

Located amidst rolling green meadows and wooded countryside, the magnificent campus of the Queen Ethelburga's College is a short drive from the historic city of York. This camp offers exceptional on-site leisure and sports facilities as well as high quality accommodation in well-designed apartments. The residence which hosts our group is just a few years old and each apartment has full en-suite facilities, modern furniture, a small kitchen and workstations. The QE College is considered to be one of the best equipped residential colleges in the UK with facilities that continue to be upgraded and which now include, a new indoor sports hall, a magnificent 25-metre indoor swimming pool, an artificial surface track & field and a challenge course.

An outstanding choice of nine different programmes

Campers must choose a two-week focus programme from nine great options. The English Language Camp, accredited by the British Council, offers three hours of lessons per weekday. The ever-popular David Rivers Basketball Camp as well as the outstanding Football, Golf and Riding Camps are high among the campers' preferences. For the artistically inclined, both the Creative Arts and Performing Arts Camps are ideal while the Activity & Adventure programme is for those who want a variety of activities on a daily basis. Finally, for the older teenagers, 15-17 years old, the award-winning Leadership Training Camp is the perfect pre-university programme.

Fun's the thing, learning's the objective!

The typical Village Camps day is divided into four main activity periods, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Campers are assigned to groups according to their particular choice, then by age and/or skill levels. Weekday mornings are devoted to the speciality camps. During the afternoon, campers join in a range of outstanding activities in their respective age groups, under the watchful eye of our dedicated, caring and experienced staff team. The supervision ratio at York as well as at the other VC sites is one counsellor for every six campers; safety and camper care are the top priorities. English is the official language at York and everyone is expected to make progress in their speaking skills, simply by attending this camp. Of course, for maximum progress the English Language Camp is recommended.



The historic Thorpe Underwood Hall on the Campus

Facilities include

- ◆ Quality accommodation
- ◆ New modern sports hall
- ◆ New 25-metre indoor heated pool
- ◆ New all-weather artificial pitch for football, hockey and other field sports
- ◆ Football, rugby and hockey grass pitches
- ◆ Cricket pitch
- ◆ Outdoor tennis and basketball courts
- ◆ 'Village Green' with all-weather chess
- ◆ Mini Golf course
- ◆ All-weather foosball and ping pong tables
- ◆ Secret garden
- ◆ Internet
- ◆ Tuck-shop



Afternoon Activities

- ◆ Aerobics
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Badminton
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Cooking
- ◆ Cricket
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Field hockey
- ◆ Gaelic football
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Rugby
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Softball
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Table tennis

- ◆ Ultimate Frisbee™
- ◆ Volleyball

Evening Activities

- ◆ Awards Night
- ◆ Carnival Night
- ◆ Mission Impossible
- ◆ TEAM BIG DAY
- ◆ Talent Night

- ◆ Team challenges
- ◆ International Night

Excursions

- ◆ Manchester - Cinema experience, famous Trafford Shopping Centre
- ◆ York - Historic walled city, York Minster, Shambles shopping street



English Language Camp

Ages 10-17

Accredited by the



BRITISH
COUNCIL

Where learning is fun and effective

Village Camps, working with highly qualified language teaching specialists, has developed a winning teaching format based on using the spoken word, tasks, challenges, small-group and role-playing projects. Campers make unprecedented progress because they actually enjoy these innovative lessons! The York language camp is based on 15 hours of instruction each week in groups of 8-12 students and is suitable for all levels. Classes take place from Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Students improve their understanding and their conversational skills by practicing speaking together, using a range of interesting subjects that become short but engaging projects that include role play, developing ideas and discussion. The work is serious but the instruction is light and informal, always aimed at retaining campers' interest with many sessions conducted outside in the campus grounds. The instructors pay individual attention to each student focusing on the areas which need improvement. A continuous assessment programme monitors performance and at the end of camp, a detailed progress report is sent to each family.

COMBOCAMPS

Extend your stay to four weeks and combine York Camp with Switzerland, France or Austria for a truly European experience. **Bonus:** No extra cost for transferring between the camps as Village Camps offers bus/train transfers, night between at a hotel and free plane ticket for accompanied flight!



Capoeira - a Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, sports, and music





Adventure & Activity Camp

Ages 10-17

Action-Packed programme full of leading-edge adventure and sports activities!

Village Camps has extensive experience in organising excellent Outdoor Adventure programmes in England and its other European centres. Based on this accumulated know-how, the York Camp team has developed quite an exceptional programme guaranteed to challenge mind, body and spirit! Safety is always the prime concern and the necessary measures are taken during each activity. Under the careful instruction of qualified staff, this busy programme mixes sports and team challenges with mountain and water adventure activities using the lakes, rivers and moorlands of the rugged Yorkshire Moors.

