

ESC 2020

What You Need to Know

GETTING STARTED

What is ESC?



The European Student Convention should not be missed! It is a fantastic opportunity for your students/children (ages 10 - 19) to interact with other students, receive solid Biblical teaching in dynamic evening rallies, and sharpen their skills as they prepare for and compete in a wide variety of events.



Where is ESC?

The convention is held at Kingham Hill School, which is beautifully situated in the heart of the Cotswolds, between Oxford, Cheltenham and Stratford-Upon-Avon. It is surrounded by delightful, rolling countryside and is easily accessible from main roads.

Address:

Kingham, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 6TH

(See page 19 for travel information.)

Contact us



Should you need assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the CEE support office.

Tel: 01793783783 | Email: events@christian.education | Web: christian.education

When is ESC?



Dates: 6 - 10 July 2020

ESC will start with registration and the opening rally on Monday, 6th July, and conclude with lunch on Friday, 10th July.

Details of the programme will follow closer to the time.

Helpful documents



The following helpful resources are available for download from our website.

Event Guidelines

Download the full set of guidelines for the convention with details on the criteria for each event. These should be read in conjunction with this booklet, which offers specific clarification related to ESC.

Student Diary - *coming soon!*

The Student Diary has been put together to make preparation enjoyable and rewarding. It gives helpful instructions, hints and structured guidance for all Convention categories. The diary advises on task completion dates and encourages goal-setting. We advise that students begin to use these diaries as soon as possible.

Update emails

Emails containing updates and reminders about ESC are sent out regularly (especially closer to the event), so look out for and read these thoroughly.

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

Venue



ESC will be at Kingham Hill School. Kingham Hill is a school that holds firm to its Christian heritage and ethos, and we look forward to using their beautiful facilities for ESC.

This venue provides the opportunity to choose from various accommodation options, including camping. See the pricing page for details.

Programme



ESC takes place over 5 days, allowing time for students to enjoy the convention, connect with friends, and have time to enter the events they want to.

Monday, 6th July, will start with registration at 4pm and an opening rally at 7pm, allowing time for travel and checking in of exhibits, etc. before the convention gets started.

Event changes



Discus and swimming relays will no longer be offered at ESC.

Foreign delegates



The European Student Convention is pleased to welcome schools and families from all over the world.

If you need advice, or assistance with invitation letters for visas, contact the Christian Education Support office.

Junior Convention



After a good start in 2018, we will be again running a junior convention alongside the senior events.

Students between the ages of 10 and 12 years will be able to choose from a specific selection of events in all categories (Academics, Art & Design, Sport, Music & Platform) and will present their entries and be judged in their age group.

This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your younger students to ESC in a relaxed and fun environment and will prepare them more thoroughly for the step up to the senior events. They can also join seniors for a selection of team events (see guidelines).

Separate guidelines will apply (see the Junior Guidelines). Junior students also qualify for discounted prices.

*Note: 12 year olds may choose between entering junior or senior convention, but not both.

HOW TO REGISTER

Process



Information on how to register, as well as the forms required for registration, will be available by the end of January 2020. Visit: christian.education/events for details.

Online payment



Payments will be managed through the online booking website, which will be opened on 1 February 2020. Access the site at christian.education/events.

Payments deadlines are as follows:

Early Bird:

- Pay 20% of the total cost by **2 March 2020** to qualify for Early Bird booking.
- Pay the full amount due by 20 May 2020.

Late Registration (*£25 surcharge applies):

- Pay 20% of the total cost by **2 April 2020**.
- Pay the full amount by 20 May 2020.

You will have the option to pay in instalments, but will need to have paid the minimums indicated by the cut-off dates above.

You will also be able to track individual payments per student using the registration and payment portal.

2020 Fees



Fees vary based on the accommodation option chosen.

