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Schools and Universities



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### Back to school 开学了

September is traditionally the end of summer and the beginning of **autumn** in the UK. It is also the month when children go back to school after their long summer holidays, but what do you actually know about British schools?

There are two types of school in England. **State-run** schools are paid for by the government, so are free to **attend**. Independent Schools are private, which means you have to pay to attend.

The school day usually starts at 9 in the morning and finishes around 4, with breaks for lunch of course! In many schools, you have to wear a **uniform** too.

Children start school when they are 5 years old. This is called primary school, and lasts until the child is 11 when he or she will go on to senior school.

Secondary school is **compulsory** from 11 until 16 years of age. At 16, students take national examinations called GCSE's. After this, students can stay at school for another 2 years and take A Level examinations. These examinations are necessary if they want to go on to university at 18.

Some universities start in September, but others begin in October. Courses normally last 3 years, but some, such as languages, engineering or medicine, can take much longer to complete.

Students usually go to university in a different town, so need to get used to living alone, paying **bills** and washing their own clothes! For many this is a difficult time but everyone soon becomes used to it.

Universities in Britain used to be free, but many students now have to pay for part of their course. Similarly, students used to receive a **grant** – money from the government in order to live. Nowadays, they have to borrow money from banks or the government, called a **student loan**, or take **part-time jobs**. Either way it can be difficult and many students have money problems.

School and university life are not just about studying, however. Many students take part in drama productions or play music. Others, of course, take part in a **wide range** of sports, such as football, rugby and cricket.

Many of the friends British people make at school and university remain friends for life, so it seems to true to say that your schooldays really are 'the best days of your life.'



## Glossary 词汇表

autumn - 秋天; 秋季

state-run - 国营的

attend - 上学; 出席

uniform - 校服

lasts - 持续...时间

compulsory - 义务制的; 必修的

bills - 账单

a grant - 助学金; 补助金

loan - 贷款

part-time jobs - 兼职

a wide range - 各种各样的

## 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. In Britain you must stay at school until you are 18. True / False
2. You have to pay for schools in the UK. True / False
3. Some students have to wear a uniform. True / False
4. The government gives you money to study at university. True / False
5. You usually go to university in your home town. True / False

## 2. Expressions with school 和学校有关系的表达短语

Match the following expressions with their definitions.

把以下的表达短语和它们的解释连接在一起。

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|------------------|--|
| 1. school age    | a. a friend from school  |
| 2. school mate   | b. a student who has just left school and is looking for a job |
| 3. school leaver | c. a formal name for a teacher                                 |
|                  | d. the period of your life when you attend school              |
| 5. school days   | e. the age when a child normally attends school                |

Now complete the sentences using the expressions.

现在用合适的表达短语完成以下的句子。

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Britain is 5, but in Greece it is only 8.
2. I've known John since I was 11. He's an old \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It's harder to find a job in August as there are so many \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My grandfather was a \_\_\_\_\_ in a top private school.
5. Your \_\_\_\_\_ should be the happiest of your life.

### 3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

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#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with schools in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与学校和大学有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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uniform	teacher	student	book	study
sport	break	friends	exams	pass



# Answers 答案

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- b
- c
- d

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