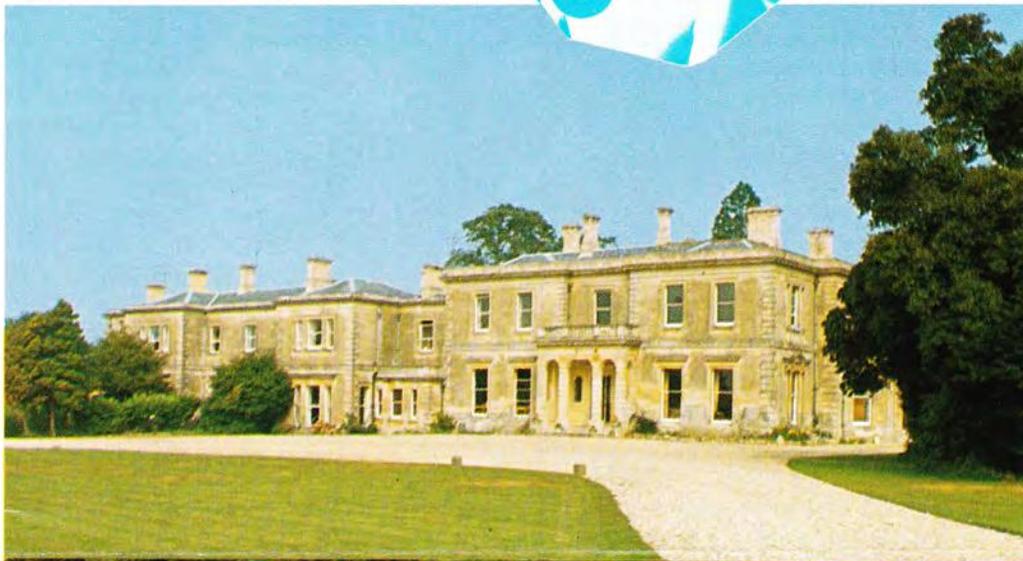


Learn English in England with 'Vacational Studies'



Crookham Court Front View



Playing Croquet



Swimming Pool

Introduction

Fully residential English Language Courses have been held at Crookham Court School, Newbury, Berkshire, for the past four summers, during which time the Course Organiser, Ian Mucklejohn, has welcomed boys and girls from 17 nations in 4 continents. Over the years the programme has been developed to provide an enjoyable balance between 'vacation' and 'study'. The emphasis throughout the Course is on the practical use of English as an international medium of communication combined with a full sports and social programme designed to introduce children to the English way of life. The children eat, sleep and receive classes in Crookham Court School.

The Children

Boys and girls aged 10-16, those just starting English, and more advanced students, from all over the world can be accepted for either the 4 week Course or the 6 week Course.

The School and Its Surroundings

Crookham Court School is a mid-nineteenth century manor house with large, bright rooms and spacious planning which make it ideal for use as a centre for a Language Course. The children sleep in dormitory accommodation in the main house which also contains the Library, Dining Hall, Television Room, Theatre, Table Tennis Room, Changing Room, Bathrooms, Showers and Toilets, and staff accommodation. In the grounds close to the house are six classrooms and a Sports Hall.

The grounds extend to 18 acres and include three large playing fields, a full-size open-air swimming pool, hard and grass tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, lawns, gardens and woods.

Crookham Court is situated in the heart of the South of England, 6 km. east of the small market town of Newbury in the Royal County of Berkshire, amid rolling hills overlooking the picturesque Kennet Valley. Newbury is 70 km. west of London and 45 km. south of Oxford.

The Course

The 4 week Course runs from *Thursday, August 1 – Thursday, August 29, 1974.*

The 6 week Course runs from *Thursday, July 18 – Thursday, August 29, 1974.*

Although the School has accommodation for 85 children, the maximum number accepted in the Summer is 60.

Daily English classes are given by a staff of fully qualified, professional teachers, experienced in the teaching of English as a foreign language. The students are placed in the class most suited to their age and ability. The classes are deliberately kept small so that each child will receive individual attention. The teacher pupil ratio is approximately 1 : 10. Books and teaching materials are provided and audio-visual aids are used. We encourage the use of 'direct method' teaching. There are 12 hours of formal teaching each week, together with 4½ hours conversation.

Sports

All sports activities are under the overall control of a qualified physical education specialist teacher who arranges a regular programme including football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, tennis, table-tennis, croquet, swimming, etc. Competitions for prizes are held. For 1974 we are able to offer instruction in archery. Horse-riding is arranged at a local horse-riding school at a small extra charge and golf at the nearby golf course. If children wish to play golf, they must bring their own clubs. The Sports Organizer is available at all times to offer advice and give instruction. For reasons of safety a teacher supervises children in the swimming pool at all times.



Front Hall

Social Life

We regard our children as a family who work and play together. For many of them this is their first time away from home with other children so we aim to provide a relaxed atmosphere in which they may make friends and form social contacts. We arrange shopping expeditions, country walks, parties and dances, film shows, community singing and games.

Excursions

Newbury is well-situated as a centre for excursions to various places of interest. Visits are made to London, Oxford and Blenheim Palace, Windsor Castle and the Safari Park,



Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral, the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu near Southampton, and the Welsh Folk Museum near Cardiff in Wales. Members of staff accompany the children on all excursions which are made by private coach.

Meals

Three good meals a day are provided. Catering is under the supervision of a trained chef experienced in the preparation of both traditional English and International cuisine. There is a plentiful supply of fresh fruit and vegetables. Cold fruit juice is available at all times.

Living Accommodation

Children sleep in dormitories — the girls in one part of the house and the boys in another. The accommodation is comfortable and roomy. Bed linen is provided by us.

