

# Harrogate Language Academy



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## Harrogate Language Academy

We offer intensive, accredited English language courses in the heart of Yorkshire.

We provide professional services to individuals and to groups from universities, businesses, associations, schools and governments.

We are small enough to care and expert enough to deliver.

Typically English, Harrogate combines the best of traditional England with a cosmopolitan, modern feel.



## Introduction

English is the world's international language. For many people it is important to speak and write it well.

We can help. We provide excellent courses for motivated people, working closely with you to understand your objectives. We help individuals, government ministries, university departments, major international companies, business consultants, overseas teachers, university students, schools, language consultants and many others.

We know you need a professional service in a comfortable, friendly environment. As a small, private language school we offer exactly that. Our courses are accredited by the British Council.

## The Academy

The Language Academy is a good place for learning. It's well-decorated, light and clean. As well as classrooms and offices, there are:

- A small Café selling hot and soft drinks plus home-made snacks and light lunches
- A comfortable Common Room with TV, DVD and CD player.
- Free internet and e-mail.
- A Private Study Centre with English learning and office software; audio and video listening facilities; and a small library including information about UK university courses.

### **We are in the centre of Harrogate**

- Shops, banks, restaurants, etc are close by.
- We are 100 metres from Valley Gardens, a large public park offering sports and games as well as beautiful natural surroundings.







## Intensive English

This is a practical, stimulating programme for all adults who are serious about better English. It's also an ideal foundation for university studies.

Induction	A placement test and interview on Day 1 help us to understand your objectives and select the right group for you. Academic induction and training help you catch up on the English you've forgotten – and find the best ways for you to study.
Content	You work on listening, speaking, reading and writing – and vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation & situations. Other content includes presentations, interviews and note-taking. Learning how to learn is an important part of your work.
Progress	You have regular personal progress reviews – and tests. In addition to daily homework, supervised project work helps you develop the ability to study effectively on your own – and to follow your personal interests.
Extra lessons	Additional individual lessons are available.

Intensive English is our most popular programme – and a chance to meet and work with interesting people from all over the world.

### Key information

Group size	Maximum 12, normally 6-10
Course length	Start any Monday, finish any Friday. Contact us for more information about the best start date for you.
Hours	23.5 classroom hours per week (1 hour = 60 minutes) No lessons on Friday afternoons
Age	Mostly young adults. Minimum 18; no maximum!
Progress reviews	Each regular review includes personal report & interview
Includes	Course materials; use of school facilities
Level	Not for beginners

## IELTS

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is a major international English exam.

We have many years' experience of successfully preparing students for IELTS and for university life. We also help medical professionals taking IELTS as part of their qualification for working in the UK.

### Preparation Courses

We offer three types of IELTS preparation course: 6-week group, 1-week group and individual. (Additional individual lessons are also available for group course participants.)

Teachers are experienced professionals who give you the individual, personal guidance you need. There is preparation and practice for all four modules - Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing - and all aspects of exam technique.

Courses are intensive IELTS Preparation (not a General English Course). They include personal interviews/progress reviews, course materials and use of school facilities. They are not for beginners.

### The 6-week course

Group size	Maximum 12
Hours	23.5 classroom hours per week (1 hour = 60 minutes) No lessons on Friday afternoons.

### The IELTS week

Group size	Maximum 6
Hours	23.5 classroom hours (1 hour = 60 minutes) No lessons on Friday afternoon.
Test date	After The IELTS Week, we strongly recommend a gap of at least one week before taking the test.

### Tests

We are an IELTS Test Centre.

You can take your IELTS test here at HLA.

Please contact us or visit our website for test dates. We will be happy to send you an application form and supporting information pack – or you can download them from our website. [www.hla.co.uk](http://www.hla.co.uk)

To give yourself the best possible chance in the IELTS test, it is important to learn as much as you can about the exam in advance. We strongly recommend a preparation course.







## Business English

Good English is a basic element in business communication today, but the time you have for developing your competence and confidence is limited. This means you need to maximise its value.

We can help you do that. We look at your priorities – and your company's. We take care to understand your needs – your job, your English and your objectives.

- Your training gives you what you need to meet those priorities and objectives. This could mean intensive coaching for next month's presentation – and perhaps reworking your Powerpoint slides.

It could mean telephone practice so that, next time you call your customer, you have just the words you want.

It could mean finding the right language to get the best from your international team at next week's conference.

Or it could mean working together on written English so in future your letters, e-mails or reports will impress your readers but take half the time you needed before.

