Teenagers | Newbury

Diction Mastery - February One Week Course

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Who is this course for?

This intensive one-week course is designed for teenagers who want to speak English with greater clarity, confidence and expression. It is ideal for students who wish to improve their pronunciation and articulation, become more confident when speaking in front of others, or develop a more polished and effective speaking style.

Whether the learner tends to speak too quickly, finds certain sounds or words difficult to pronounce, struggles to project their voice, or simply wants to communicate with greater confidence, 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 available in February. This course is available for the week of 07.02.27 and also for the week of 14.02.27 and also for the week of 21.02.27. To enrol: contact info@oise.com

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

Outcomes

The aim is not to remove a student's natural accent, but to develop clear, intelligible and expressive speech that can be adapted confidently to different academic, social and professional situations.

Clear speech is an important communication skill, yet many students have had little opportunity to study how the voice actually works. During this intensive programme, students spend an entire week developing the techniques, awareness and confidence needed to become more effective speakers.

With 30 hours of tuition, supported by guided practice and independent exercises, students receive continuous coaching, individual feedback and repeated opportunities to speak. They learn how pronunciation, articulation, breathing, pace, stress and intonation work together to create speech that is clear, engaging and easy to understand.

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

Programme Content

Throughout the week, students will:

- **Develop clearer pronunciation and more precise articulation.**
- **Identify and practise English sounds and sound combinations that learners personally find challenging.**
- **Understand how the mouth, tongue, lips, jaw and breath work together to produce clear speech.**
- **Develop greater awareness of word stress, sentence stress, rhythm and intonation.**
- **Learn to control pace, pauses and emphasis so that speech is easier to follow and more expressive.**
- **Improve breath control, vocal projection and resonance without straining the voice.**
- **Practise reading prose, poetry, speeches and other texts aloud with clarity and expression.**
- **Develop confidence when speaking spontaneously and addressing a group.**
- **Learn how to adapt voice, tone and delivery for different audiences and situations.**
- **Complete regular individual and group speaking exercises.**
- **Receive personalised feedback to identify individual strengths and areas for improvement.**
- **Develop practical techniques for practising pronunciation and diction independently.**

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

EXPECTATIONS

Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Speak English with greater clarity, confidence and control.
- Articulate words more precisely and recognise areas of pronunciation that require further practice.
- Use stress, rhythm and intonation more effectively to communicate meaning.
- Control pace, pauses, volume and emphasis when speaking.
- Project their voice more confidently and effectively.
- Read unfamiliar texts aloud with greater fluency, accuracy and expression.
- Speak to a group with increased confidence and presence.
- Monitor and improve aspects of their own speech using practical techniques learned during the course.
- Adapt delivery more effectively to academic presentations, interviews, discussions and other speaking situations.
- Leave with an individual set of exercises and strategies for continuing to develop their speech after the course.

Students leave with clearer speech, greater vocal confidence and a much stronger awareness of how to use their voice effectively-skills they can continue to develop for academic study, interviews, presentations and future professional life.

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.

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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