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Stevenson College Edinburgh
Summer School Programme
2 July – 17 August 2012



Welcome to Stevenson College Edinburgh!

Location – Edinburgh, Scotland

Distance from city centre – 20 mins by bus

Facilities – Library, free internet, spacious classrooms, Sports Centre, Starbucks coffee bar

Start dates – 2 July, 16 July, 30 July

Core courses – General English, Intensive English, TKT Preparation

Options – English and Culture, Examination Preparation, Social Programme

Class size – 14 (max)

Minimum age – 16. No maximum

Accommodation – Homestay available

Stevenson College Edinburgh (SCE) is one of Scotland's largest English language providers.

For more than 30 years we've been welcoming students from all over the world onto our English courses.

Our summer courses during July and August offer varied, interesting and challenging English programmes in a friendly environment. With 3 courses to choose from, we feel you will find your perfect English course on our Summer School. Our classes are suitable for English students of all levels from Elementary to Advanced (our courses are not suitable for Beginners). Classes are small (maximum 14 students), and led by well-qualified, experienced and enthusiastic tutors. You can choose to study with us for a minimum of 2 weeks up to a maximum of 7 weeks, and can book a combination of courses to ensure that your time spent studying at SCE is as productive and enjoyable as you wish.

Scotland is a historic nation famous for its warm welcome and long tradition of learning and culture. You will never be short of things to do here: you can try outdoor activities, festivals, museums, nights out and Scottish cuisine.

Edinburgh is Scotland's capital city, and its second largest city. The city is compact, safe and cosmopolitan. It's easy to get around using the excellent public transport system and with a great social scene, Edinburgh is a fantastic place to study.

Every August you can experience Scotland's distinctive culture in the Edinburgh International Festival – a celebration of music, dancing, drama and comedy.



Summer School Courses

There are a range of flexible study options available to you throughout your time at Stevenson College Edinburgh Summer School. Our core programmes are detailed below.

General English (20 hours per week)

Suitable for students of all levels from Elementary to Advanced, this course is designed to help you increase your confidence in using English, and practise language skills in a variety of everyday situations. In the first half of the morning class you will activate and extend your knowledge of vocabulary and grammar using a course book at a level appropriate to you. In the second half of the lesson the emphasis is on developing communicative skills using a variety of up-to-date and authentic materials.

Intensive English (24 hours per week)

Students following this programme combine 20 hours of General English (as above) with an additional 4 hours of study, choosing from either English and Culture or Examination Preparation.

Social Programme

Our social programme gives students the opportunity to visit places of historical and cultural importance in and around the city, as well as a chance to experience Edinburgh's great entertainment scene. The Social Programme includes 2 afternoon activities and 1 evening activity per week, plus 1 full-day Saturday excursion every 2 weeks.

	9.00 - 13.15	Lunch	14.00 - 16.00	Evening
Monday	General English		Intensive English: English & Culture or Exam Preparation	
Tuesday	General English		Social Programme	
Wednesday	General English		Intensive English: English & Culture or Exam Preparation	Social Programme
Thursday	General English		Social Programme	
Friday	General English			
Saturday	Social Programme: Full day excursion			

Intensive English classes

English and Culture

Suitable for Pre-Intermediate to Advanced level students, these courses are a hands-on approach to learning English in a practical and fun way. In interesting and stimulating lessons, you will practise language skills while exploring Scottish cultural topics.

English and Culture courses are linked to the social programme so that you can prepare for the places you will visit, practise some useful language related to what you will see and get more out of your time in Scotland.

Block 1: English and History (2 – 13 July)

Learn English while exploring the history and culture of Scotland.

Block 2: English and Edinburgh highlights (16 – 27 July)

Learn English and get to know the city of Edinburgh better.

Block 3: English and Festival (30 July – 17 August)

Learn English while preparing for the famous Edinburgh Festivals which take place every August.

Examination preparation

This course is for Intermediate to Advanced level students who want to prepare for English language exams such as IELTS and FCE. Your teacher will work with you to identify areas of weakness and will provide practice which is appropriate and relevant to your language needs. You may be working in small groups or individually depending on the shared needs of the group.