Or it could mean something completely different – which you'll explain to us.

Training is available for individuals and for closed groups.

- We can also help you write your company documentation – including brochures, presentations and annual reports.

Our clients tell us that our services meet their needs, helping people at all levels perform more confidently and effectively. Well-designed programmes, expertise with language, flexibility, partnership, good training and materials – and a friendly environment – are factors they identify.

Please contact us for more information.



## Other Services

Please contact us for more information about these services.

### **Special group courses**

These are designed to meet the needs of any particular group. Clients include:

- Teachers
- Universities and schools
- Companies
- Government ministries

### **Adult holiday courses**

Our adult holiday courses are for people who want to combine English study with a special interest. They are available for individuals and groups. Examples include:

- English Country Gardens
- Golf
- Discover Yorkshire

### **Cambridge exam preparation courses**

Candidates can prepare for a range of examinations, including the Cambridge main suite (First Certificate, Cambridge Advanced, PET, etc) – and, of course, IELTS.

### **IELTS tests for institutions**

We can provide IELTS tests for universities and other organisations on your own premises, depending on group size and dates.

### **BMAT test**

We are a Test Centre for BMAT (BioMedical Admissions Test). If you need the Test for university or veterinary college entry, you can take it here.

### **TOEIC tests for companies**

The TOEIC test gives employers a fast way to check their employees' level of English. As a Test Centre, we can provide TOEIC tests on your own premises, depending on group size and dates.







## Helping you live in Britain

Living in another country can be fun, exciting – and difficult at times.

We know you need to be comfortable in Britain so you can get the best from your language studies. We do everything we can to support you. If you have problems we will listen and help you find the answers you need.

It's a good idea to think carefully about where you would like to stay. Homestay means that you are a guest in someone's home and have the chance to speak English with them. The home may be a busy place at times and it may not be as comfortable as your home. You may not have your own bathroom and there may be no internet connection. If these things are important to you, then a hotel or guest house may be the right choice.

Some planning before you come here can help. Insurance and banking arrangements may need planning. Thinking about what clothes to bring, and any special foods from home, are important for most people. And you may also like to know that there are churches, mosques and temples here.

## Homestay and hotels in Harrogate

We know how important it is to be comfortable where you are staying. We can organise a "Home-stay" with local people for you – or a hotel or guest house.

The Homestay option includes room, breakfast and evening meal on weekdays. At weekends lunch (or a packed lunch) is also included. Harrogate is not a big town and most families are in walking distance, or a short bus ride, from the school.

Harrogate is an important conference town – so there are plenty of good guest houses and hotels. For information about hotels and guest houses, visit our website.

[www.hla.co.uk](http://www.hla.co.uk)

For residential courses, we can provide accommodation at Harrogate Ladies College.

## Harrogate Town

Typically English, Harrogate combines the best of tradition with a cosmopolitan, modern feel. It's a lovely place with a stylish mix of new and old.

Harrogate is famous for its natural waters, its international conference centre and its flowers. With 70,000 people, it offers shops, parks, gardens, tearooms, cafés, restaurants, bars, entertainments and attractions.

Harrogate is an excellent base for visiting both countryside and cities. And it's less than 30 minutes drive from the nearest international airport, Leeds/Bradford.

## Free Time in and near Harrogate

There is so much you can do here. In addition to all its traditional attractions, Harrogate has the facilities you expect in a major conference town with plenty of restaurants, bars, clubs, sports, music, theatre and so on.

Harrogate is less than 15 km from the fantastic countryside of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and less than 30 km from the cities of Leeds and York (with direct trains to both). North Yorkshire offers sports, holidays, ancient and modern culture, technology, history, business, and much more.

We organise a social programme to help you mix with others and explore Harrogate and nearby places.





## Getting Here

Travel to Harrogate is easy.

**Air** These airports are all less than 2 hours by car from Harrogate:

- Leeds/Bradford (our local airport)
- Manchester
- Liverpool
- East Midlands
- Newcastle
- Teesside
- Robin Hood

**Train** Visit [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) for details of times and prices.

**Bus** Visit [www.nationalexpress.co.uk](http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk) for details of times and prices.

## Airport Taxi Transfers

We are happy to arrange transfers for you at any time of day or night.

We use an excellent local company. We have worked with them for many years. They have high quality cars and the drivers are always helpful. They will meet you and take you directly to your Homestay or hotel.

## Directions for Drivers



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