

English in Chester

Cambridge Examination Courses

English in Chester have been preparing students for the Cambridge Examinations for many years and with great success. Students can choose to follow a longer, **10 week** examination course, or the **fast track 4 week** intensive course for those who have a higher language level and less time to spend preparing for the exam.

On the longer Cambridge Examination courses students attend the general English programme in the morning and join special afternoon classes which will give them the strategies and skills they need to be successful in the exam they are taking.

Small classes, ensure that each student is given the time and attention needed to focus on areas of difficulty and to practise all the skills necessary. Time is spent on each of the papers and students are encouraged to adopt study skills and given guidelines and advice on how to tackle each part of the exam. This ensures that the candidates are prepared for each of the papers and face the examination with confidence so they perform to the best of their ability.

Course Programme

On the longer examination courses, as well as those taking the KET and PET examinations the students have lessons in their groups from 09.30 to 13.00 Mondays to Fridays.

The morning programme is the same as those students following the General English Programme.

Those students taking KET and PET will have lessons on 4 afternoons a week to prepare for their examination. On one afternoon a week they can join the general option programme and choose which lesson they would like to attend. Students taking the FCE, CAE and CPE examination will have exam preparation every afternoon and will get a course book which they can keep. In addition to the course book the students will use past papers and other relevant materials to ensure their success in the exam.

Progress

Progress is monitored by means of a 4-weekly progress test, homework and finally the mock examination. Students are given regular tutorials and are able to discuss their individual strengths and weaknesses with their teachers. Extra work and help is always available and there is a small self-access centre where students can work on their own. Students on the fast track examination course are given a barrier test before being able to join the course. If necessary we will advise on which examination is most suitable and encourage students to be realistic about their learning aims.

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These students will be in a closed group in the mornings where they will revise and consolidate the structures and vocabulary necessary for the exam in question. As this is an extremely intensive course the pace is fast and the students are expected to be very focused on their learning outcome and be prepared to do a great deal of work in their own time.

In the afternoon they will join the examination classes and focus on examination techniques and strategies as well as looking at past papers.

Students taking the IELTS examination will have examination preparation twice a week. In these lessons they will cover all the parts of the exam and have the opportunity to practise all the skills needed for a successful outcome in the exam. Students will be assessed regularly and encouraged not to take the examination until they and their teacher feel that the required result can be achieved.