

The Eastbourne School Experience

20 September–8 October 2021



If you are (preparing) to teach English and would like to complement your knowledge of English culture with hands-on school experience, this unique three-week course in Eastbourne will be ideal for you. You will have the opportunity to experience English school life in an English primary or secondary school after a one-week intensive preparation course on English language and school culture. So what is included in this package?

Date	20 September–8 October 2021 (3 weeks, starting the week before the autumn break in Canton Aargau*)
Price	CHF 2200.– including lessons, accommodation and meals as mentioned, excluding travel. Teachers from Canton Aargau: CHF 1900.00 Teachers from Canton Solothurn and others: CHF 2200.00 (price category «D») For teachers from Canton Aargau with a teaching qualification in English, who are employed as English teachers and whose headmasters have approved their application, the BKS will fund the costs of two weeks' «deputization» (for absence during term time only).
Application	Until 1 Mai 2021, please request an application form from kurse.iwb.ph@fhnw.ch , Pädagogische Hochschule FHNW, Institut Weiterbildung und Beratung, Course No.: 1-21.P-K-BB2225/01
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Your placement in an English school

You will be placed within an English state or independent school for your two weeks' teaching experience where you will follow the routine of a school class. Depending on the situation in this class, your teaching involvement will be with individuals and small groups.

Through this immersion into English school life you will gain an insight into both English primary or secondary school methodology and authentic teaching materials. At the same time, you will acquire greater confidence in using English in your professional context.

In the first week of your visit, Clarice Wallis will prepare you for this internship and provide you with important information about the English education system. Once in your school, Clarice will meet you weekly to ensure that the experience is rewarding and beneficial.

Accommodation for the three weeks

You will stay with an English family who will provide you with bed, breakfast, a daily packed lunch and evening meal, as well as welcoming conversation and a general interest in your well-being.

Your first week with the English staff

You will organise your own travel and should arrive in Eastbourne by Sunday afternoon. From Gatwick Airport there is a direct train connection to Eastbourne from where you can take a taxi to your host family. You will meet Clarice on Monday morning. She and your host family will provide you with useful information on your stay in Eastbourne.

Programme for week 1 (provisionally)

Monday: 9.00–12.00 English, 13.00–15.00 Tour of Eastbourne and surrounding area

Tuesday: 9.00–12.00 English, 13.00–15.00 English

Wednesday: 8.00–18.00 Day trip to e.g. Canterbury incl. Cathedral and Tales

Thursday: 9.00–12.00 English, 13.00–15.00 English and primary education

Friday: 9.00–12.00 UK education, 13.00–15.00 English and primary education

Saturday: 8.00–18.00 Day trip to Brighton incl. The Royal Pavillion

Weeks 2 and 3 – in an English state or independent school

Your English study sessions will include all elements of the language.

Reading, writing, use of English, speaking and listening:

- improve your own individual level of English
- general discussion on English customs and courtesies
- current affairs and topics of interest
- build an English «classroom» vocabulary

Your education study sessions will cover the following points:

- providing you with an insight into the organisation and running of English schools
- an understanding of the English National Curriculum and National Assessment procedures
- filmed sessions of «good practice» teaching in a variety of subjects in different types of English schools
- the role of teaching assistants in English schools
- what can constitute «good and bad» teaching in schools
- a presentation about «Switzerland» to your host school/class

During your school stay you will «research» two focus areas (e.g. «displays in the school» or «assessment of pupils») on which you will write a short report. Please take a laptop with you if you have one.

Your programme will be rounded off by cultural visits in the area and if possible you will also enjoy an evening visit to a show/play at one of the Eastbourne Theatres during your stay.

We will encourage you to use English throughout the course, also with your Swiss fellow teachers.