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# Summer 2014

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## A tried and tested formula

Vacational Studies International Summer School at The Mary Hare School, Newbury, Berkshire, UK is a 4-week residential junior vacation EFL English Language Course for young people aged 10-18 now in its 41st year with Ian Mucklejohn as Director. Newbury is 70km west of London and 45km south of Oxford.

The Course is fully residential with dormitory, 3, 2 and single-bedded rooms with en-suite bathrooms.

There are a total of 60 hours teaching in the classroom during the 4 weeks.

The School has its own countryside campus, indoor swimming pool and the full range of sports facilities with organised sports, social events, theatre visits and excursions. A fun programme every day and every evening.

▶ 9 July – 6 August 2014  
4 weeks – £3800



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We'd like to share our  
developments for  
2014 with you.

# A unique culture

## Interesting and motivated classmates

many of whose parents were with us as children! Our students come individually from all over the world on recommendation from past parents and students. As new students need a letter of recommendation from their school, we have only positive youngsters. They come on the first day and leave on the last day so we create an international English-speaking community that makes real linguistic and social progress.

## British teachers

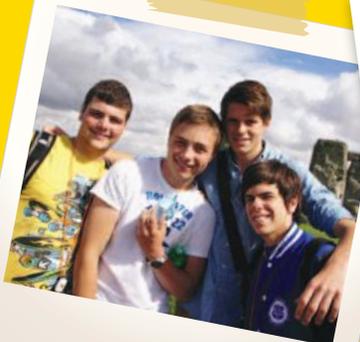
who are qualified in teaching English as a foreign language - many of whom have worked with us for years and have taken advanced English-teaching Courses sponsored by Vacational Studies.

## British classmates

'UK Reps' are native English-speakers who mix with the students, visit classes, give assistance and can graduate to Sports Staff.

## British sports staff

most of whom have also been students and know exactly how to create a fun programme from Day One.



# Developing the person

Our unique Board Meetings keep students focused on the reason they are on the Course and how best to gain from this special experience.

## For the CV:

- Comprehensive Certificate of Attainment in English
- Report on Social Development
- Positions of Responsibility



Students can apply for positions of responsibility either as House Captains or Prefects. Prefectorial responsibility includes attendance on the Student Council and overseeing student integration. Privileges are accorded to House Captains and Prefects. We also offer Apprenticeship opportunities. These posts will enhance a CV.

# Optional enhancements

**New for Summer 2014** – The best of UK drama in London's West End: 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'; 'War Horse'; 'Matilda – the Musical' (limited availability options for those who apply first).

## Trinity Exam in Spoken English

This is an international certificate calibrated to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and which is accepted by employers, trainers and universities around the world. There are 12 levels (from Beginner to Proficiency) and three grades within each level. Candidates receive valuable small group preparation sessions. Children can be entered for a higher grade each year. It gives a specific focus to the Course. All students find the examination an enjoyable and motivating option.

# Beyond the language

**New for Summer 2014** – Lessons by native English-speakers on how British English (not International English) is used, helping students use the correct polite forms of English: (e.g. 'So, could you tell me why you like this sport?' not 'Why do you like this sport?') Cultural awareness lessons analyse the English Language in the context of British history, discussing and evaluating aspects of British life – for example, a brief history of the Royal family culture and customs – with optional visit INSIDE The Houses of Parliament and INSIDE Buckingham Palace (limited availability options for those who apply first).

**New for Summer 2014** – Interest-based projects involving the Prefects, Apprentices and UK Reps called 'What's your passion?' Students sharing their passions are likely to be motivated to use English constructions.