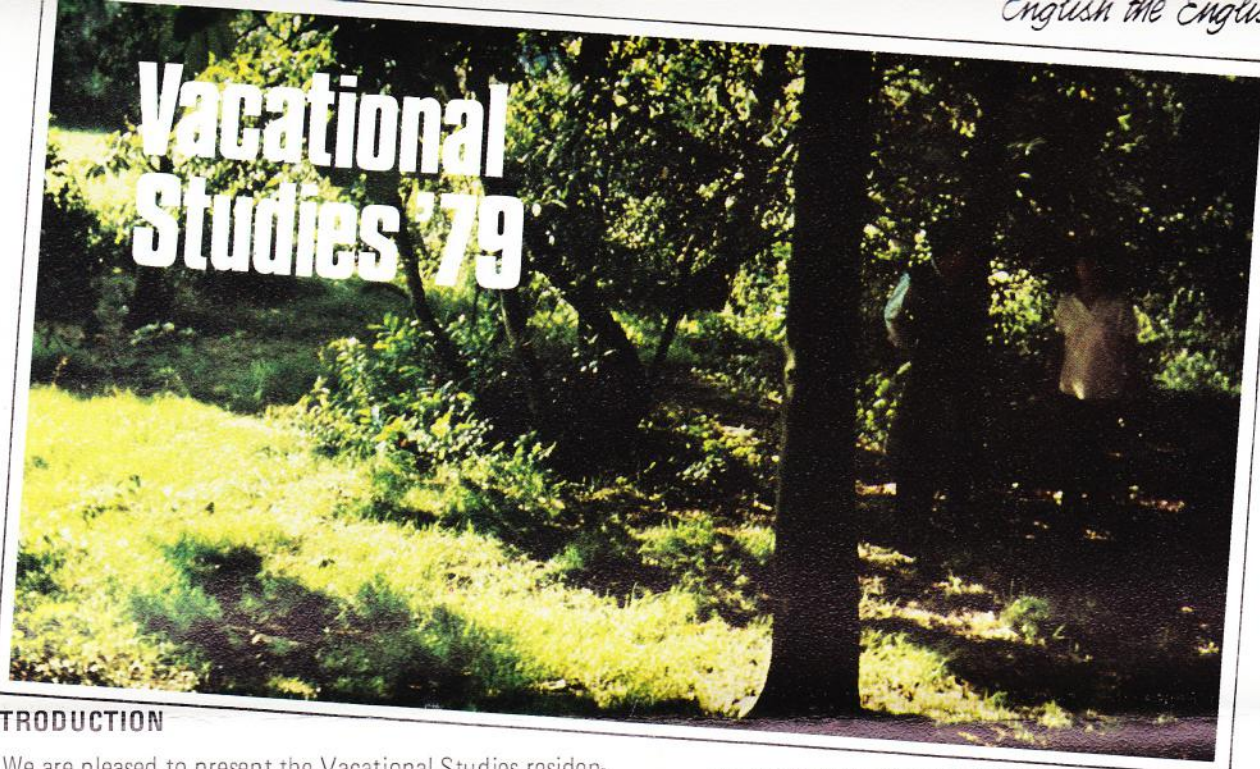


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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present the Vacational Studies residential English Language Course programme for Summer 1979. Vacational Studies Course Director — Ian Mucklejohn — has welcomed boys and girls from 34 nations in 4 continents since 1970 and over the years has developed the programme to provide an enjoyable balance between 'vacation' and 'study'.

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For 1979 the Course will be held at three centres — Crookham Court School, Cheam School and Elstree School. All are located near Newbury which is pleasantly situated amid the rolling hills of the Berkshire Downs in an area famous for race-horse training. It is centrally positioned in southern England 70 km. west of London and 45 km. south of Oxford.

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CHOICE OF COURSE

The Courses at Crookham Court, Cheam and Elstree are similar and the Schools are near to each other. Courses are of 4 weeks' duration. To assist parents, we offer a choice of Course dates:-

CROOKHAM COURT

THURSDAY 19 JULY — THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 1979

CHEAM

THURSDAY 26 JULY — THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 1979

ELSTREE

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST — THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 1979

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We understand the concern felt by parents when their children are away from home. They are under constant supervision, as far as is practicable, both in the School and on excursions. Our total staff:student ratio of about 1:6 ensures that the children are well looked-after.

In addition to the staff, on each Course there is an older ex-student to assist with sports and social activities.

