



**eCS**   
English Communication School

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

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# VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

English Communication School is here to support and equip students with language tools to break down barriers in communication.

English Communication School welcomes students of all ages, nationalities and different walks of life to come and learn, improve and master their language skills. We offer the ideal environment for learning, combining high academic standards with a relaxed friendly atmosphere and a committed team.

Individual attention is our hallmark and improvement is guaranteed in whichever course you choose. This approach, along with vast experience and a variety of courses to choose from, is what makes English Communication School a successful English language organisation.

Our aim is to provide students with a home away from home and to develop their English language proficiency in an environment which fosters development, providing students with a unique learning experience.

# ABOUT US


ECS has been an English language school since 1988. It was one of the first English language schools in Malta and a founding member of FELTOM, the Federation of English Language Teaching Organisations of Malta.

We welcome international students of all ages and take pride in providing the ideal environment for learning English. We maintain high academic standards in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and focus on the individual development and progress of each student.

Our school is converted out of charming, typical Maltese townhouses in the heart of traditional and cosmopolitan Sliema, one of the top business, tourist and entertainment areas in Malta. We are situated in a quiet side street but just minutes away from the seafront promenade and just around the corner from all the quality shops, cafés, bars and restaurants that contribute to the special, vibrant ambiance of the city.

Our school is made up of 20 classrooms and has a capacity of approximately 250 students. A central courtyard with a mature garden acts as an area where our students love to relax and mingle with their schoolmates before lessons or during breaks.

We offer a range of quality English courses including General English, English Intensive and English for Specific Purposes. In the last year we have developed our portfolio of English Courses aimed at meeting the requirements of business people and young professionals who want to enhance their English language skills to a higher level. We also offer an excellent Study & Work Placement Internship Programme which allows students to study English at school and then practise English in a suitable work environment. We offer work placement opportunities in all economic sectors in Malta such as Administration, Tourism, Industry, Finance and Engineering, to name but a few.



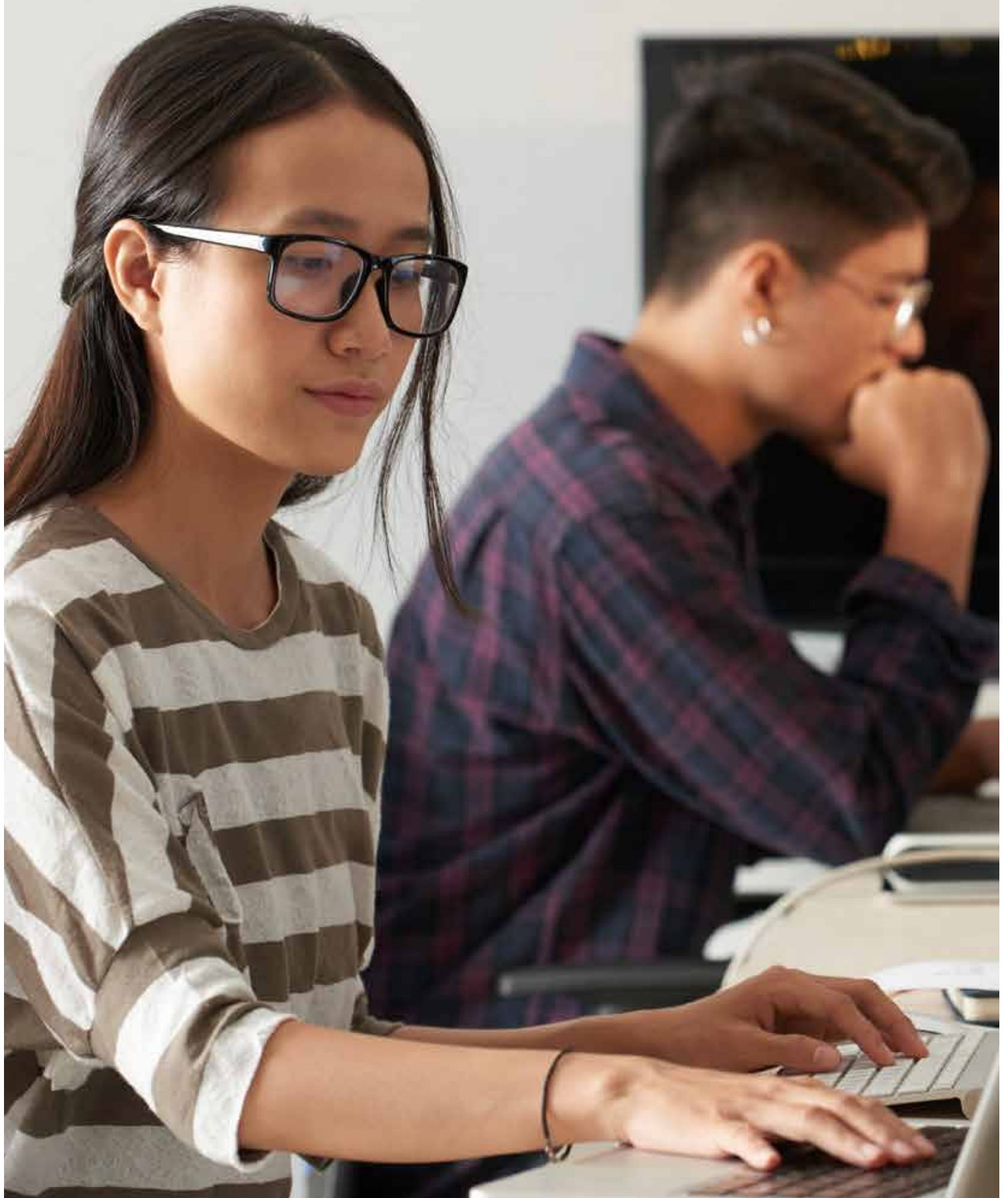
Our school is ISO 9000 Certified and FELTOM Accredited, providing an added guarantee of quality assurance across all our services.

