

LAL SUMMER SCHOOLS FACT SHEET – TAUNTON SCHOOL 2007



INTRODUCTION

Taunton School is a private, independent school for students.

Full Postal Address:

LAL Summer Schools
c/o Taunton School
Taunton
Somerset
TA2 6AD
England

DATES

Taunton School runs for 6 weeks, in three 2-week blocks, from 4 July to 15 August 2006.

ARRIVALS

Dates: 4, 18 July & 1 August 2007
Times: Heathrow: 09.00 – 15.00, Gatwick: 09.00 – 14.00, Bristol: 09.00 – 18.00

DEPARTURES

Dates: 18 July & 1, 15 August 2007
Times: Heathrow: 13.00 – 18.00, Gatwick: 14.00 – 17.00, Bristol: 09.00 – 18.00

AGE RANGE

9-17 years old

CAPACITY

Approximately 250 students

ACCOMMODATION

The college is made up of 6 separate accommodation blocks. Each block has dormitory style accommodation with rooms holding from 2-6 beds and its own bathrooms, while there is a common room attached to each block, equipped with sofas, television/video & pool table. There is a House Parent who is responsible for the students within each house.

ACADEMIC

There are over 15 classrooms to accommodate the students. We have a maximum of 15 students per class, though we aim for 13. Audio-visual equipment is available (Television, Video, DVD, Over-head Projector). Classrooms are in the main building.

Students are tested at the beginning of the course and placed in classes according to their level and age. We seek to ensure that classes are as international as possible.

There are 20 lessons of 45 minutes every week. Lessons are in the morning except the first Tuesday when there is also a lesson in the afternoon. There will be no lessons on Saturdays or Sundays.

All teachers are qualified and hold a current certificate in teaching EFL, either CELTA or Trinity TESOL (or equivalent). They are also checked for criminal records with the CRB or equivalent body abroad.

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CATERING

There is a fully equipped kitchen on site and a large, light, airy dining hall. There is a choice of different meals, with a vegetarian option, and food is always cooked freshly on site. The menu is agreed between LAL Torbay and Taunton School to suit and food is supplied from local farmers and suppliers. Meals are on a rota system with two sittings for each meal. Each student will be assigned a colour and they can only arrive at the dining hall at the designated time.

Breakfast:	08.00 – 08.45
Lunch:	12.45 – 13.30
Dinner:	17.45 – 18.30
Barbecue:	20.00 – 21.00

There is also a Tuck Shop, providing the students with a variety of snacks and drinks.

SPORTS

Taunton School can provide the following:

- Two large indoor sports halls (Basketball/Badminton/Indoor Hockey/5-a-side Football/volleyball)
- Basketball court
- All-weather pitch forming either 1 hockey/football pitch or 4 tennis courts
- Grass pitch for football or hockey
- Volleyball net & court (inside and outside)
- Outdoor and indoor heated swimming pools (lifeguard always in attendance)
- Tennis courts
- Squash Courts (x2)
- Common Rooms with indoor games (pool, table football, table tennis)
- Extensive fields for football, rugby, cricket, baseball and rounders

NON SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Art Café (T-shirt, light bulb & glass painting), radio controlled car racing, drama/theatre, films/DVDs, Karaoke evenings, discos, various outside games e.g. boules

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

To be booked and paid for prior to arrival (limited numbers):

- Tennis lessons (an LTA or equivalent qualified coach would be provided)
- Intensive English lessons
- Bowling
- Cinema

Prices on application

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EXCURSIONS

In each two-week period, included in the package, there are two full-day and two half-day excursions. Destinations are to be confirmed but there will be a full day in London every two weeks.

Extra excursions can be arranged by LAL Torbay at an extra cost.

OTHER

- Laundry facilities – (supervised)
- Computer Room – over 20 computers, connected to the Internet (small charge)
- Assembly Hall
- Public Telephones in each accommodation block – Card only, no incoming calls
- DVD projector & large screen

LOCATION

Taunton School is a fifteen-minute walk to the market town of Taunton, situated in Somerset, in the south west of England. The many shops, both large and small, offer a wide variety of goods and souvenirs.

SUMMARY

Taunton School gives us the opportunity to take up to 250 students from many different countries, during the summer, offering good quality accommodation, innovative lessons and an exciting and varied leisure programme.

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