The schedule combines canoeing, kayaking, raft building, high ropes, abseiling and gorge walking at specialised activity centres with fun team sports and competitive games using the excellent facilities of the Queen Ethelburga's College. Undoubtedly, the eagerly awaited highlight of the session is the excursion into the Yorkshire Moors for an overnight camp and cook-out! This is an all out exciting and challenging course designed for campers who love the outdoors, new experiences, fun activities and sports of all kinds, whilst developing an 'esprit de corps' with other like-minded campers from all over the world. It is intended to test individual endeavour, teamwork and decision making. In order to balance the course, after the strenuous activities, there are chill-out weekends, excursions and fun evening programmes.



Football Camp

Ages 10-17

An outstanding football experience with exceptional coaching!

Football Director, Neil O'Donnell, one of the best qualified coaches working with young footballers at UK Summer Camps, personally leads a much admired, comprehensive coaching programme enjoyed by campers from all over the world. Our qualified coaching team leads training sessions every weekday morning, using the first class pitches of the campus, which now include an all-weather artificial surface pitch. Players are divided into ability groups and they work hard to develop individual skills and techniques as well as team tactics.

Sessions cover free kicks, corners, penalty taking, goalkeeper coaching, heading the ball and other essential skills, followed by a short competitive game on a five-a-side pitch, with time taken out to analyse tactics and pick up any points that need individual attention. The course will suit beginners and young players looking to make a start or improve their game, right up to gifted players dreaming of a professional career. On the last day of camp, an enthusiastic crowd attends the Campers vs Counsellors face-off. Other highlights include the much anticipated excursion to Old Trafford (home of Manchester United), the Awards Night with prizes and the presentation of the attractively designed Village Camps football kit for every player. After their daily training, campers enjoy a range of exciting activities and cultural visits having the opportunity to speak English with their new friends during an unbeatable, fun-filled schedule.



The David Rivers Basketball Camp

Ages 10-17



The name David 'Doc' Rivers is very special to basketball enthusiasts. David was a professional NBA player for the legendary Los Angeles Lakers with star teammates such as Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Byron Scott. David continued his brilliant career with several of Europe's top clubs in Greece, France, Italy and Turkey, winning every major title from National Championships to first place in the prestigious Euroleague competition in 1997 with Olympiakos of Greece. David was voted 'Europe's Most Valuable Player'. Join David's fourth summer in York for what will undoubtedly be an unforgettable basketball experience with one of Europe's best coaches for young players. Every morning, and early afternoon (4½ hours per day), players learn how to get into great shape and perfect their basketball skills, from dribbling, to passing, to rebounding, to defence, and of course, shooting. Young players learn how to use their individual skills to become highly effective team players with the 'know how' to win games. The course demands hard work, dedication and application to develop personal and team skills. The training takes place at the College in a superb new sports hall with three courts at our disposal. In addition to the basketball, a wide range of other fun activities will guarantee a never-to-be-forgotten two-week experience. And for those of you who have not followed David Rivers' career, we invite you to visit our website for a video preview (or go to 'youtube').



English Language Add-On

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'Mr Phil', a leadership and team building 'Guru'

Leadership Training Camp (LTC) Ages 15-17

This is an award-winning programme which all teenagers should experience! Campers are involved in a thrilling range of tasks and challenges where teamwork, communication and problem-solving are put to the test. Each day is constructed around workshops at base camp as well as physical exercises, outdoor activities and 'thinking' challenges. Included are field excursions designed as rally type contests with campers given places to find, sites to visit, items to collect and missions to accomplish. The Leadership Training Camp is an innovative programme ideal for older teenagers who want to gain confidence and develop their 'life-skills' in preparation for university studies and their future adult life.

The 3-5 hour interactive workshops include truly inspiring presentations on a variety of topics using sophisticated resources. Internationally renowned speakers with impressive backgrounds attend the programme, delivering memorable, outstanding presentations with real take-home value. In recent years, some of the speakers have come from the US, Canada, Malta, Italy and South Africa.

Campers are often divided into teams with the task of making strategic plans to fulfill a series of objectives. For example, they could be asked to design and implement a special event activity for one of the younger groups at camp or they can be assigned the task of planning an excursion for the whole leadership group, using a limited budget. These are great fun, but of course challenging. The purpose is to provide campers with project work designed to enable them to understand the advantages of working together as a team, in partnership with other group members, in order to achieve set goals. By understanding that problems and obstacles are an inevitable part of life's experiences, they learn how to deal effectively with these issues.

The bottom line is that teenagers who go through the very special LTC experience gain self-confidence, motivation, a better understanding of themselves and an appreciation of the value of effective teamwork. LTC helps campers to 'raise their game' and think at a higher level, learning what it takes to become an inspirational leader in every aspect of their lives. At the same time, they make new friends from the world over and enhance their understanding of England and its culture.



Problem-solving challenges require close team cooperation



Interactive group workshops with truly unique speakers



Working together to find solutions and complete tasks



Performing Arts Camp Ages 10-17

A brilliantly conceived and unique programme integrating dance, theatre and music progressing throughout the session to an impressive last night performance.