Senior Convention (Early Bird) *Preregister by 2 March*

Full Board Participant, Sponsor or Guest	£268
Off Campus Participant, Sponsor or Guest (incl. meals)	£190
Off Campus Participant or Sponsor (without meals)	£120
Camping <i>(*A fee for the pitch and a fee for each person applies)</i>	
Per pitch (i.e. per tent or caravan)	£165
+ per person with meals OR	£185
+ per person without meals	£85

***Late Registration:** A £25 surcharge per person will apply for bookings after 2 March.*

Junior Convention (Early Bird) *Preregister by 2 March*

**All fees below apply to students of junior convention age. Adults pay full fees.*

Full Board Participant or Guest	£238
Off Campus Participant or Guest (incl. meals)	£160
Off Campus Participant (without meals)	£90
Camping <i>(*A fee for the pitch and a fee for each person applies)</i>	
Per pitch (i.e. per tent or caravan)	£165
+ per student with meals OR	£155
+ per student without meals	£55

***Late Registration:** A £25 surcharge (per person) will apply for bookings after 2 March.*

Day Visitors & Guests

Day visitors are welcome at ESC. Bookings will open in February 2020.
Guests between the ages of 1 and 8 may stay with families on site for £60pp.

EVENT LIST

Academic		
Code	Event	Group Size
9201	Bible Memory ^P	Individual
9202	Draughts ^{P E}	Individual
9203	Chess ^{P E}	Individual
9204	Spelling ^P	Individual
9210	Science Exhibit (Collection) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9211	Science Exhibit (Research) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9212	Science Exhibit (Engineering) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9213	Science Exhibit (Theoretical) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9214	Social St. Exhibit (Collection) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9215	Social St. Exhibit (Research) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9216	PACE Bowl ^{P E}	Team of 4
9217	Bible Bowl ^P	Team of 3-5
9220	Essay Writing ^N	Individual
9221	Poetry Writing ^N	Individual
9222	Short Story Writing ^N	Individual
9223	Website Design ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9224	PowerPoint Pres. (Linear) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9225	PowerPoint Pres. (Non-Linear) ^N	Group of 1 or 2
9231	Golden Apple (Proverbs) ^N	Individual
9232	Golden Lamb (John) ^N	Individual
9233	Golden Harp (Psalms) ^N	Individual
9234	Christian Soldier ^N	Individual
9235	Christian Worker ^N	Individual
9236	Golden Lamp ^{N ESC}	Individual
9237	Consecutive Word Count ^P	Individual
Art		
	2D	
9301	Oil ^N	Individual
9302	Watercolour ^N	Individual
9303	Acrylics ^N	Individual
9304	Sketching ^N	Individual
9305	Pen & Ink ^N	Individual
9306	Coloured Pencils ^N	Individual
9307	Pastels (Oil) ^N	Individual
9315	Pastels (Chalk) ^{N ESC}	Individual
	3D	
9308	Woodworking (Construction) ^N	Individual
9309	Woodworking (Turning) ^N	Individual
9310	Woodworking (Carving) ^N	Individual
9311	Woodworking (Marquetry) ^N	Individual
9312	Clay Sculpture ^N	Individual
9313	Metalworking ^N	Individual
9314	Scrapbooking (Female) ^N	Individual
Photography		
	Monochromatic	
9320	Character Portrait ^{N ESC}	Individual
9321	Scenic ^N	Individual
9322	Still Life ^N	Individual
9323	Plants & Animals ^N	Individual
9325	Character Trait Picture ^N	Individual

