

English Education System

Kindergarden

- School usually starts at age 4 when students go to Kindergarden.
- At this stage, the main focus is to encourage:
 - Student interaction with one another
 - Basic reading and writing skills
 - Authority within a school
 - Free play and imagination.



Play,
Learn

and

Grow...

Together!



Primary School

- Also known as Junior school
- It is from Year 1 (age 5/6) to year 6 (age 10/11).
- In Junior school, all students do all subjects.
- Parents have the option to send their children to either state (public) school or private school.

State vs. Private

- The average private school fee per term for a day school is about £3400 .
- The average school fee for per term for a boarding school is about £9,200

State education: Camden School for girls, London.



Private education: St Chris, Letchworth



Facts about state schools

- Have to follow the National Curriculum, decided by the government.
- Have to participate in National Exams
- Tend to have more students in each class (up to 30)
- Have students of very mixed abilities
- Are subsidised by the government and have a determined budget.
- You usually go to the state school closest to your house. Often people move house in order to be close to a good school.
- 'Catchment area'.

Facts about private Schools

- Tend to have smaller class sizes.
- May only select students who excel academically.
- May focus more on creativity and the individual student.
- Usually offer more varied extra curricular activities.
- Better facilities

Discussion

- What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of private/state education?
- What social class are able to go to private schools?
- What type of school do you think prepares you more for the real world?
- Why do you think parents send their children to boarding schools?
- Is there a similar system in Spain?

Secondary School

- If you opt to go to state school, at the end of year 6, you have to sit national exams called SATS.
- Year 6 children are tested in spelling, punctuation and grammar), reading and maths. Their writing is now assessed by the teacher rather than formally tested and as of 2013 there is no longer a science test.



Discussion

- Do you have national exams at age 10/11 in Spain?
- Do you think that it's important to be examined from an early age?



Secondary School

- Secondary school/ senior school is from year 7-11.
- From year 7-9 you have to study all subjects.
- For the whole of year 10 and 11 you prepare for national exams known as GCSE'S.

GCSE'S

- In year 10, each student chooses 9 or 10 subjects that they would like to continue studying.
- English literature and language
- Maths
- Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Are all obligatory, in both state and private schools!

Extra subjects

- The subjects which you have the option to choose are:
- Languages (French, Spanish, German etc)
- Geography
- History
- Religious Education
- Art
- Design Technology
- Drama
- P.E



Results day

- After 2 years of intense studying, the students are examined in GCSE'S in June of Year 11.
- The results are not published until August.



Future options

- Depending on your GCSE results, depends on what you can do in your future, there are many options:
- Go to 6th form where you are prepared for A-Levels and then have the choice to go to university.
- Do a vocational course where you study and work. Eg. Mechanic, chef, administration, hairdressing etc.
- Get a part time or full time job.



A-Levels

- 6th form is 2 years, from age 16-18.
- If you decide to go to 6th form and take A-Levels, you choose 4 subjects of your choice.
- There is plenty of choice regarding your subject options.
- New subjects such as: psychology, sociology, philosophy, economics are introduced at 6th form.

Exams

- At the end of the 1st and 2nd year there are exams.
- The first year exams are called AS Levels.
- The second year exams are called A-levels.
- Your results from the 1st year contribute to your result from the 2nd year.
- These exams are the most important of your school career as they decide whether you can go to university or not.
- Before, A-levels were graded A-E, however now they have introduced an A* to encourage the top students.

University

Before going to university, some students choose to take a 'gap year'.

During this year, they work to earn money and then usually go travelling.

On my gap year I went to China and South America!

University Attitudes

- University is supposed to be a fun learning experience, crucial to your personal development.
- Students often go to university far from their home towns.
- University fees went up recently and now cost around £9000.



Freshers Week

- The first year of university, students usually live in a student residence. In the first week there are parties, concerts and activities every day organised by the university for everybody to meet each other!

CSU **CANTERBURY 12TH-17TH SEPTEMBER**
FRESHERS WEEK 2010

DAYTIME	SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER	EVENING
WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH		FRESHERS OPENING PARTY! • FROM 8PM • £3 ENTRY • GAMES, PRIZES AND GET TO MEET OTHER FRESHERS!
DAYTIME	MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER	EVENING
NOT UNPACKED YOUR POTS AND PANS YET? BURGER MEAL & DRINK - £3.50		T-TOXIC TOXIC WARM UP AT THE BAR FROM 8PM THEN ONTO CHILL NIGHTCLUB
DAYTIME	TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER	EVENING
GET YOUR NUS EXTRA CARD ONLINE AT NUS.ORG.UK OR FROM THE SU. <small>the national voice of students</small>		Live Music Night bands start at 8pm
DAYTIME	WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER	EVENING
BEACH LIFE It's not too far to the beach so why not head over to Broadstairs and enjoy the last of the summer sun? <small>Admission £2.00</small>		PUB TOUR! MEET AT THE STUDENT BAR AT 7PM IN YOUR BEST GOLF GEAR!
DAYTIME	THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER	EVENING
EXPLORE CANTERBURY Come on a 'Town Tour' to discover the history, shops, cafes, and sights of your new town. Find a Freshers Crew member in the SU to show you around.		Quiz and Games Night Team games and plenty of prizes! <small>8pm onwards</small>
DAYTIME	FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER	EVENING
Beat, relax, enjoy the weather and get ready for a late night in your best fancy dress Geek outfit.		<geek_night /> FANCY DRESS £2 ENTRY

LET'S PARTY
KICK OFF YOUR TIME AT CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY WITH A SANGI!

THERE'S SO MUCH ON OFFER THROUGHOUT FRESHERS WEEK THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT YOU CAN AVOID HAVING FUN AND MAKING GREAT FRIENDS.

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Freshers Week

