

# English Communication School

*Learn English in the Mediterranean*

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# A warm welcome to Malta & English Communication School



*Being among the first English Language Schools in Malta, licensed by the Education Department, Accredited Founder member of FELTOM and ISO 9001 certified, ECS prides itself on a high standard of teaching English as a foreign language.*

Students of all ages, nationalities and different walks of life come to learn, improve and master their language skills.

We understand that travelling abroad to study English is an important life experience and we are committed to making it a great one! We offer the ideal environment for learning, combining high academic standards with a friendly atmosphere.

This approach, along with a vast experience, is what has made ECS the successful English language school our students know and love.

We look forward to welcoming you at ECS!

*Quality English Language Teaching since 1989*





ECS is housed in two characteristic Maltese buildings in very close proximity to each other. Facilities in the Main Block include a reception area, air-conditioned classrooms, a self-study room, a roof terrace and a courtyard. Block B houses additional classrooms, a Games Hall, an Internet Café, roof terraces and is accessible for students with special needs.

Audio-Visual Facilities & free WIFI in both buildings

# We are here!

*English Communication School is situated in the heart of Sliema, Malta's most popular tourist centre, close to banks, shops, hotels, bars, restaurants and popular beaches.*

The area around the school also boasts a long waterfront ideal for strolling, jogging and sightseeing, to mention but a few activities. Ferry services for trips or excursions are close by. Clubs and nightlife are only minutes away by bus from The Strand.

Sliema is also considered to be the finest area for dining due to its large variety of restaurants.





# Timetable

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## Monday

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**08.30** | Placement Test

**09.30** | Commencement of lessons (subject to change in high season)

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## Tuesday to Friday

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**09.00—10.30**

**10.30—11.00** | Break

**11.00—12.30** | End of lessons for General Course

**12.30—13.00** | Break

**13.00—14.30** | End of lessons for Intensive Course

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If you have booked private tuition in addition to the General or Intensive Course, please consult the Director of Studies for details of your time-table.

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## First Day At School

Test starts at **08.30** (September to June)

Test starts at **08.00** (July to August)

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*ECS has a clear vision to support and equip students with language tools to break down barriers in communication*

# More than just a Course



*All courses are run by a group of dedicated and experienced teachers who are specially trained to teach English as a foreign language.*

Individual attention is our hallmark and your improvement is guaranteed at whichever level you engage.

Over the past years the courses offered have proved to be refreshingly thorough and integrated to help develop language skills combining all communicative work on notions, functions and themes with essential grounding in grammar, vocabulary and phonology.

You will find that at every level the latest communicative methods including dialogue, games, songs, discussions, paired and group work will all help you to communicate effectively with other students.

A Placement Test is held on the first day to assign students to the appropriate class and a Certificate of Attendance and Proficiency is awarded at the end to students who have participated fully throughout the course. Teaching material is professionally prepared by the school, while textbooks used are from Cambridge University Press.



# Courses from Beginner to Advanced

*Levels correspond to the Common European Framework (CEF)*

A1 Breakthrough	BEGINNER
	ELEMENTARY
A2 Waystage	PRE-INTERMEDIATE
B1 Threshold	INTERMEDIATE
B2 Vantage	UPPER-INTERMEDIATE
C1 Effective Operational Proficiency	ADVANCED
C2 Proficiency	MASTERY

If only one participant, sessions will be reduced to 10 for General, Special & Business, 20 for Intensive.

## Learn, practise & improve your English in a short while



*General courses / General + Private / Intensive Courses / Executive courses / Special courses / Mini Group courses / Business English courses / Cambridge Exam Courses, IELTS & TOEFL / 50+ Courses / TEFL Cert. Courses / Teenager Courses*

# General Courses

*Designed to give you a good grounding in relevant, modern English and fluency in a wide range of day-to-day situations.*

Focus is on grammar structure, pronunciation, vocabulary and communication skills.

