

Students' English Holiday Club

more than just a language course...

SEHC- an introduction to over 30 years of Christian Language holidays

Students' English Holiday Club has existed since 1970 and celebrates over thirty years of success. The founder and leader, Reverend Christopher Russell, pastor of the Baptist church in Camberley set himself the task of offering young people from all over Europe the chance to take part in language holidays in a Christian environment.

Since its start three decades ago, more than 8000 participants from Germany, France, Sweden and many other lands have enjoyed their stay with SEHC- and had the chance to develop their spiritual as well as linguistic understanding in our friendly centre.

The SEHC philosophy has been to offer all participants, regardless of their denomination (Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran etc.), the opportunity of discovering new ideas and experiences alongside learning a foreign language. Our themes centralise around God, and not around just one denomination (including Baptists). We encourage young people who may criticise or question Christian beliefs to discuss these problems during our courses- to lead them to a better understanding.

Camberley- Home Town to SEHC

Camberley lies about 40km southwest of London, in the beautiful county of Surrey. Close to the Royal town of Windsor, Camberley is lucky to have Prince Edward living in its suburbs. The picturesque Sandhurst Royal Military Academy is less than 1km from the Baptist church, from where we offer our courses at SEHC.

Camberley, and its suburbs have around 45,000 inhabitants, and serves as a centre to the nearby towns and villages. With a sports centre, a large indoor shopping centre, cinema, several parks etc., Camberley is able to offer a little something to suit all tastes.

The Camberley Baptist Church Centre is host to our language courses, and the starting point for each day's activities. From the first day, when the host families collect their new "family members", through lessons, excursions, social activities until the day comes to return to the home countries, our church centre is at the heart of all the SEHC activities. As well as acting as language school, meeting point, organiser of activities for the young people, we also hold church services there. Visitors to Camberley are always welcome at our services (Sundays 11.00 & 18.30, Wednesdays 12.30) and the students are encouraged to attend and take part in our worship during their stay.

The Course Leader

For every course we arrange a course leader whose responsibility it is to look after your welfare, problems and worries during your stay. This is particularly important for participants who may be away from their parents for the very first time- finding themselves in another country where everything is different from at home (Language, Life-style, Food etc.). Some participants find the first days a little difficult, and therefore having a friendly face who is there to look after them, with whom they can share their problems, is essential. We always try to arrange a mother-tongue speaker as leader for each language group (with more than x members) so that problems can be discussed in your own language.

We fully encourage participants to discuss anything that they are concerned about, e.g. if something at the host family does not seem correct, if they did not understand an important message, if they lose their passports etc.

We try hard to offer all participants an enjoyable, eventful and successful stay in England, and to avoid small problems or difficulties developing into much bigger ones, we remind all potential participants- USE YOUR COURSE LEADER.

Together with the English teachers, course leader(s) and helpers, we try hard to provide an interesting framework of alternative activities in line with participants wishes- e.g. sport, games, music, singing, bible studies, devotionals etc. If you want something that is not on the programme, let us know and we will see what we can arrange.

The English Way of Life

When participants arrive in England, they are met by representatives of SEHC, who will bring you to Camberley. In the SEHC centre at Camberley Baptist Church participants are normally met by their host families who take them to their homes in which they will stay for the duration of the course.

The addresses of host families, and further information regarding the stay in England, e.g. the course programme – are sent out around 2 to 3 weeks before the start of the course, directly from England.

Please remember that when preparing for your stay in England that many things will be different from what you are used to in your home country. Typical differences you will notice include food, lifestyle, types of houses and the living standards of the English.

If you compare England to other parts of Northern Europe, the living conditions and living standards are not so high. People live comfortably, but perhaps a little more simply than the neighbouring countries. The English food is not as bad as you think, and it is unlikely that it will rain every day and even less likely that you will see typical English fog during your course! If you have worries about English beef, do not worry – the English do not eat beef daily, and if you tell us in advance we will advise your host family of your wishes. We are sure that the success of your course will not depend on these differences.

Take England and the English just as they are, and you will be sure to have a lot of fun and enjoyment discovering the “English way of Life” and that the English are a very nice and friendly people to get to know.

The Journey

The travel costs for this holiday are not included in the price, and there are several possible alternative ways to get to Camberley. Most student groups choose to fly to England for their course, and collection from Heathrow airport in London (about 30 minutes from Camberley) is included in the course booking fees.

If you wish to travel to England by bus or train, we will be pleased to help you with your travel arrangements. SEHC is also able to offer collection from France (Calais) where we will take you back to Camberley through the Eurotunnel. If you prefer to fly to England, we would be pleased to assist in booking flights for your stay in England, to try and make sure that people flying from the same airports are able to arrive and be met together at Heathrow.

SEHC in England will be informed of all arrival/departure information, and will arrange a representative to meet participants at the arrivals exit gate, immediately after luggage

collection and passport control or (for non-flyers) at an agreed meeting point. The representative will be holding an SEHC banner. It is requested that all participants also wear their SEHC stickers obviously, so that we can find them quickly and easily.

