

# Foreign Language Schools

Explore. Learn. Experience.

English language resources for international learners

Blenheim Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

With over 300 years of history, remarkable architecture, and expansive parkland, it provides the perfect setting to explore British culture and improve English language skills in a real-life context.

Our mission is to Educate, Entertain and Engage, offering immersive, curriculum-enriching experiences that combine cultural learning with language development. The EFL (English as a Foreign Language) programme supports vocabulary building and understanding of British expressions, all within the historic setting of Blenheim Palace.



*The empires of the future  
are the empires of the mind.*

Sir Winston Churchill

## Our Educational Programme

Our educational programme for international students includes a range of options to best suit your students' needs. We offer a 45-minute tour of the Palace, on which our knowledgeable and experienced Guides use storytelling techniques and illustrated resources to support vocabulary development and contextual understanding. This can be followed by a 45-minute interactive workshop session led by a member of our Education Team and again tailored specifically for EFL students.

Our tours and workshop sessions explore a wide range of topics including the British and European royal families, pivotal historical events, and the enduring legacy of Sir Winston Churchill, enabling students to place their learning within a broader cultural and historical context. Our standard workshop capacity is up to 15 students, but for larger groups we divide students into smaller rotations to ensure an engaging, high-quality experience for everyone. We also offer a variety of self-led resources that can be used by the visit leader and students to introduce and consolidate learning both before and after your visit.

## Taking learning outdoors

Our 2,000 acre Estate provides an exceptional setting for outdoor learning. From our Parkland and the Great Lake designed by “Capability” Brown in the 18th century to the beautiful Formal Gardens and working Kitchen Garden, there's plenty to explore. Students can engage with nature, discover the history of our Gardens and spot native British wildlife. Down in the Walled Garden we also have our Marlborough Maze, perfect for team challenges, our Rowse Honey Hive where students can learn about the importance of our native wildflowers and pollinators and our Butterfly House which is home to butterfly species from all over the world.

## A unique place to learn English

Blenheim Palace offers a truly immersive environment in which students can practise English with purpose and confidence. Through conversations with knowledgeable guides, exploration of authentic historic surroundings, and participation in engaging, hands-on activities, learners naturally build fluency and self-assurance. The Palace and Estate bring the English language to life through storytelling, architecture, and a rich cultural heritage, creating a memorable highlight of any language-learning journey.



## Blandford Academy

# Workshops



### English Language & British History

This is a 45 minute workshop led by a member of the Blenheim Palace Education Team in the Education Room. Learning will be based on the subject of British history.

Students will explore:

- British history
- British aristocracy
- The British Royal Family
- European Royal Families
- British food

## Winston Churchill at Blenheim Palace & WWII in Britain

This is a 45 minute workshop led by a member of the Blenheim Palace Education Team in the MI5 Room. Learning will be based on the subject of Sir Winston Churchill at Blenheim Palace and WWII on the home front.

Students will explore:

- Churchill's interests and jobs
- Churchill's link with Blenheim Palace
- Churchill's War speeches
- Britain on the Home Front during WWII and its major events



## Tours

### English Vocabulary Tour

This is a 45 minute guided tour through the Palace State Rooms offered with the English Language & British History Workshop. Whilst visiting the home of the Duke of Marlborough and exploring the history of the Palace, there will be a focus on English vocabulary. This will include opportunities to learn English words and British expressions.

### Winston Churchill & WWII at Blenheim Palace Tour

This is a 45 minute guided tour through the Palace State Rooms offered with the Winston Churchill at Blenheim Palace & WWII in Britain Workshop. Whilst visiting the home of the Duke of Marlborough and exploring the history of the Palace, there will be a focus on the connections between Winston Churchill, the Spencer-Churchill family and WWII at Blenheim Palace.

# Catering

We offer a range of flexible catering options to suit all preferences, with an extensive range of hot meals and chilled selections. This includes traditional English meals such as fish and chips, toad in the hole and shepherd's pie.

## Hot meals

Toad in the Hole with seasonal greens  
Bangers and Mash with seasonal greens  
Fish and Chips with mushy peas  
Chicken Fajita Wrap with chips  
Halloumi Fajita Wrap with chips (V)  
Shepherd's Pie with seasonal greens  
Vegetable Lasagne with mixed leaves and garlic bread (V)



## Chilled Options



## Marlborough Packed Lunch

Fresh homemade sandwiches with one of the filling options below:

- Free Range Egg & Cress
- Mature Cheddar Cheese & Chutney
- BLT
- Coronation Chicken
- Tuna & Cucumber

Fresh Fruit (VG)

Crisps (V)

Blenheim Palace Still Water

## Spencer Churchill Packed Lunch

Fresh homemade sandwiches with one of the filling options below:

- Free Range Egg, Cress & Truffle Mayonnaise
- Smoked Salmon & Salad
- Rare Sirloin of Beef, Watercress & Truffle Mayonnaise

Homemade Sausage Roll

Slice of Blenheim Baked Cake

Crisps (V)

Blenheim Palace Pressed Orange  
Sparkling Water

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Allergies and dietary requirements can be catered for separately



## Education packages we offer:

Option  
1

### Discover at Your Own Pace

SELF-LED

A self-led visit supported by our specifically designed resources.

**Self-led resources available on our website**

Option  
2

### Guided Learning Experience

STAFF-LED

Led by our expert team, this package includes an interactive workshop and a guided tour, bringing learning to life through structured exploration.

**Includes a workshop and a guided tour**

Option

3

## Comprehensive Experience

STAFF-LED

All the benefits of our Guided Learning Experience with the added packed lunch to ensure a smooth and enjoyable day for your group.

**Includes a workshop, a guided tour, and a choice of packed lunch**

Option

4

## Immersive Experience

STAFF-LED

Our most comprehensive package, featuring our Guided Learning Experience with the added hot catering - perfect for a full, enriching day of learning.

**Includes a workshop, a guided tour, and a choice of hot meal**





## Book your visit

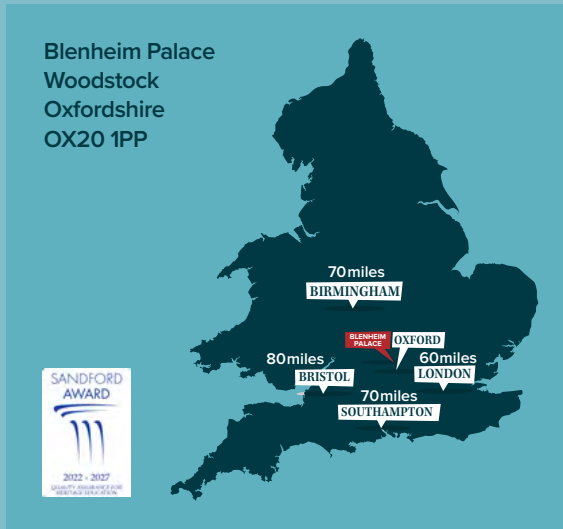
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*Understanding the past  
is instrumental to better appreciate the present  
and to better prepare the future.*

Blenheim Education Statement