



Student Guide 2022



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We also have a guide for Under-18s!



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HELP

EMERGENCIES 999 (or 112)

There is only ONE UK number for the emergency services: 999

YOU DO NOT NEED MONEY. THE CALL IS FREE.

You will need to explain:

- ✓ WHAT you want (Fire Service, Police or Ambulance)
- ✓ WHO you are
- ✓ WHERE you are (give address or postcode)

Remember, YOU must decide which emergency service is MOST needed. For example, in a road accident where people are injured, you should say "Ambulance". The Ambulance Service will automatically tell the Police. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, SAY "POLICE"

Also, because the emergency services sometimes receive hoax calls, the telephone operator or the emergency service will probably ask you for more details, for example how big a fire is, or where it is exactly. Don't worry if you do not speak very good English yet, just do your best. The most important thing is to get help.

BEET HELPLINE

If there is an emergency when the school is closed, call **00 44 (0)7729 164998**.

Please put this number on your mobile phone **NOW**.

Emergency!	Not an emergency
<p>999</p> <p>ALL EMERGENCIES</p>	<p></p> <p>111</p> <p>NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL NUMBER</p>
<p>112</p> <p>ALL EMERGENCIES. WORKS ON ANY MOBILE PHONE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD</p>	<p></p> <p>101</p> <p>NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR THE POLICE</p>



PERSONAL PROBLEMS

If you have a personal problem you would like to talk to someone about, you can talk to Alison, the Accommodation and Welfare Manager. If you prefer, you can talk to any member of staff you feel comfortable with.

ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Abusive behaviour is against our first school rule, 'Respect' (see section on School Rules), and is not allowed at BEET. We will take action to stop abuse.

If someone has been abusive to you (not nice), please speak to Alison, the Accommodation and Welfare Manager (see picture above), or to a member of staff you feel comfortable with.

We will investigate what happened and decide what action to take, if any. If our investigation shows that a member of staff, or another student, has been abusive, we will take disciplinary action. You won't get into trouble if you report abuse.

REPORTING TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM

Everybody in the UK – citizens, visitors and students - has a duty to report any activity which they think might be suspicious, or related to terrorism. If you are worried that anybody you know is in danger of becoming involved in any kind of terrorist activity, you must report it immediately to a member of staff.



Alison : Accommodation and Welfare Manager & Safeguarding Officer

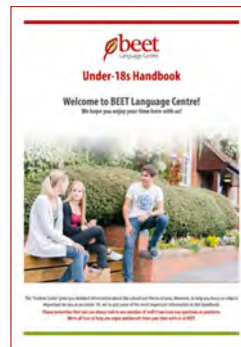


UNDER-18s – LOOKING AFTER OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS

In the UK, anyone under 18 is considered a child and we take extra care of them. If you are 18+, you have a responsibility, too, to look after your younger schoolmates. Remember, being under 18 in another country is more dangerous than being under 18 in your own country! There are different rules which **everyone** needs to know:

- ✓ Under-18s are not allowed to buy tobacco or alcohol. They are not allowed to drink alcohol in public. They can drink beer, wine and cider in pubs and bars if they are with an adult and it is with a meal, but some pubs don't like this, and we strongly advise students not to do it.
- ✓ It is illegal for an 18+ to buy, or try to buy, cigarettes or alcohol for an under-18.
- ✓ Under-18s must be back at their homestay by 23:00 from Sunday to Thursday, and by midnight on Friday and Saturday.
- ✓ Under-18s cannot get tattoos.
- ✓ We ask under-18s to come and tell us if they are going to travel to another town, eg London. Then we can help them with their plans.
- ✓ Under 18s are not allowed to stay overnight away from their homestay unless they have written permission from their parents or guardian. If an under-18 student wants to do this, they need to come and tell the Safeguarding Officer, Alison Yorke-Saville, who will then contact the parents/guardian.
- ✓ On an excursion, under-18s must stay in a group and call the teacher/excursion leader every two hours to confirm that they are OK.

If you think a student under 18 is breaking these rules, is in trouble, or is unhappy, please speak to a teacher or another member of staff, even if you're not sure. We won't need to tell the student that you've spoken to us – we can then find out for ourselves if there's a problem.



If you are under 18 years old, please see our Under-18s Handbook.

PROBLEMS WITH YOUR CLASS OR ACCOMMODATION?

If you have a problem with your classes, see John.

If you have a problem with your homestay or student house, see Alison or Millie.

MEDICINE

Local Chemist (pharmacy)



Rowlands Pharmacy, 357-359 Charminster Road

Opening Hours:

Weekdays: 09:00 - 17:30

Saturday: 09:00 - 12:00

Note: You can only buy basic medicine like aspirin and medicine for colds and sore throats; if you need other medicine, you will need a British doctor's prescription.

Emergency Service: There is always a pharmacy open outside normal shopping hours. Here is a [list of other local pharmacies](#), with opening hours. As you will see, the one at ASDA is open 7 days a week.

ILLNESS

BEET strongly recommends that ALL students should arrange medical insurance before they come to England. If you become ill at school and need assistance then go to the Accommodation and Welfare Department in Room 3. We will advise you what to do.

If you are living with a homestay then we recommend that you ask the homestay to make an appointment for you with their own doctor.

If you have had a serious accident, then you must call 999 and ask for an ambulance. They will ask you what has happened, what your name is and where you are.

Bournemouth Hospital has an Accident and Emergency unit, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you go there, a doctor or nurse will examine you briefly, and then decide how urgent the problem is. If they think it is a serious condition, you will be admitted to hospital immediately. However, if you have a less serious illness, you may need to wait for a long time - perhaps 3-4 hours or more, depending on the day and time.

If you are not sure if you should go to hospital or a doctor then call NHS on 111, and speak to a trained advisor. NHS 111 is not an emergency service, but can give you good advice. This is a free service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Tell the operator if you need an interpreter. You can also access the NHS via the website at www.nhs.uk. Information is available in most languages, and it is normally possible to ask for an interpreter, if you need to describe your condition to a doctor.

Students from the EU should have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which entitles you to free NHS treatment. On 24th December 2020 the UK and EU agreed that EHIC CARDS can still be used until their expiry date. There will be a new card available after the EHIC finishes, the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Check that this is available in your own country before leaving.

If you are an 'overseas visitor' and are not in one of the groups who are exempt from paying fees, you will be charged a high rate for any hospital treatment you receive (150% of the usual tariff). This is why you should make sure you have private health insurance from the beginning of your stay.

If you are using a 6-month 'student visitor' route or the 11-month 'short-term student' route and you were not asked to pay the immigration health surcharge when you made your entry clearance application, then you will be entitled to free hospital treatment. This is because the government has temporarily waived the immigration health surcharge for your group. Note that at some point in the future, anyone applying for entry clearance as an 11-month short-term student will be asked to pay the immigration health surcharge when they make their entry clearance application.

If you become ill, please make sure that you inform the school, and tell us when you expect to be well again.

INSURANCE

Even if you are entitled to free NHS treatment whilst in the UK, you should consider taking out insurance which covers other medical-related costs. An insurance policy may cover, for example:

- Lost fees if you are unable to complete your course
- Cost of returning home if a relative is ill
- Costs of a relative visiting you in the UK if you fall ill
- Cost of returning to your home country for treatment

There is often a long wait for NHS treatment, sometimes many months. An insurance policy which gives you access to private medical care could give you a much quicker access to the treatment you need.

