



Pilgrims



More than 40 years of history and experience

An overwhelming desire to create an environment that would stimulate and inspire their students is what drove Mario Rinvoluceri and James Dixey to open Pilgrims in 1974.

Concerned by the fact that teachers in traditional schools focused more on the course books and a method, they identified that a more immediate result could be achieved by putting the learner at the centre of the learning process.

Their ethos – Pilgrims does not teach a language, but teaches people.

This pedagogic philosophy is now celebrated throughout the world as the ‘Humanistic Approach’; it inspires thousands of Children & Teenagers, Business Professionals and Teachers. Indeed Pilgrims has published over 50 Teacher’s resource books on the subject and continues to guide teachers worldwide through the Pilgrims pioneering online magazine ‘Humanising Language Teaching’.

People come to Pilgrims not just to focus on their English, but to focus on their relationship with their English: this transformation at a deep personal level empowers them to take responsibility for how they learn and how they can communicate powerfully in the global language.



The Pilgrims Philosophy



We believe that successful language acquisition is based on a strong relationship between the learner and teacher. Our passionate coaches go beyond traditional teaching and makes the individual learner's goal central to their study in a motivating and inspiring environment. It is the thrill of being part of a culture that oozes enormous learning energy.



From the moment all of the students arrive at the airport the teachers are challenging and encouraging all to succeed. They sense a very special, safe environment where teachers know their names and make them feel like they belong.

The Pilgrims schools are decorated with a clear purpose to inspire excitement and curiosity over how the course will unfold. Under the guise of a motivating theme the student enters a challenging and rewarding environment.

We go beyond the traditional teaching and learning classroom to create a family of inspired learners. We wake them in the morning, guide them through the learning in class, challenge them in team activities and even unwind with a cup of cocoa before bed.

The most powerful feature of a Pilgrims course is the passion, pride and commitment of all the teachers who live and breath Pilgrims.



Choose Pilgrims



Over 35 nationalities



2/3 of students return



Staff on site 24hr/7d



**All schools are less than
1 hour from a major London airport**

Daily Routine

Morning

- 07.30 Wake up**
Students are woken up by the teachers and start speaking English straight away. A morning jog is also available to those who want to kick start their day.
- 08.15 Breakfast**
Students enjoy a varied breakfast in the school dining halls where all students and teachers sit together and continue to practice their English.
- 09.00 Morning meeting**
Before class all students and teachers take part in the much-loved Morning Meeting. The morning meetings are the first lesson of the day where we find out what exciting activities we have planned for the day. Morning meetings ensure that we are all energised while learning lots of English.
- 09.30 Lessons**
As part of our integrated day the morning lessons give students the very best English language training. The morning lessons focus on learning language that students can then use confidently in order to participate in and enjoy the days activities.

Afternoon

- 12.30 Lunch**
Students enjoy a hot or cold lunch in the school dining halls with their teacher and classmates where they continue to practice their English.
- 14.00 Afternoon activity**
During the afternoon students choose from a variety of activities such as sports, art, drama and team building exercises. The activities are led by teachers who offer fun ways to practise and learn English.
- 15.15 Break**
Refreshments are provided between activities to allow students to refresh and prepare for the next activity.
- 15.30 Afternoon activity**
Students will participate in the second activity of their choice.
- 17.00 Free time**
Students are given free time before dinner to shower and prepare for the evening. Students use this time for quiet reading, speaking to family members on the phone or relaxing with teachers and students in the common room.

Evening

- 18.00 Pre-dinner activity**
A quick activity to bring everybody together again, and energise for the evening ahead.
- 18.15 Dinner**
A hot dinner is eaten in the school dining hall with teammates and teachers where students continue to practise their English.
- 19.15 Evening activity**
Our much loved evening activities are great ways for students to work as a team and practise their English. The evening activities include a talent show, Challenge Night and Casino Night.
- 21.15 Cocoa**
Every evening we provide cocoa in the common room to give students time to relax before bed and chat to friends and teachers in English.
- 22.00 Bedtime**
Students go up to their room to start getting ready for bed and get some much needed rest for another jam-packed Pilgrims day. Bedtime may vary depending on the students age.



Pre-Dinner Activity



Morning Meeting



Arts



Evening Activity



Lessons



Afternoon Activity



Sports



Meals

A Love of English

Pilgrims Language Courses promote English from 'Breakfast to Bedtime'. The students are immersed in an English environment littered with exciting lessons and activities. Through friendly competition, either as a team or individually, all are challenged to succeed.

Teachers are always engaging with students in English inside and out of the classroom. This creates a real desire to use the English language to communicate and get involved, despite being a second or third language to all pupils. By creating a real need on so many different levels the true love of English is developed.