Photography (cont.)		
Code	Event	Group Size
	Monochromatic/Colour	
9324	Photo Journalism ^{N ESC}	Individual
	Colour	
9330	Character Portrait ^{N ESC}	Individual
9331	Scenic ^N	Individual
9332	Still Life ^N	Individual
9333	Plants & Animals ^N	Individual
9334	Special Effects ^N	Individual
9335	Character Trait Picture ^N	Individual
9340	Computer Enhancement ^N	Individual
Needle & Thread		
9350	Coordinates ^N	Individual
9351	Dresses ^N	Individual
9352	Formals ^N	Individual
9353	Coats/Suits ^N	Individual
9355	Counted Cross-Stitch ^N	Individual
9356	Embroidery ^N	Individual
9359	Crochet ^N	Individual
9360	Knitting ^N	Individual
9361	Quilts ^N	Individual
9362	Afghans ^N	Individual
Sport		
	Athletics - Track	
9401	100m (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9402	200m (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9403	400m (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9404	800m (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9405	1600m (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9406	4 x 100m (Male) ^{P S}	Team of 4
9407	4 x 400m (Male) ^{P S}	Team of 4
9411	100m (Female) ^{P S}	Individual
9412	200m (Female) ^{P S}	Individual
9413	400m (Female) ^{P S}	Individual
9414	800m (Female) ^{P S}	Individual
9415	1600m (Female) ^{P S}	Individual
9416	4 x 100m (Female) ^{P S}	Team of 4
9417	4 x 400m (Female) ^{P S}	Team of 4
	Athletics - Field	
9420	High Jump (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9421	Long Jump (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9422	Shot (Male) ^{P S}	Individual
9460	High Jump (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9461	Long Jump (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9462	Shot (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
	General	
9427	Basketball (Male) ^{P S}	Team of 5-10
9428	Table Tennis Singles (Male) ^{P S E}	Individual
9431	Tennis Singles (Male) ^{P S E}	Individual

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Sport (cont.)		
Code	Event	Group Size
General		
9432	Tennis Doubles (Male) ^{P S E ESC}	Team of 2
9450	Table Tennis Singles (Female) ^{P S E}	Individual
9454	Tennis Singles (Female) ^{P S E}	Individual
9455	Tennis Doubles (Female) ^{P S E ESC}	Team of 2
9456	Netball (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Team of 7-10
9457	5-a-side Football (Male) ^{P S}	Team of 5-8
9458	5-a-side Football (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Team of 5-8
9476	Volleyball (Mixed) ^{P S ESC}	Team of 6-10
Swimming		
9466	50m Backstroke (Male) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9467	50m Backstroke (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9468	50m Breaststroke (Male) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9469	50m Breaststroke (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9470	50m Butterfly (Male) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9471	50m Butterfly (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9472	50m Freestyle (Male) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9473	50m Freestyle (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9474	Individual Medley (Male) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
9475	Individual Medley (Female) ^{P S ESC}	Individual
Music		
Vocal		
9501	Male Solo ^P	Individual
9502	Female Solo ^P	Individual
9503	Male Duet ^P	Group of 2
9504	Female Duet ^P	Group of 2
9505	Mixed Duet ^P	Group of 2
9506	Male Trio ^P	Group of 3
9507	Female Trio ^P	Group of 3
9508	Mixed Trio ^P	Group of 3
9509	Male Quartet ^P	Group of 4
9510	Female Quartet ^P	Group of 4
9511	Mixed Quartet ^P	Group of 4
9512	Small Ensemble ^P	Group of 5-15
9513	Large Ensemble ^P	Group of 16+
Vocal/Instrumental		
9514	Worship Band ^{P ESC}	Group of 3-10

Music (cont.)		
Code	Event	Group Size
Instrumental		
9520	Piano Solo (Male) ^P	Individual
9521	Piano Solo (Female) ^P	Individual
9523	Woodwind Solo ^P	Individual
9524	String Plucked Solo ^P	Individual
9525	String Bowed Solo ^P	Individual
9526	Brass Solo ^P	Individual
9527	Miscellaneous Solo ^P	Individual
9530	Piano Duet ^P	Group of 2
9531	Instrumental Duet ^P	Group of 2
9532	Instrumental Trio ^P	Group of 3
9541	Instrumental Quartet ^P	Group of 4
9542	Small Instr. Ensemble ^P	Group of 5-10
9543	Large Instr. Ensemble ^P	Group of 11+
9550	Music Composition ^N	Individual
9551	Music Arranging ^N	Individual
Platform		
9602	Oratory ^P	Individual
9603	Dram. Monologue (Female) ^P	Individual
9604	Expressive Read. (Male) ^P	Individual
9605	Expressive Read. (Female) ^P	Individual
9606	Famous Speech (Male) ^P	Individual
9607	Poetry Recitation (Male) ^P	Individual
9608	Poetry Recitation (Female) ^P	Individual
9609	Preaching - 13-15 (Male) ^P	Individual
9610	Preaching - 16+ (Male) ^P	Individual
9613	Dram. Monologue (Male) ^{P ESC}	Individual
9616	Famous Speech (Female) ^{P ESC}	Individual
9617	Group Bible Speaking ^P	Group of 8-30
9618	Dramatic Dialogue ^P	Group of 2
9619	Clown Act ^P	Individual
9620	One-Act Play ^P	Group of 3-5
9621	Illustrated Story (Male) ^P	Individual
9622	Illustrated Story (Female) ^P	Individual
9623	Puppets ^P	Group of 2
9627	Radio Programme ^N	Group of 1-5
9628	Scripture Video ^N	Group of 1-5
9629	A.C.E. Character Trait Video ^N	Group of 1-5

