



STUDENT GUIDE

Please ask at Reception if you would like a paper copy of this guide.

We also have a guide for Under-18s!

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1 HELP

EMERGENCIES 999 (or 112)

Emergency!	Not an emergency
999 All emergencies	111  Non-emergency medical number
112 All emergencies. Works on any mobile phone anywhere in the world	101  Non-emergency number for the police

There is only ONE UK number for the emergency services: 999

YOU DO NOT NEED MONEY. THE CALL IS FREE.

You will need to explain:

WHAT you want (Fire Service, Police or Ambulance)

WHO you are

WHERE you are (give address or postcode)

Remember, YOU must decide which emergency service is MOST needed. For example, in a road accident where people are injured, you should say "Ambulance". The Ambulance Service will automatically tell the Police. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, SAY "POLICE"

Also, because the emergency services sometimes receive hoax calls, the telephone operator or the emergency service will probably ask you for more details, for example how big a fire is, where it is exactly etc. Don't worry if you do not speak very good English yet, just do your best. The most important thing is to get help.

BEET HELPLINE

If there is an emergency when the school is closed, call **00 44 (0)7729 164998**. Please put this number on your mobile phone **NOW**.

PREVENT ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAMME

PREVENT is a UK government programme which is designed to keep us all safe from the dangers of terrorist activity. Everybody in the UK – UK citizens, visitors and students - has a duty to report any activity which we think might be suspicious, or related to terrorism. If you are worried that anybody you know is in danger of becoming involved in any kind of terrorist activity, you must report it immediately to our 'Prevent' lead, Alison Yorke-Saville (in Room 3).

UNDER 18s – LOOKING AFTER OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS

In the UK, anyone under 18 is considered a child and we take extra care of them. If you are 18+, you have a responsibility, too, to look after your younger schoolmates. Remember, being under 18 in another country is more dangerous than being under 18 in your own country! There are different rules which **everyone** needs to know:

- Under-18s are not allowed to buy tobacco or buy or drink alcohol
- It is illegal for an 18+ to buy cigarettes or alcohol for an under-18
- Under-18s must be back at their homestay by 23:00 from Sunday to Thursday, and by 24:00 on Friday and Saturday
- Under-18s cannot get tattoos
- We ask under-18s to come and tell us if they are going to travel to another town, eg London. Then we can help them with their plans.
- Under 18s are not allowed to stay overnight away from their homestay unless they have written permission from their parents or guardian. If an under-18 student wants to do this, they need to come and tell the Safeguarding Officer, Alison Yorke-Saville, who will then contact the parents/guardian.
- On an excursion, under-18s must stay in a group and call the teacher/excursion leader every two hours to confirm that they are OK

If you think a student under 18 is breaking these rules, is in trouble, or is unhappy, please speak to a teacher or another member of staff, even if you're not sure. We won't need to tell the student that you've spoken to us – we can then find out for ourselves if there's a problem.

If you are under 18 years old, please see our separate guide for students under 18.

PROBLEMS WITH YOUR CLASS OR ACCOMMODATION?

If you have a problem with your classes, see Rhona or Martin

If you have a problem with your homestay or student house, see Alison, Maja or Julie

MEDICINE

Local Chemist (pharmacy)

Rowlands Pharmacy, 128-130 Charminster Road.

Opening Hours: Weekdays: 0900 – 1800 Saturday: 0900 - 1300 and 1400 - 1700

Note: You can only buy **basic** medicine like aspirin and medicine for colds and sore throats; if you need other medicine, you will need a British doctor's prescription.

Emergency Service: There is always a pharmacy open outside normal shopping hours. Here is a [list of other local pharmacies](#), with opening hours. As you will see, the one at Asda stays open until 2200 from Monday to Friday, and until 2000 on Saturday.



Illness

Under Government rules, medical treatment is free only to citizens of the countries below, BUT ONLY WHEN THE NEED FOR TREATMENT ARISES DURING THEIR STAY IN ENGLAND.

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

BEET strongly recommends that ALL students should arrange medical insurance before they come to England. If you enrol on a course for less than 6 months and you are NOT a national of any of the countries listed above, you will have to pay if you are admitted to a hospital bed, unless your illness is an infectious one. ONLY EMERGENCY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR ACCIDENTS IS FREE IN THESE SITUATIONS. You will also have to pay for consultations or visits by a local doctor. If your course is longer than 6 months, you will be accepted by the National Health Service for free treatment for any illness which has developed during your stay, or for a previous condition which has become worse and needs urgent treatment, or for accidents. Everybody has to pay for medical prescriptions.

If you become ill while you are in England please inform the school, telling us what illness you have and when you expect to be well again.

IF YOU ARE ILL

If you are ill and living in homestay, we recommend you ask the homestay to make an appointment for you with their own doctor.

If this is not possible, make an appointment at the doctors' surgery at 20 St. Leonard's Road (open 08.30 to 18.00, Monday to Friday). Tel: (01202) 411700 or 0844 477 3490, or the Alma Medical Centre, 31 Alma Road, Tel: (01202) 519311.

At weekends, most doctors' surgeries are closed. Some may have an emergency service operating, but you will need to telephone your local clinic or surgery for detailed information.

You can also get help through the National Health Service website at www.nhs.uk. Information is available in most of the world's major languages, and it is normally possible to ask for an interpreter, if you need to describe your condition to a doctor.

You can also ring the NHS on 111, and speak to a trained advisor. It is not an emergency service. You should use it if you need medical advice, but not if anybody's life is in danger. If there is an emergency, phone 999.

The RBH (Royal Bournemouth Hospital) has an Accident and Emergency unit, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you go there, a doctor or nurse will examine you briefly, and then decide how urgent the problem is. If they think it is a serious condition, you will be admitted immediately. However, if you have a less serious illness, you may need to wait for a long time - perhaps 2 or 3 hours or more, depending on the day and time.

Dentist

If you have problems with your teeth you should either make an appointment with your homestay's dentist, or make an appointment with the school dentist:

Mr Clive Nicholls, 65 Wellington Road, Bournemouth, Tel: 01202 292030

If you need any help, ask the Accommodation Officer.

2 THE SCHOOL

ABOUT US

BEET began life with three students in October 1979. Its founder, Clive Barrow, had previously been a trainer and teacher at Bournemouth & Poole College of Further Education.

It started in Clive's house in Chatsworth Road, then opened as a school in Boscombe, and finally moved to its home in Nortoft Road, Charminster in September 1980. About 2000 students now come to study at BEET each year. However, it is still a family school and completely independent. BEET is accredited by the British Council and a member of English UK, IALC, The English Network (TEN) and Quality English.

In 2001, BEET merged with ITTC, the International Teaching and Training Centre. ITTC is one of the UK's most important English language teacher training centres and has helped with the development of Cambridge University teacher training programmes. ITTC also manages

local INSET (In-Service Training) sessions to help teachers in other schools in and around Bournemouth. The ITTC teacher trainers also teach regularly at BEET.

SCHOOL VALUES

1 Democracy

All students' views are taken into account when we make decisions. There are class representatives who you can talk to if you would like, either instead of talking to a teacher/manager, or in addition to talking to a teacher/manager. If you are not happy with how you are being treated, you can complain and the school will fix the problem if it can.

2 Rule of law

We apply school rules and procedures fairly and evenly. The school rules are the same for all students. Also, we obey national and local laws at all times and report any illegal activity.

