



Scholar English - Academic Term courses

Residential courses

- An academic term course for learners who want to develop their English language skills during the school term.
- Small study groups of maximum 8 per class.
- For teenagers aged 13 - 17 years.

Course objective

The aim of the programme is help the ambitious student gain a proficient use of the English language in the intellectual context of their academic studies: building their critical thinking skills, their ability to join a debate and generally express themselves with conviction and eloquence in English.

Course programme

A term course in Newbury is aimed at pupils who want to develop their command of English within an academic context: this will prove extremely useful for both teenagers who aspire to go to university in an English speaking country or who want to absorb both academic and cultural knowledge in English to operate on a level playing field with native speakers.

Term dates:

14.01.24 - 23.03.24

14.04.24 - 22.06.24

06.10.24 - 14.12.24

Academic programme

The course is divided into 4 areas of competences:

Fluent use of English: it will take the pupil from his or her school knowledge of the language to a level that will allow them to manipulate the language in most international life situations.

- Academia: the students learn the vocabulary and the codes to study at University in English.
- Exam preparation: many of the pupils want to take an official examination to prove the level they have attained in the language.
- Creative writing: to develop style and depth in writing
- Drama: lots of role play to learn how to project their personality in English.

Cultural awareness: this is the part of the course that aims at developing a broad understanding of sophisticated general knowledge:

- Literature in English: an insight into the authors who wrote and write in English. The programme does not limit itself to Irish and British authors but also covers American, Australian and New Zealand writers.

- Music and art appreciation: the pupils learn about composers and artists who dominate the music and art scene at present. The lessons might lead to a visit to an important art museum or to a concert locally or in London.
- The drama lessons encourage the students' interest in theatre and give them a basic knowledge of what constitutes good thespian skills

Introduction to career subjects: journalism, ecology, sociology and psychology are all taught at beginners level and take the students into the realm of university subjects. As tasters they allow the pupils to acquire both a knowledge of the subject and a taste for the subject.

- Journalism: newspaper articles, TV reports, radio programmes are dissected for identifying the skills that go into good journalistic reporting. Pupils are also expected to try their hand at writing an article or producing a programme of their own.
- Sociology: although sociology is the universal study of social life and the causes and consequences of human behaviour, the course tries to identify specific codes of Anglo Saxon behaviour. The pupils are encouraged to investigate the structure of groups, organizations and societies, and how people interact within these contexts.
- Psychology: this subject has been added to the curriculum because of its wide appeal among university students in the present times.
- Ecology: study of the environment is a non-negotiable necessity for all teenagers: the course takes them through the essential elements that affect the environment and the climate.

Academic subjects: the course includes a number of modules to cover the most fundamental academic subjects: History, Maths, Geography, Literature. The purpose of these lessons is to both improve the students' knowledge in the subject and give them the ability to explore the subject in English. Terminology is one of the limiting factors for those who have studied the subjects in English. The course equips students with the skills to transfer into English the knowledge they have in their own language.

Course content

The course includes 25 hours of tuition per week, taught in small classes with a maximum of 8 per class).

Outcomes

- Ability to speak and write in English with confidence and accuracy.
- Foundation knowledge of a wide range of subjects which helps the student in their pathway to further education.
- Personal development including increased confidence.

Entry level

Beginner to advanced.

Sample Timetable

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| 08.00 | Breakfast | 14.00 | Afternoon lessons |
| 08.50 | Morning register | 16.00 | Tea |
| 09.00 | Morning lessons | 16.30 | Hobby clubs, reading, homework |
| 13.00 | Lunch | 19.00 | Supper |

Timetable is a sample and may be subject to change.

Certificate

At the end of the course each student receives a certificate of achievement, showing the level achieved.

Accommodation

Fully-supervised residential accommodation in single study bedrooms, each with private bathroom and with all meals included.

Cultural experience

To complement the language learning extra-curricular activities are organised such as hobby clubs and field trips.

Location

The school is located in the picturesque town of Newbury (30 minutes from Oxford and 60 minutes from London).

Transfer

OISE offers a dedicated transfer service on arrival and departure dates from London Heathrow Airport, London Gatwick Airport, and St. Pancras Station, London.

Included in the course

- All tuition.
- All course materials.
- Accommodation in the school residence in single bedrooms, each with private bathroom.
- All meals.
- End of course certificate.

Dates

Courses start every Monday during June, July, and August, and can be of any number of weeks' duration.

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How to book

Students should complete the course application form and return it to info@oise.com. The course enrolment team will acknowledge the receipt of the application and will contact the student if there are any queries.

Once the course enrolment is processed, the student receives a course confirmation and an invoice for the course fees (it is a requirement to pay course fees in full before the start of the course).