



UKLC

St Swithun's School, Winchester

Centre Handbook

2025

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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 2025 at St Swithun’s School.

Summary



Short Transfers



Boarding School



Intensive English



Drama



Dance



Leadership and Life Skills



Swimming Pool

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)

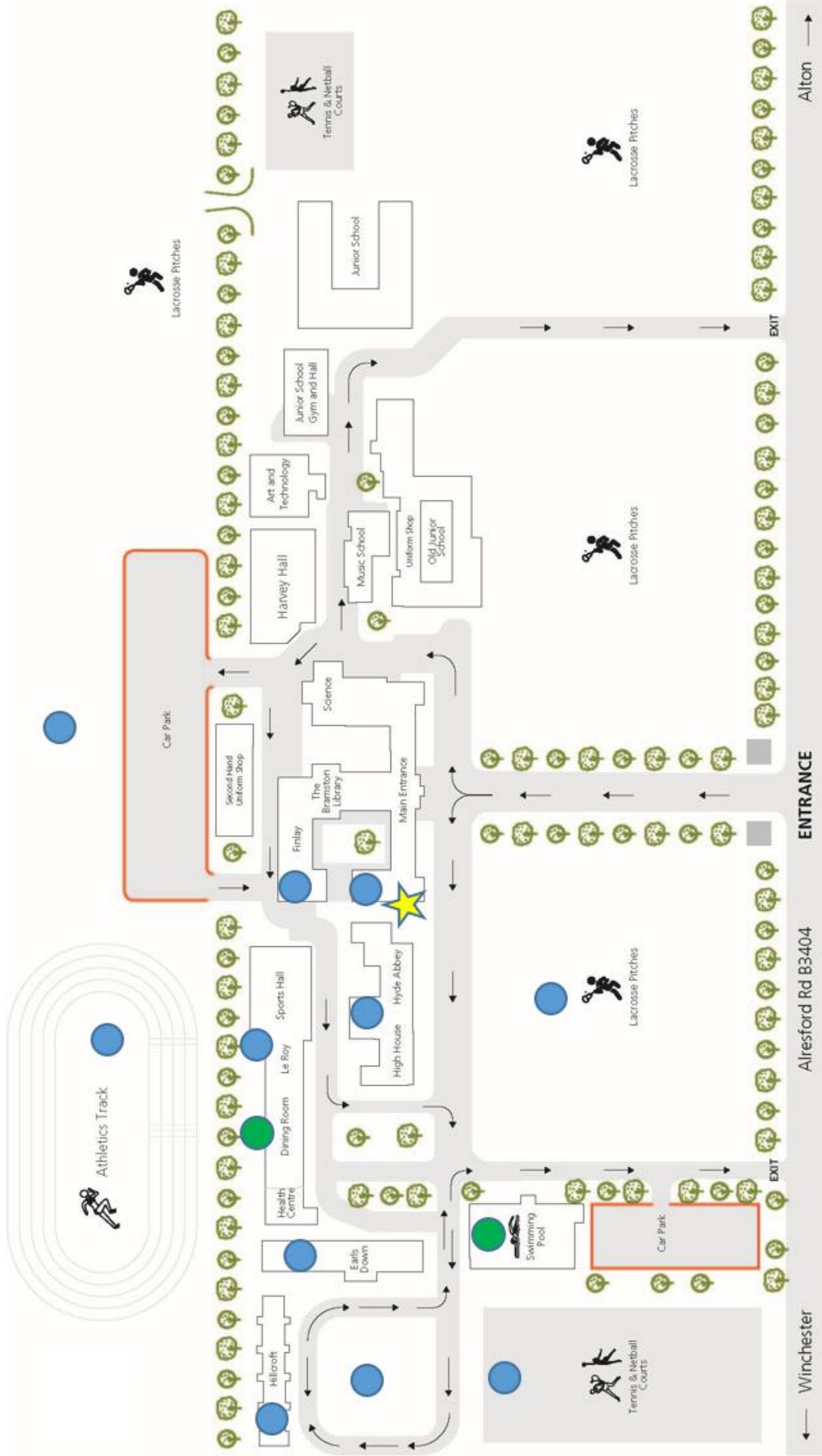
The school is within walking distance of the city of Winchester and has stunning views of the Hampshire Downs. Winchester has lots of things for students to see and do and is conveniently located close to both London and Bath.

