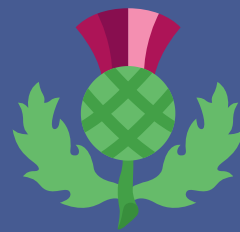




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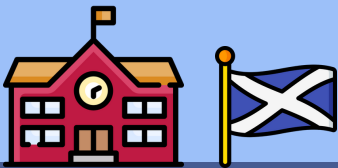
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# EDINBURGH AND SCOTLAND



Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and is home to around 500,000 people. It combines fascinating history, beautiful scenery, cosmopolitan lifestyles, and lively international festivals. The city is full of things to see and do – here are some reasons to come to this historical, exciting, safe and beautiful city. Whatever you want from your visit to Edinburgh and Scotland, you won't be disappointed.

Just a few hours from Edinburgh is Scotland's stunning scenery and unspoilt wilderness. If you love the outdoors, there is camping, hiking, fishing, hunting and water sports. Try golf in St. Andrews, see Stirling Castle and the William Wallace monument or enjoy a weekend tour to Loch Ness, the Isle of Skye and the Castle of Eilean Donan.

## Historical monuments and buildings

Visit Edinburgh Castle for crowns, jewels, swords and Edinburgh's oldest building. See how the British monarchy lives at Holyrood Palace, attend a concert at St. Giles Cathedral or walk down The Royal Mile and visit the statue of Greyfriars Bobby. Climb the 287 steps of the Scott Monument or Calton Hill for beautiful city views.

## Dark Edinburgh

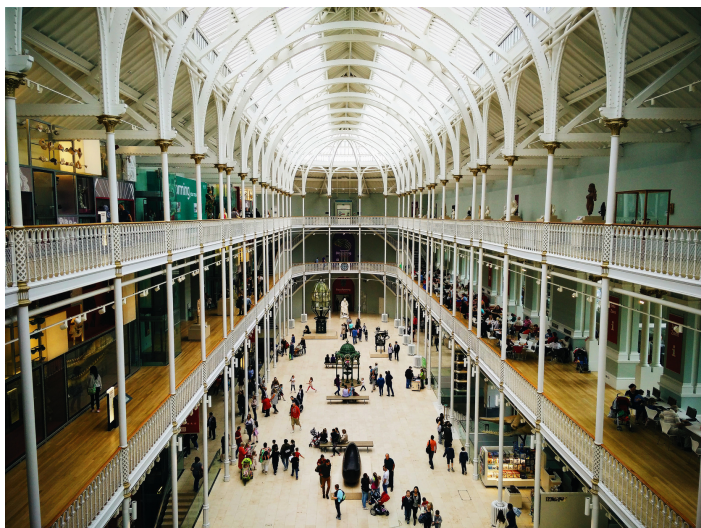
Take a ghost tour in Europe's most haunted city and learn about the ghosts and murderers of Edinburgh's past, discover the underground city at Mary King's Close, scream scream scream at Edinburgh Dungeons, learn about witches and grave robbers on the Edinburgh Ghost Bus Tour or have a drink at the Jekyll and Hyde or Frankenstein's Bar.

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## Museums

Edinburgh is full of museums and most of them are completely free to enter. There is the Museum of Childhood, a Writer's Museum, see £1 million at the Museum on the Mound, the gruesome Surgeons' Hall Museum, traditional lives at Gladstone's Land and finally the fantastic National Museum of Scotland with its history of Scotland and international collections.



## ART

For traditional art, you can try the National Gallery of Scotland, the National Portrait Gallery or the Queen's Gallery at Holyrood Palace and for modern art, spend some time at The Dean Galleries, Modern Art Gallery, the Fruitmarket Gallery or the City Art Centre.

## Music and Dancing

For live music, there is the Jazz Bar or folk music, try the Royal Oak pub. If you want to dance late into the night, see the latest nightclub listings on The List website or have enormous fun at a Scottish dancing party, called a Ceilidh.

## Something Different

Discover crazy illusions at Camera Obscura, take a free tour of the Scottish Parliament, find out how whisky is made (and drink some) at Johny Walkers, try a lively walking tour of the city, see how the Queen travelled the world on the Royal Yacht Britannia, or have a coffee in Victoria Street – which inspired Harry Potter's Diagon Alley.



