UKLC

Educate | Inspire | Enrich

Winchester

St Swithun's School

Centre Handbook

2027



Contents

Contents 2
Summary 3
The Centre 4
Location 5
Airport Transfers: 5
Local Amenities 7
Accommodation 9
Room Allocation 9
Housekeeping 9
Deposits 9
Meals 10
Meal times 10
St Swithun's – Sample Menu 10
Technology 11
Security 11
Safety 11
Insurance and valuables 11
Teaching 12
Placement tests 12
Programme 13
English Plus Electives available at this centre 13
A typical day for students 14
Winchester, St Swithun's School Sample Programme 15
Facilities 16
Evening entertainment 16

Thank you very much for your interest in the UKLC course at St Swithun's School. We hope you find everything you need in the following pages but if you have any questions or specific requests then please get in touch with us at Head Office on 0044 1244 577995.

The contents of this handbook are updated regularly. The latest version will be sent before your arrival.

We look forward to a successful summer 2027 at St Swithun's School.

Summary

Boarding School

Swimming Pool

AI & Digital Workshops

STEM

Drama

Dance

Football

Short Transfers

The Centre

St Swithun's school was started in 1883 by the Dean of Winchester's daughter to provide a 'sound and thorough' education to students. Nowadays the campus offers excellent facilities in a beautiful, green location.

It is a closed site with extensive CCTV coverage, the houses have cards for access and there is a resident caretaker who maintains the grounds and ensure all gates are locked in the evening.

There is a total of 238 beds in 6 separate houses.

In this centre we accept students from 8 – 17 years of age.





Location

St Swithun's School, Alresford Rd, Winchester SO21 1HA

Telephone Number: +44 (0) 1962 835700

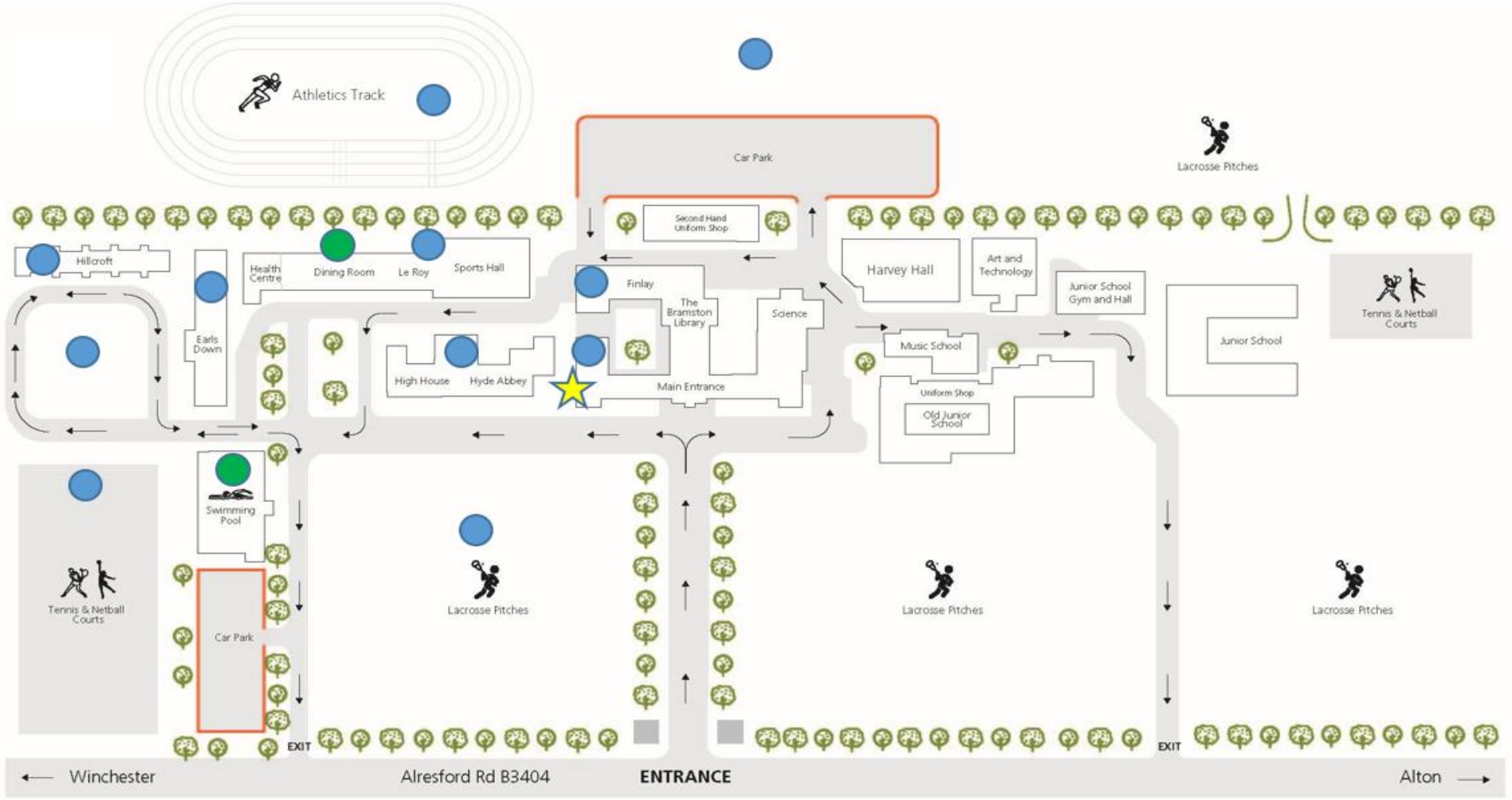
Population: 48,478 (2021)

