Secondary and DSE English Courses 2020–21

Strengthen your core skills
Put your learning into practice

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The British Council builds connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English language.

We help young people to gain the skills, confidence and connections they are looking for to realise their potential and to participate in strong and inclusive communities. We support them to learn English, to get a high-quality education and to gain internationally recognised qualifications. Our work in arts and culture stimulates creative expression and exchange and nurtures creative enterprise.

The British Council provides learners with a rewarding and stimulating English language learning experience. Our teachers, who receive world-class training and use highly effective teaching methodologies, aim to help all learners reach their full potential. This is achieved through respecting our learners as diverse individuals and encouraging them to be active participants in their own learning.

When students book an English course with us, we promise:

- experienced, internationally qualified teachers who have an expert level of proficiency in English and will get the best out of each student
- 100% face-to-face lessons based on constant interaction between students and the teacher
- specially designed courses which complement the Secondary English language curriculum and help prepare them for the DSE exam
- regular feedback throughout the course and encouragement as students progress with their learning.

We firmly believe that all children have potential and that every child matters – everywhere in the world. Children are a top priority as they have a unique honesty and willingness to exchange knowledge and ideas that can meaningfully build trust and make a sustainable difference in the future worldwide.
Meet our teachers

Our teaching team comprises a diverse and varied group of English speakers. We believe that this diversity brings great value to us as an organisation and also to you, our customers and students. Our Hong Kong team of over 110 teachers is trained to help students achieve their goals. What all of our teachers share is a commitment to quality education and the skills, experience and training which will help them deliver on that commitment.

Internationally qualified

All British Council teachers are experienced and internationally qualified. In addition to a first degree, they all hold professional teaching qualifications.

Experienced and up-to-date

The British Council has been helping students around the world for over 80 years and remains at the forefront of English language teaching. Our teachers receive continuous professional development on employing the latest teaching methodologies, techniques and technologies for teaching modern, real-life English.

Our teaching methodology

At the British Council, we help our students maximise their English learning potential. We use the most effective methodologies for developing real communicative ability. We believe that face-to-face interaction between students, and with the teacher, is the best way for students to learn English.

Sign up for one of our courses and master the language skills that you need to be successful in your school exams, in the DSE exam and in global society.

Our Secondary and DSE courses:

- are taught by experienced and internationally qualified teachers in a small-class setting which is focused on interaction between teacher and students
- develop your speaking skills and pronunciation, and consolidate your knowledge of grammar through engaging lessons with lots of speaking opportunities, unlike ‘one-way’ tutorial-style lessons
- help you learn English by using topics you care about, with a stimulating and motivating curriculum that sparks your creativity and lets you express yourself fully
- help you prepare for English exams at school by providing regular practice of exam skills
- help you prepare for the DSE exam by giving you the opportunity to apply the exam skills you have developed to DSE-style tasks
- help you develop your critical thinking skills and confidence to benefit your everyday communication in our internationalised world
- use a wide range of learning materials, including videos, songs, websites, computer games, books and magazines, to help you understand the formats, genres and styles of English that you will encounter in the modern world.
These project-based courses prepare you so that you can become a confident and competent user of English. You will:

• be exposed to rich and meaningful real-world language use
• explore patterns of language use
• carry out engaging and relevant tasks
• construct a broad and solid knowledge base of the modern world by linking what happens in the classroom to life across this city, Asia and the world.

The courses improve your understanding of the lives and cultures of others and how these compare with your own (an important part of building multiple perspectives). They also develop your citizenship, critical-thinking and leadership skills.

Academic and exam skills are integrated into each module. Language contexts are matched with local school curricula and the demands of school exams, with different formats of tasks and example answers being analysed. You will:

• learn strategies for answering exam-type questions well
• understand the skills needed to succeed in reading, writing, speaking and listening papers.

You will use online and in-class activities to develop and revise your language skills and follow a curriculum that supports personal growth by treating you as an individual.

The course involves online research and independent pre-lesson preparation in order to maximise time for learning and interaction in class. You will regularly receive personalised written and oral feedback from teachers on your performance and development.

Online activities provide grammar, reading and listening practice activities that allow you to consolidate and extend your learning.
This course focuses on developing students' speaking and interaction skills for group discussions and individual responses, as well as for Individual Presentations for the SBA.

**S3–S4**

What is this course like?

You will:
- learn how to plan and deliver a 3 to 5-minute presentation with confidence and organise your ideas effectively to engage your audience
- discuss issues critically, form opinions and express your views and arguments convincingly with suggestions
- learn to use appropriate gestures, facial expressions, intonation, eye contact and formulaic expressions to create engaging presentations
- learn ways to organise your information and arguments and learn how to express your views precisely.

