

2019



Family-run language school

in stunning North Devon, South West of England,
welcoming students aged 6 to 17 years old

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British Council award winning school



Promoting Acceptance of Language Students (PALS)



Blended learning



Caring and welcoming homestays



Fun activity programmes



Safe, green and clean

Welcome to Country Cousins

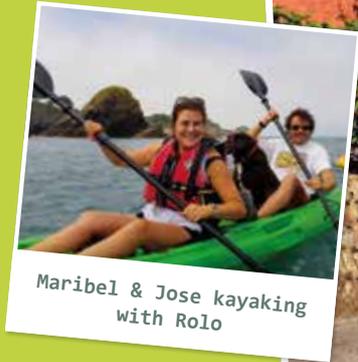
As parents ourselves, we know that sending a child to study overseas is a deeply emotional decision. It is important to focus on the positive impacts that this experience will bring. At Country Cousins, our priorities are the promotion of self-confidence, international awareness and providing a healthy, safe and enjoyable learning environment for the practice and speaking of English.

Maribel Cabrera, Principal

When I was nine, I travelled to England from my home in Spain and began my Country Cousins journey. Until the age of 17, I spent every summer in North Devon and I grew confident enough in my English language skills to go on to study at the University of York.

I never forgot my experiences as a student - so much so that I came back as an adult, with my wife Maribel and young family. We are proud to offer similar experiences to young people from all over the world.

Jose Brinkmann, Managing Director



Maribel & Jose kayaking
with Rolo



Left to right: Elena, Rolo, Jose, Sofia,
Maribel & Maribel (Mini)

"We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone of our students for coming to England to study with us, and thank you for letting us use your photos in this brochure. We hope to see you all soon!"

Channel School of English

Our school is situated within the green flag award winning Bicclescombe Park, in the picturesque harbour town of Ilfracombe, North Devon. It is a beautiful Victorian building with a lot of history and stories to tell!

We have 14 well equipped classrooms, a student room to chill out at break times and a picnic area to enjoy the barbecues at lunch.

Channel School is open all year round for groups and during Easter and summer for individuals.

Class sizes average 12 students (maximum class size 15) and are mixed nationality wherever possible to increase English speaking opportunities.



Food available daily at the BBQ



Collaborative learning



Fun activity leaders



Ilfracombe Harbour



Shopping in Exeter



Woolacombe Beach



Busy High Street

Ilfracombe North Devon

Ilfracombe is a small seaside town on the North Devon coast in the South West of England.

The town is a safe place to be with a welcoming and traditional community. The town is easy to navigate around. The students that come here love socialising in the evenings and watching the sun set.

Nearby Locations

Woolacombe beach is just 10 mins away. Awarded by TripAdvisor as best beach in the UK for the last 5 years, it is a real capital for surfing and other water sports.

The vibrant market town of Barnstaple is only 25 minutes away and provides big name high street shops, along with great restaurants.

Exeter, the regional centre, is just over an hour away and offers all the facilities and amenities to be expected in a modern university city.



Free Saturday Airport Transfers

Arrivals

Our students' experience starts the moment they arrive in England.

We pick up from London Heathrow, Bristol or Exeter airports, as well as St. Pancras train station in London. Our team is always there to meet them at the airport and transport them to the South West of England in our own fleet of sign-written coaches.

On arrival in Ilfracombe they will meet their host family at a designated meeting point and go home with them.

Departures

Every student is escorted to the check-in desk in time for their flight.

Flight cancellations and delays

Make sure your travel insurance will cover long delays or cancellations to cover extra costs, hotels or long waits incurred when picking up at different times.

Note: there is an extra charge for out of hours arrivals and departures. Normal times for arriving in Ilfracombe will be **after 1pm** and **before 10pm**. Departures from Ilfracombe are **after 6am** and **before 12pm**.





Welcome Meetings - Sundays

Every Sunday, we have an induction meeting where our team greets the students and explains their activity programme, shows them around the school and answers any questions they may have.

Students receive a welcome package including, student card, wristband, map and programme of the week.

