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Come and learn English with AClass Academy. We provide you with top quality English Language Courses at affordable prices.

AClass forms part of St Catherine's High School which has been in operation since 1909 providing private education for 100 years to local and international students. AClass is fully recognised by the Malta Ministry of Education so AClass is quality you can trust.

Ideally situated high on a hill in Pembroke, AClass Academy enjoys lovely sea and country views.

Pembroke is a safe and central town very close to Sliema and St. Julian's and some of the islands' finest bars, clubs, hotels and restaurants.

The school also has extensive grounds where you can relax or play sports.

Learn English with AClass and receive the highest standard of tuition possible in a friendly, family-like environment.

We want to help you improve your English so that speaking and using English becomes part of your daily life.

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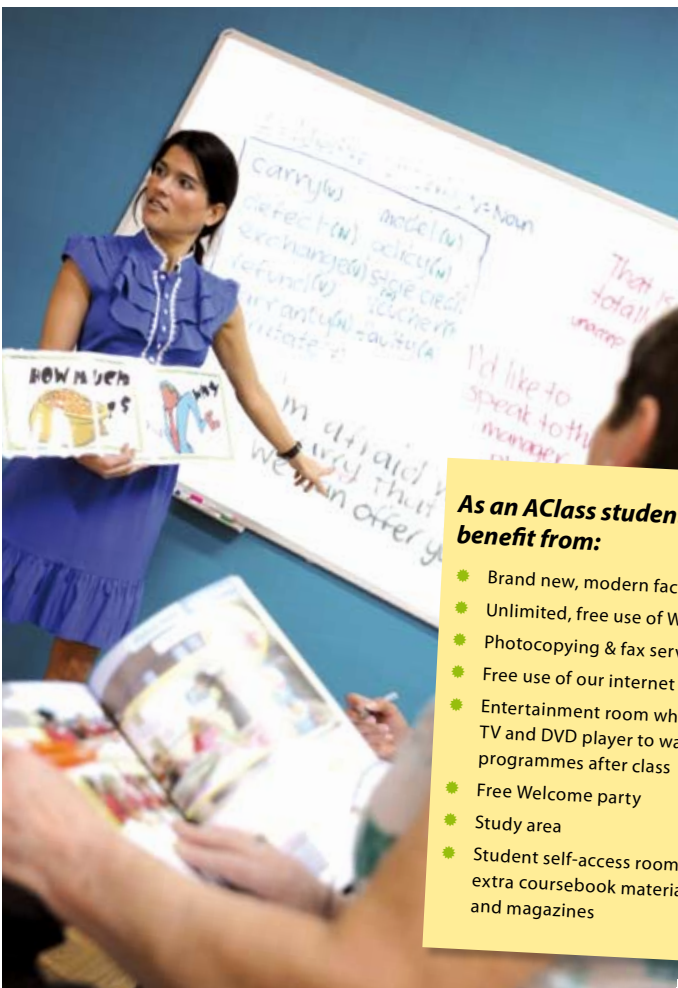
What makes AClass different from other schools?

- Unlike many schools, you are **not just a face in the crowd. You become part of the AClass family.** We pride ourselves on getting to know you on a personal level and going that extra mile to help you
- Led by a highly experienced and friendly team, from the administration office to teachers & leisure staff, we are here to make your stay in Malta memorable
- **Meet new people from all over the world,** discover new cultures and improve your English
- Courses are **tailor-made** depending on the needs of the class
- Spacious, modern classrooms with plenty of natural light
- No registration fees
- No hidden charges. The price you see is the price you pay
- Use of our own full-size basketball and volleyball court, a five-a-side football pitch and other sports facilities
- We offer an extensive range of sports, social activities and trips to make sure that you get the most out of your stay



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As an AClass student you also benefit from:

- Brand new, modern facilities and premises
- Unlimited, free use of Wi-Fi
- Photocopying & fax services
- Free use of our internet cafe
- Entertainment room which includes a TV and DVD player to watch films and programmes after class
- Free Welcome party
- Study area
- Student self-access room with a library and extra coursebook materials, newspapers and magazines