It is always advisable to tell the school before arriving of any ongoing treatment or health issues you have, so we can be aware and advise you if you need treatment when you are here in the UK.

DENTIST

Emergency Dentist: NHS England 030031 12233 (Call any time)
Charminster House Dental Practice, 66 Wellington Road Tel: 01202 292030

THE SCHOOL

ABOUT US

BEET began life with three students in October 1979. Its founder, Clive Barrow, had previously been a trainer and teacher at Bournemouth & Poole College of Further Education.

It started in Clive's house in Chatsworth Road, then opened as a school in Boscombe, and finally moved to its home in Nortoft Road, Charminster in September 1980. About 1,500 students now come to study at BEET each year. However, it is still a family school and completely independent. BEET is accredited by the British Council and a member of English UK, IALC, The English Network (TEN) and Quality English.

In 2001, BEET merged with ITTC, the International Teaching and Training Centre. ITTC is one of the UK's most important English language teacher training centres and has helped with the development of Cambridge University teacher training programmes. ITTC also manages local INSET (In-Service Training) sessions to help teachers in other schools in and around Bournemouth. The ITTC teacher trainers also teach regularly at BEET.

SCHOOL VALUES

1. Democracy

All students' views are taken into account when we make decisions. There is usually a student representative who you can talk to if you would like, either instead of talking to a teacher/manager, or in addition to talking to a teacher/manager. If you are not happy with how you are being treated, you can complain and the school will fix the problem if it can.

2. Rule of law

We apply school rules and procedures fairly and evenly. The school rules are the same for all students. Also, we obey national and local laws at all times and report any illegal activity.

3. The individual matters

We care about individuals and try to support them. Everybody is valuable to us. We don't ignore a problem just because it only affects one person or just a few people.

4. Respectful tolerance of different faiths or beliefs

Everyone deserves respect for what they believe in. We fully support this and we take any sign of disrespect very seriously indeed. We should show tolerance, and support the rights of others to believe different things from us, and to practise their beliefs in different ways. However, if any member of the organisation thinks someone might hold or encourage others to hold extremist views which could result in harmful action, they should tell the management team.

5. Free speech

We all have the right to express our views freely, but we need to remember that some of our views may cause offence. We have a right to freedom of speech, but also a duty to respect other people's feelings. Abusive comments and behaviour are not tolerated.

If you are worried that another student or member of staff has extremist views which might result in harm to themselves or to others, you must speak to a member of staff.

SCHOOL RULES

1. Respect

Everyone must show respect at all times to other people in the school. No abusive behaviour is acceptable. For example, no negative comments about appearance, age, sex, sexuality, marital status, nationality, race, religion or disability. This includes abusive behaviour on social media platforms such as Facebook.

2. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all their lessons. All absences must be approved, in advance if possible, by an Academic Manager. Students must arrive at lessons on time - students who arrive late for a lesson will not be allowed in until the next lesson.

3. Participation

Taking part is important. Students must participate in class activities, complete homework assignments and be in a fit state to study when on school premises. This means students must not be drunk, under the influence of drugs, inappropriately dressed or too tired to take part in lessons effectively.

4. English

Students should use English as much as possible, both in and out of the classroom, even in conversation with students from their own country.

5. Smoking

Students must not smoke in the school building or in the road. Please stand away from windows when smoking in the car park.

6. Mobile phones

Your phones should be switched to silent when inside the school building. Mobile phones may be used during lessons with the teacher's permission, but only for language learning. Students who use their phones for social networking, web browsing, emails or other non-academic purposes will be asked to turn them off. If they refuse to do so, they will be asked to leave the class.

If you break school rules and your behaviour does not improve, you may be expelled (you will have to leave the school with no refund).

Notes on Respect (Rule 1)

If anybody is abusive (not nice) to you, or if you know about someone being abusive, you can report it to any member of staff you feel comfortable with. If possible, however, please talk to Alison, the Accommodation and Welfare Manager. We will investigate, and if it is clear that someone has been abusive, either another student or a member of staff, we will take action. You will not get into trouble for reporting abusive behaviour.

Notes on Attendance (Rule 2)

At BEET, we think you should attend 100% of your lessons. However, we realise that you may be sick or need to miss some lessons, perhaps if you have important appointments. We believe attendance above 90% is satisfactory, although we prefer to see close to 100% (average attendance is 97%). If your attendance is below 80%, you may not get a certificate when you leave the school, and you might have to leave classes that have a waiting list. If your attendance is very poor, you will receive a warning, and further warnings if it does not improve. In the end, you may be expelled (you are not allowed to finish your course and you have to go home with no refund of tuition fees). There are some reasons why we might allow you to have lower attendance: if you have to look after children, if you can show a medical certificate, or if you need to register with the police or attend an interview at a university. If you do have to miss lessons, please tell your teacher first or call the school on 01202 397721 – this is much better than simply not arriving.

Notes on speaking English (Rule 4)

Your stay in England gives you a wonderful opportunity to mix with students from other countries. This means that you need to speak English, because it will give you the chance to learn about the customs of many different nationalities, and make friends all around the world.

FACILITIES

COMPUTER ROOM

You can use the computers at any time from 0800 until 1700, but if you have been using one for half an hour and you can see that other students are waiting, please give up your computer.

Please note that the computer room may be used by teachers for lessons.

We ask you to use the computers mainly for English language practice, but we understand that you might want to use them for emails and using the internet in your own language. If you are using one, but not to learn English, and students are waiting to use them for study, please offer them your place.

WI-FI

There is free wi-fi everywhere in the school. This is for BEET students and ITTC trainees only. You will need a password. Please ask in Reception. Please do not give the password to anyone else.

There are electrical power-points around the canteen for students to use. You will need to bring your own adaptor.



Library

If the library is not open, please ask at Reception. We will be pleased to help you.

To be a member of the library, you will need to pay a deposit of £10, although you may have to pay an extra deposit if you want to take out practice test books. When you leave the school, please remember to go up to the library to return any books, DVDs or CDs you still have and to get your deposit back.

In the library, there are books, DVDs and CDs which you can use for pleasure or to help you with your studies. For example:

- ✓ Graded readers (easier books, especially for learners). We have these from Elementary to Advanced. Many of these come with CDs. If you want, you can listen to them in one of the computer rooms.
- ✓ 'Unabridged' books, which are books which have not been simplified. These are suitable for Upper Intermediate and Advanced students.
- ✓ Grammar and Vocabulary books, with explanations and exercises.
- ✓ Exam practice books, for exams such as Cambridge English B2 First (FCE), IELTS and Cambridge English for Business (BEC) (remember the extra deposit).
- ✓ Academic Books – useful if you plan to study at an English-speaking university. There should be at least a few books in your subject to practise your academic reading and vocabulary.
- ✓ DVDs to help with your listening.
- ✓ CDs with English language learning programmes to help you with your studies. You can take these to the computer rooms or use them on your laptop.
- ✓ Self-study guides, which give you ideas about resources you can use to study in your own time.

Bookshop

The bookshop sells a range of books at discounted prices. We can also order books for you. Your course book is free.



Help with your studies

The Librarian is a teacher or a manager with lots of teaching experience, and will be happy to help you if you have questions about learning English. Maybe you are doing your homework in the library and realise you do not understand a grammar point you are studying - ask the Librarian!