During the Course, progress reports are sent to all parents detailing the child's performance in oral and written work and also his social behaviour. At the end of the Course, all parents are sent a final report and leaving certificate together with a detailed report from the Director on the student's general progress and behaviour.

DISCIPLINE

We regard the Course as an international community and have, therefore, some straightforward rules designed to ensure that every member of the community is happy. We expect children to respect the buildings, equipment, and the feelings of other people, and to show good manners on all occasions.

It is important that, before a child is enrolled for the Course, he has the proper motivation for it — the desire to learn English, to be a member of a happy, well-integrated, multi-national society and the willingness to participate in the extra-curricular activities.

If a child is correctly motivated, there should be no disciplinary problems, but if they should arise, we reserve the right to contact parents and, if we consider it necessary, require that the child be taken home. Parents must, therefore, ensure that we have a telephone number through which they can always be contacted.

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WHAT THE COURSE FEE INCLUDES

For details of the Course Fees, please see the enclosed slip. The Course Fee includes:

- residence at the School
- all meals
- tuition
- the sports programme
- the use of facilities
- excursions to places of interest and entrance fees
- the laundering of clothes

There are NO EXTRA CHARGES except for optional church, theatre or cinema visits and professional coaching in horse riding and tennis (if required). Optional coaching must be requested, in advance, on the Application Form. A small (0.50p) deduction is made from pocket money to provide indoor board games.

The Course Fee does NOT include:

- pocket money
- travel to and from England
- collection from Heathrow Airport, London at the beginning of the Course and return there at the end. (This is available at a small extra charge to cover our expenses. Please see the enclosed slip. The collection/return service fee ONLY applies to collections at Heathrow Airport between specified times on the afternoon of the first day of the Course and returns there on the morning of the last day of the Course. We cannot be responsible for students outside the stated dates and cannot collect or return outside the specified times. At the time of going to press, it is possible that by Government legislation, flights to and from Spain and Portugal in Summer 1979 may have to use Gatwick and not Heathrow. If this is the case, we can make special arrangements.)



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As well as formal study, we concentrate on the holiday aspect of the Course. We believe that the children should feel free to enjoy themselves out of class. There is always something to do, but if a child prefers to read or be with friends, we naturally respect his wishes. The numbers on the Courses are deliberately kept small so that the staff can get to know everybody and treat each child as an individual. The students meet and form close friendships with children from many lands. We aim to promote a truly international spirit.

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WHEN THE APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED

We shall write to inform you of this and include our Invoice for the Course Fees. The Invoice can be settled in full immediately, or 50% can be paid immediately and the balance by the date shown on the Invoice. The place will be confirmed when the full Course Fees have been received by us. We shall also request travel details. It is completely safe for young people to fly alone as all airlines make special arrangements for 'Unaccompanied Minors'. Please consult your travel agent. They are carefully looked-after and will be met by a Vacation Studies representative at Heathrow Airport. Before the Course we shall send a special badge for your child to wear and this will ensure quick recognition. Our representative will also wear a badge and will meet your child as soon as he/she has been cleared through Customs formalities.

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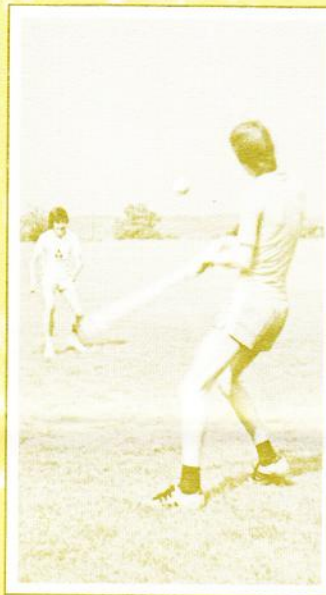
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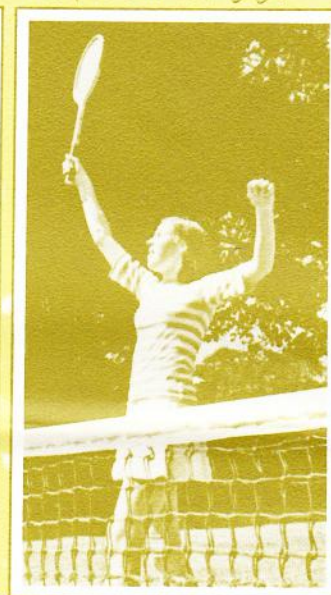
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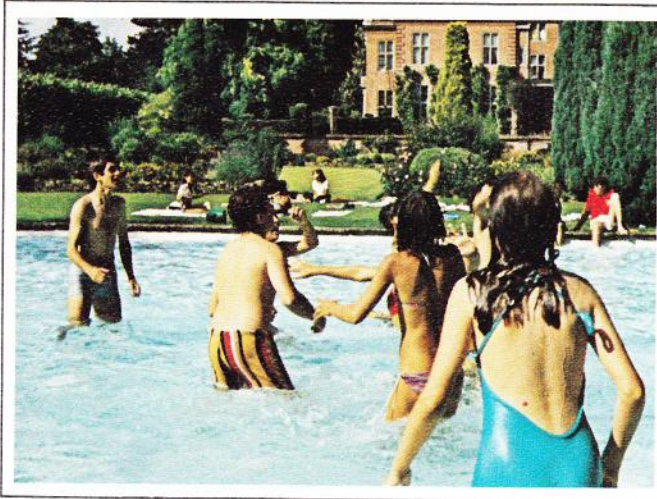
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WHAT TO BRING