After the induction meeting, students go back to have lunch with their families, spend time getting to know each other and familiarise themselves with the town.



First day at School - Mondays

On the first day, students are divided into three sets according to age and choice of activity programme. This enables us to get a great international mix in activities and lessons, which encourages students to always speak English and make new international friends.

At Channel School of English, we have three student sets:

Yellow: 6 – 13 years old
Green: 12 – 16 years old
Purple: 14 – 17 years old

Teaching & Learning at Country Cousins

We have a dynamic and approachable teaching team who are all experienced and qualified teachers. They are continually observed and encouraged to develop professionally.

Emphasis is placed on improving speaking, listening and functional language skills. Speech is initiated with many exercises; from pair and group work to individual presentations, group discussions, debates, role-plays, simulations, music, drama and games.

Materials are varied, lively and up-to-date. The use of technology in the classrooms has opened up a new world of engagement, personalised learning and collaboration for our students.

Every classroom has Wi-Fi and is equipped with a projector. Students are provided with tablets to carry out blended-learning activities. Students take an initial language assessment test and are allocated to the class best suited to their linguistic ability and level (A2, B1, B2, or C1).

Students will receive a course certificate at the end of their course with the level they have achieved and their teacher's personal comments.

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£140
including
lessons and
exam



Blended learning
in action

GESE Exam - Trinity College, London

Students staying for 2 weeks or longer can take the Trinity College London Graded Examination in Spoken English (GESE) – an internationally recognised qualification.

Students receive 6 hours a week of training.
95% pass rate in 2018.

2019 dates: Fridays 5th July, 19th July and 2nd August.

Inside the Classroom



Quality and up to date learning materials



Mix of technology and traditional face-to-face instruction

Outside the Classroom



problem solving in action



Learning through experience

Accommodation – Homestay providers

Living in homestay accommodation gives your child the perfect opportunity to experience English life and to practice their language skills in everyday situations.

Our host families are all carefully selected, site visited and inspected by our experienced welfare team. Families treat their visitors as one of the family, providing a happy and secure environment.

We manage the relationship with our host families ourselves – this means that we know each and every one and match students to the settings in which we feel they will be most at home.

Students of different nationalities are placed within the same family to encourage spoken English, which can often lead to life-long friendships!



Kind and welcoming
local accommodation



Students can expect to...

- share a room with another student (max 2 per room)
- only have one other person of the same nationality in the home (except by request and mini stays)
- have their basic laundry done; bed linen and towels supplied
- spend Sundays with their family
- have breakfast and evening meal (on weekdays). Lunches will be provided in school ^{NEW} Monday to Friday. Full board on weekends
- have direct access to our welfare team, 24 hours a day, in case of emergencies or urgent issues

“Meeting people from all over the world is amazing.
My host family was wonderful and so is my roommate.”

Han Wang, Chinese, aged 16



Promoting Acceptance of Language Students (PALS)

The PALS scheme has been running successfully for several years and involves young local people who, during their school holidays, will:

- Integrate with our students
- Attend activities
- Assist in familiarising our students with the area
- Interact with them to ensure they feel welcome
- Encourage all students to be involved

“A worthy project that is very effective”

British Council

The scheme won an international ELTons Award for Local Innovation from the British Council in 2014.



← Look out for the PALS logo next to our courses where the scheme is in place.

Set Purple Programme

Exploring Devon with 15 or 18 hours of English Lessons (E15 or E18)



Exploring Devon Programme



Adventure Sports Programme



Surfing Programme

July	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am - 12.30pm	🏠 English Classes	🍷🚗🛒 Cathedral City of Exeter	🏠🍷 D15 Walk to Hunters Inn in Exmoor National Park D18 in class	🏠 English Classes	🏠 English Classes
1.30pm - 5pm	🍷👙 Tunnels Beaches in Ilfracombe		🏠 English Classes	🏠 English Classes	🍷👙 Arlington Court National Trust House
7.30pm - 10pm	★ International Sports	Stay at home and speak English with your family	★ Disco	★ Talent show	Stay at home and speak English with your family

Programme Key

- 🏠 Classroom-based learning
- 🍷 Field-based learning

- 🚗 Day trip
- 🛒 Bring pocket money
- 👙 Bring swimwear

- 👕 Wear long-sleeved tops & trousers
- ★ Evening activity

Summary of Programmes and Courses at Country Cousins

All of our courses include at least 15 hours of quality English tuition. Courses are carefully designed to be both educational and fun.