Airport Transfers:

Heathrow Airport: 40 minutes

Gatwick Airport: 1 hour 20 minutes

Stansted: 1 hour 35 minutes



UKLC areas

Shared use areas

UKLC Arrival/Reception point.

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St Swithun's
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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)

Doctors

Winchester GP - walk in centre

Address: Bar End Rd, Bar End, Winchester SO23 9NR 1PL (1.3 miles / 6 minutes' drive)

Telephone: 0196276010

N.B. If a student is ill and requires a doctor, then a Group Leader and a UKLC staff member will take the student to the NHS medical centre at Royal Hampshire County Hospital. The student will be required to fill out a temporary patient form and will be seen on the same day.

Dentist

City Bridge Dental & Implant Clinic

Address: Sports & Leisure Park, Bar End Rd, Bar End, Winchester SO23 9NR (1.0 miles / 20 minutes' walk)

Telephone: 01618341643

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 (1.7 miles / 8 minutes' drive)

Accommodation

There are 6 residential houses on site: Hillcroft, Earlsdown, Le Roy, High House, Hyde Abbey and Finlay. There are some single rooms with shared bathroom, most of the rooms are multi-bedded (twin, triple and quad) with shared bathroom facilities.

Hillcroft has 42 beds in total, a mix of single and multi-bedded rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are 2 common rooms and a kitchen in Hillcroft for the students to use during their stay.

Earlsdown has 54 beds in total, a mix of single and multi-bedded rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:5 sharing ratio). There is a common room and a kitchen 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 with shared bathroom facilities (1:5 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas and kitchens for the students to use during their stay.

High House has 45 beds in total, a mix of single and multi-bedded rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas and kitchens for the students to use during their stay.

Hyde Abbey has 45 beds in total, a mix of single and multi-bedded rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas and kitchens for the students to use during their stay.

Finlay has 56 beds in total, a mix of single and multi-bedded rooms with shared bathroom facilities (1:4 sharing ratio). There are multiple common areas and kitchens 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. There are no laundry facilities available.

Key Loss

If any key or key card is lost during the stay, there will be a £25 fee for a replacement.

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.

*Meal times are subject to change .

St Swithun's – Sample Menu

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Breakfast | Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection <u>Hot Options</u> Griddled Pork Sausage Roast Quorn Sausage | Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection <u>Hot Options</u> Boiled Eggs Ham Tomato Cheese | Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection <u>Hot Options</u> Croque Monsieur Bacon | Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection <u>Hot Options</u> Bacon Hash Browns | Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection <u>Hot Options</u> Bacon Rolls Mushroom Rolls | Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection <u>Hot Options</u> Waffles with toppings | Cereal Selection Bread Basket & Preserves Continental Selection <u>Hot Options</u> Scrambled Egg Baked Beans |
| Lunch | <u>MAINS</u> Panini Bar Tuna & Spring Onion Melt Ham, Cheese & Tomato Meatball Marinara Cheese, Tomato & Basil <u>SIDES</u> Potato Wedges <u>DESSERT</u> Homemade Iced Mini Doughnuts Jelly Pots | <u>MAINS</u> Chicken Fajita served with caramelised peppers & onions Bean & Vegetable Taco served with salsa <u>SIDES</u> Spiced Rice Corn on the cob <u>DESSERT</u> Churros with Chocolate Sauce | <u>MAINS</u> Pork Katsu Curry Sweet Potato Katsu <u>SIDES</u> Rice Mange Tout Curry Sauce <u>DESSERT</u> Lemon Meringue Pie Jelly Pots | <u>MAINS</u> Battered Fish Goujons Cauliflower & Bean Steak <u>SIDES</u> Chips Pea Tartare Sauce Lemon Wedges <u>DESSERT</u> Berry Jelly Jelly Pots | <u>MAINS</u> Beef Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne <u>SIDES</u> Cheesy Garlic Bread Roasted Broccoli <u>DESSERT</u> Apple Turnovers Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote | <u>POSH DOGS</u> Pork Sausage Quorn Sausage <u>TOPPINGS</u> Cheese Sauce, Jalapeno, Crispy Onions, Roasted Peppers, Mustard, Ketchup <u>SIDES</u> Wedges Onion Rings <u>DESSERT</u> Fruit Salad | <u>MAINS</u> Griddled Pork Steak with chilli lime dressing Cuban Stuffed Peppers <u>SIDES</u> Creole Rice Peas <u>DESSERT</u> Chocolate Chip Cookie Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote |

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| | | | | | | Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote | |
| Dinner *(V) Vegetarian option available | <u>MAINS</u> Chicken Arrabiata Pasta Creamy Bacon & Mushroom Roasted Pepper Tomato Pasta Sauce <u>SIDES</u> Penne Pasta Garlic Bread Broccoli Parmesan <u>DESSERT</u> Victoria Sponge Jelly Pots | <u>MAINS</u> Crispy Chilli Beef served with Spring Onions Tofu & Broccoli Stir Fry Vegetable Money Bags <u>SIDES</u> Egg Noodles Fried Rice Stir Fry Vegetables <u>DESSERT</u> Lemon & Blueberry Fool Jelly Pots | <u>MAINS</u> Chicken Gyros Halloumi & Vegetable Gyros <u>SIDES</u> Pitta Bread Greek Style New Potatoes Pickled Veg <u>DESSERT</u> Chocolate Milkshakes Jelly Pots | <u>BBQ</u> BBQ Chicken Spicy Bean Burger Tofu Kebabs <u>SIDES</u> Pasta Salad Coleslaw Chefs Salad <u>DESSERT</u> Cinnamon Churros with Caramel sauce Jelly Pots | <u>MAINS</u> Southern Fried Chicken Crispy Sweet Potato Steak <u>SIDES</u> Chips Baked Beans Corn on the cob <u>DESSERT</u> Lemon Mousse Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote | BBQ Chicken Lemon, Garlic & Thyme Tofu Steak <u>SIDES</u> Herby Diced Potato Mac & Cheese Corn on the Cob <u>DESSERT</u> Baked Blueberry Cheesecake Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote | <u>MAINS</u> Roast Chicken Roast Quorn & Vegetables <u>SIDES</u> Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Gravy <u>DESSERT</u> Apple Turnovers Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote |

Technology

Wifi is available campus wide and is password protected. We normally only give this password out to Group Leaders / adults. Being a university, there are limited firewalls and it is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students. There is an IT Suite on campus and you will have access to this on a timetabled basis.

There are no public phones on site. The nearest are in Manchester city centre.

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 are ill or need a doctor, 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 key or swipe cards, it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it is 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 programme based on the students' age, level and need. It is called 'You Can Learn 4', or as we like to call it: 'UKL4', and it includes:

UKL4 FUN (Ages 8-11): Highly engaging lessons that offer a wide range of tailored material and activities for our young learners. It makes games into lessons and lessons into games.

UKL4 CONNECTION (Ages 11-14): Highly dynamic lessons that include a variety of topics and media, especially designed to reflect the quick-paced, interactive world our young students are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 ACTION (Ages 14-17): Lessons especially designed to engage our older students through more abstract tasks, topics and contemporary issues. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 CONNECTION and UKL4 ACTION programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

1. TBL (Task Based Learning):

During these lessons, students are encouraged to complete a task. Language is therefore acquired through the task as it emerges naturally as the result of the students' communicative needs.

2. S&S (Skills & Systems):

These lessons aim at empowering 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).

3. CLIL: (Content and Language Integrated Learning):

These lessons merge CLIL and British culture. Students learn about art, literature and science, or about the history and geography of the UK, while activating their linguistic knowledge.

Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to upper intermediate. 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 can 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 of English lessons
- Full board accommodation in residence
- Full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment
- 1 free leader for 15 students
- Placement test on arrival and End of Course Certificate

English Plus Multi-Activity

The “typical” summer programme consisting of a wide variety of activities and sports. Sessions are structured and are coached by specialist staff. Sessions can include tennis, basketball, volleyball, swimming, photography workshops, dance, football, and drama etc. Students are moved through two or three activities on rotation in each session.

English Plus Dance*

For students with a passion for dance. Sessions take place with a specialist dance teacher and the programme works towards an end-of-course performance to the whole school. Sessions begin with a warmup before learning new steps and techniques needed to put together a dance routine. The second part of the sessions allows students to practise what they have learnt and rehearse any routines for the final performance. Styles covered include street dance, modern jazz, contemporary and West End musical.

