



General English

Course Overview

- The College teaches using the Communicative method which will improve your English in all four skills – Speaking, Listening, Writing and Reading
- The key aims are to improve communication skills, fluency and confidence in English.
- Teachers use course books together with extra materials including grammar books, CDs, tapes, DVDs and some online materials.
- Tests are given every 3 weeks
- Tutorial sessions take place every 3 weeks
- General English is available at 7 levels from Beginners to Proficiency. The course levels equate to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – with their level in brackets below)
- Each level lasts for a 12 week cycle after which students either repeat the level or advance to the next level.
- Start any week and if the course has already started you can be integrated into the group.
- Also available in 1-to-1 private lessons
- The maximum class size is 15 students.
- The minimum age is 16 for adult courses. For Under 16s please see Junior English courses.

	Beginners	You have no previous knowledge of the language
	Elementary (A1)	Basic communication is possible with assistance and you understand simple sentences spoken slowly and clearly
	Pre-Intermediate (A2)	You can deal with simple situations, but need to develop all language areas and skills
	Intermediate (B1)	You can make effective and independent use of the language in familiar situations although there are still lapses in communication
	Upper Intermediate (B2)	Your use of the language is consistent and usually appropriate but lapses in fluency and accuracy still occur in complex situations
	Advanced* (C1)	You have a good command of the language. It is fluent, accurate and well-organized with only a few uncertainties in complex and difficult situations
	Proficiency* (C2)	You have an excellent command of the language and can tackle the most difficult tasks

* At Advanced and Proficiency levels the College offers exam preparation classes only – please see Cambridge Exam courses.