Visit our website to find out more: www.country-cousins.com

- Course available all year
- Course available 15th June 2019 to 17th August 2019

General English

15 hours

11 to 17 years old

- Adventure Sports
- Ball Sports
- Beach Volleyball
- Exploring Devon
- Football Academy
- Musical Theatre ^{NEW}
(from 14 years old only)
- Riding
- Sea Water Sports
- Sports Science
(from 14 years old only)
- Street Dance
- Surfing
- Table Tennis
- Tennis

General English

18 hours

11 to 17 years old

- Adventure Sports
- Ball Sports
- Exploring Devon
- Riding
- Sea Water Sports
- Surfing
- Tennis

Just
£9
extra per
week!

Mini learners

6 to 10 years old*

- Adventure Sports
(from 10 years old only)
- Exploring Devon
- Riding
- Surfing
(from 10 years old only)
- Tennis

**Children aged 6, 7 and 8 years old,
must stay privately with their parents*

Mini stays for groups

11 to 17 years old

2nd March 2019 –
15th June 2019

Minimum 20 students + 2
group leaders 1 week stay

Academic Placements

– High School

13 to 16 years old

Academic year placements
in local schools





£799
per week

Adventure Sports

An exciting introduction to many different sports; this course is perfect for energetic students keen to try new pursuits.

- Includes quad biking, abseiling, surfing, climbing, coastal traversing, kayaking, sand boarding, adventure swimming and climbing.
- Learn specialist vocabulary for each sport.
- Learn and develop basic techniques for each sport activity.

Age	10 to 17 years old
Activity Sessions	2 or 3 sessions per week, 2.5 hours each
Group size	8 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 or 18 hours of General English per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	Available all year



£704
per week

Ball Sports

This varied programme will help students build the confidence and teamwork skills they need to enjoy taking part in sports and being active for life. A great way to experience all the different ball sports we offer at Country Cousins.

- Learn different techniques and skills for football, table tennis, beach volleyball and tennis.
- Put training into practice with mini-tournaments.

Age	12 to 16 years old
Activity Sessions	2 or 3 sessions per week, 2.5 hours each
Group size	8 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 or 18 hours of General English per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August



£719
per week

Beach Volleyball

Get fit and have fun at Croyde Beach with a professional ex-Olympic instructor guiding students through the techniques and tactics of this unique beach sport.

- Train with Great Britain's international and national team coach, Denise Austin.
- Learn to play in pairs, serving, digging, setting, attacking, blocking and defending.
- Learn specialist beach volleyball vocabulary.
- Improve confidence and teamwork skills.



Age	12 to 16 years old
Activity Sessions	9 hours per week in 3 sessions
Group size	8 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August



£644
per week

Exploring Devon

Explore popular places of local interest and along the coast. Plenty fun activities too – games on Woolacombe Beach, ten-pin bowling, coastal walks, an English film at the local cinema, roller skating, Combe Martin Wildlife Park, swimming at the local pool and more.

Age	6 to 17 years old
Activity Sessions	3 hours per session in 2 or 3 days per week
Group size	15 students to 1 activity leader
English Lessons	15 or 18 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	Available all year



Football

Maximum fun and participation for boys and girls of all abilities.

- Develop skills and build confidence on and off the grass pitch.
- Improve team building and communication skills.
- Develop key football skills and put all the training into practice in actual matches.

We use grass pitches, therefore students will need shin pads and studded boots (we do not provide these).