Canteen - 10am - 2pm

The canteen is the heart of the school and the place where students come together after lessons to socialise as well as to enjoy their lunch.

Tanya's homemade chocolate brownies have become legendary and are one of the most popular things on our menu! Other delicious snacks and hot meals including homemade soup and a variety of wraps are also available!

There is also a vending machine with drinks, snacks and chocolates.



BEET INFORMATION CARD

Please get your BEET information card **as soon as possible!**

...shows you are part of the school

...has the school address and contact details

...has the emergency number

...has the rear entrance key code

Parking

There is parking in the road in front of the school building and in the school car park behind the school.

There are secure bicycle racks in the car park. Please leave bicycles in the car park only, and make sure they are locked. A 'D'-type lock is the safest one to use.



YOUR ENGLISH STUDIES

General English courses

Most General English courses are 10 weeks long. Some students will move up to the next level at the end of their course, and some will do two courses at the same level. This is completely normal: it is just because students learn at different speeds and have different first languages. If you think you are in the wrong level, talk about it with your teacher.

Most courses have tests in the middle to see how you're doing. At the end of your course, your teachers will assess your level carefully. They will test the things you have studied in the course book, but you will also do a level test which tests your general level of English. Teachers will think about your speaking, your homework and your attendance when deciding which level to recommend for your next course. So don't worry if you haven't studied all of the book, because your teachers will know this when they mark your tests.

How to learn

Learners have different ideas of how to learn a language, and probably do learn in different ways. For example, some like doing grammar exercises, others prefer to watch TV and read novels. Perhaps the two most important general tips are:

- ✓ see mistakes as your friends – without them you can't learn
- ✓ speak as much English as you can, especially outside the class

Successful learners usually use the language a lot and don't worry about mistakes in their speaking. But they do take care with their writing and try to learn from the mistakes they make. Your goal should not be to not make mistakes – your goal should be to learn from the mistakes you do make.

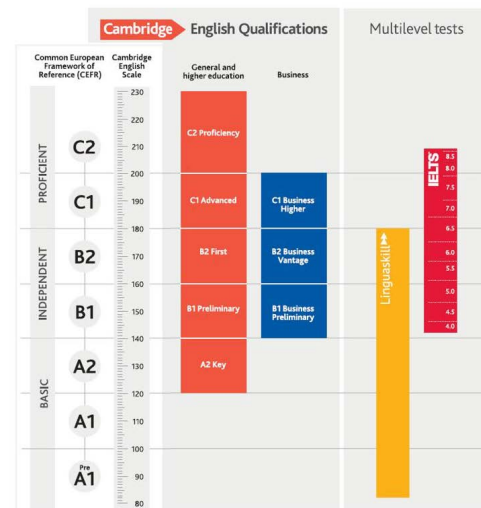


Teaching methods

Our teachers use lots of different methods, because we don't think there is just one right way to learn English. In most classes you will do lots of speaking in pairs and groups because for most students this is the most important skill. And don't worry about 'learning mistakes' from other students: research shows us that this doesn't happen much at all, and the benefits of practising your speaking are much more important. Teachers will also explain the rules of the language, but remember that you can pick up lots of the rules naturally just by listening and reading, and every time you speak or write you are 'using' rules, usually without realising it! If you don't like the methods your teacher is using, or you want more grammar, or more speaking, or less correction, please tell your teacher. Teachers need to know how you want to learn.

Levels

Our courses are organised into levels, according to the Common European Framework (CEFR).



Different students improve at different speeds. We usually expect a student to move up to the next level in between 6 and 12 weeks. This table gives an idea of how fast a student might move up from Pre-Intermediate to Upper-Intermediate.



Tutorials (Individual Study Plan)

You can talk to your teacher at any time about your studies, but for students on longer courses we make sure we have a plan for tutorials to make sure they take place. So, if your course is longer than 4 weeks, you will have a 5-10 minute meeting with your first main class teacher, called a tutorial. These tutorials happen every four weeks and allow you and your teacher to talk about the progress you are making, and to plan your self-study goals. Again, any student can talk to their teacher about their studies at any point in their course.

Self-Study

- ✓ You can visit the library, either for self-study or to borrow a book. There is a teacher there to help you and to answer your questions.
- ✓ Log in to BEET Online. Use your 5-digit student number, for example beet12345.
- ✓ If you have any problems with your course, talk to your teacher, or go and see the Academic Management Team in the staff room. They are always there to help.

Change of course

If you want to do any of the following, please see one of the Academic Management Team as soon as possible:

- ✓ Change your course dates
- ✓ Move from one programme to another (for example from 20 lessons per week to 24 or 28 lessons)
- ✓ Join a different type of course, for example IELTS or Cambridge exam preparation

Exam courses

The examination courses are similar to the general courses - they focus on the necessary grammar, vocabulary and skills for the exam. However, they also provide exam training in order to help you become more familiar with the type of exercises and tasks in the exams. In addition, these courses have mock (practice) examinations; by doing these, you will help us to see what areas

you need to improve on, and it will give you more confidence as you prepare for the examinations.

IELTS

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is an increasingly popular examination, taken by people who want to work or study in an English-speaking country. It is the main examination for students who want to go to university in Britain or Australia. More and more universities in the United States are also accepting it. You can take the IELTS exam here in Bournemouth.

The test has four parts: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. You don't pass or fail this exam – you get a score from 0-9. For many university courses, students need to score 6.5.

Many universities need the UKVI IELTS – the secure test required for immigration. Ask at Reception if you're not sure whether you need this.

Cambridge English Exams

These examinations are also very popular, and are in March, June, August and December every year. Cambridge B2 First (FCE) is for Upper-Intermediate students; advanced learners can take the Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE) or Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE) exams. Most students take these exams to help them find future employment, and many students want to gain a qualification accredited by the University of Cambridge.

These exams have four parts: Reading and Use of English, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

Cambridge English for Business (BEC)

These are Cambridge exams in Business English. There are three levels: B1 Business Preliminary (BEC Preliminary), B2 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage) and C1 Business Higher (BEC Higher). We can prepare students for these exams in Options classes at some times of the year. Ask in the Staff Room for details.

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

If you are living in homestay accommodation, you should become part of its daily life. It is very important to respect the rules of the house.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A HOMESTAY IS NOT A HOTEL!

Meals

The homestay will give you breakfast and an evening meal from Monday to Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, you will receive full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner). The evening meal, which most homestays have between 18:00 and 19:00, is the main meal of the day. At weekends, some people may have their main meal in the middle of the day, especially on Sundays.

If you are not going to be at home for a meal or if you are going to be late, you should tell your homestay first. There is no refund for meals that you do not eat. If you are going away for the day, such as on an excursion, please tell your homestay the day before. If you would like a packed lunch for the excursion, please ask them to give you one.

Breakfast

Most people have a small, healthy meal of fruit juice and cereal, toast (brown or white bread) and jam or marmalade, tea or coffee and milk. Your homestay should ask you what type of breakfast you would like.

Lunch

This is usually a light meal, at some time between 12:00 and 14:00, and is given to you on Saturday and Sunday only. Some homestays, especially on Sunday, make lunch the main meal of the day. From Monday to Friday, you can have lunch either in the school or in one of the small restaurants and snack bars in Charminster (5 minutes' walk from the school). It will cost about £6 per day for lunch and snacks.



