

## UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH, PORTSMOUTH

Residential Centre

Age Range: 14 – 18 years

Course start dates: 1 July, 15 July, 29 July 2009

Web: <http://www.lsc.ac/courses/centres/portsmouth.htm>



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### THE TOWN

Portsmouth is a waterfront city on the south coast of England. Home to the British Royal Navy for more than 500 years, Portsmouth's mix of historic ships, castles, forts and museums make it one of the best holiday centres in which to explore the history of this sea-faring nation. Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth and is now celebrated at the Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum and it was also here that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created his most famous character, Sherlock Holmes. The tale of this city is told at the City museum and the D-Day Museum recalls the invasion of Europe in 1944 when thousands of Allied troops sailed from Portsmouth.

### THE COLLEGE

The University of Portsmouth is one of the South's leading universities. Most of the buildings and facilities are in the heart of the city centre, all within a couple of minutes walk from the accommodation.

### FACILITIES

Sports such as volleyball, basketball, badminton and table tennis will take place at the main sports hall. There is also an outdoor sports area where students can play football and an auditorium where we can show films in the evenings. Discos will be organised in the large function rooms in the student union building, which also has common areas where students can play table football, pool and other games.

### ACCOMMODATION

Groups are accommodated at James Watson Hall, part of the Guildhall campus, in the centre of the city. All flats are modern and self-contained with 4 or 6 single rooms and a kitchen. All rooms have en suite shower and toilet facilities. **A €40.00 Damage Deposit per student is payable on arrival at the centre.**

### TEACHING PROGRAMME

The course includes 15 hours of English tuition Monday to Friday, with a twenty-minute break. During the peak period of July we may operate a zig-zag timetable with some lessons taking place in the afternoon. The lessons focus mainly on vocabulary work and the development of communication skills through involving students in various classroom activities. There are also lessons which are linked to the cultural and historical aspect of the excursion programme, so that students are informed about the destinations and get maximum benefit from their trips. Students will be given course material, which is theirs to keep, but they are not provided with writing materials. All students are tested on arrival and placed into the class level that is most suitable for them, and their progress is monitored throughout the course. The maximum class size is fifteen students.

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## ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Full Day Excursion to London with Thames sightseeing cruise  
Full day Excursion to Brighton and the Royal Pavilion  
Half Day Excursion to Winchester with a visit to the Cathedral  
Half Day Excursion to Chichester  
Museum visit  
Town Walk  
2 x Sports per week  
2 x Discos per week  
Quiz Night  
Film Night

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Postal Address: James Watson Hall, Block A, White Swan Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2DF  
Website: [www.port.ac.uk/holidays](http://www.port.ac.uk/holidays)  
Distance from town centre: 400m  
Distance from: London Heathrow: 110km  
London Gatwick: 100km  
London Stanstead: 206km

## ACCOMMODATION

Total beds on site: 400  
Total LSC bed allocation: 175  
Disabled access: Yes  
Ratio of showers/baths: All rooms are en-suite  
Ratio of toilets: All rooms are en-suite  
Towels provided: Yes  
Rooms cleaning: Full service every 7 days plus a general clean of each room every 2 to 3 days  
Lockable bedrooms: Yes  
Common Rooms: Yes – kitchen area in each flat.  
Dining hall capacity: 140  
Telephones: In every room  
Laundry Facilities: Yes, coin operated.  
Safe available for leaders: Yes  
Internet Available: No

## SPORTS FACILITIES

Indoor Sports: Nuffield Sports Centre 200m from accommodation.  
Outdoor Sports: Available at Langstone Campus but will usually be played in one of two city centre parks.

## TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Nearest Public Transport: Buses - Commercial Road – 400m  
Trains – City Station – 300m  
Frequency of Service: varies according to destination  
Average Cost: varies according to destination

## LOCAL AMENITIES

Nearest Bank: Commercial Road – 400m  
Nearest Shops: Commercial Road – 400m  
Nearest Post Office: Commercial Road – 400m

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