



The British School Experience

Experience a week at a British Secondary school

Welcome to Faversham and LanguageUK...

Faversham is a typical country town set in the heart of Kent.



Faversham A history

Faversham has attracted its fair share of historians - and no wonder! Its past is eventful and varied, it has always been close to the centre of the national stage, it has kept its own records since the 13th century and its rich historic fabric constitutes a source just as informative (to those who can 'read' it) as documentary records. Faversham is a treat in store for lovers of historic buildings. Some 500 in the town are listed by English Heritage, most in the very large conservation area. In streets such as Abbey Street, Court Street, Tanners Street and West Street you'll have no difficulty in conjuring up images of how the town looked 400 years ago. Many of the timber-framed buildings there then are still here now, and in good shape. As an actor, Shakespeare visited the town and if he were alive today he'd feel quite at home! Faversham has cared for its heritage like few other towns.



Faversham The Creek



Without its Creek, Faversham would never have existed.

Its value for the discharge and loading of cargoes was recognised in prehistoric times, when a settlement was established near Standard Quay. A Roman villa (luxury farmstead) came next, on an adjacent site. Then, a thousand years later, in 1147, work began on building a huge Abbey nearby. Stone for this was imported from France through the Creek. In the 17th century Faversham was the nation's main port for the export of wool. At a time when London was Europe's largest city and rapidly expanding, it was its main source of that essential foodstuff - wheat. In fact for centuries the town had a symbiotic relationship with London. The city's exponential growth in the 19th century would have been impossible without deliveries from Faversham of the yellowy-brown 'London' stock brick, made in huge quantities in and around the town. The vessels involved were also energy-frugal. They were the colourful, versatile sailing barges, whose only energy-sources were ... wind and tide. Many were built in local shipyards, and some remained in service till the 1950s.



Our courses for Juniors take place at the Abbey School in Faversham

For the past four years the Abbey school have welcomed groups of International students to experience life in a British school. The Abbey school works closely with LanguageUK and sees this partnership as an opportunity and experience for both local and foreign students. It also links with the International dimension of the school which is very much part of the ethos and vision.



The Conference Centre



The school grounds



The main reception area



The school uniform



Sports at the Abbey school

Abbey school

The Abbey school is a modern secondary and over 1000 pupils attend the school. The school facilities include four 2/3 storey blocks – Business and Maths, IT and technology, Humanities and Drama and Music. There are several sports halls, a floodlit astro football pitch and large playing fields surrounding the front of the school. The school also has a conference centre and a canteen that serves hot and cold meals daily. All pupils who are 16 and under have to wear a uniform.

How do we work with the Abbey School?

Junior school groups take part in a weekly workshop with the Abbey school pupils and this is aimed at promoting and providing both a cross cultural and enriching experience.

Food technology, Performing Arts and The Modern Foreign language department have been actively involved in the past.

The Abbey school are now offering The International Baccalaureate Career-related diploma. Both the Abbey school and LanguageUK see this as a perfect opportunity to involve both the IBCP students and foreign students in collaborative workshops.

Workshops with the Abbey school pupils



Weekly lessons at the school	Integration with the Abbey school pupils	School Trips and Activities
<p>The students will take their lessons as a closed group at the Abbey school. They will be given a timetable which will include themed lessons and activities relating to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British school life • Aspects of British culture • History and information related to the trips and activities 	<p>The students will be given the opportunity to meet and work with the Abbey school pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One workshop per week • A school tour given by the Abbey school pupils followed by a question and answer session • LanguageUK students can have their meals or packed lunches alongside their British peers in the school canteen. 	<p>During the week the students will be given the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Canterbury and have a guided tour of the Cathedral • Take a guided day trip to London • Take part in 2 evening activities at the school

A sample timetable

Please note that this is a sample. LanguageUK have a number of different themes especially written and designed for this programme. Choice of themes can be discussed prior to the group arriving with the head teacher or group leader

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
ARRIVAL	09.00 – 11.00	09.00 – 11.00	09.00 – 11.00	09.00 – 10.15	09.00 – 11.20	DAY TRIP	DEPARTURE
<p>11.50 Flight arrival and transfer</p> <p>Approx. 15.00 Arrive at Abbey School car park where students will be met by their hosts.</p> <p>Dinner & evening with host</p>	Welcome, introductions & induction	CLASS: Education In Britain	CLASS The UK	CLASS Canterbury	09.20 – 10.20 Magic workshop 10.20 – 11.20 Workshop with Abbey School pupils	07.45 Meet at Faversham station 08.03 Train to London Victoria Day trip to London to include guided tour and free time in Covent Garden 16.37 Train from Victoria Approx 6.00pm Dinner & evening with host	9.00 Transfer to the airport
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
	11.30 - 12.30	11.30 - 12.30	11.30 - 12.30	10.30 – 11.30	11.50 – 12.30		
	CLASS Faversham workshop	CLASS Abbey school Tour/Q&A session	CLASS Music	CLASS Thomas Becket 12.08 train	CLASS London		
	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch		
	13.30 – 16.30	13.30 – 16.30	13.30 – 16.30	12.30 – 16.30	13.30 – 16.30		
	ACTIVITY Faversham town trail	CLASS Graffiti	CLASS Food	ACTIVITY 13.00 Cathedral & free time 17.20 train	CLASS My Top 10, feedback & certificate presentation		
	17.00	17.00	17.00	Approx. 18.00	17.00		
	Dinner & evening with host	Dinner with host 19.30 – 21.00 Archery & team games	Dinner & evening with host	Dinner & evening with host	Dinner with host 19.30 – 21.00 Ceilidh dance evening		



Some Social Activities and Trips



Canterbury Cathedral



Team building at the Abbey



Ceilidh night



Canterbury Cathedral



The Horse Guards London

Some Activities and Trips

Canterbury Cathedral was one of the most important centres of pilgrimage in Medieval England. There has been a cathedral at Canterbury since 597 when St. Augustine baptised the Saxon king Ethelbert. The Archbishop of Canterbury was the most senior religious figure in the land and he was based at the cathedral. While the cathedral had huge significance as both a religious and political level in medieval times, its importance as a centre of pilgrimage greatly increased after the murder of Thomas Becket there in 1170.



London – A Day Trip

We can take your students anywhere in London . There are so many wonderful places in London to visit and so many things to do. Our trip to London can be **tailor made** . Many groups request a central London tour giving the students the opportunity to see all the famous sites such as Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden and China Town. Alternative tours in London are available.



Homestay Accommodation

All our hosts have been thoroughly checked by student services at LanguageUK and cleared for all safe guarding regulations as required by the British Council.

Bed, breakfast and dinner included

