

TOTNES

SCHOOL OF ENGLISH



Courses for Teenagers
12 to 16 years



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The small school with the big heart



WELCOME TO THE TOTNES SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

“My aim is to ensure the highest possible standards in all areas of the school and to give you a cross-cultural language learning experience that will stay with you forever.”

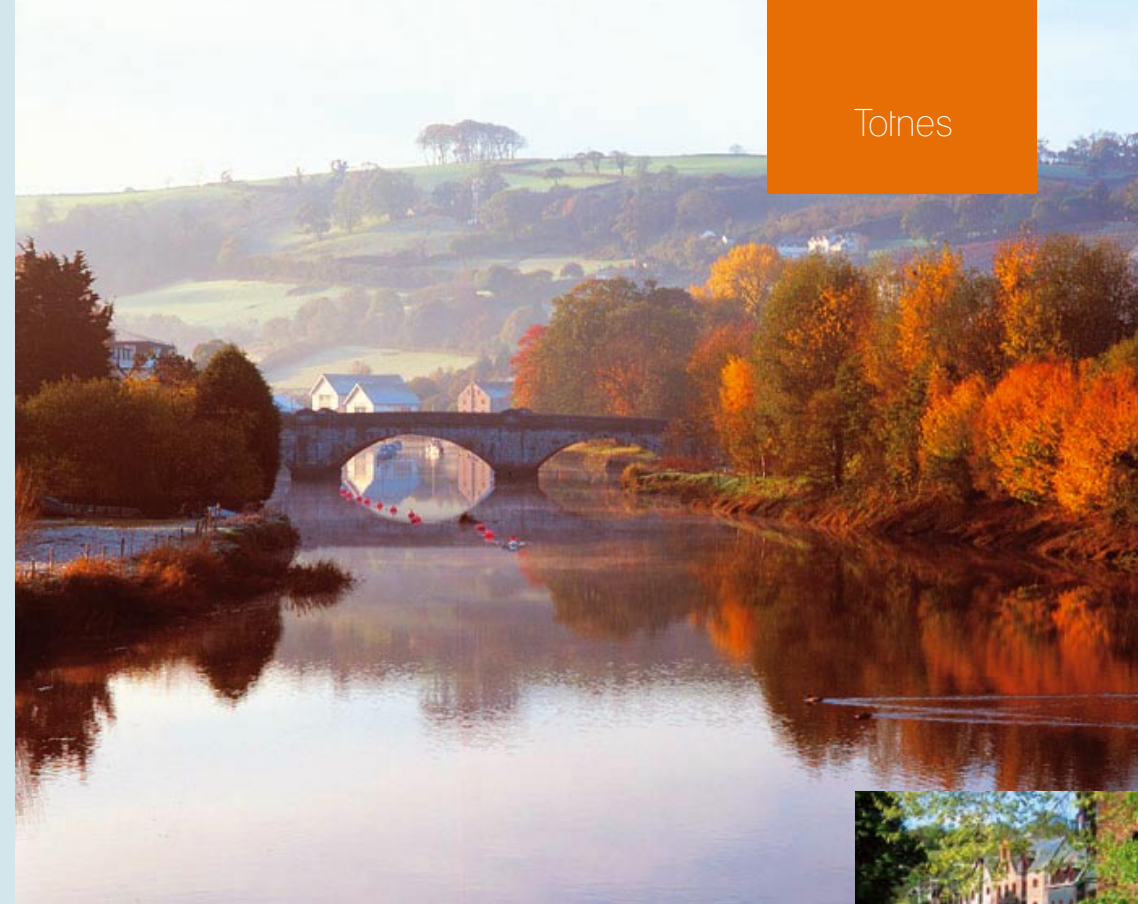
Margie Barker, Principal and Owner of TSE.



Started in 1980, TSE offers a warm, personal welcome to every student. We treat every student as a VIP and will deal speedily and efficiently with your enquiry giving you all the help you need.



TSE is British Council accredited which means our teachers are fully qualified to teach English as a Foreign Language. We will ensure that you have the best possible learning experience aimed at your specific needs. You will also enjoy a full, varied and exciting after-school activities programme led by dynamic and friendly social leaders and a kind and welcoming host family. Our high quality host family accommodation is usually within walking distance of the school.