## Course Details:

Number of students: **Average 10**

Maximum: **15 (high season only)**

Course Duration: **2/3 Weeks or long stay**

Number of Sessions per Week: **20**

One Session Duration: **45**

Course material is provided

## General + Private Courses

Complement your morning group lessons with one-to-one tuition to focus on your specific needs. These sessions can be booked in blocks of 5 or 10 sessions per week.

Our school is recognised by the Swedish organisation CSN.



# Intensive Courses

*These courses offer you the best opportunity to master the important skills of listening and speaking, reading and writing, and to derive maximum benefit from your time.*

## Course Details:

Number of students: **Average 6, maximum 8**

Course Duration: **1-4 Weeks or longer**

Number of Sessions per Week: **30**

One Session Duration: **45 minutes**

Course material is provided

Our school is recognised by the German government programme Bildungsurlaub.



Free WIFI connection is provided.



# Special Courses

*The reduced number of students in class means that you are able to improve your skills at a faster pace within the same period of time.*

## Course Details:

Maximum Number of Students in class: **6**

Course Duration: **2/3 weeks**

Number of Sessions per Week: **20**

Course material is provided

The courses below can also be booked as Executive or extra private tuition with the General Course.

## Medical English

A multi-skill course offered to medical students and personnel for successful communication in their study or work. Essential also for graduates.

## Technical English

### At 2 Levels:

Lower Intermediate & Intermediate

Deals with a variety of general topics such as Transport & Technical drawing. Students' specialised subjects are brought in throughout the course.

## Literature

### At 2 Levels:

Upper Intermediate & Advanced

An opportunity for all Literature lovers. A choice of famous English novels and plays to choose from. The focus is on vocabulary, style and expression.

# Executive Courses

*Designed around the individual needs of each learner.*

**ONE-TO-ONE** Student + Teacher

Or

**TWO-TO-ONE** Students + Teacher

( Must be booked by 2 people together of the same level )

We also offer individual tuition courses which ensure that the level and content of your course, as well as the pace of training, are all geared to your particular needs.

You can choose either 20 or 30 sessions per week.

Course Duration: **1 / 2 weeks or longer**

Course material is provided



Free WIFI connection is provided.

# Mini Group Courses

*Having only 6 students in class means that you will benefit from much more speaking practice and attention. Your teacher will dedicate more time to your individual needs and help you with difficulties and problem areas.*

## Course Details:

Number of students: **6**

Course Duration: **1/2 weeks or longer**

Number of sessions per week: **20**

One session Duration: **45 minutes**

Course material is provided

# Business English Courses

*At 2 Levels: Intermediate & Upper-Intermediate. This is an excellent course for effective communication in Business.*

We teach language skills relevant to the world of international business communication, such as presentations, meetings and negotiations. We can also tailor private tuition to your specific job.

## Course Details:

Maximum Number of Students in class: **8**

Course Duration: **2-4 weeks**

Number of Sessions per Week: **20**

Course material is provided



Free WIFI connection is provided.

# Exam preparation Courses

*Students interested in sitting for an internationally recognised qualification can take an Examination Preparation Course with ECS.*

These exams assess your ability to communicate effectively in English in realistic situations and will provide you with the ideal preparation to use English in your professional and academic life.

These courses are available all year round and vary from 4 to 12 weeks depending on the examination and the needs of the student. Spread over 25/30 sessions per week in a General + Private tuition Course, students focus on grammar and the use of language and develop the four language skills.

Cambridge Exams are held three times a year in March, June and December.



# University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations

- KET** | Ideal for those with basic English skills who want to progress towards other Cambridge exams
- PET** | A valuable qualification for anyone who wants to work or study abroad
- FCE** | An upper intermediate exam for those who are confident in written and spoken communication
- CAE** | An advanced exam which indicates the ability to use English effectively in social and professional situations, and in higher education
- CPE** | A very advanced exam suitable for those with a standard of English similar to that of a native speaker
- BEC** | Based on realistic business tasks and proves that you can use the language appropriately in a professional context

# IELTS

IELTS is the International English Language Testing System. It measures your ability to communicate in English in all the four language skills – listening + speaking and reading + writing, and is meant for people who intend to study or work where English is the language of communication.