Students leave Pilgrims with so much positivity and passion for activities, for new friendships with staff and students that they are transformed as people with greater confidence in themselves and in manoeuvring the global society that they have become part of.



The Programme



Teaching and learning is a very human endeavour. There are differences between what works for one person and what works for another. At Pilgrims we understand this diversity and focus on the individual needs of each of our students. Creativity is the key to helping our students reach their aims.

This tailored approach to learning spills into every part of the programme, thus making the entire Pilgrims experience a pedagogic process. The classroom is not the only place where our students learn and practice their English. Our highly imaginative and exceptionally fun activities are a way to explore the English language.

Students choose between a variety of activities such as sport, art, drama and team building exercises. These enjoyable facets of the programme allow students to discover something entirely new while practising and perfecting their language skills. Two half day trips form part of the exciting programme. As students visit cities and explore the English culture, they shape their cosmopolitan identity.





Bradfield College

8-13 & 14-17 years

Set in the village of Bradfield, amidst unspoilt Berkshire countryside, Bradfield College enjoys a well established reputation for being one of the country's leading coeducational, independent schools. Recent developments to the college have added to its rich portfolio of outstanding facilities. During the summer the college has an incredible atmosphere as a result of so many returning students and staff.

Location

Bradfield College is situated near Reading and only 40 minutes away from the historic city of Oxford, making it the ideal location for some great trips to some of the UK's most loved cities. It is only 40 minutes drive from Heathrow airport and 60 minutes from London Gatwick.

Facilities

- Sports centre
- Playing fields
- Tennis courts
- Art block
- Auditorium
- Drama/dance facilities
- Indoor swimming pool
- Single & Shared Rooms

Kent College

8-13 & 14-17 years

Kent College Pembury is surrounded by beautiful green countryside on the outskirts of Tunbridge Wells in Kent. The school campus comprises an elegant Victorian manor house and modern purpose built facilities. Comfort, safety, beautiful scenery, modern technology and exceptional facilities create the perfect place for students to learn efficiently and grow personally.

Location

Kent College Pembury is set in beautiful countryside just 3 miles from Tunbridge Wells. Tunbridge Wells is a small picturesque town located in an area of natural outstanding beauty. The school is only 40 minutes from London Gatwick airport and 60 minutes from Heathrow.



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Harrow School

10-13 & 14-17 years

Harrow School, founded in 1572, remains one of the UK's most well known and respected independent schools. Harrow has been home to a long list of celebrity graduates including politicians, sportsmen and actors. With its quintessential English buildings and stunning grounds, Harrow provides students with a real insight to life in an English boarding school.

Location

Harrow-on-the-Hill is one of the most attractive areas of London. Central London is only 20 minutes away making it the perfect location for some great trips to The City. Harrow captures the buzz of London life with spectacular views of the city and its surrounding areas. The school is just 30 minutes from Heathrow airport and 80 minutes from Gatwick.



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Dates and Fees 2018

Juniors 8 - 13 years

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2 weeks	03 July	16 July	Bradfield College	£2,900
	07 July	20 July	Harrow School*	£2,980
	10 July	23 July	Kent College	£2,800
	18 July	31 July	Bradfield College	£2,900
	21 July	03 August	Harrow School*	£2,980
	25 July	07 August	Kent College	£2,800
	04 August	17 August	Harrow School*	£2,980
	10 August	23 August	Bradfield College	£2,900
3 weeks	07 July	27 July	Harrow School*	£4,430
	28 July	17 August	Harrow School*	£4,430
4 weeks	03 July	31 July	Bradfield College	£5,720
	07 July	03 August	Harrow School*	£5,880
	10 July	07 August	Kent College	£5,520
	21 July	17 August	Harrow School*	£5,880
6 weeks	07 July	17 August	Harrow School*	£8,780

*Harrow School 10-13 years only

Seniors 14-17 years

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2 weeks	03 July	16 July	Bradfield College	£2,900
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Testimonials

Pilgrims has been a part of my life for so many years. I keep coming back because the staff are exceptionally good. The activities are absolutely brilliant as well and so are all the Pilgrims students. My English has improved so much thanks to Pilgrims! Going to Pilgrims is probably the greatest experience you'll ever have and it changes you in the best possible way.

Natasza Parzymies

Poland

The first time I went on a Pilgrims course, I was very scared as it was something new for me. I remember the first words of my course director: "You may not know anyone in this room right now but in two weeks, they'll be your friends". I must say those people not only became my friends but also my family. The Pilgrims experience is something that I wouldn't change for anything.

Theodosis Christodoulidis

Greece

Being a student at Pilgrims for three years has been one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had in my life. I had the opportunity to meet such wonderful people from all over the world. We lived all together and it was hard to say goodbye at the end of it. We shared wonderful moments and made memories that surely will last forever.

Graziana Masiello

Italy



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