



Welcome to Minimum The English Studio Central London

Accredited by the British Council and the ISI, we offer a range of high quality English courses at affordable rates. Learn English with us and you'll get individual attention and expert tuition in a caring and supportive environment. We know you'll enjoy studying with us. The English Studio is registered with the Home Office as a Tier 4 Highly Trusted Sponsor.





1. Accredited by the British Council & the ISI

Their marques are displayed in this book. We're very proud of this

2. We're in the heart of London Study with us and one of the

Study with us and one of the world's most exciting and multi-cultural cities is right outside your front door. All three of our campuses are in Central London's world-famous
West End

3. We offer unbeatable value Our courses are unbelievably

affordable for an accredited, central London language school.

4. We have great teachers

We make sure our teachers have the required qualifications and experience. We make sure they are nice too.

5. We help you find somewhere to live

There's nothing more stressful than trying to work out where to live. Relax. We offer a range of accommodation to suit all budgets – and all tastes.

6. We have excellent courses

In our courses, we don't just want to teach you English, we want to make English a language you'll love and use with confidence. Our teachers work hard to make every lesson relevant and inspiring. And there's a course for you, whatever your level or your goals.

7. We have friendly efficient staff

Friendliness is not a desirable quality in our staff... it's an absolute must have. Everyone who works at The English Studio is dedicated to making sure you get the most out of your time in London – both from your course and from this exciting city.

8. We have great facilities

All of our campuses are equipped with the most modern facilities such as interactive whiteboards so as to maximise our students' learning.

9. We have a free monthly newsletter

Our monthly newsletters include competitions, great offers, advice and support. It's the best way to make sure you get the most out of your time here.

10. Facebook and Twitter

Lots of our students stay in touch through our Facebook page and Twitter account.

11. We have free high-speed internet

Being a long way from home is a lot of fun. But sometimes you might feel a little homesick. Fortunately, all our schools have high-speed wireless internet access. Completely free.

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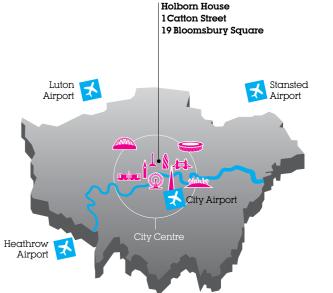
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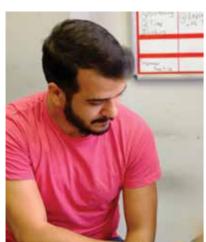
















Our courses

We want you to enjoy learning English as much as we enjoy teaching it! And we make sure the English we teach you in our classes is relevant and useful to you outside the classroom.

As with all our English courses, we teach to a high standard and you will be in a class that deserves its British Council and ISI accreditation. The lessons are imaginative and structured to allow maximum time to learn and practise new language.

You will build your English vocabulary and learn colloquial English, idioms and grammar to help you be as fluent as possible. We will also focus on phonology to help you improve your accent. Our skilled and friendly teachers use a variety of teaching methods to make sure that you'll always be challenged. But if you get stuck, they're there to help.

All our courses are specially designed to make the most of learning English in one of the greatest cities in the world.

Books & resources

We use interesting textbooks, videos, games and group activities to share and practise how English is used by native English speakers every day. But remember, you will need to buy the correct course book for your chosen English course. You can buy the book for your course from the reception at Holborn or Bloomsbury when you arrive. Course books usually cost between £22 and £32.

Language assessment

Your level of English is assessed before you start the course so that we can place you in a class that will be manageable, but at the same time challenge you to improve your English. After you enrol, take the online placement test: www.englishstudio.com/placement test/

Your enrolment test will tell us more about your level of English. We'll then allocate you to a certain class, which is assigned a certain colour. The colour system is a great way for you to know exactly how you're improving as you follow the course and move from one level to the next.

In assessing your level, we don't just look at your score on the level test. We want to find out what exactly you want to achieve from your time with us. We recognise that you are an individual and you have a specific set of needs.

If you tell us what they are, we'll know how to help you better. And just as a gardener's work doesn't end when they plant the flowers, our assessment of you continues regularly throughout the course.

General English Courses

Our General English Courses are for students of all levels of English: from complete beginners to advanced speakers. No matter how much you already know, all of our General English Courses will help you to speak English better and more fluently.

Intensive English Courses

Our Intensive English Courses will fast track you to communicating easily and confidently in English. We use fun, innovative and interactive teaching styles to help you achieve your full potential quickly.

Business English Courses

The Business English Course will give you the confidence to work with English speaking colleagues, clients and suppliers. Our course allows you to study and practise the examination skills for the Cambridge Business English Certificates (BEC).

Exam Preparation Courses

If you're studying for any of the Cambridge ESOL examinations, our special Exam Preparation Courses will give you the skills and the practice that you need to succeed. Our practical and fun teaching style will ensure that you excel in your exams.

One-to-One Courses

If you want to improve your English very quickly, or want to learn English for a specific reason, then we recommend our One-to-One English Classes. Like a tailor's suit from Savile Row, our teachers adapt their programmes and styles specifically to your particular needs and learning style in order to help you achieve your goals quickly.

English & Work Programme

The English & Work programme is designed for students who want to spend time in the United Kingdom to improve their language skills and widen their cultural horizons in paid and unpaid work placements. This is only available to EU students.