About our teachers and lessons

- All our teachers are carefully selected for their academic ability, their communicative skills and their rapport with students
- All AClass teachers have a teaching permit from the Malta Ministry of Education and a recognised TEFL Certificate
- Many teachers also have a CELTA, DELTA and/ or a University Degree
- AClass also regularly provides in-house teacher training courses for its teachers
- Teachers meet students regularly to discuss their individual progress and give supplementary material where necessary
- Teachers are aware of different learning styles and learning disabilities and develop materials to suit the different types of learners in the class
- Lessons take a Communicative Approach to English and focus on vocabulary and grammar as well as the 4 skills *Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking*. These are presented in natural, everyday contexts
- Students **learn skills for life** not just for the classroom with the help of our dynamic teachers to motivate them

Malta... your ideal language holiday destination

The Maltese archipelago consists of three main islands: Malta, Gozo and Comino. Malta is the largest and has an area of 246 square kilometers with a total of 400,000 inhabitants.

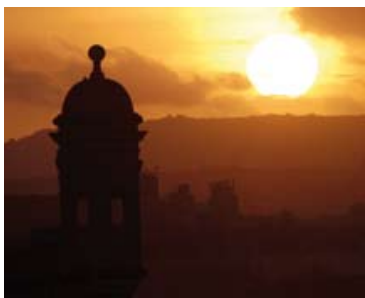
The Maltese landscape is characterized by a series of low hills with terraced fields. The shoreline, which is 137 kilometers long, has many bays and harbours, with a good selection of sandy beaches and rocky coves for you to explore while taking an English language course here.

The island offers a warm and mild climate throughout the year. Temperatures average 14 degrees Celsius in winter and 32 degrees Celsius in the summer months. The hottest time is from the middle of July to the middle of September.

Malta has had a long relationship with various nationalities over the centuries and this has created a marriage of styles and traditions, giving the islands a fascinating and rich culture. The British, for example, occupied Malta for around 180 years which is why English is so widely spoken around the island. The two official languages spoken are English and Maltese although many of the islanders speak more than two languages.

Malta is renowned for having a friendly, safe and laid back lifestyle. It has a fantastic nightlife, crystal clear waters for swimming and diving and 7,000 years of intriguing history. It boasts the world's oldest freestanding temples and was once the home of the Knights of the Order of St John. For such a small island there is plenty to see and do all year round while learning English.

Malta is therefore an ideal location for combining learning English with a pleasurable and relaxing holiday.



Adult Courses



General English

- 20 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson
- All course materials are provided

This course follows the guidelines set out by the Common European Framework and is designed to give you a solid introduction to the English language. It devotes special attention to communicating in English so that you can use what you learn in the classroom the moment you step out the door.

There is clear focus on grammar and vocabulary with plenty of colloquial language, idioms and high frequency phrases.

There is plenty of **speaking and using English to communicate in real life situations**.

This includes work on pronunciation and use of idioms and colloquial expressions which are integrated into our topic-based lessons.

AClass teachers will make sure you practise the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. This is done in a supportive environment using conventional texts and audio equipment, role-play, problem solving, discussions and collaborative tasks. This will help you develop confidence and language structures in a meaningful and supportive environment with your classmates.

English One-to-One General

- 10, 20 or 30 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson

This is an ideal way to learn English your way and get the undivided and individual attention you need. Your AClass teacher will help you identify your strengths and weaknesses. Together we will develop a programme where you can see the results you require. Want to revise specific grammar structures or tenses? Learn to speak more fluently or how to be able to negotiate on the telephone or write a report or academic paper, the choice is up to you.

General Intensive English

- 30 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson
- All course materials are provided

This includes all of the standard **General English** course with a further two lessons per day. **AClass' General Intensive English** shifts its focus to developing English Language fluency and accuracy in the last two lessons of the day. This helps speed up the learning process which means you can see results much faster.

General & General Intensive English

General and General Intensive English Available for both Adults and Teenagers. AClass offers affordable English courses at 5 levels. Elementary (A1), Pre-intermediate (A2), Intermediate (B1), Upper-intermediate (B2) and Advanced (C1).

