



LSI PORTSMOUTH



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English Courses for Adults

IELTS Preparation
Cambridge Exam Preparation
Full-time General English
General English plus Business English

Welcome To LSI Portsmouth

Here at LSI Portsmouth our mission is to be the best English language school that we can be and to give our students the best experience they can have in every aspect of their stay. We want all our students to have fun, be happy and most of all enjoy learning English!

Portsmouth is a great city for students and we are in the heart of the university area, with lots of cafés, shops, theatres, pubs, live music venues and restaurants full of British and overseas students. We have close links with the University of Portsmouth, which is a great way to make British friends and really get a taste of UK student life. Portsmouth is also a seaside city with miles of beaches. You can even see the sea and the Isle of Wight from many of our classrooms on the higher floors!

Founded in 1985, LSI is a large, independently-managed school with a reputation for academic excellence and are currently ranked as the UK's number 1 school*. We believe in giving our students personal care and attention and have created a friendly, welcoming and supportive atmosphere throughout the school. We also believe in helping students

to achieve their goals, each one unique, and will do all we can to help make these goals a reality.

Our teachers give students a teaching programme to suit their individual academic needs and make learning fun and stimulating. Outside of the classroom, we have a dedicated Social Programme Organiser who will introduce students to our waterfront city and to many other interesting places within easy reach of Portsmouth.

We look forward to welcoming you into our LSI family and to our historic and lively university city by the sea!

Best wishes

Lea

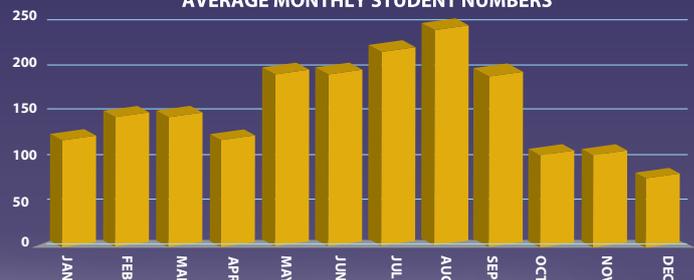
Lea Brophy
PGCE RSA Dip ARELS Cert DELTM
Principal



SCHOOL FACTS

Minimum age:.....	18
Average age on General English courses:.....	23
Maximum number of students:	350
Average weekly number of students:	180
Number of nationalities annually:.....	55
Average number of nationalities:	30

AVERAGE MONTHLY STUDENT NUMBERS



*According to the EL Gazette rankings based on British Council inspectors' publishable statements"



Our School

Our Teaching Approach

Our teachers try to make learning fun and enjoyable as well as helping you to reach your academic goals. Over the years, LSI has developed a substantial resource of in-house materials of which we are especially proud and our teachers try to keep learning activities as varied and as stimulating as possible. Two of our teachers are even published authors of IELTS and Business English books.



Our Facilities

- 55 well-equipped classrooms
- Interactive White Boards in our larger classrooms
- 2 student lounges (for General English and Executive students)
- General English lounge with sofas, comfortable chairs, large widescreen TV, piano, table tennis and pool table
- Self-study centre with computers and printing facilities
- Free internet and WiFi throughout the building
- Two Nespresso coffee machines in the General English student lounge



Your English Level

LSI LEVEL (CEF*)	Can do	IELTS level	Cambridge Exam
Proficiency (C2)	Understand native speakers extremely well Communicate ideas and opinions with near native fluency	8 – 9	CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English
Advanced (C1)	Understand extended speech in most situations, even if not clearly structured Communicate on a wide range of subjects reasonably fluently and spontaneously	6.5 – 7.5	CAE Certificate of Advanced English
Upper-Intermediate (B2)	Understand extended speech and complex arguments, provided the topic is reasonably familiar Communicate with native speakers with sufficient fluency to avoid strain for either party	5.5 – 6	FCE First Certificate In English
Intermediate (B1 - B2)	Understand familiar and simple texts competently Can communicate adequately in most everyday situations	5.0	
Lower-Intermediate (B1)	Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters Sustain dialogues on topics which are familiar or of personal interest Understand basic notices, instructions or information	4 – 4.5	
Elementary (A1 - A2)	Interact in a simple way and describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, routine matters and areas of immediate need	2.5 - 3.5	
Beginner (A1)	Initially a non-user of English, working towards being able to understand stock phrases and exchange basic personal details	2	

*Common European Framework

Progress – on average, students tend to complete an LSI level (e.g. Intermediate) approximately every 12 weeks

It may be necessary for a student to follow a General English course before progressing to an exam course. Minimum levels are required for exam courses.

1 IELTS Preparation

Our IELTS course is an intensive preparation course which aims to provide you with the skills you need for the Cambridge IELTS exam. We understand the time pressures you may have and our intensive programme has been designed with this in mind.

- Focus on all the skills required for the exam, as well as specific areas of grammar and vocabulary necessary for IELTS
- Learn different exam techniques through a range of activities
- Dynamic lessons to keep you motivated and encourage maximum progress
- All course books and materials are included in the fees (exam fees are not included)



- Our Director of Studies for Exam Courses is a published IELTS author and teacher trainer
- Regular practice exams to help you measure progress and identify areas for improvement
- Daily homework to consolidate the lesson
- Detailed feedback on your written work
- A wide selection of self-access material to help you progress quickly
- LSI is a British Council-approved IELTS test centre and you can take your exam with us if you will not need the certificate for UK visa purposes. There are many exam dates to choose from, allowing you to take the exam in an environment where you feel comfortable



FACT CHECK

- Minimum age: 18 • Average age: 23
- Maximum class size: 12
- 22.5 hours (60 minutes) per week, plus 5-10 hours self-access
- Start any Monday • Minimum 4 weeks
- Minimum level: lower-intermediate



“The teachers are welcoming and professional and they create a lively and enjoyable atmosphere in the classroom”

Oil Kwon,
Korea

8:30 -9:15	9:15 -10:30	10:30 -10:45	10:45 -12:00	12:00 -1:15	1:15 -2:30	2:30 -2:45	2:45 -4:00	4:00 -5:30
Optional self-access	Grammar/ Speaking/ Listening/ Pronunciation	Morning coffee break	Grammar/ Speaking/ Listening/ Pronunciation	Lunch/ Optional supervised self-access	Reading/ Vocabulary/ Exam Skills	Afternoon coffee break	Writing/ Vocabulary/ Exam Skills	Optional supervised self-access

No lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving students free to do supervised self-access study. Alternatively, students can choose to do 1:1 classes at this time (at extra cost). Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).

2 Cambridge Exam Preparation

Our full-time Cambridge exam preparation courses are designed specifically to help you learn and improve the language skills necessary to get the best possible grade in your chosen exam, and also to improve the general level of your English in all areas of communication.