Online Lessons

If you can't find the right English teacher for you where you live, don't worry! The miracle of modern technology makes it possible for us to conduct one-to-one classes anywhere in the world with you via Skype.

Group Programmes 10-17 years

Our Group Programme is tailored to meet each group's specific requirements and budget. We are able to help with exam preparation, Content & Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) or General English. Our tailored courses ensure that each achieve remarkable results, while enabling the students to experience the fantastic variety of British culture in and around London.

Individual Programmes 16 & 17 years

This flexible programme enables students to tailor their courses according to their specific requirements. Our Central London campus enables students to socialise with peers and senior students, while enjoying a friendly learning environment.

Junior Summer School 12-15 years

We have over 15 years' experience in teaching English and you simply won't find an English Summer School in London that is better value for money. It is a safe, fun and unforgettable experience for all 12 to 17 year-olds. All of our teachers have special training to teach young learners.



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Our courses

General English

Our General English Courses are for people of all levels of English, from complete beginners to near-native speakers. No matter how much you already know, all of our General English Courses will teach you to speak English better and more fluently.

We'll develop your practical communication skills, with special emphasis on speaking, pronunciation and listening. Our skilled and friendly teachers use a variety of teaching methods to make sure that you get plenty of practice. We want you to enjoy learning English as much as we enjoy teaching it! And we want the English that we teach you in our classes to be relevant and useful outside the classroom.

As with all our English courses, we teach to an exceptionally high standard and you will be in a class that deserves its British Council and ISI accreditation.

General English 15

The lessons on our General English 15 Course are imaginative and structured to allow maximum time to learn and practise new language.

You will build your English vocabulary and learn colloquial English, idioms and grammar to help you be as fluent as possible. We use interesting textbooks, videos, games and group activities to share and practise how English is used by native English speakers every day.

Class size: Max 22

Mon-Fri class hours: 15 Morning Class: 08:45-12:00 or Noon Class: 12:00-15:15 or Afternoon Class: 15:15-18:30 all with 15 min break

General English 20

This course is for you if you want to generally improve your English, but want even more practice with your conversation skills – both talking and listening. Our General English 20 Courses are for people of all levels of English who want to add an extra hour a day of conversation, writing or grammar practice to their course.

Your level of English will be assessed before you start the course, so that we can place you in a class that will be manageable, but which will also challenge you to improve your English.

Class size: Max 22 Mon-Fri class hours: 20 Morning class 08.45-12.00

General English includes 15 min break Followed by 1 hour Writing, Conversation or Grammar class

OR
1 hour Writing, Conversation
or Grammar class followed by
Afternoon class 15.15-18.30
General English

includes 15 min break Conversation Classes

Our English Conversation
Classes are a great way to get
some extra 'talk time'. They take
place every day and last for an
hour. You can either top up your
General English class by adding
an extra hour of conversation a
day, or just drop in for an hour
a day no matter what other
course you're doing with us.

Class size: Max 22
Mon-Fri class hours: 5
Class times: 12:05-13:05
/ 13:10-14:10 / 14:15-15:15
These class times are

dependent on your level

of English.

Focus on Writing

This course is designed to offer you extra practice in writing. It is particularly useful for students taking the Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE), the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) and the IELTS exams. But even if you're not taking one of the Cambridge exams it will help you to practise a variety of writing skills and styles. You'll be challenged in this class to write in a variety of styles for a variety of different situations. This means you'll get to build your vocabulary while also practising the different tones and sentence constructions that different types of writing need.

Class size: Max 22
Mon-Fri class hours: 5
Classes: 12:05-13:05
/ 13:10-14:10 / 14:15-15:15
These class times are dependent on your level of English.

Grammar Classes

Our specially-tailored grammar courses are ideal for all students of all levels. Each day, a specific area of grammar is covered in depth. We show you how the structures you study can be used to make a huge and noticeable difference to the quality of your spoken and written English. This course will also be invaluable for those hoping to take a Cambridge exam in the future.

Class size: Max 22 Mon-Fri class hours: 5 12:05-13:05 / 13:10-14:10 / 14:15-15:15

These class times are dependent on your level of English.

Our courses

Intensive English

Our Intensive English Courses will fast track you to communicating easily and confidently in English. We use fun, innovative and interactive teaching styles to help you achieve your full potential quickly. If your time in the UK is limited, but you really want your English to get much better, then you can choose one of our intensive courses, which are specifically designed to accelerate your improvement. Are they hard work? Yes. Do they produce great results? Oh yes!

Intensive English 25

For the Intensive English 25 lessons we use interesting text books, videos, games and group activities to share and practise how English is used by native English speakers every day. An extra hour a day of writing practice plus an extra hour a day of conversation will soon have you comfortably conversing.

Class size: Max 22
Mon-Fri class hours: 25
Morning class 08.45-12.00
General English
includes 15 min break
Followed by 2 x 1 hour classes
either Writing, Conversation
or Grammar
OR
2 x 1 hour classes either Writing,

Conversation or Grammar followed by

Afternoon class 15.15-18.30

Afternoon class 15.15-18.3 General English class includes 15 min break

Intensive English 30

If you're serious about improving your English fast then Intensive English is the option for you. With this option you get to attend a General English course plus one hour each of conversation, writing and grammar class or if you prefer you may want to focus on Business English or on preparing for a specific Cambridge English exam.