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Please note that certain sporting events may need to be cancelled on the day due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. We will attempt to avoid this as much as possible.

Certain team events may be cancelled ahead of the convention should insufficient entries be received. Again, we will do our best to avoid this where possible, but will give advance warning and the option to change events if this does occur.

Should you have any queries relating to the events, please refer to the Guidelines or contact the ESC Office.

Participant eligibility



Students between the ages of 12 and 19 are eligible to participate in the events. They must have reached their 12th birthday before the first day of the convention and must not have reached their 20th birthday by this same date. Students between 10 and 12 may participate in the junior section. (12 year olds may choose between junior and senior convention.)

Participants must currently be using the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum in a Christian school or through home education with TEACH. They must attend the entire convention, including rallies.



Early entry events

Certain entries are required to be submitted to the ESC Office ahead of the convention to allow sufficient time for judging. These must reach the ESC office **no later than 24th April**. Delivery methods are indicated below.

Early entries are:

Post:

- Essay Writing
- Poetry Writing
- Short Story Writing
- Photography
- 2D Art (*Juniors only*)

Email:

- Web Design
- PowerPoint Presentation
- Music Composition & Arranging
- Radio Programme
- Scripture & Character Videos

Check the guidelines for which forms are required. When posting entries, remember to submit 3 copies of entries (except photography, where only 1 photo is needed). Submit 3 copies of forms.

Individual event limits



Please take note of the following limits that apply to each participant.

- **Minimum** number of events is 3.
- **Maximum** number of events is 12.
- At least 2 events must be non-sporting events.
- Maximum number of **elimination events** is 3.
- Maximum number of **sporting events** is 5

**Swimming will not count towards the five sporting events, but will count towards the total of 12 events allowed.*

- Maximum number of **swimming events** is 2.
- Maximum number of **performance events** is 8.
- Maximum number of **photography entries** is 3.

Please refer to the Events List (pages 8 - 9) of this document to see which events are classified as elimination, sport or performance.

The following are 'free events' and do not count towards the limit totals indicated above.

- Small/Large Vocal Ensemble and Small/Large Instrumental Ensemble
(Only 1 of the 4 will be 'free'.)
- Group Bible Speaking
- Golden & Christian Awards
- Track and Field Events (A maximum of 2 track & field events will be allowed as free events.)

If you have any queries regarding these limits, please contact the ESC Office.

Team events



Schools/TEACH families may join a different school/TEACH family in order to complete a team; this is the responsibility of the school/TEACH. (Home schools, contact TEACH for information.) The ESC Office cannot guarantee to find teams for every individual, and unfortunately any incomplete team at the time of the entries closing will be unable to compete. Each team is responsible for indicating reserves. A team will not be allowed to replace a participant with a person not on the final team sheet without permission from the ESC Office.

Judges' Forms



Blank judges' forms can be downloaded from the booking site. (Check the Guidelines to see which forms are needed.)

The only exception is the Worship Band feedback form, which will be supplied at ESC.

Please ensure that you update all your documentation so that you do not submit historical judges' forms.