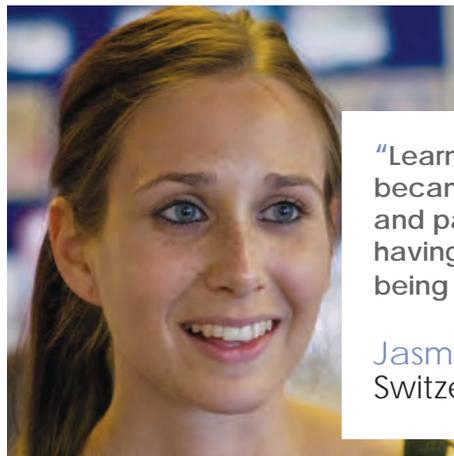
- Courses focus on the Cambridge syllabus by following Cambridge exam course books
- Teachers incorporate a wide range of other materials and activities appropriate to the level and aims of the lessons
- First Certificate (FCE), Advanced (CAE) and Proficiency (CPE) preparation offered throughout the year. There is no CPE exam in August although the summer CPE course will still run
- Self-study centre fully resourced with lots of Cambridge exam practice materials



- All course books and materials are included in the fees (exam fees are not included)
- Complete course is recommended but students may join for a minimum of 2 weeks if suitable
- Cambridge exam classes are also open to non-exam students studying at that level
- Speaking exams take place in the 2 weeks leading up to the exam date
- Mock exams take place approximately 3 weeks before the exam
- Accredited exam centre within easy walking distance of school

FACT CHECK

- Minimum age: 18 • Average age: 23
- Maximum class size: 12
- 22.5 hours (60 minutes) per week, plus 5-10 hours self-access
- Start any Monday • Minimum 2 weeks
- FCE, CAE, CPE



“Learning English became a real pleasure and passion without having the feeling of being at school”

Jasmin,
Switzerland

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Optional self-access	Grammar/ Speaking/ Listening/ Pronunciation	Morning coffee break	Grammar/ Speaking/ Listening/ Pronunciation	Lunch/ Optional supervised self-access	Reading/ Vocabulary/ Exam Skills	Afternoon coffee break	Writing/ Vocabulary/ Exam Skills	Optional supervised self-access

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3 Full-Time General English

Our full-time General English course focuses primarily on grammar in the morning classes and skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing) in the afternoon classes. Throughout the day you will also have the opportunity to widen your vocabulary and improve your pronunciation.

- The main focus is on communication with plenty of opportunity to practise using new grammar and vocabulary
- Lessons are dynamic with a variety of activities
- We encourage pair-work and discussion to improve fluency and confidence
- All course books and materials are included in the fees (exam fees are not included)
- A test at least every 2 weeks and regular homework so you can monitor your progress

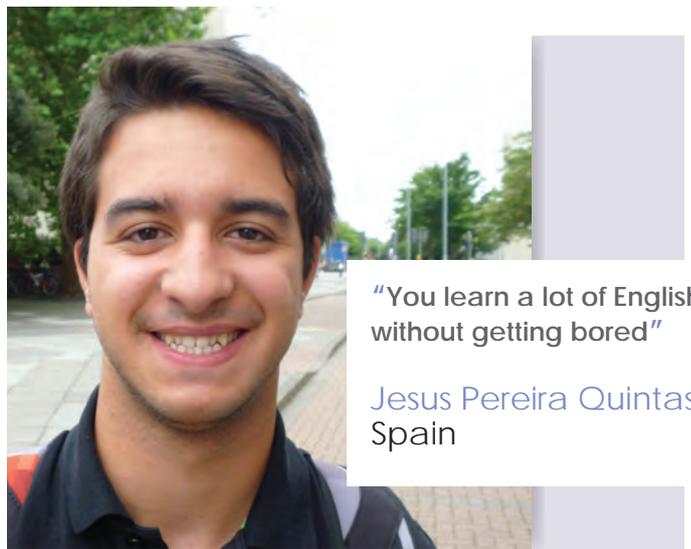


- Focus on grammar and vocabulary extension in the morning, with lots of spoken practice and an opportunity to improve skills
- Focus on English for 'everyday situations' in the first afternoon class, with lots of speaking, listening and pronunciation practice. A chance to learn useful phrases and increase your confidence in real social situations
- Focus on 'everyday themes' in the second afternoon class, with a chance to improve the 4 main skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) through a variety of multi-media and authentic materials



FACT CHECK

- Minimum age: 18 • Average age: 23
- Maximum class size: 12
- 22.5 hours (60 minutes) per week, plus 5-10 hours self-access
- Start any Monday • Minimum 2 weeks • All levels



"You learn a lot of English without getting bored"

Jesus Pereira Quintas, Spain

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Optional self-access	Grammar/ Vocabulary Skills/ Pronunciation	Morning coffee break	Grammar/ Vocabulary Skills/ Pronunciation	Lunch/ Optional supervised self-access	Everyday English functions Everyday English functions	Afternoon coffee break	Everyday English themes Speaking/ Listening	Optional supervised self-access

No lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving students free to do supervised self-access study. Alternatively, students can choose to do 1:1 classes at this time (at extra cost). Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).

4 General English Plus Business English

This course gives you the opportunity to combine English for day-to-day communication with the specific English skills you need at work.

The General English morning class has many benefits:

- The opportunity to extend your grammar knowledge and practise using it in a communicative way
- The chance to widen your vocabulary and improve your English skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing)
- Lessons are dynamic with a variety of activities
- All course books and materials are included in the fees (exam fees are not included)



In the afternoon classes, you will be in a mixed nationality minigroup of maximum 4 people in a simulation of a real, multinational context: negotiating, discussing current business issues, socialising, giving presentations, participating in meetings, teleconferencing, etc.

- Communicative, practical English to meet the professional needs of your work
- Experienced teachers, many of whom have real business experience
- Accompanied lunch with teacher option to improve your social English
- Optional evening social programme to give you the opportunity to practise your conversational skills and improve cultural awareness
- Exclusive Executive coffee lounge for you to use, with free WiFi



FACT CHECK

- Minimum age: 25 (Students will be 18+ in the General English morning classes)
- Average age: 32
- Maximum class size:
 - GE morning: 12
 - Business afternoon: 4
- 25 hours (60 minutes) per week plus 5-10 hours self-access
- Start any Monday
- Minimum 2-week course
- Minimum level: lower-intermediate
- Business lunch with teachers optional



“In my opinion, LSI is the best way to combine business experience and business English”

Yves,
Switzerland

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Optional self-access	Grammar/ Vocabulary Skills/ Pronunciation	Morning coffee break	Grammar/ Vocabulary Skills/ Pronunciation	Lunch/ Optional supervised self-access	Business Skills	Afternoon coffee break	Business Skills	Optional supervised self-access

This course includes lessons on Friday afternoons. Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 25 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).

Welcome to Portsmouth

Gunwharf Quays and Spinnaker Tower

Gunwharf Quays is the perfect place to relax after a hard day of studying! It's filled with over 90 designer shopping outlets, bowling alleys, a multi-screen cinema, more than 30 bars, cafés and restaurants, as well as popular student nightclubs. All of this is overlooked by the iconic Spinnaker Tower where, from the viewing deck, you can enjoy views across the whole city and the sunset across the sea.



Old Portsmouth

This is the oldest part of the city, known as 'Spice Island', where spices and tobacco first arrived from the New World. This is now the ideal place to try traditional fish and chips while watching ships pass through the harbour. It is also home to the Historic Dockyard, where you can learn all about Portsmouth's rich naval history and visit its three historic ships: HMS Victory, HMS Warrior and the Mary Rose.



Isle of Wight

Best known for music festivals and stunning coastline, the Isle of Wight is just 10 minutes away by hovercraft. This island, with beautiful beaches and traditional, unspoilt countryside, should not be missed.



Southsea

Southsea is the cultural and social hub of Portsmouth and is where most of our homestay families are located. Southsea Common, a huge park by the sea, is perfect for playing football, enjoying barbecues with friends, walking or jogging by the seaside and is also home to our popular skate park. Southsea also has a 500-year old castle, with a café and restaurant inside, which hosts lots of parties and events throughout the year. Southsea is a unique place, full of cool cafés, independent shops and alternative nightlife.