We have a range of accommodation options to choose from including self-catering shared apartments, host families and hotels.

We offer a wide variety of social, cultural and fun activities available in the afternoon, evening and weekends.

ECS is made up of a dedicated team of professionals who are always available to assist students. All team members and managers adopt an open-door policy, ensuring a welcoming environment and providing easy access to assistance, advice and information.

Our Director of Studies has years of experience teaching English and delivering teacher training sessions. Our teachers are all highly trained and qualified to tailor lessons according to their students' level and needs. All members of our academic department attend regular continuous professional development sessions, which include regular classroom observations. This ensures that all lessons at ECS are delivered to the highest standards.



# COURSES

We offer a wide range of English language courses to assist our students in fulfilling their career ambitions. Our language programmes follow a tailor-made syllabus for each class of students on a weekly basis, which includes educational material and activities designed to maximise students' learning as well as to develop their interests.

- General English Courses help students get on with day-to-day life and communicate with a better level and standard of English.
- Our Business & Professional Development courses are recommended for young adults, professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs who would like to gain a cutting edge in today's global English-speaking corporate world.
- Examination Preparation Classes are the first step to progressing onto graduate programmes taught in English.

At ECS we are committed to helping our learners improve their knowledge and understanding of the English Language as well as building their confidence in expressing themselves. Our students are multi-national and the environment at the school provides them with the unique opportunity to interact with people of diverse cultural backgrounds.

All English courses are of a minimum duration of one week and start every Monday.  
All English lessons are 45 minutes in length.

# GENERAL ENGLISH (GE)

ENTRY LEVEL = ANY

At ECS we offer interactive and practical lessons designed to help our students improve their English no matter what their current level is. Together with other students of different nationalities, students will learn how to communicate effectively in real life situations through activities practising the four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing, as well as studying Grammar, Vocabulary and Pronunciation. Covering topics of general interest in class, our teachers use a blend of materials, making lessons varied and dynamic. Whether our students want to study for personal satisfaction or have specific goals to achieve, a General English Course will allow them to progress in a relaxed, enjoyable environment.

