## Young International English Learners Gather Annually At Bawdsey Manor

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Suffolk (UK), 29 January 2010: English learners from all over the world are continuing to attend summer school courses in the UK, with a reach that extends worldwide, according to enrolment data released by Alexanders International School. Despite the enrolment figures in 2009 dropping slightly

for the range of nationalities, numbers were still well up and an impressive thirty nations were represented at the school's summer programme.

Alexanders International School has consistently filled more than 2,000 student placements its weekly summertime courses that combine English language lessons with enjoyable outdoor and creative activities. The



scope and diversity of the students covers a vast range of countries across Europe, Asia, North Africa, South America, the CIS and the Middle East, however figures vary between the academic year and summer course enrolments. While students from Germany, Spain and Italy prefer to take shorter summertime study options, students from Japan and Korea tend towards academic year courses. France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Russia have always been well represented in the summertime courses, and in 2009 Russia emerged on top with 19% of Alexanders students, then France (18%), Germany (15%), Spain (13%) and Italy (11%). Kazak, Japanese, Ukrainian, Greek and Chinese students held the remaining Top 10 positions.

Mr. Alister Laidlaw, the school's principle, considers the role of Alexanders International School as that of "preparing young people to move on to schools, colleges or universities in the UK [and] to give them confidence to cope with this potentially daunting experience."

The English plus Holiday summer school has been running for many years, and has proved popular among a diverse blend of young English learners -

with some returning year after year to meet old friends, or even helping out as Sports Assistants when they're old enough. The courses are intended for



students aged 11 to 17, and involve a weekly schedule of 15 hours of General English and optional Art, Sailing, Tennis, Golf, Horse Riding, Football or Music and Drama activities for 9 hours, or Intensive English for 6 hours. The boarding school students reside on campus in fully supervised boarding houses that are separated for boys and girls.

**About Alexanders International School:** Established as a <u>boarding school</u> <u>UK</u> in 1975 to provide general school subjects and high-quality English language tuition for students aged 11 to 17, Alexanders International School is part of the SKOLA Group of Schools. Situated at the Bawdsey Manor Estate on the Suffolk coast, Alexanders International School provides summer school and academic year courses, which are accredited by the British Council for the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language. Alexanders is easily accessible from Central London by train or by road from London Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

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