Totnes

Situated in the South West of England between the stunning Dartmoor National Park and the picturesque South Devon coast, Totnes is a small historic market town of 8000 people with great shops, cafes and activities. A safe, friendly town, it is the ideal place for young people to study and relax.

Getting to Totnes - Airport Transfers

We can arrange reasonably priced, fully inclusive supervised return transfers on Saturdays for teenagers in July and August to/from London Heathrow Airport. We also arrange transfers from other London and Bristol and Exeter Airports. Please see our website www.totenglish.co.uk for details or ask for a price.



“THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART”



We aim to teach our students as much English as possible, whatever the length of their stay, by providing excellent tuition in small classes at a competitive price.

For every course:

- 15 hours group tuition per week, mornings or afternoons
- Maximum class size 12
- Pre-course placement test and introduction to Totnes on arrival
- Elementary to Advanced levels accepted
- A communicative approach is used in our teaching
- End of course certificate
- Supervised activities every day
- One half day excursion per week
- One full day Saturday or Sunday excursion per week
- Two evening activities per week

Teachers:

All our teachers are qualified, experienced, enthusiastic and love working with young people. They are led by a highly experienced Director who also has responsibility for the whole Teenage Programme including the activities.

Tandem:

It may be possible for us to arrange for an English student of a similar age to engage in conversation in both languages. This gives our students the opportunity to practise their English and also to make further friends outside the course.



Host Families

When lessons and activities are over it is important that students are able to relax and are happy at home. Our host families know how important this is for young people. The families are all inspected and undergo every statutory check and sign our code of conduct. Every one of our families is friendly and welcoming and usually has children of a similar age to the student.

Most of our families are within walking distance of school; if they are not they will arrange to drop off and collect their students.

Students may request shared or single room accommodation. Students will be provided with breakfast, lunch/packed lunch and dinner seven days a week.

Our host families take great care of their students and many keep in touch with students they have hosted in the past. Many students come back year after year to stay with the same family and feel more part of the family than a paying guest.



Totnes School
of English



As well as studying hard we realise it is important for our students to feel at home and also to have fun. For this reason we organise supervised activities every day, Monday to Friday.

These are led by a team of social leaders who get to know the students and who are on hand at any time to ensure their well-being. Our leaders are carefully selected and checked as are all the people working with our students. We offer a varied programme of sports and arts-based activities, with all sports being coached by qualified instructors.

We also arrange two evening activities per week. There is a feedback and prize-giving session at the end of each week.

The following are just a sample of these activities:

Sports

- Rounders
- Football
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Mixed martial arts
- Cricket
- Badminton
- Basketball

Workshops

- Drumming
- Pottery
- Drama

- Batik
- Salsa and barn dancing
- Fancy dress design
- Card making
- Tie-dying

Evenings

- Trips to the cinema
- Video evenings
- Games evenings
- Discos
- Barbecues
- Salsa parties
- Karaoke
- Ice-skating in Plymouth

Trips

We also run one half day and one full day excursion per week. These give students a chance to see the surrounding area in greater depth. These include:

Half Day Trips:

- Walks to nearby Dartington Hall
- Kents Cavern & Living Coasts
- Torquay: Laser Game and Ten Pin Bowling
- Exeter and historic Cathedral
- Steam train to Buckfastleigh - Butterfly Farm, Otter Sanctuary and Abbey
- Salcombe town and beach.
- Paignton Zoo

Full Day Trips:

- Morwellham Quay Theme Park and Tin Mine
- Blackpool Sands beach and canoeing
- Quay West Water Park
- Cruise along the River Dart
- Powderham Castle and Jousting Tournament
- Stonehenge and Salisbury
- Bath and Roman Baths
- Bigbury Bay and Burgh Island
- King Arthur's Castle at Tintagel, Cornwall
- Eden Project

These are just a sample of the activities and excursions on offer. We are constantly updating these lists to make sure that our students are enjoying the latest and best activities that are available.

Getting to Totnes



Totnes is only 30 minutes from the cities of Plymouth and Exeter and just 3 hours by direct rail (www.trainline.com) and 5 hours by direct coach (www.nationalexpress.co.uk) from London terminals and airports.

There are also international flights to and from Bristol (2 hours by train) and Exeter (40 minutes by train) airports. A ferry service runs from Plymouth to Roscoff in France.

See page 3 “Getting to Totnes: Airport Transfers” for our special London Heathrow transfer in July and August.



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