

Make new friends & have fun at a great school!

Student Activities & Excursions*

At Castle School we want you to have fun, make friends and experience life in England as well as learn the English language. Leisure activities such as outings, cultural visits, sports, and other excursions are regularly provided.

You will have a good opportunity to enjoy a real taste of Brighton and the surrounding countryside.

As well as outings within Brighton these include trips to:

- London
- Oxford
- Bath
- Stonehenge
- Lewes
- Seven Sisters Country Park

*Please note that some of these activities and excursions may incur additional costs.

Young Learner Groups, Activities & Trips

At Castle School we offer our young learner groups a unique and exciting programme. We guarantee that our experienced teachers will create classes full of enjoyable learning activities. Group students can make the most of their stay through our fantastic range of afternoon and evening activities: days out in London and other nearby locations, half-day excursions in the beautiful area that surrounds us, and fun evenings out in Brighton, one of the most vibrant cities in the UK, are just a few of the things your students could experience while practising their English skills.

We provide homestay accommodation, as we believe this is the most effective way to practise English outside of the classroom, giving students the opportunity to experience British culture and family life first hand. We understand and value the importance of a good home, and we work hard to always guarantee excellent standards. We offer young learner groups 4 differently priced products, which depend exclusively on your budget and requirements.

All of them are flexible and can be adjusted to suit your preferences. Band A is our great value budget trip where our range of activities is available but optional. Each band increases the activities included in the price until you reach Band D – our flagship trip with something for everyone.

A group trip (Band B) typically includes:

- 15 hours of English classes per week
- Walking Tour of Brighton
- Half day trip to the Seven Sisters
- Visit to Brighton Pavilion
- Sports activities
- Bowling
- Film / Quiz night
- Full day trip to London
- Shared half board homestay accommodation
- Return airport transfers
- Weekly Bus pass for Brighton and Hove



Entertainment & Shopping

Brighton & Hove probably has the best choice of entertainment on the south coast. In the city you will find several cinemas, concert halls and theatres. Top names in the music world regularly perform here before moving to London's West End. In addition, Brighton & Hove has a reputation for some of the best nightclubs outside London with top DJ's regularly playing here.

From the modern shopping mall in Churchill Square to the antique jewellery shops of the 'Lanes' in the old town to the bohemian shops of the North Laine district, there is something for everyone.

Special Events

Throughout the year the city is host to many festivals and special events.

- The Brighton Festival of Arts and Music, held in May, is one of the largest festivals in Europe.
- The London to Brighton Bike Ride, in June every year, is Europe's largest cycle event.
- The Brighton Food Festival takes place in September.
- The London to Brighton Veteran Car Run takes place on the first Sunday of every November and commemorates the Emancipation run of 1896.
- Lewes Bonfire Night – 5th November is the UK's night for fireworks and most towns and cities will have a display. Lewes, a market town 6 miles from Brighton and Hove, has the most riotous, historic and extensive celebrations in the region.
- December – Burning of the Clocks. A parade, fireworks, and a symbolic burning of paper clocks to mark the end of the year.

Sports

As well as sports centres and swimming pools, there are sports facilities available for sailing, windsurfing, beach volleyball, golf, cycling, football, basketball and tennis, amongst others.



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Brighton

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Learn with Castle School

Castle School was founded in 2003 to offer English courses to adult students over the age of 16. We are located in the heart of Brighton, one of the most vibrant cities in England. We provide the opportunity to fully immerse in English culture and maximise your learning potential.

Between 750 and 1000 students learn with Castle School every year and we pride ourselves on maintaining high academic standards and offering professional student services. The academic team is staffed with qualified and experienced teachers, who are both professional and friendly and who continuously strive to ensure that the level of English language tuition is excellent.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school and helping you achieve your goals.

General English Courses

STANDARD & INTENSIVE COURSE

The Standard & Intensive Course is designed to give you the confidence to communicate effectively in real-life situations. The course provides a balanced programme, focusing on the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing, whilst covering essential grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, idioms and colloquial language. It provides effective training for students who need English for work, study or travel and can provide preparation for a number of exams: IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC, KET, PET, FCE, CAE CPE.

The Standard course is the perfect choice for students who are looking for a short/medium length course.

The Intensive course is excellent for students who have a short amount of time to study and who want to make a substantial difference to their communication ability.

At Castle School we have lots of courses to help you learn English fast. If you want to learn English, we have a course for you!

Please note that classes at Elementary level are only offered on our Standard course (15 hours per week) and not on the Semi-Intensive or Intensive course.

Afternoon and Evening courses are available part-time or full-time.

SEMI-INTENSIVE COURSE

The Semi-intensive English Course follows an integrated approach to language learning and you follow the same structure as the Standard Course, where classes cover all the essential English language skills; but this course also includes an extra 8 or 12 lessons to focus on and improve 'Specific English Skills'.

