Oxford School of English
My professors were so kind and put so much effort into our lessons that it pushed me to work harder to improve my English – and it improved a lot! The school staff were just great, and I had such a joyful time studying among the multicultural student community. A truly great experience!

Motahareh from France

"Your journey in English starts here!"

35,000
OSE graduates

More than 35,000 students have graduated from OSE since the college was founded two decades ago.

Every week up to 50 new students join our English language, academic and exam courses, from all over the world – Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, Africa, South America, unusual countries like Polynesia, New Caledonia and Iceland.

Every year, some 1,000 additional students join our year-round Junior School and our Junior Summer School in July and August. Our Junior Schools have a separate brochure and website.

OSE exceeds expectations for the quality of education
Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)

99%
High pass rate in Cambridge exams!*

100% of OSE students achieve their desired IELTS score*

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*at time of printing; OSE’s 5-year average pass rate in the Cambridge CPE & CAE exams is 99%
First-rate academic quality
Our teaching faculty is second to none: our long-established, experienced team of teachers and academic managers are among the best-qualified in their field, and includes staff with doctorates from Oxford and Harvard universities as well as many at TEFLQ level.

All of the college’s courses are continually reviewed and updated to ensure that the syllabi are modern and relevant to today’s international topics. In class we use the most recent editions of textbooks by leading British academic publishers, supplemented by our huge library of additional teaching material.

ISI Inspection: OSE exceeds expectations
OSE is inspected regularly by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), to ensure that the college meets the UK government’s high standards and enhances the UK’s overseas reputation for academic quality.

In every inspection, OSE has been awarded the highest grade of ‘exceeds expectations’. In its most recent inspection, the ISI inspectors marked the college as ‘excellent’ or ‘outstanding’ in every single inspection category.

The OSE tutorial system
All long-term students are continually monitored and guided by their tutors, with whom they have a mandatory one-to-one meeting every two weeks, to assess the student’s achievements and set individual learning targets. There are also fortnightly progress tests for all students in our standard courses.

Please see Academic Information on page 19 for more information.

International mix
Each year, OSE has students from some 75 different countries worldwide. Our students are from a fantastic mix of different cultures with different lifestyles and different backgrounds - but all working together, sharing their ideas and time, and making new lifelong international friends.

Many of our alumni are still in contact with the friends they made here 2 decades ago, and in many cases visit each other in their home countries. And the language in which they communicate? English, of course!

"I had a really fantastic time at OSE – they were the happiest days of my life! I experienced so much and met so many lovely people. No-one could ever be disappointed with OSE!"
Taehyo from South Korea

OSE - an outstanding college

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Wonderful college building

Our recently-refurbished college building interior is purpose-designed for the modern age, but with the atmosphere of an old English hotel – in a word, unique. From the luxurious leather sofas, mahogany-framed mirrors and potted palms in the student lounge to the sound-proofed classrooms with air-conditioning, projectors and views over the city centre, the emphasis is on both learning and comfort combined.

There is even a piano among the comforts of the student lounge (between the potted palms and the grandfather clock); students who can play are encouraged to do so, at break times. It’s delightful to hear piano music as you sip your coffee and chat with friends.

Our two computer suites are fitted with the latest equipment, and our internet connection is the fastest possible (fibre-optic, on our own exclusive line). OSE is the official TOEFL testing centre in Oxford, and the exams are taken in these computer suites.

City centre location

OSE is in the very centre of the city, between the Carfax Tower and St Peter’s College. Everything in the city centre – sandwich bars, cafes, shops, the university colleges, museums, the coach station, even all the bus stops (all bus services from the suburbs and to other parts of the UK terminate and start in the city centre) – are just a few minutes’ walk.
Every year, students from some 75 different countries take English language and exam courses in our college—some for a year or longer, some for a few months, some for only a few weeks, and some for even just a few days. Everyone is welcome, no matter how long they can study.

Our students are from a fantastic mix of different cultures with different lifestyles and different backgrounds—but all working together, sharing their ideas and time, and making new lifelong international friends. It’s a wonderful atmosphere!

Most of our students are 19-24 years of age, and many of these are current undergraduates at university in their home country, or recent graduates aiming to improve their English for work. Some of our European students are already working in Oxford.