## General English Group 20

**Course Type:** 20 General English Group Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12

## Intensive English Group 30

**Course Type:** 20 General English Group Lessons + 10 General English Group Conversation Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12

## Combination English 30

**Course Type:** 20 General English Group Lessons + 10 General English Private One-to-One Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12 + 1

## Combination English 40

**Course Type:** 20 General English Group Lessons + 20 General English Private One-to-One Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12 + 1

## Conversation English Group 10

**Course Type:** 10 General English Group Conversation Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12



# BUSINESS ENGLISH (BE)

## ENTRY LEVEL = INTERMEDIATE (B1)

In today's global business environment, most firms and companies are required to adopt written or spoken English in their communication. Our students are able to give themselves a competitive edge and prepare for better career options through our Career Development Programmes.

Ideal for students who are already practising professionals, the Business English course is designed to improve our students' generic skills in English when dealing with foreign clients, partners or investors, providing our students with the necessary tools to boost their confidence, stand out and reach their full potential.

### **Business English Group 20**

**Course Type:** 20 Business English Group Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12

### **Business English Mini-Group 20**

**Course Type:** 20 Business English Group Lessons (including Business Location Visits)

**Maximum Students in Class:** 6

### **Business English Intensive Group 30**

**Course Type:** 20 Business English Group Lessons + 10 Business English Group Conversation Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12

### **Business English Combination 30**

**Course Type:** 20 Business English Group Lessons + 10 Business English Private One-to-One Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12 + 1



## **Business English Combination 40**

**Course Type:** 20 Business English Group Lessons + 20 Business English Private One-to-One Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12 + 1

## **Business English Conversation Group 10**

**Course Type:** 10 Business English Group Conversation Lessons

**Maximum Students in Class:** 12

## **Executive Business English Mini-Group 20**

**Course Type:** 20 Business English Group Lessons (for Middle & Top Management including Business Location Visits)

**Maximum Students in Class:** 6

## **Executive Business English Private 20**

**Course Type:** 20 Business English Group Lessons (for Middle & Top Management including Business Location Visits)

**Maximum Students in Class:** 1

The Executive Business English courses are designed for managers and directors that need to become more fluent in English to facilitate their day-to-day commercial and financial operations. The courses will include intensive business-related lessons, extensive practical and conversational exercises, meetings with local business executives and visits to Maltese enterprises and institutions.

# ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES (ESP) PRIVATE 1 TO 1 LESSONS

ENTRY LEVEL = INTERMEDIATE (B1)

These courses are ideal for students who require, or prefer, individual attention for the whole duration of the lesson time. Together with the teacher students determine the specific objectives for the course and lessons are then structured to reach these aims.

Whether students want to revise grammar structures or improve their pronunciation, individual lessons help them to progress in those aspects of English that they really want to focus on, at their own pace.

These courses are also created for those students who wish to have intensive, focused language practice in their chosen field. Whether students need to reactivate their vocabulary prior to a meeting, brush up on their networking or acquire new language skills in their field, our courses ensure the desired results are achieved in an efficient timeframe.

Course Type	Maximum Students in Class
One-to-One Private Lessons in a Specific Subject related to the Student's Interest or Business	1

Subjects Available		
Accountancy	Business & Finance	Human Resources
Architecture	Climate & Environment	Law
Art & Design	Digital & Artificial Intelligence	Maritime
Aviation	Hospitality & Catering	Medicine
Photography	Social Media	Travel & Tourism

# EXAMINATION PREPARATION (EXP)

## ENTRY LEVEL = INTERMEDIATE (B1)

Exam Preparation Courses are designed for students that wish to study in an English-speaking country, work abroad or study or work in an international environment in their own country. Universities or employers typically require an overall minimum score, and our teachers work closely with our students to ensure that they achieve the desired grade. Material and activities in class focus specifically on the examination, which are adapted to target areas of development to ensure optimal results. Our courses are also designed to improve our students' self-study skills and provide them with the tools to become a more autonomous learner. Depending on the initial level and requirements, the academic team at ECS will be able to advise each student on the best course and the ideal duration to reach the desired level.

