

BLISS @ KILGRASTON

Summer 2024

30 June-11 August 2024



General English
and Global
Leadership English

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- Horse Riding
- Sports and summer activities
- Golf
- Outdoor Adventure

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Who are **BLISS**?

Brownlee Language International Summer School.

We at **BLISS** aim to provide students from all over the world with the unmissable opportunity to spend their summer broadening their minds, expanding their skill set and creating incredible memories to last a lifetime.

It's important to us that every student has a **BLISSful** experience, so we always aim to strike the right balance between leisure and learning. We know that with this approach we can encourage students to speak English in a natural, authentic way.

Join us on a summer adventure that will enhance, enrich and encourage.

Our students will tell you that themselves... in English.



BLISS and Kilgraston are the perfect pairing having grown together from the very beginning. **BLISS** was created around the shape of Kilgraston and Kilgraston is the natural home of **BLISS**. This blend couldn't be more perfect.



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Kilgraston School

The perfect place to learn and make memories... all in English! Kilgraston School is only 4 miles away from the city but has a rural feel as we are set in 72 beautiful acres of Perthshire. With horses onsite, ample grounds with tennis facilities, an indoor swimming pool, and an all-weather hockey pitch, is it any wonder that summer school here is a popular choice for international students from all over the world?



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100% of 2022 surveyed participants scored BLISS English lessons as “Extremely” and “very” well organised

Our course is based on the Theory of Natural Acquisition, pioneered by Stephen Krashen. We want the language to stick in the minds of our students and we want them to see learning the language as a pleasure. In this way, we have designed our course to have formal elements, as well as informal ones. When you learn your first language, you do so through listening, repetition and then understanding; this is Natural Acquisition. That is our aim for our learners.

While they might come to us not familiar with certain vocabulary, grammar or accent, they will certainly leave with a more familiar connection with English, as they will have full-immersion English when they are with us. Through working with the daily routine, following instruction and interacting with others, they will start to absorb and use language, which they didn't have before.

During the mornings, they will have their lessons in the classroom setting, where they will benefit from an interactive style of teaching and learning. They will work towards a weekly project at their own level and they will be able to ask their teacher and peers for support. We are accredited by the British Council.



Out of the classroom, they will be communicating in the common language with students from the UK as well as from many different nations. Staff only speak English and so, in order to be understood, they have to speak to us in English. So, whether they are in the common rooms, the onsite equestrian centre or in the sports halls, students have to communicate in English to ensure they can connect with others.

All the teachers follow the same syllabus, which means that all students are learning the same topics, but in different age groups and at different levels. In this way, all students can converse about their lessons in the morning, no matter what class they are in. Classes have a maximum of 16 students and have as diverse a range of nationalities as possible.

The process of learning is a holistic one, where the students are able to benefit from a completely safe learning and living environment. Here they can advance, hone, or perhaps start their journey with English.

English Language is at the centre of everything we do – it is fundamental to the program.



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Why choose BLISS at Kilgraston?

Personal growth and discovery
Lifelong friendships with kindred spirits from around the globe
Team-building skills
Confidence in speaking English
Outstanding memories made for life!

Our programme is flexible, action packed and full of fun, while still being educational, interactive and full-immersion.

BLISS programmes have evolved from feedback given to us from schools, parents, partners and students - along with years of experience.

We **recommend a minimum stay of two weeks**, but you can stay up to five weeks with us, as our syllabus ensures no lessons are repeated along with weekend adventures that are different every time.

At BLISS@Kilgraston you will have English lessons in the morning and then you can choose options in the afternoon to suit your personal interests.

All of our teachers are experienced and qualified to teach you, no matter what level your English is at. All of our afternoon instructors are experts in their field and there is every possibility that their enthusiasm might just make you an expert in the future!

