

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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1 & 2 WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AT SECONDARY LEVEL (Ages 10-19) in England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland: 2017

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES & MOTIVATING MATERIALS FOR THE SECONDARY CLASSROOM

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

These courses are designed for teachers of English at Secondary level (ages 10 – 19).

Participants will have the opportunity:

- to gain a huge variety of new teaching ideas & motivating materials ready to use in the classroom.
- to keep abreast of changes in British Life and Society and the Education System and of new developments in the English Language
- to improve/perfect their language skills
- to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from secondary schools in different European countries.

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.

International Study Programmes' team of teacher trainers includes highly respected trainers such as Graham Workman, Lucy Norris and Dr Diana Hicks (author of 'Cambridge English for Schools' and 'Cambridge English Worldwide').

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.

2 WEEK COURSES FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

SOUTHAMPTON:	Monday 30 January- Sunday 12 February	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
SOUTHAMPTON:	Sunday 05 February- Friday 17 February	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
COLCHESTER:	Sunday 12 February- Saturday 25 February ●	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CARDIFF:	Sunday 19 February- Friday 03 March ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CHELMSFORD:	Monday 27 February- Sunday 12 March #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CHELMSFORD:	Sunday 05 March- Friday 17 March #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
MAIDSTONE:	Monday 13 March- Sunday 26 March	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
MAIDSTONE:	Sunday 19 March- Saturday 01 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
BELFAST:	Monday 27 March- Sunday 09 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€2055
BELFAST:	Saturday 01 April- Friday 14 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
DUNFERMLINE:	Sunday 09 April- Friday 21 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CAMBRIDGE:	Monday 17 April- Saturday 29 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CARDIFF:	Sunday 23 April- Friday 05 May ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CAMBRIDGE:	Monday 24 April- Sunday 07 May ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CAMBRIDGE:	Sunday 30 April- Friday 12 May	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CHELMSFORD:	Monday 08 May- Sunday 21 May #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CHELMSFORD:	Sunday 14 May- Friday 26 May #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
DUNFERMLINE:	Monday 29 May- Sunday 11 June	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
DUNFERMLINE:	Sunday 04 June- Friday 16 June	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
COLCHESTER:	Sunday 11 June- Saturday 24 June ●	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CARDIFF:	Monday 19 June- Saturday 01 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CARDIFF:	Sunday 25 June- Friday 07 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
SOUTHAMPTON:	Sunday 02 July- Friday 14 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CARDIFF:	Sunday 09 July- Friday 21 July ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
IPSWICH:	Sunday 09 July- Friday 21 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
SOUTHAMPTON:	Sunday 16 July- Friday 28 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
MAIDSTONE:	Sunday 23 July- Saturday 05 August ▲	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
BELFAST:	Sunday 23 July- Saturday 05 August	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
GLOUCESTER:	Sunday 30 July- Friday 11 August	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CARDIFF:	Sunday 06 August- Saturday 19 August	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
SOUTHAMPTON:	Sunday 06 August- Friday 18 August ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
DUNFERMLINE:	Sunday 13 August- Saturday 26 August	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
COLCHESTER:	Sunday 20 August- Saturday 02 September ●	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
BELFAST:	Sunday 27 August- Saturday 09 September	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CAMBRIDGE:	Sunday 03 September- Friday 15 September	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CHELMSFORD:	Sunday 24 September- Friday 06 October #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
BELFAST:	Sunday 01 October- Saturday 14 October	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CARDIFF:	Sunday 01 October- Friday 13 October ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
CHELTENHAM:	Sunday 08 October- Friday 20 October	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
EXETER:	Sunday 15 October- Saturday 28 October	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
EXETER:	Sunday 22 October- Saturday 04 November	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
CHELMSFORD:	Sunday 29 October- Friday 10 November #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
SOUTHAMPTON:	Monday 06 November- Sunday 19 November	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1998
SOUTHAMPTON:	Sunday 12 November- Friday 24 November	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896
SOUTHAMPTON:	Sunday 12 November- Friday 24 November ♦	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1896