The school is within walking distance of the city of Winchester and has stunning views of the Hampshire Downs. Winchester has lots of things for students to see and do and is conveniently located close to both London and Bath.

Airport Transfers:

Heathrow Airport: 40 minutes
Gatwick Airport: 1 hour 20 minutes
Stansted: 1 hour 35 minutes





UKLC areas

Shared use areas

UKLCArrival/Reception point.

St Swithun's School, Alresford Road, Winchester, SO21 1HA 01962 835700 office@stswithuns.com www.stswithuns.com

St Swithun's WINCHESTER

Local Amenities

Post Office
Winchester Post Office
Address: 110 High St, Winchester SO23 9AH (1.5 miles / 7 minutes' drive)

ATM
Tesco Bank ATM
Address: Easton Ln, Hampshire, SO23 7RS (1.0 miles / 20 minutes' walk)

Chemist
Tesco Pharmacy
Address: Easton Ln, Hampshire, SO23 7RS (1.0 miles / 20 minutes' walk)

Hospital
Royal Hampshire County Hospital
Address: Romsey Rd, Winchester SO22 5DG (2.2 miles / 10 minutes' drive)
Healthcare: If a student feels unwell, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately. For urgent, non-life-threatening medical advice, UKLC staff will support the student to contact NHS 111 (online or by phone) and follow the advice given, including which service to attend. Do not assume that a GP, walk-in service or hospital can provide a same-day appointment. For a life-threatening emergency, call 999. If hospital treatment is required, the Group Leader must accompany the student. If the Group Leader is unavailable, a UKLC team member must accompany the student instead. Centre Management must be informed and the Senior Leadership Team notified. If a student is injured during an excursion and requires hospital treatment, both a UKLC team member and the relevant Group Leader must accompany the student. Any costs or charges incurred in connection with the hospital visit, including transport, are the student's responsibility. UKLC staff will support arrangements and communication.

Dentist
City Bridge Dental & Implant Clinic
Address: 24 Bridge Street, Winchester, SO23 9BH (confirm walking route from the school entrance).
Telephone: 01962 852737

Bus Stop
The closest bus stop to St Swithun's is on Upper Brook Street SO23 8AH, approximately a 20 minute walk. These buses run frequently to the train station and to neighbouring towns.

Train Stations
Winchester Train Station
Address: Winchester SO23 8TJ (2.0 miles / 9 minutes' drive)

Taxi Companies
Winchester Abbey Cars: 07565 058666
Wintax Cars: 01962 878737

Coffee Shops
Josie's
Josie's is a family-run group of independent coffee shops serving speciality coffee, tea, smoothies and all-day breakfast and brunch.
Address: 28 Jewry St, Winchester SO23 8SA (1.7 miles / 8 minutes' drive)

Cadence at The Handlebar Café
The timber-clad Clubhouse sits on a disused railway, with outdoor terrace and indoor seating.
Address: Garnier Road Car Park, Winchester SO23 9PA (1.9 miles / 7 minutes' drive)

Restaurants:

The Chesil Rectory

Exposed beam and stripped floor dining room with fireplaces, for gourmet Modern British cuisine.
Address: 1 Chesil St, Winchester SO23 0HU (1.0 miles / 20 minutes walk)

Piecaramba!

