



Teenagers | Newbury

Essay Writing Mastery - October One Week Course

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Who is this course for?

This intensive one-week course is designed for 13–17-year-old students who want to strengthen their academic writing skills in English. It is ideal for students who find essay writing challenging, want to improve before examinations, or simply wish to write with greater confidence, clarity and sophistication.

For instruction in how to organise ideas, develop convincing arguments, or develop a clear essay writing style, this course provides focused support from experienced tutors in a fully immersive English-speaking environment.

This course is available as a one week course and is only in October. This course is available for the week of 18.10.26 and also for the week of 25.10.26. To enrol: contact info@oise.com

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

A One-Week Academic Writing Course for 13–17 Year-Olds

Students learn how to plan, structure and organise an effective essay.

The programme

Essay writing is one of the most important academic skills, yet it is often one of the hardest to master. During this intensive programme, students spend an entire week developing the techniques, confidence and independence needed to write effective, original essays.

With 30 hours of tuition, supported by guided assignments, reading and homework, students receive continuous coaching, detailed feedback and repeated opportunities to practise. Rather than relying on templates, they learn how to structure ideas naturally, think critically and develop their own written voice.

The course combines tutor-led workshops, individual coaching and practical writing exercises, allowing students to make measurable progress in just one week.

Programme Content

Throughout the week, students will:

- Learn how to plan, structure and organise an effective essay.
- Build strong introductions, coherent main arguments and convincing conclusions.
- Develop vocabulary and learn to write in a more precise, sophisticated academic style.
- Practise different forms of writing, adapting style and tone for different purposes.
- Complete regular writing tasks under both guided and timed conditions.
- Receive personalised feedback to identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- Improve editing and proofreading techniques.
- Complete independent reading and written assignments to reinforce classroom learning.

Activities are adapted to students' individual needs while maintaining a strong focus on practical application and continuous improvement.

EXPECTATIONS

Outcomes

By the end of the course, students are able to:

- Plan and write well-structured academic essays with greater confidence.
- Produce clear introductions, logical arguments and effective conclusions.
- Express ideas using a wider and more accurate academic vocabulary.
- Write more fluently and independently without relying on formulaic templates.
- Edit and improve their own work using practical proofreading strategies.
- Complete a portfolio of written work demonstrating their progress over the week.
- Feel better prepared for school assessments, examinations and future academic study.

Students leave with improved writing skills, greater confidence and practical techniques they can continue to use long after the course has finished.

ACCOMMODATION

Residence at Newbury

Students stay in single study bedrooms, each with a private bathroom.

The school is equipped with fire and burglar alarms as well as CCTV. At 22:00, the main gate is locked, and the main entrance of the residence and the corridors are alarmed, to prevent students from entering other student's corridors at night. Students will each have their own key card which lets them enter the residence building and only their own room. There is a safe in the school office in which students can keep any valuables they wish.

All meals are prepared daily using quality, fresh ingredients from local suppliers to deliver a well balanced and varied menu of dishes. Meat, fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered daily to ensure quality and freshness. Fruit is always available as well as milk, hot drinks for the morning and afternoon break. In the evenings we also have fruit, milk, hot drinks plus biscuits and other snacks available. The chef and catering team are trained to cater for all dietary needs and requirements, including food allergies and religious food restrictions.

LOCATION

Newbury

Newbury is an historic market town about an hour from London and also within easy reach of Oxford, Winchester and Bath. Dating from the 11th century, the town has a population of around 30,000 and boasts a beautiful town centre with a picturesque canal and superb facilities including a wide range of shops, cafes and restaurants. In addition there is a modern local cinema, excellent theatres and a whole host of sporting opportunities.

CULTURE

The course includes extra-curricular activities such as social evenings, movie nights and hobby clubs.

Freedoms and permissions: pupils will not be allowed to leave the school premises or leave the group during activities unsupervised, unless they are over 14 and the school has received parental consent. The full supervision and curfew policy is available on request.

The level of supervision at Newbury is structured to keep every pupil safe: the accommodation is attached to the teaching building within the same fenced grounds. Throughout the stay, pupils enjoy a high staff / student ratio: the minimum of one adult to 15 pupils is often increased up to 10 and sometimes 5.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Price includes

The price is all inclusive, i.e. covers the full academic programme, all 3 meals a day, accommodation in individual en-suite bedrooms and pastoral activities and very close supervision throughout the pupils' stay. The price also includes all books and teaching material.

What's not included in the price:

- 1-The costs for taking an exam: to cover the exam fee and supervised transport to the exam venue.
- 2-Health insurance to cover medical charges while in Newbury. This insurance cover should be bought in the student's own country before leaving home.
- 3-The transfer service on arrival and departure.

Need help choosing the course that best fits your personal needs? Contact us!

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