Class size: Max 22
Mon-Fri class hours: 30
Morning class 08.45-12.00
General English includes 15 min break
Followed by 3 x 1 hour classes Writing, Conversation and Grammar
OR
3 x 1 hour classes Writing,
Conversation and Grammar

Afternoon class 15.15-18.30 General English class includes 15 min break

followed by

Business English

The Business English Course will give you the confidence to work or start a business with English-speaking colleagues, clients and suppliers. Our course allows you to study and practise the exam skills for the Cambridge Business English Certificates (BEC).

In order to succeed in the modern world of business, you need to be able to communicate effectively using the specific language required in a business environment. A specific set of skills relating to business is essential for anyone hoping to make their career in the world of international business. Our Business English Course will provide you with those skills. You will need to be at B1 level ready to follow a course at B2 level.

Business English

Our Business English classes focus on the language skills that you will need in everyday business situations:

- Conducting business over the telephone
- Writing business letters and emails
- Negotiating
- Attending meetings
- Writing reports

We cover business vocabulary for areas such as marketing, business administration, finance and E-commerce.

Your level of English will be assessed before you start the course, so that we can place you in a class that will be manageable, but which will also challenge you to improve your Business English.

Class size: Max 22 Weekly class hours: 15 Class times Mon-Fri: 08:45-12:00 includes 15 min break



Our courses

Exam Preparation

If you're studying for any of the Cambridge ESOL examinations, our special English Exam Preparation Courses will give you the skills and the practice that you need to succeed. Our practical and fun teaching style will help you to excel in your exams.

We are sure that any course you do with us will improve your English, but wouldn't it be great to leave the UK with a world-recognised qualification in English? The Cambridge suite of English language exams are among the most respected in the world and can open doors for you when your course finishes. At The English Studio, we have a proven track record of successfully preparing people for Cambridge exams.

Cambridge FCE, CAE & CPE Exam Preparation

Our Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses are an intensive preparation for all elements of these Cambridge ESOL examinations.

Whether you want to sit the Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE), the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (Cambridge CPE) our classes will give you the support and practice that you need. The English Studio is accredited by the British Council to prepare students for the Cambridge ESOL examinations. Course duration: we recommend 12 weeks minimum to benefit from this course. FCE You will need to be at B1 level ready to follow a course at B2 level. CAE and CPE you will need to be at C1 level to follow a course at C2 level.

Class size: Max 22 Mon-Fri class hours: 15 Class times: 08:45-12:00 / 12:00-15:15 / 15:15-18:30 includes a 15 min break

Cambridge IELTS Exam Preparation

Our Cambridge IELTS
Preparation Courses include
intensive practice in the
examination techniques that
you will have to master to get
the IELTS score you need.
Your teacher will give you
detailed feedback throughout
the course on how you can
improve in each technique.

You will have sessions that focus on your listening, your speaking, your reading and your writing skills to give you plenty of practice for the four parts of the examination. Your preparation will also include essay writing, fluent and accurate speaking, as well as describing and interpreting graphs and charts. You will need to be at B2 level to follow a course at C1 level.

Class size: Max 22

Weekly class hours: 15 Class times Mon-Fri: 08:45-12:00 or 12:00-15:15 or 15:15-18:30 includes a15 min break

Cambridge IELTS Exam Preparation Plus 20

This is the course for you if you want a more intensive preparation for your IELTS exam with an extra hour each day dedicated to writing practice. If you're preparing for either the General IELTS exam or the Academic IELTS exam we can help you make the most of your preparation time. You will need to be at B2 level to follow a course at C1 level.

Class size: Max 22 Mon-Fri class hours 20 Morning class 08.45-12.00 IELTS includes 15 min break Followed by 1 hour writing class

1 hour writing class followed by **Afternoon class 15.15-18.30** IELTS includes 15 min break

Focus on Writing

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Our courses

One-to-One

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Each set of One-to-One sessions will be designed by your teacher specifically for you - the only student in the class. Your teacher will consider your level of English, what you're interested in, what you want to achieve, and how you learn best. Then they will plan your course around that.

You might want to focus on developing your practical communication skills, your writing or grammar, or on developing situation-specific skills or building your vocabulary for a particular industry. We'll find interesting and relevant course materials that will be used in our sessions to help you acquire the English language skills that are important to you.

Class size: **Just you**Weekly class hours: **Flexible**Class times Mon-Fri: **Flexible**

Online Lessons

If you can't find the right English teacher for you where you live, don't worry! The miracle of modern technology makes it possible for us to conduct one-to-one classes anywhere in the world with you via Skype. Imagine not having to move from the comfort of your living room, just turn on your computer or tablet and class can begin!

Our online one-to-one classes are especially tailored to meet your needs. Maybe you want to improve your pronunciation or perhaps you need expert help in preparing for a Cambridge exam, or a job interview. They are also flexible enough to fit around your timetable. You just arrange with your teacher which time suits you and your new life as a cyber student can begin!

Class size: **Just you**Weekly class hours: **Flexible**Class times Mon-Fri: **Flexible**

English & Work

The English and Work programme is designed for students who want to spend time in the United Kingdom to improve their language skills and widen their cultural horizons by participating in paid and unpaid work placements. This is only available to EU students.

