



# Severnvale

**EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING  
FOR STUDENTS AGED 13-17**



# WELCOME TO SEVERNVALE

YOUNG LEARNER SUMMER ENGLISH ACADEMY

# WHY CHOOSE SEVERNVALE ACADEMY?

DEDICATED ENGLISH TUITION FROM TEACHERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH YOUNG LEARNERS

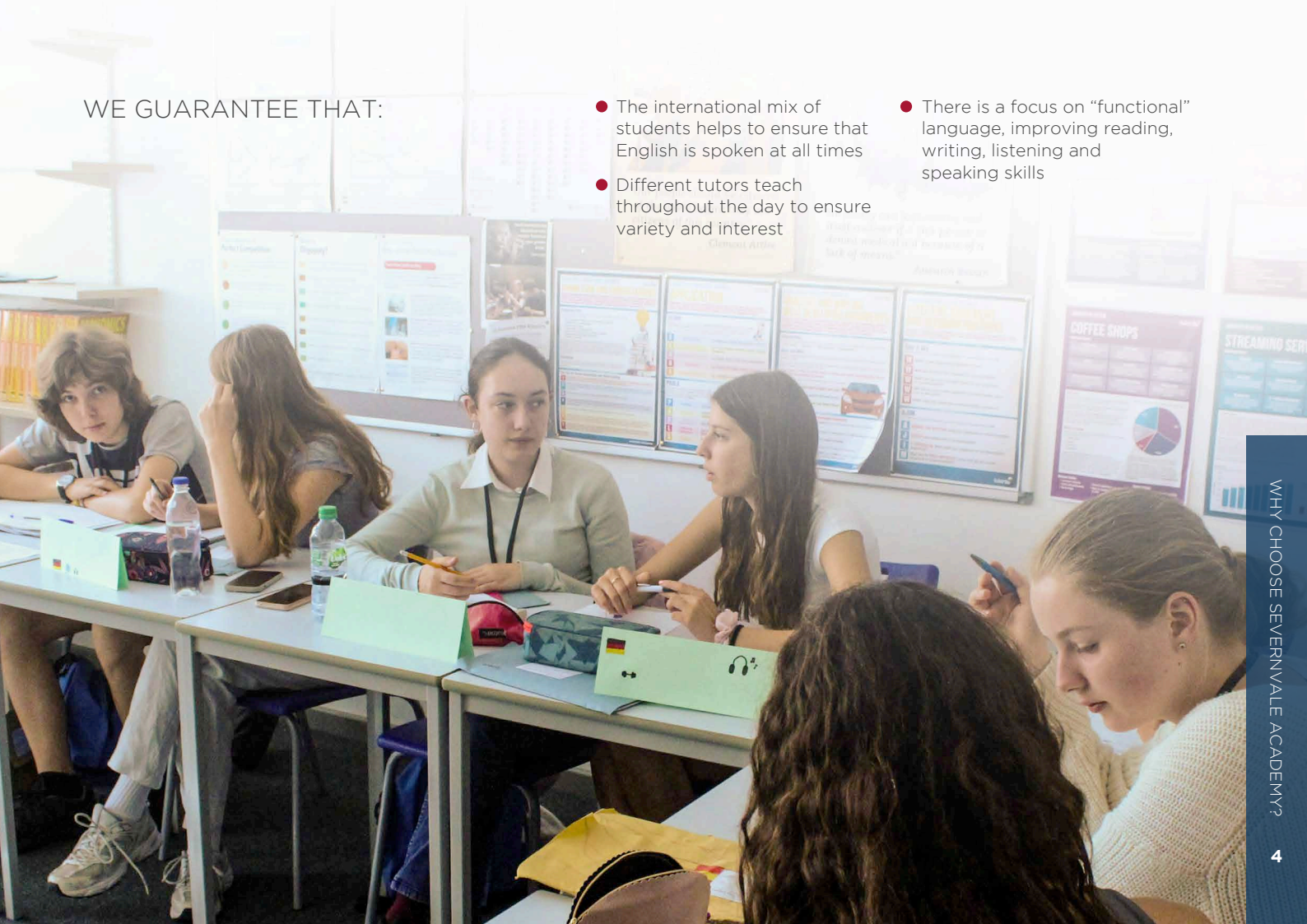
## WE OFFER:

