

## Notes to Editor

### British Council 2014 Summer English Courses

#### Pre-school and Kindergarten

Course name	Course description	Duration
18-36 months Stay & Play (July, August)	Parents and children are invited to join a Teddy Bear's picnic in July, and to dive under the ocean to meet the sea creatures in August.	9 hours
K1 Introduction to phonics (July) <sup>1</sup> – <b>NEW</b>	Children will be taught that learning phonics begins with an understanding of the sounds, pace, rhythm and timing of language.	9 hours
K1 Welcome to School! (August) <sup>1</sup>	The welcoming classrooms help children feel relaxed in a school setting. Teachers select activities to engage children's curiosity and imagination.	9 hours
K2 Commotion in the ocean (July) <sup>2</sup>	With the focus on improving speaking and listening skills, children will be introduced to whales, walruses and other wonderful sea creatures using a poetic story.	18 hours
K2 Fairy Tales Adventure (August) <sup>2</sup>	Children will improve their speaking and listening skills by responding to stories, performing role-plays and completing craft activities.	18 hours
K2-K3 K-Phonics (July, August) <sup>2</sup>	In this course, children learn about the relationship between the written letters and individual sounds of spoken language. By learning about this relationship, children learn to read and spell age-appropriate words. The course incorporates good practice from the 'Letters and Sounds' and 'Jolly Phonics' programmes.	12 hours
K3 Interview Topics (July, August) <sup>2</sup>	This is a speaking course where the children explore topics that may arise during their Primary admission interview. Topics include family, school, hobbies and the home.	9 hours
K3 Rumble in the Jungle (July) <sup>2</sup>	Adventurous children should come on a jungle safari where they will be packing their suitcases, flying off and spotting wild animals. This course is designed to practise reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.	18 hours

<sup>1</sup> This course only accepts children who will be aged 3 on or before 31 August 2014.

<sup>2</sup> A short classroom experience for parents takes place at the end of the course.

K3 Speech and Drama (July, August) <sup>2</sup>	Children will be involved in all aspects of putting on a small play based on a story book. From making props to practising voice projection, children will love the process of making drama happen and will perform in an end of course play.	18 hours
K3 The Smartest Giant (August) <sup>2</sup>	With a focus on improving all four skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking – children will delight in the poetry and sounds of the English language during this course.	18 hours
K3 Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses – Success in Starter (July, August)	Maximise children's success with the internationally-recognised examination <b>Cambridge English: Starters</b> . Specially-designed materials created by qualified teachers with extensive experience preparing students for the examination are used. The course complements children's existing English language learning programme and makes preparing for the examination both fun and effective by using challenging and engaging activities.	24 hours

## Primary

Course name	Course description	Duration
P1 Prepare for Primary (July) <sup>2</sup>	Children will develop their communication skills through speaking and writing and experienced teachers help the class to cope with the transition from Kindergarten to Primary school.	18 hours
P1 All Abroad for Primary School! (August) <sup>2</sup>	Children will practise their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills through a fantastic voyage to the North Pole! Dedicated teachers will also help the class with the transition from Kindergarten to Primary school activities.	18 hours
P1-P2 Phonics (July, August) <sup>2</sup>	Children are taught to use the relationship between the written letters and individual sounds of spoken language to read and spell age-appropriate words. They are also introduced to alternative spelling and sentence building.	12 hours
P2 Use Your English (July) <sup>2</sup>	Using their speaking and writing skills, the children engage with two different kinds of stories during this course and explore the themes that arise through collaboration with other children.	18 hours
P2 Improve Your English (August) <sup>2</sup>	We help children improve their all-round skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing by reading and responding to popular story books.	18 hours

P3-P4 Writing Skills (July, August)	The children will focus on the importance of drafting, analysing and editing their work and will practise these skills through writing six different text types.	18 hours
P3-P4 Boost Your English (July) <sup>2</sup>	The courses require a curious mind, an eager imagination and a sense of adventure as we use thrilling topics to improve speaking, writing, reading and listening skills and improve grammar and vocabulary.	18 hours
P3-P4 Speech and Drama (July, August) <sup>2</sup>	Speaking skills, such as fluency, intonation, voice projection and gestures are practised as children work towards starring in their own play with their classmates.	9 hours
P3-P4 Develop Your English (August) <sup>2</sup>	The course focuses on introducing and improving on key grammar and vocabulary needed for children at their level. The children will participate in role plays, discussion, and presentations and complete writing texts such as reports, stories and poems.	18 hours
P5-P6 Practise Your English (July) <sup>2</sup>	Children will practise their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills by working together with their classmates and collaborating on producing big, challenging projects.	18 hours
P5-P6 Debating Skills (July, August) <sup>2</sup>	Children who would like to learn more about competitive debating will explore the skills of notetaking, listening and responding to arguments and the phrases and language used in debating.	9 hours
P5-P6 Writing Skills (July, August) <sup>2</sup>	Six different text types will be explored and written by children, which will teach them about the importance of planning, paragraphing, ordering ideas and improving drafts in order to be a successful writer.	18 hours
P5-P6 Enhance Your English (August) <sup>2</sup>	Critical thinking and collaboration on big group projects help children to use their English for real-life purposes and use new grammar and vocabulary on this course.	18 hours