Apart from the English lessons this course provides a job leading service supplied by our partner London Agency Service, which will offer:

- Help preparing your CV for job applications,
- Preparation for job interviews.
- Organisation of up to eight job interviews with employers.

We have successfully placed a lot of people in jobs thanks to this service. Examples of jobs and types of salaries include:

Chambermaids

£162-£175 per week This position requires a basic level of English.

Receptionists

£200-£235 per week
This position requires
experience and good
presentation, a high level of
English and other languages
are preferred.

Waiters and Waitresses

£165-£200 per week Medium/high level of English and some experience. This is the most popular job in terms of demand and availability (don't forget the possibility of good tips!).

Sales Assistants

£170-£235 per week High level of English, good presentation and experience. More demand in the months before the sales and Christmas. Fast Food Sales Attendants

£170-£190 per week

Medium level of English, this job requires flexible hours.

Washing-up & Kitchen Porters

£135-£175 per week Low level of English, hard work and long hours.

Young English Studio

Junior Summer School 12-15 years

Our English Summer School Programme is run from Central London and offers a safe, fun and unforgettable experience for young learners; you simply won't find a better school. We are accredited by the British Council and ISI.

Our friendly and specially trained teachers get amazing results from our young international students.

3 Options

- Full Programme: which includes accommodation, meals, tuition and excursions.
- Classes & Excursions: which includes tuition and excursions.
- Classes only: tuition only.

Group Programmes 10-17 years

Our Group Programmes are tailored to meet each group's specific requirements and budget

Tailored Programme

We will work with you in identifying and developing a programme for your specific group's needs.

Social Programme

We offer a tailored social programme for our groups. This may include excursions to the main attractions in London; museums, parks, historical buildings, galleries and many more.

Homestay Accommodation

We can arrange your accommodation with our British Council accredited homestay providers. A Home Stay makes learning English in London even easier. Why? Because your hosts will be native English speakers – and there's no better way to practise what you learn in your English lessons than by chatting to people who live here.

Students will receive a certificate and a course report at the end of their stay.















Great teachers

We want you to have a brilliant time when you study with us. So while we make sure all our teachers have the required qualifications, we make sure they're nice too.

The art of teaching

Teaching English is a delicate balance of skill, intuition, careful planning and empathy. It requires patient, smart and experienced people to do it well. And these are the type of people that you'll have teaching you at The English Studio. Simply put, our teachers love teaching. It's a massive thrill for them when a student finally 'gets it'.

Our teachers are committed, passionate and professional. Combine their skill with the latest resources and teaching technology, including interactive whiteboards, and you're guaranteed a memorable learning experience.

We tailor each course to suit you

Before you arrive, or on your first day, we'll do a simple assessment of your language level. It sounds scary. It isn't. But it is very important. It helps us make sure we select the perfect class for you – one with students at the same level as you. This way the classes aren't too hard. Or too easy. And as each course has been specially designed for students at that level, our excellent teachers will help you to become fluent as quickly as possible. Hurrah!

How we teach

- We believe learning should be fun. That's why we try to make our lessons interactive and dynamic. You learn better when you're having fun.
- Each week, you'll study grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.
- You'll also practise reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
- We'll tell you what you're going to learn at the start of each class.
- We'll always teach you language that is useful in real life.
- We'll give you homework several times a week and correct it.
- We'll correct your spoken and written mistakes.
- We'll give you regular tests on what you've learned.
- We'll answer any questions you have and give you individual help.
- We'll choose materials from many different books and resources – not just one course book.