Those who are flying, remember to check-in at least one hour before your flight leaves. If you are going to be arriving on a later or earlier flight than that you have given, please phone our office in England to inform them of the change as soon as possible. This will avoid unnecessary delays for other participants arriving on other flights, allowing us to reschedule our pick up times better.

Optional Extras

Theatre Trip

Starlight Express, Miss Saigon, Buddy, Cats, Grease, Joseph, Blood Brothers... London is world famous for its diverse musicals, which appeal not only to the English public, but to London's tourists too. London's West End is renowned for the large number of high quality shows playing all year round to thousands of satisfied visitors.

Every year we try to arrange an optional visit to a musical in London (sometimes even two visits!). The experience of a London musical is often one of the highlights of a stay in England, and can be highly recommended.

In order to keep the prices of the musicals as low as possible, we try to order last minute group bookings allowing us to get tickets at very good prices. Students should keep around £15-20 for this evening aside. Although we cannot guarantee which show we can offer at an affordable price, until around 48 hours before we go, we can say from experience that almost every musical in London is worth seeing. Even shows which were unfamiliar in name or theme to previous students have proved to be exciting and memorable moments to all that saw them.

Weekend Excursions

Many host families try to organise weekend activities for their own students. Many students prefer to go together on an organised excursion with SEHC. These are optional excursions, and are not part of the paid course. Providing there are sufficient leaders willing to go, and enough students willing to pay, we will always try to offer an excursion that is a little cheaper (due to group discounts) than if the students had organised the trip themselves. Typical weekend excursion offers include: an additional trip to London, a visit to Guildford/Winchester or Stonehenge or a trip to a theme park. Depending on the number of students wishing to take part and additional entry fees (if applicable), a price of between £4-10 should be calculated.

Money for Optional Activities

Parents who wish their children to take part in optional activities, but do not wish their children to spend the extra money simply as "pocket money" on other things, may inform us in advance. We will hold the amount you declare only for extras, and return a written receipt of how this was spent when the child returns. Any change will be returned to the child at the end of the course.

Example Course Programme

Learning English at SEHC involves more than just lessons. Living in England, and taking part in the activities we offer are an important part of improving your language abilities. Typically, an SEHC week has 3 mornings of lessons, 2 full days of excursions, and organised afternoon activities after the lessons. Optional evening and weekend activities are normally also offered.

Excursion destinations include Windsor and at least two visits to London. Other destinations offered (in fixed programme or as optional weekend excursions) include Guildford, Portsmouth, Oxford or Brighton. Because of the English weather we like to remain a little flexible on excursion days, making changes when necessary. For example, if rain is forecast, we may choose to change our planned trip to the sea (Brighton or Portsmouth) and go to Winchester as an alternative, where the participants can do and see much more without having to go out in the rain. The following example illustrates a typical week at SEHC.

Example Course Programme

Monday

9.00-9.30 Devotional and Daily notices (led by Rev. Russell)
9.30-12.15 English Lessons
12.15-13.15 Lunch Break (with optional Bible Study)
13.20-16.00 Outdoor Sport (Tennis/Minigolf/Cricket) at Watchetts Park

19.00-21.45 Optional Cinema visit (meet in church car park)

Tuesday

9.00-17.30 **Excursion to Windsor** (including visit to Windsor Castle) Optional morning (free) activity. If the weather is nice, walk through Windsor Great Park to Windsor Castle, and eat lunch in park. **Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes if you are walking!** After we have visited the castle, you will have time to look around Windsor. Students may wish to see Eton College (where Prince William goes to school, or to take a walk (or a boat trip) on the river.

Wednesday

9.00-9.30 Devotional and Daily notices (led by Rev. Russell)
9.30-12.15 English Lessons
12.15-13.15 Lunch Break (with optional Church Service in front room)
13.20-16.00 Swimming/Badminton/Volleyball at Arena Sports Centre

19.00-21.30 Optional Social Evening at Church.

Thursday

9.00-18.30 **Excursion to London**

Starting our tour at the Houses of Parliament (Big Ben) we will travel by underground (Boat trip optional) to the Tower of London, where you can also see the famous Tower Bridge. There we will meet those who have gone by boat, and walk (about 15 minutes) to St. Paul's Cathedral. On the way you can see many famous landmarks including Monument, built to remember the Great Fire of London (1666). At St. Paul's you will have the chance to see one of England's most famous and beautiful churches. If you are feeling fit enough you also visit the Whispering Gallery and the also climb to the top of the dome. Don't forget your cameras, as at the top there is a magnificent view.

At approx 14.00 we will meet outside the cathedral. Optional activities for the afternoon include Madame Tussaud's world famous wax works or visiting Harrods.