Study Bedroom

In your room there should be a bed, a chair, a table and a lamp; there should also be somewhere to keep your clothes – a wardrobe or a chest of drawers. If you do not have a desk or table there should be a quiet area in the house for study. You should receive clean towels and bed linen every week. Your homestay is responsible for keeping your room clean, but they will expect you to keep it tidy.

If you want to move the furniture in your room, or put pictures or posters on the walls, talk to your homestay first. This is because drawing pins, glue or sticky tape will damage painted or papered walls. You should not be asked to share your room with another student unless you asked to do so when you applied for accommodation.

Heating

All forms of heating are expensive in Britain, especially electricity. Please do not leave heaters or lights on when you do not need them. During the winter you should expect the heating to be on in the morning and in the evening. It is unusual for houses to be heated during the day or throughout the night. During the summer it is usual for the heating to be switched off.

Baths and Showers

Most homestays have only one bathroom, and you should remember that there may be several people who share it. Please ask your homestay about the best time for you to have your bath or shower. It is normal to have one shower per day. **ALWAYS LEAVE THE BATH, WASHBASIN AND TOILET CLEAN AFTER YOU USE THEM.**

Laundry

All homestays will do one load of laundry each week for free. They might charge extra if you want more laundry to be washed and could ask you to pay up to £5 for this service. Some homestays will allow you to use the facilities in the house. You should discuss this with your homestay, and be ready to pay a reasonable charge. You will need to iron your own clothes, and the homestay should provide an iron and ironing board.



Telephone

You should never make a telephone call from the house without asking for permission first. It is best to ask for a SIM card for your mobile phone from reception and use your own phone.

Wi-Fi

Your homestay will provide you with free access to their wireless internet connection. It is important that you respect this:

- ✓ Think about the noise that you make when making video calls
- ✓ Do not download large files or movies
- ✓ Do not go on any websites that contain illegal or pornographic material
- ✓ Do not share the internet password with anyone else

Key

Your homestay will give you a key to the front door. If you return home late at night, please remember not to make any noise! Please keep your key safe and return it to your homestay when you leave. If you lose a key, you will need to pay for another one.

Entertaining Friends

You should ask your homestay's permission before inviting friends to the house. If the homestay give your friends food and drink, you should offer to pay for this. Please make sure that your friends do not make too much noise, and remember that it is not OK to have friends of the opposite sex in your bedroom.

If your homestay has invited their own friends to the house, remember that they might want to see them in private - do not expect them to always include you.

Other Students

Some homestays have several students at the same time. However, none of them should speak the same language as you, so all communication should be in English. This is a very strict BEET Language Centre rule, and we will find you other accommodation immediately if the homestay breaks this rule.

Nights or weekends away

If you want to spend a night or weekend away from the house, you should tell your homestay a day or two before you go, and also say where you will be. It is helpful to give them a telephone number to contact if there is an emergency. There is no refund of homestay fees.

Please note these rules:

1) If you are staying at BEET for a long time and want to go away on holiday during your stay, the homestay will keep the room for you for one or two weeks. Please ask the Accommodation Officer about the rules for payment if you do this.

2) Change of homestay: If you wish to change your accommodation, you should tell the Accommodation Officer immediately. It is not usually possible to move immediately – you will need to wait for a week. In the school's contract with the homestay, it says that BEET must give one week's notice (= warning) if a student leaves before the end of the period which was booked. If you leave before the end of the week's notice, you will have to pay for the full week.

Student House (self-catering)

You will be living in a house or apartment, in your own room but sharing facilities with other students. These shared facilities include the kitchen, lounge, bathroom and toilet. During the summer, we rent other properties normally used by the university. These could be normal houses, apartments or "pods" (en-suite bedrooms) with usually a shared lounge and kitchen area.

Meals

You will be responsible for your own meals. There are many different food shops in Charminster Road, and there is a large supermarket called ASDA near the Travel Interchange.

Wi-Fi

Houses owned by BEET have free Wi-Fi. These properties are 5 and 124 Bennett Road, 65 Shaftesbury Road and 61 Nortoft Road. Other student houses, which are normally used by the university, also have Wi-Fi.

Baths and showers

You can take baths and showers as often as you like, but please be considerate when using the bathroom as there are other people in the house.

Laundry

There is a washing machine in the self-catering residence. We will supply you with two sets of bed linen.

Key Codes

Any key codes you have been given are your responsibility. You must not share them with anyone else.

Council tax

The amount you have paid for your self-catering accommodation includes water rates, sewerage rates, heating and electricity. Council tax is not included; you might need to pay this.

Equipment and facilities

In the self-catering residence you will be supplied with towels, bed linen, cutlery, crockery, cooking utensils, cooker, TV and washing line. There is a cleaner who will clean public areas twice a week, but you are responsible for keeping your bedroom clean and tidy. We do not supply towels.

Rubbish

General rubbish (non-recyclable) is collected every two weeks on a specified day. Please check which day it is for your house. You should put rubbish in a bag (tied) and put this bag in the SMALLER black bin outside the house, and the bin placed in the main entrance next to (or on) the pavement. You should put the bin out the night before your rubbish collection day. Recyclable rubbish is collected every two weeks, on the same specified day as the general rubbish. Recyclables should be placed in the LARGER bin (not in a bag) and left with the other bin for collection.

Parties

Student houses are for use of the resident students only. The maximum number of guests permitted in a house is THREE, who must leave the house by 12 midnight. The houses may not be used for parties or any large-scale gatherings. Students are required to respect the fact that everyone is here to study. Any student(s) found holding a party will be required to leave the house immediately, without any refund of fees.

Private Accommodation

If you have arranged your own accommodation, please ensure the school has your address and contact details. Please also tell the school if you change your address. This is not just a legal requirement for the school, but is vital if we need to contact you urgently.



SCHOOL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activities outside the classroom are an important part of life at BEET. The school is open most weekday evenings and there are lots of different types of activities to enjoy. You have opportunities to continue practising your English and make friends with students from other classes. You also learn more about life in England.

Evening Activities

A programme of lectures, videos, quizzes, visits and music. There are also regular social evenings, where you can play a number of games, including table tennis, Scrabble, Monopoly, chess and cards.

Lectures

The lectures are very popular, and we usually have them on two evenings a week. They are about many different subjects related to the UK and the English Language.

Sing-Songs

An opportunity to learn some traditional and more modern songs in English. One of the favourite parts is the "International Section" where you can share music from your own country.

Excursions

BEET offers regular Saturday excursions to popular places: London, Bath, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Salisbury and Stonehenge. There are also visits to the New Forest, the picturesque Dorset Villages, the Jurassic Coast and other interesting places. At least one member of staff will be on the excursion with you. We can also help you with information about other tours with local tour operators. Please check in Reception.

Evening events start at 19:45 in the canteen.
We lock the doors at 19:50, so don't be late!

NOT HAPPY WITH BEET? HOW TO COMPLAIN

If you have a complaint, you should:

1. First, please speak to a manager

For complaints about accommodation or welfare, you should speak to the Accommodation and Welfare Manager in Room 3.

For any other other complaint, you should speak to the Director of Studies in the staff room (teachers' room).