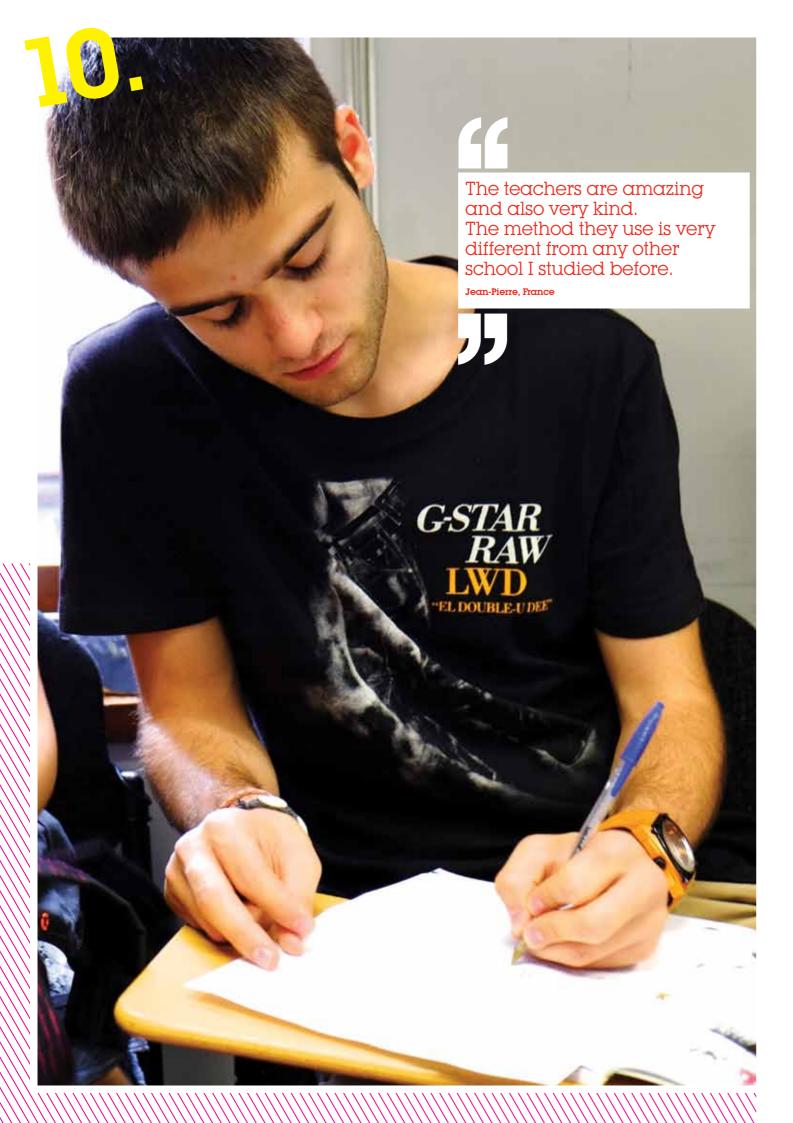
We give you one-to-one attention

Our teachers don't just stand in front of the class. They get down amongst you and talk to you individually. Person-toperson. We've found it's the quickest way to learn. (And it's easier to ask questions when you know the rest of the class aren't listening.)

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The dedicated staff are great, and I love working in central London, but the best thing about it for me is meeting and working with the students.

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Central London Location

Study with us in one of the world's most exciting and vibrant cities. Our schools are in Holborn, in the heart of London.

London

As the world's cultural capital and the planet's most visited metropolis, London is truly the Queen of Cities. In tandem with New York, it is the centre of world finance and has the fifth-largest metropolitan area GDP on Earth and the largest in Europe.

But you don't need statistics to know why London is so great, do you? Can you even remember a time when you hadn't heard about London? And what do you think of when you hear the name? Well, everyone has their own answer to that question: the red doubledecker buses, the Victorian fog of Sherlock Holmes, the annual tennis banquet of Wimbledon, the splendour and pageantry of our Royal celebrations, the finest theatre and shows this side of Broadway, our passion for fashion, Swinging London, the Beatles at Abbey Road, the museums and galleries which are the envy of the world, the theatre of dreams that is Wembley Stadium, the coolness of Camden Town, the charm of Notting Hill... the list just goes on and on and we haven't even mentioned Hyde Park, the London Eve or Big Ben!

But London is so much more than all of that. The energy and excitement of the city is simply impossible to put into words. When you're here you just know you're at the centre of the world and that's why those of us who live here never want to leave. We are London, we are proud; we keep calm and we carry on. Come visit us and see for yourself!

Holborn

Holborn is minutes from the world famous Covent Garden Market, which is a must-visit. It's a bit touristy, but still well worth it.

The amazing Royal Opera House is a short walk from our front door, as is the English National Opera. Theatre Land is a bit further, but still very walkable.

Cinemas? There are loads. Take your pick. As for restaurants? We'd need a whole new section as there are so many. Rest assured there are eating spots to suit every taste and every budget.

Hidden London

Ok, so you know that The English Studio is right in the heart of London, with world famous attractions like The British Museum, Shaftesbury Avenue, Covent Garden and Camden Town right on our doorstep. However, at The English Studio we are connoisseurs of all the hidden jewels in the city, the places which are only known to those in the know. Here are a few examples of some must-see places – all of which are no more than a hop, skip and jump from The English Studio!

Bradley's Bar 42-44, Hanway Street W1T 1UT

Five minutes' walk from our front door is Hanway Street: a curved lane that is used by Cockney cabbies looking for a short cut between Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road. It also boasts some really cool vintage vinyl shops and one or two Spanish restaurants. But it's this bar which has been a big favourite among London's Bohemian community since the swinging 60s and has a wonderfully warm and friendly atmosphere. An old style jukebox has a selection of classic tracks from the last five decades (literally not one bad record on there) and - best of all, if you're Spanish and a little homesick – a great selection of Spanish beers on tap.

Sicilian Avenue WC1A London's architecture is one

of the city's main treasures because of its incredible variety. From the classic splendour of Saint Paul's and Westminster to cutting-edge skyscrapers like The Shard, we're spoilt for choice here! Just around the corner from our school is Sicilian Avenue, a pedestrianised shopping and dining thoroughfare designed in 1910 by Roger Worley to emulate the Italian style. From the Corinthian columns to the charming terrazza-style cafés that line the avenue, and the splendid architectural features to savour when you look up, this terracotta-dressed oasis is the perfect spot to stop and watch the world go by.

Pied Bull Yard WC1A 2JR

As you're walking towards our centre in Bloomsbury Square, you could very easily walk past this little alley opening, but vou'd be missing a treat. Why? Well, this is the entrance to Pied Bull Yard, which is one of Bloomsbury's great concealed treasures. In addition to the contemporary art galleries, you have the café of the world-famous Cordon Bleu school, where the Gordon Ramsays and Heston Blumenthals of the future are learning and honing their yummy craft. Not only that, but you also have The London Review Bookshop. which is a bibliophile's paradise: friendly, knowledgeable staff are always on hand to help you find exactly what you need (and if you're lucky, they might even sell you one of the copies that many authors make a point of signing for them.)

