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NOTE: It is hoped that this bulletin will prove useful for placing on notice boards, for publication in journals, education gazettes, etc., thus reaching as wide an audience as possible.
In view of the increasing number of Australian teachers and post-graduate students who have proceeded to Britain during the past year and the possibility that these numbers will increase during succeeding years, it seems that information regarding short summer courses available in Britain may be of interest to those planning overseas tours.

The information contained in this bulletin is a precis of pamphlets and circulars supplied by the British Council, and the Bulletin itself has been checked by the Victorian officer of that body. Even although the time remaining before the closing date for nominations may, in many cases, be too short for effective action this year, the presentation of courses for the current year may serve to draw attention to corresponding facilities in later years.

Founded in 1935 the British Council is a chartered Corporation which seeks in various ways to expound British thought and culture. Its activities in Australia have included sponsorship of visits by the Boyd Neel orchestra and the Ballet Rambert. It offers a certain number of scholarships each year for study in England.

It should be emphasised that the present notification of courses in England is in no way connected with these scholarships. It is intended solely for those who might happen to be in England and might wish to take advantage of the summer schools.

Applications for enrolment, further details regarding these courses or any other information regarding the work of the British Council can be secured directly from the British Council at 104 Hunter Street, Sydney (BW2354) or 489 Bourke Street, Melbourne (M1171).
The courses offered in England by the British Council during the summer of 1948 are summarized in Table I and some details are included below. A prospectus for each may be obtained from the British Council offices in Australia; applicants are requested NOT to write directly to the Council in London unless the applicant is already resident in the United Kingdom, when he should contact the Director, Courses Department, The British Council, 3, Hanover Street, London, W.1.

Duration of courses:

The dates given cover the actual duration of the course in the place where it is to be held. The Council will provide free accommodation in London for one night before the course and one night on the return from the course. Members will be accommodated at the new British Council Hostel, which is centrally situated, or in hotels. Any member wishing to stay longer either before or after the course and desiring the assistance of the Council in securing accommodation, must give at least one month's warning, stating the type of accommodation required. Accommodation at the course centres will be simple, and mostly of the type of University Halls of Residence.

Cost of Course:

The cost as advertised includes (a) two nights' accommodation in London (this is non-returnable even if the member does not use the accommodation); (b) return rail fares from London to the place where the Course is held, including transport from the station to the Course Centre; (c) the cost of board and lodging, lectures and excursions during the Course.

If members arrived at a U.K. port and proceed direct to the course, omitting London, the two nights' free accommodation may be taken either at the port or at the Course Centre, if adequate notice is given. It should be noted that all costs are quoted in sterling.

COURSES

Educational:

No. 92: The programme is designed for post-graduate specialists in English Literature. The course will include different aspects of the career and work of Sir Walter Scott and will include visits to the national portrait galleries, Lammermuir Hills and the Rob Roy country. In addition, two days will be spent in Edinburgh where members will be shown the Scott manuscripts in the National Library.

No. 99: This school is for qualified teachers of English. Lecture courses will include -

(a) Studies in English Language and Literature, including Drama;

(b) the literary and general background of North-East England and the Scottish border;

(c) methods employed in English schools in the teaching of English Literature.

There will also be tutorial classes in small groups on English idiom and pronunciation, and visits to the Lake District, Durham Castle, the Roman Wall and industrial plants.
No. 100: This course is intended for both the quasi-specialist teachers of music in the smaller secondary schools and for the full-time teachers of music in the larger schools and training colleges. The course sets out to be thoroughly practical, and there will be regular opportunities for Choral Singing, Orchestral Playing and Chamber Music, as well as for the discussion of difficulties which those present may have experienced in the teaching of music.

It is hoped that any member of the course who plays, or has at any time played, a string or wind instrument will bring it so that the ensemble classes may be well supported.

No. 108: This programme has been planned for adult teachers of English. There will be daily tutorials with small groups, and lectures covering such subjects as:

- Recent Developments in Prose, Poetry, Drama and the Novel;
- The English Educational System;
- The Teaching of English in the Department of Education.

No. 109: The description of this course is reproduced here in full from the official prospectus as an indication of the scope of the courses and the types of educational excursions provided.

The programme, which has been arranged in cooperation with University College, is specially designed for teachers of English, and will give members as wide a view as possible of all aspects of education in Great Britain.

Lectures will cover the following subjects:

**Education**

- Survey of Education in England to 1944;
- The Education Act, 1944 (two lecturers);
- University Education;
- Training of Teachers;
- Educational Theories and Progress;
- Youth Welfare Work;
- The Church and Education;
- Commercial Colleges;
- Juvenile Delinquency;
- The Backward Child.

There will also be lectures on more general subjects, such as:

**General**

- The British People;
- British Parliamentary Government;
- Local Government;
- Post-War Problems;
- Welfare Services;
- Law and Justice;
- English Literature, Drama, Art and Music.

Visits will include a Public School, Grammar Schools and Secondary Modern Schools. Three days will be devoted to these visits to afford practical demonstrations of teaching methods.

