

# Oxford International Language School

English courses in Oxford





The School was established in 2008 and since then has helped many students to learn and improve their English language skills.

We provide high quality language training with structured and tailored courses to suit different ages, nationalities and needs.

The small class sizes (maximum 10 students) are designed to focus on your learning styles, objectives and interests.

We are centrally located, in an ethical building with modern classrooms, free Wi-Fi, kitchen, library and a garden.

We offer outstanding customer service to complete your learning experience and make your stay enjoyable.

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of English in the UK





# Welcome to Oxford International Language School



## The School

At Oxford International Language School we take pride in offering our students a rewarding and enjoyable learning experience, and we are committed to providing the very best in English language programmes to our students.

We offer a range of high quality courses in General English, English for Specific Purposes and Exam Preparation to include:

- General English: all levels from beginner (A0) to proficiency (C2)
- Exam Preparation (FCE, CAE, CPE, IELTS)
- Business English
- Junior Summer School for students aged 14 -17 years old
- Tailored courses for private groups

## The Programme

With a maximum of 10 students in a class, you get plenty of support and attention from your teachers. In small groups you get added value from your course, as you will be able to tailor the content of your lessons with your teacher and progress quickly.

## Individual focus

When you register on a full-time course, you will receive:

- A pre-arrival information pack
- A course confirmation letter
- An induction on your first day
- A study pack
- An individual assessment of language level and study needs
- All initial study materials
- A portfolio for keeping your own work
- Regular tests to monitor progress
- Regular tutorial sessions
- An activity and excursion programme
- A course attendance certificate
- A progress report
- Individual future study recommendations

Helping you succeed in your objectives is our commitment to you.



*"I like all the teachers. They are all friendly and likeable. In the class all students are cool and friendly. The school is in a good location, and Oxford is a beautiful city to visit."  
Bruce, Thailand*



## Our Facilities

### Classrooms

Our classrooms are modern, bright, spacious, with large desks, comfortable seating, and with audio visual equipment. With a maximum of ten students in one class, you have plenty of room to spread out and take in the relaxing atmosphere, and make the most of your learning experience.

### Internet Access

All classrooms have Wi-Fi facilities. Students can log into the School's network using their personal laptops, tablets or smart phones.

### Coffee Room/Lounge

We have a kitchen area where coffee, tea and water are available to students, plus we have a spacious relaxing lounge and a garden/terrace where students can relax during their breaks.

### Library

To complement the learning experience outside of the classroom hours, the library is available to our students. With a wide range of books, (Graded Readers, fiction and non-fiction) study materials, newspapers, magazines and DVDs, there is something for everyone to choose from.



# A Rewarding Experience at Oxford ILS



## Group classes

With group classes kept to a maximum of ten per class, our classes are designed to maximise the amount of teacher-student time. Students find that their language skills develop rapidly as they are encouraged to actively participate in class. They benefit from the high level of contact with the teacher, a flexible approach, and a high degree of personalisation, delivered in a comfortable and relaxing environment.

## Individual classes

Students may prefer to choose a one-to-one programme of study. This offers the student a course which is designed for the specific requirements of the individual learner. Classes are customised and focused on the student's specific objectives and problem areas. This is an accelerated way of learning and highly beneficial to the student, especially for English Exam Preparation and English for Specific Purposes.

## Our students

The School welcomes people of all backgrounds and nationalities, and it is suitable for those who want to learn English fast, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The minimum age for adult courses is 16 and there is no maximum age. To date we have welcomed students from over 35 different countries.

## Our teachers

We believe that our teachers are our greatest strength. They are passionate about teaching and have years of experience in teaching General English, Business English, English for Exam Preparation and English for Specific Purposes. At Oxford ILS we use a variety of teaching methods, paying careful attention to students' individual needs and learning styles. The lessons are energetic and interactive with interesting and topical subjects.

All of our teachers have a lot of experience and professional qualifications such as Cambridge CELTA, DELTA, Trinity College Certificate or Diploma in TESOL. They also have other professional qualifications in various other subjects (MA, MSc, MBA and Technology), and a diverse professional background, having worked in industry and business environments. This extended knowledge and experience allows our teachers to provide students with real-life class activities to complement the learning experience and, if required, business and commercial level English.