Lincoln's Inn Fields WC2A

Walk out the front door of our Holborn centre, cross the road and after a 30 second stroll through the alley known as Gate Street, you will find yourself in Lincoln's Inn Fields, London's largest public square. At one end is the gorgeous Lincoln's Inn. It looks a bit like a scaled-down version of Hogwart's (and in fact, Lincoln's Inn Fields features in the Harry Potter films as it was the location of 12 Grimmauld Place, the home of Sirius Black).

The Horse Hospital Herbrand Street WC1

If you're any way interested in the avant garde, the cutting edge and the underground arts, this really is a must-visit place. It's tucked away in a charming cobbled mews only five minutes' walk from the front door of The English Studio. Regular exhibitions, talks and screenings of documentaries and film buff fare that you won't catch at the multiplex all add up to making it worth your while to saunter up from the school and check it out. For regular updates on what's going on, visit: www.thehorsehospital.com



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Accommodation

If you're learning English in London, you need somewhere great to learn. You also need somewhere great to live.

At The English Studio we've helped literally thousands of students find really great places to stay. From budget hostels to luxury apartments, we can help with everything. All the accommodation we offer is inspected regularly, either by us or by our partner agencies. This way you can be sure of finding the perfect place to stay, even if you don't intend being there very offen. Before you book anything, please bear in mind two important things:

- London is a very large city and it can be expensive to live near the centre.
- If you're coming in the summer, please book your accommodation as early as possible, as it can get booked up very quickly.

London's Travel Zones

If you already know London like the back of your hand, then you can skip this section. But if you don't, then it could come in very useful!

To help you decide where you should live in London, we've classified all our accommodation according to which London Travelcard Zone it's situated in. You can then work out how long it will take you to get into Zone I where our school is conveniently located. If you decide to book your own accommodation, always ask which Travelcard Zone it's located in. You'll find the full zone map on the Transport for London website: www.tfl.gov.uk

Zone 1: 10-20 minutes to Holborn Zone 2: 20-35 minutes to Holborn Zone 3: 30-45 minutes to Holborn Zone 4: 40-60 minutes to Holborn

We've calculated these times travelling by tube or train. If you take the bus it may take you slightly longer, but you'll see more of London!

Your options

You can book your accommodation through The English Studio when you book your course. Our accommodation options include a Home Stay, where you stay with a London family, or a student residence, where you live with other English language students.

There are also many hostels that you can book yourself in London, or if you are staying for longer than six months you may want to rent a room or flat independently. Please read our advice on page 8.3 about this before you start looking.

London Home Stay

From £18 per day. A Home Stay makes learning English in London even easier. Why? Because your hosts will be English speakers.

As London is a large, multi-cultural city, the families offering Home Stays come from many ethnic backgrounds, but rest assured: English is always the main language spoken in the house. No one else in the house will speak your mother tongue, unless you specially request it. But be warned – your English lessons may go to waste if you spend all your time out of school speaking your own language!

Our Home Stays are managed by agencies that are registered with the British Council. The agencies that we use have the high standards that are required by the British Council giving you a safe environment while you are away from home. Home Stays are located throughout London, generally in zones 2, 3 & 4.

Private Home Accommodation

If you are over 18 you can also choose to live in a private home, but have less direct contact with your host family. This is a more independent option.

There may also be more than three students accommodated in the home.

Residences

Our residences are an affordable option that let you share with other students. Choose between singles, doubles and dorms – there's something for everyone. And besides being clean and friendly they're also conveniently located.

Our residences are updated on our website on a regular basis and start from £22 per night. Please check our website for more details on each residence and availability.

Hostels

From £12 per day. Staying in a hostel can be a great way to experience London. There are literally hundreds of hostels to choose from, ranging in size from small houses with private rooms to huge buildings with hundreds of beds. Facilities range from basic and budget to out-and-out luxury of the sort that you would expect in a top-notch hotel.

Hostel Bookers specialise in sourcing affordable hostels in and round London. Even better, all the hostels have been rated by people who have stayed in them, so you can get a very good idea what sort of standard they offer:

www.hostelbookers.com

* The English Studio cannot take responsibility for bookings made through Hostel Bookers.

A long-term stay

If you're planning on staying in London for at least six months or more, then it's well worth looking at longer-term accommodation as you can often save a great deal of money.