Entertainment

Portsmouth is a vibrant university city, home to some incredible music festivals and events throughout the year. From free live music throughout summer at the Victorian Bandstand, to Victorious Festival held every August right next to the seaside, there's always something happening here. The nightlife is great in Portsmouth, and with a student population of over 20,000, there are plenty of lively cafés, pubs and nightclubs for you to enjoy. If you prefer something more cultural, there are several concert halls, theatres and a contemporary art gallery, with interesting events all year round.

Seaside and Sunshine

Southsea has miles of pebble beaches and Portsmouth is one of the sunniest places in the UK, so the summer months here are a great time to walk, cycle, run or sit and relax by the seaside and enjoy some sunshine. Many of our students also swim in the sea each summer too!



Location and exploring the UK

Portsmouth is also well-situated to visit London, which is just 90 minutes away by train. Brighton, Bournemouth, Stonehenge, The New Forest and Eastbourne are all easy day trips from here too.

Literary Tradition

Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote his first Sherlock Holmes stories here - come and expand your knowledge of them in one of the city's many museums!

Accommodation

We understand how important it is for you to be happy where you are living while you are studying with us. We will do everything we can to give you the best option to suit your needs and to help and support you with your living arrangements.

Homestay

Staying with a homestay family is the ideal way to improve your English and learn more about British life and culture. All our accommodation is organised by the school and many of our families have been hosting our students for years. There are very few language schools in a city of 200,000, so we have the choice of some of the very best families.

- Single study bedroom (doubles available on request)
- Breakfast and dinner during the week and all meals at weekends
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Laundry done weekly
- Typically between 15 and 30 minutes' walking distance (maximum 45 minutes)
- Portsmouth is completely flat and there are many cycle paths, so getting to school is easy. Many of our students buy second-hand bicycles while they are with us
- We also offer private home accommodation (more than 4 students in one home). There may be less direct contact with the host(s) but the facilities offered will be the same as living with a homestay family

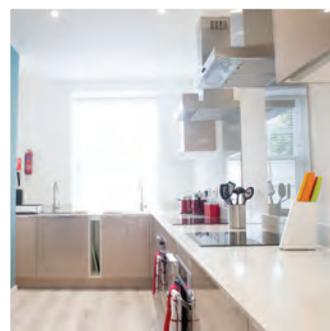


Self-Catering

If you prefer to be more independent and to cook for yourself, we have self-catering student houses for our students, both within 3 minutes' walking distance of school.

- All rooms are either Superior (with private shower and wash basin, shared toilet) or Full En Suite (at extra cost)
- Fully-furnished single study bedrooms (doubles available for couples on request)
- Kitchens with fridge-freezers, washing machines and tumble dryers
- All cooking pots, pans, crockery and cutlery provided
- Free WiFi
- Bed linen provided (you must bring your own towels)
- Living room/dining rooms with sofas and TV
- Live-in LSI House Manager to look after you and help keep the house organised

Self-catering is very popular, so please book early and check availability before booking.



Social Life at LSI

The School's Social Programme

- Full and varied programme the whole year, organised by our dedicated Social Programme Organiser
- The perfect way to make friends, have fun, see interesting places and enjoy yourself
- At least one after-school activity every weekday
- An excursion every weekend to places of cultural and historical interest, such as:
 - London Oxford
 - Brighton Stonehenge and Salisbury
 - Cambridge Bath
- A weekly football match every Monday
- A FREE weekly Conversation Club where students get to practise their conversational English skills in a relaxed, friendly environment.
- Includes weekly sporting events, parties and nights out, and cultural and educational activities
- Our social programme is always changing, and is tailored to meet the needs of all students

Our students can also join the university gym, use the university union café and bar and join the university social programme and trips.



Typical fortnightly programme (with approximate costs):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	Football with the teachers £3	Conversation Club Free And/or Meal Out Approx. £10	Badminton £3 And/or Salsa £4	Visit to Spinnaker Tower £8 And/or Pub Night Free	Museum Visit Free And/or Lunch Club Approx. £10	Excursion to Stonehenge & Salisbury Approx. £30
Week 2	Football with the teachers £3	Conversation Club Free And/or Cinema Night Approx. £8	Table Tennis Tournament Free And/or Salsa £4	Ladies' Afternoon Tea Free And/or Latin Party £5	Lunch in Old Portsmouth And/or Laser Quest £10	Excursion to London Approx. £20

Working in Portsmouth

The LSI Job Club



We organise a free Job Club 'Clinic' on Friday afternoons to help you find work, improve your CV, practise your interview techniques, learn the relevant legal information and look at our updated list of recent jobs in Portsmouth*. There will be a teacher there to help you – you just have to sign your name on the Job Board in the Student Lounge to participate.

Towards the end of her 13-week course, Beatriz from Spain found a job with G! Boutique Hotel. She continued working towards her IELTS exam while working and living at the hotel. Beatriz loved being part of the team at the hotel and not only improved her English but also gained valuable experience for her CV.