*"My teacher is really good. She can explain things very detailed and help me to understand it. She encourages me to do well all the time. I have to say she is the best teacher I ever seen and I made a huge progress because of her."*  
Yuwei, China

# School Timetable – full-time classes

## School Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 09.00 – 10.30	Lesson 1 09.00 – 10.30	Lesson 1 09.00 – 10.30	Lesson 1 09.00 – 10.30	Lesson 1 09.00 – 10.30
Break 10.30 – 10.45	Break 10.30 – 10.45	Break 10.30 – 10.45	Break 10.30 – 10.45	Break 10.30 – 10.45
Lesson 2 10.45 – 12.15	Lesson 2 10.45 – 12.15	Lesson 2 10.45 – 12.15	Lesson 2 10.45 – 12.15	Lesson 2 10.45 – 12.15
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Break 14.45 – 15.00	Break 14.45 – 15.00	Break 14.45 – 15.00	Break 14.45 – 15.00	Break 14.45 – 15.00
Lesson 4 15.00 – 16.30	Lesson 4 15.00 – 16.30	Lesson 4 15.00 – 16.30	Lesson 4 15.00 – 16.30	Lesson 4 15.00 – 16.30

15 taught hours in total
  + 
  24 taught hours in total
  + 
  + 
  30 taught hours in total

*Schedule is a sample and may be subject to change*

### Lunch

Meals are not available at our premises, but we provide tea and coffee. The School is located on Cowley Road where there is a wide selection of cafes, restaurants, pubs and supermarkets. We recommend students budget approximately £5 a day for lunch.

### Social Programme

We offer a cultural programme to all of our students. The social programme includes organised events or activities during the week. Activities range from Oxford University and city tours, visits to museums and art galleries, cinema and pub nights, sports activities and more. At the weekends excursions are organised to famous cities, tourist attractions, and other points of interest.



# Programme Information

## General English Courses full-time

### Course description

These are for adults who need to improve their English language skills for general use in everyday situations. Group sizes are small, with no more than 10 students, so joining a course is all about participation. The classes are lively and fun but also challenging. They focus on reading, writing, listening, grammar, vocabulary, with a particular emphasis on speaking, communication and pronunciation.

Students can choose from one of the following classes:

#### GE Mornings

**Total taught hours:** 15 hours per week

#### GE Intensive

**Total taught hours:** 24 hours per week

#### GE Super Intensive

**Total taught hours:** 30 hours per week

**Start date:** Any Monday

**Registration:** 2 weeks minimum;  
no maximum

#### GE Private tuition

**Start date:** Any Monday

**Registration:** Minimum 2 hours, maximum  
30 hours per week

### Levels

A0 Beginner (on request, please contact the School)

A1 Elementary

A2 Pre-intermediate

B1 Intermediate

B2 Upper-intermediate

C1 Advanced

C2 Proficient (on request, please contact the School)



## General English Courses part-time

### Course description

The part-time courses are for adults who work, or are in further education, throughout the week but are in need of improving their General English. The classes are scheduled so as not to conflict with students' working hours or busy private lives, which makes these courses an attractive and popular choice, especially to those who are already living in Oxford and around the city. The classes are energising and students are given homework after each lesson to continue their learning experience at home.

#### GE Part-time

**Total taught hours:** 4 hours per week

**Lessons:** Evenings or Saturdays

**Levels:** B1 to C1

**Start date:** Termly

**Registration:** 10-12 weeks

**General English Courses are designed to help our students:**

- Improve their speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills
- Learn useful expressions, vocabulary and grammar
- Use appropriate style and register
- Improve on accent, pronunciation and intonation
- Develop the skills to write and speak confidently
- Receive individual feedback where your progress is reviewed and your goals are set



# Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses



Cambridge ESOL certificates are awarded by the University of Cambridge. Preparing for a Cambridge certificate can help students achieve their goals for study, work and life. The exams focus on testing learners' speaking, writing, use of English, reading and listening. The results are linked to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages as follows:

## First Certificate in English (FCE) - Level B2

FCE is an upper-intermediate level qualification. It is recognised globally and it proves that you can use every day spoken and written English for work and study purposes.

## Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) - Level C1

CAE is an internationally recognised exam for advanced level of English. Passing CAE demonstrates a high-level of language skills needed for success in study and work. Many top colleges, universities and places of work accept CAE.

## Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) - Level C2

CPE is a recognised exam accepted by thousands of leading businesses and educational institutions worldwide. It proves you have achieved an extremely high level in English, and can communicate with fluency and sophistication similar to a native speaker.

### Course description

The lessons focus on improving students' General English and exam skills, getting students to the level required to pass the exam papers. The lessons run around topical issues and current affairs, while, at the same time, working on learners' vocabulary, grammar, syntax and oral skills. Our teachers will prepare you for the techniques required to pass the exam papers and you will also be given real exam papers to work on. Your progress will be monitored with a regular coaching session given by your teacher.