1 WEEK COURSES FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

SOUTHAMPTON:	Saturday 04 February- Sunday 12 February	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
COLCHESTER:	Saturday 11 February- Sunday 19 February ●	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CARDIFF:	Saturday 18 February- Sunday 26 February ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CHELMSFORD:	Saturday 04 March- Sunday 12 March #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
MAIDSTONE:	Saturday 18 March- Sunday 26 March	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
BELFAST:	Saturday 01 April- Sunday 09 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
DUNFERMLINE:	Saturday 08 April- Sunday 16 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CAMBRIDGE:	Sunday 16 April- Sunday 23 April	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1398
CARDIFF:	Saturday 22 April - Sunday 30 April ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CAMBRIDGE:	Saturday 29 April- Sunday 07 May	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CHELMSFORD:	Saturday 13 May- Sunday 21 May #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
DUNFERMLINE:	Saturday 03 June- Sunday 11 June	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
COLCHESTER:	Saturday 10 June- Sunday 18 June ●	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CARDIFF:	Saturday 24 June- Sunday 02 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CARDIFF:	Saturday 08 July - Sunday 16 July ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
IPSWICH:	Saturday 08 July - Sunday 16 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
SHREWSBURY:	Saturday 08 July - Sunday 16 July ♦	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
SOUTHAMPTON:	Saturday 15 July- Sunday 23 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
BELFAST:	Saturday 22 July- Sunday 30 July	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
GLOUCESTER:	Saturday 29 July- Sunday 06 August	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
SOUTHAMPTON:	Saturday 05 August- Sunday 13 August ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
DUNFERMLINE:	Saturday 12 August- Sunday 20 August	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
COLCHESTER:	Saturday 19 August- Sunday 27 August ●	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
BELFAST:	Saturday 26 August- Sunday 03 September	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CAMBRIDGE:	Saturday 02 September- Sunday 10 September	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CHELMSFORD:	Saturday 23 September- Sunday 01 October #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
BELFAST:	Saturday 30 September- Sunday 08 October	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CARDIFF:	Saturday 30 September- Sunday 08 October ■	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CHELTENHAM:	Saturday 07 October- Sunday 15 October	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
EXETER:	Saturday 21 October- Sunday 29 October	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
CHELMSFORD:	Saturday 28 October- Sunday 05 November #	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
SOUTHAMPTON:	Saturday 11 November- Sunday 19 November	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436
SOUTHAMPTON:	Saturday 11 November- Sunday 19 November ♦	Total fee including course + accommodation:	€1436

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Practical Methodology Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language** (3 or 4 days)
Creative Activities & Motivating Materials for the Secondary Classroom conducted by expert teacher trainers with many years of experience in training European teachers of English and a wealth of exciting ideas to impart.

The workshops will explore a wide range of teaching ideas and activities designed to motivate students and make language lessons more enjoyable and worthwhile. Some or all of the following will be included:

- a variety of motivating activities which engage students' imaginations and creativity - innovative role play and drama activities, use of the media, poetry, stories and songs
- motivating mixed ability classes
- creative activities for large classes
- learner styles; differentiation strategies
- increasing motivation and inclusivity in the classroom
- language analysis for teaching
- developing the four skills – particularly integrated tasks
- stimulating ideas for exploiting textbooks
- creative writing activities
- correction and feedback strategies
- evaluation and assessment
- using authentic materials
- grammar activities
- teaching vocabulary
- the Lexical Approach
- task based learning
- cross-curricular language teaching
- using new technologies
- recent developments in English
- relevance of World Englishes and ELF (English as a Lingua Franca) to the language classroom

Teachers will be encouraged to share their own ideas and experiences and to participate in practical activities suitable for secondary students.

A wide range of ready-made teaching materials will be provided, including materials suitable for all ages from 10 to 19 years.

The workshops will include **ADVANCED LANGUAGE PRACTICE**, giving teachers the opportunity to polish their own language skills.