Our minimum age is 16, and in the summer especially many students aged 16 - 18 join our courses. All our staff—teachers, management and administration—are trained in safeguarding, and our homestay families are all closely vetted, to ensure the safest possible environment at all times for our younger students.

We frequently have students of this more senior age group and they, too, always feel welcome and blend in perfectly. We have taught English to many students in their 60s, three in their 70s, while our oldest ever student was 80. It really is never too late!

We also offer courses to more mature students—those who need to improve their English for work, for international travel, or simply for fun. The close, inclusive nature of the college and our students mean that older students always feel welcome and always blend in perfectly.

“I love Oxford because it’s very safe, very beautiful and the people are very kind and helpful. My host family is fantastic and my host mother is really my mother in England! I will miss Oxford very, very much!”

Aya from Japan

Scan this QR code for the OSE website homepage, and see our current nationalities displayed.
The University of Oxford

The University of Oxford needs no introduction: it is famous throughout the world for its age, history, and academic excellence. Over the centuries, countless numbers of its students have gone on to achieve pre-eminence in their chosen fields – politicians, scientists, historians, engineers, artists, doctors, philosophers, even sportmen and women. What connects them all is leadership: leading minds, leading research, leading ideas.

These days, the same can be said of many of the other colleges that teach side-by-side with the university including, of course, OSE. An Oxford education, whatever the subject and whatever its length, will enhance your résumé (CV) and, in an increasingly competitive world, will immediately catch the eye of prospective employers. An Oxford diploma, in short, is a great advantage. Make sure you give yourself the best, and stand out against your contemporaries.

Oxford is one of the world’s most beautiful cities

The medieval city centre’s many ancient, narrow streets that thread their way among the university colleges are some of the most picturesque in the world. The broader main streets are also lined with old buildings – including, of course, grand university colleges – and are truly exquisite.

There is a huge number of things to see in Oxford. Many of the old university buildings are open to the public (including Christ Church, New College and the Bodleian Library, which all portrayed Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films); the city’s 6 museums include world-famous Ashmolean Museum and the Oxford University Natural History Museum; while visitors can climb the towers at Carfax and St Mary’s Church and look down into the college gardens and the High Street – which itself runs to the long, graceful Magdalen Bridge over the River Cherwell, and the 400-year-old Botanic Garden beside it.

There are no modern high-rise buildings in the city centre, and from our school windows you can see over the city rooftops to the green and wooded hills in the distance.

Student life

Oxford has two universities (the famous old university, plus the more modern Oxford Brookes University) and many other colleges, with a student population of around 45,000. As a result, the city brims over with thousands of things to appeal to young people – countless student cafes, restaurants, sandwich bars, tea rooms, coffee houses, sports clubs, an ice skating rink, bars, pubs, nightclubs, plus five cinemas, eight theatres, six museums, and even six public swimming pools!

The city centre is also crammed with shops of all kinds. Oxford may be famous for academic study, but at weekends especially the streets are full of people and shopping is the most popular occupation!

Whatever you like to do in your free time, you can almost certainly find it here in Oxford.
Clean, safe and easy layout

Oxford is a surprisingly small city (population 150,000) and you can walk from one side of the city centre to the other in only 20 minutes. It’s easy to find your way around, and is clean and safe - in the Complete University Guide survey, Oxford is consistently one of the safest university cities in the UK.

The bus service is excellent, with buses running to and from the city centre to the suburbs every few minutes. There are lots of taxis too.

Close to London

Oxford is close to London, and coaches run to and from London every few minutes during the day. It’s inexpensive and the coaches run throughout the night too (although at night they’re less frequent).

Oxford train station is a little further from the city centre (the coach station is in the centre), but the London trains are quicker than the coaches, although they’re usually more expensive.

It’s so easy to get to London that our students often go there in the afternoon, returning in the evening.

Close to Heathrow Airport

Oxford is only 45 minutes by car from London Heathrow Airport. After your flight – especially if it’s a long one – it’s always good to know that you have only a short journey to your accommodation in Oxford.

“A great school located in the heart of Oxford – I’ll never forget this time. The teachers treated me like a friend and it was the perfect environment to make friends from all over the world. Oxford is a place I can highly recommend both to study and to have fun”.