2. If you are still not happy, you should see the Centre Manager. Please make an appointment at Reception to do this.

3. If you are still not happy, you can write to English UK* The school will help you with your English if you wish.

Contact details are:
English UK
47 Brunswick Court
Tanner Street
London, SE1 3LH

Email: info@englishuk.com
Telephone: +44 20 7608 7960

English UK will try to resolve the problem, but if this fails and you are still unhappy, the complaint can go to the independent Ombudsman, who will make a judgement which the school has to accept.

ENGLAND AND BOURNEMOUTH

CUSTOMS AND CULTURE

18 or over, but look young?

If you are a person who looks young, you might be asked for identification in a shop or pub when you are buying alcohol or tobacco, or when trying to enter a disco. You should carry photo ID with you at all times.

Smoking

In England, smoking is forbidden in all public spaces that have a roof. This includes restaurants, pubs, schools, shops, theatres, cinemas etc. Smoking is also forbidden in trains, train stations, buses, coaches, taxis and company cars.

Pubs

Pubs are a great British institution. There are small 'locals', and large town centre pubs such as the Moon in the Square. They serve mainly cold drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Many also sell snacks, sandwiches and hot meals.

To get a drink, you should go to the bar, order and pay. If you want to drink beer, you should ask for either 'half a pint' or 'a pint' (1 pint = 0.6 litres), and the name of the beer. Pubs often have many different types of beer.



If you have ordered food in a pub, this is usually brought to your table.

Airport Transfers

If you want an airport transfer - i.e. you want to be taken to the airport by private car, please tell Reception a week before the date on which you wish to travel. You will have to pay for this before you travel.

Money

We do not advise bringing large amounts of money, but you will need some, of course! It is safer to leave money in your room than carry it all around with you, but please note that neither the school nor the homestay will be responsible if you lose any money. Most local shops accept contactless payment.



We advise you to exchange money at any bank or at some of the larger travel agencies which have exchange desks.

If you plan to use a card to get money from cash machines, please check that your card will work in England before coming.

If you are here for longer than six months, it might be possible for you to open a bank account. If you want to open an account, please ask Reception for help.

If you are here for a shorter time, we advise you to use a card. Please do not carry large amounts of cash with you! Most restaurants, hotels, supermarkets, shops and petrol stations will accept Visa and Mastercard, and many accept American Express.

Danger –railway tracks!

SOME RAILWAY TRACKS IN THIS AREA ARE ELECTRIFIED AT GROUND LEVEL. DO NOT GO NEAR THE RAILWAY LINES BECAUSE YOU COULD BE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY BURNT! NEVER CROSS THE TRACKS EXCEPT BY A FOOTBRIDGE OR OTHER OFFICIAL CROSSING PLACE.

To get along with local people

- ✓ Do not walk in the middle of the road. It is dangerous, of course, but it also looks disrespectful.
- ✓ Do not make a lot of noise late at night when you are in a public place.
- ✓ Do not sit on the walls in front of houses. These walls are private property and the owners do not like it!
- ✓ Do not block the pavements when you are with your friends. Leave room for other people to pass.
- ✓ Do not 'jump the queue'! British people are very disciplined about queuing, and you will make them angry if you ignore the system and go to the front of a queue! (This is known as 'queue jumping').

PLACES OF WORSHIP

There are Catholic, Church of England, Baptist, Methodist and a number of other Protestant churches in Bournemouth.

Bournemouth Islamic Centre is in St. Stephen's Road in the town centre. There are two synagogues in Bournemouth: the Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, Mikvah Synagogue, is located in Wooton Gardens and the Bournemouth Reform Synagogue at 53 Christchurch Road. There are also two Orthodox churches near the school - St Joseph's at Cemetery Junction, Wimborne Road and the Church of Christ the Saviour, Osborne Road.

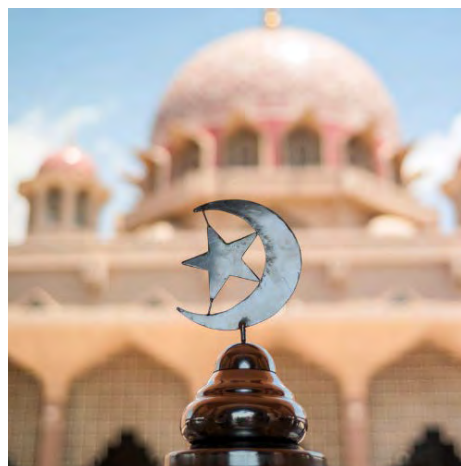
The Tibetan Buddhist Centre is located at 167 Shelbourne Road, near the school.

Full information on all places of worship is shown on the school's notice board for Religion and details of church services appear in Saturday's "Evening Echo", the local newspaper.



Going to the mosque

If you are Muslim, you are free to leave your class at midday on Friday, in order to attend prayer at the Islamic Centre in St. Stephen's Road in the centre of Bournemouth. During Ramadan, apart from Friday, you still have to come to school. However, if there is an empty classroom, it will be converted into a prayer room. Please note, this is not possible during July and August.



SHOPS AND SERVICES

Shops

Generally, shops are open between 09:00 and 17.30 Monday to Saturday. Many shops in Bournemouth are also open later during the week and most are open on Sundays too; please check their websites for details.

There are a lot of 24-hour shops around Bournemouth. The main ones are Tesco Express, One Stop and the Co-op. Many petrol stations also sell cigarettes and food 24 hours a day. The large supermarket Tesco, in Castle Lane East, is open 24 hours a day from Monday at 07:00 to Saturday at 22:00.



BOOKSHOPS

BEET Bookshop

You can buy books in our school Library and get a 10% discount!

Waterstone's

The Arcade, Bournemouth.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

These libraries can be used FREE. They are open to everyone, but you will normally not be able to borrow books as you are not resident here. Check online for opening hours.

Bournemouth Library

The Triangle, Bournemouth - This is Bournemouth's main library.

Charminster Library

Strouden Avenue, Charminster.

Note: For temporary membership, you must provide proof of your address in Bournemouth, such as your BEET Identity Card. You may then borrow up to 4 books at any one time. You will get a fine (i.e. you will have to pay some money) if books are not returned on time!

BUYING ALCOHOL

Remember that you can only buy alcohol if you are 18 or older. A shop selling mainly alcoholic drinks is known as an 'off licence'. They are generally open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 till 22:00 and Sundays from 12:00 till 21:00. You might need to prove that you are over 18 if you look young, so make sure that you have your BEET Student Identity Card or passport with you.

BANKS

Banks are open between 09:30 and 16:30 or 17:30 Monday to Friday. Some main branches in town centres are also open on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, the local banks do not usually allow students to open bank accounts.

It is easy to obtain money using an ATM or cashpoint machine. Some of these will charge a commission, so check on the machine – it should say "free cash withdrawals". However, your own bank back home might charge you. Before you travel, it is a

good idea to check with your bank exactly what they do charge.

You could also bring cash. However, remember that if you are robbed, you will lose everything. With plastic cards you should not lose money, as long as you report the theft immediately.

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

When you visit Britain you will pay 20% Value Added Tax on most things that you buy. You do not pay VAT on food, books, newspapers, magazines, children's clothes or equipment for the disabled. Sometimes it is possible to get a refund of VAT by using the Retail Export Scheme. However, there are conditions:

- ✓ The shop needs to be part of the scheme. and show a Tax Free Shopping sign.
- ✓ You must buy the item less than three months before you leave the UK.
- ✓ You must get a claim form from the shop, which may charge an administration fee, and then take this to the reclaim office at the airport when you leave Britain.