## PARKS AND GARDENS

Edinburgh is a very green city. Try climbing Arthur's Seat (250m) for views of the whole city, have a BBQ with friends in "the Meadows", take a walk through the Botanical Gardens and visit the glasshouses or just lie on the grass in Princes Street Gardens.





# WHO ARE WE?



Overall Rating

4.9 ★★★★★

[Read our 143 reviews](#)

Since 2012, Alba English School has aimed to provide the best English classes to international students in Edinburgh and help them make the best of their time in Scotland.

We are located in a beautiful **traditional Scottish building** in the heart of Edinburgh. We pride ourselves on offering **high-quality courses** that are **always affordable**. With a decade of experience, our admin team will help you plan your stay, find accommodation, learn English, and have a great time.

We have a fantastic team of **committed, dynamic, experienced and qualified teachers**. We believe in valuable lessons that students can engage in, learn in and enjoy with lots of activities for interactive learning. We are **British Council Accredited**.

We offer **part-time** and **full-time courses**. You can study **General English, Business English or Academic English** (IELTS, FCE, CAE, CPE, TOIEC).


We offer flexibility to all our students. They can change their timetable using our student portal.



All students can access **the social programme** to continue learning outside the classroom. We offer at least three weekly activities in the low season and up to five weekly activities in summer.



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# MEET THE TEAM

**Laura** is the School Manager. She moved from Spain 10 years ago. She knows all the students by name and is delighted to help students and agents with their needs, from first contact to daily requests once you study with us. Laura is the warm sunshine of the school and always has kind words to cheer our students up.



School Manager  
*Laura Gasull*

**David** is our Academic Manager. He coordinates and prepares all courses. He'll be your key contact if you have any academic questions. He is also in charge of Student Welfare and Care of Under 18s.




Academic Manager  
*David Birch*



**Loïc** is our Head of Marketing. He moved from France to the UK 9 years ago. He leads the marketing activities, school development, agents, website and social media channels.



**Régis** is our Marketing Executive & Activity Coordinator. He looks after our students and ensures they have an enjoyable experience. He has a crucial role in helping the students connect.

**Teachers.** All are qualified, dynamic and dedicated. Some of our teachers have been teaching Alba's students for over ten years.









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# THE SCHOOL



You will study in a **comfortable, relaxed**, yet **professional** environment at Alba English School. Students should have the best chances to socialise and practice outside the classroom.

We have **eight bright classrooms** that can seat **12 students each**. We have a brand-new **student lounge**, a kitchen, and a **quiet area** with books, games, and resources on the ground floor. We have two classrooms downstairs, five classrooms, and a library upstairs. We have created rooms and spaces dedicated to socialising.



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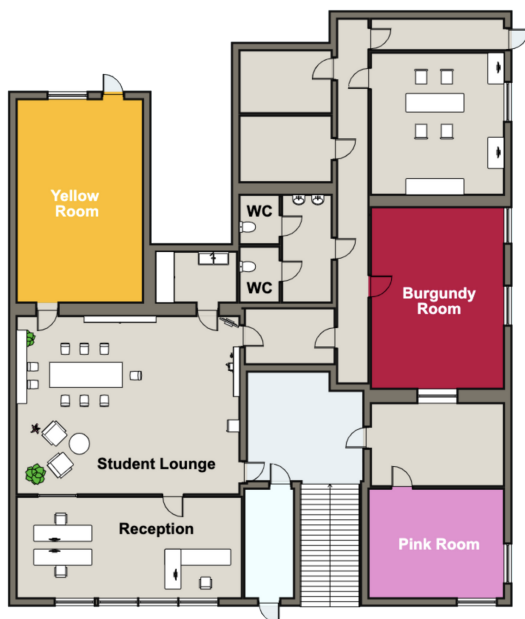
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# FLOOR MAPS



## Ground floor level:

Reception, student lounge with a kitchen, three classrooms, and two gender-neutral toilets.



## Second floor:

Five classrooms, a quiet area and two gender neutral toilets.