Learning outcomes

You will:
- make suggestions, develop the ideas of others, disagree and offer alternatives in group discussion
- extend answers by giving facts and examples in individual responses
- increase your range of vocabulary and language patterns
- learn how to improve your fluency and accuracy so that you sound more natural.

Course fee

$2,580 per term

15% off* for registering for both Speaking Skills and Writing Skills in one transaction

Course length

9 weeks, 18 hours
One 2-hour lesson per week

Class size

12 students per class

*This course is only available to Level 3–4 and Level 3–4 Plus students who have registered for the Secondary Plus (S3–S4) in the September or February semester.

*Terms and conditions apply.
This course aims to develop your writing skills for different genres such as biographies, stories, formal and informal emails, product reviews, articles, scripts and reports.

What is this course like?

You will:
- draft, review and edit your writing in order to ensure that you are using the most appropriate vocabulary, tense, style and register
- widen your range of vocabulary through reading comprehension tasks, matching exercises, writing and discussions
- learn to write a wide range of texts for different audiences
- receive written and oral feedback from the teacher on how to improve.

Learning outcomes

You will:
- present different views and arguments logically and clearly
- use a range of discourse markers such as ‘although’ to show the development of your ideas
- improve your vocabulary and familiarity with different text types.

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Secondary Foundation Courses

S1–S4

These courses are specially designed for students who need more support to develop their language skills. You will develop confidence in using English through engaging in stimulating, challenging tasks and projects.

What are these courses like?

You will:
• learn how to use English in real-life situations
• focus on your pronunciation, expand your vocabulary, improve your grammar and become a more confident communicator in English
• participate in lots of guided activities, such as discussions and presentations related to topics that include food and drink, sports and games, and tourism and travel
• analyse interesting, useful and relevant videos and texts specially chosen for the Secondary courses syllabus
• receive personalised feedback on your individual performance and development.

Learning outcomes

You will:
• be encouraged to think critically and increase your ability to organise and express ideas well in writing and speaking
• improve accuracy and fluency
• improve pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar
• develop skills in understanding and responding to a wide range of texts
• become familiar with the question types and text types that you will encounter in school exams.

Course fee

HK$5,530 (Mon to Thu) or HK$6,080 (Fri) or HK$6,680 (Sat to Sun) per semester

Course length

19 weeks, 38 hours (September and February semesters)
One 2-hour lesson per week
### DSE Exam Preparation Courses

**S5**
Intermediate and Upper Intermediate

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### DSE Exam Preparation Courses

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Intermediate and Upper Intermediate

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<td>• participate in speaking exam practice tasks to help you learn the skills of generating ideas and turn-taking</td>
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<td>You will:</td>
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<td>• become confident in answering different question types in each paper of the DSE by learning techniques, strategies and useful vocabulary and expressions</td>
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This course is tailored for students who need more support with their language skills. You will develop your ability to express yourself and understand texts on a range of exam topics through completing challenging activities. You will build up your vocabulary and grammar and practise DSE exam tasks, and your teacher will offer personalised feedback on your individual performance to help you improve.

**What is this course like?**

You will:
- learn about how to avoid common grammatical mistakes
- expand vocabulary related to common exam topics
- learn how to use headings, sub-headings, sections and supporting sentences to organise the content and support your main ideas when writing
- practise listening and note-taking skills and answer reading-paper-style questions
- receive personalised feedback on your performance and development.

**Learning outcomes**

You will:
- be able to use a wider range of vocabulary and grammatical structures, increasing your chance of success in exams
- improve reading, writing, listening and speaking skills
- be more confident in expressing yourself in English.

**Course fee**

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**Course length**

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This comprehensive course offers:
- 1-on-1 personalised feedback
- exam question analysis
- a mock exam, with paper marking and analysis
- weekly drop-in consultation sessions to provide advice and support.

**What is this course like?**

**Paper 1 – Reading**
- identify the contextual meaning of words and phrases
- distinguish and evaluate views, attitudes and arguments in complex texts

**Paper 3 – Listening & Integrated Skills**

**Part A**
- paraphrase key information to record answers accurately
- predict the form of answers based on headings and prompts
- identify key details by identifying distractors and signposts

**Part B**
- paraphrase, summarise, skim and scan to extract key information
- interpret tables, charts and graphs

**Paper 2 – Writing**
- write texts for different contexts, audiences and purposes
- convey ideas effectively by using varied vocabulary and language patterns

**Paper 4 – Speaking**

**Group Interaction**
- maintain spoken exchanges using appropriate communication strategies, such as opening a discussion and asking for opinions

**Individual Response**
- produce coherent and organised responses with clearly presented ideas
- learn strategies for gaining thinking time and for dealing with follow-up questions

**Learning outcomes**

You will:
- receive tips and practise techniques
- maximise your potential score with useful vocabulary and language patterns for writing and speaking
- feel confident in answering questions quickly and effectively by developing an awareness of common topics and question types.

