

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES**

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### **ONE WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF MATHS**

**WORCESTER: SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 08 OCTOBER 2017**

#### ***COURSE OBJECTIVES:***

The course aims to provide teachers with:

- an insight into the teaching of Maths in British Schools
- an opportunity to compare the teaching of Maths in different European countries, to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- new ideas for teaching Maths

#### ***COURSE CONTENT:***

1. **Lecture on the Teaching of Maths in British Schools**
2. **3 day visits to primary or secondary schools.** Observe Maths lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers
3. **Discussion** comparing the teaching of Maths in the different countries represented
4. **Workshop: New ideas for teaching Maths** with a trainer of British maths teachers at a University Maths Department.
5. **Educational visit to Oxford.**

#### ***LOCATION:***

**WORCESTER, England:** Population: 90,000; 106 miles (170 kilometres) north-west of London (2½ hours by rail). Worcester is an historic city on the River Severn. It has a cathedral of great beauty, many buildings from both the Elizabethan and medieval periods and some interesting museums. The countryside surrounding Worcester is exceptionally lovely with a number of outstanding features including the Malvern and Cotswold Hills and the valleys of the rivers Wye and Severn.

**TOTAL PRICE:** 1436 Euro comprises:

**(a) COURSE FEE:** to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemised above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs, including transport to schools. Optional visits are not included in the price.

**(b) HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION:** to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 8 nights  
(Teachers may request to be the only guest of their mother tongue or to stay in the same family as a colleague).

Host families are carefully selected and offer a friendly welcome and opportunities to chat and learn more about life in Britain today. Participants often find that the experience of staying with a host family is one of the most memorable aspects of the course. Accommodation is in single rooms (unless participants request to share). Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal are provided by the host family. (Food allergies, likes and dislikes are taken into account.)

Please note that many of the suitable residential areas are not within walking distance of the town centre, and most host families are an easy bus ride from the town centre/tuition centre. Local transport from host families to the town centre and local schools is at the participants' own expense and is likely to cost 15-30 Euro per week.

Additional nights with host families can be arranged, giving participants extra time for individual research and visits. Accommodation can be provided for family members (but not unaccompanied children) subject to availability. (Rates on request).

Participants wishing to arrange their own (hotel or self-catering) accommodation may pay a fee for the course only.

**PAYMENT:**

Full payment will be due 2 months before the course begins, or for teachers awaiting funding – as soon as the grant is received. Cancellation charges apply for cancellations 4 weeks or less before the course commences. 3-4 weeks before arrival: cancellation fee: 380 Euros. No refund for cancellations within 3 weeks of arrival. Applicants are strongly advised to take out cancellation insurance.

**TRAVEL:**

Transport at the beginning and end of the course is not provided and International Study Programmes regrets that it is unable to assist with travel arrangements. The most convenient airports: Birmingham (rail to Worcester) or Bristol (airport bus then rail to Worcester).

For enquiries and timetables:

National Express Coach:

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

0044-871 781 81 81

Rail:

[www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

0044-871 244 15 45

There is also a useful website [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) which will assist in planning a journey within the UK using every form of transport.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES:**

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES has over 30 years' experience in designing teacher development courses for European Ministries of Education, teacher-training institutes and schools and has a well-founded reputation for providing quality courses.

ISP is an experienced provider of European Union funded programmes in the UK. As a course provider with many courses in the former Comenius Database and now in cooperation with many Erasmus+ funded schools, ISP has successfully arranged a wide variety of courses for thousands of European teachers funded by the European Union.

ISP offers an unusually wide variety of teacher development courses, not only for teachers of English and CLIL but also for teachers of other subjects including science, music, art and drama as well as for headteachers and inspectors, in a wide variety of locations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Each course is designed to meet the training needs of specific types of teachers.

**ERASMUS+ GRANTS:**

Schools may apply for Erasmus+: Key Action 1 funding for their teachers to attend courses in the UK.

(Individual teachers may no longer apply for grants.)

Teachers with Erasmus+ funding and those paying with their own or other funds are welcome to apply for listed ISP courses.

ISP is also pleased to design tailor-made courses to meet the needs of closed groups of teachers from one school.

The annual Erasmus+ deadline is 2 February 2016 for courses starting 1 June 2016 – 31 December 2017, and in February 2017 for courses starting 1 June 2017 – 31 December 2018.

Schools should first register on-line to obtain a Personal Identification Code (PIC) number for the school.

Applications for funding should then be made on-line to applicants' National Agency for Erasmus+.

International Study Programmes will be happy to help with information and advice for your school's Erasmus+ application.

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

| DAY & DATE               | MORNING  | AFTERNOON  | EVENING                                  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| SATURDAY<br>30 SEPTEMBER |  |  | Arrive Worcester                         |
| SUNDAY<br>1 OCTOBER      | 0900- Welcome & Introduction<br>1130   | 1200- Cultural visit to Great Malvern<br>1700  |  |
| MONDAY<br>2 OCTOBER      | 0900- Lecture: The Teaching of Maths in<br>1230 British Schools: The National<br>Curriculum, Materials, Methods,<br>Standards, Assessment, etc<br>with a Maths Teacher Trainer | 1430- Walking tour of Worcester<br>1600  |  |
| TUESDAY<br>3 OCTOBER     | 0830- Day visit to a secondary school<br>1600 Observe maths lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers   |  | Optional evening in<br>a traditional pub |
| WEDNESDAY<br>4 OCTOBER   | 0830- Day visit to a primary or secondary school<br>1600 Observe maths lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers  |  |  |
| THURSDAY<br>5 OCTOBER    | 0830- Day visit to an independent secondary school<br>1600 Observe maths lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers  |  |  |
| FRIDAY<br>6 OCTOBER      | 0900- Workshop: New ideas for<br>1300 teaching Maths with a trainer of<br>British maths teachers at a<br>University maths department   | 1400- Feedback discussion on school<br>1600 visits and discussion comparing<br>the teaching of Maths in the<br>different European countries<br>represented<br><br>1600- Evaluation session<br>1700 |  |
| SATURDAY<br>7 OCTOBER    | 0900- Educational visit to Oxford<br>1830  |  |  |
| SUNDAY<br>8 OCTOBER      | Depart Worcester   |  |  |