Minimum score

Our goal is to reflect excellence and consecration to the Lord. We want to encourage everybody to participate, while at the same time maintaining a standard and challenging to do better.

In order to maintain this level of excellence, students will not be awarded a first place simply because they achieve the highest score in a category. Similarly, there will be no automatic first places if there is only one entry. Minimum scores will be applied in order to achieve first through sixth places.



Other event forms and photos

Progress Control Forms and ESC Project Forms are no longer required for any events. Students may continue to use these forms to assist them in their preparation, but these should not be submitted with entries at ESC unless applying for an ICCE credit for that entry. (Refer to the ICCE Manual for specifics.)

Photos are required for specific events as outlined below:

(Refer to the Guidelines for specifics.)

- **Platform and Music:**

A colour photo of the student/s performing the entry must be provided.

- **Needle & Thread:**

A colour photo of the student modelling her garment entry is required.

- **Photography:**

Copies of the original photos used are required for Computer Enhancement .

Please check the guidelines for details of what each event requires and provide all forms in one poly-pocket.



ISC Qualification

The International Student Convention is the opportunity of a lifetime. It is attended by approximately 3,000 students from around the world, who are given the opportunity to use their God-given gifts and be challenged by the inspirational rallies.

ISC nominations will be awarded based on the standard of the entry and the requirements set by ACE in the USA. Please contact the ESC Office if you would like more information on ISC.

EVENT SPECIFICS

Bible Bowl



The books to be used for Bible Bowl in 2020 are Deuteronomy, Nehemiah, Song of Solomon, I Chronicles, Malachi, Isaiah, Acts, II Corinthians, I Timothy, II Peter, and Jude.

For details on Bible Bowl, please refer to the Convention Guidelines.

Chess/Draughts

Students are requested to bring their own board and pieces for both chess and draughts.



Scripture Video



Videos for ESC 2020 must be based on 1 Samuel 3:1-20.

Remember to check the guidelines for details on what this event entails.

Group Bible Speaking



Group Bible Speaking is a memorised interpretation of a set passage of Scripture by a spoken choral group of 8 - 30 participants. This is a mixed performance event. Select one of the passages listed below:

- Proverbs 8:1 - 23
- Genesis 1:1 - 26, 31
- Joshua 3:14 - 4:14
- Psalm 11, 15 and 16
- Mark 10:13 - 31
- Acts 5:17 - 39
- Ephesians 6:1 - 20
- Isaiah 43:1 - 21

Please refer to the Convention Guidelines for more details on this event.



Science & SS Exhibits

We highly recommend sending a brief (A4) summary of what you plan for either of these events so that we can advise you whether or not your entry will meet the judging criteria. Please send this to the CEE Office by 2 March 2020.

Art/Design



Please note that any Art/Design entries are to be compliant with dress code guidelines. This applies to Needlework, Photography and Art entries. Also, no item should attempt to portray the face of Jesus.

Photography



Please read all Photography guidelines carefully to ensure you enter into the correct category. Below are a few points that need to be highlighted.

General

- Students may use any camera for all entries (except Special Effects).
- Computer software may be used only for red eye, cropping, rotating, colour balance and tonal adjustment (lightness, darkness and contrast - not enhancement), and printing. No other enhancement is allowed in general categories.

Clarification of Categories

- **Character Trait** is a photo which clearly portrays one of the 90 character traits of Jesus. It may be of a person or object. The chosen character trait must be clearly indicated on the entry.
- **Character Portrait** is a formal portrait of a person, which should portray their personality/character.
- **Special Effects** is a photo taken by using trick photography. Make use of objects, lighting, lenses or other equipment to create an illusion or unusual effect. No computer software may be used.
- **Computer Enhancement** is a photo taken using a film or digital camera, which is enhanced with computer software programs (such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, or CorelDRAW®). Anything may be done to enhance the photo, provided it meets ACE guidelines.

GENERAL INFO



Sponsors

Sponsors are adults (21 years and over) who are responsible for supervising students.