- ▲ The **Maidstone** 23 July- 5 August course focuses on improving teachers' own language skills (with intensive **language tuition** as well as methodology workshops: Creative Activities & Motivating Materials for the Secondary Classroom).
- # The **Chelmsford** 27 February - 12 March & 4-12 March & 5-17 March and 8-21 May & 13-21 May & 14-26 May and 24 September - 6 October & 23 September - 1 October and 29 October - 10 November & 28 October - 5 November courses focus on **BRITAIN TODAY: Teaching Activities and Stimulating Materials on British Life & Culture for Secondary English Classes**. (See separate information.)
- The **Cardiff** 19 February - 3 March & 18-26 February and 23 April - 5 May & 22-30 April and 9-21 July & 08-16 July and 1 October - 13 October & 30 September- 8 October courses and **Southampton** 06-18 August & 05-13 August courses focus on **USING TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHING ENGLISH**. (See separate information.)
- The **Colchester** 12-25 February & 11-19 February and 11-23 June & 10-18 June and 20 August - 2 September & 19-27 August courses feature practical methodology workshops focusing on **TEACHING ENGLISH WITH MINIMAL RESOURCES**. (See separate information.)
- ◆ The **Shrewsbury** 8-16 July and **Southampton** 11-19 November and 12-24 November courses focus on **ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN AN INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM**. (See separate information.)

2. **The Education System:**

- **Lecture on the Education System** – recent developments and current issues.
- **Day visit to two (or one) State Schools:** with an opportunity to observe lessons: each teacher may choose 1 or 2 types of state schools he/she wishes to visit: eg: primary school, secondary school, sixth form college, vocational/further education college (except in school holidays and on one week programmes – see course programmes).
Visit to an Independent School (on certain courses only)
- **Discussion session** drawing comparisons between secondary schooling in the different European countries represented and lecture and discussion on Modern Language Teaching (on certain courses).

3. **Workshops on Life in Britain:**

- **Introducing Aspects of Life in Modern Britain through Literary Texts** - ½ day (on certain courses only)
- **Multicultural Britain** - ½ day (on certain courses only)

or Lectures/ Workshops on **Scottish History, Traditions, Politics & Literature** (Dunfermline courses only)

or Lectures/ Workshops on **Irish History, Politics & Literature** (Belfast courses only)

or Workshops on **Wales as portrayed in Modern Literature** and Dylan Thomas's Poetry (certain Cardiff courses only)

4. Workshop on Shakespeare's Theatre

followed by a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon with an option to see a play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre (Cheltenham & , Gloucester courses), or an option to see a play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London (Summer courses in Southampton, Ipswich & Maidstone)

or Educational visit to	London	from Chelmsford, Colchester & Maidstone
or	Dartmoor National Park & Dartmouth	from Exeter
or	Norwich	from Ipswich
or	Chester	from Shrewsbury
or	Winchester	from Southampton
or	Welsh Open Air Museum & St Fagans Castle	from Cardiff
or	Dublin or The Giant's Causeway	from Belfast
or	Edinburgh (& Glasgow)	from Dunfermline
or	Ely	from Cambridge

The Cheltenham 8-20 October and 7-15 October courses will take place during the **Cheltenham Festival of Literature**.

The Dunfermline 13-26 August course will take place during the **Edinburgh International Festival and Festival Fringe**, which offer a huge choice of literary and cultural events, and the Edinburgh Tattoo. (Edinburgh is a short rail journey from Dunfermline.)

TOTAL PRICE (as detailed on Page 2) comprises:

(a) COURSE FEE to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemized above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs, including transport to secondary schools/colleges
Optional excursions and theatre visits are not included in the price. (Theatre tickets cost about 25-40 Euro)

(b) HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION to include:

Full board Accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 8, 12 or 13 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 the UK 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).

Alternatively

Self-catering accommodation in a university residence or similar in a central location - single bedroom with en-suite shower/ wc; no meals provided (inclusive of registration fee) - is available (subject to confirmation) only on the following courses:

Belfast 23 July- 5 August (13 nights)	Total fee including course + Self-catering accommodation:	€ 2054
Belfast 22-30 July (8 nights)	Total fee including course + Self-catering accommodation:	€ 1457
Cardiff 9-21 July (12 nights)	Total fee including course + Self-catering accommodation:	€ 1948
Cardiff 8-16 July (8 nights)	Total fee including course + Self-catering accommodation:	€ 1457
Cardiff 6- 19 August (13 nights):	Total fee including course + Self-catering accommodation:	€ 2054

On other courses 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.