Health

Minor illnesses are treated by our own staff and there is a special surgery/sick-room. We also use the services of several doctors in the locality. All our students are entitled to free medical treatment under the British National Health Service.

A Typical Day

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| 08.30 | Breakfast |
| 09.30 | First class |
| 10.10 | Break |
| 10.20 | Second class |
| 11.00 | Break |
| 11.30 | Third class |
| 12.10 | Break |
| 13.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 — 14.45 | Conversation groups |
| 14.45 — 18.00 | Organised sports and games |
| 18.00 — 18.30 | Supper |
| 18.30 — 19.15 | or later, written 'homework' |
| 19.15 — 21.30 | Indoor or outdoor games, or film. |
| 21.30 | Hot chocolate and biscuit |
| 21.30 — 22.00 | Bedtime. |

This is a 'typical day' when an excursion is not planned. Excursions normally take place in the afternoons so as not to interrupt the teaching programme. There are no classes on Sundays.

Supervision and Discipline

We understand the concern felt by parents when their children are away from home. They are under constant supervision as far as is practicable both in the School and on excursions. We have a number of young ladies who help as assistants and, together with the teachers, this gives a total staff-student ratio of approximately 1 : 5. There are some straightforward rules designed to ensure the smooth running of the Course. We expect the children to respect the buildings and equipment, and the feelings of other people. If a child should be a discipline problem, we reserve the right to contact the parents and, if necessary, return him/her.



In General

We have, over the years, built up a reputation and have many satisfied parents and children all over the world. A number of boys and girls have, in fact, spent more than one summer at Crookham Court. Many of our children come to us on personal recommendation.

As well as formal study, we concentrate on the holiday aspect of the Course. We intend that the children should feel free to enjoy themselves. There is always something to do, but if a child prefers to read quietly or be with his friends, we naturally respect his wishes. The number of children on the Course is



Library

deliberately kept small so that each child can be treated as an individual. They will meet and, we hope, become friendly with children from many lands. We aim to promote a truly international spirit.

The Course is inter-denominational. If parents so wish, we shall arrange for the children to attend an appropriate place of worship. There is, of course, no charge for this service.

What the Course Fee Includes

Details of the Course Fee are on the enclosed Booking Form. There are no extra charges. The fee includes:- residence at the School, all meals, tuition, sports, the use of facilities, excursions, and entrance fees to places of interest. We arrange for the laundering of clothes.

The Fee does NOT include:- Travel to and from England, pocket money, horse-riding

(payable out of pocket money), golf (payable out of pocket money).

There is a small charge for collection from Heathrow Airport, London and return there at the end of the Course. Please see the Booking Form for details.

How to Register your Child for this Course

Please complete the Booking Form enclosed and answer the questions fully. This will give us the information necessary about your child to ensure that he or she combines the best holiday ever with learning as much English as possible.

If you are not able to provide flight details at the time of booking, please do so as soon as you can. If the child will travel alone, we suggest that you ask your Travel Agent to inform the airline that he or she will be an 'Unaccompanied Minor' and that a 'Vacational Studies' representative will meet him/her at Heathrow Airport. Your child will, therefore, be looked after all the way. As a large number of children will be arriving at Heathrow Airport, we would request that your child's flight should arrive during the afternoon of *July 18* or *August 1* if possible, and that the return flight should leave in the afternoon of *August 29*. This will help us greatly. If he/she will arrive by car, this should also be in the afternoon of *July 18* or *August 1* and he/she should be collected in the afternoon of *August 29*.

Crookham Court is easy to reach by road or rail. By road, take the M4 motorway west from London. Leave the M4 at the exit marked A4 THEALE. Follow signs to NEWBURY until you come to THATCHAM. In THATCHAM, take a left turn to BRIMPTON. Follow this road past

We hope that this prospectus contains all the information you need to make your choice. We realise that it is important to make the right choice and are confident that we can combine the learning of good written and spoken English with an unforgettable holiday for your child.



*Crookham Court —
Aerial View*

Biographical Note

Ian Mucklejohn is a Londoner by birth, but has lived most of his life in Newbury. He graduated from the University of London with an Honours Degree in English and is an Associate

THATCHAM STATION, up a hill and CROOKHAM COURT is on your left. There is also a frequent train service from Paddington Station, London to Newbury Station. It is then a short taxi journey.

When your child has been registered, this will be confirmed immediately and a receipt sent acknowledging the Fee remitted.

Further Information

We recommend that no more than £6. pocket money for each week should be given. All money is handed in to the Office for safe-keeping and the child can then withdraw money from his/her account. Passports and tickets are also kept safely.

In addition to the usual casual clothes, we recommend that the following be brought: An anorak or raincoat. Bedroom slippers. Sports shoes. Writing paper and envelopes. At least three towels. Clothes hangers. A tennis racket (if needed).

All property should be marked with the child's name. The postal address of the *School* is:-

CROOKHAM COURT,
VACATIONAL STUDIES LANGUAGE COURSE,
NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE RG15 8DQ.
ENGLAND. TEL: THATCHAM 64800

(We suggest that parents telephone only in the mornings.) This address and telephone number should only be used between *July 18* and *August 29*. During the rest of the year, please contact:-

THE COURSE ORGANIZER,
IAN G. MUCKLEJOHN, B.A., A.C.P.,
VACATIONAL STUDIES,
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NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE RG14 7AS,
ENGLAND. TEL: NEWBURY 1867

of the College of Preceptors. Since graduating, he has taught English at Crookham Court School where he is the Head of the English Department. He has organized Language Courses at the School for several years.

Important — The 1973 Course at Crookham was fully subscribed. We recommend that you book