



Activities

We offer a variety of sporting and non-sporting activities at our Summer Schools.

Treasure Hunt

The treasure hunt is scheduled to take place on arrivals day and is aimed at those students arriving early. Students are given a list of questions that they must answer. In order to do this they must explore the campus to find the answers to the questions.

Students are given a question sheet and an answer sheet. They are instructed that they must participate in groups of at least four. They are also informed that in order to win they must answer the most questions correctly in the shortest time. All completed answer sheets are to be given to the Leisure Manager. The winners and the prize will be announced during assembly.

Welcome Disco

The welcome disco is scheduled for the evening of Day 1 and is the perfect way for all students (new and old) to meet each other. The disco is operated by LAL staff. Students are allowed to request specific songs from LAL staff but should bear in mind that the music played will often be what is popular in the UK/US at the time of the disco.

There are no other scheduled activities for the evening of Day 1 as we expect all students to attend the disco.

Quiz Night

Students compete in teams to answer as many general knowledge questions as they can correctly. The winning team are awarded a prize during the certificate ceremony.

Summer Fete

Students participate in a traditional English Summer Fete, a typical event in many towns and villages. There are games and competitions such as pin the tail on the donkey, coconut shy, guess the sweets in the jar and hoopla.

Talent Show & Karaoke

This is an opportunity for students to showcase any talents they may have such as singing, dancing or playing an instrument. In the run up to the talent show, students will have the opportunity to rehearse under the supervision of an Activity Leader.

All students are expected to attend the talent show as they are an essential component of the judging process. The winner will be decided by a panel of LAL staff and in the event of a tie the audience will be asked to decide the winner. The winner will be awarded a prize during the certificate ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony & Party

For the final disco at the end of students' two weeks stay, staff and students are expected to dress up in their finery. We host a grand graduation ceremony where departing students are presented with their academic reports and certificates, a chance to celebrate all their hard work in the English classes. At the farewell party, students can have their photos taken on the red carpet as a class, by themselves or with their favourite LAL staff member.

"Bigger, Better, Best"

This is an evening activity which is designed to involve all students. The students are put into teams of approximately ten; the aim of the activity is to score as many points as possible by participating in a series of challenges and games. For each challenge or game teams should nominate a member (or more if required) who then competes against the other teams. The challenges and games remain secret until you have your participants.





- The team that wins the challenge or game is Best and receives 3 points.
- The team that comes second is Better and receives 2 points
- The team that comes third is Bigger and receives 1 point

At the end of the activity the team with the highest overall score from all the games and challenges is the winner.

Example Challenges and Games

Dance Off, balloon popping, musical chairs, apple bobbing, mummifying a team member, evil laugh competition, paper aeroplane competition, marshmallow tower.

We encourage on-site staff to come up with their own ideas for "Bigger, Better, Best" based on the resources and facilities at their school.

Trash Fashion

This evening activity gets the students speaking English while they are engaged in making clothes out of 'trash'. We give the students a theme and they have to plan their outfit in international teams before the grand fashion show event. There are prizes for the winning teams.

Dodgeball

Dodgeball is a sports activity in which players on two teams try to throw balls at each other while avoiding being hit themselves. There are many variations of the game, but generally the main objective of each team is to eliminate all members of the opposing team by hitting them with thrown balls, catching a ball thrown by a member of the opposing team, or forcing them to move outside the court boundaries when a ball is thrown at them.

Typically, dodgeball is played on a basketball court and the game ends when all players from one team have been eliminated.

Casino and Auction Night

During their stay students will be given 'Cookies' (see explanation below) for doing good things in class or during activities. The Casino Night is the students' chance to use these 'Cookies' to bet on the games running

throughout the evening for more 'Cookies' At the end of the night students can also use them in the Auction to bid for prizes.

Popular games include: Blackjack, Roulette, High-Low, Horse Racing and Giant Jenga.

Towards the end of the activity there is the Auction; staff will have organised prizes for the students to bid on and information on prizes available is distributed around the casino. Prizes are given to the highest bidder(s).

Example prizes: water bomb a staff member, King or Queen for the day, Golden Lunch Queue Tickets.

Arts and Crafts

During Arts and Crafts sessions students will have the opportunity to explore their creative side using a variety of materials from paints and crayons to fabric pens and charcoals.

Cookie Summary

Cookies are the voucher system we use at LAL Summer Schools. They are used as a great incentive in class and during activities and excursions. There are several ways that students can earn Cookies:

- Teachers can give them as prizes for class competitions
- House Parents can occasionally give them as prizes for keeping rooms tidy etc.
- Activity Leaders can occasionally give them as prizes for sports or other activities

Cookies are in denominations of 5, 10 and 20.

Cookies will be used towards the end of each two-week course at the Casino and Auction Night (see above)

Gladiator / Sports Inflatables

Made famous by the hit TV show "Gladiators" the aim of this activity is to stand on the podium and try to knock your opponent off using the heavy padded pugil sticks. A great opportunity to let off some steam and for students to get competitive!

Other inflatables we have used include: Human Table Football, Bungee Run and Sumo Wrestling. Subject to availability.

Mini Olympics

The Mini Olympics consists of student teams scoring points as they move around a games circuit organised and run by the Leisure team. The winning team will be the team who has scored the most points after participating in every game. Staff are to count up the teams' scores at the end and the following assembly will include an awards and certificates ceremony.

The Mini Olympics are compulsory for the whole school and as with many activities, once the students begin, they will have a lot of fun. The teams will be decided well before the event and they will take into considerations age, sex and nationality so there is a fair mix.

Example prizes: Water bomb a staff member, Trip to a local coffee shop, A staff member to sing a song, Golden Lunch Queue Tickets. We encourage on-site staff to come up with their own prizes. Their imagination is the limit!

Various Sporting Activities

Each school will have the ability to run a number of the following sport activities. Volleyball, 7 a side football, Rugby, Badminton, Basketball, kickball, Rounders, Quick Cricket, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee.

Our Leisure Programmes follow a particular format. Sporting activities are scheduled for the morning or afternoon allowing us to offer one main social activity each evening to encourage students to interact in an environment where English is the lingua franca.

Having one focussed social activity per evening facilitates one of the main goals of our Summer Schools which is to connect the Leisure and Academic programmes together. Students are introduced to that evening's main activity in the classroom so as to increase their understanding and ensure their participation.

This document offers a description of some of our most popular included activities. We hope you will share this document with your clients as we strongly believe that increased understanding will lead to increased participation.