Giano from Italy
Courses and teaching Faculty
Our teaching faculty is genuinely outstanding: our long-established team of teachers, lecturers and academic managers is among the best-qualified in our field, and includes staff with doctorates from Oxford and Harvard universities as well as many at TEFLQ level.

These dedicated faculty members continually review and update our courses to ensure that the syllabi are modern and relevant to today’s international topics. In class we use the most recent editions of textbooks by leading British academic publishers, supplemented by our huge library of additional teaching material (much of it generated in-house).

OSE Academy: Expanding Minds
Open to students aged 16-18, our Expanding Minds programmes give bright, academically-gifted young adults from around the world the opportunity to explore and enlarge the boundaries of their knowledge in a range of chosen subjects, in the unique environment of the University of Oxford at the heart of the historic city of Oxford itself. Classes and lectures, accommodation and meals are provided in one of the Oxford university colleges, enabling our students to experience life as lived by the select few in one of the greatest and longest-established universities in the world.

The Expanding Minds programme runs in July and August.

General English
Our first-class General English courses are designed to drive students forward in their learning, and to make a substantial improvement in as short a time as possible. With 8 different levels - from Beginner to Proficiency - we can accept all students, and they can stay as long as they need to reach the level they want.

Premium English Language summer courses in the University of Oxford
In these fast-track 2-week courses, you live, study and take your meals in one of the oldest, greatest and most famous universities in the world. Built around the unique Oxford and Cambridge system of small-group tutorial teaching, our Premium English language courses are designed for the academically ambitious, and are restricted to a maximum of 8 students per class.

The dynamic morning classes are taught by experienced OSE tutors, while the tightly-packed afternoon schedule includes mini-lectures about Oxford and university life, writing and drama workshops, and an introduction to British culture.

There are also “taster” sessions in university-style interactive classes in a range of academic subjects, including Law, Philosophy, Medical Biology, English Literature, Business Studies and Politics.

The full social activities programme includes trips to London and Blenheim Palace, film evenings, theatre and cinema visits, college tours and punting.

General English courses are 15 hours per week or 20 hours per week*.

Intensive English
The Intensive English course is for students who need to make extra-rapid progress in all aspects of their English, and involves study in both mornings and afternoons.

The Intensive English course is 30 hours per week*.
**Our Cambridge FCE, CAE & CPE exam results are among the best in the world.**

*The best thing about OSE is the free and warm atmosphere – it's really wonderful. The teachers and staff are very friendly, always available to help, and quickly become your good friend. And students are from so many different countries – I made many friends among them too, from all over the world. I highly recommend OSE*. Park from South Korea

IELTS
Our 4-week intensive IELTS course provides full and thorough preparation for the IELTS exam. With a strong exam focus, our teachers guide students through the four different parts, familiarising them with IELTS exam techniques and requirements, so that students know exactly what to expect and are confident of their own abilities when they sit down to start the exam.

Each course ends on a Friday and in most cases, the IELTS exam is held the following day (Saturday).

TOEFL
We have unique knowledge of the TOEFL test, gained through our years of experience as the TOEFL® Test Centre.

Oxford School of English is the only TOEFL® Test Centre in the Oxford area. Our TOEFL students therefore have their lessons in the same building and have practice tests in the same computer suite where they will take the test at the end of the course.

We have regular classes for FCE, CAE and CPE. Courses for KET and PET are available upon request.

Business English for Executives
The aim of this course is to give a substantial boost to busy business executives, improving in a short time their understanding and use of English in international business and enabling them to perform at a higher level and with greater confidence.

Our Business English courses are dynamic and short, to enable businesspeople to squeeze them into their busy working lives – from 1 week to 4 weeks, although longer courses are also possible on request.

Insight into UK Tourism
Our 2-week Insight into the UK Tourism and Hospitality Industry course combines high level training in Business Communication with a unique insight into a range of British tourism sectors: luxury travel, city breaks, language tourism and ‘staycation’.

On this course, you will improve your business communication skills, including presentations, reviews and report writing; make a 4-day training visit to a UK seaside hotel group; investigate service quality and design in Oxford’s top hotels; learn from hotel managers about product development and brand management, and more.

