



**International
House**
Torquay



**TORQUAY
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

50+ Discover Devon 2026

Pursuing excellence

Course Description

This engaging 50+ course combines English language learning with an exploration of Devon's rich history, culture, and landscapes. Designed for students who want to improve their English while discovering fascinating local sites, the course enhances vocabulary, speaking, listening, and writing skills in real-world contexts.

Our programme combines an intensive General English course, taught in classes of 6 students maximum, with engaging excursions around the UK's most varied, beautiful and evocative region.

Improve your English in the morning, and in the afternoon enjoy activities and excursions around some of the places and attractions that have made Devon so famous.

Your fellow travellers will be of a similar age, background and interests.

By the end of the course, students will feel more confident using English in everyday situations and have a deeper appreciation of Devon's unique character. Whether enjoying a cream tea, visiting ancient castles, or strolling along dramatic coastlines, students will develop the language skills they need to make the most of their experience in this beautiful part of England.

Course Facts

- Minimum Age: 50
- Maximum 6 students per class
- Tuition: 15 hours of English classes and a full programme of activities
- Level: Elementary and above

Progression routes

Some students use this as a springboard on to one of our General English or MAX4 courses, at an appropriate level.

What is included

- Networking lunch with fellow students and a member of staff (Monday-Thursday)
- Full programme of organised activities
- Pre-course placement
- End-of-course Report
- Certification of studied level
- Course materials
- Private car (with driver) transfer on arrival from any UK airport. Please note that departure transfer is NOT included.

Aims and Objectives

Students gain confidence in using English in a functional and practical way, while enjoying a sample of what life in Devon has to offer.



Networking Lunches

Students are invited to join a member of staff and their fellow students for lunch in a local restaurant or café every day, Monday to Thursday.

Menus for pre-ordering will be available at Reception.

Start Dates

Monday 16 March 2026
Monday 30 March 2026
Monday 13 April 2026
Monday 27 April 2026
Monday 11 May 2026
Monday 25 May 2026
Monday 08 June 2026
Monday 22 June 2026
Monday 06 July 2026
Monday 20 July 2026
Monday 03 August 2026
Monday 17 August 2026
Monday 31 August 2026
Monday 14 September 2026



Monday Tour of Torquay

Lesson Content



Students will complete a reading task to learn about some of the highlights of the Torquay tour.

They will each have a location to read about and then share the information with their classmates.



Tuesday

Greenway - Agatha Christie

Lesson Content



Students will have a lesson about what entertainment was popular in the 1920s and how to show good manners at a dinner party.

They will discover the popular places in Torquay connected with Agatha Christie and watch a video to introduce them to Greenway house.



Wednesday Coastal Walk and Cream Tea

Lesson Content



Students will read a text and answer some questions to learn about the history of afternoon tea and how the tradition began.

Will they choose jam on top, or cream?



Thursday Coleton Fishacre

Lesson Content



Students will watch a video to learn about the history of this beautiful Art Deco house and gardens, so they will know what to expect when they visit and look out for the highlights.



Friday North Devon

Lesson Content



Discover hidden beaches, smugglers coves and unmatched rugged scenery in this lesson where you will learn about some of the myths and legends from the area.



Saturday

South hams and Burgh Island

Lesson Content



Students will develop their vocabulary through reading a short text and have the opportunity to practice their detective skills by solving a murder mystery!



Monday Exeter

Lesson Content



Students will learn about the rich history of the layered city through reading a text and answering some questions.

There will be discussions about points of interest and what you would like to see in the city and also talk about other cities in the UK and your experiences of them.



Tuesday Castle Drogo

Lesson Content



Learn about the interesting design features of this ‘modern’ castle. Look at photographs and learn about the fascinating history behind this impressive structure.



Wednesday Historic Fishing Village - Brixham

Lesson Content



Brixham is a beautiful coastal town with a strong history of pirates, fishing, and holidaying. Read texts about its past and present and share the information with your classmate.

Discussions will follow about comparing the past and the present and how towns in your home country have developed over the years.



Thursday Pub Tour

Lesson Content



What is a pub quiz? What is a picked egg? What is the difference between a pub and an inn?

Watch a video to learn the answers to these questions and discuss how the British pub - the social hub of the community! - is similar, but also different, to cafes or bars in your home country.



Friday Dartmoor National Park

Lesson Content



Learn some fun facts about Dartmoor and look at photographs of this beautiful landscape.

Learn about the people who live here, what animals you might see when you visit and discover the stories that give Dartmoor its mystical energy.

Week 1



Monday

08:30 - 12:50
English Lesson

12:50 - 14:30
Networking Lunch at Amici's

14:30 - 16:30
Discover Torquay Tour

Take a relaxing walk around the English Riviera with our guide who will show you all that Torquay has to offer.



Tuesday

08:30 - 12:20
English Lesson

12:20 - 14:00
Networking Lunch at Me & Mrs Jones

14:00 - 17:00
Greenway

The holiday home of internationally famous crime writer, Agatha Christie.



Wednesday

08:30 - 12:50
English Lesson

12:50 - 14:30
Networking Lunch at Three Degrees West

14:00 - 17:00
Coastal walk and cream tea afternoon

A cream tea (also known as a Devon cream tea) is an afternoon tea consisting of tea, scones, clotted cream and jam.



Thursday

08:30 - 12:20
English Lesson

12:20 - 14:00
Networking Lunch at Below Decks

14:00 - 17:00
Coleton Fishacre

Coleton Fishacre is a National Trust woodland and gardens near the coastal path in Devon, England.



Friday

08:30 - 13:00

Morning trip to Dartmoor National Park

Discover the unique and diverse features of Dartmoor National Park, a living and working landscape with rich history and rare wildlife.



Saturday

09:00 - 17:00

Full day trip to South Hams and Burgh Island

Discover the South Hams, a region of rural and coastal Devon with a strong rural and maritime heritage, beautiful landscape, quality local food, culture and scenic beaches.

Week 2



Monday
08:30 - 12:50 English Lesson
12:50 - 14:30 Networking Lunch at Amici's
14:30 - 16:30 Exeter including Exeter Cathedral

This ancient city in Devon combines historical charm with modern flair.

Tuesday
08:30 - 12:20 English Lesson
12:20 - 14:00 Networking Lunch at Me & Mrs Jones
14:00 - 17:00 Castle Drogo

A remarkable 20th-century castle set on Dartmoor's edge. Explore its rich history, stunning architecture, and beautiful gardens with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.

Wednesday
08:30 - 12:50 English Lesson
12:50 - 14:30 Networking Lunch at The Drum
Free afternoon

19:00 - 21:00

Country pub tour

Thursday
08:30 - 12:20 English Lesson
12:20 - 14:00 Networking Lunch at The Devon Dumplings
14:00 - 17:00 Boat Trip to Brixham

Brixham is a fishing port with a long history of bringing in fresh seafood and a vibrant cultural scene.

Friday
08:30 - 13:00
North Devon

Discover the natural beauty of North Devon on a half-day trip, featuring stunning coastal views, sandy beaches, and charming villages.



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