3 The individual matters

We care about individuals and try to support them. Everybody is valuable to us. We don't ignore a problem just because it only affects one person or just a few people.

4 Respectful tolerance of different faiths or beliefs

Everyone deserves respect for what they believe in. We fully support this and we take any sign of disrespect very seriously indeed. We should show tolerance, and support the rights of others to believe different things from us, and to practise their beliefs in different ways. However, if any member of the organisation thinks someone might hold or encourage others to hold extremist views which could result in harmful action, they should tell the management team.

5 Free speech

We all have the right to express our views freely, but we need to remember that some of our views may cause offence. We have a right to freedom of speech, but also a duty to respect other people's feelings. Abusive comments and behaviour are not tolerated.

If you are worried that another student or member of staff has extremist views which might result in harm to themselves or to others, you must speak to a member of staff.

SCHOOL RULES

1 Respect

Everyone must show respect at all times to other people in the school. No abusive behaviour is acceptable. For example, no abusive behaviour, or negative comments about appearance, age, sex, sexuality, marital status, nationality, race, religion or disability. This includes abusive behaviour on social media like Facebook.

2 Attendance

Students are expected to attend all their lessons. Muslim students are excused from Options lessons on Friday to attend mosque, but all other absences must be approved, in advance if possible, by an Academic Manager. Students must arrive at lessons on time - students who arrive late for a lesson will not be allowed in until the next lesson.

3 Participation

Taking part is important. Students must participate in class activities, complete homework assignments and be in a fit state to study when on school premises. This means students must not be drunk, under the influence of drugs, inappropriately dressed or too tired to take part in lessons effectively.

4 English

Students should use English as much as possible, both in and out of the classroom, even in conversation with students from their own country.

5 Smoking

Students must not smoke in the school building or in the road. Please stand away from windows when smoking in the car park.

6 Mobile phones

Your phones should be switched to silent when inside the school building. Mobile phones may be used during lessons with the teacher's permission, but only for language learning. Students who use their phones for social networking, web browsing, emails or other non-academic purposes will be asked to turn them off. If they refuse to do so, they will be asked to leave the class.

If you break school rules and your behaviour does not improve, you may be expelled (you will have to leave the school with no refund).

Notes on Attendance (Rule 2)

At BEET, we think you should attend 100% of your lessons. However, we realise that you may be sick or need to miss some lessons, perhaps if you have important appointments. We believe attendance above 90% is satisfactory, although we prefer to see close to 100% (average attendance is 97%). If your attendance is below 90%, you may not get a certificate when you leave the school, and you might have to leave classes that have a waiting list. If your attendance is very poor, you will receive a warning, and further warnings if it does not improve. In the end, you may be expelled (you are not allowed to finish your course and you have to go home with no refund of tuition fees). There are some reasons why we might allow you to have lower attendance: if you have to look after children, if you can show a medical certificate, or if you need to register with the police or attend an interview at a university. If you do have to miss lessons, please tell your teacher first or call the school on 01202 397721 – this is much better than simply not arriving.

Notes on speaking English (Rule 4)

Your stay in England gives you a wonderful opportunity to mix with students from other countries. This means that you need to speak English, because it will give you the chance to learn about the customs of many different nationalities, and make friends all around the world.

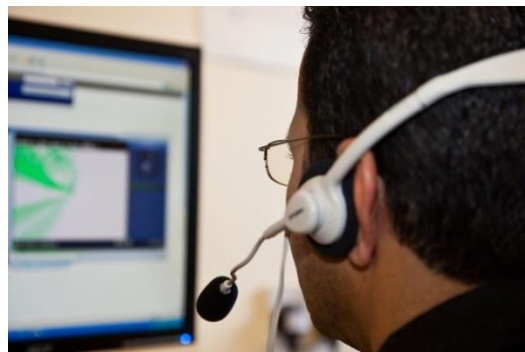
FACILITIES

COMPUTER ROOMS

There are two computer rooms with 34 computers, all with Internet connection. You can use the computers at any time from 0800 until 1700, but if you have been using one for half an hour and you can see that other students are waiting, please give up your computer.

You will normally have one lesson per week in a computer room, to help you with language-learning programmes. One of the computer rooms is mainly for classes to use. However, one of the rooms will be available all day. We ask you to use the computers mainly for English language practice, but we understand that you might want to use them for emails and using the internet in your own language. If you are using one, but not to learn English, and students are waiting to use them for study, please offer them your place.

NOTE: Computer room 2 (room 25) is a quiet study room: please use the other room if you want to chat with other students or use Skype.



WI-FI

There is free wi-fi everywhere in the school. This is for BEET students and ITTC trainees only. You will need a password. Please ask in Reception. Please do not give the password to anyone else. There are electrical power-points around the canteen for students to use. You will need to bring your own adaptor.



Library and Bookshop

Library

The Library/Bookshop is open from 12:00 to 14:30, Monday to Friday. It is opposite the computer rooms.

To be a member of the library, you will need to show your BEET ID card and pay a deposit of £10, although you will have to pay an extra deposit if you want to take out practice test books (some students write in these books, which spoils them for other students, so we have to



charge an extra deposit). When you leave the school, please remember to go up to the library to return any books, DVDs or CDs you still have and to get your deposit back.

In the library, there are books, DVDs and CDs which you can use for pleasure or to help you with your studies. For example:

- Graded readers (easier books, especially for learners). We have these from Elementary to Advanced. Many of these come with CDs. If you want, you can listen to them in one of the computer rooms or we can lend you a CD-player. Just ask the librarian.
- 'Unabridged' books, which are books which have not been simplified. These are suitable for Upper Intermediate and Advanced students.
- Grammar and Vocabulary books, with explanations and exercises.
- Exam practice books, for exams such as Cambridge First, IELTS and BEC (remember the extra deposit).
- Academic Books – useful if you plan to study at an English-speaking university. There should be at least a few books in your subject to practise your academic reading and vocabulary.
- DVDs to help with your listening.
- CDs with English language learning programmes to help you with your studies. You can take these to the computer rooms or use them on your laptop.
- Self-study guides, which give you ideas about resources you can use to study in your own time.

Bookshop

The bookshop sells a range of books at discounted prices. We can also order books for you. Your course book(s) are free.

Help with your studies

The Librarian is a teacher, and will be happy to help you if you have questions about learning English. Maybe you are doing your homework in the library and realise you do not understand a grammar point you are studying - ask the Librarian!.

Canteen



The canteen is open from 0815 to 1700 Monday to Friday. Hot and cold drinks, snacks, home-made chocolate brownies etc are available all day. Lunches are available between 1145 and 1445. There is also a vending machine with drinks, snacks and chocolates.

Parking

There is parking in the road in front of the school building and in the school car park behind the school. There are secure bicycle racks in the car park. Please leave bicycles in the car park only, and make sure they are locked. A 'D'-type lock is the safest one to use.

STUDENT CARD AND PHOTO

Please get a BEET student card **as soon as possible!** Your BEET ID card:

...shows you are part of the school

...has the address of your homestay

...allows you to take books out of the library

...gives you discounts at some shops, restaurants, cinemas and clubs. Always **show** your ID card and **ask** for a discount.

To get your student card, you will need a **photo**. If you don't have one, there is a machine that will take your photo in Flicks, 144 Charminster Road. Here are [directions to the shop](#).