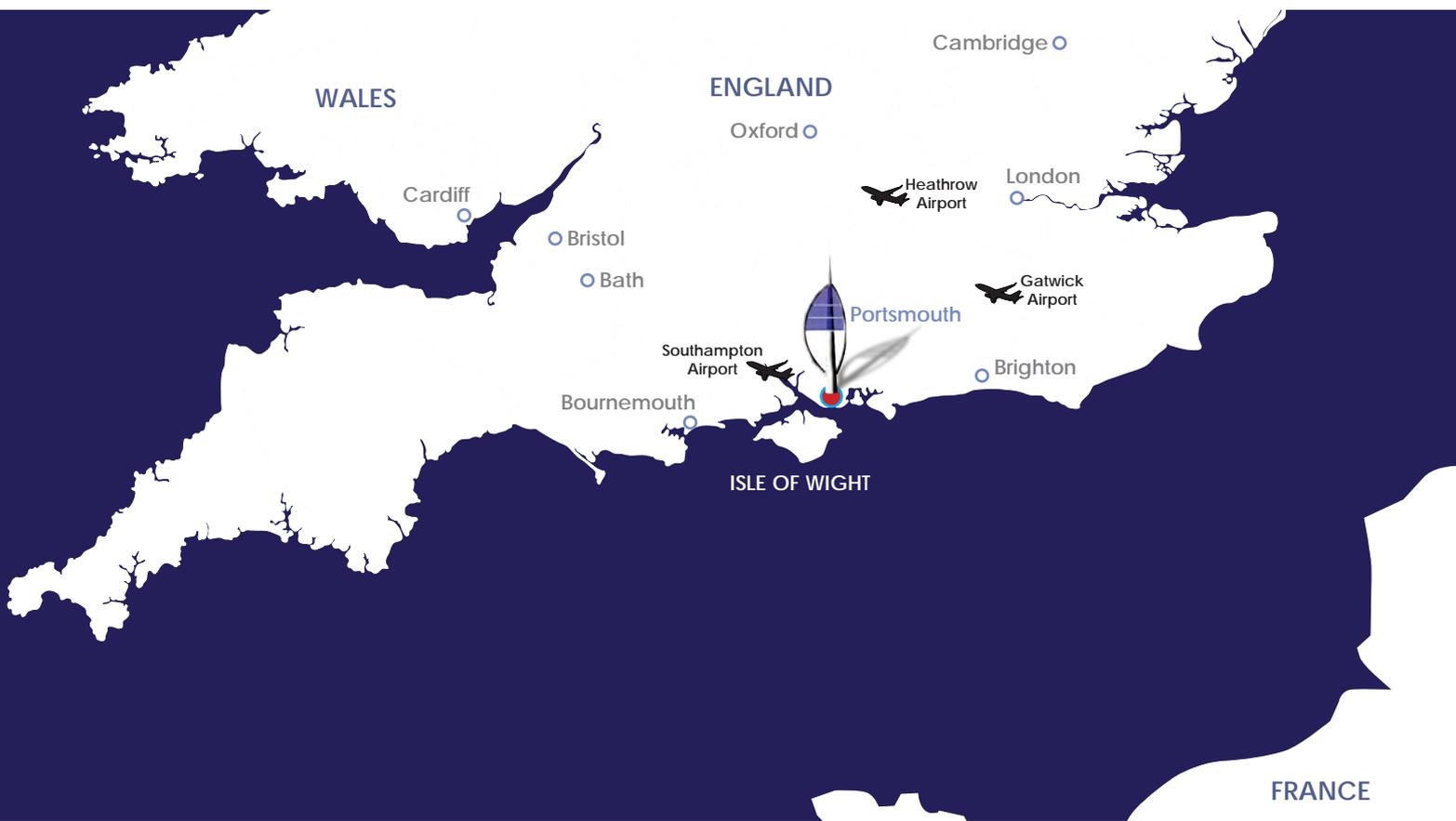
Work Experience Opportunities

LSI Portsmouth offers work experience for students who are interested in gaining administrative and marketing experience in an international environment. We offer a free course option, where you work for half a day, and then receive free classes for the other half of the day. Alternatively, if you work full-time for us we offer a weekly contribution to your food and/or transport costs. Please email info@lsi-portsmouth.co.uk if you are interested in this opportunity or would like to find out more.

*Please note that only students from the EU, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland are permitted to work in the UK (some exceptions may apply; work rights will be stated on your visa stamp).

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English Courses For Adults Over 30

LSI PORTSMOUTH



General English Courses For **Adults Over 30**

Our 30+ General English course is exclusively for adults aged 30 years and over; learn English with people your age in the south of England with one of the top language schools in the UK! The programme consists of morning classes with optional afternoon electives. It is a very flexible course, so you can choose the option which best suits you, your language needs and your personal preferences: if you want to have English lessons in the morning and enjoy free afternoons, if you want a more intensive, full-time course, some Business English or a course which combines language learning with British Culture.

At LSI Portsmouth, you will benefit from being in a school with:

- an excellent academic reputation
- quality-assured accommodation from host families to self-catering residence
- a full and varied social programme to help you meet new friends and make the most of our beautiful city
- great facilities and resources within the school, with access to extensive material in our study centre
- a wonderful location by the sea with a rich cultural and historical heritage

Minimum English level:	A2 / Elementary
Minimum age:	30
Maximum class size:	8 / Average 5
Course Length:	Minimum 1 week

General English – Adults 30+ Options

CORE:

Morning classes of 15 hours per week (1 hour is 60 minutes)

- Focus will be on communication with opportunity for practice
- All materials are included in the fees
- Students will also enjoy access to our recently-refurbished Executive lounge with free tea and coffee facilities
- Our 30 + students will have the option to join our Executive students for accompanied lunch with teachers

CORE: A sample week for B1/B2 level students:

Sample Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1: 8:45-10:30	Introductions, greetings & exchanging information	Discussing schedules, habits & routines	Describing experiences: past actions relating to the present	Expressing needs and obligations	Discussing future plans: forecasting and hypothesising
	Coffee Break				
Lesson 2: 10:45-12:00	Making polite requests & clarifying information	Describing past routines and habits	Describing experiences: comparing similarities and differences	Making plans and arrangements	Weekly review & consolidation
	Lunch Break				
HOMEWORK/SELF-ACCESS					

Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 15 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).

AFTERNOON ELECTIVES: Intensive

This option includes an extra 10 hours of English lessons in group classes

Lesson 3 1:15 - 2:30	Socialising & entertaining: ordering meals and drinks	Making complaints: explaining and apologising	Expressing opinions: agreeing and disagreeing	Understanding and using idiomatic phrases and expressions	FREE To discover Portsmouth!
Coffee Break					
Lesson 4 2:45-4:00	Using Youtube: food, recipes etc	Giving advice, suggestions and recommendations	Listening and discussion: the world of work	Listening and discussion: travel, transport & holidays	
HOMEWORK/SELF-ACCESS					

Exact starting and finishing times may change.

If groups are too small, the equivalent 1:1 classes will be offered.

Business Communication

This option is for those who want to improve communicative performance in a wide range of professional, business and commercial contexts. Students join our Executive Open Groups.

- Students must be lower-intermediate or above
- 12.5 hours in groups of maximum 4 participants
- Focus on communication and intercultural exchange with participants of different nationalities and commercial backgrounds in the context of professional situations - presentations, meetings, negotiating, leading an international team, intercultural awareness in working environments

Lesson 3 Business Minigroups 1:15 - 2:30	Orientation / company information exchange	Presentations: opening, sequencing, body language	Presentations: referencing, register, use of graphics	Presentations: language of change, use of numerical information/statistics	Presentations: summarising/ concluding video-recorded final presentation performance/error analysis
Coffee Break					
Lesson 3 Business Minigroups 2:45-4:00	Business telephoning: getting through, introductions	Business telephoning: discussing, leaving messages	Presentations: opening, sequencing, body language	Presentations: referencing, register, use of graphics, filmed presentation	Role play, simulation and case study

Individual

If you want individual attention, you can add 1:1 English lessons to your course in a 5 or 10 hour block:

- Maximise your progress
- Focus on your personal needs
- Prepare for a specific conference or presentation

British Culture, History and Portsmouth

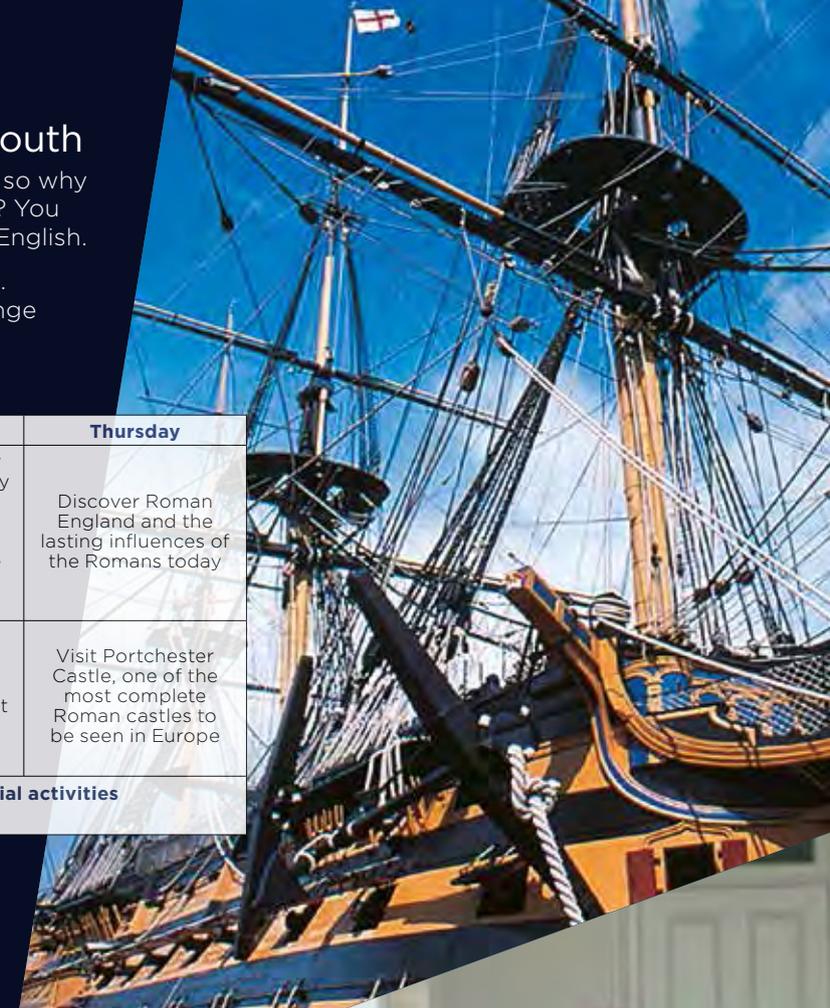
Portsmouth has a rich historical and literary tradition, so why not discover it in the company of one of our teachers? You can enjoy our city's heritage while communicating in English.