Please note that absolute beginners are required to take between 1 and 2 weeks of private One-to-One lessons before being placed in a Elementary class.

Easter and Summer Packages available for individuals and groups.

Please visit our website for further details or contact us for more information.

Adults Summer Program

Week 1	Time of Day	Activity	Time
Monday	Morning	Welcome Talk	10:30
	Evening	Welcome Party	21:30
Tuesday	Afternoon	Horse Riding	16:30
	Evening	Salsa Night	22:00
Wednesday	Afternoon	Harbour Cruise	14:30
	Evening	Beach Party & BBQ	19:30
Thursday	Afternoon	Blue Grotto Caves	14:30
	Evening	Maltese Night at the 3 Cities	19:00
Friday	Afternoon	Paradise Sandy Beach	14:30
	Evening	Summer Nights	22:30
Saturday	Morning	Comino Island & Blue Lagoon	10:30
	Evening	Village Festa	21:30
Sunday	Morning	The Island of Gozo	09:00
Week 2	Time of Day	Activity	Time
Monday	Morning	Welcome Talk	10:30
	Evening	Welcome Party	21:30
Tuesday	Afternoon	Harbour Cruise	14:30
	Evening	Boat Party	18:30
Wednesday	Afternoon	Horse Riding	16:30
	Evening	Mdina Tour & Malta Sunset	18:30
Thursday	Afternoon	Neolithic Temples & Limestone Heritage	14:30
	Evening	Go Karting Relay Race	19:00
Friday	Afternoon	Blue Grotto Caves	14:30
	Evening	Experience The Capital City by Night	19:30
Saturday	Evening	Summer Nights	22:30
	Morning	Comino Island or Splash & Fun Water Park	10:30
Sunday	Morning	The Island of Gozo	09:00



English for the Young at Heart (50+)

It's never too late to learn English.

AClass realises that you may feel more comfortable in a class with mature students, where you can learn everything at your own pace. This inclusive package includes **General English** lessons in a mini group of a maximum of just 8 students. It includes cultural tours, countryside walks and cookery classes for groups of mature students.

English ESP

(English for Specific Purposes)

These courses are for professionals who need to use English for their work.

AClass Business English courses allow you to improve your ability to communicate in your workplace and the international business world.

Some of the topics covered in this course are:

- Small talk, cultural differences
- Role-plays of conferences and meetings
- Presentations, conference calls and discussions
- Contracts and report reading
- Business vocabulary

Business English

Take our Business English lessons and give yourself the competitive advantage to get the job or promotion you want. AClass Business English courses will increase your knowledge of how to use English in the business workplace.

These courses are for professionals or business students who need to use English in a corporate environment. Students should be at least 18 years old and of an Intermediate level before joining a **Business English** Class unless booking **Business English One-to-One**.

AClass Business English teachers come from a variety of backgrounds with experience in different areas of business so they can design lessons around your needs.

Business English One-to-One

- 10, 20 or 30 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson
- All course materials are provided

This is ideal for people who are pressed for time and have very specific needs they wish to focus on. Your experienced AClass teacher will tailor the course to your personal requirements.

Business English Combination

- 30 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson
- 20 General English classes with 10 or 20 lessons focussing on Business English
- All course materials are provided

AClass can also help you prepare for The Business English Certificate (BEC)

The Business English Certificates (BEC) are internationally recognised qualifications that show employers your skills for using English in the workplace.

Leading international companies such as: Sony Ericsson, Shell, Vodafone, Bayer, Coca-Cola and HSBC have all recognised BEC in their offices around the world.