SEMI-INTENSIVE OPTION 1 21 Hours Per Week

Standard course + 6 hours per week (Tues and Thurs afternoons)

Specific English language skills include:

- Conversation & Pronunciation Club
- Grammar & Vocabulary Builder
- Listening & Speaking
- Writing & Speaking

SEMI-INTENSIVE OPTION 2 24 Hours Per Week

Standard course + 9 hours per week (Mon, Wed & Fri afternoons)

Specific English language skills include:

- Cambridge Exam preparation for CAE or FCE
- IELTS Exam preparation
- An introduction to Business English
*BEC Exam preparation optional



Exam Courses

FCE (First Certificate in English)

CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)

Cambridge ESOL courses at Castle School are designed to improve your overall language ability in addition to developing the language skills necessary to pass your chosen exam. They provide complete and careful preparation for all aspects of the examinations.

Entry onto these courses is dependent on passing the school entry examination to a sufficient level.

You should have completed an Upper-intermediate level course before starting an FCE course and a Pre-advanced course before starting a CAE course.

University Preparation

IELTS

(International English Language Testing System)

To gain entrance into an English speaking university, have a competitive edge when applying for a job, enhance your career or move to a different country, you need an internationally recognised qualification. The IELTS qualification will prove you have the necessary standard of English skills required by employers and universities.

IELTS is the International English Language Testing System. It measures your ability to communicate in English across all four language skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) and is for people who intend to study or work where English is the language of communication. The appropriate IELTS score is now the standard requirement for entry to a UK university. IELTS training improves skills required for studying at university - it is really good practice for writing essays/taking notes during lectures and researching topics in libraries and/or online.

Special Options

BUSINESS ENGLISH

The aim of this course is to provide an accessible introduction to key concepts in today's business world. Together with your teacher you will discuss your English language learning priorities and the core professional skills you wish to focus on.

Emphasis is placed on communication tasks, which give you the opportunity to practise fluency and build confidence in business situations. You may also want to achieve further success with a recognised qualification that will make you an asset as an employee. Business English Certificates, (BEC).

ONE-TO-ONE ENGLISH

One-to-One tuition is the ultimate course for making maximum progress during a short period of time.

This is a great way of accelerating your progress!

CONVERSATION & PRONUNCIATION

The aim of this course is to provide you with models of language as it is used in contemporary society, using topics which are varied and genuinely interesting. The classroom activities and worksheets provide you with practice in using expressions, conversation strategies and grammatical items that are relevant to your needs in the 'real world'.

Throughout the course the target language, aspects of pronunciation, grammatical items and conversation strategies are presented in context, within a communicative framework, so that you are led to see the link between form and meaning. During the lessons there will be a balance between individual, pair work and group work to help develop your confidence and learner autonomy. Teachers will use a variety of course book and authentic supplementary materials.

Course Information

The minimum age to study at Castle School is 16 years of age. However, in the summer we also offer classes specifically aimed at students between the ages of 12 to 16. Throughout the year we offer classes to closed groups of young learners with a minimum age of 12.

It is important that you understand that Castle School cannot supervise under 18s at all times during their stay. A consent form must be signed and this will acknowledge that under 18s have a degree of freedom and autonomy and will not be supervised outside class, organised activities and at weekends. Under 18 students will also be expected to travel to school independently and consent from a parent or guardian will also be required for this.

1 Lesson is 45 minutes

15 hours/20 lessons is the minimum number of hours required for UK student visa issue.

The school is closed on public/bank holidays. You do not get any refund if there is a bank holiday during your course.

Timetable am: 09.15 - 12.30
pm: 13.15 - 16.30
eve: 18.15 - 21.30

Lessons take place at 12 & 41 Dyke Road, Brighton, and also in additional classrooms close by during the summer months.

Courses for Teachers

ASSESSING ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSROOM METHODOLOGY AND LEARNER OUTCOMES

Castle School will be regularly running two week courses for non-native teachers of English to help improve not only their understanding of the English language, but also to examine the various approaches used in the classroom, how students' needs are met, and learner outcomes assessed.

The first course is entitled 'Assessing English Language Classroom Methodology and Learner Outcomes'. The course is for 21 hours per week and all students must attend both weeks.

Areas looked at include:

*Using Music as a learning tool.
Creativity in the classroom.
Needs Analysis - a practical guide.
An eclectic approach?
Assessing student progress.*

Other courses will be added in the future.



TEACHERS WHO CARE:

- Enjoy teaching
- Are all native speakers of English
- Are qualified and experienced
- Correct your mistakes so you learn faster
- Understand that you are different & individual
- Are enthusiastic, cheerful and helpful

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY AT CASTLE SCHOOL

- 1 The promotion of high academic achievement
- 2 Affordable prices linked with high quality teaching
- 3 Excellent central location
- 4 Morning, Afternoon and Evening classes available
- 5 Small caring school with the time and energy to help you with your stay and study in Brighton