Here is a sample of some of the activities you can join. Please be aware that the choice of activities may change subject to weather and availability.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Visit one of the best museums in the UK; the Historic Dockyard Museum	Find out about the Portsmouth literary history - creator of Sherlock Holmes Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Charles Dickens	Visit a vineyard for tasting, a monastery to experience the life of a monk or enjoy Queen Victoria's favourite holiday home, Osbourne House	Discover Roman England and the lasting influences of the Romans today
Take a boat trip around Portsmouth Harbour, step aboard HMS Warrior and HMS Victory or see Henry VIII's ship, the Mary Rose	Visit to Portsmouth City Museum and Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum	Visit the Isle of Wight by hovercraft	Visit Portchester Castle, one of the most complete Roman castles to be seen in Europe
Friday afternoons are free. However, we do have social activities organised for most Friday afternoons.			

The Culture programme has fixed monthly dates, so please see our dates and fees schedule for more information.

Why not combine different options to maximise your English learning experience?



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A photograph of a man and a woman sitting at a table in a meeting. The man, on the left, is wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and is smiling. The woman, on the right, is wearing a floral patterned top and glasses, and is laughing heartily. They are both looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, out-of-focus window.

Enabling Communication **since 1985**



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I would definitely recommend LSI Portsmouth – the school, its structure, teachers and city are excellent.

Ronaldo, KPMG, Brazil

I needed to improve my English for business trips in the future, so my company chose LSI. LSI helped me achieve my objectives in many ways and gave me confidence.

Nobuaki, Kanebo Cosmetics, Japan Business Services.

About Us

Language Specialists International (LSI Portsmouth) is an English language training centre based on the beautiful and historic south coast of the UK. We have been a market leader in the area of Professional Communication skills, Business English and Cross-cultural training for over 30 years.

Our Objective is to give you, our clients, the language, confidence, communications and intercultural skills to enable you to do your work more effectively in a wide range of professional contexts. We do this by working together to design a highly-personalised programme, either on a 'one-to-one' or 'small group' basis; these courses are then delivered by an experienced, qualified team of trainers in a unique and supportive environment.

Our Clients are typically managers or employees with multinational companies, governments and educational establishments with a need to manage or work within an international and multicultural team; they may be engineers, project managers, accountants, lawyers, administration, R&D, HR, PR, sales and marketing personnel, civil servants, lecturers or teachers to name but a few.

A close-up, profile view of a Black man with a short haircut, smiling warmly. He is wearing a light blue and white vertically striped button-down shirt. He is looking towards the right side of the frame. The background is softly blurred, showing other people in a meeting or classroom setting.

Our Approach

We will:

1. Analyse and identify your communication, language and intercultural needs together with you.
2. Design your training programme to meet those specific requirements.
3. Adapt materials to real-life situations related to your job so your training is always authentic, relevant and practical.
4. Monitor and assess your progress and measure it against your objectives in a tangible way.
5. Provide regular feedback and advice throughout your course.
6. Give you the tools to allow you to continue developing your skills after the course.

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A big effort is made to personalise the lessons – it is a serious school with pedagogical methods adapted to adults and business people.

Sonia, Syndex, France

My classes were well-organised with a strong connection to the topics I wanted.

Michael, Zizala Lichtsysteme GmbH, Austria



Our Training Programmes

We offer a wide choice of training courses to meet the individual needs of participants, on a one-to-one or small group basis.

The majority of our clients choose to take the optional trainer-accompanied lunch, as this increases their intercultural communication opportunities as well as providing an opportunity to practise social English and networking skills.

A sample 25-hour “Combination” timetable is shown below.

08.30-09:15	09:15-10:30	10:30-1:45	10:45-12:00	12:00-13.15
Optional Self-study	1:1 Training: Grammar - Present and past tenses: how to describe finished activities and activities still continuing	Coffee Break: Socialising & networking	1:1 Training: Communication skills: Organigrams: practice/focus on key vocabulary, feedback, error analysis and reformulation	Trainer-accompanied Lunch: Socialising & intercultural skills
13:15-14:30	14:30-14:45	14:45-16.00	16:00-17:00	EVENING
Open Group Training: Presentations skills	Coffee Break: Socialising & networking	Open Group Training: Meetings and Teleconferencing	Optional Self-access Learning: Pronunciation / listening practice / BULATS preparation	Social event: City tour of historic Portsmouth followed by a live music evening

Exact starting and finishing times may change. We also offer courses in Executive English and Golf – please see our website or contact us for details.



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My teacher was wonderful; always trying to find a way to consolidate the learning process.

I'm very happy with the teaching methods and the patience of the teachers.

Marc, Renault, France

LSI trainers use very good, professional, modern methods of teaching.

The training is aimed at the needs of the students and I received a lot of useful information, which can be used in my work (especially materials for telephoning and negotiations).

Tatiana, Lukoil, Russia

Our Trainers

The skills, knowledge and enthusiasm of our trainers are our most valuable assets. Many of our trainers have a commercial background and professional business expertise, and also have many years of experience teaching in multinational companies. Their commitment to providing a quality personalised experience is one of the keys to LSI's success and reputation.

Our Resources and Facilities

- The LSI Executive Centre is specifically designed to offer the best possible learning, relaxing and networking environment.
- Fully-resourced presentations training rooms equipped with SmartBoards, projectors and high-speed WiFi.
- Executive Lounge, offering TV, newspapers and journals, complimentary tea and coffee, and beautiful views over Portsmouth and the sea.

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The course allowed me to improve my skills regarding presentations and meetings.

Audrey, Dekra, France

I'm surprised at how good the organisation of the school is and how comfortable I feel here.

Nicole, Deutsche Bank, Switzerland



Accommodation

We recommend that you stay with one of our Executive Homestays. This will give you intensive exposure to native speakers, an opportunity to practise your English in the evenings and our Portsmouth warmth and hospitality; it will also allow you a unique insight into UK culture.

Executive Homestays offer high levels of comfort (with private bathrooms available on request) and convenience (all have broadband WiFi and are within walking distance of LSI); the majority of our Homestays are current or retired professionals, academics or senior business managers, often with considerable international experience.