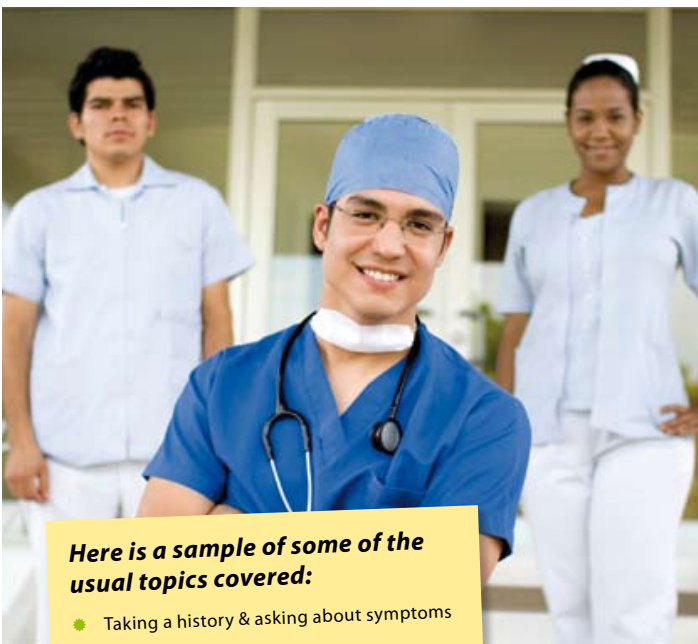
Please check for exam dates and our terms and conditions on our website www.aclassenglish.com for more information.

English ESP

Tourism and Hospitality, Information Technology, European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL), Law, Banking and Finance for non- Professionals, Aviation, Medicine (please see our Aviation and Medical courses), Psychology, Maltese History and Culture, Maltese Cookery or Italian.



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Here is a sample of some of the usual topics covered:

- Taking a history & asking about symptoms
- Recording information
- Communicating information accurately
- Examining a patient
- Rephrasing, explaining, clarifying and prompting
- Medical documents
- Interpreting, explaining and discussing a diagnosis
- Understanding diagrams and documents
- Using a pharmacology reference
- Case histories
- Medical & Surgical treatment
- Language functions
- Common medical abbreviations

Medical English

These courses are for doctors, medical students in the clinical phase of their studies and other medical professionals who need to use specialised English in their work.

A Class Medical English courses allow you to improve your ability to communicate in English in a medical environment. They are flexible and take into consideration your professional needs.

You can choose any of the following:

Medical English One-to-One

- 10, 20 or 30 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson

Medical English Combination

- 20 lessons General English and 10 or 20 lessons Medical English



Here is a sample of some of the usual topics covered:

- General English language and communication skills
- Communication for generalized and specific aviation functions in plain and simple English
- How to ask for clarification or repetition
- Explaining how something works and announcing decisions and intentions
- Extensive practise at being able to distinguish between similar sounds, sentence stress and accented English
- Case studies of aircraft disasters where language played an important role
- Routine and unusual ATC situations and aircraft emergencies
- Aviation speak, acronyms and abbreviations
- Pair work and role-plays

Aviation English

A Class offers a flexible but structured course to help meet the guidelines outlined by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to obtain English Language Proficiency at Level 4.

A course can be designed to suit your requirements and standard of English - main focus would be on listening and speaking skills.

You can choose any of the following:

Aviation English One-to-One

- 10, 20 or 30 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson

Aviation English Combination

- 20 lessons General English and 10 or 20 lessons Aviation English

Individual and group classes can be arranged for both courses all year round.



If you prefer a more personal approach AClass One-to-One lessons are perfect for you

Get the individual attention and specific focus you need to improve your English. Our teachers here at AClass can help you progress quickly and easily.

English One-to-One General lessons include all course materials. This is the most flexible and personal course available. You can choose to study 10, 20 or 30 lessons per week. One off extra one to one lessons to supplement a General English course can also be arranged but are subject to teacher availability. Contact us directly for this option.

English One-to-One General or ESP

The combination is up to you. AClass can combine 10, 20 or 30 lessons per week of English for specific purposes with a number of other subjects such as Finance, Law, Aviation, Psychology, Tourism and Hospitality and Information Technology.

See **English ESP** below or for **English One-to-One General** see page 4.

Contact us directly for more information.



English Extra Sports and English Extra Adventure Sports.

The combination is up to you. AClass can combine a General English course in the mornings with different activities or with a number of other subjects such as those listed below.



