

Immersion Prospectus

BEC Broadstairs English Centre

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In our recent British Council inspection, we were awarded 14 strengths our of a possible 15. This is our second time achieving this as a year-round junior provider, meaning we are still ranked number 1 in this category in the el gazette October 2024-2025 rankings.

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Are you ready?

Immersion at BEC



Immersion is a language course in which students gain a deep understanding of British life and culture as well as advancing their English language skills. While taking part in this course they will attend a local school and make friends with local children. They will be immersed in English language all day and follow the same timetable as their English friends.

We have built relationships with our local schools over many years and have fine-tuned the experience so that students get the most from their stay with us. We are proud of this course and its consistent positive feedback.



Buddies

Buddies are a vital part of the experience for students. When they arrive at their immersion school, the first people they meet will be their buddies. These buddies have volunteered for the position and been chosen by their teachers. It is a responsibility that they are proud to hold and their teachers will have explained the expectations.

Students follow the timetable of their buddies. They will attend all lessons with them and go to lunch and break with them. It means that students are hearing and speaking English all day.

- Buddies are a similar age – we allow one year older or younger
- Students follow the timetable of their buddies
- Students will be spread across many classes because they will be with their buddy rather than their group
- Buddies have a responsibility to help take care of students and ensure that know where they are going and how to get to lessons



Induction

We begin the immersion course with an induction lesson taught by one of our teachers at BEC. It prepares the students for arrival in a British school. We go over rules and expectations, useful vocabulary and prepare them for their first meeting with their buddy.

This means they arrive at the immersion school prepared for the day. We arrive at break time, so their buddies are out of lessons and available to take them on a tour of the school, grab refreshments and begin to get to know each other before lessons begin.

- Covers introduction to life in a British school
- Prepares students for meeting buddies and building good relationships
- Time to answer any questions with Group Leaders before they begin the immersion

Sample Programme

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1 WEEK SAMPLE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	IMMERSION INDUCTION AT BEC 	IMMERSION CLASS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL	IMMERSION CLASS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL	IMMERSION CLASS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL	IMMERSION CLASS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL	
	IMMERSION CLASS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL	 **DIARY TIME**	 **HALF DAY TRIP TO CANTERBURY**	 **DIARY TIME**	 **SCAVENGER HUNT**	**LONDON WESTMINSTER TOUR**
EVENING WITH HOST / IN RESIDENCE	**WELCOME PARTY**	**STREET DANCE**	EVENING WITH HOST / IN RESIDENCE	**QUIZ NIGHT**	**FAREWELL PARTY**	EVENING WITH HOST / IN RESIDENCE
						

Diary Time

All immersion students are given a BEC diary to keep a record of their experience. On the first day a member of BEC staff leads Diary Time. They will be shown how to complete a diary entry and given examples of what could be included.

After this, Diary Time is managed by group leaders. It can be as formal or informal as the group requires. Some groups like to take the opportunity for a walk into Broadstairs, others want to play table tennis and chat with friends, while some prefer to treat it as a lesson and take the time to quietly complete diaries.

On the final Diary Time, the group will have a celebration of their immersion course. This session will be run by a member of the BEC team.

- All students are given a BEC diary to keep as a memento of their stay
- Students will be shown how to complete a diary entry in English
- There is flexibility to allow for students to rest and relax in this period after school
- The first and final Diary Time sessions are led by BEC staff



Group Leaders

Immersion group leaders have a responsibility to accompany their group to and from school each day. They must also stay on-site while their group are at school. They are the first point of contact if one of the group has a concern.

Lunch is provided for leaders along with the group and it is an opportunity to meet with them each day.

Our partner schools are welcoming to visitors and ensure that leaders have space to work as well as access to tea and coffee. They are happy to arrange for lesson observations and school tours during the week.



- Leaders are given a quiet place to work with access to Wi-Fi and tea and coffee facilities
- Leaders will have a trip out to a local area of interest
- Leaders must accompany the group to and from school each day
- Opportunities to observe lessons and meet with teachers
- Leaders must stay on-site while students are in school

Frequently Asked Questions



What age is this course suitable for?
We offer the immersion course to students between the ages of 9 and 17.

What level of English is required?
To take part in an immersion course we recommend that students are B1 or above. For under 11s we can accept children at A2 level.

How long is an immersion course?
We offer one, two or three-week immersion courses.

When is the best time of year for immersion?
From September to April is the best time to come. Throughout May and half of June, National exams make most schools unavailable. Schools close for the summer in mid-July and the summer term is busy, but we can place a limited number in the second half June.

What group size is best?
We ask for a minimum group size of 15. Most schools prefer to have no more than 20 students at a time. When a group is larger than 25, we will usually spread them across more than one school.

Do students need a uniform?
Yes. All of the schools we work with require their students to wear a uniform. Visiting students can wear their own school uniform or, if they do not have one, they will need to wear smart clothes and shoes. Details of this are shared in the packing list.



Join us for an unforgettable experience

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