

Course Information – Package 20

Class Times		
	09.15- 12.25	12.40- 13.35
Standard Package 20	General English	Elective*

*Elective = TOEFL, IELTS or BUSINESS

A combination of 15 hours per week of General English and 5 hours per week of Business, TOEFL or IELTS.

The Morning classes concentrate on improving every aspect of the your English. There are twelve levels with a range of classes at each level. You will be placed at the right level for you, taking into account your degree of spoken and grammatical competence, which is assessed in the placement test. There is an average of twenty classes, and if you make particular progress, you will be able to move to a higher level at any time.

On this course you attend classes for three hours every day, and are given one hour's homework. Each weekly programme of studies follows a syllabus which ensures steady progress, and the teacher will make any adjustments to each week's programme according to the needs and requirements of each individual class.

In any typical week, you will work on developing and improving active use of grammar, using the course book as the basis of your studies. There will also be vocabulary development work, where the teacher will introduce a theme or topic which forms the basis of the exercises, so that you increase your range of vocabulary in a contextualised way. Depending on the collective needs of each class, the teacher also decides which aspect of skills work to concentrate on, and aims to improve as many as possible in any one week. You may spend time working on vocabulary, specific reading and listening skills and times writing. Extensive writing exercises are given as homework.

The English for Business course is designed for students at an Intermediate level or higher, who need to use English in a business or commercial situation. It develops your ability to function efficiently in an office environment where English is used as the language of international communication.

You learn the terminology used in the financial and economic world and how to cope with basic business practice such as correspondence, the language of meeting and presentations, negotiating, telephoning and interpreting financial documents. The course serves to consolidate and expand your practical experience, using authentic material with task based problem-solving and role-play situations.

The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) examination is designed for students who wish to study in an English university or college.

This class prepares you for the examination and also provides general training in study skills. This course is particularly recommended if your grammatical accuracy and vocabulary need improvement, as the focus in IELTS is on skills rather than structures. Classes combine input and practice with regular tests to practise each skill.

You choose between the Academic Module and General Training Module, both of which consist of papers in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. In each paper, students are tested on the skills they will need for further study in an English language environment.

There is no pass or fail in IELTS, and students are given a mark for each paper, plus an overall mean score. Each paper has a maximum of 9.0.

Most UK universities require a score of between 5.5 and 7.5, but students are advised to consult the relevant prospectus or contact universities directly for specific course requirements.

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is a test for students who wish to apply to an American university or college. An acceptable TOEFL score depends on the requirements of each institution to which the student has applied. The scores attained on the TOEFL are valid for a two-year period and are sent from the TOEFL centre about one month after the test.

The TOEFL class is usually small, so teachers have a chance to give you the individual attention you need for thorough preparation. In this, we concentrate on practice tests and TOEFL test-taking techniques. All classes concentrate on the type of examination questions and situations encountered in the actual test. Distinguishing between the slight nuances of meaning in the language is an important part of the course.