English Extra Sports

Dance 1 (Jazz), Dance 2 (Spanish), Dance 3 (Ballet), Tennis, Football, Horse riding, Squash, Golf and Trekking.

English Extra Adventure Sports

Abseiling and Climbing, Sailing, Windsurfing, Kitesurfing, Diving - 5 dives per week, Diving - PADI-Open Water Course, Diving - PADI-Advanced Open Water Course.

English Extra Sports Combo

You choose! 5 different **English Extra sports** or **Adventure Sports** activities. One per day.

e.g. Monday : Diving, Tuesday : Tennis

If there is a subject or sport not listed here, contact us and we will try our best to offer it to you.



Reduced hours will apply if the minimum number of students is not achieved. Please see the terms and conditions on our website or contact us for more information.

Special Closed Groups

AClass can also offer institutions, organisations and groups from the same country or area a Special Group arrangement.

These group courses can be for general English students, teachers groups or groups which need English for a special purpose.

In some cases students on special group courses have been able to integrate or partially integrate with the **General English** courses.

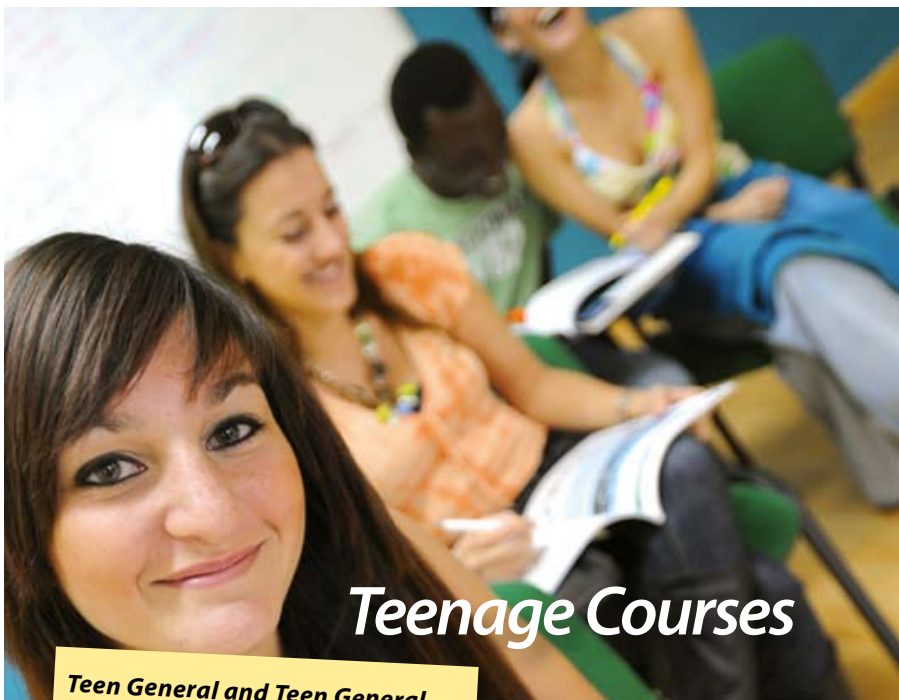
This option is only available if the period of time coincides with course dates and if not too many students are at the same level.

Special Group advantages:

- We can adapt the timetable to match your precise needs (e.g. a special focus on speaking and listening or academic writing, specific exam preparation, English with a business focus, going out on field trips)
- You can come for any length of time you like (although the minimum is for one week)
- We can often offer a discount on our intensive English prices depending on the number of students and the time of year
- Accompanying teachers or group leaders are welcome and, depending on the numbers, will usually be given a free place

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or requests, including large and small, open or closed group bookings. Agent requests are also welcomed.





Teenage Courses

Teen General and Teen General Intensive English

- Morning lessons are from 9am-12.30pm and afternoon lessons 1pm-2.30pm

Aclass offers affordable Teen English courses at 5 levels. Elementary (A1), Pre-intermediate (A2), Intermediate (B1), Upper-intermediate (B2) and Advanced (C1).

