%!"

Saveliy, Russia

Sample Week

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Capital Wednesday™	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	<p>Arrivals and departures throughout the day</p> <p>Park Games: Football Dodgeball Rounders</p> 	<p>Trip to Canterbury including boat tour</p> 	Lessons	Lessons	<p>High speed train to London: the London Dungeon, walking tour and Covent Garden</p> 	Lessons UNESCO Debate Day!	Lessons
Lunch	<p>Trip to Folkestone including Crazy Golf on the beach</p> 		Lessons	Lessons			Lessons UNESCO Debate Day!
			<p>Afternoon Activities: Beach trip Water wars Softball Photography</p> 	<p>Afternoon Activities: Swimming Tennis Volleyball Arts and crafts</p> 		<p>Afternoon Activities: Visit Folkestone in small groups</p> 	<p>Afternoon Activities: Dance Football Baking Basketball</p> 
Free time in houses							
Supper							
Evening activities	<p>Welcome BBQ and games</p>	<p>Karaoke night</p> 	<p>Film and popcorn night</p>	<p>'Minute to win it!'</p> 	<p>Quiz night</p>	<p>Trip to Ten Pin Bowling</p> 	<p>Leavers' Disco</p>



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