You will need to book the exam separately at a local exam centre:
<http://cambridgeesol-centres.org/centres/index.do>

Teacher Training

SCE is a long established provider of Teacher Development Programmes for English teachers.

TKT Preparation (20 hours per week)

Suitable for new and experienced teachers of primary, secondary or adult learners of English, this course will prepare you for the Cambridge ESOL Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT), an internationally recognised teaching qualification.

Intermediate level English is required, and previous English Language teaching experience is strongly recommended.

Block 1: TKT Module 1 (2 – 13 July)

- Language and the background to language learning and teaching

Block 2: TKT Modules 2 & 3 (16 – 27 July)

- Lesson planning and the use of resources for language teaching
- Managing the teaching and learning process

Participants can study one course only (2 weeks) or both courses (4 weeks).



Facilities

SCE offers excellent facilities to all students, on all of our courses.

- **Canteen** - provides hot and cold meals, sandwiches and refreshments Monday to Friday. SCE also has a Starbucks® coffee bar where you can buy freshly brewed lattes and cappuccinos.
- **Computer Access** - computers are available across the College and internet facilities are free to students. There are also dedicated WiFi points. Our computer-aided language software can help to improve your English grammar and vocabulary.
- **Library** - a peaceful place to study or read between classes. There are over 20,000 books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers. The Library includes a range of graded readers and exam practice materials.
- **Sports Centre** - a brand new facility with sports hall and state-of-the-art fitness suite. All Summer School students can register to use the college gym.
- **Prayer Room** - for students of all religions for quiet prayer and meditation.

Student support

We are proud of the support that we offer to all international students and in 2008 were awarded the prestigious Association of Colleges Beacon Award, the British Council Award for International Student Support.

Our dedicated International Team are available to help from your first point of enquiry through to completion of studies, progression to another course of study, or back home.

We provide:

- help with making your application to SCE
- accommodation placement and information
- visa application advice
- pre-departure advice before you travel to the UK
- information on activities in Edinburgh and Scotland



Social Programme

We want you to get the most out of your time here in Edinburgh, and out of your studies. As part of your course you can choose to join our social programme and visit places of historical and cultural interest in and around the city. The social programme gives you a great chance to see many of the things you have been learning about in class, and an ideal opportunity to experience the rich Scottish culture first hand.

Here are some sample activities based on previous years:

- Weekday afternoon** ___ Visit the Queen's residence here in Edinburgh
- Weekday afternoon** ___ Learn how the national drink, whisky, is made
- Weekday evening** ___ Take part in an evening of traditional Scottish dance
- Weekday evening** ___ Explore secret, hidden areas of Edinburgh on a city tour
- Saturday activity** ___ Visit Falkland Palace and the historic seaside town of St Andrews
- Saturday activity** ___ Visit Scotland's largest city Glasgow and the famous Loch Lomond

Useful Websites:

- Visit Scotland (Tourist Information) www.visitscotland.com
- Edinburgh and Lothian Tourist Board www.edinburgh.org
- Edinburgh Festivals www.edinburghfestivals.co.uk
- Edinburgh International Festival www.eif.co.uk
- Edinburgh Fringe Festival www.edfringe.com
- Edinburgh Military Tattoo www.edinburgh-tattoo.co.uk
- Edinburgh Film Festival www.edfilmfest.org.uk

"Edinburgh is a wonderful city,
it has many extraordinary monuments."

Mélissa Floriani, France



Accommodation

Homestay – affordable accommodation

The College can arrange your homestay accommodation before you arrive. Most of the accommodation is on the west side of Edinburgh, approximately 15 - 20 minutes from the city centre by bus or car. A range of affordable options are available. Many students choose to stay with a homestay host, as this provides an excellent way of practising your English. We do our best to ensure students from the same country are not placed in the same household.

All our accommodation has been inspected and is in accordance with the British Council Accreditation UK criteria. You can choose from the following types of accommodation:

Homestay: Half Board

- breakfast and evening meal with your homestay host
- you are invited to participate in the life of the household, giving you more opportunities to practise your English and learn about the Scottish way of life
- £135 per week, single room

Homestay: Self Catering

- you shop for food and prepare your own meals
- this provides you with more flexibility and independence
- £90 per week, single room

Demand for homestay accommodation in Edinburgh is high in the summer, so you should apply as early as you can.