**Maximum Students in Class: 12**

## Cambridge ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

[Minimum 8 Weeks]

The Cambridge English Qualifications are recognised by over 25,000 universities and employers around the world. Cambridge exams are held in March, June, August and December. Please contact ECS for details.

## Cambridge (PET) – Now known as B1 Preliminary

This course will develop your ability to communicate in English for real-world tasks and situations. During the course you will learn how to read simple texts and articles, write emails, take meeting notes and show awareness of opinions in both written and spoken tasks. This valuable worldwide qualification will increase your work, study and travel prospects.

## Cambridge (FCE) – Now known as B2 First

This course will teach you how to communicate effectively. You will learn how to express opinions and explain the advantages and disadvantages of different points of view in both written and spoken English. The First Qualification is proof that you have the language skills to work in an English-speaking country or study on courses taught in English. It is accepted for entry to foundation courses in English-speaking countries and is accepted for entry to undergraduate courses conducted in English in non-English-speaking countries.

## Cambridge (CAE) – Now known as C1 Advanced

This course will help you develop the skills to communicate effectively at a managerial and professional level. You will learn how to participate with confidence in workplace meetings or academic tutorials and seminars. By obtaining this qualification you will be able to follow an academic course at university level.

## Cambridge (CPE) – Now known as C2 Proficiency

In this course you will be well-prepared to pass the highest-level exam and show you have mastered English to an exceptional level. The lessons will be designed to help you understand the main ideas of complex pieces of writing and how to negotiate and persuade effectively at senior management level. Preparing for and passing the C2 Proficiency means you can study subjects at the highest level, including postgraduate and PhD programmes.

## IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

[Minimum 6 Weeks]

This is the world's most popular English test for higher education and global migration. IELTS uses a nine-band scale to identify levels of proficiency from non-user (band score 1) to expert (band score 9). You can decide on a module to match your goal – Academic or General Training. IELTS enables you to start your journey into work or study in another country. IELTS exams are held once or twice a month. Please contact ECS for details.

# ONLINE LEARNING (ONL)

ENTRY LEVEL = INTERMEDIATE (B1) OR UPPER-INTERMEDIATE (B2) OR ADVANCED (C1)

The online lessons offered by ECS are ideal for students that want to improve their level of English but are not able to travel to Malta for face to face lessons. These courses offer the same level of quality but without the travelling expenses. This is a flexible, personalised option which allows students to improve all their language skills from a location of their choosing. Online courses are also ideal for professionals who would like to fit their English language training needs around their busy schedules. All that is required is a strong, reliable internet connection, a computer or tablet with a webcam and a dedicated timeslot in a quiet area.

**Course Type:** 3 Modules of 6 Sessions in 3 Segments over 27 Weeks

**Maximum Students Online:** 1

# SPECIAL PROGRAMMES & PACKAGES

## STUDY & WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAMME

ENTRY LEVEL = ANY

Study English and get valuable work and life experience in Malta! The English language is essential in today's modern world of work and business. ECS, alongside its parent company, Paragon Europe, offers students, graduates and professionals a programme that combines English language courses and a quality unpaid work placement with an international organisation. Paragon works with over 2000 businesses and successfully places more than 3000 students a year in a large variety of internship programmes in areas such as aviation, digital, engineering, finance, hospitality, law, medicine, retail and many more. Interns take a General English course in the mornings at ECS school in Sliema. In the afternoon they have their work placement at a local business or institution where they practise their English further and gain valuable employment experience. They also have project work to complete in their spare time.