YOUR ENGLISH STUDIES

General English courses

Most General English courses are 10 weeks long, although most courses in the summer last 4 weeks. Some students will move up to the next level at the end of their course, and some will do two courses at the same level. This is completely normal: it is just because students learn at different speeds and have different first languages. If you think you are in the wrong level, talk about it with your teacher.

Most courses have a test in the middle to see how you're doing. At the end of your course, your teachers will assess your level carefully. They will test the things you have studied in the course book, but you will also do a level test which tests your general level of English. Teachers will think about your speaking, your homework and your attendance when deciding which level to recommend for your next course. So don't worry if you haven't studied all of the book, because your teachers will know this when they mark your tests.

How to learn

Learners have different ideas of how to learn a language, and probably do learn in different ways. For example, some like doing grammar exercises, others prefer to watch TV and read novels. Perhaps the two most important general tips are:

- see mistakes as your friends – without them you can't learn
- speak as much English as you can, especially outside the class

Successful learners usually use the language a lot and don't worry about mistakes in their speaking. But they do take care with their writing and try to learn from the mistakes they make. Your goal should not be to not make mistakes – your goal should be to learn from the mistakes you do make.

Teaching methods

Our teachers use lots of different methods, because we don't think there is just one right way to learn English. In most classes you will do lots of speaking in pairs and groups because for most students this is the most important skill. And don't worry about 'learning mistakes' from other students: research shows us that this doesn't happen much at all, and the benefits of practising your speaking are much more important. Teachers will also explain the rules of the language, but remember that you can pick up lots of the rules naturally just by listening and reading, and every time you speak or write you are 'using' rules, usually without realising it! If you don't like the methods your teacher is using, or you want more grammar, or more speaking, or less correction, please tell your teacher. Teachers need to know how you want to learn.

Levels

Our courses are organised into six levels, according to the Common European Framework (CEFR).

CEFR	BEET Level	Cambridge exams which you can study for at BEET	IELTS Band (approx.)
C2	Very Advanced	Proficiency (CPE)	7.5 – 9.0
C1	Advanced	Advanced (CAE), BEC Higher	6.5 – 7.0
B2	Upper Intermediate	First Certificate (FCE), BEC Vantage	5.5 - 6.0
B1	Intermediate	Preliminary (PET)	4.5 – 5.0
A2	Pre-Intermediate		2.0 – 4.0
A1+	Elementary		0.0 – 1.5

Different students improve at different speeds. We usually expect a student to move up to the next level in between 6 and 12 weeks. This table gives an idea of how fast a student might move up from Pre-Intermediate to Upper-Intermediate.

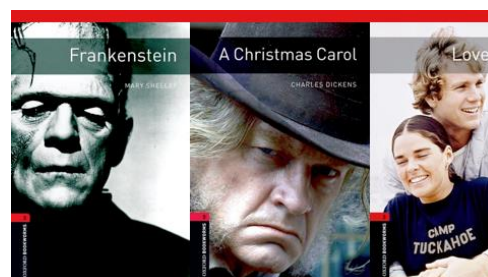
Level	Wk 1-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	20-23	24
Upper B2						→	→
B1+ Inter B1			→	→	→	→?	
Pre A2	→	→	→?				

Tutorials (Individual Study Plan)

You can talk to your teacher at any time about your studies, but for students on longer course we make sure we have a plan for tutorials to make sure they take place. So, if your course is longer than 4 weeks, you will have a 5-10 minute meeting with your first main class teacher, called a tutorial. These tutorials happen every four weeks and allow you and your teacher to talk about the progress you are making, and to plan your self-study goals. Again, any student can talk to their teacher about their studies at any point in their course

Self-Study

- You can visit the library, either for self-study or to borrow a book. There is a teacher there to help you and to answer your questions.
- Log in to BEET Online. Use the 5-digit number from your student card, e.g. beet12345.
- If you have any problems with your course, talk to your teacher, or go and see the Academic Management Team in the staff room. They are always there to help.



Change of course

If you want to do any of the following, please see one of the Academic Management Team as soon as possible:

- Change your course dates
- Move from one programme to another (e.g. from 20 lessons per week to 24 or 28 lessons)
- Join a different type of course, for example IELTS or Cambridge exam preparation

Exam courses

The examination courses are similar to the general courses - they focus on the necessary grammar, vocabulary and skills for the exam. However, they also provide exam training in order to help you become more familiar with the type of exercises and tasks in the exams. In addition, these courses have mock (practice) examinations; by doing these, you will help us to see what areas you need to improve on, and it will give you more confidence as you prepare for the examinations.

IELTS

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is an increasingly popular examination, taken by people who want to work or study in an English-speaking country. It is the main examination for students who want to go to university in Britain or Australia. More and more universities in the United States are also accepting it. You can take the IELTS exam every month here in Bournemouth.

The test has four parts: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. You don't pass or fail this exam – you get a score from 0-9. For many university courses, students need to score 6.5.

Cambridge English Exams

These examinations are also very popular, and are in March, June, August and December every year. Cambridge First is for Upper-Intermediate students; advanced learners can take the Cambridge Advanced or Cambridge Proficiency exams. Most students take these exams to help them find future employment, and many students want to gain a qualification accredited by the University of Cambridge.

These exams have four parts: Reading and Use of English, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

BEC (Business English Certificate)

These are Cambridge exams in Business English. There are three levels: BEC Preliminary (B1), BEC Vantage (B2) and BEC Higher (C1). We can prepare students for these exams in Options classes at some times of the year. Ask in the Staff Room for details.

Free extra lessons with our teacher training department

Would you like some extra lessons for **free**? A chance to practise your speaking, and pick up some new grammar and vocabulary? Then try the lessons with ITTC's teacher training team, who organise free lessons in the afternoons when there are training courses.

Lessons start at **2.30**, Monday to Friday. We usually have lessons for pre-intermediate and upper-intermediate students, though at busy times of the year we have other levels too.

The students will be a multi-national mixture - there might be some other BEET students, but most of the people in the afternoon classes will probably be **new faces** and new friends! As a BEET student you will have priority when classes are busy.

The teachers who give the lessons are trainees - they are learning how to improve their teaching skills and gain a Cambridge University teaching qualification (CELTA). Tutors who

are approved by Cambridge observe the lessons and help the teachers to improve their English teaching ability.

The trainees plan their lessons carefully, but it is sometimes quite a stressful situation for them, and some lessons are better than others. We ask students to **help** the teachers to teach them - remember the lessons are free!

If you are interested in trying these lessons - you can do as many as you want - please ask at BEET Reception and we will book your place in one of the classes.

Teacher training options

Are you an English teacher, or training to become one? Our teacher training centre, ITTC, has been training teachers of English from all over the world for more than 30 years! Look at [the ITTC website](#) for more details.

Teachers' Refresher Courses

Courses of 2, 3 or 4 weeks: July/August

Teaching ideas and methodologies, as well as English language development.

B2 level of English needed

ITTC Certificate in TESOL

A 4-week course

Similar content to a CELTA, but without Cambridge assessment or qualification.

B2 level of English needed

Cambridge CELTA

A highly intensive 4-week course

Internationally recognised qualification

Accredited by Cambridge University

C1/C2 level of English needed

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

If you are living in homestay accommodation, you should become part of its daily life. It is very important to respect the rules of the house.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A HOMESTAY IS NOT A HOTEL!

Meals

The homestay will give you breakfast and an evening meal from Monday to Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, you will receive full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner). The evening



meal, which most homestays have between 1800 and 1900, is the main meal of the day. At weekends, some people may have their main meal in the middle of the day, especially on Sundays.