Pocket money can either be brought by your child or sent in advance to:— 'Vacational Studies Pocket Money Account', Number 65400100 at The National Westminster Bank, 30 Market Place, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5AJ. No more than £18 pocket money per week (excluding fees for optional sports coaching, if applicable) should be brought. Pocket money must be brought in £ Sterling cash, or be sent in advance.

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Address for children's letters:

Elstree School
Vacational Studies English Language Course
Woolhampton
Reading
Berkshire RG7 5TD
England

Telephone (to contact Course Manager only):
Woolhampton 3302 (STD code 073521) (Mornings, if possible).

THESE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE SPECIAL, FOR THE COURSE MANAGER AND CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED DURING THE COURSE.

There is also a frequent train service from Paddington Station, London, to Newbury Station. It is then an easy taxi journey to the Schools.

During the rest of the year, please use our **Office** address and telephone number:

Vacational Studies
Pepys' Oak
Tydehams
Newbury
Berkshire RG14 6JT
England
Telephone: Newbury 41867 (STD code 0635)
Telegrams: Vacstuds, Newbury, Berkshire.

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Telephone (to contact Course Manager only):
Thatcham 64800 (STD code 0635)
(Mornings, if possible).

Cheam School

Take the A339 road from Newbury (signposted Basingstoke) for 10 km. Cheam School is signposted on the right.

Address for children's letters:

Cheam School
Vacational Studies English Language Course
Headley
Newbury
Berkshire RG15 8LD
England
Telephone (to contact Course Manager only):
Headley 242 (STD code 063523) (Mornings, if possible).

Reading
Berkshire RG7 5TD
England

Telephone (to contact Course Manager only):
Woolhampton 3302 (STD code 073521) (Mornings, if possible).

THESE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE SPECIAL, FOR THE COURSE MANAGER AND CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED DURING THE COURSE.

There is also a frequent train service from Paddington Station, London, to Newbury Station. It is then an easy taxi journey to the Schools.

During the rest of the year, please use our **Office** address and telephone number:

Vacational Studies
Pepys' Oak
Tydehams
Newbury
Berkshire RG14 6JT
England
Telephone: Newbury 41867 (STD code 0635)
Telegrams: Vacstuds, Newbury, Berkshire.

Visits to the Schools outside the Course dates may be made only by appointment through our Office.

FINALLY

We have tried to describe the Courses fully and hope that this brochure contains all the information you need to make your choice. Any further details you may require can be obtained from the parents of our past students (the addresses of some of these are on the enclosed slip) and the Director.

Our Courses are designed with the benefit of years of experience and we are confident that we can combine the learning of good written and spoken English with an unforgettable and enjoyable holiday for your child.

THE 1978 COURSES WERE FULLY BOOKED MONTHS IN ADVANCE. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS YEAR'S COURSE. A 'WAITING LIST' OPERATES WHEN THE COURSES ARE FULL.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ian Mucklejohn — who, as the Director, co-ordinates the Schools — is a Londoner by birth, but has lived mostly in Newbury. He is a Graduate of the University of London with an Honours Degree in English Language and Literature and is an Associate of the College of Preceptors. He has had many years experience in organizing Language Courses and in teaching as the Head of the English Department at a private school.