

DUKE OF YORK'S



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Stansted, Heathrow, Gatwick

ADDRESS: The Duke of York's Royal
Military School, Dover, Kent, CT15 5EQ



LOCATION & CAMPUS

The school was established in 1803 in Chelsea by HRH Frederick Duke of York to care for orphans of soldiers. It was Britain's first co-educational state-funded and administered school. In 1908, the school relocated to its present site in Dover and in 2010, became the first full state boarding academy, opening the doors to any family wishing to study here. Surrounded by 150 acres of countryside close to the stunning White Cliffs, the school had a £24.9 million refurbishment in 2014 which delivered a new sports centre, sports pitches, high-quality accommodation, teaching blocks and performing arts centre.

The school is situated just 2 miles from the centre of Dover, 1 mile from Dover Castle and 2 hours from London.

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FACILITIES & ACCOMMODATION

- π The campus boasts some excellent facilities including a Cricket Pitch, Rugby Pitches, Sports Hall, Gym, Swimming Pool, Auditorium, Athletics track and field, Black Box Drama Studio and Tennis Courts.
- π Accommodation in the school is split across 3 boarding houses. Rooms vary but range from singles to larger dorms. All boarding houses are well furnished with kitchens and large common room areas.
- π A bespoke laundry service is provided by the school once a week.
- π On arrival, a damage deposit of £30 will be collected. This will be returned to students at the end of the course should they not be responsible for any damage.





ENGLISH CLASSES

On the day following arrival, there will be an English Placement Test to place the students into a suitable class. The students have 15 hours of English lessons per week, with an emphasis on interaction and conversation. At the end of the course, a certificate is awarded to each student.

ENGLISH PLUS OPTIONS

Horse Riding and English.

Students can specialise in one of the above activities and receive professionally qualified tuition in this field (for a supplement).

A TYPICAL TEACHING DAY

09:00-10:00: The teacher introduces a new grammatical structure or language function to the class, which is then reinforced either through a written or spoken activity. This may include role-play situations.

10:00-10:10: Break

10:10-11:10: The focus here is to get students to work together on a project. By setting an interesting task, we encourage students to communicate in a fun and enjoyable way.

11:10-11:20: Break

11:20-12:20: In the final hour, students are often encouraged to prepare a short play in groups or get involved in a class discussion on a topic of interest.



SAMPLE TWO-WEEK PROGRAMME

		09:00-12:30		14:15-16:15		16:30-17:30		20:00-22:00
Sun		Arrival in UK		Transfer to Duke of York's		Orientation Tour & Welcome Talk		Settle In & Ice Breaker Games
Mon	B	English Tests	L U N C H	Afternoon Activity Session: Students have a choice of activities (see below) or take their chosen English Plus Option			D I N N E R	Karaoke
Tue	R	English Lessons						Disco
Wed	E	English Lessons		Half day excursion (Options include: Canterbury, Dover)				Man-Hunt
Thu	A	English Lessons		Afternoon Activity Session: Students have a choice of activities (see below) or take their chosen English Plus Option				Disco Skittles
Fri	K	English Lessons						Mini Olympics
Sat	F	English Lessons		Full Day Excursion (Options include: Cambridge, London, Brighton, Greenwich)				Taskmaster
Sun	A							Groups have a choice of informal activities at school OR an extra supplementary excursion arranged by prior enquiry to head office.
Mon	B	English Lessons	L U N C H	Afternoon Activity Session: Students have a choice of activities (see below) or take their chosen English Plus Option			D I N N E R	Blind Date
Tue	R	English Lessons						Disco
Wed	E	English Lessons		Half day excursion (Options include: Canterbury, Dover)				Film Night
Thu	A	English Lessons		Afternoon Activity Session: Students have a choice of activities (see below) or take their chosen English Plus Option				Pool Party
Fri	K	English Lessons						Talent Show
Sat	F	English Lessons		Full Day Excursion (Options include: Cambridge, London, Brighton, Greenwich)				Presentation Evening
Sun	A	Departure						

EXCURSIONS

Half Day: Canterbury, Dover

Full Day: Cambridge, London, Brighton, Greenwich

Students are taken on escorted coach excursions twice a week. However, groups can request supplemental excursions on changeover days.

Please bear in mind that excursions listed above are excursion OPTIONS and exact locations will only be confirmed shortly before arrival. If groups want to go further afield, an extra charge is made which is dependent on group size and distance. Please, be aware that if a different entrance is required (and can be accommodated) then a supplement may be payable.

Please also bear in mind that we have to maximise the occupancy of the coaches on excursions and therefore we CANNOT always send everyone where they wish. However we always try to meet requests and encourage groups to make requests as early as possible.

MEALS

A mixture of English and Continental breakfasts are served. At lunch and dinner, there is always a salad bar with choice of hot meal (including a vegetarian option) and fruit. If you have any food allergies, please let us know in advance.

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

There is a wide range of activities on offer for maximum participation and enjoyment.

Afternoon activities: We offer a varied programme with numerous, changing sports options (e.g. badminton, basketball, frisbee, football, hockey, table tennis, tennis, volleyball) and a carefully selected range of non-sports options (e.g. arts & crafts, drama, singing, video creation, origami, jewellery making) as well as visits to local attractions.

Evening activities: In the evening, there is a choice of activities including Discos, Karaoke, Blind Date, Talent Shows, Fashion Shows, Films, Man Hunt and many more to enjoy.