PREPARATION:

Participants complete a detailed questionnaire before the course starts to ascertain their level of experience and training, as well as the age groups and types of learners they teach. Suggestions for pre-course reading are given.

OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course participants will have:

- Gained a wide variety of new ideas, skills and materials for teaching English at Secondary level
- Updated their knowledge of the English Language, the UK and the Education System
- Established links with other teachers from different European Countries

EVALUATION:

At the end of the course teachers participate in a detailed evaluation of the course.

FOLLOW UP:

At the end of the course teachers are asked to consider which aspects of the course will be the most relevant to their own teaching situations. On their return they are invited to keep a record of how they have been able to utilise ideas gained on the course in their own classrooms. They are encouraged to share their experiences with their fellow participants by email. Teachers will also have email access to the teacher trainers for discussion and advice after the course.

LOCATIONS:

CAMBRIDGE, England: Population: 124,000; 63 miles (100 kilometres) north of London (1 hour by rail).

Cambridge is a beautiful historic city, world famous for its prestigious university with its magnificent ancient colleges and lovely riverside. It has picturesque shopping streets, fascinating museums and attractive parks.

The most convenient airports for Cambridge are Stansted & Luton, which have direct bus links to Cambridge. If arriving at other airports, travel is via central London.

CHELMSFORD, England: Population: 156,000; 37 miles (60 kilometres) north-east of London (½ hour by rail).

The county town of Essex, Chelmsford is a pleasant town in an attractive rural area with many pretty villages. It has good shopping and sports facilities and is very conveniently situated for visits to London as well as Cambridge.

The most convenient airport for Chelmsford is Stansted, as there is a direct bus link to Chelmsford. If arriving at other airports, travel to Chelmsford is via central London.

CHELTENHAM, England: Population: 108,000; 98 miles (157 kilometres) west of London (2¼ hours by rail)

Cheltenham is an elegant spa town, situated on the edge of the Cotswold Hills, which are famous for their picturesque stone villages. Cheltenham is known for its Regency architecture, colourful parks and gardens and it has many attractive residential areas.

The most convenient airports: Heathrow (direct National Express Coach to Cheltenham), Birmingham (rail to Cheltenham) or Bristol (airport bus then rail to Cheltenham)

COLCHESTER, England: Population 150,000; 54 miles (86 kilometres) north-east of London (1 hour by rail).

Colchester is England's oldest recorded town and first Roman city. It is an attractive town rich in historic buildings, including a fine castle. The Essex coast and many picturesque villages are within easy reach.

The most convenient airport: Stansted (direct coach to Colchester) or other London airports (rail/coach via Central London) or direct coach from Heathrow to Colchester

EXETER, England: Population: 105,000; 190 miles (305 kilometres) south-west of London (2½ hours by rail).

Exeter is an historic city with a magnificent Gothic cathedral, many lovely old buildings and a variety of interesting museums. It is the county town of Devon, situated in beautiful hilly countryside, close to the South Devon coast and Dartmoor National Park.

The most convenient airports: Exeter (bus to city centre), Bristol (airport bus then rail or coach to Exeter) or Heathrow (direct National Express Coach to Exeter)

GLOUCESTER, England: Population: 105,000; 105 miles (170 kilometres) west of London (2 hours by rail).

Gloucester is an ancient city with a magnificent medieval cathedral and cloister, as well as being a lively modern town. The historic docks have been impressively restored to include various museums, shops and cafes. The city is close to the spectacular countryside of the Cotswold Hills, the Wye Valley and the Forest of Dean.

The most convenient airports: Heathrow (direct National Express Coach to Gloucester) or Birmingham (rail to Gloucester) or Bristol (airport bus then rail to Gloucester)

IPSWICH, England: Population: 120,000; 90 miles (144 kilometres) north-east of London (1¼ hours by rail).