- Informative, active and fun lessons, helping you to improve your English in a short space of time
- Small class sizes, a maximum of 12 students in each class
- Individual attention and guidance
- The opportunity to meet, study and socialise with other young adults from all over the world
- Both residential and homestay accommodation options are available



## WE GUARANTEE THAT:

- The international mix of students helps to ensure that English is spoken at all times
- Different tutors teach throughout the day to ensure variety and interest
- There is a focus on “functional” language, improving reading, writing, listening and speaking skills



## TRUST SEVERNVALE ACADEMY

- Established over 40 years ago
- Family-run, placing emphasis on personal welfare and safety
- Academic campus in Shrewsbury town centre
- Recently renovated facilities, with modern classrooms, large assembly hall, "chill-out" zone, outside terrace
- Well-organised, fun and varied social programme
- Homestay students benefit from a Severnvale private shuttle bus to and from the Academy each day



## FUN? YES, BECAUSE...

“I’ve made lots of friends. I’ve improved my English a lot and it has been the best experience ever! I would like to repeat this experience because it was just fantastic!”

*Pedro, 17, Spain*

- We go to some of the top leisure parks in Britain
- Excursions don't only mean seeing things – they mean DOING things too
- Full day excursions usually include 2 or 3 different kinds of activity
- EVERYTHING is included in the course price – no hidden extras!
- High quality facilities for on-site sports, swimming, cinema, football matches and discos
- We have great barbecues – eat-as-much-as-you-want!



## YOU LEARN? YES, BECAUSE...



- We care that learning happens: our teachers are all qualified and enthusiastic, and have experience with and know how to motivate young adults
- We have a very international environment - more than 12 different nationalities
- We're a small school so that we can know everyone personally
- Classes are small too: the guaranteed maximum is 12 in a class
- Staff monitor every student's progress, providing individual attention and guidance; we keep spaces open in the higher classes for promotion
- Lessons specifically designed to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills
- We set homework and we check that it's done: we give awards for good work and progress

## SAFE? YES, BECAUSE...

“Shrewsbury is a great place to study. Since coming here I have improved my listening skills, comprehension and I learnt a lot of grammar.”

*Ping-Hao, 16, Taiwan*

- Students are FULLY SUPERVISED throughout the course
- We are the only accredited language school based in Shrewsbury, so we have the pick of the best families
- We only use host families we know and trust
- Emergency phone lines are available 24 hours a day
- We give students a full introduction to their stay in England
- All excursions are led by Severnvalle staff
- Shrewsbury is a typical English town with only c. 100,000 residents
- Our young learner centre is well-equipped and comfortable





# SEVERNVALE ENGLISH COURSES

WE OFFER TWO COURSES,  
STARLINE & EXPRESS

## STARLINE COURSE

- 20 lessons (15 hours) per week
- Ages 13-16 years
- Suitable for all levels of English (Beginner to Advanced)

## EXPRESS COURSE

- 28 lessons (21 hours) per week
- Ages 15-17 years
- Suitable for all levels of English (Beginner to Advanced)

- All levels of language from Beginner to Advanced
- 6 week course in July and August (minimum stay of 2 weeks)
- 2 courses: "Starline" (moderate intensity), "Express" (higher intensity with grammar)
- Lessons specifically designed to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills
- Full social and activity programme included



# WHICH COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

	STARLINE COURSE	EXPRESS COURSE
Arrival test and appropriate group allocation	✓	✓
20 x General English Lessons	✓	✓
4 x Intensive Grammar and Practice lessons	✗	✓
4 x “active communication” and “use of English” lessons	✗	✓
Final certificate of level and progress	✓	✓
Awards and prize-giving ceremony	✓	✓
ALL entrance fees and travel for Severnvale excursions and activities included	✓	✓
24 hour emergency telephone contact	✓	✓
Free private Severnvale buses to and from the Academy	✓	✓

## EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

DAY	MORNING 9:00 - 1:05	AFTERNOON	FINISH TIME	EVENING MEAL	IN HOUSE ACTIVITY (Residential only unless specified)
MON	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	STARLINE Swimming + Shrewsbury Town Heritage Tour	5.00pm Kingsland House	Evening Meal 6.00pm	Football
		EXPRESS Afternoon Tuition (4 x 45 minute lessons) Intensive Grammar/Active Communication			
TUE	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	CHESTER CITY VISIT	5.30pm Kingsland House	Evening Meal 6.45pm	Scavenger Hunt
WED	FULL DAY - WARWICK CASTLE & STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Coaches depart from Kingsland House at 9.00am		7.00pm Kingsland House	BARBEQUE 7.00 - 8.45pm (Homestay and Residential)	
THUR	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	STARLINE Sports afternoon	5.00pm Kingsland House	Evening Meal 6.00pm	Disco 7.30 - 9.30pm (Homestay & Residential)
		EXPRESS Afternoon Tuition (4 x 45 minute lessons) Intensive Grammar/Active Communication			
FRI	TUITION (5 x 45 minute lessons)	TRENTON MONKEY FOREST	5.30pm Kingsland House	Evening Meal 6.00pm	Rounders
SAT	FULL DAY - MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE and TRAFFORD CENTRE Coaches depart from Kingsland House at 10.00am		6.30pm Kingsland House	Evening Meal 7.00pm	Film Night
SUN	Archery/Football (Residential only)	Free time in town or RESIDENCE		Evening Meal 6.00pm	Free Evening
	"Free/relaxation time" spent with host family or meeting friends (Homestay only)				

# YOUNG LEARNER SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR STUDENTS ENJOY THEIR TIME WITH US AND HAVE FUN

## WE OFFER:

- Well-organised leisure programmes with a variety of excursions and activities over the 6 week course
- A structured, safety-conscious and supervised timetable with a staff ratio of at least 1 adult per 15-20 students on ALL excursions
- Detailed information about staying safe at a first morning instruction
- The opportunity to meet students from around the world, share experiences, memories and make long-lasting friends



### FULL DAY EXCURSIONS

Premium leisure resorts, football stadiums, animal parks and more.



### TOP SPORTS VENUES

From ice skating to bowling, state of the art pool facilities and more.



### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Tuition, accommodation, excursions and activities.



### AMAZING LOCATION

Traditional town of Shrewsbury, surrounded by beautiful rural countryside.



### GREAT BBQS

Fab food and time to chat, eat as much as you want.

# YOUNG LEARNER SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

THESE ARE EXAMPLES ONLY, EXCURSIONS VARY FROM YEAR TO YEAR

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“I had a wonderful two weeks in Severnvale Academy. I met lots of new people from different countries and I really liked the excursions and activities, which were very diverse. Also, the lessons were fun and teachers were very friendly.”

*Marie Elise, 17, Estonia*

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## HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL

Visits to local areas of interest e.g. Ironbridge, Powis Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon and the market town of Ludlow

## CITY SITESEEING

Trips to nearby major cities e.g. Manchester, Birmingham, Chester and Liverpool

## SPORTS EVENTS

Include swimming, football, basketball, badminton, table tennis, ten-pin bowling and cricket!

## EVENING SOCIALS

Discos and outdoor BBQs

## THE COUNTRYSIDE AND SEASIDE

Experience the beautiful coast, beaches and mountains of Wales including Snowdonia and Landudno

## OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Adventure parks, football stadiums, zoos, cinema and shopping trips



# ACCOMMODATION – HOMESTAY

MANY OF OUR HOSTS HAVE BEEN WORKING  
WITH SEVERNVALE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS

- We work with trustworthy and reliable hosts
- Accommodation is guaranteed to be appropriate for the students' needs, clean and of a high standard

“I loved this 2 weeks here. I have improved my English in a very short period of time. I would like to come next year.”

***Maria, 15, Spain***

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION?

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“I loved my English host family because I had very good meals, they understood me and helped me if I had a problem.”

