



Language Centre

English Language - Summer School for Young Learners, July 2012



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The Summer School course

What is the BSN Summer School?

The British School in the Netherlands is a leading international school in The Hague, which provides an education for pupils from over 80 different nationalities throughout the year. During the summer, the school uses its teaching resources, facilities and expertise to provide English language classes for children and teenagers aged 5-16. The course is coordinated through the BSN Language Centre but takes place at the BSN Junior School Diamanthorst.

What makes this course so special?

It motivates young learners to develop their English and gives them the opportunity to make new friends in an international environment.



Key Points

- Monday to Friday from 09.00-15.30
- Language classes and activities in English
- Experienced and well qualified teachers
- Learn with other international students
- Materials included in the price
- No more than 16 students per class
- Topic-based teaching
- Each week has a different theme

What are the course aims?

- To develop students' fluency and confidence in English
- To combine language study with a variety of activities
- To encourage new friendships *using English*
- To emphasise communicating in English
- To develop students' vocabulary
- To develop cultural understanding



Who is the course suitable for?

Any child learning English as an additional, second or foreign language can register for the Summer School. It is not suitable for bilingual children though.

How long is the course?

The BSN Summer School runs for two weeks, with different content each week. We recommend that children participate in both weeks, although it is possible for children to attend only week 1 or week 2.

Do the teachers use English all of the time?

Yes, the lessons at all levels are taught *in English* as a majority of our international students have no knowledge of the Dutch language.

What is the programme for each week?

Once the teachers meet the children on the first day, they will finalise the programme for the rest of the course based on the specific needs of the group.

The lessons and course programme

How are the students grouped?

Students are placed in language classes depending on their age, confidence and ability.

What will the children do in their English language lessons?

Throughout the course, the emphasis will be on the communicative use of language with particular focus on the acquisition of new vocabulary and development of speaking and listening skills. We use a variety of media to present new language; and techniques such as role-play, project and group work are used for fluency practice.

A variety of activities, including songs and communication games, ensures that students can interact and practise what they are learning in an enjoyable way. The language classes usually take place in the mornings, with activities in the afternoon.



What materials do students use?

Each group uses resources and materials appropriate to its level and age range. We have a different theme each week, making each week an independent course.

When do the students get their timetable?

The lesson/activity timetable will be given to the children on the first morning of the course. Parents receive a copy during registration on the first day.

Example of a typical day: 9.00- 15.30	
Lesson 1	Speaking and listening activities
Lesson 2	Vocabulary practice
Morning Break	
Lesson 3	English language games
Lesson 4	Songs in English
Lunch Break	
Lesson 5	Music/ Science or Sport
Lesson 6	Art/ Dance or IT
Afternoon Break	
Lesson 7	Team sports/ Cooking or Drama

What are the course activities?

What activities do the children do?

Activities differ each year. The programme could include:



- Sport
- Music
- Drama
- IT
- Media studies
- Art
- Games
- Dance
- Craft
- Science



Group 1: Students aged 5 & 6

Group 1 is especially designed for very young children at level A or B (see page 5). Generally, these young children cannot yet read or write in their own language or may have just started to take an interest in reading .



What do the youngest do?

The children are involved in a variety of activities enabling them to experience the English language in a wide range of situations. Examples of activities could be: art, craft, IT, dance, games, listening to stories and songs or cooking.

As it is a long day for very young children, language lessons are alternated with “free-play” activities.

How is the course structured?

The children learn English through talk, play and structured activities relevant to the child’s developmental level. They are introduced to the language through a variety of topics each day and have a lot of fun in their lessons.



How do we form the groups?

Each year The BSN Summer School groups are different and are formed using the information supplied on the registration form. We consider each child's age, confidence, experience of languages, background and ability when forming the groups. We **do not** formally test students or move students to another group unless absolutely necessary. Please use the level indication below to complete part two (B) of the registration form. If your child attended our Summer School previously, please refer to their end of course report for the level indication.