Piecaramba! is home to some of the best pies in the South Coast. Offering a wide variety of gluten free, vegetarian, vegan and meat pies, you can find 20 incredible fillings on the Piecaramba! Menu. ...And that's not all! Our tables are kitted out with games consoles and top trumps, giving you plenty of excitement whilst waiting for your pies!
Address: 11a Parchment St, Winchester SO23 8AT (1.7 miles / 8 minutes' drive)

The Giggling Squid

Easygoing destination specializing in Thai staples, with an emphasis on seafood.
Address: 12–13 The Square, Winchester, SO23 9ES (confirm current opening status before visiting).

Accommodation

There are 6 residential houses on site: Hillcroft, Earlsdown, Le Roy, High House, Hyde Abbey and Finlay. There are a few of multi-bedded rooms (twin and quad) with shared bathroom facilities. The great majority of the rooms are single with shared bathroom facilities. Although kitchens are present in the houses, no appliances will be available to students othen than the fridge.

Hillcroft has 42 beds in total, all single rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are 2 common rooms in Hillcroft for the students to use during their stay.

Earlsdown has 54 beds in total, all single rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:5 sharing ratio). There is a common room in Earlsdown for the students to use during their stay.

Le Roy is a junior house with 33 beds in total all in multi bedded rooms (quad beds) with shared bathroom facilities (1:5 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas for the students to use during their stay.

High House has 45 beds in total, all single rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas for the students to use during their stay.

Hyde Abbey has 45 beds in total, all single rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas for the students to use during their stay.

Finlay has 56 beds in total, all single rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas for the students to use during their stay.

Room Allocation

We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group where possible. We take into consideration any specific requests, i.e. friends who want to be close to each other. Group Leaders will stay in the same house as their students. Room allocation is normally done on arrival. If you would like any further information on this, please contact us.

Housekeeping

Bedding is changed once a week. **Towels are not provided**. Bedrooms, bathrooms, and public areas are cleaned 5 times a week. Bins are emptied daily. Laundry facilities are available in each of the boarding houses, but their use is restricted to Group Leaders. Students are not allowed to use them unless with their group leader' supervision.

Deposits

We will ask each student for a deposit of €25/£25 on arrival. We will check their rooms before they arrive and before they leave and return the money if everything is in order. If there is damage to the houses and nobody admits fault, we will ask everyone in the house to share the cost.

Meals

When the students are on campus, they will eat their meals in the dining hall on site. When they are out on full day excursions, they will be provided with packed lunches. Breakfast will be continental with hot options everyday.

Meal times

Breakfast: 08:00 – 09:00
Lunch: 12:30 - 13:30
Dinner: 18:30 - 19:30

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements or allergies and the canteen staff can cater to these.

*Mealtimes are subject to change .

