



## *The English Language Centre*

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### **General English Programme 2010**

The English Language Centre offers a year-round programme of General English courses, intended for students who wish to improve their English for personal and professional purposes. Our teachers endeavour to give all students a high degree of personal attention and to encourage them to participate as much as possible. 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 our General English courses. However, 85% of the students in our General English classes are aged 21 years or above.
- Students can start their course on any Monday.
- Students are grouped according to their ability, following a diagnostic placement test.
- We always have a minimum of 6 different levels in the school. Students receive weekly tests to monitor development, and will move to a higher level class as they progress.
- We accept students from 'elementary' to 'advanced'. Beginners are also welcome, but this is subject to a course being available. Please check before registering.
- 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

\* Please note we do offer a Young Learners Programme in the summer for students aged 12-15, and can take 'closed groups' of younger students all year.

### **General English Course Content (A and B)**

General English A    15 hours of group classes each week  
09.15 – 12.45 Monday to Friday  
Please note this course is not available during the summer.

General English B    24 hours of group classes each week  
09.15 – 16.00 Monday to Thursday, and 09.15 – 15.00 on Fridays

These courses include:

- General English improvement – grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation
- The 4 language skills - reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Communicating in English in formal and social situations

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

Afternoon session – 'General English B' students only:

13.45 – 14.45	Communicative activities and skills
14.45 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 16.00	Projects, functional English, discussions and debates

### **General English Course Fees**

General English A	175 GBP per week (not available during the summer)
General English B	225 GBP per week (250 GBP per week during the summer, 31 May to 27 August 2010)

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
- Guided e-learning before, during and after the course
- Wireless internet and e-mail access
- Use of the Multimedia Centre and Library
- End of course certificate
- Final report (if required)
- Services of Student Support Manager
- 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)

### **Examination Courses**

Students can choose to combine their General English course with preparation lessons for the IELTS (for students aged 18 years +) or FCE examinations. There is no extra cost, except for the examination fee. Please see IELTS/FCE information sheets for further details.

### **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.