**Course fee**

HK$4,780

**Course length**

7 weeks, 21 hours
(February term)
One 3-hour lesson per week
Maximise your success with the internationally recognised examinations Cambridge English: A2 Key for Schools and B1 Preliminary for Schools. We use materials specially designed to focus on different aspects of the exam, providing students with valuable practice and exam strategies. Our courses complement your existing English language learning programme and make preparing for examinations both fun and effective by using challenging and engaging activities.

These courses are designed for students in S1–S2 with previous English-learning experience who want a short, specialised exam preparation course before taking a Cambridge exam.

What are these courses like?
These courses include:
- listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks integrated with specific exam techniques
- exam-type tasks throughout with individualised feedback
- tasks which use grammar and vocabulary relevant to the exam
- exam tips.

Learning outcomes
You will:
- develop confidence in approaching all task types in each paper of the exam
- practise all areas of the exam with authentic tasks.

Cambridge English: A2 Key for Schools (KET for Schools), B1 Preliminary for Schools (PET for Schools) and B2 First for Schools (FCE for Schools)
These internationally recognised certificates provide a pathway to higher qualifications. Cambridge English: A2 Key for Schools (KET for Schools) and B1 Preliminary for Schools (PET for Schools) are suitable for P5–S2 students as well as students with 10 shields or more in the Cambridge English: A2 Flyers. Cambridge English: B2 First for Schools (FCE for Schools) is suitable for S3–S6 students and students who have passed the Cambridge English: B1 Preliminary for Schools (PET for Schools).

For entry requirements and special offers on Cambridge English Qualifications, please call our Customer Services staff on 2913 5100.
Exam details: www.britishcouncil.hk/en/exam/cambridge

Course fee
HK$7,100 per semester

Course length
18 weeks, 27 hours
(September or February semester)
One 1.5-hour lesson per week
Our IELTS courses give you the confidence and skills required to get the score you need in the IELTS test. All of our IELTS courses offer exam techniques, helpful insights and individual feedback from our experienced and knowledgeable IELTS teachers.

IELTS Language Preparation Programme (Academic Module)
If you would like to combine your language competency with a focus on exam techniques and skills, then IELTS Language Preparation is the ideal course for you. You will:

- follow a Cambridge IELTS course book that is tailored to suit your current English level and needs
- receive clear advice from an expert teacher about each section of the exam, and tips on how to best approach the test questions
- focus on how to write effectively and speak skilfully in order to score well in the exam
- practise language and vocabulary specific to the exam so that you can maximise your potential score
- develop an awareness of common topics and questions that will help you feel more relaxed on the day of the test
- have access to free online IELTS skills modules for Speaking, Writing, Listening and Reading, plus grammar and vocabulary that targets the needs of Chinese learners.

IELTS Coach (Academic Module)
IELTS Coach is a programme designed for intermediate students and above. It aims to help you maximise your success on test day by equipping you with the strategies you need to succeed. Take the full course or choose one or more 18-hour modules depending on your needs:

- **IELTS Coach Listening** – you will practise skills and learn strategies that help improve your focus and perform better on the test.
- **IELTS Coach Reading** – you will learn strategies and skills to help you tackle all question types.
- **IELTS Coach Writing** – you will practise answering different Task 1 and Task 2 question types and focus on improving your performance in all four of the criteria.
- **IELTS Coach Speaking** – you will take part in speaking tasks and activities designed to maximise your score.

IELTS Exam Skills One-Day Workshop (Academic Module)
This is an intensive day of study with listening and reading in the morning and writing and speaking in the afternoon. You will learn practical skills and techniques to help you achieve your best score in the IELTS test.

IELTS Mock 1-to-1 (Academic and General Training Modules)
After writing a full length mock test, you will have a 90 minute one-to-one session with an IELTS expert who will focus on your needs, including speaking exam practice, personalised feedback on your written exam as well as advice on how to improve your performance in all key areas of the exam.

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<td>57 hours</td>
<td>4 modules</td>
<td>One day (10.00 – 17.00, including a 1-hour lunch break)</td>
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<td>Two 3-hour lessons per week over 9.5 weeks or One 3-hour lesson per week over 19 weeks</td>
<td>18 hours per module</td>
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<td>12 1.5-hour lessons for each module</td>
<td>Register for four modules to enjoy 25% off, and a free IELTS Mock 1-to-1 and IELTS Exams Skills One-Day Workshop</td>
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* Students aged 16 or 17 may join IELTS Coach with signed parental consent to study alongside Adult students. Students under 16 cannot study this course.
### Progression chart

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### Local School Level

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1. Suggested examinations according to your level.  
2. The minimum age accepted for IELTS is 16 years old.  
3. The minimum age accepted for Cambridge English: Pre-A1 Starters is 4 years old.
We ensure that parents and families are well informed about the centre and their child’s progress in class through various methods of communication.