Week days		Weekends
8.30 Breakfast and registration		8.30 Breakfast
9.00 – 12.30 English		9.00 – 9.30 Leave for Edinburgh Castle
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch		12.30 – 13.30 Packed lunch
13.30/14.00 – 16.00 Choice of Afternoon Activities		13.30/14.00 – 16.00 Art gallery and shopping
16.30 – 17.30 Swimming (Optional)		16.30 – 17.30 Return to school
18.00 Dinner		18.00 Dinner
19.00 Assembly and Evening activities		19.00 Evening activities
22.30 / 23.00 Lights out		22.30 / 23.00 Lights out

What does the week look like at BLISS?

Monday to Friday mornings allow time for the students to dedicate time in the classroom, with experienced and qualified teachers, following our unique, specially developed BLISS syllabus, accredited by the British Council.

Our **academic staff** are committed to inspiring our students with a broad range of exciting lessons and activities. We ensure that students feel thoroughly engaged and ready to try something new.

Everyone attends classes based on **age and level**. We use the CEFR to help us grade students.

Our **Director of Studies** has been teaching English as a Foreign Language since 2001 and has run four different language schools across the UK and abroad. With a diploma in TESOL, and a BA (Hons) she is fully qualified to ensure that high-quality lessons are being delivered at all times.

Due to the nature of our syllabus, students are assured that across all levels they will study the same subjects on the same day, ensuring **interactive opportunities** outside, as well as inside, the classrooms.

Students also have an **elective subject** for ten hours per week. **Every evening**, there is a choice of leisure activities: sports, arts and crafts, team games, discos, cinema night, karaoke and many more besides. Every weekend, students have **full-day excursions** to local places of interest.



“Fun, friendships... and the best weather ever!”
Alberte Sofia,
BLISSful Student 2022

Afternoon Electives

After English in the mornings, students can choose from:

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| Tennis | 121 Extra English |
| Art | Horse Riding |
| Rock School | Hockey |
| Discovery Scotland | Outdoor Adventure |
| Mixed Summer Sports | Football |
| Science | Golf |
| | Drama |



Please book Horse Riding early to avoid disappointment!

Mixed Summer Sports

This option is for students who can't quite decide what sports they want to do! Don't worry; that's no problem for us! Mixed Summer Sports is a little bit of everything – including volleyball, swimming, athletics, touch rugby, rounders, tennis and badminton too if you like! If there is something special you want to do that's not on the sports menu, just let us know and we will do our best to organize it for you!. This course is also open to local UK students, so gives maximum opportunity for interaction and English communication.



Outdoor Adventure

Partnered with our local provider, over 3 days we do aqua zorbing, kayaking, archery and paddleboarding on the River Tay– each day is different, and exhilarating. On the other two days, we investigate the campus, explore bushcraft, survival skills and den making.



Horse Riding

BLISS at Kilgraston is the perfect place to enjoy summer horse riding. Horse riding is one of our most popular choices, due to the excellent facilities we have onsite. Horse riders will learn about stable and horse management and then we will get on our horse and do some practical work. No matter your level, we are happy to work with you to see you improve, give you suggestions to get on and see you get to the next level. We are fully experienced with riders of all levels, so if you want to, jump on and give it a go. Charlie and the rest of the horses are waiting!

Art

The Art Department overlooks the grounds from the higher windows of the main school. We have our own Art Leaders, who will show you how to make crafts from mood-boards, clay models, or something you just dream up! You will have time and space to paint, draw, sketch from your own imagination or from the instructions of our Art Leader.

Drama

Is drama your thing? Apart from House Drama and our Talent Shows, we also have drama as an afternoon elective. In this option students will work with a drama director to write, produce and act out their own short play. This afternoon option is ideal for those who have a drama background, as well as those who do not.

Rock School

This **NEW** afternoon option is for those who want to unleash their inner rockstar! Working with other students, you will have the opportunity to sing as well as to play guitars, bass, drums, electric piano and other instruments to see what fits you best. If you already play, then great, you're in the band!



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What's your overall impression of BLISS?

"Attention to student needs, staff excellence in preparation and overview, variety of activities, facilities, extremely human environment and the impact that has on students"
Agent, 2019



St Andrews Beach, Scotland

There are few places as captivating as Scotland, especially in summer. A land of magical castles, highlands and glens – it even has its own type of cow! BLISS at Kilgraston offer the perfect combination, in the heart of Scotland.