Age	12 to 16 years old
Activity Sessions	9 hours per week in 3 sessions
Group size	15 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August



Musical Theatre Academy

Bringing English language to life through drama, theatre and performing arts. At our dedicated theatre space students will use improvisation, role play, story-telling, physical theatre and script work to develop communicative skills and improve confidence in speaking.

- Combine verbal and non-verbal communication in a dynamic environment.
- Learn and employ theatrical vocabulary and terms.
- Play with costumes, props, sound and lighting to develop characters and scenes.

Students will need loose, black comfortable clothing that allows them to move freely and soft soled shoes.

Age	14 to 17 years old
Activity Sessions	9 hours per week in 3 sessions
Group size	15 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 hours per week
English Level	B1 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August



Riding



£774
per week

Saddle up to practise and improve a wide range of riding skills at the multi-national awarded equestrian centre in North Devon.

- Practise and improve a wide range of equestrian skills.
- Learn specific riding vocabulary.
- Enjoy qualified instruction with top competition horses and ponies at both indoor and outdoor arenas.

Students may bring suitable riding clothes boots and helmets.

Age	8 to 17 years old
Activity Sessions	8 hours per week in 2 sessions
Group size	8 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 or 18 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	Available all year



Sea Water Sports



£814
per week

This exciting programme is full of sea water activities, making the most of our spectacular local coastline and beaches.

- Practise different water sports such as kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, surfing, adventure swimming, a sea adventure course and scuba diving.
- Learn specialist vocabulary and basic techniques for each activity.
- Improve water confidence and team building skills.

Age	12 to 16 years old
Activity Sessions	2 or 3 sessions per week, 3 hours each
Group size	8 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 or 18 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August



£754
per week

Sport Science

This exciting programme with Andrew Blake of Bay Fitness will include fitness, vinyasa flow yoga, and seminars/lectures on sport science, nutrition and health. It will be open to all levels with progressive and easier options depending on fitness and level.

- Fitness and personal training sessions covering all fitness components: strength, mobility, core, speed, agility and cardiovascular endurance.
- Yoga sessions for the body and the mind with breathing, asana and meditation. Learn the techniques that Andrew uses with athletes he trains including professional surfers and Olympians.
- Lectures including theory on the practical sessions and covering nutrition, training principles, health and psychology.

Age	14 to 17 years old
Activity Sessions	7.5 hours per week in 3 sessions
Group size	6 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 hours per week
English Level	B1 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August



£669
per week

Street Dance

Experience the ultimate modern style of dancing, combining a variety of dance styles to create a hybrid urban, hip-hop dance.

- Learn how to describe dance moves and routines in English.
- Develop confidence by performing routines.
- Lessons include a warm-up, technical exercises and short routines with two qualified dance teachers.

Students may bring their own dance shoes, but all sessions can be performed barefoot or in socks.

Age	12 to 16 years old
Activity Sessions	7.5 hours per week in 3 sessions
Group size	8 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August



Surfing

Enjoy surfing at some of the best beaches in Britain with qualified and experienced surfing instructors.

- Follow the British Surfing Association Junior Athletes award scheme.
- Learn to surf or improve skills at the nearby Woolacombe or Croyde beaches.
- Learn and develop techniques for paddling, reading and catching waves, standing up and controlling the board.
- Improve confidence in the water and learn specialist surfing vocabulary.

Age	10 to 17 years old
Activity Sessions	2 or 3 sessions per week, 3 hours each
Group size	8 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 or 18 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	Available all year



Table Tennis

Table tennis is one of the most accessible sports and can be played at any level right up to the Olympics! It is a challenging sport to master, but great fun and a surprisingly good workout.

- Learn the different techniques and skills for table tennis.
- Learn specialist table tennis vocabulary.
- Improve confidence and teamwork skills.
- The club offers 5 competition tables.

Age	12 to 16 years old
Activity Sessions	9 hours per week in 3 sessions
Group size	4 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	15th June to 17th August





£739
per week

Tennis

Tennis is not just a fun sport, it's also great for learning life lessons that extend beyond the court including sportsmanship, self-discipline and independence.