These include:

- parent information booklets
- report cards
- SMS messages or telephone calls (for example, if a student misses a class, we will contact their parent as soon as possible)

Our aim is to continually improve the products and services that we offer and we are always happy to hear suggestions and ideas.

Special educational needs

We are committed to providing an inclusive learning environment in which students are given the support, wherever possible, to achieve their potential in a spirit of inclusion and acceptance. We value the abilities and achievements of all our students. We recognise that parents and families hold key information and knowledge about their child. If a child has a specific educational or medical need, we ask that parents share this knowledge at the time of registration. Lift access is available at all British Council English language centres in Hong Kong.

Course details: www.britishcouncil.hk/en/english/courses-holiday
LearnEnglish

The British Council has a wide range of free online resources to help children and teenagers learn English. The resources include videos, mobile apps, games, stories, listening activities and grammar exercises.

Get English on your mobile
Download our apps and get instant access to English learning resources. Improve your grammatical accuracy, learn new words, and improve your spelling. They are suitable for all English learners of all levels and you can learn at your own pace. Search for 'British Council' on your device's app store to download our apps!

More LearnEnglish apps:
www.britishcouncil.org/mobilelearning

LearnEnglish Teens website
The LearnEnglish Teens website is designed especially for students aged between 13 and 17 years old. On the site you can find language practice, tips for exams and help with grammar and vocabulary, as well as fun activities, videos, games and puzzles.

Details:
www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish teens

How can I learn through mobile apps?

If you have 5 minutes...
Play a quick word game! Test your vocabulary and spelling with Johnny Grammar’s Word Challenge.

Johnny Grammar’s Word Challenge
Beat the clock and answer as many grammar and vocabulary questions as you can in 60 seconds!

If you have 10 minutes...
Improve your listening and vocabulary skills with our LearnEnglish Podcasts app, or complete 20 grammar practice questions using our LearnEnglish Grammar app.

LearnEnglish Podcasts
Listen to our podcast hosts talk about life in the UK and improve your listening and vocabulary skills.

LearnEnglish Grammar (UK Edition)
Perfect your grammar by working through thousands of questions in this interactive grammar workbook.

If you have 20 minutes...
Build your confidence for an upcoming IELTS Academic or General Training test or simply improve your test taking skills with our IELTS Prep App.

IELTS Prep App
The app gives instant access to free practice tests, grammar tips, quizzes and sample Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking tasks.
Enrolment procedures

1. **Take an English entry test**

   New students (except IELTS Exam Skills One-Day Workshop and IELTS Mock 1-to-1 students) must take an English entry test at one of our Customer Services Centres, located in Admiralty and Tsim Sha Tsui.

   You can book the test in person or online at [www.britishcouncil.hk/en/english/book-course](http://www.britishcouncil.hk/en/english/book-course), or by phone on 2913 5100, up to 14 days before your preferred test day.

   Cost: HK$90 (non-refundable). Please pay by EPS or credit card; we do not accept cheques or cash.

   **Please contact us if you would like to apply for an exemption to the Cambridge Exam Preparation course English entry test.**

2. **Register for a course**

   New students (and students whose English entry test results are more than six months old) can register in person at one of our Customer Services Centres, located in Admiralty and Tsim Sha Tsui. You can also register by fax on 2913 5102, or by post to our Customer Services Centre in Admiralty.


**Special offers**

- **Referral programme**
  Receive a course voucher or gift voucher when referring a new student to register for selected English courses.

- **Instalment plan**
  Enjoy up to 12 months of interest-free instalments when you pay with designated credit cards.

**Events**

We have different events such as free demonstration lessons and parents’ workshops throughout the year. We invite you to stay up-to-date by visiting our website or by following us on our Facebook page.


**Notes**

1. English entry test results are valid for six months.
2. All students need to show proof of their school class and provide written parental permission before registration.
3. All students must present their HKID card or other valid documentation showing their eligibility to study in Hong Kong upon registration.
4. The referral programme is not applicable for Stay and Play, Phonics, Phonics for Parents, Skill-based English Courses, DSE Intensive Course + Free Mock Exam, IELTS Exam Skills One-Day Workshop and IELTS Mock 1-to-1. For the referral rewards for IELTS Language Preparation Programme and IELTS Coach, please refer to our website.
6. The British Council reserves the right to change the information in this booklet without prior notice. Please check our website for the latest information and terms and conditions.

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Saturday 09.00 – 18.00
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