



Students | Cambridge, England

The English Language Enrichment programme

Quatorial™

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Key points

Students acquire the skills necessary to use the language at a high level. Teachers set milestones and goals for each student, with constant evaluation. This sets the pace for each learner to surpass their academic expectations and achieve more than they thought possible.

The small number of students in each group provides participants with a learning experience tailored to each individual's needs, while benefiting from the participants' experiences and cultural diversity. Small class sizes also allow for a large amount of individual coaching, which helps to provide students with the confidence and disposition to master the language in a stimulating environment.

The course exposes learners to a range of authentic sources from different academic subjects, piquing their intellectual curiosity alongside exposing them to different styles and registers, as well as new vocabulary and structures. Students debate, discuss and analyse these sources, leading to increased confidence and fluency alongside enhanced critical thinking skills.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

Enrichment of English language skills and knowledge

Make a significant improvement in language skills and knowledge.

The Quatorial programme

30 hours per week. Taught as 20 hours per week in groups of no more than 4 students + 10 hours per week of workshops in groups of no more than 6. Minimum age of enrolment: 16 years old.

Proximity to tutors leads to a collaborative and interactive programme. Learners are participative, collaborative, engaged and make fast progress.



Aptitude: accurate use of the language in core skills lessons

- controlled practice in language structures and lexis development to achieve a good command of grammar structures, idioms, and vocabulary.
- activities to sharpen understanding of written text through reading exercises from a wide range of materials: reports, articles, case studies.
- coaching and practice in writing letters, reports, emails, presentations, articles
- formal listening exercises.
- public debate: societal issues are debated in a formal setting allowing students to fine tune their debating skills in English.
- project: working on an engaging task participants use the soft skills of analysis and problem solving, collaboration and research.

Attitude: confident use of the language through interactive sessions designed to develop leadership skills

- Spoken Assertiveness: a fluency skills session to help the learner overcome inhibitions and group communication anxieties.
- Critical Analysis: develops the participant's ability to analyse, categorise and process information in their language. Students apply critical thinking skills by evaluating texts and offering cogent and well structured responses.

Expected outcomes

With increased understanding of the language, students become confident users of English whilst speaking with accuracy and fluency.

OISE PROFESSORS

Tutors are selected for their qualifications, their experience and their areas of specialist knowledge

ACCOMMODATION

Half-board homestay

Staying in a homestay gives participants the chance to be fully immersed into the local culture of the destination, whilst also being able to practise the language in a relaxed and natural setting. Many homestays have been welcoming our students into their homes for many years, offering their hospitality and expanding our students cultural horizons. Homestay arrivals are on the Sunday before the course begins, and departures are on the Saturday after the course ends.

LOCATION

The experience of living in Cambridge

Cambridge is home not only to one of the world's great universities, its iconic buildings and colleges peppering the old town, but also to the dynamic high-tech hub sometimes known as 'Silicon Fen' (Microsoft Research, Amazon, Apple, ARM, CSR, Autonomy and several thousand more), and the largest biomedical campus in Europe.

The result is a rich mix of students and professionals, and an ambience of tradition, scholarship and innovation. The town is host to a myriad of cafes, restaurants and pubs (including The Eagle, in the front room of which Crick and Watson demonstrated the first model of the double-helix structure of DNA in 1953), and to innumerable buildings of great historical and architectural significance, such as King's College Chapel, the Wren Library, the Mathematical Bridge and Trinity Great Court.

Compact, green and beautiful, the city is dominated by the historic university buildings and bound by the lovely River Cam. It offers a unique ambience, where the charm of tradition blends with the conveniences of modern urban life. Cambridge is a prime location for committed English language study.

CULTURE

Cultural programme

A variety of social and cultural activities is available to students throughout the week, helping them to get to know Cambridge. Popular activities include walking tours, visits to galleries and museums and discovering highlights of the city, including the pub The Eagle, where in 1953, scientists Crick and Watson celebrated the discovery of DNA. Tours of the city and the university can also be organised.

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OISE AMBASSADORS

Stefan

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- *'I like the character of the school. The course was very intensive and so my days were filled with a lot of study tasks, but the teachers were warm and supportive and so it felt very comfortable. I liked the way that I could ask them questions all the time, even outside of lessons. When I was doing my reading or my private study I often had a question coming into my head and it is useful to be able to ask it in the moment, I liked that.'*

Antonia

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Quatorial + 5 Tutorial

- *'I used the one to one lessons to practise my written English. I like writing in English but I find the grammar difficult sometimes so the tutor helped me with the areas of grammar which are important and they also showed me how to structure my writing, which is really useful.'*

Thomas

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- *'I had thought about studying in London, but finally I chose Cambridge and it suited me well. I liked being in a smaller city. It was easy to visit London for day trips. I used the course to improve my confidence. In my own school, we do not get many opportunities to use spoken English and so this was a really good chance to practise. The tutors helped me to speak more slowly which helped me eliminate mistakes (I was speaking very fast and people could not understand me!).'*

USEFUL INFORMATION

Price Includes

The price includes tuition, half-board accommodation in a homestay and a certificate of achievement.

Special measures for 16 and 17 year olds

It is important to note that the school operates for adult students and all participants are treated as mature enough not to need close supervision. A parental consent form needs to be signed before a pupil under 18 years of age can join the course.

It needs to be stressed that there are no additional provisions for 16 and 17 year olds. They will not be supervised outside school times and while in their homestay.

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

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