Level Indication

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| A Knows little or no English. Cannot speak or understand English. |
| B May know some English words. Speaks own language most of the time. |
| C Can use simple language. Recognises words and understands short sentences. May have English lessons at primary school. |
| D Asks simple questions and can have simple conversations. Can follow instructions. Is studying/has studied English at school for a few years. |
| E Can use English in everyday situations. Can read simple textbooks or magazine articles and write about familiar subjects. Still needs some support in understanding. Speaks with more confidence. |
| F Can use a good range of language effectively for all practical needs and personal conversations. Can understand texts from a wide variety of sources and can make notes while someone is speaking. Can understand English radio or television programmes. |
| G Can use English confidently and flexibly in an effective way. Can speak accurately and fluently. Can produce well structured, clear pieces of writing on complex issues. |

Students of 17 and older. There is also an English Language Summer Intensive course for adults/young adults of 17 and older, which takes place in the first two weeks of July. These courses are adult oriented and concentrate on the four skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. **Please see our website for more information.**

General Information

Course dates and times

Week 1: Monday 16 July – Friday 20 July 2012 9.00-15.30 hrs
Week 2: Monday 23 July – Friday 27 July 2012 9.00-15.30 hrs

Course location of the Summer School 2012

The BSN Junior School, Diamanthorst 16, 2592 GH Den Haag. Bus 24 stops by the school.

Contact details of the BSN Language Centre office

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Prices

First child	1 week €390	2 weeks €740
Second or more children	1 week €370 per child	2 weeks €700 per child

Arrival and departure

The school gates are open between 8.45-9.00 and 15.30-15.45. Please try to arrive between these times.

Children younger than 14 travelling alone to and from the Summer School will need to bring written permission on the first morning, signed by the parent or guardian.

It is possible to book an early drop off (from 8.15 onwards) at a cost of €30 per week or a late pick-up (by 16.30 at the latest) at a cost of €40 per week. For both an early drop off and a late pick up, add €70 per week. Please complete the relevant section on the registration form to request an early drop off or late pick up.

Food and drinks

Students bring their own packed lunches plus a snack and a drink for the breaks.

Summer School rules

Students will be given the Summer School rules at the start of the course - these are designed to keep everybody safe and happy. Staff and students are expected to be polite and respectful at all times. If a student continually causes serious problems they will be warned and parents or guardians will be contacted. Fees are non-refundable in cases where a child has to be expelled from the Summer School.

Lost property

The BSN Language Centre cannot take any responsibility for any money or valuables lost. We strongly advise that valuable possessions are **not** brought to the Summer School. Anything found during the Summer School will be put into a lost property box, which can be found just inside the entrance to the school.

Conditions of Registration & Payment

How do I register?

Applications can only be accepted on the Young Learner's Summer School registration form. Please complete form A and sign it, then for each child you want to register fill in a separate form B. You can either send the forms by post or scan and email them to us as attachments.

Registration procedure

- Registration is possible from January 2012.
- Each registration form is date-stamped on receipt.
- The groups are made based on the information supplied on each child's registration form.
- Confirmation letters are issued from April onwards and payment is due to secure a place.
- Once the maximum class size is reached, registration will close for that particular group. Please register early to avoid disappointment.
- The BSN Language Centre reserves the right to combine or cancel groups if necessary.
- We regret we cannot guarantee groups for all levels and all ages.

You will be contacted by email regarding registration queries. Please note that the BSN cannot be held responsible for missing correspondence. We also strongly advise you to check all your email folders in case emails from the BSN have been directed to your 'spam' folder.

Children living outside The Netherlands

The BSN Language Centre strongly recommends that you organise cancellation insurance with your own insurance company. We cannot be held responsible for participants who are refused a visa or for problems with any personal circumstances. We advise you not to make travel bookings until a place on the course has been confirmed.

Cancellation

Each signed registration form received by the BSN Language Centre is considered a definite application. Thereafter, cancellation requests must be in writing and the following cancellation fees apply:

- Cancellation before 1 June: €30 per child.
- Cancellation between 2 June and 15 June: 50% of the course fee per child.
- Cancellation after 15 June: Full fee will be charged/ retained.

The BSN Language Centre reserves the right to take photographs and/or video films of students taking part in language courses at The British School in the Netherlands and to use them for promotional purposes.

What have children and parents said about the Summer School?

“Excellent course; very pleased with the diversity of the activities, especially designed for all age groups”

“The teachers are great! Genuinely interested in the children and very friendly”

“My daughter says that it is fun every day”

“This is the second year for her, and once again, everything was very good. Hopefully, see you next year”

“A good mix of learning and fun”

“Everything was good. My child really enjoyed everything”

“He gained confidence in English. Activities and lessons were both interesting and varied- very satisfied with the programme”

“We want to come back next year”

“The British School is the most fun ever”

“My son enjoyed every moment. Perfect”