Please note that absolute beginners are required to take between 1 and 2 weeks of private one to one lessons before being placed in an Elementary class. Contact us for more information.

Teen General Intensive

- 30 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson
- All course materials are provided

This includes all of the standard **General English** course with a further two lessons per day. Aclass' **General Intensive English** shifts its focus to developing English Language fluency and accuracy in the last two lessons of the day. This helps speed up the learning process which means you can see results much faster.

Teen General English

- 20 lessons @ 45 minutes per lesson
- All course materials are provided

This course follows the guidelines set out by the Common European Framework and is designed to give you a solid introduction to the English language. There is a clear focus on grammar, vocabulary, colloquial language, idioms and high-frequency phrases. These language points are all integrated into our topic based lessons where there is plenty of speaking and using English to communicate in real-life situations.

The Group will also work on a mini project using the internet to research information. They will be provided with materials to collaborate with other students in English and produce a short presentation or project in English on popular culture, sport, music, information technology or a topic of their choice or interest that is negotiated at the beginning of the course.

This is done in a supportive environment using conventional texts and audio equipment, role-play, problem solving, discussions and collaborative tasks. This will help you develop confidence and language structures in a meaningful and supportive environment with your classmates.

Easter and Summer Packages available for individuals and groups.

Please visit our website www.aenglish.com for further details or contact us for more information.



Teens Week 1 Program

Week 1	Activity	Time
Monday	Orientation Walk Welcome Party	10:30 20:30
Tuesday	Discover Valletta the Capital City Karaoke Night	14:30 20:30
Wednesday	Canoe Races Beach Party	14:30 20:00
Thursday	Mdina Malta's Old Capital City Cinema Night	14:30 20:15
Friday	Tarxien Temples & Limestone Heritage Go Karting	14:30 20:00
Saturday	Blue Lagoon – The Island of Comino	10:30 Full Day
Sunday	Malta's Sister Island – Gozo Tour	09:00 Full Day

This is a sample table, times and activities may vary

Teenage Easter / Summer Package Course

If you are aged between 13 and 17 and would like to combine a holiday in the Maltese sunshine with an English language course, this package is for you. You start your morning with **General English** lessons and these are followed by afternoon activities and excursions, from boat trips and sightseeing tours to beach parties, BBQ's, horse riding lessons, and evening outings to cinemas and discotheques. All in the company of our responsible leisure staff. There are a maximum of 15 students in Aclass' **Teenage Easter / Summer Package Courses**.

Week 2	Activity	Time
Monday	Watersports Bowling Night	14:30 20:30
Tuesday	Free Time Boat Party	19:00
Wednesday	Blue Grotto & Temples Tour Axis Discotheque	14:30 21:00
Thursday	Horse Riding The Three Cities & Maltese Night	15:30 19:30
Friday	Golden Bay Malta Sunsets	14:30 19:00
Saturday	Crafts Village & Mosta Dome Farewell Dinner	10:00 20:00
Sunday	Splash & Fun Water Park	10:30 Full Day

This is a sample table, times and activities may vary



Exam Preparation Classes for Cambridge PET, FCE, CAE and CPE; IELTS and BEC.

Aclass offers the following exam preparation courses:

Cambridge Exams

These are recognised by thousands of employers, universities and government ministries as proof of ability to use English. AClass offers Exam Preparation Classes to cater for your very different needs and abilities. Our classes help you study towards and attain anything from basic exams for those of you beginning to learn English, through to advanced certificates for those who have attained a high level of fluency.

The Cambridge exams take place every March, June and December. CPE is only held in June and December. The courses usually start 12 weeks before the Cambridge ESOL exam dates except for the March session which is 9 weeks long. Students should be 18 or over and at Lower Intermediate for AClass' PET Preparation Class. Intermediate or Upper Intermediate level for the FCE Preparation Class and CAE Preparation Class and of an advanced level in order to join CPE preparation class. Should students of a lower level wish to join the course, they may book a General English course several weeks or months before the starting dates of the exam course. Please contact us before booking this course for any additional details or questions.