**We have unique 4-week IELTS courses provide full IELTS training.**

Cambridge examinations
(KET, PET, FCE, CAE & CPE)
We have been running Cambridge exam courses for almost 20 years, and we have not only some of the most experienced Cambridge exam teachers you could find, but also some of the best exam results in the world.

Academic Year programmes
In our Academic Year programmes, students significantly improve both their English level and study skills – with a clear focus on acceptance into a UK university. Students not only progress to a much higher level in English, but also prepare for the exams they need to apply for a university course.

The six different programmes are open to students age 16+.

**Our unique 4-week IELTS courses provide full IELTS training.**

Professional English
Medicine, nursing, law, engineering, the travel industry and more – over the years we have supplied specialist English language courses for people from all walks of life. Here in Oxford we can draw on a huge supply of top-class teachers with skills in every area, and we can match the English needs of almost any student, whatever their profession!

One-to-one tutorials
One-to-one lessons can usually be arranged to suit the needs of the student. These can be an excellent way of boosting a student’s understanding in short, intensive bursts, but can also be structured to give wider support over a longer period to students with specialist requirements.

Bespoke courses
Diplomats, government officials, teachers, retirees, news presenters, musicians – all have followed bespoke courses in our school. In Oxford, we can provide almost any course our students want – all you need to do is ask!

Teacher Refresher courses
Our 2-week teacher refresher courses are for overseas teachers of English who would like to update their knowledge of methodology and teaching materials, and to broaden their linguistic and cultural awareness.

This course is aimed at non-native speakers who have experience of teaching English and hold a teaching qualification from their own country.

*Academic hours: each academic hour = 50 minutes class time

Medicine, law, engineering, aviation and more – Professional English courses to fit your need.
The OSE tutorial system ensures that all long-term students develop close ties with their teachers and attend one-to-one meetings with an assigned tutor every two weeks, in which the student’s achievements are assessed and individual learning targets discussed and reviewed.

There are also fortnightly progress tests for all students in our standard courses, enabling teachers to monitor more closely learning and to guide and support each student more effectively.

Continuous enrolment
Students can join any non-examination course on any Monday, and can study as long as they wish. Our courses are structured so that new students slot in seamlessly, immediately taking their places in the class and participating in class activities with their new classmates.

We always recommend as long a course as possible to make the greatest possible improvement, but some students study for as little as one week. It simply depends on the student and his/her availability.

Specific start and finish dates apply for our exam courses.

Please note that students at Beginner level are accepted on specific dates only.

Class sizes
Our General English and Intensive English classes are small, with a maximum of 15 students. In the lower and higher levels, there are often only 6 - 8 students per class. The IELTS class has a maximum of 8 students.

Class levels
We have General English and Intensive English courses at 8 different levels:

- A0 (Beginner)
- A1 (Elementary)
- A2 (Pre-Intermediate)
- B1 (Intermediate)
- B2 (Upper Intermediate)
- B2E (Upper Intermediate exam)
- C1 (Advanced)
- C2 (Proficiency)

All new students are required to complete our online placement test or are tested on their first morning in the school, to determine their level. Students can move up to the next level either upon successful completion of an academic term, or at other times if our academic staff consider them to be ready.

Scan this QR code for the OSE website homepage, and go to Courses for more information.
The OSE social diary
The opportunities for fun and adventure in and around Oxford are endless. Although the city has a reputation as an academic centre, its student population of 45,000 ensures that the city is also a fantastic place for entertainment of all kinds. Whatever you want, you’re sure to find it in Oxford!

The school’s social diary features lots of events, but students can easily follow their own inclinations and interests and do other things with their friends, independently.

Full-day excursions
Every Saturday and Sunday we have day trips by coach to several destinations, including London, Brighton, Bath and Stonehenge, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, “the Other Place” (the Oxford name for Cambridge), and Windsor.

Weekend excursions
We also provide excursions for the whole weekend, and every Friday evening coaches leave Oxford for trips to destinations further afield: Scotland, Paris, Amsterdam, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, sometimes even Switzerland.

There are also frequent two-day trips to Liverpool and Manchester, featuring visits to the former haunts of the Beatles and to Old Trafford (the Manchester United football stadium).