If you prefer to be more independent, we can also recommend a range of other accommodation options, such as a picturesque B&B near the sea, a boutique hotel and a modern, chain hotel within easy walking distance of school.

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The host family is incredible – really welcoming, amazing cook – she would do anything for us.

Marion, Capgemini, France

City of Portsmouth and the LSI Social Programme

With a wonderful location by the sea with a rich cultural and historical heritage, Portsmouth is an attractive and vibrant university city of 200,000 inhabitants with a wide variety of restaurants, pubs, clubs, shops and visitor attractions. From Henry VIII's Mary Rose ship, Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship HMS Victory to the Charles Dickens museum and the iconic Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth has something for everyone.

There are excellent links by road and rail to London and its airports (approximately 75

minutes from Heathrow Airport and Gatwick Airport and only 30 minutes from Southampton Eastleigh Airport), and by sea to mainland Europe.

The optional evening social programme is full and varied and includes seminars, visits to restaurants and pubs, theatres and cinemas, museums and many sporting activities. We also organise a wide range of weekend excursions to places of cultural and historical interest, accompanied by trainers.

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Portsmouth is a fantastic city with so many social activities to enjoy with your new friends.

Lucas, KPMG, Spain

Courses for Specific Sectors

LSI trains senior managers and employees from a broad range of commercial and industrial sectors, such as:

The Automotive Industry	Export Professionals
Engineering & Technical Work	Banking
The Pharmaceutical Industry	PAs and Secretaries
Human Resources	Hotel Management
Cross-Cultural Communication	Logistics
Law	Insurance
Finance and Accounting	Project Management
Petroleum	Energy and Power
Military Applications	Education
Public Administration and Diplomacy	



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Teacher Training Courses for Overseas Teachers

Gain confidence, teaching strategies and new skills to take back to the classroom



Methodology and Language for Secondary School Teachers

Who is this course suitable for?

- non-native secondary school teachers of learners (ages 11-16+)
- non-native secondary school teachers who are converting to teaching English

What are the course objectives?

For participants to be able to:

- understand and discuss current methodologies, theories and practice within the context of their teaching
- increase their ability to plan, teach and assess learners' progress
- refresh and develop their own language and levels of fluency, accuracy and confidence when teaching in English
- improve instructional and language terminology
- utilise a wider range of published and authentic resources

What is the course content?

This teacher training course is designed to improve the theoretical and practical skills of non-native secondary school teachers. The needs of the teachers on a particular course can be different so how much time is dedicated to each area may vary according to the group's needs.

These can include:

- teaching the four language skills: listening, reading, writing & speaking
- creative activities for secondary school learners
- classroom management skills; language for the classroom
- utilising drama, text, music and songs in the classroom
- using communicative learning activities in secondary teaching contexts
- pronunciation development
- grammar and vocabulary extension
- developing confidence in teaching in English
- teaching and developing thinking skills
- using online resources and elements of blended learning

Are there any course enrolment requirements?

Yes, each applicant should complete and send a needs analysis form to LSI Portsmouth at least one week before the course begins.

Minimum English level:	A1+ / A2 (CEFR)
Minimum age:	20+
Maximum class size:	10
Hours per week:	22.5 hours
Course Length:	1 or 2 weeks
Course Dates:	Closed Groups throughout the year on request. See dates & fees for fixed dates

CLIL for Secondary School Teachers

Minimum English level:	B1 (CEFR)
Minimum age:	20+
Maximum class size:	10
Hours per week:	22.5 hours
Course Length:	1 or 2 weeks
Course Dates:	Closed Groups throughout the year on request. See dates & fees for fixed dates

Who is this course suitable for?

- non-native secondary school teachers of learners (ages 11+) who teach their curriculum subject(s) in English. This course is not suitable for primary school teachers.

What are the course objectives?

For participants to be able to:

- understand and discuss the main principles of CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) within the context of their teaching
- increase their ability to plan, teach and assess learners' progress in CLIL lessons
- refresh and develop their own language and levels of fluency, accuracy and confidence when teaching in English
- improve instructional and language terminology required when teaching subjects in English
- utilise a wider range of published CLIL and authentic resources
- apply CLIL methodology to their own teaching situations and develop classroom activities and collaborative tasks with teachers of other subjects

What is the course content?

This teacher training course is designed to improve the theoretical and practical skills of non-native teachers delivering secondary school subject classes in English (CLIL). The needs of the teachers on a particular course can be different so how much time is dedicated to each area may vary according to the group's needs. These can include:

- CLIL: background & key principles
- CALP and BICS
- evidence based teaching & CLIL
- the 4 C's
- cognitive skills: LOTS and HOTS
- visual and graphic organisers
- subject language and vocabulary development
- classroom management skills; language for the classroom
- feedback and correction
- assessment
- cross-curricular teaching
- task based learning and materials development
- published and online resources

How will the courses be delivered?

Focus will be on developing practical skills and activities for the classroom. Training will take the form of class-based lessons and also include seminars, workshops and practical demonstrations. Participants will be encouraged to collaborate and share experiences with participants from other countries and other subject specialisms. Trainees taking our Methodology and Language for Secondary School Teachers course will also take part in observations.

METHODOLOGY AND LANGUAGE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

1 Week Course	8:30-9:15	9:15-10:30	10:45-12:00	12:00-1:15	1:15-2:30	2:45-4:00	4:00-5:00
Monday	Optional self study	Needs Analysis & Language Assessment	Goal Setting & Group Bonding	Lunch	Language Assessment Feedback & Development Plan	What Motivates Secondary Learners?	Supervised self study
Tuesday	Optional self study	Teaching Secondary Learners: The Key Issues	Effective Classroom Management Skills	Lunch	Warmers, Coolers & Energisers	Teaching Speaking Skills	Supervised self study
Wednesday	Optional self study	Teaching Pronunciation	Communicative Activities & Role Play	Lunch	Teaching Writing Skills	Teaching Vocabulary	Supervised self study
Thursday	Optional self study	Teaching Listening Skills	Utilising Music & Songs	Lunch	Teaching Grammar	Drilling & How to Implement It	Supervised self study
Friday	Optional self study	Teaching Reading Skills	Course Review & Feedback	Lunch	FREE	FREE	Optional self study

CLIL FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Tuesday	Optional self study	Teaching Secondary Learners: The Key Issues	Subject Language and Vocabulary Development	Lunch	Subject Language and Vocabulary Development	Classroom Management Skills; Language for the Classroom	Supervised self study
Wednesday	Optional self study	Classroom Management Skills; Language for the Classroom	Visual and Graphic Organisers	Lunch	CLIL: Feedback and Correction	CLIL: Effective Assessment & Progress Testing	Supervised self study
Thursday	Optional self study	Lesson Planning & Scaffolding	Cross-curricular Teaching	Lunch	Task based Learning and CLIL Materials Development	Task based Learning and CLIL Materials Development	Supervised self study
Friday	Optional self study	Activity Planning: Published and Online Resources	Course Review, Reflections & Feedback	Lunch	FREE	FREE	

Course content on both courses can be customised to meet the needs of a particular group whenever possible.