If you are not going to be at home for a meal or if you are going to be late, you should tell your homestay first. There is no refund for meals that you do not eat. If you are going away for the day, such as on an excursion, please tell your homestay the day before. If you would like a packed lunch for the excursion, please ask them to give you one.

Breakfast

Most people have a small, healthy meal of fruit juice and cereal, toast (brown or white bread) and jam or marmalade, tea or coffee and milk. Your homestay should ask you what type of breakfast you would like.

Lunch

This is usually a light meal, at some time between 12 and 2 o'clock, and is given to you on Saturday and Sunday only. Some homestays, especially on Sunday, make lunch the main meal of the day. From Monday to Friday, you can have lunch either in the school or in one of the small restaurants and snack bars in Charminster (5 minutes' walk from the school). It will cost about £6 per day for lunch and snacks.

Study Bedroom

In your room there should be a bed, a chair, a table and a lamp; there should also be somewhere to keep your clothes – a wardrobe or a chest of drawers. If you do not have a desk or table there should be a quiet area in the house for study. You should receive clean towels and bed linen every week. Your homestay is responsible for keeping your room clean, but they will expect you to keep it tidy.

If you want to move the furniture in your room, or put pictures or posters on the walls, talk to your homestay first. This is because drawing pins, glue or sticky tape will damage painted or papered walls. You should not be asked to share your room with another student unless you asked to do so when you applied for accommodation.

Heating

All forms of heating are expensive in Britain, especially electricity. Please do not leave heaters or lights on when you do not need them. During the winter you should expect the heating to be on in the morning and in the evening. It is unusual for houses to be heated during the day or throughout the night. During the summer it is usual for the heating to be switched off.

Baths and Showers

Most homestays have only one bathroom, and you should remember that there may be several people who share it. Please ask your homestay about the best time for you to have your bath or shower. It is normal to have one shower per day. ALWAYS LEAVE THE BATH, WASHBASIN AND TOILET CLEAN AFTER YOU USE THEM.

Laundry

All homestays will do one load of laundry each week for free. They might charge extra if you want more laundry to be washed and could ask you to pay up to £5 for this service. Some homestays will allow you to use the facilities in the house. You should discuss this with your homestay, and be ready to pay a reasonable charge. You will need to iron your own clothes, and the homestay should provide an iron and ironing board.

Telephone

You should never make a telephone call from the house without asking for permission first. It is best to ask for a SIM card for your mobile phone from reception and use your own phone.

Wi-Fi

Your homestay will provide you with free access to their wireless internet connection. It is important that you respect this:

- Think about the noise that you make when using Skype
- Do not download large files or movies
- Do not go on any websites that contain illegal or pornographic material
- Do not share the internet password with anyone else.

Key

Your homestay will give you a key to the front door. If you return home late at night, please remember not to make any noise! Please keep your key safe and return it to your homestay when you leave. If you lose a key, you will need to pay for another one.

Entertaining Friends

You should ask your homestay's permission before inviting friends to the house. If the homestay give your friends food and drink, you should offer to pay for this. Please make sure that your friends do not make too much noise, and remember that it is not OK to have friends of the opposite sex in your bedroom.

If your homestay has invited their own friends to the house, remember that they might want to see them in private - do not expect them to always include you.

If you are invited to visit a British family, for a meal or party, it is normal to arrive 5 or 10 minutes late. (However, with business appointments, it is important to arrive at the agreed time, or 2 to 3 minutes early!). It is also polite - but not essential - to bring a small present for the host, such as some flowers or a box of chocolates (for a meal) or a bottle of wine (for a party).

OTHER STUDENTS

Some homestays have several students at the same time. However, none of them should speak the same language as you, so all communication should be in English. This is a very strict BEET Language Centre rule, and we will find you other accommodation immediately if the homestay breaks this rule.

NIGHTS OR WEEKENDS AWAY

If you want to spend a night or weekend away from the house, you should tell your homestay a day or two before you go, and also say where you will be. It is helpful to give them a telephone number to contact if there is an emergency. There is no refund of homestay fees.

Please note these rules:

- 1) If you are staying at BEET for a long time and want to go away on holiday during your stay, the homestay will keep the room for you for one or two weeks. Please ask the Accommodation Officer about the rules for payment if you do this.
- 2) Change of homestay: If you wish to change your accommodation, you should tell the Accommodation Officer immediately. It is not usually possible to move immediately – you will need to wait for a week. In the school's contract with the homestay, it says that BEET must give one week's notice (= warning) if a student leaves before the end of the period which was booked. If you leave before the end of the week's notice, you will have to pay compensation.

STUDENT HOUSE (self-catering)

You will be living in a house or apartment, in your own room but sharing facilities with other students. These shared facilities include the kitchen, lounge, bathroom and toilet. During the summer, we rent other properties normally used by the university. These could be normal houses, apartments or "pods" (en-suite bedrooms) with usually a shared lounge and kitchen area.

MEALS

You will be responsible for your own meals. There are many different food shops in Charminster Road, and there is a large supermarket called ASDA near the Travel Interchange.

WI-FI

Houses owned by BEET have free Wi-Fi. These properties are 5 and 124 Bennett Road, 65 Shaftesbury Road and 61 Nortoft Road. Other student houses, which are normally used by the university, also have Wi-Fi.

BATHS AND SHOWERS

You can take baths and showers as often as you like, but please be considerate when using the bathroom as there are other people in the house.

LAUNDRY

There is a washing machine in the self-catering residence. We will supply you with two sets of bed linen.

KEY CODES

Any key codes you have been given are your responsibility. You must not share them with anyone else.

COUNCIL TAX

The amount you have paid for your self-catering accommodation includes water rates, sewerage rates, heating and electricity. Council tax is not included; you might need to pay this.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

In the self-catering residence you will be supplied with bed linen, cutlery, crockery, cooking utensils, cooker, TV and washing line. There is a cleaner who will clean public areas twice a week, but you are responsible for keeping your bedroom clean and tidy. We do not supply towels.

RUBBISH

General rubbish (non-recyclable) is collected once a week on a specified day. Please check which day it is for your house. You should put rubbish in a bag (tied) and put this bag in the SMALLER black bin outside the house, and the bin placed in the main entrance next to (or on) the pavement. You should put the bin out the night before your rubbish collection day. Recyclable rubbish is collected every two weeks, on the same specified day as the general rubbish. Recyclables should be placed in the LARGER bin (not in a bag) and left with the other bin for collection.

PARTIES

Student houses are for use of the resident students only. The maximum number of guests permitted in a house is THREE, who must leave the house by 12 midnight. The houses may not be used for parties or any large-scale gatherings. Students are required to respect the fact that everyone is here to study. Any student(s) found holding a party will be required to leave the house immediately, without any refund of fees.

Private Accommodation

If you have arranged your own accommodation, please ensure the school has your address and contact details. Please also tell the school if you change your address. This is not just a legal requirement for the school, but is vital if we need to contact you urgently.

SCHOOL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activities outside the classroom are an important part of life at BEET. The school is open most weekday evenings and there are lots of different types of activities to enjoy. You have opportunities to continue practising your English and make friends with students from other classes. You also learn more about life in England.



Evening Activities

A programme of lectures, videos, quizzes, visits and music. There are also regular social evenings, where you can play a number of games, including table tennis, Scrabble, Monopoly, chess and cards.