Pub Night
Our most popular social event takes place every Thursday night, when a great crowd of our students and teachers visit an Oxford pub (we choose a different pub each week). Our record of 130 people was set in the summer; usually there are 40 to 50 of us. Everyone looks forward to Pub Night – it’s not only great fun, but also an opportunity for students to make new friends and to practise their English.

International Dinners, Film Night, quizzes and more
Our evening social events also include International Dinners, when we seat up to 50 students and teachers at a huge dinner with food and drink from different countries; Film Night, when we show classic and modern films on our projector screen and tuck into pizza and popcorn; quizzes, karaoke and other music events (singing traditional Christmas carols in December, for instance). These events all take place in the school.

Our weekend excursions include day trips to Stonehenge (left), Bath and Brighton.
Sport
With a student population of 45,000, Oxford has some of the greatest sporting opportunities of any city in the world. In the city centre there is an ice skating rink (open all year), and boats and punts for hire on the two rivers. There are six swimming pools, public tennis courts, and large parks for football (when we have enough students interested, we also arrange our own football matches). Of course, Oxford has its own football team – Oxford United; it may not be as famous as Manchester United, but tickets are a lot cheaper!
And there is a huge range of other sports available, including archery, athletics, basketball, hockey, horse riding, martial arts, rugby and yoga. Just ask us for help if you need it.

Shopping
Oxford has some great shopping – the world-famous Blackwell’s and Waterstone’s bookshops, major department stores, shops for fashion, sports clothing, gifts, the Alice in Wonderland shop, the Gloucester Green market, and many more.
And for those who really do love fashion, the huge Bicester Village designer outlet is only 30 minutes by bus!

Sightseeing
Oxford is an amazing city to explore and photograph, with 38 university colleges, the iconic Radcliffe Camera, the Bodleian Library, the Ashmolean Museum, the Botanic Garden, the Pitt Rivers Museum, the Natural History Museum, the History of Science Museum, Christ Church Cathedral, Hertford Bridge (Oxford’s Bridge of Sighs) and many, many more.

Theatres, cinemas, live music
There are eight theatres in Oxford, plus additional open-air theatres in the summer; five cinemas (three of them are multi-screen); and countless live music venues, including the Holywell Music Room (the oldest custom-built concert hall in Europe, dating from 1748), and at the other end of the scale, the O2 Academy, for modern music.

Visiting London
London is close to Oxford, and two different companies run coaches to and from the capital, with coaches leaving and returning during the day every 8-10 minutes. There are also frequent trains from Oxford train station. It’s so easy (and cheap) to visit London that students often go after lessons, in the afternoon. The coaches run throughout the night, so you can come back whenever you like.

Visit to the Oxford University Natural History Museum (left), punting and trips to London are included in our social programme
I love OSE because of the personalised care and support from all the staff. They helped not just to improve my English, but also to make friends and to find my way quickly in the new environment. Amazing activities and highlights included the weekly Pub Night and International Dinners with students and teachers. I left the school not just with a better command of English, but also with a large circle of friends from all over the world.

Natticha from Thailand

Comfort and style in our new townhouse apartments!

Accommodation

We have accommodation types to suit all preferences and pockets.

300 homestay families
Homestay is our most popular accommodation option. Living with Oxford residents is a great way to learn more about the UK and British culture, and enables you to practise your English in a typical British home.

Breakfast and evening meals are provided (lunch at weekends, too); your laundry is done for you (although you can usually do it yourself, if you prefer); and you have a warm, safe home to come back to after an exhausting day in school and an evening out with your friends!

We have around 300 homestay families, enabling us to choose the right homestay for you. We have fantastic feedback from students about our homestay service, but in any case our Accommodation Manager is based in the school reception area, so if at any time you have any questions or problems, you can speak to her and we will act immediately to help.

Stylish townhouse apartments
Our 2-bedroom townhouse apartments are spacious, stylish and extremely comfortable.

• 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (one en suite)
• double beds
• very large kitchen, dining and sitting room
• free WiFi

The townhouse apartments are only 10 – 15 minutes to the city centre by bus, and the bus stop is directly outside. During the day there is a bus every 4 or 5 minutes. Bus stops for London and Heathrow Airport are also just a few minutes’ walk.