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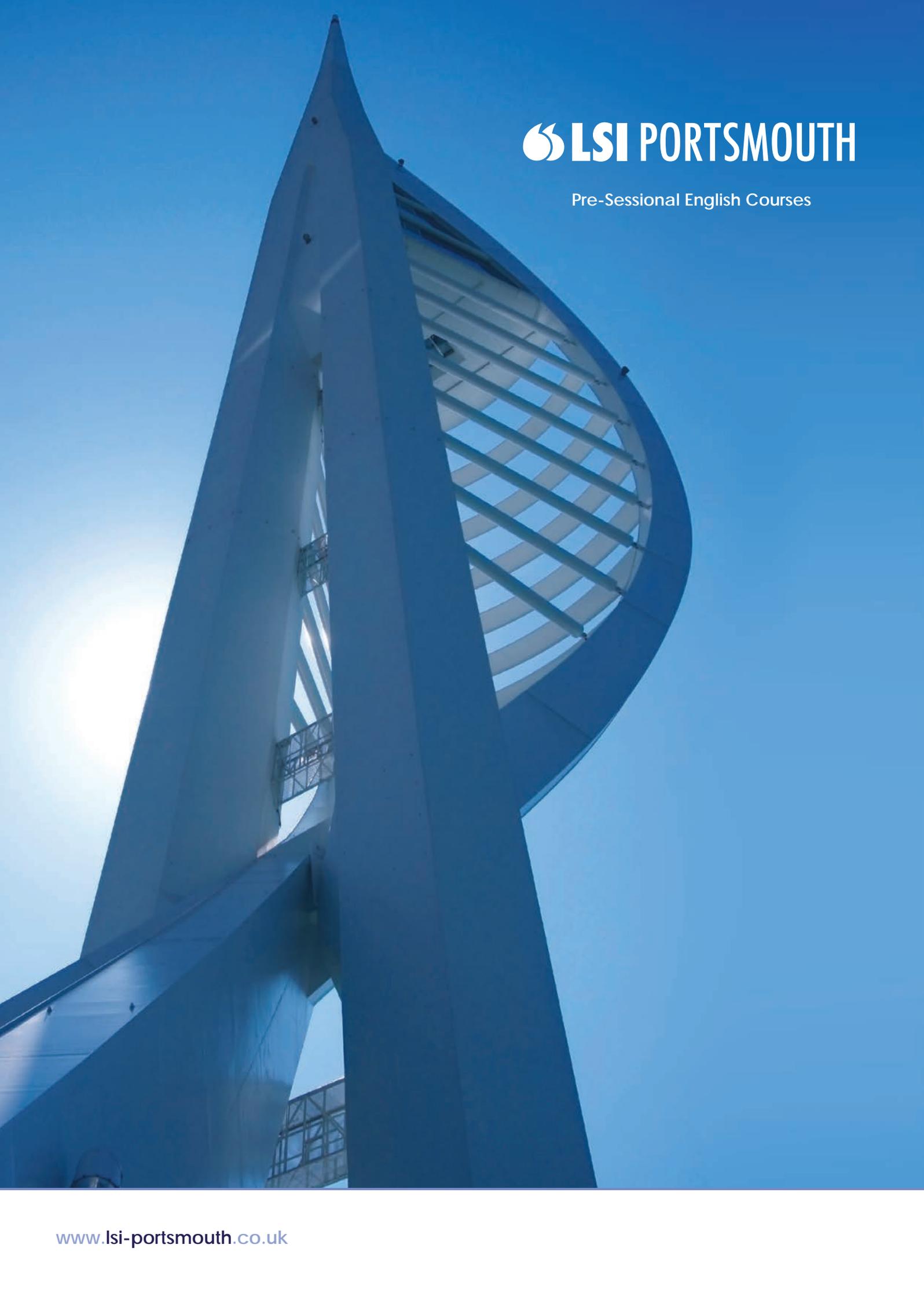
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Founded in 1985, LSI Portsmouth offers General English, Examination preparation programmes and Executive language training as well as Academic English and Pre-Sessional English programmes for university access.

Our Pre-Sessional programmes have been running since 2002 and have an average pass rate of 98%. With direct progression to a number of British higher education institutions, in the last five years we have enabled over 1,000 students to join their chosen degree programmes.

LSI Portsmouth offers a range of short and extended courses which mean that we can meet the needs of a wide range of students from those with conditional offers who want short brush-up courses right the way up to students who need 20 week courses and an improvement of 2.0 IELTS bands.

As we offer three intakes per year, LSI Portsmouth is also able to offer our students the choice to complete courses in time for September and January intakes and to avoid studying over Ramadan.

Who Can Apply?

You can apply for our Pre-Sessional programmes if:

- You are over 18 years of age
- You have a conditional offer from one of our partners for one of the following programmes:
 - Foundation Programme
 - International Year One
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Pre-Master's Programme
 - Master's Degree
- You have a valid IELTS certificate or other Secure English Language Test with at least IELTS 4.0 overall with no element below 3.5
- Your lowest IELTS (or equivalent) score is no more than 2.0 bands lower than the minimum required for your course

What you will learn:

- A range of language and study skills to prepare you for a BA/BSc, MA/MSc or PhD taught in English
- Better understanding of the expectations and culture of British universities
- How to become a successful independent learner
- How to adapt to living and studying in the UK

Course Content:

- Research skills
- Academic writing including grammar, vocabulary, referencing and avoiding plagiarism
- Academic reading
- Listening and note-taking
- Speaking, for example in seminars and tutorials
- Presentations
- Pronunciation
- Critical thinking
- Time management

Course Specification

LEARNING TIMETABLE:

22.5 x 60-minute hours of taught lessons per week plus 2.5 hours of guided research, self-access and project work on Friday afternoons. There will be no lessons on public holidays.

GROUP SIZE:

Maximum of 12 students.

PERSONAL STUDY:

The taught lessons will be supplemented by homework and weekend assignments, which will add a minimum of 14 study hours to the weekly programme. Please note you will be expected to have your own wireless-enabled laptop computer and printer – this is essential equipment for your course.

How You Will Be Taught and Assessed

You will be regularly assessed on a range of language and study skills. Assessments will involve both individual and group tasks and include in-class tests, written assignments and projects, homework, and oral presentations.

You will not need to take the IELTS Examination at the end of the course as long as you successfully complete all the elements of the Pre- Sessional Programme which means you must:

- Successfully complete all assessed tasks

- Demonstrate that your reading, writing, speaking and listening meet the level required in your offer letter
- Attend at least 90% of the course

When you have completed your course, LSI Portsmouth will send a report confirming your progression to your chosen academic programme. Provided you have met all conditions stated on your offer letter, you will then receive an unconditional offer.

Course Location

You will normally be taught at LSI Portsmouth, which is located in the heart of the city of Portsmouth. When demand is very high, teaching may take place elsewhere in the centre of Portsmouth in classrooms of

an equivalent standard and with equivalent facilities. You will always be within walking distance of the main school.

Typical Course Timetable

09.00 - 10.15	10.15 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.45	11.45 - 13.00	13.00- 14.15	14.15 - 14.30	14.30 - 15.45	2hrs each evening
Lesson 1	Morning coffee break	Lesson 2	Lunch Break	Lesson 3	Afternoon coffee break	Lesson 4	Homework / assignments

No taught classes on Friday afternoons: this is spent on self-access study and project research. Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday). Max. class size 12 students.

Additional Entry Conditions

VISAS

For all Pre-Sessional courses, unless you are exempt, you will require a valid visa. You must apply for your visa at your local UK Embassy visa office in your home country. You may apply for a Student Visitor Visa or a Tier 4 visa. Tier 4 visas will either be sponsored by LSI Portsmouth or by your university.

