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10	†ELC Bristol	SW	16+	16+	03-23		PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	†ELC Chester	NW	14+	16+	06-24	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	†English Language Centre, Brighton, The	SE	16+	16+	06-24		PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	†LSI/International House Portsmouth	SE	18+	18+	06-23		PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	†London School of English (The)	LDN	18+	18+	07-24		PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	†Summer Boarding Courses	MLT	8+	NA	07-23		PLS:Y SS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	†Wimbledon School of English	LDN	16+	16+	03-23	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9.5	†Bell Cambridge	EA	No	16+	06-23	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9.5	†Broadstairs English Centre	SE	12+	9+	11-24		PLS:Y+A	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9.5	†Harrow School Short Courses	LDN	13+	No	07-24		PLS:Y BS	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9.5	†NILE Norwich	EA	18+	18+	08-24		TT	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	†International House London	LDN	16+	16+	09-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
9	International House Torquay (formerly Torquay International School)	SW	10+	16+	06-24	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
9	†University of Sheffield ELTC	YOR	17+	17+	11-24		Uni	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	
8.9	†University of Manchester	NW	18+	18+	02-23		Uni	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	
8.5	Chichester College	SE	16+	16+	04-23		FE	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
8.5	East Sussex College, Lewes and Eastbourne	SE	16+	16+	05-23		FE	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
8.5	†International House Bristol	SW	12+	16+	02-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1			1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
8.5	†International House London Young Learner Centres	MLT	8+	No	07-24	Y	PLS:Y	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	
8.5	†INTO Manchester	NW	16+	16+	11-22		Path	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	
8.5	ISCA School of English	SW	12+	No	06-22		PLS:Y SS		1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8.5	†Loxdale English Centre	SE	8+	8+	01-25		PLS:Y+A	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	1
8.5	†Peartree Languages	WLS	12+	16+	07-24		PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1
8.5	†St. Giles International, London	LDN	16+	16+	04-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8.5	†University of Nottingham	EM	16+	16+	02-25		Uni	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8.4	†Plymouth Marjon University	SW	18+	18+	04-24		Uni	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8.4	†University of Dundee	SCO	NA	18+	10-24		Uni	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		

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8	†BEET Language Centre	SW	16+	16+	05-22		PLS:A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1		
8	Discovery Summer, London	LDN	8+	No	08-23		PLS:Y SS	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1
8	EF International Bournemouth	SW	13+	16+	03-24	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1
8	EF International Oxford	SE	16+	16+	09-24	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1
8	English Language Centre, Eastbourne, The	SE	16+	16+	05-24		PLS:A	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1
8	Exsportise (Head office- West Sussex)	SE	8+	No	08-24		PLS:Y SS	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1	1	1
8	INTO Queen's University Belfast	NI	16+	16+	10-23		Path	1	1	1		1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Kaplan International Bournemouth	SW	16+	16+	11-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8	†King's Foundation, King's College London	LDN	17+	17+	03-22	Y	Uni	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8	†Kings Oxford	SE	14+	16+	11-21	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
8	†Living Learning English	SW	10+	10+	04-25		LTH		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1		1
8	St. Clare's, Oxford	SE	10+	15+	07-23		PLS:Y BS	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
8	University of Salford	NW	17+	17+	11-24		Uni	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
7.9	†Sheffield Hallam University	YOR	18+	18+	06-22		Uni		1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	
7.5	†Belfast Metropolitan College	NI	16+	No	05-23		FE	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1			
7.5	Bell Young Learners St Albans	EA	7+	7+	02-24	Y	PLS:Y	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1			1		1	1
7.5	†Brunel University, London	LDN	No	17+	11-21		Uni	1		1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		
7.5	Heathfield Summer School	SE	9+	No	08-22		PLS:Y BS	1	1	1		1		1	1	1			1	1	1	1
7.5	†Hilderstone College	SE	16+	16+	10-22		FE	1		1			1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	
7.5	Kaplan International Manchester	NW	16+	16+	09-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1			1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1
7.5	Kensington Academy of English (David Game College)	LDN	16+	16+	10-23		PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1
7.5	Kings Brighton	SE	16+	16+	05-23	Y	PLS:A	1				1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
7.5	†Perth College	SCO	16+	16+	04-23		FE	1	1	1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
7.5	†South and City College Birmingham	WM	NA	18+	04-24		FE	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	
7.5	Stafford House School of English, Canterbury	SE	11+	16+	10-21	Y	PLS:Y+A	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1			1	
7.5	Stafford House School of English, London	LDN	16+	16+	11-21	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7.5	†University of Birmingham	WM	NA	16+	03-22		Uni	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
7.4	Teesside University	NE	18+	18+	08-23		Uni	1				1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
7.4	†University of Chichester	SE	NA	18+	11-23		Uni	1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	
7.4	University of Leicester	EM	18+	18+	11-23		Uni		1	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1	
7	Bede's Summer School, Hailsham	SE	6+	No	08-22		PLS:Y BS	1	1	1		1		1	1				1	1	1	1
7	Brooke House College	EM	11+	No	07-24		PLS:Y BS	1	1	1			1		1	1	1		1		1	1
7	†Cardiff and Vale College	WLS	16+	16+	04-22		FE	1	1				1	1		1	1	1	1	1		
7	EC Manchester	NW	16+	16+	10-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		
7	ECS	SW	16+	No	08-23	Y	PLS:Y SS	1		1		1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	
7	EF International Brighton	SE	16+	16+	04-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1	-1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1
7	EF International Manchester	NW	16+	16+	11-23	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1		1	
7	Kaplan International Oxford	SE	16+	16+	03-20	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1		1	
7	Kings London	LDN	14+	14+	06-23	Y	PLS:A	1	1				1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
7	Kings Summer Camps	SW	10+	No	07-19	Y	PLS:Y BS	1		1	1	1	1			1			1	1	1	1