Scan this QR code for the OSE website homepage, and go to Townhouse apartments for more information.
Real luxury in our brand new penthouse apartment!

Luxurious penthouse apartment
Our penthouse apartment is everything you would expect a penthouse to be – real luxury!

• 3 rooftop terraces
• 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (2 en suite)
• double beds
• master bedroom with its own separate study room
• private lift (elevator)
• huge kitchen, with dining area and sitting room
• separate utility room (with washing machine, sink etc)
• free WiFi

The city centre is only 20 – 25 minutes by bus, and during the day there is a bus every 4 or 5 minutes. Bus stops for London and Heathrow Airport are also just a few minutes’ walk.

Facilities in the apartments
All our student apartments have the following:

• washing machine and drier
• electric kettle
• microwave
• oven and grill
• dining table and chairs
• sofas
• cooking utensils (pots and pans)
• cutlery and crockery
• pillows and bed linen provided

Summer student residence
In July and August we have rooms in a student residence belonging to Oxford Brookes University.

Local guest houses and hotels
We can also arrange accommodation in hotels and guest houses (we have worked with several Oxford guest houses for many years, and know them well). Please ask us for details if interested.

<< Brasenose College, where our summer course students live & study

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The first-rate academic content of our courses, and the consequent expansion of knowledge and understanding in young minds, is only a single part of our overall aims; our programmes are designed through their varied cultural and other activities to build personal strengths. Many of these can be plainly seen at the end of the course (our Leadership & Teambuilding and Public Speaking courses include training in self-projection, for instance, where the differences after two weeks are clearly demonstrable), and include:

- increased self-confidence
- improved ease when meeting new people
- enhanced ability in making new friends
- greater independence
- better understanding of different cultures

In short, the Oxford OSE experience gives students the opportunity to achieve substantial personal development in a very short time. They are continually surprised by the new strengths they take away with them.

The Expanding Minds programme runs in July and August. Please see our website for up-to-date course details.

Premium English Language summer courses in the University of Oxford

Fast-track your English and enhance your academic study skills as you live, study and take meals in one of the oldest, greatest and most famous universities in the world.

These fast-track 2-week courses are structured around the unique Oxford and Cambridge system of small-group tutorial teaching. Designed for the academically ambitious, they have a maximum of 9 students per class.

The dynamic morning classes (20 hours per week) are taught by experienced OSE tutors, while the tightly-packed afternoon schedule includes mini-lectures about Oxford and university life, writing and drama workshops, and an introduction to British culture.

There are also “taster” sessions in university-style interactive classes in a range of academic subjects, including Law, Philosophy, Medical Biology, English Literature, Business Studies and Politics. Academic skills covered during the course include Critical Thinking, Essay Writing, Note Taking, Summary Writing, Presentations.

The full social activities programme includes trips to London and Blenheim Palace, film evenings, theatre and cinema visits, college tours and punting.

The price includes all teaching, materials, accommodation and activities programme elements.

General English 15 and 20

Our General English courses focus on the four main language skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking – with additional work on vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. The courses improve the student’s level of English in all areas.

We use up-to-date teaching methods, as part of a syllabus that is regularly reviewed to keep our lessons as fresh and modern as possible. There are progress tests for all students every two weeks, enabling our teachers to see which parts of the students’ English need extra help, and monthly tutorials for all long-stay students.

The General English 15 courses are in the morning or in the afternoon (the afternoon course is the same as the morning course, often with the same teachers, but is cheaper). Our General English 20 is a morning course.

It is possible to take these courses for any duration, from as little as one week to a year or more. Most students study for several weeks, but others stay for several months and we always have a significant number who are with us for very much longer. The course length depends upon students’ needs and available time.

Intensive English 30

Like the General English courses, the Intensive English course concentrates on the four main language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) with additional work on vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation, and on conversation.

Students take lessons in both the morning and the afternoon. Students at B2 or above have the opportunity to join our Fluency course in the afternoons, where the focus is on listening and speaking. The Fluency courses are usually small, and students are able to make significant progress in their conversation skills.