St Swithun's – Sample Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection Hot Options Griddled Pork Sausage Roast Quorn Sausage	Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection Hot Options Boiled Eggs Ham Tomato Cheese	Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection Hot Options Croque Monsieur Bacon	Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection Hot Options Bacon Hash Browns	Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection Hot Options Bacon Rolls Mushroom Rolls	Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection Hot Options Waffles with toppings	Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection Hot Options Scrambled Egg Baked Beans
Lunch	MAINS Panini Bar Tuna & Spring Onion Melt Ham, Cheese & Tomato Meatball Marinara Cheese, Tomato & Basil SIDES Potato Wedges DESSERT Homemade Iced Mini Doughnuts Jelly Pots	MAINS Chicken Fajita served with caramelised peppers & onions Bean & Vegetable Taco served with salsa SIDES Spiced Rice Corn on the cob DESSERT Churros with Chocolate Sauce	MAINS Pork Katsu Curry Sweet Potato Katsu SIDES Rice Mange Tout Curry Sauce DESSERT Lemon Meringue Pie Jelly Pots	MAINS Battered Fish Goujons Cauliflower & Bean Steak SIDES Chips Pea Tartare Sauce Lemon Wedges DESSERT Berry Jelly Jelly Pots	MAINS Beef Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne SIDES Cheesy Garlic Bread Roasted Broccoli DESSERT Apple Turnovers Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote	POSH DOGS Pork Sausage Quorn Sausage *TOPPINGS* Cheese Sauce, Jalapeno, Crispy Onions, Roasted Peppers, Mustard, Ketchup SIDES Wedges Onion Rings DESSERT Fruit Salad Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote	MAINS Griddled Pork Steak with chilli lime dressing Cuban Stuffed Peppers SIDES Creole Rice Peas DESSERT Chocolate Chip Cookie Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote
Dinner*(V) Vegetarian option available	MAINS Chicken Arrabiata Pasta Creamy Bacon & Mushroom Roasted Pepper Tomato Pasta Sauce SIDES Penne Pasta Garlic Bread Broccoli Parmesan DESSERT Victoria Sponge Jelly Pots	MAINS Crispy Chilli Beef served with Spring Onions Tofu & Broccoli Stir Fry Vegetable Money Bags SIDES Egg Noodles Fried Rice Stir Fry Vegetables DESSERT Lemon & Blueberry Fool Jelly Pots	MAINS Chicken Gyros Halloumi & Vegetable Gyros SIDES Pitta Bread Greek Style New Potatoes Pickled Veg DESSERT Chocolate Milkshakes Jelly Pots	BBQ BBQ Chicken Spicy Bean Burger Tofu Kebabs SIDES Pasta Salad Coleslaw Chefs Salad DESSERT Cinnamon Churros with Caramel sauce Jelly Pots	MAINS Southern Fried Chicken Crispy Sweet Potato Steak SIDES Chips Baked Beans Corn on the cob DESSERT Lemon Mousse Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote	BBQ Chicken Lemon, Garlic & Thyme Tofu Steak SIDES Herby Diced Potato Mac & Cheese Corn on the Cob DESSERT Baked Blueberry Cheesecake Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote	MAINS Roast Chicken Roast Quorn & Vegetables SIDES Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Gravy DESSERT Apple Turnovers Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote

Technology

Wi-Fi is available campus wide and is password protected. We normally only give this password out to Group Leaders / adults. Being a private boarding school, the internet access is firewalled as per the boarding school regulations.
It is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students.
There are no public phones on site.

Security

Emergency contacts: Each student will be given a wristband when they arrive, and this will have the following emergency telephone number printed on it: 00 44 1244 567695. If you need to contact the centre in the event of an emergency please call this number and follow the options for the relevant centre, this will then put you through to the person on duty.

Certain basic guidelines are common to all centres and students. Students should:

- Never walk away alone!
- Never leave the residence without permission in the evening!
- Always make sure they have understood when and where the meeting point is whilst out on excursions!
- Always wear their identification lanyard and their UKLC wristband! *
  *students found not wearing their lanyard or wristband will be fined £1

Safety

- Remember that there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband **(0044 1244 567695)** and that the number for the emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) in England is **999**, or the single emergency number for the EU including the UK is **112** or you can call **101** to report a crime where you do not need an emergency response
- The police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance!
- Never respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away!
- Always give your money to the UKLC management team to put in the safe and never to carry large amounts of cash around!
- Be careful crossing the road. Remember that in the UK we drive on the left!
- If you feel unwell, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately.
- Keep all windows closed when not in your bedrooms!

Insurance and valuables

Although all houses will be accessed via codes, rooms cannot be locked and it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it essential that they have sufficient insurance to cover any loss of damage as neither the centre nor the company can be held responsible if anything goes missing. The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

Teaching

We know how important it is for each individual student to find their own path in language learning. We use a wide range of methods to engage and stimulate our students. This is why we have created a curriculum based on the students' age, level and needs, structured into four different programmes:

FUN (ages 8-10)
Engaging lessons that offer a wide range of materials and activities specific for our young learners, making games into lessons and lessons into games. Available in levels A1-B1.

CONNECTION (ages 10-13)
Dynamic lessons covering a variety of topics and media, designed to engage students using tools native to the fast-paced world they are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

ACTION (ages 13-16)
Lessons tailored for learners stepping into their teenage years. This programme focuses on activating students' knowledge and competencies to balance developing a personal voice while contributing effectively to a team. Available in levels A1-C1.

PURPOSE (ages 16-18)
Lessons tailored for our students approaching adulthood, designed to kickstart their lives not only as maturing youths but also as forward-thinking global citizens. Available in levels A1-C2.