TRANSPORT

BUSES

To get onto a bus, you must wait at a bus stop - usually in a queue! When the bus arrives, get on when it is your turn; do not push in front of other people. Tell the driver where you want to go, for example 'The Square, please' for the stop in the centre of Bournemouth. The driver will tell you the fare. Pay with a contactless card or cash.

You can buy a variety of bus passes online. This is only a good idea if you intend to use the buses a lot. For information ask for a leaflet at Reception. You must not smoke on buses.

There are two main types of bus you might want to use.

1. Yellow buses

There are lots of bus stops very close to the school; they run regularly but timetables can often change. Please find the most up-to-date information here:

<https://bustimes.org/operators/yellow-buses>

2. Morebus - these are mainly blue, and single-decker.

Perhaps the most useful route is the m1, which runs every few minutes. The nearest stop is on Charminster Road, just in front of the bicycle shop. From there you can catch the m1 to Bournemouth Square and Poole.

Please find the most up-to-date information here:

<http://morebus.co.uk/urban.shtml>

COACHES

The cheapest way to travel to and from Heathrow Airport (terminals 1 to 5), Gatwick Airport and London 'Victoria Coach Station' is by coach. The Coach Station is in the Travel Interchange in Holdenhurst Road. Luton and Stansted Airports are to the North of London, and London City Airport to the East, but they are more difficult to access from Bournemouth. Please ask in Reception for advice.

National Express provide a convenient and reliable service:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/destinations/bournemouth>

TRAINS

Bournemouth Train Station (Travel Interchange) is on Holdenhurst Road. There are two trains an hour from Bournemouth to London Waterloo Station, one fast train and one slow train. Ask at Reception for directions to the station.



BICYCLES

[On Yer Bike](#) in Charminster Road or [Student Bikes](#) in St Leonards Road offer some good rental deals for students. If you are here for several months, you might like to consider buying a bike at the beginning of your course and selling it again at the end. This is far cheaper than renting! On Yer Bike sometimes buys back at reasonable prices. Or you can sell your bike to another student. Try putting an advertisement on the student notice-board in the canteen.

CYCLING TIPS

Please remember these rules when riding a bicycle:



- ✓ Always keep to the road and on the left-hand side.
- ✓ Never cycle on the pavement.
- ✓ Always wear a helmet.
- ✓ At night, be sure to have a front (white) light and a rear (red) light. Always lock your bicycle when leaving it in a public place.
- ✓ NOTE: At school, there are rails to which you can lock your bicycle. These rails are in the car park at the rear of the school. Do not lock your bike to a gate . . . it will be removed!
- ✓ If you are going on an excursion, you can lock your bicycle in the bike park.

CARS

If you have brought a car with you, please give the make, colour and registration number to Reception.

You might want to refer to the Highway Code. This explains the driving laws in Britain and explains the road signs:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code-road-safety>

Please remember to lock your car, and do not leave any valuables in it.

CAR RENTAL

There are a lot of car rental companies in Bournemouth. Many will have special offers for weekly or weekend rentals. You should research more than one company to find the best offer. If you need help, ask Reception. Generally, you need to be 25 years old to rent a car in England.

DRIVING TIPS

Remember that in Britain we drive on the left-hand side of the road.

Please remember that you will often have to 'give way' (allow another motorist from the opposite direction to pass you) in the

narrow roads near the school. When there are parked cars on both sides, it is often impossible for two cars to pass each other. One car will have to 'pull in' (stop by the side of the road) to let the other pass.

Please remember to give way to pedestrians at zebra crossings. British drivers are normally quite strict about this rule. It means that you should stop when you see a pedestrian waiting at a zebra crossing.

Speed Cameras: These yellow boxes are in and outside the town. If you get caught, the fines are quite large. Keep below the speed limit. In town this is normally 30 mph (48 kph), although some roads have a limit of 20 mph (32 kph), especially near schools. Outside town, the limit is generally between 40 mph (64 kph) in semi-urban areas and 70 mph (112 kph) on the motorways. Where the speed is not indicated, the national speed limit is 60 mph (96 kph). Keep your eyes open for the notices! Remember also, the police often set up mobile speed traps, without any warning signs.

TAXIS

If you have missed the last bus, please use a taxi. In Bournemouth town centre there are taxi ranks in Westover Road, Meyrick Road (Lansdowne) Gervis Place (The Square) and Holdenhurst Road by the railway/bus station.

In Charminster, there is a taxi rank on Charminster Road, outside the Richmond Arms pub. You can also hail (stop) a taxi in the road, if it has a 'TAXI' sign on the roof.

You should only use taxis that have a taxi licence plate displayed on the back of the car, and have a proper meter inside the car.

If you do walk home late at night, try not to walk on streets with no lighting and do not walk alone. Generally, Bournemouth is a safe town, but you still need to be careful.

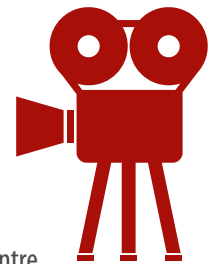
FERRIES

There is a regular ferry service from Poole harbour to France and The Channel Islands. Poole is about 20 minutes' drive from Bournemouth and is easy to reach by car, bus or taxi.

FLIGHTS

Several airlines operate out of Bournemouth International Airport. Regular flights are available to several European countries and the Channel Islands. You might also like to look at Southampton Airport. A number of airlines, including British Airways, KLM and Air France, operate from here. There is a regular train service to and from Bournemouth Travel Interchange and Southampton Airport Parkway, which comes after Southampton Central. The journey takes 35 or 51 minutes, depending on whether it is a fast or slow train.

CINEMAS



Odeon, BH2

Large multi-screen complex in the town centre near the square and gardens.

Cineworld Poole

Large, modern multiplex cinema with 10 screens - Located in Poole. Please ask in Reception if you need help getting there.

Lighthouse

This is a small cinema in Poole, just 80 seats. It shows old and more recent classics, foreign films, and films which are a little different!

Regent Centre

This is another smaller cinema in Christchurch; it shows a mixture of classic and mainstream modern films.

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

CONCERTS AND THEATRES

The Pavilion Theatre

A traditional theatre offering popular music, opera, ballet, musicals, plays, revues and pantomime. There is a restaurant and a licensed bar.

Lighthouse

Kingland Road, Poole. Two theatres, with drama, comedies and a pantomime at Christmas. The complex also contains a cinema and an art gallery.

The O2 Academy Bournemouth

Christchurch Road, Boscombe. Built in 1895, one of Bournemouth's oldest entertainment venues. It has recently had a £3.5 million restoration and now hosts all types of music and bands.

The BIC (Bournemouth International Centre)

This is mainly a conference centre, but it also has fantastic concert and theatre facilities, a restaurant, bars and a coffee lounge.

Bournemouth Little Theatre

Jameson Road, Winton. A small but popular theatre, which puts on a variety of plays from high drama to farce.



PUBS, BARS AND CLUBS

PUBS NEAR THE SCHOOL

The Brunswick

In Malmesbury Park Road. Often referred to as the "Green Pub" by BEET students. Just 400 metres from the school. A typical town pub, with public and lounge bars, community room and a covered outside seating area for smokers.