*Valery, 14, Russia*

- Being welcomed and included as part of the family throughout their stay
- Being looked after and cared for in a safe and friendly environment
- Experiencing English life, cuisine and culture
- Joining in activities and social events with the host on Sundays and during other “free time”
- Practising English language outside of the classroom in “real-life” situations
- Having a single or shared room (with a student of a different nationality)
- Access to a desk/study area
- Allergy/dietary requirements are met where possible
- Students receive information about the home and family before arrival
- Daily meals included: Breakfast, packed lunch (Monday – Saturday), Sunday lunch and evening meals
- Laundry included





# ACCOMMODATION – RESIDENTIAL

SEVERNVALE'S YOUNG LEARNER COURSE  
IS BASED AT SHREWSBURY SCHOOL WHICH  
OFFERS RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION  
WITHIN THE SCHOOL'S BOARDING HOUSES



## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Residential accommodation options at Shrewsbury School include single, twin and larger dormitory style bedrooms

“I have made new friends from Spain and Switzerland. I would like to come back here next year.”

*Zoe, 15, France*



## CATERING

Meals at Shrewsbury are taken in the purpose-built catering hall, where students can choose from a wide variety of foods from the self-service counters\*

\*Packed lunches are provided (Monday to Saturday)

## SPORTS

The School's sports complex, offers a wide variety of choice for activities at Shrewsbury School during your stay with us.





## RECREATION

Alongside games, social space and TV rooms in the Boarding Houses we have other excellent leisure facilities

## RESIDENTIAL TEAM

The residential team are on hand throughout your stay to offer support, advice and daily catch ups to help you feel at home. We are always happy to help and you can look forward to a warm welcome from our team

# WELFARE AND SAFETY

WE TAKE GREAT CARE TO ENSURE THE WELFARE AND SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES



All our staff are qualified, trained and have official clearance to work with junior students.



Private shuttle bus to and from the Academy (homestay only)



Staff to student ratios are strictly observed at all times, particularly during excursions



All Severnvale staff receive activity and excursion training



Specialist external supervision where necessary



Qualified first aiders on site



Self-contained campus ensures that all students are known personally to all staff



Trained staff are available to help at any time

**24/7**

24 hour/7 day-a-week helpline number to call in case of emergency

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“It was an amazing 3 weeks. I learnt so much about English history and culture.

I want to say ‘Thanks’ to Severn Vale Academy for this wonderful opportunity.”

**Natalia, 16, Russia**

## THE TOWN – SHREWSBURY

SHREWSBURY IS A UNIQUE, TRADITIONAL AND HISTORIC TOWN, SITUATED IN CENTRAL ENGLAND



# GET TO KNOW SHREWSBURY

- Shrewsbury is a unique, traditional and historic town, situated in central England
- Within easy access to major international airports and with good transport links
- Small, safe and friendly town with good shopping and leisure facilities
- 100,000 residents
- Green parkland with a river surrounding the town
- The only accredited language school based in Shrewsbury
- Nearest Airports to Shrewsbury are Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool
- Taxi transfers from airports to your accommodation are available at an extra cost

“I have enjoyed my time here very much. I've done things I'll probably never do again. It was so interesting to meet many people from different countries.”

*Bianca, 15, Germany*





## LOCATION & TRAVEL TIMES

TRAVEL TIMES  
FROM AIRPORTS  
BY TAXI\*

AIRPORT	CODE	TRAVEL TIME
Birmingham	[BHX]	50 mins
Manchester	[MAN]	70 mins
Liverpool	[LPL]	70 mins
Nottingham East Midlands	[EMA]	90 mins
London Luton	[LTN]	2 hours
London Heathrow	[LHR]	2.5 hours
London Stansted	[STN]	3.25 hours
London Gatwick	[LGW]	3.25 hours

\*These journey times are ONLY a guide and will vary according to time/date of travel



### Arrival information

- We will send confirmation information prior to student arrival

### Airport Transfers

- Airport Transfers from Birmingham and Manchester are included for all students
- Private taxi transfers are available from all other airports listed

*There is an additional charge (for under 16 year olds) for driver waiting time where airlines request that the driver stays at the airport until the flight has departed.*

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