

ENGLISH PLUS OTHER SUBJECTS – 2010 - 2011

What is the aim of the course?

To improve your English Language skills in:

- reading
- writing
- listening
- speaking

To improve your skills in other subjects including:

- Art and Design
- It may be possible to organise a tailor-made course for you, depending on your level of English.

Who is the course for?

Students who want to:

- improve their English Language skills (approximately 15 hours per week)
- study other subjects through English (approximately 10 hours per week)
- gain qualifications
- progress to other college/ university courses and/or employment in the UK, or another English speaking environment.
- meet students from all over the world
- experience life in a British State college environment.

What is the content of the course?

English classes:

You will be using language in a practical way and will have lessons concentrating on:

- reading and writing
- vocabulary and grammar
- listening and speaking
- life in the UK

One hour per week is for tutorials which are to help you with your individual learning needs. The maximum class size is sixteen.

'Plus' classes:

You will be studying your chosen subject and at the same time improving your English Language skills.

Sample timetable:

General English classes are held on three mornings per week and two afternoons. The 'Plus' classes will be held either in the afternoon or in the evening.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 – 11.00	General English/ *Core Skills				
11 – 11.30	Break				
11.30 – 12.30	Tutorial	Speaking/ Listening – language lab	Exam focus	Life in the UK-	Project
Afternoon		Stained glass 1.30 – 4.30	Painting 18.00 – 21.00	Jewellery 1.30 – 4.30	

*Core skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing plus vocabulary and grammar development.

What are the entry requirements?

This course is not suitable for you if your level of English is beginner or elementary.

'Plus' programmes of study have different entry requirements depending on the 'Plus' subjects you intend to take.

Is there any form of assessment?

At the beginning of the course, you will have an assessment so that you will be placed in the best class for you.

During the course, you will have to do homework every day.

What qualifications will I gain?

Depending on your level of English, you can take one or more nationally/ internationally recognised qualifications. Any ESOL Skills for Life examination fees are included in the course fees. If you want to take the Cambridge PET/FCE/CAE or CPE examinations, you will have to pay the exam entry fee. Exams take place at specified times each year.

'Plus' classes:

You will be able to take an examination or assessment in your 'Plus' Subjects.



Who is the awarding body?

English Language classes:

University of Cambridge Local Examinations
Syndicate.

'Plus' classes:

Various national awarding bodies.

Do I need to provide any equipment?

You will need to buy course books and you may need to buy some equipment for the 'Plus' classes.

When does the course start?

You need to join at the beginning of a term so that you can fully participate in the 'Plus' subjects you wish to study.

How long does the course last?

Autumn Term starts: Monday 6th September 2010

Autumn Term ends: Friday 17th December 2010

Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2010

Winter Term starts: Wednesday 5th January 2011

Winter Term ends: Friday 8th April 2011

Half Term Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2011

Spring Term starts: Tuesday 26th April 2011

Spring Term ends: Friday 1st July 2011

Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2011

What facilities are available?

The College prides itself on providing a wide range of high quality resources and facilities which include:

- learning centre which provides books, newspapers, journals, CDs, DVDs and computer access
- language centre which provides specialised language learning resources and e-learning materials
- modern language laboratory
- well-resourced classrooms
- restaurant and cafeteria

What are the leisure and social/cultural activities?

Once a term, you will visit a place of national and/or local interest for example Oxford, Cardiff and places of interest in Bath as part of your study programme. In addition, the College organises a variety of activities which you can take part in at an extra charge. These include local, national and sometimes also international trips, sports activities and international evenings. In April a number of our students visited Thorpe Park and in June they went to Wimbledon to see a Tennis game. Our students have also enjoyed excursions to London. Local theatre visits are organised by the College and international evenings give you the opportunity to meet many other students at the College. Sports activities, particularly football, basketball and tennis are popular and a number of international students play in the College teams.

What can I do after the course?

You can progress to a higher class and if your English is at the required level, you may be able to join other courses at the college and study in classes with English speaking students.

If you have the necessary qualifications and English Language skills, you can also progress to a range of courses at other colleges or universities.

Frequently asked questions:

- Q** Can I pay by instalments?
A Yes. There are certain requirements. Details on request.
- Q** Can I join other classes at the college?
A Yes, we encourage you to join other classes and study with English speaking students but it will depend on your level of English.

Where can I get further information?

For advice or more details, please contact:

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