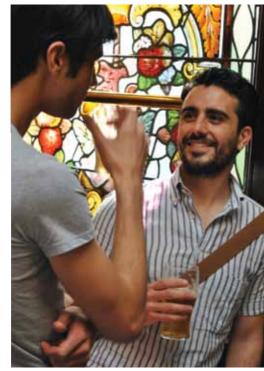
Many of our students have found the websites listed below useful when looking for accommodation. But before you start looking, make sure you follow our golden rules:

- Never pay an accommodation agency to find you somewhere to live - the websites listed here all offer a free service.
- Check how large a deposit you will need to pay – it's usually equivalent to one month's rent and you'll get it back at the end of your stay.
- Never pay a deposit BEFORE you see a room. You may find that the room doesn't actually exist – particularly if it is offered at a very low rent.
- Never send money using Western Union – this is always a warning sign.
- Check how much rent you will need to pay in advance most places will ask you to pay one month in advance.
- Check whether or not the bills are included in the rent – these could easily add on an extra £50 a month.
- Find out all the rules of the house – such as smoking, parties and entertaining friends – BEFORE you move in!

www.gumtree.com
www.outlet.co.uk
www.intolondon.com
www.spareroom.co.uk
www.globrix.com
www.studentaccommodation.org
www.ukcisa.org.uk

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organised. Obviously the most important thing about these activities is that they help you practise your new-found **English-speaking** skills. But don't worry. Like everything

Every week, sight-seeing, cultural and

leisure activities are

at The English Studio, we make sure it's fun too. And we make sure there's something for everyone. For example, you may not want to sit through a play by Samuel Beckett but a fun musical like Billy Elliot might be right up your street. We'll try to make sure they're both available.

If you want to get your dancing shoes on, we can sort you out with discounted prices for clubs like Pacha. We even arrange guided walks around London for as little as five pounds. And if your budget is really tight, don't

Facebook and Twitter worry, because in our newsletter and social programme, we also make sure to let you know about the cool London events that are free!

Please note that some activities from our social scene may be run by trusted and carefully selected English Studio partner agencies.

We have our own free monthly newsletter

At the start of every month, you will receive an eNewsletter. With competitions, great offers, money off courses, advice and support, it's the best way to make sure you're getting the most out of your time here. And like almost everything else on this www.englishstudio.com/newsletter

We look after you

There's always lots to learn when you're living in a new city. We'll help with:

Great social scene

- Local information
- Opening a bank account
- Registering with a doctor • Finding accommodation
- Getting a student discount
- travelcard • Finding a job
- General immigration advice (We have a qualified OISC advisor)
- Changing your course

We have a free Film Club

Our Film Club has hundreds of brilliant DVDs for you to borrow. And they're all completely free. From classics like Citizen Kane to obscure gems like Made in Britain, Of course, watching films at home with friends is a fun and cheap night in. But there's an invaluable side effect. Watching DVDs in English gives you a great 'ear' for the language. See? Even when we're not there, we're still teaching you! That's dedication

You won't just, 'like,' our Facebook Page: you'll love it! When anything is happening in the school - or in London - we use our page to make sure that you're the first to know! It's also a great way to stay in touch with your classmates and organise parties (or even study sessions!).

If you love to tweet, our Twitter feed will keep you fed with info and news too! (though it's often hard to keep our posts under 140 characters).

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@ThEnglishStudio

Teachers are really passionate about what they do, which makes me want to learn even more. I will surely recommend The English Studio to my friends.



Student experiences

We know that The English Studio is one of the best places in London to study **English. But don't take** because not only do the our word for it. Read what our former students have to say.



Gustavo Almeida Age: 28 From: Brazil An agent in Brazil recommended

The English Studio to me and I'm really happy that I chose the school. I'm also really happy that I came to London! I work as a personal trainer at Fitness First and in my job I get to meet lots of really interesting people, but I've made great friends from all over the world at the school. I have done three terms here and my teachers have all been great. I love it at work when the people I train tell me how much my English has improved. That is all thanks to my classes at ES. I'm now preparing for the IELTS because I would like to study for a Masters in Physiology here.

I love London, I love the school and I would strongly recommend the experience of coming here and studying to anyone..



Catalina Colev Age: **31** From: Colombia I like to think that I am going places.

Before I came to the UK, I set up my own clothing company in Colombia. I realised very soon that in order to arow my business in the way I want to I would have to do business with people from lots of different markets. Of course the United States is where most of my clients are based, but I'd been to the States a few times before and I'd always dreamed of coming to London.

I love it here! Every day there issomething new and exciting for me to see, hear or taste. The best thing about living here is meeting so many different people from all over the world and I have found this

fascinating. They say that travel, broadens the mind – well that's certainly true in London's case.

The English Studio is great teachers give us excellent lessons which will help us pass our exams, but they also teach us real English that we are likely to hear or likely to need in our daily lives in the city. This has helped me so much in integrating and enjoying my time here. I would advise anyone who's thinking of coming to study English in London to come to The English Studio. My English has improved by two CEFR levels since I've been here and I've also made some great friends.



Nazife Imeri Age: **24** rom: **Austriα** A friend recommended

the English Studio to me and from the moment I arrived I knew I wouldn't be disappointed. The staff at reception were very helpful and they really made a great effort to help me. They answered all my questions (and I had a lot of questions to ask!) this made me feel both very welcome and very comfortable.

When I went to my first class, there was a great atmosphere, but more important than that, I started to notice quite quickly that I was really learning a lot. This is crucial to me because if I'm going to join a Cambridge Exam Preparation Course, then I need to know that the teacher is an expert who really knows what they are talking about and that I am being prepared for success! I feel this very strongly with my teacher

Right now, I am getting ready to do the the CAE back home in Austria. This exam is essential for me because, I want to work in the field of private banking and when I'm applying for jobs, having a world-recognised English qualification is a must! I would definitely recommend The English Studio!