English Plus Drama*

For students with an interest in drama and a desire to improve their English through confidence building performances. Sessions take place with a teacher who will guide the students through a programme exploring various elements of acting, including improvisation, mime and role play. They will perform at the end of the course either a part of a well-known play or something they have written themselves.

English Plus Intensive English*

Additional English lessons for those who really want to maximise their language learning during their stay in the UK. Students will build on their lessons through additional taught classes at a level appropriate to their achievement in the placement test. The lesson content will be a continuation of the UKL4 programmes as outlined in the accompanying Academic Summary (see section on “Academic Tuition”).

Leadership & Life Skills*

This programme offers a blend of language development and essential life skills through a series of seminars, workshops, and media-based projects which cover CV writing, interview skills, presentations and academic writing. The curriculum fosters creativity, critical thinking, and effective communication and it includes sessions designed to cultivate global leadership skills to prepare students for the modern professional world. This course is valid for PCTO funding.

*Students aged between 11 and 17 who are enrolled on Multi-Activity or English Plus courses will be divided by age for activities where numbers allow. Students can choose whether to enrol on the Multi-Activity or an English Plus course. All students aged between 8 and 10 will be automatically enrolled on the multi activity programme.

**These programmes vary at each centre. A minimum of 10 students applies to each programme and each student will be asked to select a 1st and 2nd option before arrival which they will join for the duration for their stay. Students who do not choose in advance will join the standard English Plus Multi-Activity.

A typical day for students

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 08:00 – 09:00 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Lesson 1 |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | Lesson 2 |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Lesson 3 |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 17:30 | Afternoon Activities |
| 18:30 – 19:30 | Dinner |
| 20:00 – 22:00 | Evening Activities |
| 22:00 | Bedtime |

Winchester St Swithun's School Sample Programme - Summer 2025

| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening | |
|---------------|------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Monday | English Test | Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme | Murder Mystery |
| | Tuesday | Lessons | Winchester Cathedral | Casino Night or Conversation Club |
| | Wednesday | Lessons | Vlogging or Chosen Programme | Trashion Show |
| | Thursday | London with The British Museum and Covent Garden | | Disco |
| | Friday | Lessons | Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme | Red vs Blue |
| | Saturday | Lessons | Free Time, Activities or Optional Excursion | Attractions |
| | Sunday | Bath with Roman Baths | | Film Night |
| Week 2 | Monday | Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme | Lessons | Karaoke or Conversation Club |
| | Tuesday | Winchester Great Hall | Lessons | Paparazzi |
| | Wednesday | Vlogging Workshop or Chosen Programme | Lessons | Mini Olympics |
| | Thursday | SeaCity Museum Southampton | Lessons | Oscars |
| | Friday | Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme | Lessons | Talent Show |
| | Saturday | London with Walking Tour & Oxford Street | | Leaving Disco |
| | Sunday | Departures | | |

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

Drama lessons will be held in the theatre and dance lessons in the dance studio.

Evening entertainment

The UK Language Courses staff plan fantastic activities to make sure the students enjoy their evenings. For example: discos, quizzes, fashion shows, blind date, sports tournaments etc. We ask Group Leaders to encourage students to participate as much as possible and to communicate any special ideas or requests from students.

Here are a few brief descriptions of just some of our activities for students to join in on:

Around the World

Consists of a number of different stations based on activities from different countries. One staff member will be placed at each activity station. They will each represent a country and have to create an activity related to that country (for example: New Zealand – The Haka). Students will be divided into groups and given a time for each station. Students will visit each station.

Oscars Night

Involves students watching a number of scenes from selected films. They will have the chance to re-enact a famous selected scene. Creating their own script, which must be in English and costumes (out of various given equipment). Scenes will be shown on a big screen for everyone to watch. Awards will be given by UKLC staff for the best reproduction.

Speed Dating

Enables students from mixed nationalities to socialise and get to know each other whilst improving their spoken English. Students will have a short period of time to have a conversation on their interests, hobbies etc. Once the given time finishes they will move to another student and begin the same process again.

Talent Show

Gives students the opportunity to perform talents such as singing, dancing and acting in front of the whole centre! Sign-up sheets will be available in the centre a few days before the event. There will be judges who will score the performances and give positive feedback to each student who performs on the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Swithun's School in summer 2025!