Lectures

The lectures are very popular, and we usually have them on two evenings a week. They are about many different subjects related to the UK and the English Language.

Sing-Songs

An opportunity to learn some traditional and more modern songs in English. One of the favourite parts is the "International Section" where you can share music from your own country.

Revue (Teacher's Show)

This popular evening activity is a theatrical evening of comedy and music performed by the staff.

Excursions

BEET offers regular Saturday excursions to popular places: London, Bath, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Salisbury and Stonehenge. There are also visits to the New Forest, the picturesque Dorset Villages, the Jurassic Coast and other interesting places. At least one member of staff will be on the excursion with you. We can also help you with information about other tours with local tour operators. Please check in Reception.

Evening events start at 19:45 in the canteen. We lock the doors at 19:50, so don't be late!

3 ENGLAND AND BOURNEMOUTH

CUSTOMS AND CULTURE

18 or over, but look young?

If you are a person who looks young, you might be asked for identification in a shop or pub when you are buying alcohol or tobacco, or when trying to enter a disco. You should carry photo ID with you at all times.

Smoking

In England, smoking is forbidden in all public spaces that have a roof. This includes restaurants, pubs, schools, shops, theatres, cinemas etc. Smoking is also forbidden in trains, train stations, buses, coaches, taxis and company cars.

Pubs

Pubs are a great British institution. There are small 'locals', and large town centre pubs such as the Moon in the Square. They serve mainly cold drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Many also sell snacks, sandwiches and hot meals.

Traditionally, pubs are places to drink and normally there is no waiter service. To get a drink, you should go to the bar, order and pay. If you want to drink beer, you should ask for either 'half a pint' or 'a pint' (1 pint = 0.6 litres), and the name of the beer. Pubs often have many different types of beer.

If you have ordered food in a pub, this is usually brought to your table.

The "Round"

Traditionally, when English people drink together, they take turns in buying the drinks for everyone in the group. It is called "buying a round". You may well hear people say, "It's my round", or even "Your round" to someone who may not realise it's their turn!

Airport Transfers

If you want an airport transfer - i.e. you want to be taken to the airport by private car, please tell Reception a week before the date on which you wish to travel. You will have to pay for this before you travel.

Money

Please do not leave any money in your room. Neither the school nor the homestay will be responsible if you lose any money in this way.

We advise you to exchange money at any bank or at some of the larger travel agencies which have exchange desks. We normally recommend the American Express Office (95a Old Christchurch Road) or Thomas Cook (7 Richmond Hill).

If you plan to use a card to get money from cash machines, please check that your card will work in England before coming.

If you are here for longer than six months, it might be possible for you to open a bank account. If you want to open an account, please ask Reception for help.

If you are here for a shorter time, we advise you to use a card. Please do not carry large amounts of cash with you! Most restaurants, hotels, supermarkets, shops and petrol stations will accept Visa and Mastercard, and many accept American Express and Diners Club.

However, be careful! Small local shops, such as greengrocers, newsagents and butchers, do not usually accept cards.

Safety and Assistance in Bournemouth

If you need help when you are in Bournemouth, please look for the “Columbus” sign in any shop or business window. These are places which have agreed to help any foreign student who needs help. Help could mean asking for directions or asking for an ambulance if you have hurt yourself or asking for the police if something serious happens. This is the Columbus sign. Remember what it looks like, so you can easily recognise it in town.



Danger – railway tracks!

SOME RAILWAY TRACKS IN THIS AREA ARE ELECTRIFIED AT GROUND LEVEL. DO NOT GO NEAR THE RAILWAY LINES BECAUSE YOU COULD BE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY BURNED! NEVER CROSS THE TRACKS EXCEPT BY A FOOTBRIDGE OR OTHER OFFICIAL CROSSING PLACE.

To get along with local people

- Do not walk in the middle of the road. It is dangerous, of course, but it also looks disrespectful.
- Do not make a lot of noise late at night when you are in a public place.
- Do not sit on the walls in front of houses. These walls are private property and the owners do not like it!
- Do not block the pavements when you are with your friends. Leave room for other people to pass.
- Do not 'jump the queue'! British people are very disciplined about queuing, and you will make them angry if you ignore the system and go to the front of a queue! (This is known as 'queue jumping')

PLACES OF WORSHIP

There are Catholic, Church of England, Baptist, Methodist and a number of other Protestant churches in Bournemouth.

There are two synagogues in Bournemouth. The Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation, Mikvah Synagogue is located in Wooton Gardens and the Bournemouth Reform Synagogue at 53 Christchurch Road.

There are also two Orthodox churches near the school - St Joseph's at Cemetery Junction, Wimborne Road and the Church of Christ the Saviour, Osborne Road.

The Tibetan Buddhist Centre is located at 167 Shelbourne Road, near the school.

Full information on all places of worship is shown on the school's notice board for Religion and details of church services appear in Saturday's “Evening Echo”, the local newspaper.

GOING TO THE MOSQUE

If you are Muslim, you are free to leave your class at midday on Friday, in order to attend prayer at the Islamic Centre in St. Stephen's Road in the centre of Bournemouth. However,

you have to return to lessons immediately after prayers. During Ramadan, apart from Friday, you still have to come to school. However, if there is an empty classroom, it will be converted into a prayer room. Please note, this is not possible during July and August.

SHOPS AND SERVICES

Shops

Generally, shops are open between 0900 and 17.30 Monday to Saturday. Many shops in Bournemouth are also open late on Thursdays (until 9 o'clock) and on Sundays. In the suburbs of Bournemouth, some shops and Post Offices are closed on Wednesday afternoon. There are a lot of 24-hour shops around Bournemouth. The main ones are Tesco Express, One Stop and the Co-op. Many petrol stations also sell cigarettes and food 24 hours a day. The large supermarket Tesco, in Castle Lane East, is open 24 hours a day from Monday at 0700 to Saturday at 2200.

BOOKSHOPS

BEET Bookshop - You can buy books in our school Library and get a 10% discount!

Waterstone's, 14-16 The Arcade, Bournemouth.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

These libraries can be used FREE. Check online for opening hours

[Bournemouth Library](#), 22 The Triangle. This is Bournemouth's main library.

[Charminster Library](#) Strouden Avenue, Charminster.

Note: For temporary membership, you must provide proof of your address in Bournemouth, such as your BEET Identity Card. You may then borrow up to 4 books at any one time. You will get a fine (i.e. you will have to pay some money) if books are not returned on time!



Buying Alcohol

Remember that you can only buy alcohol if you are 18 or older. A shop selling mainly alcoholic drinks is known as an off licence. They are generally open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 till 22.00 and Sundays from 12.00 till 21.00. You might need to prove that you are over 18 if you look young, so make sure that you have your BEET Student Identity Card or passport with you.

Banks

Banks are open between 09.30 and 16.30 or 17.30 Monday to Friday. Some main branches in town centres are also open on Saturday morning. English banks have different regulations for students wishing to open accounts. However, it can be difficult to open one if you are a student. If you need to open an account, please ask in Reception.

It is easy to obtain money using an ATM or cashpoint machine. Some of these will charge a commission, so check on the machine – it should say “free cash withdrawals”. However, your own bank back home might charge you. Before you travel, it is a good idea to check with your bank exactly what they do charge.



You could also bring cash. However, remember that if you are robbed, you will lose everything. With plastic cards you should not lose money, as long as you report the theft immediately.