There **must be** one male sponsor for every one to eight male students and one female sponsor for every one to eight female students. Home school parents may serve as the sponsor for their own children (father/daughter, mother/son). Home school parents who cannot attend with their children may request assistance from TEACH; TEACH will aim to link families or set up sponsors where possible.

Any person sponsoring students who are not their own children must have a valid DBS certificate.

Sponsors are responsible for enforcing the dress and conduct guidelines for all students in their care. They are also expected to be with, or know the whereabouts of, their students at all times. Furthermore, sponsors are responsible for the pastoring and welfare of their students throughout ESC.

Dress Code



As a professional educational event, ESC has an established dress code that should be followed. Please refer to the ESC General Guidelines for details.

If you have any queries on what is appropriate for ESC, please contact the ESC office.



Accommodation

Accommodation is boarding school style, and rooms house one to eight people. All bedding is provided, but please bring your own towels.

There is also the option to camp, bringing along your own tent or caravan.

ICCE Credit



It is possible to gain ICCE credit for ESC attendance and participation.

Application for credit for a **Single Entry Convention Credit** can be made for:

- Website Design
- Scripture Video
- Science Exhibits (not Collections)
- Social Studies Exhibit (not Collections)
- Photography – three entries required
- 2D Art – all categories
- 3D Art – Woodwork, Clay Sculpture, Metalwork or Needle & Thread

It is also possible for students to apply for a half credit or full credit for **Attendance & Participation**. Various requirements apply.

For full details, refer to the ICCE Procedures Manual or contact the ICCE Office.

Note: *It is not recommended that credit be sought by students attending Convention for the first time or those who are under 14 years of age.*

CAN YOU HELP?

24-7 Team



Did you love ESC? Join the 24-7 initiative and become part of the team that will help to pass this blessing on. We're looking for young people who won't tire in serving and seeking God's will, enthusiastically doing all they can to the glory of God. Come and make new, meet old, develop existing friendships as you do anything from fetching and carrying to assisting judges. Be prepared for the adventure of a lifetime!

Apply through the ESC booking website. Successful applicants will receive a discount on their ESC experience.



Judges

The Student Convention is only possible because of the willingness of those who offer their time and talents in judging. We would appreciate it if those who have qualifications or experience in any of the Event Categories could make themselves available to serve as judges. Experience with ACE is preferable.

Schools, please designate **at least** one person who would be willing to be a judge. More judges are welcome too. An application form will be available on our website.

Funding



While we do try to keep the ESC fees as low as possible each year, there are students who find raising the necessary funds a struggle. If you would like to fund a student or subsidise a part of the event in order to help us reduce funds for everyone, please contact the ESC office.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Early Bird Registration - 2 March

Registration must be completed by this date, i.e. all registration forms should be submitted, all initial events must be registered online, and the 20% deposit should be paid in order for the Early Bird rates to apply (refer to pages 6 and 7 for details). *Changes to the students' events lists may still be made after this date.*

The balance of registration fees must be paid by 20th May.

Final Registration - 2 April

Late registrations close on this date, i.e. all registration forms should be submitted, all initial events must be registered online, and the full amount should be paid. A surcharge of £25 will apply (refer to pages 6 and 7 for details). *Changes to the students' events lists may still be made after this date.*

The balance of registration fees must be paid by 20th May.

Early Entry Submission - 24 April

Refer to page 10 for details on which events qualify as Early Entries. Three copies of each entry should be submitted by post to the ESC Office together with three copies of the forms. Each entry and set of forms should be in a separate "poly-pocket". (Exception: For photography, only one photograph is submitted, and all three copies of forms should be submitted in one "poly-pocket".)

Final Event Changes - 20 May

All changes to students' events lists must be completed online by this date. We regret that no events may be added to students' lists after this time. Events may be deleted from students' lists on arrival at ESC at an administration charge of £5 per student.

Scripture Affidavit Submission - 20 May

Affidavits for the Scripture Memory Awards must be submitted to the ESC office by this date to qualify for an award.