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LANGUAGE OPTIONS

(offered on 15 pm, 20 pm, 30 and 40 lesson programmes)

Timetable	2 lessons each afternoon
Lessons	10 lessons/week x 45 mins (7.5 hours/week), afternoons
Start dates	Every week
Course length	1 - 52 weeks
Levels	Regent Level 3 - 9 (Lower Intermediate - Advanced)
Maximum participants per group	15 (Brighton/Edinburgh/Margate/London/Cambridge) 12 (Oxford)
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The following Language Options are available:

Grammar Workshop

- ◆ Look at grammar structures not usually covered in morning classes
- ◆ Revise structures you have already met but do not fully understand
- ◆ Your teacher checks your needs, gives you written exercises and helps you practise in realistic situations
- ◆ Your grammar is revised, consolidated and extended

Reading and Writing Skills

- ◆ You practise your writing and spelling skills by working on letters, newspaper articles and compositions
- ◆ You learn how to skim, scan, check for detail, and guess the meaning of unknown words
- ◆ You learn to read more quickly and effectively
- ◆ This option will help you if you need better English for work, academic study or an examination

Fast Track Beginners and Elementary (Level 0 - 2) *

- ◆ You learn extra vocabulary and have extra practice in speaking, listening, reading and writing
- ◆ You understand and use the language needed for an increased range of social situations
- ◆ You have the chance to revise and consolidate the grammar you have learned
- ◆ You make progress more rapidly
- * *Only available at Brighton, Cambridge, London and Oxford*

Conversation Skills

- ◆ You choose subjects to discuss with your class
- ◆ You practise your English speaking with a partner, in groups, in class discussions and language games
- ◆ Your teacher corrects your grammar and pronunciation
- ◆ Your teacher gives you new vocabulary and phrases
- ◆ You learn to speak English freely and with confidence

Listening and Pronunciation

- ◆ Your teacher helps you with your individual pronunciation problems
- ◆ You improve your English speaking ability through pronunciation activities
- ◆ You have lots of practice in listening
- ◆ Other people understand you better
- ◆ You understand other people better

Vocabulary Development

- ◆ Practise the pronunciation and spelling of new words and words you are not sure of
- ◆ With your class, choose topics such as work, holidays and sport, and areas such as phrasal verbs
- ◆ You have lots of listening, speaking, reading and writing activities
- ◆ Your vocabulary is extended
- ◆ You learn how to remember and use new words

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The following Culture Options are available:

English Literature

- ◆ Study literature from Britain, America and other English-speaking countries
- ◆ Read and discuss modern and classic stories, plays and poems
- ◆ Be entertained by lively, thought-provoking lessons which bring English literature alive
- ◆ Widen your vocabulary
- ◆ Increase your awareness of style and register, idiomatic expressions and text organisation

Media Studies

- ◆ Understand the modern media
- ◆ Learn how ideas are presented
- ◆ Focus on:
 - The Mass Media and modern culture
 - Media forms and analysis
 - Representations and realism
 - Audiences and reception
 - Media institutions and production
 - Changing Media worlds
 - Media practice

English through Pop Music

- ◆ Use songs to learn vocabulary and practise listening
- ◆ Study the latest hit sounds and your own favourites
- ◆ You have lots of speaking, listening and reading practice
- ◆ Your pronunciation and intonation get better

English through Drama

- ◆ Choose and prepare a performance such as a comedy show or a play for presenting to your fellow students
- ◆ With your teacher's help you write materials, act, or direct
- ◆ You practise your speaking skills and your pronunciation
- ◆ Your confidence improves

British Studies

- ◆ Find out about the real Britain, its institutions, customs, religion, beliefs and attitudes
- ◆ Discover how British people live, what they think, how they spend their leisure and the entertainment they enjoy
- ◆ Understand the UK Political, Education and health systems
- ◆ Learn about multi-cultural Britain and Britain's European and International links
- ◆ Do mini-presentations and take part in discussions
- ◆ You practise all language skills and learn new vocabulary

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The following Exam Options are available:

Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)

- ◆ Multiple-choice test of listening (American English), grammar and reading
- ◆ Required by many international companies
- ◆ Exam dates every week at the London test centre
- ◆ Results in two weeks
- ◆ Suitable for Level 5 (Intermediate) students

International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)

- ◆ Study-based listening, speaking, reading and writing
- ◆ Accepted by British universities and colleges
- ◆ Exam dates every week at a local centre
- ◆ Results in two weeks
- ◆ Repeat possible after three months
- ◆ Suitable for Level 5 (Intermediate) students

Business English Certificates (BEC 1 and BEC 2)

- ◆ Tests reading, writing, speaking and listening skills needed for business
- ◆ Exam dates 6 times a year, results in 2 months
- ◆ BEC 1: suitable Level 4 - 5
- ◆ BEC 2: suitable Level 6 - 7

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

- ◆ Test of listening (American English), grammar, reading and writing
- ◆ Required by USA and Canadian universities and colleges
- ◆ Accepted by some UK universities and colleges
- ◆ Exam by arrangement at London test centre
- ◆ Results in two weeks
- ◆ Suitable for Level 5 (Intermediate) students

Cambridge Key English Test (KET)

Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET)

- ◆ Tests of speaking, listening, reading and writing
- ◆ Exam dates 6 times a year
- ◆ Results after two months
- ◆ Cambridge KET suitable for Level 3 (Pre-Intermediate) students
- ◆ Cambridge PET suitable for Level 5 (Intermediate) students

Exam option courses are open to all. It is not necessary to take the exam

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The following Career Options are available:

Business English Skills

- ◆ Learn to use the telephone to make, receive and transfer a call, and to complain, explain and apologise
- ◆ Acquire the skills you need for meetings and negotiations, making and changing appointments
- ◆ Improve your confidence in, meeting new people, making conversation with clients in social situations
- ◆ Acquire the confidence needed to give a presentation
- ◆ Suitable for Regent Level 4 or higher

English for the Travel Industry

- ◆ The history and development of tourism
- ◆ The organisation and structure of tourism
- ◆ Travel Agencies and Tour Operators, Tourist Boards and Information Centres
- ◆ Air travel, cruises, ferries, road and rail travel
- ◆ Tickets, reservations and insurance
- ◆ Customer relations and complaints
- ◆ Hotels and Hoteliers
- ◆ Excursions and Business trips
- ◆ Tourist information, guidance and advice
- ◆ Promotion and marketing
- ◆ Case studies and histories
- ◆ Suitable for Level 5 or higher level students

Introduction to Computer Skills

- ◆ Develop your understanding of information technology
- ◆ Learn how to use a Word Processor, Spreadsheet, Database, Desktop Publishing, Computer Art
- ◆ Each Regent centre has a computer suite with MS Office Professional (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), free email and Internet
- ◆ Take the Oxford, Cambridge and RSA examination in one of the following:
 - Computer Literacy and Information Technology
 - Integrated Business Technology Stage II/III
 - Internet Technologies Stage 1
- ◆ Suitable for Regent Level 3 or higher

Academic Study Skills

- ◆ Acquire the skills you need to pass an English language examination or join a university or college course in the UK
- ◆ Improve your essay writing skills
- ◆ Improve your listening skills so you can take notes
- ◆ Improve your reading skills so that you can scan a text and make notes
- ◆ Learn how to use library resources for research
- ◆ Suitable for Regent Level 5 or higher

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