The Connection, Action, and Purpose programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

FOCUS ON LANGUAGE
These lessons aim to empower our students' linguistic awareness and capabilities by working on all language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) and systems (grammar, phonology, lexis, discourse), as well as using materials relevant to exam preparation (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS, GESE).

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP
This programme is designed to equip students with essential 21st-century skills, focusing on leadership development, communication and teamwork. Students build the confidence and competencies needed to grow into empowered young adults.

FOCUS ON CULTURE
These lessons combine CLIL and British culture, allowing students to use English to explore a range of disciplines, including art, literature, natural sciences, as well as the history and geography of the UK

Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to advanced. Students take a placement test on their first day of classes to ensure they are placed at the correct level.
Once the tests have been marked, students won't be told their score unless they specifically ask for it but will be placed into a class based on these results.
If students are not happy with their level, they can speak with the Course Director who will decide if it is necessary for the student to change levels.
We always try to split groups into different classes to mix nationalities, but this does depend on their levels and the numbers of students that we have on site.
We will provide all course materials including a journal and a pen.
Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

Programme

All UKLC summer programmes include:

- 15 hours or 21 hours of English lessons per week
- Full board accommodation in residence.
- A full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment.
- 1 free group leader for every 15 students.
- Placement test on arrival and End-of-Course Certificate.

15 Hour Programme:

• 15 hours of English lessons
• 6 hours of Activity Sessions
• 6 hours of English Plus Electives

21 Hour Programme – Intensive English:

• 21 hours of English lessons
• 6 hours of English Plus Electives

English Plus Electives – new for 2027

Students can choose from a range of English Plus electives and sign up during their stay. These sessions allow students to personalise their programme, enjoy activities they love and continue developing their English skills.

English Plus Electives available at this centre

1. **Football Coaching:** Structured football coaching develops technical skills, teamwork and game awareness. Sessions also place importance on preparation and recovery, including appropriate warm-ups, cool-downs and nutrition to support healthy sporting participation.
2. **Dance Classes:** An energetic, inclusive programme introducing a range of dance styles while developing musicality, coordination, confidence and creative expression. No previous dance experience is required, and students can participate at their own pace.
3. **Drama Lessons:** A practical, confidence-building programme exploring storytelling, character, improvisation and communication. Students develop vocal expression, imagination, collaboration and everyday speaking skills, with activities adapted to different ages and English levels.
4. **STEM Workshops:** Four hands-on workshops encourage students to think like scientists and engineers as they investigate, design, build, test and improve ideas. The emphasis is on teamwork, problem-solving, practical discovery and explaining outcomes in English.
5. **AI and Digital Workshops:** Four practical workshops help students explore AI and digital tools creatively and critically. Students develop digital literacy, problem-solving and responsible AI habits, while building or shaping a digital outcome and explaining their ideas.

At centres operating a zig-zag programme, lessons may also take place in the afternoon. This is confirmed on the final programme provided before arrival.