The Richmond Arms

Charminster Rd, on the corner of Charminster Road and Kings Road. Completely modernised in 2010, this is as much a restaurant as a pub. You can sit inside or outside in the garden.

BARS AND CLUBS

The Mary Shelley

St Peter's Road, a very popular bar in the town centre, serves meals at lunchtime. Open until 0200.

O'Neills

Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. Traditional Irish pub, fun friendly atmosphere, live music some evenings. Open until 01:00.

Cameo

Fir Vale Road. Biggest disco in Bournemouth, with a capacity of over 2400 people. Open until 04:00.

Walkabout

Old Christchurch Road, near Horseshoe Common. Australian, cheap beer, live music, food, giant TV screen for sports events. Open until 0300.

Remember that drinks are often very expensive in clubs! Some clubs have a dress policy, which means that they do not allow you in if you are wearing jeans or trainers!



If you look young, take your passport with you as you may be asked to show proof of your age. Remember that you cannot drink alcohol if you are under 18.

LIVE MUSIC



The O2 Academy Bournemouth

One of Bournemouth's favourite popular music venues. Built in 1895, it's also one of Bournemouth's oldest and most impressive! Now hosts all types of music and bands.

The BIC (Bournemouth International Centre),

Has a capacity of over 4,000 for concerts and theatre; it 's also has a restaurant, bars and a coffee lounge.

Chaplin's and the Cellar Bar

Christchurch Road, Boscombe. A charming and quirky independent venue with a truly cosmopolitan vibe. A wide range of live music to enjoy music.

Restaurants & cafés near the school:

Charminster Road has lots of restaurants, many with a take-away service. When you pay your bill, look to see if service is included. If it says: 'Service is not included', you should leave a tip of about 10%, but it's up to you!

Nippon Inn

Japanese "tapas" restaurant and bar. Extremely popular, cheap and very friendly. Normal tables and chairs for most people, or low level tables if you want to sit on the floor . . . or just sit at the bar!



Baraca

Authentic Turkish restaurant, highly recommended by our Turkish students.

Antepi

Another highly recommended Turkish restaurant serving hot & cold authentic Turkish meses.

Etna

Italian Restaurant serving authentic, top quality, and fresh Italian food as well as the best pizzas in Bournemouth!

Maru

Korean & Japanese Restaurant serving a selection of delicious dishes from both countries.

Luxor

A family restaurant serving the finest Lebanese cuisine in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Creams

A fantastic café serving the very best gelato, waffles and crepes in Charminster!

SimSim

A very reasonably priced Mediterranean/Middle Eastern café/ restaurant ideal for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

These are just some of the best restaurants & café in Charminster. Bournemouth has a huge number of restaurants in other parts of the town. tripadvisor.co.uk is a good site to visit for reviews written by people who have been there.

MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES

Russell-Cotes

Art Gallery and Museum, Russell-Cotes Road, Bournemouth. 17th to 20th century oil paintings, watercolours, sculpture, miniatures, furniture and plates. Japanese art, Lucas collection of early Italian paintings, pottery, English porcelain and 17th century furniture. Arms and armour, butterfly collection, marine collection. Outside is a geological terrace where more than 200 stones illustrate millions of years of history. It should take you about 2 hours to look round. Admission - £6 per adult. Opening Hours: 10.00 - 17.00. Closed all day Monday.

National Motor Museum

Beaulieu (40 km east). Over 250 historic cars, motorbikes and racing cars from 1895 to modern times.

County Museum

(43 km west) Dorchester. Thomas Hardy Memorial Room, and Roman remains.

Red House Museum

Museum and Art Gallery, Christchurch. 18th century house containing local history, geological and archaeological exhibits.

SPORTS

SPORTS CENTRES

BETTER Gym

St Paul's Road, Bournemouth. Very cheap if you just want a gym without sauna or swimming pool. This is one of the cheapest options and there's NO contract so you can sign up for any period of time.

BH Live centres:

You don't need to be a member to go to these 4 centres - you can just go along and after you have had an induction you can use all facilities for a monthly fee, or you can join on a 1-year contract.

BH Live: Stokewood Road Leisure Centre 15 mins from BEET. A small local centre. There is a swimming pool and a recently refurbished and well-equipped gym and fitness suite.

BH Live: Queen's Park 16 mins from BEET

Fitness centre with qualified instructors; comprehensive fitness assessment, sauna and solarium, spa bath and steam room, bar and restaurant facilities.

BH Live: Sir David English Sports Centre

29 mins from BEET

Gym, sauna and steam room, fitness classes.

BH Live: Littledown Centre 38 mins from BEET

One of the biggest leisure centres in Britain. 2 swimming pools with free water-slides, a health suite with spa baths, saunas and steam rooms, 2 aerobics studios, large gyms, badminton, squash, five-a-side football and tennis courts. Terrace Bar and Buffet.

SWIMMING

With most swimming pools, you will need some small change (coins) for the lockers, so make sure that when you buy your ticket you still have some coins! Littledown and Stokewood Road (above) are the best places.

TENNIS

Bournemouth Gardens Tennis Centre

Central Gardens, Bournemouth. Tel: 01202 298570. You don't need to be a member, so you can pay and play! All levels welcome. 5 synthetic grass courts, 2 mini courts, equipment hire, professional tuition available. 3 acrylic courts (Indoor October - May).

Play Tennis In The Park

This allows you to play as often as you like on one of 20 courts in 4 places around Bournemouth. Please ask at reception for more details.

GOLF

Meyrick Park

Central Drive, Bournemouth.

Full-size 18-hole course, 5885 yards, par 69. Book by telephoning the above number, or in person at the pavilion.

It is possible to hire golf clubs. The course is open all year from 08.00 till dusk (sunset).

Queens Park

Queens Park West Drive, Bournemouth. Full-size 18-hole course, 6505 yards, Par 72. Book by telephoning the above number or in person at the Club House. It is possible to hire golf clubs.

The course is open all year from 08.00 until dusk.

WATERSPORTS

Sorted Surf School

Undercliff Drive, Boscombe beach.

Right in front of Boscombe Pier.

Poole Harbour Watersports

Sandbanks Road, Lilliput, Poole.

Windsurfing and kitesurfing lessons, board and wet suit hire.

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Snowtrax

Matchams Lane, Christchurch.

HORSE RIDING

You can go riding in the New Forest:

Brockenhurst Riding Stables

Burley Manor Farm, Burley, New Forest.

Horse Riding in the New Forest for both experienced riders and beginners. Also Western Riding, if you want to go American!

The stables are open all year. Difficult to get to (a car is advised), but some wonderful rides.



PLACES TO VISIT

TOWNS NEAR BOURNEMOUTH

POOLE

Take the red and blue [M1 bus](#) from Charminster Road (every 8 minutes!) or the yellow Number 20 bus from Bennett Road just 50 metres from the school (one bus every hour). Make sure you walk down to Poole Quay, especially if it's a nice day, and go for a walk. If you like, you can take a ferry trip from the Quay - you can either go round the harbour or visit the beautiful Brownsea Island (at the top of the photo below).



WIMBORNE

Wimborne is a lovely small market town about 50 minutes from Bournemouth by bus. It is an older town, with historic buildings from the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. Among the main attractions are Wimborne Minster, the market, the model village and a variety of pubs and restaurants. It's a great place to explore! Take the red and blue [More bus 13](#) from Bournemouth town centre.