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

When you visit Britain you will pay 20% Value Added Tax (rate at time of printing) on most things that you buy. You do not pay VAT on food, books, newspapers, magazines, children’s clothes or equipment for the disabled. Sometimes it is possible to get a refund of VAT by using the Retail Export Scheme. However, there are conditions:

- The shop needs to be part of the scheme and show a Tax Free Shopping sign
- You should be from outside the EU
- You must buy the item less than three months before you leave the UK
- You must get a claim form from the shop, which may charge an administration fee, and then take this to the reclaim office at the airport when you leave Britain.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

These libraries can be used FREE.

Bournemouth Library, 22 The Triangle.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10.00 - 7.00

Tuesday: 9.30 - 7.00

Wednesday: 9.30 - 5.00

Thursday: 9.30 - 7.00

Friday: 9.30 - 7.00

Saturday: 10.00 - 4.00, Sunday: Closed

Charminster Library Strouden Avenue, Charminster.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10.00 - 5.00

Tuesday: 9.30 - 7.00

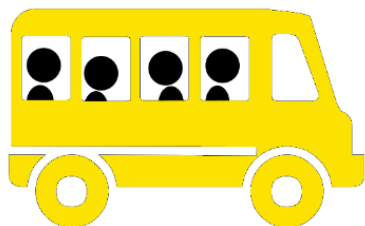
Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9.30 - 7.00

Friday: 9.30 - 7.00

Saturday: 9.30 - 1.00, Sunday: Closed

Buses



To get onto a bus, you must wait at a bus stop - usually in a queue! When the bus arrives, get on when it is your turn; do not push in front of other people. Tell the driver where you want to go, e.g. 'The Square, please' for the stop in the centre of Bournemouth. The driver will tell you the fare. Pay with coins, not with bank notes.

You can buy a variety of bus passes online. This is only a good idea if you intend to use the buses a lot. For information ask for a leaflet at Reception. You must not smoke on buses.

There are two main types of bus you might want to use.

1 Yellow buses

Number 20: The stop is on Bennett Road, opposite Nortoft Road, less than 100 metres from BEET. This bus runs every hour at about 20 minutes past the hour (0920, 1020 etc.) and goes to The Square, via the Travel Interchange. It then goes on to Poole.

In the other direction, it goes to the Castlepoint shopping centre at 10 minutes to the hour (0950, 1050 etc.).

Numbers 3, 5a, 5b. The stop is on Charminster Road, opposite The Richmond Arms pub. These buses run every 10 minutes or so and all go to The Square. The last bus for Charminster, number 5a leaves at 23.45 from Gervis Place, near The Square in the town centre. On Sundays the last bus leaves at 23.15.

2 Morebus - these are mainly blue, and single-decker.

Perhaps the most useful route is the m1, which runs every few minutes. The nearest stop is on Charminster Road, just in front of the bicycle shop. From there you can catch the m1 to Bournemouth Square and Poole.

Coaches

The cheapest way to travel to and from Heathrow Airport (terminals 1 to



5), Gatwick Airport and London 'Victoria Coach Station' is by coach. The Coach Station is in the Travel Interchange in Holdenhurst Road. Luton and Stansted Airports are to the North of London, and London City Airport to the East, but they are more difficult to access from Bournemouth. Please ask in Reception for advice.

Trains

Bournemouth Train Station (Travel Interchange) is on Holdenhurst Road. There are two trains an hour from Bournemouth to London Waterloo Station, one fast train and one slow train. Ask at Reception for directions to the station.



Bicycles

[On Yer Bike](#) in Charminster Road or 'Student Bikes' in St Leonards Road offer some good rental deals for students. If you are here for several months, you might like to consider buying a bike at the beginning of your course and selling it again at the end. This is far cheaper than renting! On Yer Bike sometimes buys back at reasonable prices. Or you can sell your bike to another student. Try putting an advertisement on the student notice-board in the canteen.



Cycling Tips

Please remember these rules when riding a bicycle:

- Always keep to the road and on the left-hand side
- Never cycle on the pavement
- Always wear a helmet
- At night, be sure to have a front (white) light and a rear (red) light. Always lock your bicycle when leaving it in a public place. 'D'-type locks are best.
- NOTE: At school, there are rails to which you can lock your bicycle. These rails are in the car park at the rear of the school. Do not lock your bike to a gate ... it will be removed!
- If you are going on an excursion, you can lock your bicycle in the bike park. Please ask the teacher.
- On the beach road, the speed limit is 10 mph (16 kph).

Cars

If you have brought a car with you, please give the make, colour and registration number to Reception.



You should buy a copy of the HIGHWAY CODE. This booklet explains the driving laws in Britain and gives the meaning of road signs. You can buy it in most newsagents and from Post Offices.

Please remember to lock your car, and do not leave any valuables in it.

CAR RENTAL

There are a lot of car rental companies in Bournemouth. Many will have special offers for weekly or weekend rentals. You should telephone several companies to find the best offer.

If you need help, ask Reception. Generally, you need to be 25 years old to rent a car in England.

DRIVING TIPS

Remember that in Britain we drive on the left-hand side of the road.

Please remember that you will often have to 'give way' (allow another motorist from the opposite direction to pass you) in the narrow roads near the school. When there are parked cars on both sides, it is often impossible for two cars to pass each other. One car will have to 'pull in' (stop by the side of the road) to let the other pass.

Please remember to give way to pedestrians at zebra crossings. British drivers are normally quite strict about this rule. It means that you should stop when you see a pedestrian waiting at a zebra crossing.

Speed Cameras: These yellow boxes are in and outside the town. If you get caught, the fines are quite large. Keep below the speed limit. In town this is normally 30 mph (48 kph), although some roads have a limit of 20 mph (32 kph), especially near schools. Outside town, the limit is generally between 40 mph (64 kph) in semi-urban areas and 70 mph (112 kph) on the motorways. Where the speed is not indicated, the national speed limit is 60 mph (96 kph). Keep your eyes open for the notices! Remember also, the police often set up mobile speed traps, without any warning signs.

Taxis

If you have missed the last bus, please use a taxi. In Bournemouth town centre there are taxi ranks in Westover Road, Meyrick Road (Lansdowne) Gervis Place (The Square) and Holdenhurst Road by the railway/bus station.

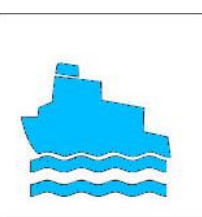


In Charminster, there is a taxi rank on Charminster Road, outside the Richmond Arms pub. You can also hail (stop) a taxi in the road, if it has a 'TAXI' sign on the roof.

You should only use taxis that have a taxi licence plate displayed on the back of the car, and have a proper meter inside the car.

If you do walk home late at night, try not to walk on streets with no lighting and do not walk alone. Generally, Bournemouth is a safe town, but you still need to be careful.

Ferries



There is a regular ferry service from Poole harbour to France and The Channel Islands. Poole is about 20 minutes' drive from Bournemouth and is easy to reach by car, bus or taxi.

FLIGHTS

Several airlines operate out of [Bournemouth International Airport](#), including



Ryanair, Flybe, Easyjet and Thomson, all low-price airlines. Regular flights are available to several European countries and the Channel Islands.

You might also like to look at [Southampton Airport Parkway](#). A number of airlines, including British Airways, KLM and Air France, operate from here.

There is a regular train service to and from Bournemouth Travel

Interchange and Southampton Airport Parkway, which comes after Southampton Central.

