

# ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Excel College English language courses are designed to improve students' ability to communicate in English in any environment — from everyday life to academic or work situations.

## Communicative Approach

- Practise and develop your language in an active and positive manner
- Enjoyable and interesting classes where students make real progress
- Emphasis on interaction with classmates and teacher
- Improved language use in all skills

Our methodology is based on the Communicative Approach, though our experienced teachers also use methods drawn from other teaching approaches — such as the Lexical Approach and Task-Based Learning, according to their assessment of student needs and learning styles.

Students are expected to engage in class activities in an active manner. Our teaching methods are based on the belief that to make real progress, students need to be regularly producing new structures and vocabulary items in a meaningful context.

What students do outside of class has a big impact on how fast they make progress learning English. Therefore our teachers offer advice on useful self-study activities and also set homework assignments. Corrections and feedback are good training for future academic study at University.

## Enrol At Any Time

You can begin your study at Excel College at any time of the year. You can book a short intensive course or a longer in-depth course to suit your study goals. Discuss your aims with us and we will recommend an appropriate study plan.

- 4 terms per year
- Start on any Monday
- Up to 15 hours per week
- Short courses (4 wks)
- Long courses (36 wks)
- Morning, Afternoon & Evening Classes

## One-To-One Tutorials

At the beginning and end of every term, students have a one-to-one tutorial with their class teacher. This is an opportunity to assess individual needs, review progress, make recommendations to help learn outside of class and agree ongoing study goals.

- 2 tutorials per term
- One-to-one time with your class teacher
- Discuss your learning issues in private
- Receive individual study advice

## Project Week

During Project Week students engage in project-work (including visits to local places of interest) and attend workshops in order to develop language and teamwork skills. Learning is conducted in a variety of ways — presentations, research, debates, multi-media.

- Once per term
- Develop university level study skills
- Visits to cultural and business locations
- Presentations, teamwork, research

## Exam Week

Students sit an examination at the end of every term which reviews key grammar points and vocabulary topic areas covered during the term. Exams assess ongoing progress in reading, writing and listening skills.

- Once per term
- Assesses progress and learning
- Helps with setting new development goals
- Focuses and motivates students

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## Placement

New students are assessed by the Excel College Placement Test and an interview with the Director of Studies.

The six levels of General English are as follows...

	CEF	IELTS	iBT	Cambridge	NQF
Beginner	0-A1	—	9-18	—	Entry 1
Elementary	A1	1.0-2.5	19-29	—	Entry 1
Pre-Intermediate	A2	3.0-3.5	30-56	KET	Entry 2
Intermediate	B1	4.0	57-86	PET; BEC(P)	Entry 3
Upper-Intermediate	B2	5.0-6.0	87-109	FCE; BEC(V)	L1
Advanced	C1-C2	6.5-9.0	110-120	CAE; CPE; BEC(H)	L2-3

## Course Progression

Students are regularly assessed by their teacher and review testing in order to ensure that they are studying at the most appropriate language level throughout their time at Excel College.

Students may also request a Level Up Test from the Director of Studies if they wish to check whether they are ready to join a higher level.

Students who want to sit exams such as IELTS or Cambridge FCE or CAE will receive advice from their teacher and the Director of Studies on setting the most effective pathway towards their goal.

## Course Certificate

On completing the course, students are given an Excel College certificate.

The Excel College Course Certificate shows the levels achieved in each of the four language skills — reading, listening, writing and speaking — plus the student's attendance percentage.

For students who plan to apply to Universities, class teachers can provide academic references.

**Length:** 4 weeks – 45 weeks

**Hours:** 15 hours per week (for 6 and 9 hours courses please contact Excel College)

**Levels:** Beginner, Elementary, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Upper-Intermediate, Advanced

**Time:** 9:45 – 13:00 or 14:00 – 17:15, Monday – Friday; 18:00 – 21:00, Monday & Wednesday

**Fees:** For up to date prices, see our website: [www.excel-college.com/fees.php](http://www.excel-college.com/fees.php)

