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Academic English and Preparation for IELTS 2010

The IELTS Preparation Course is designed for students who intend to study at a University or College in the United Kingdom. The course offers a well-balanced weekly programme of 15 hours General English plus 9 hours preparation for the IELTS examination, in classes of no more than 14 students (often less outside the summer season). Our teachers give all students a high degree of personal attention and encourage them to participate fully both in the classroom and with homework assignments. All our courses are accredited by the British Council and EAQUALS, and we are a member of English UK.

- Students must be 16 years or older to take this course. However 85% of the students in our IELTS Exam Preparation classes are age 21 years or above.
- Students can start their course on any Monday.
- Students are grouped according to their ability for their morning lessons, following a diagnostic placement test. We always have a minimum of 6 different levels in the school.
- Afternoon lessons on this course are for IELTS students only.
- We recommend that students are at A2/B1 level before they join this course.
- Adult classes have a maximum of 14 students, with an average of 12 in the summer and an average of 9 during the rest of the year

IELTS Preparation Course Content

24 hours of group classes each week

9.15 – 16.00 Monday to Thursday, and 09.15 – 15.00 on Fridays

The course includes:

- General English improvement – grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation
- The 4 language skills - reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Academic writing - essays, reports and note-taking skills
- Academic reading - textbooks and articles
- Communicating in English - in academic and social situations
- Familiarisation with the format and nature of the IELTS examination
- Full examination practice, including assessments to identify strengths and weaknesses
- We also offer advice on applying to UK Colleges and Universities, and assistance in completing applications

A typical day's timetable could be:

09.15 – 10.45	Course work covering essential grammar components and language structures
10.45 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 12.45	Reinforcement of new structures, vocabulary development and practice in the 4 skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch break
13.45 – 14.45	IELTS preparation
14.45 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 16.00	IELTS preparation

IELTS Preparation Course Fees

225 GBP per week
(250 GBP per week during the summer, 31 May - 27 August)

IELTS Exam Fee 105 GBP (fee in 2009)

In addition to tuition, the course fee also includes:

- Diagnostic entry test
- Full information package
- Regular progress tests (reports available to students as required)
- All books and materials
- Wireless internet and e-mail access
- Use of the Multimedia Centre and Library
- Services of Student Support Manager
- End of course certificate
- Final report (if required)
- Social programme: at least 2 evenings per week throughout the year. During the summer (31 May-27 August 2010), at least 3 evenings per week & an excursion every Saturday.

A non-returnable Registration Payment of 100 GBP is charged for all courses. This consists of 50 GBP enrolment fee and 50 GBP deposit which is credited towards the tuition fees.

10% discount for 24 weeks tuition or more (fees must be paid in advance to qualify)

15% discount for 36 weeks tuition or more (fees must be paid in advance to qualify)

Accommodation Fees

Standard Homestay 112 GBP per week

Executive Homestay 175 GBP per week

There is a non-returnable Accommodation Placement Fee of 50 GBP.

Homestay accommodation includes a single room, breakfast, and dinner each day (also lunch at the weekend), and basic laundry. Executive Homestay includes en-suite bathroom facilities. We ensure that no two students of the same mother tongue are staying with the same family.

Students should arrive with their Host Family on the Sunday before their course starts, and leave on the Saturday after their course finishes.

The school will be closed for the 2010 Christmas holiday from 18 December 2010 to 3 January 2011 inclusive. The school will also be closed for UK Bank Holidays on 2 and 5 April, 3 and 31 May, and 30 August 2010. On Bank Holiday Mondays (5 April, 3 and 31 May and 30 August 2010) full-day excursions are offered to students at no additional charge. On Friday 2 April, school-based activities will be offered to students at no additional charge.