Friday

9.00-9.30 Devotional and Daily notices (led by Rev. Russell)
9.30-12.15 English Lessons
12.15-13.15 Lunch Break
13.20-16.00 Optional Preparation for Sunday service (Singing/Sketches)
Activities in Church Centre (Table Tennis/Video/Badminton)

Saturday

9.30-18.00 **Optional visit to Guildford/Oxford** or *free day with host families*

Sunday

11.00 and 18.30 We warmly invite you to our Sunday Services. If you require transport to/from the services please let Rev. Russell know in advance.

Prices and Dates for Courses

*Compare the prices and conditions in our offer with alternative language courses-
We are sure you will discover that SEHC is excellent value for money.*

Course 1: 12. July – 2. August 2008 (22 Days)

Age 13-15: EURO 1539,-*

Age 16 +: EURO 1669,-*

Course 1s: 19. July – 2. August 2008 (15 Days)

Age 13-15: EURO 1049,-*

Age 16 +: EURO 1139,-*

Course 2: 26. July – 16. August 2008 (22 Days)

Age 13-15: EURO 1539,-*

Age 16 +: EURO 1669,-*

Course 2s: 2. August – 16. August 2008 (15 Days)

Age 13-15: EURO 1049,-*

Age 16 +: EURO 1139,-*

The above-mentioned dates include arrival and departure days.

If you wish to extend or reduce the length of your course, this must be agreed in advance with SEHC.

Extension of courses can usually only take place inside the dates of a running course and at a cost of Euro 70,- / 76, - (age 13-15 / 16+) per day.

***Travel costs to and from England are not included in the course prices. Additional youth airfares flying from most major EU airports to London Heathrow cost around Euro 200-. On top of this cost you will also need to add personal pocket money, and a little extra for optional visits or entry fees. Collection and return journey from London Heathrow Airport are included in the course prices.**

Conditions for Registration and Booking of Courses

1. **Organiser** of these language holidays is SEHC-England,
c/o Reverend Christopher D. Russell, 67 The Avenue, Camberley/Surrey GU15 3NF,
Tel. +44 (1276) 21469.

2. Registration

In order to reserve a place on of our courses, send a completed application form with a deposit of Euro 100,-. The amount of the deposit will be deducted from the total amount of the chosen course price. Once payment has been received we will inform you in writing. Following this, your registration will be valid.

Please send all applications to: **Katja Russell, SEHC-Deutschland, Singerstraße 53, D-10243 Berlin. Tel.: 030/ 2977 8828.**

3. Payment: All Payments should be made to Katja Russell. If you wish to pay by cheque, then send the cheque payable to Katja Russell to the above address. If you prefer to send money through electronic payment please use the following details:

Sparda-Bank Berlin; Blz.:120 965 97; Account Number.: 1576984;
Account Name: Katja Russell; **Reference:** SEHC Course X, your name
IBAN: DE54 1209 6597 0001 5769 84 **BIC:** GENODEF1S10

- a.) To validate your registration, a deposit of Euro 100,- must be received.
- b.) The remaining course charge (Total price minus deposit) must be received no later than six weeks before the beginning of the course.
- c.) Should, in the time of releasing the course dates and price information, the value of the pound on the foreign exchange alter significantly, SEHC England reserve to change the price accordingly.

4. Cancellation of Reservation

If you wish to cancel your booking before the course begins, SEHC reserve the right to deduct the following charges to cover administrative costs:

More than 3 Months before Course begins: Euro 50,-.

More than six weeks before Course begins: Euro 100,-

Thereafter Euro 150,-

Should you find a replacement participant for the course, these charges will be waived.

5. Programme changes or Cancellation of Course

The organiser reserves the right to make changes of equal or greater value to the course programme. Should a course have to be cancelled by the organiser, all payments (including deposit) will be returned in full.

6. During the course, the leadership acts in *Loco Parentis*. In cases of repeated or serious breaking of SEHC rules (or local laws), we reserve the right to send a participant back to their parent/guardian, following notification to the parent/guardian of the reason, and the giving of departure and arrival information. In such cases course charges will not be refunded.

7. We undertake no responsibility for self-inflicted injuries, damage to property, losses, delays or miscellaneous acts caused by course participants.

8. By registering for a course, both parties agree to be bound by the above-mentioned conditions.

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Registration (please attach photo)

Group-Code

Course No/Dates: _____ male. () female. ()

First & Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____

_____ Telephone: _____

Flying From (airport name): _____ E-mail/Fax: _____

Address of parent/guardian _____

During the course

Hobbies/Interests _____

Medical Conditions/Disabilities/Allergies _____

Special Dietary requirements _____

Friends also participating. _____

Denomination (e.g. Baptist/Catholic etc) _____

I permit my son/daughter to participate in the following during the course:

Smoking: Yes/No **Swimming:** Yes/No **Cycling** (on the left!): Yes/No

To go out till 22.00: Yes/No **Other:** _____

I hereby declare my wish to participate in an SEHC course as shown above. By signing this document I am entering into a contract bound under the SEHC term and conditions.

Place Date Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Signature of Participant