Student Visitor Visas and Tier 4 visas sponsored by LSI will cover your Pre-Sessional course only and you will need to return home at the end of the Pre-Sessional course in order to apply for a Tier 4 visa to cover your degree programme. This will be sponsored by your university.

If you are on an 11, 7 or 4 week course and have an offer for the University of Portsmouth, you may apply for a Tier 4 visa which is sponsored by the University of Portsmouth. This covers both your Pre-Sessional course and your degree programme. In this case, you do not need to return home to renew your visa at the end of your Pre-Sessional.

Language Levels

Both individual and overall IELTS (or equivalent) scores will be taken into account when assessing length of course needed. For example, if you have 4.5, 4.0, 6.0, 5.0 for reading, listening, writing and speaking and 5.0 overall, and your offer letter requires 6.0 with nothing less than 5.5, you would need to do a 16 week course. This is because the biggest difference is between the current and required reading score (current: 4.0, required: 5.5). This is a difference of 1.5 bands and this requires a 16 week course.



All students applying for a Tier 4 visa will need a CAS Number (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies Number). If you are applying for a visa which covers your Pre-Sessional and your degree programme, you will get this number from your university. If you are applying for a visa which covers the LSI Pre-Sessional only, you will receive your CAS number from LSI. In order to get a CAS number, you will need to send the following:

- A copy of your passport
- A copy of your current Secure English Language Test (SELT) certificate
- A copy of your university offer letter
- Proof of payment of the tuition fees for your course

If you are applying for a Student Visitor Visa (not a Tier 4 visa) and would like advice on which English language qualifications can be accepted, please contact us (admissions@lsi-portsmouth.co.uk).

In some exceptional cases, students with uneven profiles which do not meet standard entry requirements may be accepted. Admission under these circumstances is entirely at the discretion of LSI.

If you are applying for a Tier 4 Visa, you will need to have a minimum of IELTS 4.0 overall and for each individual element. If you are applying for a Student Visitor Visa, you will need a minimum of IELTS 4.0 overall with no element below 3.5.



Accommodation

We understand how important it is for you to be happy where you are living whilst you are studying with us. We will do everything we can to give you the best option to suit your needs and to help and support you with your living arrangements.

HOMESTAY:

Staying with a homestay family or in a private home is the ideal way to improve your English and learn more about British life and culture. All our homestay accommodation is organised by the school and many of our families have been hosting our students for years. There are very few language schools in a city of 200,000, so we have the choice of some of the very best families.

- Single study bedroom (doubles available on request)
- Breakfast and dinner during the week and all meals at weekends
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Laundry done weekly
- Typically between 15 and 30 minutes' walking distance (maximum 45 minutes)
- Portsmouth is completely flat and there are many cycle paths, so getting to school is easy. Many of our students buy second-hand bicycles while they are with us.
- We also offer private home accommodation (more than 4 students in one home). There may be less direct contact with the host(s) but the facilities offered will be the same as living with a homestay family.

INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION:

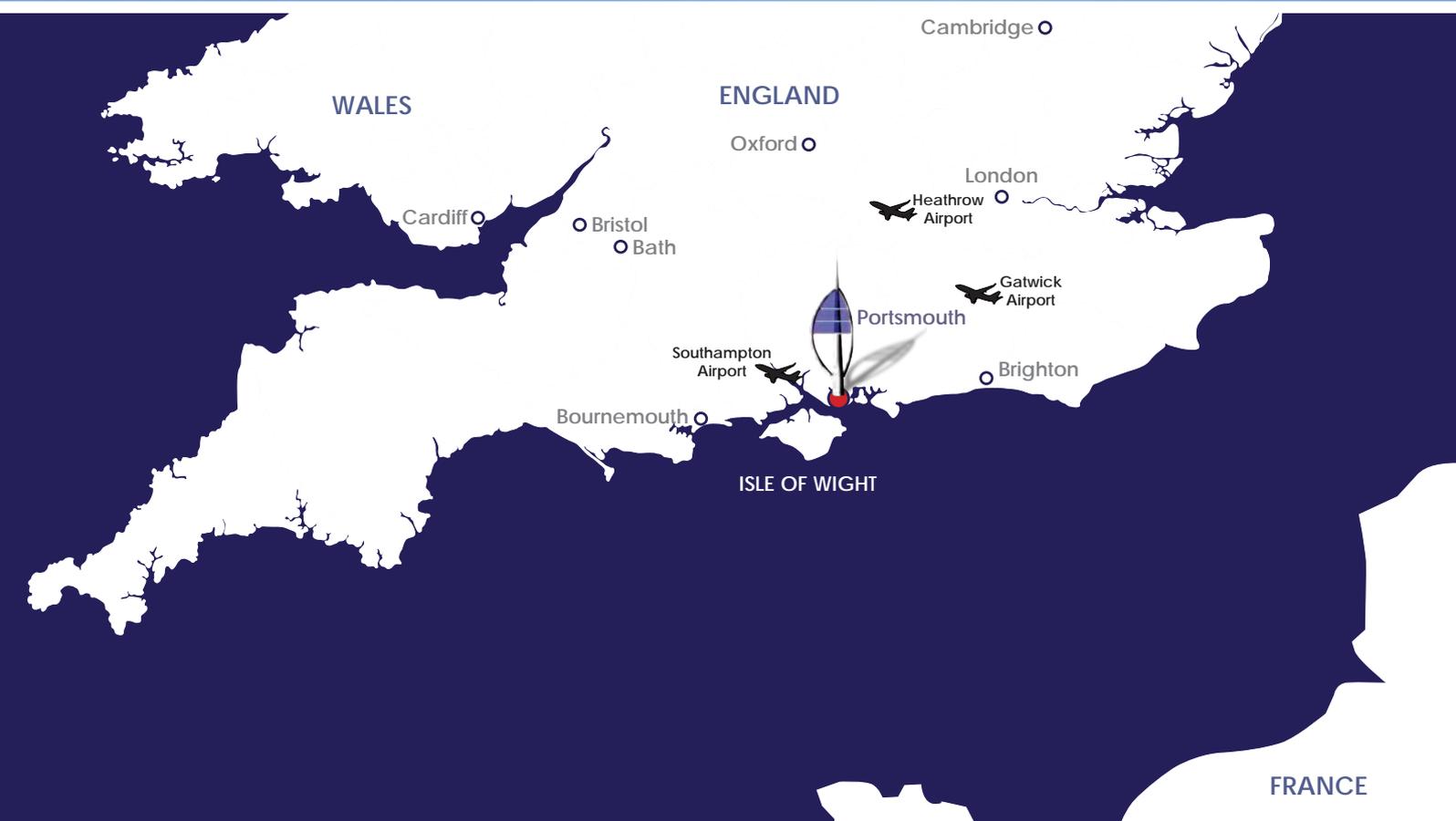
You could also stay in independent accommodation which you find for yourself. During the summer, accommodation may also be available in the University of Portsmouth's halls of residence (subject to availability). This is independent self-catering accommodation. Please note that if you stay in halls, you will need to pay the full accommodation charge at the time of booking and this will be non-refundable. You will also need to give 4 weeks' notice if you want to leave. Please contact LSI for further information. You could also choose to combine different options, for example, you could stay with a homestay family for the first 4 weeks of your course during which time you could arrange your own independent accommodation for the rest



of your stay. Please note that you will need to give a minimum of one week's notice before leaving homestay accommodation and if you want to extend your homestay booking, this will be subject to availability and consequently may not always be possible.

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