# TIMETABLE

	09:15-10:45	11:00-12:30		13:15-14:45	15:00-18:00	18:30-20:00
MONDAY	<b>General English (all levels)</b>  A2 Elementary B1 Pre-Intermediate B1+ Intermediate B2 Upper-Intermediate C1 Advanced			<b>Small Group Classes</b>  Business English Exam Preparation General English One-to-one	<b>Social Programme</b>  Walking tours, museums, conversation I cafe and more	C1 Advanced (CAE) Exam B2/C1 IELTS Exam
TUESDAY						B1+/B2 Intermediate Plus B2/C1 First (FCE) Exam C2 Proficiency (CPE) Exam
WEDNESDAY						C1 Advanced (CAE) Exam B2/C1 IELTS Exam
THURSDAY						B1+/B2 Intermediate Plus B2 FCE Exam
FRIDAY						

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# GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES

## Part-time Morning Group Lessons

**15 hours per week**

Morning classes that focus on improving your speaking and listening. You will also practise reading and writing for your daily and working life.

Monday to Friday, **9:15 - 10:45** and **11:00 - 12:30**.

Small group of a maximum of 12 students.

2 x 90 minutes every morning.

**The social programme is included (three to five activities per week).**

## Full-time Group Lessons

**22.5 hours per week**

Morning classes that focus on improving your speaking and listening. You will also practise reading and writing for your everyday and working life. You will work on your needs and goals in reduced class sizes that maximise your progress in the afternoon.

### Morning Group Lessons

Monday to Friday, **9:15 - 10:45** and **11:00 - 12:30**.

A small group of a maximum of 12 students.

2 x 90 minutes every morning.

### Afternoon Group Lessons

Monday to Friday **13:15 - 14:45**.

Mini-group of a maximum of 8 students.

90 minutes every afternoon.

**The social programme is included (three to five activities per week).**

General English	Number of weeks, price per week			
	1-3 weeks	4-7 weeks	8-9 weeks	20+ weeks
Part-time 15 hours/week	£260	£250	£240	£230
Full-time 22.5 hours/week	£350	£330	£320	£300

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# GENERAL ENGLISH & EXAM PREPARATION

## Full-time Intensive course 22.5 hours per week

Morning classes that focus on improving your speaking and listening. You will also practise reading and writing for your daily and working life. You will study in a smaller group every afternoon to prepare for your English Exam. We can help you prepare for: **IELTS, FCE, CPE, FCA, and TOEIC**. The reduced class size will maximise your progress.

Our Exam Preparation courses examine the exam's Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening parts to ensure you are very familiar with the test format. You will learn the vocabulary and language structures needed in the exam. You can learn how to avoid common errors and use strategies to help you get the best mark.

**Morning General English Group Lessons**  
Monday to Friday, **9:15 - 10:45** and **11:00 - 12:30**.  
Small group of a maximum of 12 students.  
2 x 90 minutes every morning.

**Afternoon Exam Preparation Group Lessons**  
Monday to Friday **13:15 - 14:45**.  
Mini-group of a maximum of 8 students.  
90 minutes every afternoon.

**The social programme is included (three to five activities per week).**

General English & Exam preparation	Number of weeks, price per week			
	1-3 weeks	4-7 weeks	8-9 weeks	20+ weeks
Full-time 22.5 hours/week	£350	£330	£320	£300

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# GENERAL ENGLISH & BUSINESS ENGLISH

## Full-time Intensive Business English Course 22.5 hours per week

You will focus on improving your speaking and listening in the morning classes. You will also practise reading and writing for your daily and working life.

The afternoon Business English classes are focused on the professional language needed to communicate effectively in a business environment. The small group afternoon lessons are adapted to student needs to help you bring your spoken and written communication to the next level.

You will learn key concepts in Business English, including management, marketing, communication, negotiating, and presentation.

### Morning General English Group Lessons

Monday to Friday, 9:15 - 10:45 and 11:00 - 12:30.

Small group of a maximum of 12 students.

2 x 90 minutes every morning.

### Afternoon Business English Mini Group Lessons

Monday to Friday 13:15 - 14:45.

Mini-group of a maximum of 8 students.

90 minutes every afternoon.

**The social programme is included (three to five activities per week).**

General English & Business English	Number of weeks, price per week			
	1-3 weeks	4-7 weeks	8-9 weeks	20+ weeks
Full-time 22.5 hours/week	£450	£430	£420	£410

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# GENERAL ENGLISH & PRIVATE LESSONS

## Full-time Intensive course 22.5 hours per week

We'll ask you **about your needs before you arrive**, allocate the most appropriate teacher, and prepare a bespoke course for you.

You will join the morning classes focusing on improving your speaking and listening. You will also practise reading and writing for your daily and working life. In the afternoon, the one-to-one lessons will focus on your personal needs and are the best options for fast progress.