General English Course	Work Placement Internship	Self-Study Project Work
15 Hours (20 Lessons) per Week from Monday to Friday (Mornings Only)	20 Hours per Week (Afternoons Only)	5 Hours per Week (Evenings & Weekends)

### The Study & Work Placement Programme includes:

- Work Placement Fee & Internship
  - Return Airport Transfers
  - General English Course
  - Accommodation in Self-Catering Shared Apartment in Sharing Twin Room
- or
- Accommodation in Host Family on Half Board in Sharing Twin Room
  - Malta Government ECO Tax

# ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES PROGRAMME

ENTRY LEVEL = INTERMEDIATE (B1)

(MINIMUM 6 STUDENTS)

Make English your Path to International Professional Career Development

These courses are for professionals seeking new employment opportunities, graduates that would like to use their expertise in an international organisation and self-employed or company owners that would like to access the English-speaking market.

**We offer 3 Types of ESP Courses:**

## ACADEMY

An English course with a teacher at the school with context and terminology of the sector you want to build a career in.

- ✓ Professional English (20 Lessons)
- ✓ English for Specific Purposes (10 Lessons)

## INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL (At School)

An English course with a teacher at the school plus extra tuition by a specific industry specialist at the school.

- ✓ Professional English (20 Lessons)
- ✓ English for Specific Purposes (10 Lessons) – With an Industry Specialist at School

## INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL (On Location)

An English course with a teacher at the school plus extra tuition by a specific industry specialist at their place of business.

- ✓ Professional English (20 Lessons)
- ✓ English for Specific Purposes (10 Lessons) – With an Industry Specialist on Location





We offer a wide variety of subjects for ESP courses that include, but are not limited to, the following:

Accountancy	Business & Finance	Human Resources
Architecture	Climate & Environment	Law
Art & Design	Digital & Artificial Intelligence	Maritime
Aviation	Hospitality & Catering	Medicine
Photography	Social Media	Travel & Tourism

# LEARN ENGLISH WITH A DIFFERENCE!

ENTRY LEVEL = INTERMEDIATE (B1)  
(MINIMUM 6 STUDENTS)

ENGLISH SKILLS & BUSINESS SKILLS & DIGITAL SKILLS  
FOR  
TEENAGE & YOUNG ADULT GROUPS

With innovative legislation in Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence, Malta is fast becoming the place to be in the digital marketplace. It is increasingly attracting the best companies in these fast-growing areas making it extremely popular for anyone interested in pursuing a successful career in this exciting sector.

ECS is offering an exclusive programme designed for graduates, aspiring young professionals and all those that want to explore the exciting, modern world of entrepreneurship, business innovation and digital technology, while being equipped with the right level of English language competency.

The Intensive Business and Digital Skills Courses are combined with English language learning in small groups over 30 lessons per week that lead to end projects such as:

- Website Design & Development
- Business Plans
- Application Concepts
- Marketing Plans
- Process or Product Development & Improvement
- Augmented or Virtual Reality

## We offer 2 Types of 'English with a Difference' Courses:

- Group Intensive English BUSINESS SKILLS Course
- Group Intensive English DIGITAL SKILLS Course

# JUNIOR SUMMER ALL- INCLUSIVE PROGRAMME " ENGLISH WITH A DIFFERENCE! "

ENTRY LEVEL = ANY

20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (7 Weeks)

Our Teen Programme is designed to offer a comprehensive package to ensure students make the most out of their stay in Malta. Students will have the opportunity to meet and make new friends from all over the world, improve their English language skills, and experience some of the country's most interesting cultural spots. ECS offers the perfect balance between tuition and recreation, providing the perfect setting for students to have the experience of a lifetime. English Courses and Social Activities focus on Business Understanding, Digital Technology, Social Media Studies and Climate & Environmental Awareness.