Ipswich, the county town of Suffolk, is situated close to the unspoilt Suffolk coast and to many picturesque villages. It has an attractive waterfront and some noteworthy historic buildings, including a fine Tudor mansion.

The most convenient airport: Stansted (direct coach to Colchester) or other London airports (rail/coach via Central London) or direct coach from Heathrow to Ipswich

MAIDSTONE, England: Population: 140,000; 37 miles (55 kilometres) south-east of London (1 hour by rail).

Maidstone is a pleasant riverside town with various historic buildings including a medieval archbishop's palace. It is situated in the beautiful county of Kent within easy reach of London and the coast. One of its chief attractions is the wealth of charming villages in the surrounding countryside.

The most convenient airports: All London Airports (Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton, Stansted, City) – travel to Maidstone via central London

SHREWSBURY, England: Population: 96,000; 153 miles (245 kilometres) north-west of London (2½ hours by rail).

Shrewsbury, the county town of Shropshire, is a delightful old town, picturesquely situated in a bend of the River Severn. It has a wealth of historic buildings, including a castle and many half-timbered and Georgian houses, as well as several interesting museums. Shrewsbury is surrounded by lovely countryside and is only a short distance from the Welsh border.

The most convenient airports: Birmingham (rail to Shrewsbury) or Manchester (rail to Shrewsbury) or Liverpool (airport bus then rail to Shrewsbury)

SOUTHAMPTON, England: Population: 220,000; 80 miles (128 kilometres) south-west of London (1¼ hours by rail).

Southampton is a pleasant university town and an important port situated on the south coast, within easy reach of the New Forest, Winchester, Salisbury, Portsmouth, Bournemouth and the Isle of Wight. There is an historic old town, interesting museums, a new waterside development and an excellent shopping centre.

The most convenient airports: Southampton (rail to city centre), Heathrow (direct National Express coach to Southampton) or Gatwick (direct coach or rail to Southampton)

CARDIFF, Wales: Population: 330,000; 150 miles (240 kilometres) from London (2¼ hours by rail).

Cardiff, the capital city of Wales, situated on the south coast of Wales, is a lively cultural centre. Its attractions include: Cardiff Bay, Cardiff Castle, National Museum and Gallery and Llandaff Cathedral. Nearby are the Open-Air Museum of Welsh Life, Caerphilly Castle, the Brecon Beacons National Park and beautiful coastal scenery and beaches.

The most convenient airports: Cardiff Airport (rail or bus to city centre), Heathrow or Bristol Airports (direct National Express coach from both to Cardiff)

DUNFERMLINE, Scotland: Population: 56,000; 16 miles (25 kilometres) north of Edinburgh.

Dunfermline, the ancient capital of Scotland, boasts a famous medieval abbey, palace ruins, interesting museums and a lovely park. It lies on the northern side of the Firth of Forth, at the southern gateway to the Scottish Highlands, and is ideally placed for visits to Edinburgh and to some of the most beautiful scenery of Scotland.

The most convenient airport: Edinburgh (direct Stagecoach 747 bus to Halbeath Park and Ride, Dunfermline)

BELFAST, Northern Ireland: Population: 277,000.

Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, is a lively city. It offers a wide range of attractions and cultural visits including the Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont, black taxi tour of the political murals and Peace Wall, the Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, the Titanic Experience, W5 Science & Discovery Centre, theatres, historic pubs, traditional Irish Music, modern shopping centres and historic St George's Indoor Market. The beautiful Antrim coast and world famous Giant's Causeway and Dublin are within easy reach.

Belfast has two airports: Belfast City (bus to city centre – 20 minutes) or Belfast International (bus to city centre – 40 minutes)

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. Please check the most convenient airports above. If arriving at other airports, travel to the course location is generally via central London by coach or rail.

For enquiries and timetables:

National Express Coach: www.nationalexpress.com

0044-871 781 81 81

Rail: www.thetrainline.com

0044-871 244 15 45

There is also a useful website www.traveline.info which will assist in planning a journey within the UK using every form of transport.