Visits to Primary Schools and a Special School for Backward Children will be arranged for any interested.

Other visits of a general nature will be made to Winchester, Salisbury, Portsmouth, The Isle of Wight, Romsey and Old Southampton.
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Social Science:

No. 80: This course is designed for town-planners and qualified architects concerned with town and country planning.

No. 84: The aim is to provide students with an insight into present day industrial conditions, with special reference to mining, pottery and engineering.

No. 86: This course is designed for social welfare workers and teachers in Social Study Departments of Universities.

Nos. 87, 89 and 110 are intended for architects and local government officials.

No. 111 is designed for Social Welfare Workers.

No. 114: This course comprises a general survey of Industrial Welfare and Personnel Management in British industry and has been designed for specialists in the subject.

Technical:

These courses are intended for professional workers in the respective fields.

General:

The object of these courses is to provide a more general survey of modern English conditions for visitors; they appear to resemble Adult Education classes rather than specialised courses for post-graduate students.
## TABLE 1

### SUMMER PROGRAMME

OF

BRITISH COUNCIL COURSES

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>92. June 14 - 25</td>
<td>&quot;Sir Walter Scott&quot;</td>
<td>Galashiels</td>
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<td>Lumley Castle</td>
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<td>&quot;Music&quot;</td>
<td>London</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Liverpool</td>
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<td>Edinburgh and Glasgow</td>
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<td>Social Conditions in Contemporary Britain</td>
<td>Wedgwood Memorial College, Stoke-on-Trent</td>
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<td>20</td>
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<td>Elgin</td>
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<td>Social and Industrial Welfare</td>
<td>Cardiff</td>
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<td>114. Oct. 11 - 27</td>
<td>Social and Industrial Relations in Great Britain</td>
<td>Bristol</td>
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<td>Cardiff</td>
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<td>88. May 12 - June 1</td>
<td>The British Way of Life</td>
<td>Richmond, Yorks</td>
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<td>Youth Camp (for leaders)</td>
<td>Cockermouth</td>
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<td>English Social History</td>
<td>Leicester</td>
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SUMMER SCHOOLS AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES, 1948.

During the months of July and August the following English Universities have arranged summer schools for overseas post-graduate students. For these schools the British Council has received a number of vacancies, which will be allotted through Overseas Council Representatives. Applications for entry to these courses must reach one of the British Council offices in Australia before 15th March, 1948, and those accepted for courses must forward a deposit of £2.10.0 (Australian) before 15th April.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM - 3rd July - 14th August.

"Shakespeare and the Elizabethan Drama at Stratford on Avon."

President - Professor Nicoll.

Cost: £66, including board, residence, tuition, theatre visits and all excursions.

The school is intended for students undertaking post-graduate courses in Elizabethan and Jacobean drama. The curriculum will be concerned with the detailed study of the drama and theatre of this period, together with the historical and cultural background of the plays. Each of the courses will consist of lectures and seminars, and students will be expected to undertake written work during the period of the school. Students will see the plays performed at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon and will visit places of historical interest.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS - 12th July - 20th August.

"Britain's Economic Future."

Dean - Professor Brown.

Cost: £66, including board, residence and tuition.

The course will include lectures and seminars on some of the salient problems facing the United Kingdom and it is hoped to supplement these by visits to factories and mines in the district.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON - 12th July - 20th August.

"Contemporary English Literature."

Director - Prof. Bullough.

Cost: £60, including board, residence and tuition.

Each week will probably be devoted to the study of a general topic - the novel, poetry, drama, critical writing, etc. There will be lectures by members of the staff and outside specialists, tutorials in smaller groups, and excursions.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NOTTINGHAM. 10th July-20th August.

"Education in England"

Directors: Professors Peers and Haycocks.

Cost: £60, including board, residence and tuition.

The course will consist of a series of lectures and visits common to all students, together with a more specialized study selected from the following options:

(a) Adult Education;
(b) The Service of Youth and Further Education;
(c) Secondary Education;
(d) Nursery and Infant Schools;
(e) Education and Delinquency.

The general lectures will seek to give a comprehensive picture of the present-day English educational system in all its aspects, including those parts which lie outside the statutory provision (e.g. the independent and "public" schools).

The course will be illustrated by visits to schools of all types, youth clubs, and adult education groups.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD - 2nd July-13th August.

"European civilization in the twentieth century."

President - Professor Bowra.

Cost: £10-£11 a week for board, residence and tuition.

The general course will cover the main trends and problems of European civilization in the Arts, Economics, Education, Literature, Philosophy, Politics and Science. In addition, each student will be required to select a special subject for which there will be three lectures and four seminars a week.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON - 17th July-28th August.

"An Historical and Sociological Survey of Britain"

President - Sir R. Wood.

Cost: £60 including board, residence and tuition.

All students will be required to attend the general course of lectures given by distinguished guest lecturers. In addition, each student will attend lectures and seminars in one of the following:

"The Economic Condition of Contemporary Britain"
"English Public Life - National and Local Government"
"Social Life in Britain To-day"
"Arts and Letters."