## Our Junior Summer Programme includes:

Registration & Administration Fee	Group Leader Supervision at School and on Activities
General English Group 20 for Juniors	Group Leader Supervision in Junior Residence
Accommodation as Booked on Full Board	Welcome Pack
Arrival & Departure Airport Transfers	Student Card
Full Leisure Activity Programme (With A Difference!)	Course Materials
Guard.me Travel & Emergency Medical Insurance	Course Certificate
24/7 Welfare Assistance	Mobile SIM Card
Online Placement Test	Wi-Fi at School & in Residence

# FAMILY COURSES

ENTRY LEVEL = ANY

Available all year, our family courses allow parents and children to attend their respective classes under the same roof and meet up at breaktimes to share their English learning experiences. We offer General English Group Courses as well as one-to-one Individual Private Lessons. They can also choose to join the rest of the school on suitable social and cultural activities in the afternoon, evening and at the weekend. This programme creates a wonderful and unique bonding experience that families love and enjoy to the full!

## **Adult General English or Business English Group 20**

**Course Type:** 20 General English or Business English Group Lessons  
**Maximum Students in Class:** 12

## **Adult General English or Business English Private 1 to 1**

**Course Type:** 10 or 20 General English or Business English Private Lessons  
**Maximum Students in Class:** 1

## **Child General English Group 20**

**Course Type:** 20 General English Group Lessons  
**Maximum Students in Class:** 12

## **Child General English Private 1 to 1**

**Course Type:** 10 or 20 General English Private Lessons  
**Maximum Students in Class:** 1

# SENIOR STUDENT PROGRAMME

## ” THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE! ”

ENTRY LEVEL = ANY (MINIMUM 2 WEEKS)

This is an all-inclusive programme for mature students that combines English language learning with a full package of social and cultural activities that cover all aspects of Malta's diverse geography, history and culture.

### Our 2-Week Senior Student Programme includes:

- School Registration & Administration
  - Airport Arrival & Departure Transfers
  - General English Group 20 Course
  - Full Activity Programme
  - Single Room in Self-Catering Shared Apartment
- or
- Single Room in Host Family on Half Board
  - Malta Government ECO Tax

### 2-Week Sample Activity Programme:

#### Week 1

Monday	Valletta Tour & 'Malta Experience' Show
Tuesday	Blue Grotto
Wednesday	Mosta Church & Ancient Mdina
Thursday	Sights of the South
Friday	St. John's Cathedral & 'Malta 5D' Show
Saturday	Gozo Highlights Full Day Guided Tour
Sunday	Free Day

#### Week 2

Monday	Traditional Harbour Cruise
Tuesday	Tour of the North
Wednesday	The Medieval Three Cities
Thursday	The Wonderful West
Friday	'Flavours of Malta' Dinner
Saturday	Free or Departure Day
Sunday	Free or Departure Day



# ACCOMMODATION

ECS offers a selection of accommodation options to choose from including Self-Catering Shared Apartments, Host Families and Hotels.

## Self-Catering Shared Apartments

Our dedicated self-catering shared apartments are all furnished to a high standard. They are located about 25 minutes away from the school on foot or approximately 10 minutes by bus. They are close to all amenities such as supermarkets, shops and cafés.

All apartments are fully furnished with a communal kitchen/living/dining area, television, free Wi-Fi, fans (in summer), heaters (in winter), weekly cleaning service, welcome grocery basket (on request at an extra cost), air-conditioning (on request at an extra cost).

## Host Families

Students can choose to stay with a local host family and have a more immersive experience of traditional Maltese family life. It also gives students more opportunity to practise their English. All our host families are located in close proximity to the school.

## Hotels

ECS can arrange hotel accommodation in the vicinity of the school on request. We can allocate students in different types of hotels, ranging from 2\* to 5\*.





# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our social and cultural activity programme helps our students to improve their English while getting to know the country, its people and their culture. The Maltese Islands are extraordinarily beautiful and are a joy to discover and explore. Our rich and fascinating history goes back over 7000 years.

Students can book a variety of excursions and activities from School Reception daily. We offer a healthy mix of cultural experiences, sight-seeing excursions, fun activities and educational programmes to provide our students with the opportunity to make the most out of their language learning experience. Our tours are also available as special packages which can be purchased in advance, offering excellent value for money.