IETLS

Our 4-week IETLS courses are popular and run throughout the year, always in the mornings and sometimes also in the afternoons. With a clear focus on the exam itself, we set out to familiarise students with the different papers, and include substantial work on academic reading, listening, writing and speaking. Practice tests are taken frequently. We also help students to book the exam (the testing centre is 100m from our school).

The IELTS courses start on a Monday and end on a Friday (see our website or contact us direct for specific dates). In most cases, the IETLS exam can be taken in Oxford the following day.

TOEFL

Oxford School of English is the TOEFL testing centre for Oxford, so our TOEFL students take their exams in the computer suites and classroom areas with which they are already familiar.

Our TOEFL courses are designed for small numbers of students and are a combination of the General English 15 course plus 5 hours per week with a TOEFL tutor (often 1:1) and 10 hours per week TOEFL-specific guided self-study and marked by the TOEFL tutor.

Cambridge examinations (PET, FCE, CAE & CPE)

This course prepares students for the Cambridge exams at four levels: PET (equivalent to intermediate: B1), FCE (upper intermediate: B2), CAE (advanced: C1) and CPE (proficiency: C2). The Cambridge exams are an internationally recognised qualification, and are a very useful indication of your ability in English for your employer. If you pass the CPE, you have the highest English language accreditation available, proof that you have mastered the English language.

Courses for all these Cambridge exams are usually held in the mornings (a choice of 15 or 20 hours per week), and often in the afternoons too. The exams are held three times per year (March, June and December), although new dates for some exams have recently been added. Please check with us first, for details of exam and course dates, and exam fees.

OSE has a consistently first-class record of results in the Cambridge exams – genuinely among the best in the world.

Academic Year Programmes

The six different OSE Academic Year Programmes are designed for students age 16+ with the aim of significantly improving both their English level and their study skills – with a clear focus on acceptance into a UK university and the exams they need to make a university application.

The courses are:

- Academic Year Programme
- Academic Year + Academic Skills
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The Expanding Minds courses close with a graduation ceremony, a Gala Dinner and a farewell party.

Students must be at least level B2 to join the IETLS course.
Business English for Executives
This course has been designed for busy business executives, enabling them to improve their understanding and use of English in international business in a very short time, and to perform at a higher level and with greater confidence.

Our Business English courses are dynamic and last from 1 – 4 weeks, although longer courses are also possible on request. These courses are designed for small numbers of students, each of whom is assigned a personal Business English tutor who teaches them for 5 hours per week. The courses also include immersion in our General English course, plus 10 hours per week project work, set and supervised by the tutor.

Insight into UK Tourism
Our 2-week Insight into the UK Tourism and Hospitality Industry course combines high level training in Business Communication with a unique insight into a range of British tourism sectors: luxury travel, city breaks, language tourism and ‘staycation’.

Highlights of the course include:
• A week in Oxford, following a course in Tourism and Business Communication and experiencing different aspects of local tourism, including language tourism.
• Visits to Oxford’s top 4* and 5* hotels and at least one private tour. You will compose and present reports, presentations and reviews of your experiences.
• Lunch with the Senior Trainer in an Oxford college (Oxford University accommodation and catering also play a part in local tourism).
• Travel to the Dorset coast to experience ‘staycation’ tourism in a family-owned group of hotels that cater mainly for UK holidaymakers.
• Meetings with hotel managers, to learn at first hand about entrepreneurial project development and brand management.
• The hotel experience is accompanied by a senior trainer and includes daily team meetings, full support for all activities and detailed feedback.

Professional English
Medicine, nursing, law, engineering, the travel industry and more – over the years we have supplied English language courses for people from all walks of life. Here in Oxford we can draw on a huge supply of top-class teachers with skills in every area, and we can match the English needs of almost any student, whatever their profession!

One-to-one
One-to-one lessons can usually be arranged to suit the specific needs of any student (depending upon the availability of classrooms and of teaching staff). These can be an excellent way of boosting a student’s understanding in short, intensive bursts, but can also be structured to give wider support over a longer period to students with specialist requirements.

Bespoke courses
Diplomats, government officials, teachers, retirees, news presenters, musicians – all have followed bespoke courses in our school. In Oxford, we can provide almost any course our students want – all you need to do is ask!
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