



UKLC

St Swithun's School, Winchester

Centre Handbook

2026

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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 2026 at St Swithun’s School.

Summary



Short Transfers



Boarding School



Intensive English



Performing Arts



Football



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)

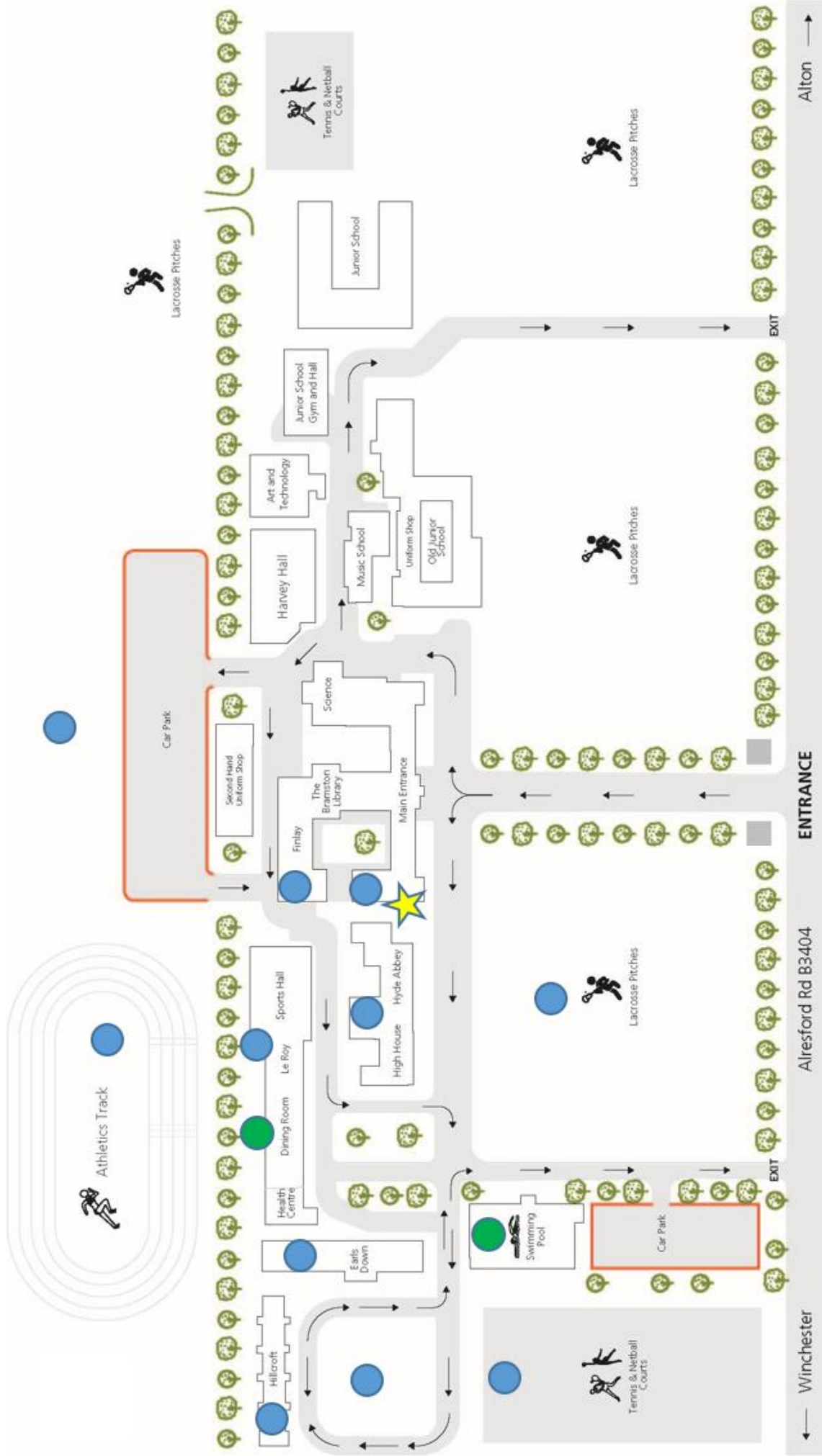
The school is within walking distance of the city of Winchester and has stunning views of the Hampshire Downs. Winchester has lots of things for students to see and do and is conveniently located close to both London and Bath.

Airport Transfers:

Heathrow Airport: 40 minutes

Gatwick Airport: 1 hour 20 minutes

Stansted: 1 hour 35 minutes



← Winchester

● UKLC areas

● Shared use areas



UKLC Arrival/Reception point.

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

ENTRANCE

Alresford Rd B3404

Alton →



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)

Doctors

Winchester GP and PCN's Enhanced Access Appointments (Winchester Sport & Leisure Park)

Only by appointment

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

Telephone: 0196276010 (Winchester GP) or 111 (Enhanced Access Appointments – urgent care only)

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 Gigging 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 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 other 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.

Key Loss

This centre does not provide keys. There are key codes for each accommodation.

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 Yoghurt Pots with fruit Compote	<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

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

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 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 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 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 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 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

These are summaries of UKLC English Plus programmes** for Summer 2026 at St Swithuns School, Winchester:

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 Performing Arts*

During these sessions, students passionate about dancing, acting, or singing will immerse themselves in hands-on training designed to unleash their creative potential on any kind of stage. They will not only develop their talents but also experience the thrill of live performance, collaboration, and artistic expression.

English Plus Intensive English & Community Building*

Additional English lessons for those who really want to maximise their language learning during their stay in the UK. Based on UKLC's integral community-building approach, these additional lessons aim to help students develop an active role in the school as a thriving community, with its challenges, complexities and opportunity for collective growth. The Community Building lessons focus on how to empower students to work together to find possible solutions to these needs and issues by communicating with people on campus. Students create these projects that they are responsible for in order to improve these issues on campus.

English Plus Football*

For students who love football and want to play it every waking minute! Coaching sessions are led by qualified staff and aim to improve each student's technical skills and abilities. It also aims to build on their understanding of match tactics and playing systems. There are regular matches and a weekly showpiece game.

*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 2026

	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 Walking Tour - Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, Houses of Parliament with Oxford Street		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 The British Museum and Covent Garden		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 or in alternative facilities if unavailable and dance lessons in the dance studio or sports hall.

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 2026!