IELTS

Well over a 1 million people a year take the IELTS exam and it is recognised by more than 6,000 organisations worldwide. Your AClass teachers will structure your English course around the exam papers and give you expert advice on the test format and how to pass. Improve your English and get a recognised qualification at the same time. This exam is suitable for all levels. It measures your ability to communicate in English across all four language skills – *listening, reading, writing and speaking*. IELTS is for people who intend to study or work where English is the language of communication.

The IELTS tests come in two forms:

- **Academic:** tests a person's ability to study in English at undergraduate or postgraduate level.
- **General Training:** this module is suitable for people who are going to an English-speaking country to work or train at below undergraduate level. It is also used for immigration purposes to Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

These exams take place monthly all year round. There is a compulsory assessment test to determine the correct exam class for you at the beginning of the course. Exam applications, which we can help you with, must be sent in before the exam.

The Business English Certificate (BEC)

- 30 lessons per week.

Study for the Business English Certificate (BEC) with AClass and leave with a certificate that shows you have learnt English to an appropriate standard and can use it in a business context. The BEC certificates are internationally recognised qualifications that show employers your skills for using English in the workplace.

BEC is an ideal if you are preparing for a career in business. There are three different levels of BEC: Preliminary, Vantage and Higher. A good knowledge of English is needed now more than ever to succeed in international business and commerce. If you can show you have relevant language skills, you'll have a great advantage in the jobs market and much greater flexibility if you want to work abroad.

BEC is officially recognised by more than a thousand educational and professional organisations, employers, ministries and government bodies throughout the world as a qualification for business.

Please Note: All courses are subject to availability. Minimum number of students for the exam courses is 3. Should less than 3 students book a course, AClass will offer the students reduced hours. Exam fees are not included in the course price.

Please check for exam dates and our terms and conditions for more information. This information is available on our website www.aclassenglish.com



For more information
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Family Courses

Now the whole family can learn English and go on holiday together

Parents or children don't have to be left out. AClass offers English courses for families. Our Family English packages suit today's modern family and will guarantee a fun, educational holiday for families with young children or teenagers.

Why not make it a family experience? Parents can accompany their children while they learn English or join an English course too. This can be followed by cultural trips and tours or activities. This means you can all share in the AClass experience.

We also offer car rental assistance and Babysitting Services for families with young children.

As a special introductory offer, all families who book our Family Packages will receive a complimentary boat cruise.

Bookings are considered as Family Bookings when they are for a minimum of 1 Parent and 1 Child or 2 Parents and 1 Child - an unlimited amount of additional family members are welcome.



Long Stay Courses

Our Long Stay Courses offer you the opportunity to practise and develop your English more thoroughly over an extensive period of time, focussing on fluency, grammar, vocabulary, conversation and pronunciation. It is also a fantastic way to truly immerse yourself in an English-speaking environment.

The courses are designed to help you improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, develop and extend your range and use of English vocabulary while increasing your confidence when using English.

Students can follow either the **General English** Course or the **Intensive English** Course. These are offered at all levels and in periods of 8, 12, 24 and 36 weeks. The longer the course, the better the prospects of becoming fluent in English. Many students choose to study for an internationally recognised exam qualification such as FCE, CAE, CPE, BEC or IELTS whilst on a Long Stay course.



Accommodation AClass offers you 3 different types of options to suit your personal requirements and budget.

Host Families

As a home away from home, living with one of our host families gives you a unique opportunity to experience Maltese family life, traditions and customs.

Your English will also improve much faster as you are surrounded by English speakers and immersed in the language.

All AClass Host Families are carefully selected and monitored to ensure that standards laid out by the Malta Tourism Authority are met and exceeded.

Choose half, full board or just bed and breakfast.

Please see our *Host Family Guidelines in terms and conditions* online at www.aiclassenglish.com

Hotels

AClass has a number of special rates for students booking accommodation of this type. Choose between 2, 3, 4 and 5 star hotels.

Please contact us to check availability

Self-Catering Apartments

The school can provide a number of furnished self-catering apartments.

Please contact us to check availability





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