SWANAGE

Perhaps the best day out from Bournemouth you can have when the weather is fine is to take a **Number 50** open-top bus from the train station or Bournemouth Square to Swanage. Bring your camera, because it's a great trip, but also a jacket, because it can be cold up at the top! It takes about an hour - the bus goes through Sandbanks, where some of the most expensive houses in the UK are, and on a short ferry trip across the mouth of Poole Harbour. After the ferry trip, you go across some really beautiful countryside with great views in all directions, and finish at the very pretty seaside town of Swanage. From Swanage you can take a steam train to the ruins of Corfe Castle. If you would like a cheap any easy way of travelling from Bournemouth - Swanage- Corfe Castle - Poole & back to Bournemouth again, take a look at the Zone ABC Day Rider ticket:

<http://morebus.co.uk/page.shtml?pageid=1016>



COUNTRYSIDE

Bournemouth is an excellent base for exploring the beauty of the surrounding countryside. [The New Forest](#) has many forms of wildlife, including deer and ponies.

STONEHENGE

(66 km north of Bournemouth). One of the oldest monuments in Britain, consisting of a circle of enormous stones, thought to be about 5000 years old. It attracts millions of visitors from all over the world.



HENGISTBURY HEAD

(6.2 miles east of Bournemouth) An interesting archaeological site, this is also a small nature reserve with beautiful views of the Isle of Wight, Bournemouth Bay and Christchurch Harbour. A great place for a walk! In summer you can walk to the top of Hengistbury Head and take a small ferry to Mudeford Quay where there is a pub called the Haven House Inn, where they make great fresh crab sandwiches.

The coast to the west of Poole is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known as the Jurassic Coast, and includes [Lulworth Cove](#) (37 km west), a very beautiful basin-like formation with a narrow entrance from the sea.

Maiden Castle

(45 km west of Bournemouth) One of the largest ancient earthworks in Europe.

Rockbourne Roman villa

(25 km north of Bournemouth) One of the largest Roman villas in Britain.

GARDENS

Compton Acres

Poole. Really beautiful gardens overlooking Poole Harbour. Several gardens, including Japanese and Italian ones.

CATHEDRALS and CHURCHES

Christchurch Priory -

Magnificent 11th century priory

Winchester Cathedral -

11th century. Huge Gothic nave

Salisbury Cathedral -

13th century. The tallest spire in England.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Athelhampton House

(37 km west) One of the oldest inhabited stately homes in England (15th Century) surrounded by beautiful formal gardens.

Beaulieu Abbey & Palace House

(40 km east) The abbey is 13th century and only the cloisters remain. Palace House is 16th century and the ancestral home of the Montague family.

Breamore House

(44 km north) Near the town of Fordingbridge. Elizabethan manor house and countryside museum.

Broadlands

(Romsey, 50 km east) The home of Lord Mountbatten. Elegant house and grounds.

Corfe Castle

(30 km west) One of the most impressive ruins in England, dramatically situated on top of a hill, and surrounded by a beautiful village.

Kingston Lacy House

(10 km north-west, near Wimborne) 17th century house surrounded by a beautiful park. Contains one of the finest private picture collections in the country with works by Van Dyck, Titian, Rubens, Reynolds, Lely and Velasquez.

Wilton House

(50 km north) 17th century house with over 200 works of art including paintings by Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Reynolds and Breughel.

The Great Hall

Winchester (65 km east). Contains what they say is the legendary Round Table of King Arthur (although this might not be true!).



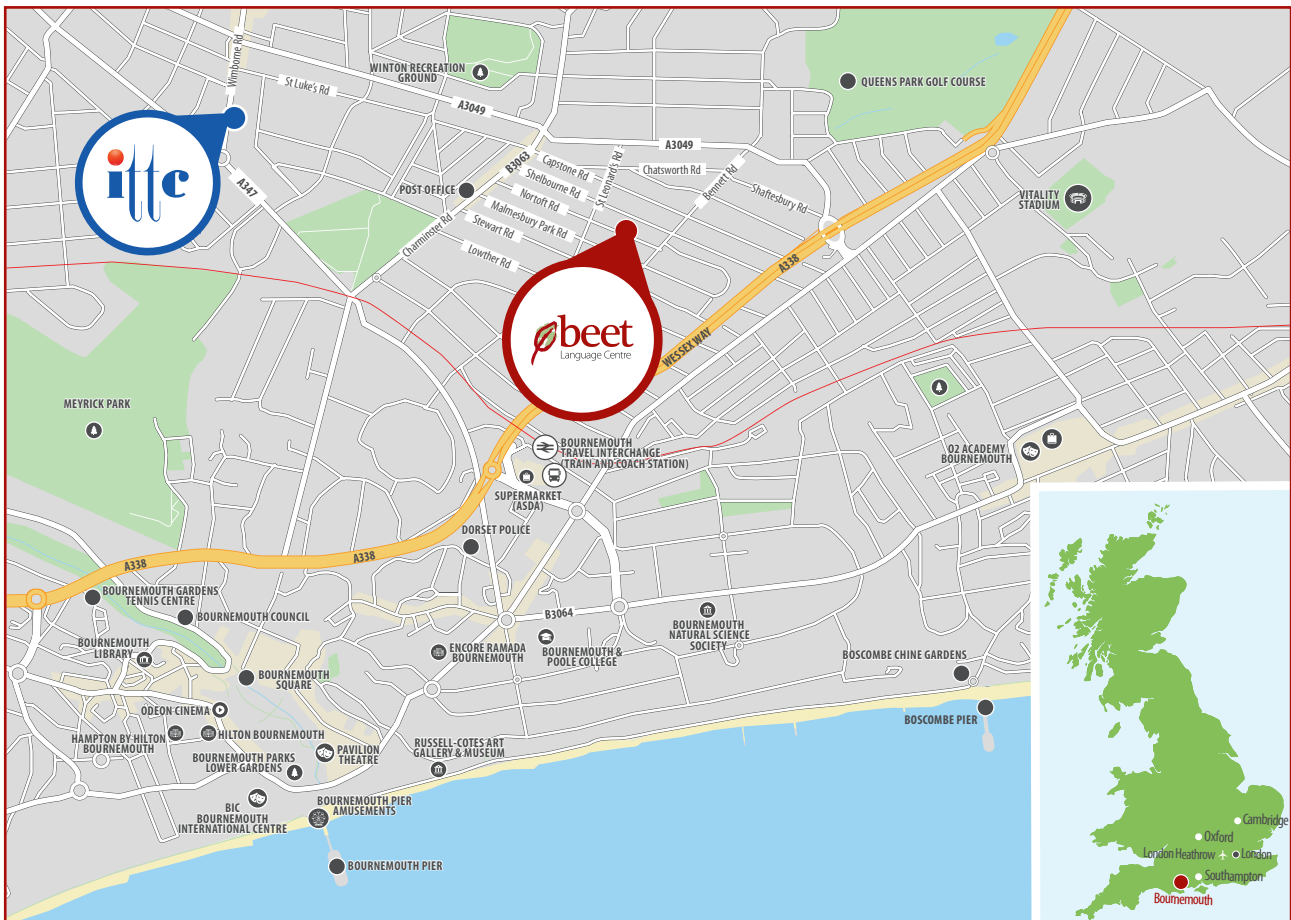


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