The journey takes 35 or 51 minutes, depending on whether it is a fast or slow train.

4 CINEMAS

[Odeon Cinema](#) Westover Road, Bournemouth.

This is a multi-screen cinema, offering a choice of up to 5 different screens at any one time. Call 0871 224 4007 for a recorded message about the programmes.

[ABC Cinema](#) Westover Road, Bournemouth.

This cinema has 3 screens. Call 0871 224 4007 for a recorded message about the programmes.



[Empire Cinemas](#) Tower Park, Dorset Way, Poole. Tel: 0871 224 4007. Big modern multiplex cinema with 10 screens. Call the number for a recorded message about the programmes. Please ask in Reception for how to get there.

[Lighthouse](#) Poole Tel: 01202 685222. This is a small cinema - just 80 seats. It shows old and more recent classics, foreign films, and films which are a little different!

[Regent Centre](#) High Street, Christchurch. Tel: 01202 499148

Small cinema. Shows a mixture of classic and mainstream modern films.

4 FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

CONCERTS AND THEATRES

[The Pavilion Theatre](#) Westover Road, Bournemouth.



A traditional theatre offering popular music, opera, ballet, musicals, plays, revues and pantomime. There is a restaurant and a licensed bar.

[Lighthouse](#) Poole. Tel: 01202 685222

Two theatres, with drama, comedies and a pantomime at Christmas. The complex also contains a cinema and an art gallery.

[The O2 Academy Bournemouth](#) 570 Christchurch Road, Boscombe. Tel: 01202 399922

Built in 1895, one of Bournemouth's oldest entertainment venues. It has recently had a £3.5 million restoration and now hosts all types of music and bands.

The BIC (Bournemouth International Centre), Exeter Road, Bournemouth

This is mainly a conference centre, but it also has concert and theatre facilities, a restaurant, bars and a coffee lounge.

Bournemouth Pier Theatre

Summer comedy shows with well-known television actors. Sunday concerts of light music.

The Showbar (big bar above the main entrance) often has Salsa nights.

Bournemouth Little Theatre 11 Jameson Road, Winton, Bournemouth. Tel: 513361. A small but popular theatre, which puts on a variety of plays from high drama to farce.

PUBS, BARS AND CLUBS

PUBS NEAR THE SCHOOL

The Brunswick in Malmesbury Park Road. Often referred to as the “Green Pub” by BEET students. Just 400 metres from the school. A typical town pub, with public and lounge bars, community room and a covered outside seating area for smokers.

The Richmond Arms 153 Charminster Rd, on the corner of Charminster Road and Kings Road. Completely modernised in 2010, this is as much a restaurant as a pub. You can sit inside or outside in the garden.



BARS AND CLUBS

The Mary Shelley St Peter’s Road, a very popular bar in the town centre, serves meals at lunchtime. Open until 0200.

O’Neills 231 Old Christchurch Road, live music some evenings. Open until 0100.

Cameo Fir Vale Road. Biggest disco in Bournemouth, with a capacity of over 2400 people. Open until 0400.

Walkabout Old Christchurch Road, near Horseshoe Common. Australian, cheap beer, live music, food, giant TV screen for sports events. Open until 0300.

Remember that drinks are often very expensive in clubs! Some clubs have a dress policy, which means that they do not allow you in if you are wearing jeans or trainers!

If you **look** young, take your passport with you as you may be asked to show proof of your age. Remember that you cannot drink alcohol if you are under 18.

LIVE MUSIC

The O2 Academy Bournemouth 570 Christchurch Road, Boscombe. Tel: 01202 399922
Built in 1895, one of Bournemouth’s oldest entertainment venues. Now hosts all types of music and bands.

The BIC (Bournemouth International Centre), Exeter Road, Bournemouth

Has a capacity of over 4,000 for concerts and theatre; also, a restaurant, bars and a coffee lounge.

Mr Kyp’s 8a Parr St, Parkstone, Poole. Quite a small music venue (about 300 people), but many acts are very popular. Book tickets before you go.

Chaplin's and the Cellar Bar 529 Christchurch Road Boscombe. An unusual, independent venue with an interesting mix of people and a wide range of music.

RESTAURANTS

RESTAURANTS NEAR THE SCHOOL

Charminster Road has lots of restaurants, many with a take-away service. When you pay your bill, look to see if service is included. If it says: 'Service is not included', you should leave a tip of about 10%, but to you!



Nippon Inn 124 Charminster Road. Japanese “tapas” restaurant and bar. Extremely popular, cheap and very friendly. Normal tables and chairs for most people, or low level tables if you want to sit on the floor ... or just sit at the bar!

La Luna 125 Charminster Road. Excellent Mediterranean style food. Highly recommended by BEET staff!

Retro 81 Charminster Road. Lebanese/Middle Eastern. Very popular with the locals (including BEET staff) and students of all nationalities. Try eating a mixture of starters, hot and cold. Medium priced.

Sal-e-Pepe 43 Charminster Road. Italian restaurant. Better quality and higher prices than other similar restaurants in Charminster.

Baraca 129 Charminster Road. Authentic Turkish. This has been highly recommended by Turkish students from BEET! Advisable to book at weekends. Tel: 515144

Saxo bar 59 Charminster Road. Mediterranean restaurant and bar. Live music, belly dancing. Open until 0230.

These are just some of the best restaurants in Charminster. Bournemouth has a huge number of restaurants in other parts of the town. tripadvisor.co.uk is a good site to visit for reviews written by people who have been there.

MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Russell-Cotes Road, Bournemouth.

17th to 20th century oil paintings, watercolours, sculpture, miniatures, furniture and plates. Japanese art, Lucas collection of early Italian paintings, pottery, English porcelain and 17th century furniture. Arms and armour, butterfly collection, marine collection. Outside is a geological terrace where more than 200 stones illustrate millions of years of history. It should take you about 2 hours to look round. Admission - £6 per adult.

Opening Hours: 10.00 - 17.00. Closed all day Monday.

National Motor Museum Beaulieu (40 km east) Over 250 historic cars, motorbikes, racing cars etc. from 1895 to modern times.



County Museum (43 km west) Dorchester. Thomas Hardy Memorial Room, and Roman remains.

Red House Museum and Art Gallery, Christchurch. 18th century house containing local history, geological and archaeological exhibits.

SPORTS

PUBLIC SPORTS CENTRES

You don't need to be a member to go to these 3 centres - you can just go along and pay on the day. If you want membership, you can also pay £45 per month, which will allow you to go to all of them as often as you like.

Littledown Centre on Castle Lane East BH7 7DX. Tel: 01202 417600. One of the biggest leisure centres in Britain. 2 swimming pools with free water-slides, a health suite with spa baths, saunas and steam rooms, 2 aerobics studios, large gyms, badminton, squash, five-a-side football and tennis courts. Terrace Bar and Buffet.

Stokewood Road Leisure Centre Stokewood Road, Charminster BH3 7ND. Tel: 01202 529658. A small local centre, close to the school. There is a swimming pool and a small but well-equipped fitness suite.

Sir David English Sports Centre East Way, Charminster BH8 9PZ. Tel: 01202 437800. Gym, sauna and steam room, fitness classes.



PRIVATE SPORTS AND FITNESS CLUBS

Fitness First 51 Queen's Park South Drive, Charminster BH8 9BJ. Tel: 01202 394900.

Fitness centre with qualified instructors; comprehensive fitness assessment, sauna and solarium, spa bath and steam room, bar and restaurant facilities.

