

# Think Global!

**13-17 year olds**

**This course drives language development by encouraging its learners to adopt “the values, attitudes and behaviours that support responsible global citizenship” (Unesco)**

Think Global! is designed not only to maximise a student’s language development but to do this through using UNESCO’s ‘Four pillars of learning’: learning to know; learning to do; learning to be and learning to live together.

Our learning

**20 hours per week**

**Minimum English level: A2+**

By investigating and discussion global themes using the 21st century learning skills, students improve all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and gain the confidence necessary to discuss, debate and challenge with their peer group.

Through the course's weekly themes, students will be expected to think critically about a range of the 21st century world's pressing issues, develop communication skills to perform in debates and presentations, collaborate to compete in tasks, and invoke their creativity to produce project work ranging from short movies to an online school magazine.

Topics for the week include:

- Civilization and Society: culture and identity, peace and conflict, global issues and the changing state of our world
- The Earlscliffe Festival in Art, Film and Media
- 21st Century citizens, inspired by Global Sustainable Development Goals
- STEM week which sees students covering science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- The Earlscliffe Echo - the week where Earlscliffe students become journalists and content creators - studying the news and propaganda, creating culture & travel blogs, and writing critical reviews

*Special feature: UNESCO debates every Thursday*

## **Our activities**

In addition to the academic enrichment events on all courses, Earlscliffe offers a balance of sports, cultural events, arts and crafts, fun games, walks and competitions, so there is

something for everyone on the programme. Our staff organise and supervise all these activities after the day's lessons have finished.

Students play volleyball, basketball, badminton, billiards and table tennis on-site.

Our supervised afternoon and evening activities include karaoke nights; football; softball; 'Earlscliffe's Got Talent'; swimming; house competitions; themed disco nights; 'Minute To Win It'; tennis; 'Scavenger Hunt'; rounders; 'Jeux sans Frontières'; 'Bake Off'; and quiz nights, to name just a few.

Regular daytime and evening beach trips are a popular part of the week's activities.

We are fortunate to be close to Folkestone's town centre and its shops, the artistic Creative Quarter and the beach, all of which offer our students moments of discovery and relaxation.

We use the excellent facilities provided at the Three Hills and Folkestone sports centres, not to mention the new multi-storey skate park!

### **Cultural visits**

- Earlscliffe offers two full days trips on Wednesdays and Sundays and evening bowling, laser tag or cinema trips. All trips are supervised and students are given a pre-trip briefing.
- An Earlscliffe highlight is our weekly trip to London (**Capital Wednesday™**) when over the course of the summer we visit many of the following famous London landmarks: the Tate Modern; the London Dungeon; the London Eye; the Natural History Museum; Thames Boat Tour; the Tower of London; the V&A; the British Museum and Buckingham Palace.
- **On Capital Wednesdays™** we use the direct high-speed train from nearby Folkestone Central station which has a journey time of 54 minutes.
- **On Sundays** we may visit: the world-famous cathedral city of Canterbury and take a river boat tour; ice-skating and Bluewater shopping centre; Thorpe Park theme park, Margate and Dreamland; Windsor Castle. Students will be given some free time in small groups on trips.

### **The rooms and meals**

- Most rooms are spacious single or twin rooms - all rooms are en-suite with WC, basin and shower.
- We also have a small number of triple rooms available.
- All rooms are Wi-Fi connected.
- The high standard of accommodation is attractive to today's students, and all the more so given the beautiful Victorian façade of the buildings in which it sits.
- Earlscliffe is an 'in-town' campus of buildings meaning that students can easily walk between classes, meals, accommodation and activities. (always supervised)
- Meals are taken in the college dining room and prepared by our own chef and team.
- Meals are varied and often international, such as Chinese, Mexican or Indian, but not forgetting the occasional British fish and chips!
- Any student's special dietary needs can be catered for at special request, i.e. vegetarian, gluten-free etc.

- Students are given packed meals on day trips.

## Extra optional activities

### **Stand Up Paddle Boarding**

Join us for this 8-hour Stand Up Paddle Boarding Sports Trust Award. Learn the basic skills needed to be competent at balancing, paddling, turning and stopping as well as touring the Folkestone Harbour area and the bay of Sunny Sands. A certificate will be handed out upon completion of the course.

### **Paintball**

Have fun in the forest dodging your opponents and trying to plant the flag for your team (all safety equipment is provided and must be worn at all times).

### **Musical Trip - Disney's 'The Lion King' in London's West End**

Most children will have seen the movie and be familiar with Elton John's music which makes the experience all the more fulfilling and easy to understand.

### **Warner Bros Harry Potter Tour**

For Harry Potter fans, why not enjoy a day out at this popular attraction to Warner Bros Studios. You will be able to see many of the sets, props and costumes from the most successful film series of all the time: the Great Hall; Dumbledore's office; the shops in Diagon Alley; see Harry's Nimbus 2000 and Hagrid's motorcycle; the Gryffindor common room, Hagrid's hut and Professor Umbridge's office at the Ministry of Magic. Have a refreshing Butterbeer in the studio café to finish your magical afternoon!