Halls Of Residence

The College does not have a student residence. However there are a limited number of rooms in Halls of Residence throughout the city. It is more expensive than homestay accommodation, but some students prefer this chance to live independently. You will normally have your own bedroom, and share a kitchen with other students. Some bedrooms have en-suite facilities; in others there will be a shared bathroom.

You should contact and book directly with:

Edinburgh First (University of Edinburgh accommodation)

Web: www.edinburghfirst.com

Tel: +44 (0) 131 651 2007

UNITE (Private student accommodation)

Web: www.unite-students.com

Tel: +44 117 302 7497

Euro Hostel Edinburgh

Web: www.euro-hostels.co.uk/edinburgh

Tel: +44 (0) 8454 900 461

Edinburgh Napier University

Web: www.napier.ac.uk/cca

Tel: +44 (0) 131 455 3738

Hostels

Hostels are a cheap option for short stays. You will usually share a room. To book, contact the hostel directly.

Smart City Hostel (Private hostel)

Web: www.smartcityhostels.com

Tel: +44 (0) 131 524 1989

SYHA Edinburgh Central (Scottish Youth Hostels Association)

Web: www.edinburghcentral.org

Tel: +44 (0) 131 524 2090

Useful websites for other accommodation:

www.visitscotland.com/accommodation _____ hotels, guest houses, B&Bs, hostels

www.edinburgh.gumtree.com _____ student flats

www.studentpad.co.uk _____ student flats

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Pre-sessional Summer School

If you are going to start a course at Stevenson in September, why not join our English language summer school first?

- the chance to practise your English in lively and interesting classes before starting your main course
- familiarise yourself with Edinburgh and the British way of life
- experience the world-famous Edinburgh International Festival in August
- make new friends both in class and on our social programme



Course Fee Information 2 July – 17 August 2012

Choose between our two core programmes, **General English** (20 hours per week) or **Intensive English** (24 hours per week).

Students studying Intensive English combine the General English course with either **English and Culture** or **Examination Preparation**.

Students on all courses can choose to join our **Social Programme**.

Core Programmes	No. of weeks	Start Dates	Tuition fees only	Tuition plus social programme
General English 20 hours per week	2	2 July; 16 July; 30 July	£440	£550
	3	30 July	£630	£770
	4	2 July; 16 July	£840	£1,060
	5	16 July	£1,050	£1,300
	6	2 July	£1,260	£1,590
	7	2 July	£1,440	£1,800
Intensive English 24 hours per week	2	2 July; 16 July; 30 July	£510	£620
	3	30 July	£730	£870
	4	2 July; 16 July	£980	£1,200
	5	16 July	£1,220	£1,470
	6	2 July	£1,470	£1,800
	7	2 July	£1,680	£2,040
TKT Preparation for English Teachers 20 hours per week	2	2 July; 16 July	£580	£690
	4	2 July	£940	£1,160

Prices include all teaching materials. Correct at time of print.

Groups

Teachers and agents should note that discounts are available for group bookings of 10 or more students.

We can design a programme for your students including tuition, accommodation, social programme and transport.

Tuition can be in international Summer School classes, or if your students have a specific interest or project focus, we can tailor-make a course just for them.

HOW TO APPLY

Stage 1 - complete the enclosed form and send to the College with a £100 non-refundable deposit. You may also pay your fees in full at this stage. Students aged 16 and 17 must provide a guardian's contact details.

Stage 2 - we will send you a letter of acceptance and an information pack with more details about your course, the College and Edinburgh, including maps and instructions for Day 1 of your course.

Stage 3 - please be ready to pay the remaining course fee on your first day.

Payment must be made in British Pounds Sterling (£) in the following ways:

- cash (please do not post)
- Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard, Maestro or Delta
- cheque made payable to Stevenson College Edinburgh
- bank transfer (for full fee only)

"My English has really improved, through the excellent teaching and also with my host family. I would recommend SCE to my family and friends."

Elena Demina, Russia



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