P1-P6 Cambridge Exam Preparation Course (July, August)	<p>Maximise your child's success with the internationally-recognised examinations <b>Cambridge English: Starters, Movers, Flyers, Key for Schools and Preliminary for Schools</b>. We use specially-designed materials created by qualified teachers with extensive experience preparing students for the examinations. Our courses complement your child's existing English language learning programme and make preparing for examinations both fun and effective by using challenging and engaging activities.</p> <p>Courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Success in Starters (P1-P2)</li> <li>• Success in Movers (P3-P4)</li> <li>• Success in Flyers (P5-P6)</li> <li>• Success in Key for Schools (P5-P6)</li> <li>• Success in Preliminary for Schools (P5-P6)</li> </ul>	24 hours
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## **Secondary**

<b>Course name</b>	<b>Course description</b>	<b>Duration</b>
S1-S2 Develop Your Skills (July, August)	Improve all-round skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing by exploring more challenging topics, such as solving mysteries and movie-making, using our state of the art technology.	9 hours
S1-S2 Debating Skills (July, August)	Students who would like to learn more about competitive debating will explore the skills of notetaking, listening and responding to arguments and the phrases and language used in debating.	18 hours
S1-S2 Young Writers' Group (July, August)	Important skills such as notetaking, planning, drafting and editing, and thinking about writing as a complex process are the aims of this course, where you will produce multiple text types practising these key skills.	18 hours

S1-S2 Cambridge Exam Preparation Course(July, August)	<p>Maximise children's success with the internationally-recognised examinations <b>Cambridge English: Key for Schools and Preliminary for Schools</b>. Specially-designed materials created by qualified teachers with extensive experience preparing students for the examination are used. The courses complement your existing English language learning programme and make preparing for exams both fun and effective by using challenging and engaging activities.</p> <p>Courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Success in Key for Schools (S1-S2)</li> <li>• Success in Preliminary for Schools (S1-S2)</li> </ul>	24 hours
S3-S4 Young Writers' Group (July, August)	<p>Students will become more confident with different text types and the process of writing after completing this course. Focused activities and constructive feedback from the teacher and peers will help students to become a successful future writer</p> <p>.</p>	18 hours
S3-S4 Enhance Your Skills (July, August)	<p>With electives on the horizon, these courses help students to understand different elective text types, such as poems, drama, popular culture and sports communication.</p>	18 hours
S5-S6 DSE Preparation (July, August)	<p>Develop examination strategies and widen language range with extensive examination practise and feedback, using materials specifically designed to challenge and motivate children.</p>	18 hours
S5-S6 An Introduction to Academic Writing (July, August)	<p>Raise students' awareness of the multiple components necessary when writing academic essays, such as critical thinking, organising ideas, composing paragraphs and editing. This is perfect for anyone wishing to prepare for essay writing in English at university.</p>	18 hours
S5-S6 IELTS Language Preparation Course (July)	<p>This 54-hour course develops students' language competency with a focus on examinations techniques and skills. Students will be introduced to and thoroughly practise the language skills and examinations techniques for all aspects of the examinations.</p> <p>The minimum age we accept for IELTS is 16 years old.</p>	54 hours
S5-S6 IELTSExam Skills Modular (July, August)	<p>This modular course consists of four modules – Speaking, Reading &amp; Listening, Writing Task 1 and Writing Task 2. Students can focus on the particular skill they need to develop or take all four six-hour modules.</p> <p>The minimum age we accept for IELTS is 16 years old.</p>	6-24 hours

<b>S5-S6 IELTS Full Mock Exam</b> (July, August) – <b>NEW</b>	<p>In this mock exam, students will get the most authentic exam experience in Listening, Academic Reading, Academic Writing and Speaking, and receive 1-to-1 personalised post-mock exam feedback and help from IELTS experts on how to improve their performance in all the key areas of the exam.</p> <p>The minimum age we accept for IELTS is 16 years old.</p>	-
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