### Cambridge Exam Courses are designed to help our students:

- Learn useful expressions, vocabulary and grammar
- Improve on accent, pronunciation and intonation
- Develop the skills needed to tackle exam questions
- Reduce exam anxiety and build confidence in handling all exam papers
- Receive individual feedback where your progress is reviewed and your goals are set
- Complete a full mock exam with detailed feedback

### Courses available:

**Cambridge Exam Preparation:** FCE, CAE

**Total taught hours:** 24 hours per week

**Start date:** Any Monday

**Registration:** 2 weeks minimum; no maximum

**Cambridge Exam Preparation Part-time:** FCE, CAE

**Total taught hours:** 4 hours per week

**Start date:** Termly

**Registration:** 10-12 weeks

**Cambridge Exam Preparation Private tuition:** FCE, CAE, CPE

**Start date:** Any Monday

**Registration:** Minimum 2 hours, maximum 30 hours per week







*"I managed to pass the exam. I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your help in preparing me for the IELTS. Special thanks to my teacher, who showed enormous patience when working on my language errors."*

*Paulina, Poland*



## IELTS Exam Preparation



The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is widely recognised as a reliable means of assessing the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is the language of communication. You will need IELTS if you want to:

- study at university at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, or
- join a professional organisation in an English-speaking country

The IELTS exam consists of four components:

- **Listening** 4 sections, 30 minutes
- **Reading** 3 sections, 60 minutes
- **Writing** 2 tasks, 60 minutes
- **Speaking** 11-14 minutes



### IELTS course is designed to help our students:

- Develop the skills to handle all the components of the IELTS exam
- Improve vocabulary and grammar
- Work on the accent, pronunciation and intonation
- Reduce exam anxiety and build confidence in handling all exam papers
- Receive individual feedback where your progress is reviewed and your goals are set
- Complete a full mock exam with detailed feedback

### Courses available:

#### IELTS Academic Exam Preparation:

**Total taught hours:** 24 hours per week

**Start date:** Every Monday

**Registration:** 2 weeks minimum; no maximum

#### IELTS Academic Exam Preparation Part-time:

**Total taught hours:** 4 hours per week

**Start date:** Termly

Registration: 10-12 weeks

#### IELTS Academic Exam Preparation

**Private tuition:**

**Start date:** Any Monday

**Registration:** Minimum 2 hours, maximum 30 hours per week





*"My teacher is very well-organised, takes time for my questions, he gives me examples when I don't understand a word, awesome conversations/discussions, great progress in CAE tasks, helped me with many problems."*  
*Jakob, Germany*



## English for Business

This course is for managers, entrepreneurs and business executives who wish to improve their business language in a commercial context. Through a range of real business tasks, the focus is on improving understanding, and developing effective communication skills in a professional environment. By working on case studies and authentic texts, learners improve on their comprehension in reading and writing in a business context.

### English for Business is designed to help our students:

- Express themselves more clearly in real work situations
- Confidently participate in meetings and negotiations
- Give a successful presentation
- Practice exchanging information on the phone and face-to-face
- Understand business and commercial messages, expressions and texts
- Improve writing skills when dealing with emails, reports and notes

### Sample course content:

#### Meetings

Setting objectives, giving opinions, agreeing/disagreeing, handling a conflict, managing a meeting, and decision-making.

#### Negotiating

Language of negotiation, hidden meaning, cultural differences, reaching an agreement, being assertive and utilizing critical thinking.

#### Presentations

Effective presentation techniques, preparing and delivering a presentation, using audio-visual tools, and feedback.

#### Using the telephone

Telephone language, making arrangements, complaining, conference call practice.

#### Business Correspondence

Formal and informal language, emails, letters, reports and data.

Please note that this programme is open for students with a minimum level of B1.

#### English for Business Private tuition:

**Start date:** Any Monday

**Registration:** Minimum 2 hours, maximum 30 hours per week



## Accommodation in Oxford

At Oxford ILS we recognise that as individuals, or groups, the accommodation requirements of students are important and vary greatly. We offer a number of options to suit your needs regarding Homestay accommodation: a single, double, twin or en-suite room.

### Homestay

This is a popular choice for most students. Students stay with a local English speaking family in Oxford, not too far from the School. Students will typically have a single room with a study desk. Double rooms, twin rooms or rooms with en-suite facilities are also available.

Each Homestay provider is selected to high standard are regularly inspected by the Accommodation Team. Our Homestay providers are welcoming and happy to receive and host our students. Staying with a Homestay provider extends the learning experience after the School closes.

### The Homestay option includes:

- Breakfast and an evening meal on weekdays,
- Breakfast, a light lunch and an evening meal on weekends
- Laundry or laundry facilities
- Internet (Wi-Fi/LAN), however, students must bring their own equipment, e.g. laptop, tablet, or mobile phone

## Local Information

The School is conveniently located in St. Clements area of Cowley Road, a multi-cultural hub and one of the city's main leisure, shopping and restaurant districts. Local attractions, colleges, parks, cafés, restaurants and boutique shops are close by. Oxford city centre is within a 10-minute walk and the bus stop is outside of the School building. There is a good selection of international cafés and restaurants around the School. As well as popular English dishes, you can find cuisine from Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, India, Japan, Morocco, Nepal, Poland, Russia, and Thailand.





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