They offer BEET students one month's membership for £42.25, 3 months for £100.80 or 4 months for £112.00

SWIMMING



With most swimming pools, you will need some small change (coins) for the lockers, so make sure that when you buy your ticket you still have some coins! Littledown and Stokewood Road (above) are the best places.

TENNIS



Bournemouth Gardens Tennis Centre Central Gardens, Bournemouth.

Tel: 01202 298570. You don't need to be a member, so you can pay and play! All levels welcome. 5 synthetic grass courts, 2 mini courts, equipment hire, professional tuition available. 3 acrylic courts (Indoor October - May)

Play Tennis In The Park This allows you to play as often as you like on one of 20 courts in 4 places around Bournemouth. Please ask at reception for more details.

GOLF



Meyrick Park Central Drive, Bournemouth. Tel: 01202 786000

Full-size 18-hole course, 5885 yards, par 69. Book by telephoning the above number, or in person at the pavilion. It is possible to hire golf clubs. The course is open all year from 08.00 till dusk (sunset).

Queens Park Queens Park West Drive, Bournemouth. Tel: 01202

302611. Full-size 18-hole course, 6505 yards, Par 72. Book by telephoning the above number or in person at the Club House. It is

possible to hire golf clubs. The course is open all year from 08.00 until dusk.

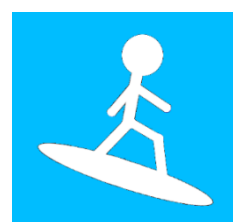
WATERSPORTS

Sorted Surf School Overstrand Building, Undercliff Drive, Boscombe beach, Bournemouth BH5 1BQ Tel: 01202 895538. Right in front of Boscombe Pier.

Poole Harbour Watersports 284 Sandbanks Road, Lilliput, Poole.

Tel: 01202 700503

Windsurfing and kitesurfing lessons, board and wet suit hire.



SKIING

Although there are no snow-capped mountains in the South of England, there is an artificial ski slope near Bournemouth Airport:

Snowtrax Matchams Lane, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6AW Tel: 01202 499155



HORSE RIDING



You can go riding in the New Forest:

Burley Manor Riding Stables Burley Manor Farm, Burley, New Forest. Tel: 01425 610278

Horse Riding in the New Forest for both experienced riders and beginners. Also Western Riding, if you want to go American! The stables are open all year. Difficult to get to (a car is advised), but some

wonderful rides.

PLACES TO VISIT

TOWNS NEAR BOURNEMOUTH

Poole



Take the red and blue [M1 bus](#) from Charminster Road (every 8 minutes!) or the yellow [Number 20](#) bus from Bennett Road just 50 metres from the school (one bus every hour). Make sure you walk down to Poole Quay, especially if it's a nice day, and go for a walk. If you like, you can take a ferry trip from the Quay - you can either go round the harbour or visit the beautiful Brownsea Island (at the top of the photo above).

Wimborne



Wimborne is a lovely small town - no, not **this** small - about 50 minutes from Bournemouth by bus. It is an older town, with historic buildings from the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries, Wimborne Minster and, as you can see, the famous Wimborne Model Village. Take the red and blue [More bus 13](#) from Bournemouth town centre.

Swanage



Perhaps the best day out from Bournemouth you can have when the weather is fine is to take a [Number 50 open-top bus](#) from the train station or Bournemouth Square to Swanage. Bring your camera, because it's a great trip, but also a jacket, because it can be cold up at the top! It takes about an hour - the bus goes through Sandbanks, where some of the most expensive houses in the UK are, and on a short ferry trip across the mouth of Poole

Harbour. After the ferry trip, you go across some really beautiful countryside with great views in all directions, and finish at the very pretty seaside town of Swanage. The return bus fare costs £8.30. From Swanage you can take a steam train to the ruins of Corfe Castle. Another idea is to buy a Zone ABC Day Rider ticket for £8.50, and then you can go Bournemouth - Swanage - Corfe Castle - Poole - and back to Bournemouth. A day trip you will never forget!



COUNTRYSIDE

Bournemouth is an excellent base for exploring the beauty of the surrounding countryside. [The New Forest](#) has many forms of wildlife, including deer and ponies.



Stonehenge



(66 km north of Bournemouth). One of the oldest monuments in Britain, consisting of a circle of enormous stones, thought to be about 5000 years old. It attracts millions of visitors from all over the world.

Hengistbury Head

(towards Christchurch) An interesting archaeological site, this is also a small nature reserve with beautiful views of the Isle of Wight, Bournemouth Bay and Christchurch Harbour. A great place for a walk! In summer you can walk to the top of Hengistbury Head and take a small ferry to Mudeford Key, where there is a pub called the Haven House Inn, where they make great fresh crab sandwiches.

The coast to the west of Poole is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known as the Jurassic Coast, and includes [Lulworth Cove](#) (37 km west), a very beautiful basin-like formation with a narrow entrance from the sea.

[Maiden Castle](#) (45 km west of Bournemouth) One of the largest ancient earthworks in Europe.

Rockbourne Roman villa (25 km north of Bournemouth) One of the largest Roman villas in Britain.

GARDENS

Compton Acres

Poole. Really beautiful gardens overlooking Poole Harbour. Several gardens, including Japanese and Italian ones.



CATHEDRALS and CHURCHES

Christchurch Priory - Magnificent 11th century priory

Winchester Cathedral - 11th century. Huge Gothic nave

Salisbury Cathedral - 13th century. The tallest spire in England.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Athelhampton House (37 km west) One of the oldest inhabited stately homes in England (15th Century) surrounded by beautiful formal gardens.

Beaulieu Abbey & Palace House (40 km east) The abbey is 13th century and only the cloisters remain. Palace House is 16th century and the ancestral home of the Montague family.

Breamore House (44 km north) Near the town of Fordingbridge. Elizabethan manor house and countryside museum.

Broadlands (Romsey, 50 km east) The home of Lord Mountbatten. Elegant house and grounds.

Corfe Castle (30 km west) One of the most impressive ruins in England, dramatically situated on top of a hill, and surrounded by a beautiful village.

Kingston Lacy House (10 km north-west, near Wimborne) 17th century house surrounded by a beautiful park. Contains one of the finest private picture collections in the country with works by Van Dyck, Titian, Rubens, Reynolds, Lely and Velasquez.

Wilton House (50 km north) 17th century house with over 200 works of art including paintings by Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Reynolds and Breughel.

The Great Hall Winchester (65 km east). Contains what they say is the legendary Round Table of King Arthur (although this might not be true!).

NOT HAPPY WITH BEET? HOW TO COMPLAIN

If you have a complaint, you should:

1 First, please speak to a manager

For complaints about accommodation or welfare, you should speak to the Accommodation and Welfare Manager in Room 3

For any other other complaint, you should speak to the Director of Studies in the staff room (teachers' room)

2 If you are still not happy, you should see the Principal

Please make an appointment at Reception to do this

3 If you are still not happy, you can write to English UK*

The school will help you with your English if you wish.

Contact details are:

English UK
219 St John Street
London, EC1V 4LY

Email: info@englishuk.com

Telephone: +44 20 7608 7960

English UK will try to resolve the problem, but if this fails and you are still unhappy, the complaint can go to the independent Ombudsman, who will make a judgement which the school has to accept.

We hope you found this Student Guide useful. If not, or if you have any comments, please email us at admin@beet.co.uk.

Thank you.