Discovery Scotland

This option is open to those who want to see some of the historical sights of Scotland. Perth is a wonderful starting point for visitors to explore the past, present and future. Places of interest within 45 mins drive include the National Wallace Monument, Stirling Castle, Bannockburn, The Hermitage and Perth, to name only a few locations. This option is for the more adventurous student who loves to learn new things!

Tennis

Using our outdoor tennis courts, this racquet sport is one of skill and understanding. Our instructors will ensure you are developing in the best way to maximize your tennis experience.



1-2-1 Extra English

If you really want to power up your English over summer, opt for this in the afternoons. Depending on your level and what you want to improve, your teacher will work with you on an individual level to ensure that you get out of these afternoons exactly what you hope for. This could be extra practice in conversation, or it could be exam prep for something specific. Whatever your needs, we will make and produce a tailored plan for you, with extensions and homework tasks to be done during your time with us and when you go home.

Hockey

The Hockey elective is led by our own double Olympian coach, for Team GB. HPC Hockey will coach you and inspire you to give the best hockey performance of your life.



Football

Everyone loves football! This option is for footballers of every level who want to improve their game and learn new skills and techniques.



Science

Understanding how nature works and how the world works is fundamental in life - our science elective allows students to try out experiments in our state-of-the-art science lab.

Golf

Working with our specially selected Golf Pro, students will be able to tee off in the home of Golf; Scotland. Perthshire is famous for its many well-kept courses, which will inspire our students to improve their game, no matter their existing level.



WEEKENDS!

STIRLING PERTH ST ANDREWS EDINBURGH

GLASGOW LOCH NESS DUNDEE LOCH LEVEN

Scotland is simply stunning. Any visitor who comes here will be captivated by the castles, the glens and the dramatic scenery all around. It is the land of the world's shortest commercial flight (47 seconds on a good day!), the home of **golf** and the Loch Ness Monster, of Sean Connery and Ewan McGregor, of scientists and politicians, artists and musicians, and of castles that were home to kings and queens of old.

BLISS at Kilgraston, Scotland, is situated just outside the historic town of Perth, often called the **Gateway to the Highlands**. Stirling is not far, where William Wallace fought and where the National Wallace Monument now dominates the skyline. This dramatic landmark can only be outdone by Stirling Castle itself, only a few kilometres away.

Weekend Trips

Every Saturday and Sunday we all go together on a coach to a city, town or other attraction that is of **cultural interest** to our students. We know that many of our students come back year after year, so we make these **trips varied**, different every weekend and every year.

We leave the school at 9.30am, with a packed lunch. We spend the full day out, led by our group leaders and activities staff and then we get back to school in time for dinner.

We also have a full schedule of evening activities at the weekend.



Catering, Campus and Accommodation

Catering

As the winner of many Healthy Eating awards, our catering teams have a lot to be proud of! They will provide three meals a day, with hot and cold options, salad, soups and local cheeses and breads. They will also provide packed lunches for our full-day trips.

Dietary requirements are all looked after, as long as we know in advance. Menus can also be provided in advance.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all served in our dining room, and we have packed lunches at the weekends for our trips.

Campus

Our campuses have acres of parkland, 4 miles south of Perth. It takes around 50 mins from Edinburgh airport and about one hour from Glasgow.

Onsite we have an equestrian centre, science lab, swimming pool, art department, many tennis courts and many other facilities to explore and discover

Accommodation

Boys and girls are accommodated in different areas and we will be using Mater and Butterstone House. The rooms are single, bunks as well as some dorms. The facilities are shared and on the floor next to the rooms.

Staff stay onsite 24/7

We are ten minutes from Perth Royal Infirmary, in the case of an accident or emergency



Essential Info

Minimum 15 hours of English or Young Leadership a week

Afternoon and Evening activities included

10 hours of elective activities

24 hour pastoral care from **BLISS** staff

2 weekend trips a week

Pick-ups from any **Scottish airport**

UM service covered

Mobile Phone Policy

Dedicated **first aiders**

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