Lorenzo Pavone Age: 17

From: Italy My time at the English Studio in

London has been incredibly enjoyable. I met kind and competent teachers who motivate their students on α daily basis. The classrooms are comfortable and equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Learning becomes an easy and entertaining journey, as the school welcomes students of all nationalities. Regarding accommodation, I had a very easy-going host, who made me feel at home. My term at the English Studio has been exciting and productive, and I'm surprised at how my skills in spoken and written English have improved. I definitely recommend this school!



Lenka Vuksanovic Age: 18 From: Serbia My name is Lenka and I am from

Serbia. I came to London with only one goal: to improve my English skills. The English Studio was suggested by some of my friends and I had also read that ES is believed to be one of the best language schools in London. I have been here for one week now and I have already noticed great improvement. It is wonderful to study in an environment like this, with students from all over the world. Everyone is very friendly and kind: from staff to students.

The teachers are really patient and always ready to help whenever needed. The methods they use are very innovative and it is really easy to learn and understand everything. Also, every class is interesting, different and special in its own way. I am sure that I will gain the knowledge and experience I am looking for here.



Daria Melikhova Age: 24 From: Russia I have been

studying at the English Studio since February 2014. I can say that it has been a fantastic educational experience, which has exceeded my expectations.

The quality of the teaching is first class. Teachers here use a technique which makes learning fun and interesting at the same time. I have made more progress than I would have imagined. I am now able to understand even the most

complex of language structures

and use these in everyday

conversations.

But it's not all work, work, work. I have made great friends from all over the world. Living in London is culturally enriching, and there is always something new for us to do. Thank you, English Studio, for a rewarding hands-on learning experience.



Cristina Primo Age: 17 From: Italy Studying at the English Studio in

London has been a wonderful experience for me! My English has improved day by day, and in a very short time. This can be noticed in my pronunciation, speaking, and writing. These immediate improvements have been possible because of my helpful, competent, and friendly teachers.

I've also had the chance to make new friends and experience different cultures from all around the world.

The English Studio is a great place to learn English and spend some great time in London!

Information

Useful information

Tourist Office

Britain and London Visitor Centre 1 Regent Street W1 Tel: +44 (0)20 7332 1456 www.visitlondon.com

Transport

Transport for London Tel: +44 (0)20 7222 1234 www.tfl.gov.uk

Emergency Services

Emergencies 999 Police - Holborn 10 Lambs Conduit Street Holborn London WC1 3NR Tel: 03001231212

Postal Services

Holborn 181 High Holborn London WC1V 7RL

Books

Time Out London A - Z London

Health Advice

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Websites www.englishstudio.com/news

www.englishuk.com www.tefllab.co.uk www.britishcouncil.org www.oisc.gov.uk www.bbc.co.uk www.auardian.co.uk www.timeout.com

When you arrive

More detailed information can be obtained from your agent or by contacting the British Embassy in your country.

On arrival in London

Most students arriving at a London airport book an airport transfer or travel by train, tube or bus from the airport. bookings@englishstudio.com

Websites of London's five airports

- Heathrow Airport www.heathrowairport.com
- Stansted Airport www.stanstedairport.com
- Gatwick Airport www.gatwickairport.com
- Luton Airport
- www.london-luton.co.uk London City Airport

www.londoncityairport.com

English Studio Heathrow Shuttle - budget option

- A low-cost group shuttle is available from Heathrow Airport to your accommodation.
- This service must be booked through The English Studio in advance by providing your flight details.
- The shuttle departs from Heathrow 10 times per day on Saturdays and Sundays. Maximum eight other students per trip.
- Shuttle drivers will carry a sign with your name on it (go to the Airport Information Desk if you cannot see them).
- Do not go with a driver from another company. You may be charged a lot of money!

Personal safety

Some common sense precautions:

- Don't forget to keep your money and important documents close to you at all times.
- Remember that in England, we drive on the left, so you might have to look the other way when crossing the road.
- Be sure to cross at traffic lights and pedestrian crossings whenever possible
- Securely lock your luggage and do not leave it unattended.
- London is a safe place generally, but as in all major cities you should always be sensible about your personal safety.

Taxis

• Use only a licensed taxi or mini-cab.

Telephone numbers if you need help:

- The English Studio 020 7404 9759
- Our emergency number 07973 823788
- Police, Ambulance or Fire

How to enrol Book your course

You can book your course

online at: www.englishstudio.com or by calling us on: +44 (0)20 7404 9759 Contact us: bookings@englishstudio.com

You can also book through an agent in your country. For a list of agents go to: www.englishstudio.com/agents.

Payment

Before we can confirm your course or send you a letter of confirmation you need to pay your fees in full. See price list for bank details.

Credit Card

Visa/MasterCard/AMEX/Switch We accept payments by these cards online or by telephone.

We accept payments in cash at our receptions.

Start dates

You can start your course on any Monday. You must do a Placement Test before starting your course: www.englishstudio.com /placement test/

Students aged 16-17

The minimum age to be accepted on an English Studio course is 16 years old. Please note that 16 and 17 year olds accepted onto the course will be treated as adult students. The English Studio is fully compliant with current legislation regarding the teaching of under 18s. We require a parent or

guardian to complete a parental consent form and return this to us when you book the course