This unique Village Camps programme for aspiring performers with 'stars in their eyes' is headed up by Jono Freeman, a talented and charismatic musician, drama and theatre specialist. Jono works closely with an outstanding team that includes a dance specialist, voice and singing coach and a production manager. During the first few days, campers, along with the teaching team, discuss ideas in order to decide on the main theme and context of their end-of-session performance. The coaching team works with the enthusiastic actors, actresses, singers and dancers to improve their individual skills building their efforts into what is always a superb show for the end of the session. The show takes place in an intimate theatre in the historic centre of York, attended by the entire camp as well as by visiting parents. Every camper steps into the spotlight and also learns about back-stage production, lighting, scenery, make-up, costuming, stagecraft and voice projection. After the summer, a DVD of the performance is mailed to each participant.

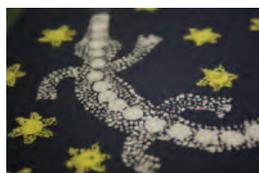
The Performing Arts programme is quite intensive, taking up 4½ hours per day, but campers also have the opportunity to participate in various other sports and activities in the afternoons and evenings with their new friends from all over the world.



Creative Arts Camp

Ages 10-17

Over the past summers, the Creative Arts programme has proved to be a major success, directed by an experienced art educator. The course is dedicated to developing, stimulating and inspiring creativity in the visual arts. It is suitable for all abilities from the enthusiastic or curious beginner to the most talented artist. Campers are encouraged to explore, create and express themselves in a wide range of art forms including painting, sketching, drawing, and sculpting. Important aspects of the history of art are also covered in the course during a special visit to the prestigious York Art Galleries. The camp allows aspiring artists to try new experiences, learn techniques and improve existing skills. Although this is a challenging and intensive programme, it is fun all the way. Campers enjoy seeing their work displayed regularly throughout the session and at the end of camp exhibition, a perfect finish to what will be a memorable summer experience.





Riding Camp

Ages 10-17

An exceptional riding programme for young riders with top instruction and great facilities at the renowned Harrogate Riding Centre

The Harrogate Riding School is led by Jennifer Birtwhistle and her son Drew. Jennifer is a chief instructor and judge for the British Horse Society, both she and Drew have represented their country at National and International level. They have used this expertise to build-up a superb teaching team and a top-class programme for young riders who want to achieve significant progress.

Safety always comes first! The centre has strict assessment process and rules in place which are followed at all times. Riders coming in from different countries and with varied levels of riding experience, have to patiently prove themselves with 'easy' horses and simple exercises before moving onto more challenging ones. At the beginning, campers are assessed and divided into levels but the assessment continues throughout the session and those who are making solid progress are moved to higher levels and have the chance to work with different horses.

Instruction includes walking, trotting, cantering, jumping of logs and small fences as well as practice in the famous English dressage style. Campers also learn about safety matters, the care of horses, plaiting, bandaging, tacking up, brushing and washing the horses after work, cleaning the tack, all important tasks of stable husbandry. Throughout the session there are fun competitions and games for everyone to enjoy.

The centre has a variety of facilities available to our group:

- ◆ a superb indoor arena, with a large viewing area
- ◆ an outdoor show-jumping arena with water obstacles, banks and ditches
- ◆ an extensive cross-country course
- ◆ an outdoor manege
- ◆ open fields with access to magnificent forestry

When the riders return to camp, they join the exciting afternoon and evening activity programme in their respective age groups.



“ I would like to thank you and your staff to have looked after Angelica and Giulia very well. They enjoyed the camp very much and it was a great experience for them with a real improvement of their English! Many thanks. Saluti! ”

Barbara, Italy





Golf Camp

Ages 10-17

The Forest of Galtres 18-hole parkland course is located some 30 minutes drive away from the main campus. This much acclaimed, intensive programme is for committed golfers of all abilities, serious enough to spend four to five hours each weekday learning to play the game or work on improving their handicap. Lessons take place every weekday morning and during the first part of the afternoon. In charge is the well known PGA qualified instructor and club professional, Alastair Grindlay. Alastair has 17 years of teaching experience in England, Germany and Spain; using modern teaching methods with physical screening, in-depth putting analysis and 'Mind Factor' teaching he delivers a top quality programme. There is a practice green, a sand trap 'chipping area' and a six bay covered driving range. At lunchtime golfers enjoy a packed lunch or a meal at the clubhouse and take some time to relax before going on to the afternoon session. The 6,000-metre, professionally designed, 72-par course has greens built to the specification of the US Golf Association.

The golfers are divided into ability groups with friendly putting and chipping competitions as well as opportunities to play a full 9 or 18 holes. Every golfer can expect to make significant progress over the two-week session. Sets of clubs are available for hire, for those who will not bring their own. Golf is great fun but is also hard work and requires dedication! This is a must-attend camp for those who really want to experience top instruction by leading pros and a superb course on their way to improving skills and lowering handicaps.



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