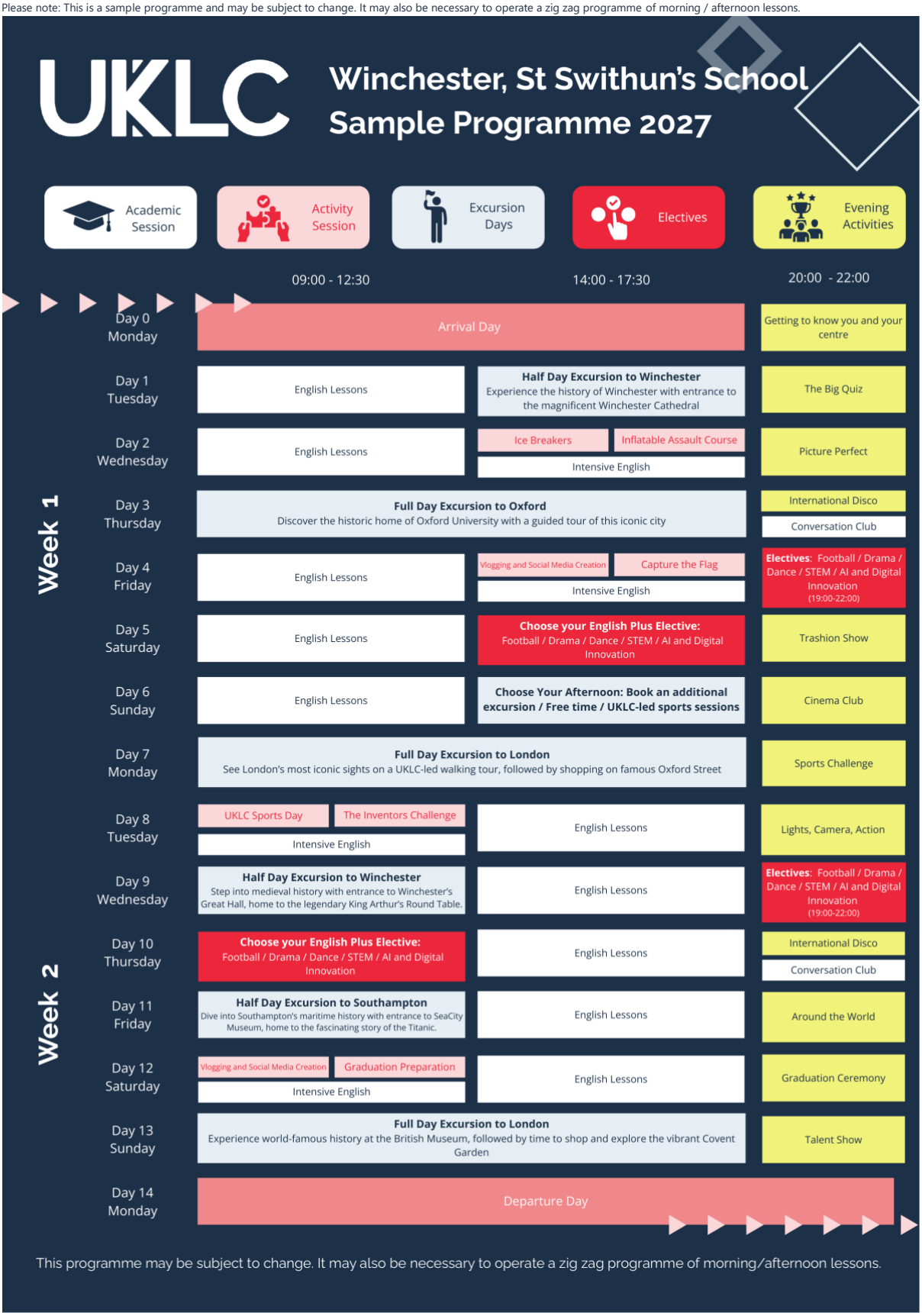
A typical day for students

08:00 – 09:00	**Breakfast**
09:00 – 10:00	**Lesson 1 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
10:00 – 10:15	**Break**
10:15 – 11:15	**Lesson 2 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
11:15 – 11:30	**Break**
11:30 – 12:30	**Lesson 3 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch**
14:00 – 15:00	**Lesson 1 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
15:00 – 15:15	**Break**
15:15 – 16:15	**Lesson 2 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
16:15 – 16:30	**Break**
16:30 – 17:30	**Lesson 3 or Activities or chosen programme or excursion**
18:00 – 18:45	**Dinner**
20:00 – 22:00	**Evening Activities**
22:30	**Bedtime**

This centre runs on a 'zig-zag', meaning the order of lessons and multi-option activities/excursions will change after a week. See example below.

Winchester, St Swithun's School Sample Programme

Please note: This is a sample programme and may be subject to change. It may also be necessary to operate a zig zag programme of morning / afternoon lessons.



Facilities

- Outdoor sports fields
- Theatre
- Indoor swimming pool
- Indoor sports hall
- Tennis court

Evening entertainment

UKLC Activity Teams deliver fun and engaging evening activities for students to practise their English, make new friends and enjoy their time at the centre.

Students receive their evening activity programme on their first day. Activities can include:

Lights, Camera, Action – students re-enact famous film scenes, create scripts in English and perform for the centre.

Talent Show – students can perform singing, dancing, acting and other talents.

Trashion Show – students create outfits from recycled or unexpected materials and take part in a catwalk.

International Disco – students socialise and dance to music from around the world.

Around the World – teams take part in activities inspired by different countries.

Picture Perfect – a creative team activity designed to encourage collaboration and English communication.

The Big Quiz – students work in teams to test their knowledge across a range of fun topics.

Conversation Club – an opportunity for students to practise speaking English while discussing interesting topics.

New for 2027: ***Evening Electives*** – once a week, students can choose from a range of evening activities, giving them more opportunities to personalise their programme.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Swithun's School, Winchester in summer 2027!