- Coaching with Lawn Tennis Association qualified coaches and practise sessions with fellow students.
- Learn specialist tennis vocabulary.
- Learn and develop tennis techniques.
- Improve confidence and teamwork skills.

Students may bring their own rackets.



Age	6 to 17 years old
Activity Sessions	2 or 3 sessions per week, 2.5 hours each
Group size	6 students per instructor
English Lessons	15 or 18 hours per week
English Level	A2 – C1
Dates	Available all year



£435
per week

Academic Placements

We have seen that for students who attend Channel School of English, complete immersion in an English school is often the next natural step.

Country Cousins can arrange for students to spend a term or a year at a local college or secondary school in North Devon, studying subjects within the English National Curriculum.

Students can board at the private school or stay with a host family as day students, with Country Cousins acting as guardians.

Since this is a very personalised and tailor made programme, please contact maribel@country-cousins.com for more information.





Mini Stays for Groups

2nd of March to 15th of June 2019

Outside of our busiest times of year (Easter and Summer periods), we can offer mini stays for school groups.

All programmes include 15 hours of English and include airport transfers, full board accommodation and one free activity leader for every 15 students.

Saturday arrivals & departures

£389 per week

A typical programme for a mini stay based on 7 nights + 15 hours of English lessons:

What's Included?

- Transfers from London Heathrow or South West airports
- Packed lunch from homestay
- Ages 11 to 17 years old
- Minimum 20 students
- 2 group leaders
- 1 or 2 students per family

Programme Key

- Classroom-based learning
- Field-based learning
- Day trip
- Bring pocket money
- Wear long-sleeved tops & trousers
- Evening activity

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am - 12.30pm	English Classes	English Classes	Daytrip to Cathedral city of Exeter	English Classes	English Classes
1.30pm - 5pm	Visit to Barnstaple	English Classes		Coastal walk from Morteheo to Woolacombe Beach	Roller skating
7.30pm - 9.30pm	Sports	Stay at home and speak English with your family	Film night	Karaoke	Stay at home and speak English with your family



BBQs on Mondays to welcome new students



International disco



Group at Wells Cathedral



Beautiful countryside walks

Evening activities and excursions

Country Cousins offers a wide range of morning, afternoon and evening activities including:

- Sports
- Competitions
- BBQs
- Karaoke
- Film evenings
- Quizzes
- Discos
- Talent shows

Every Monday we welcome new students and there is always a social evening to give new arrivals a chance to get to know each other and meet other students already at the school.



Frequent visits to popular attractions



Skating konga

Day trips

- Butlins Aquatic Park
- Dunster Castle & Village
- Exmoor National Park
- Lynton and Lynmouth
- King Arthur's Castle at Tintagle and Boscastle village
- Milky Way theme park
- Paignton Zoo
- Plymouth Aquarium and boat trip
- Wells Cathedral and Clarks Village
- Cathedral & University City of Exeter

"People are very friendly, I did this trip with my best friend and it was very cool."

Carmen, German, aged 14



What's included in the price?

Country Cousins' fees are on a 'per student per week' basis and include:

- English lessons (tuition fees cover 15 or 18 hours per week, and each lesson lasts 60 minutes).
- All course and teaching materials.
- Accurate placement testing.
- Country Cousins wristband, bespoke workbook and end of course certificate of attendance.
- Full board accommodation with a host family, including catered lunch **NEW** provided by the during school week days.
- Student welfare and support 24 hours a day.
- One fully supervised day trip and two or three half day activities per week.
- Entrance fees for all museums and attractions.
- Three fully supervised evening activities per week.
- Supervision during all activities.
- School buses to and from the outlying areas of Ilfracombe.
- Loans of sports equipment.
- Free Wi-Fi at Channel School of English, with parental controls.

Make a Booking

Bookings can be made by contacting your local Country Cousins agent or at www.country-cousins.com

Once your booking is confirmed, we will send you confirmation details, host family information and pre-arrival information.

Find Out More

You can find out much more about us by visiting www.country-cousins.com

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