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7	KKCL	LDN	10+	4+	08-24		PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1		1	1			1	1	1	
7	Language in Action, Multicentre	SE	12+	No	07-22		PLS:Y SS	1	1	1		1	1			1			1	1	1	1
7	NCG- Liverpool	NW	16+	16+	11-21	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1		1	
7	New College Durham	NE	16+	16+	11-21		FE	1		1		1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	
7	†Oxford School of English	SE	16+	16+	11-23		PLS:A					1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1
7	Sidmouth International School	SW	8+	8+	06-22		PLS:Y+A	1	1		1	1			1	1			1	1	1	1
7	SKOLA English in London	LDN	6+	6+	07-24		PLS:Y	1	1	1			1			1	1		1	1	1	1
6.8	De Montfort University	EM	No	18+	08-21		Uni	1		1		1	1			1		1	1	1	1	
6.8	ECS Scotland	SCO	18+	18+	09-22	Y	PLS:A	1	1		1	1	1					1	1	1	1	
6.8	Kent School of English	SE	12+	12+	10-22		PLS:Y+A	1		1			1		1	1		1		1	1	1
6.8	Nottingham Trent University	EM	18+	18+	05-22		Uni	1				1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	
6.5	Bucksmore Education	LDN	10+	No	07-22		PLS:Y SS	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1				1	
6.5	Celtic English Academy	WLS	12+	16+	11-21		PLS:A	1	1	1	1				1		1		1	1	1	
6.5	Churchill House Summer Centres	SE	8+	No	07-23		PLS:Y SS	1	1	1		1			1				1	1	1	1
6.5	EF International Bristol	SW	12+	16+	04-22	Y	PLS:A		1	1	-1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	
6.5	EF International Eastbourne	SE	13+	16+	04-23	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1	-1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	
6.5	†International House, Newcastle	NE	13+	16+	06-23	Y	PLS:A	1	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	
6.5	Languages United	SW	12+	19+	07-24		PLS:A	1	1	1					1		1	1	1		1	1
6.5	Manor Courses	SE	7+	NA	07-23		PLS:Y SS		1	1	-1	1			1	1			1	1	1	
6.5	Millfield English Language Holiday Courses	SW	6+	NA	08-23		PLS:Y BS	1	1	1		1	1						1	1	1	1
6.5	NCG- Manchester	NW	16+	16+	11-21	Y	PLS:A	1	1	1		1					1	1	1		1	1
6.5	Severnvale Acad	WM	16+	13+	04-24		PLS:A	1	1	1		1		1					1	1		1
6.5	Sheffield College	YOR	16+	16+	12-23		FE		1			1	1			1	1	1	1	1		1
6.5	St. Brelade's College	CHI	10+	16+	04-23		PLS:A	1	1	1		1	1	1	1					1	1	
6.5	†The Language Training Company	SW	16+	16+	07-24		PLS		1			1		1	1			1	1		1	1
6.5	†University of Bradford	YOR	NA	16+	10-22		Uni	1				1	1	1	1	1		1	1			
6.3	BOSS	SE	8+	No	08-22		PLS:Y BS	1	1	1		1				1	1				1	1
6.3	Melton College	YOR	13+	16+	10-23		PLS:Y+A	1		1		1	1		1			1		1	1	
6.3	University of Greenwich	LDN	NA	18+	11-23		Uni		1			1	1			1	1	1	1		1	

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