The tailor-made private sessions can include English for Academic English, Aviation, Banking and finance, Hospitality, Marketing, Engineering, Management, Legal English, Travel consultants, Tour guides, and Specialised Exams.

**Morning General English Group Lessons**  
Monday to Friday, **9:15 - 10:45** and **11:00 - 12:30**.  
Small group of a maximum of 12 students.  
2 x 90 minutes every morning.

**Afternoon Private Lessons**  
Monday to Friday **13:15 - 14:45**.  
Dedicated teacher to help you improve your English skills.  
90 minutes every afternoon.

**The social programme is included (three to five activities per week).**

General English & Private classes	Number of weeks, price per week			
	1-3 weeks	4-7 weeks	8-9 weeks	20+ weeks
Full-time 22.5 hours/week	£700	£680	£650	£640

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# SOCIAL PROGRAMME



We offer at least **three activities** per week and, during the summer months, up to **five activities per week**. They are designed to help you practise your English outside the classroom and to get to know your classmates and teachers.


Our activity leader and teachers carry them out. Most of the **activities are free**, but you may have to pay for some (maximum £15).



These activities include a conversational cafe, lunch club, city tours, games night, Scottish Ceilidh dancing, Instagram Tours, live music, museums, and more.






Check out upcoming activities  
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# ALBA

Alba, the Scottish Gaelic name for Scotland, symbolizes our connection to Scottish heritage and culture. By choosing 'Alba' for our school, we embrace the spirit of Scotland, creating a welcoming environment for learning English.



# ACCOMMODATION



[accommodation options](#)

At Alba English, we can organise homestay accommodation. Our fantastic accommodation partner ensures that our students have the best experience possible while staying in Edinburgh.


You will live with a local host and have a fully immersed Scottish experience! Our hosts are of all ages, individuals and families.



In a homestay, you're a guest in someone's house; it's not a hotel. You will have to follow the house rules and the timetable; dinner is often around 6 p.m., and you must be quiet when people are sleeping. You will also have the chance to exchange with the hosts and gain extra English practice outside the classroom.



Some people prefer to have their own space and freedom, so we have information about other types of accommodation on our website. You can go to our accommodation page to find out more about finding a room in a shared flat, hostel or residence.






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
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# HOMESTAY PRICES

Room Type	Meals	Price per person per week	
		All year round	July/August
 Private room	Self-catering (use of shared kitchen)	£195	£215
	Half-board	£235	£255
 Shared room (couples, friends or same family)	Self-catering (use of shared kitchen)	£185	£185
	Half-board	£225	£245

Other fees		
Private bathroom		£35
Special diet supplement		£25
Accommodation arrangement fee		£75      £100
 Edinburgh Airport Transfer, each way	£85	

## Accommodation with a homestay means:

- living with a local host (an individual or family);
- adapting to their routine (e.g. meal times, quiet at night);
- practising English with them.

## Homestays are

- typically in a quiet residential area;
- close to the school when possible;
- maximum distance is 60 minutes by bus;
- close to public transport.

*Please note that we cannot guarantee a specific location.*


If you have any special requests, please ask us.


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# WHY CHOOSE ALBA?





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 **Independent School:** We are an independent school, not a franchise. We know all our students by name and always offer a personalised approach.


 **Location:** We are in the heart of Edinburgh, where you want to be. We have cafes, grocery shops, restaurants, parks, and bus stops just around the corner.

 **High-Quality:** Our team of teachers are qualified, experienced and dynamic. We believe in valuable lessons that students can engage in, learn in and enjoy with lots of activities for interactive learning. We are British Council Accredited.

 **Affordability:** We think English lessons should be accessible to everyone, so we keep our prices reasonable but still provide the highest quality.

 **Small group size:** We offer morning group lessons within a group of a maximum of 12 students, and our mini group lessons in the afternoon have a maximum of 8 students.

 **Nationality Mix:** We have a fantastic nationality mix and want to keep it this way. We have students from all over Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland), the Middle East, Asia (China, Japan, Korea) and Latin America (Argentina, Brazil and Peru).

 **Flexibility:** Everyone should have the chance to study and improve their English. We keep our doors open from 09:00 to 20:00 and offer flexible courses - so everyone can come and learn.

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# PRICE LIST 2024

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