Each University will have a required IELTS score for individual courses so it is important to find out what grade you will need. Exams are held every month.

## Course Duration 8 to 12 weeks

Can be booked as an Intensive Course for closed groups, Executive or General + Private Tuition.

# TOEFL

This is an American examination. TOEFL scores are required for purposes of admission to colleges and universities in USA and Canada.

In Europe, TOEFL is also used by institutions where English is the language of instruction. Many government agencies and scholarship programmes use TOEFL scores to evaluate English proficiency.

# 50+ Programme

*Our 50+ English Courses are offered at all levels and aim to give mature students a sound introduction or revision of the English language skills while enjoying a relaxing time in Malta. A planned programme is also included.*

## Course Details:

Small groups

Course Duration: **2 weeks**

Number of Sessions per Week: **20**

Course material is provided

## Programme:

- Fully Guided Countryside walk
- Fully Guided Half Day Valletta tour
- North of Malta panoramic tour
- Full Day Gozo Island tour (inclusive of guide, transport and ferry tickets)
- Harbour cruise (inclusive of guide)
- Fully guided Half Day Mosta, Mdina & Rabat tour
- Fully guided Journey Back In time tour
- Fully guided Malta By Night tour
- Return Airport transfers

## All tours are conducted by a licensed guide

Students can choose their preferred type of accommodation from the list that is presently available.

# TEFL Certificate Courses for all prospective EFL teachers

*ECS is an accredited centre for TEFL Induction Courses regulated by the EFL Monitoring Board.*

These courses are available at various times of the year and interested participants are requested to contact us for details.

**The Course enables learners to:**

- \* acquire essential subject knowledge
- \* acquire a range of practical skills for teaching English to speakers whose first language is not English

Course Duration: **3 /5 weeks**

Total Contact Hours: **45**



# Teenager Courses

*Malta is a bilingual country that enjoys rich cultural traditions, warm Mediterranean climate and hospitality. This is the ideal destination for teenagers to improve and practise their English while enjoying a full programme of events organised by our leisure team.*

Our experienced leaders accompany the students on excursions in the afternoons and at the weekends.

These General English Courses are designed specifically for teenagers aged between 13 and 17 and are offered from Beginner to Advanced level, focusing on the four language skills.





# Our Committed Team

*The administrative and academic staff plan and organise your language trip to Malta ensuring that you make the most of it.*

It is the aim of our teachers to help you attain your academic targets in the most effective way. They are fully trained and dedicated EFL practitioners. Both native speaking and bilingual teachers, with a wide range of experience, form part of the ECS team.

Besides basic EFL training, some teachers offer their knowledge of specialised subjects to cater for the growing demands of students. We are therefore able to offer Special courses and Business English in addition to General English courses to meet your specific requirements.

While multiple teaching methods are used throughout the course, our main aim is to create an environment that enhances a communicative and practical approach to language learning. Students are encouraged to develop their language skills through a mix of different activities such as discussions, role play, listening/reading tasks, report writing and group work as well as new English structures through controlled and free practice.

English Communication School seeks to integrate the best of the tried and tested theories and approaches in the TEFL sector to deliver the best results to students.

# Travelling to Malta



*Being an island in the centre of the Mediterranean sea, Malta boasts a vast list of leading, scheduled and low-cost airlines which operate all year round to this destination.*

All major European cities offer direct return flights to Malta.

Besides travelling by air, one can also travel by sea and benefit from offers which are available from leading companies. Nowadays large cruise liners visit the island frequently and one can also benefit from this opportunity.





# Accommodation



## Family Stay

*Are you seeking to learn new cultures, values, traditions and lifestyles to go with your language trip?*

Then what could be better than staying with a typical Maltese family, sharing their daily routines, values and traditions while being able to integrate with them and practise your English?

Here at ECS we are dedicated to offering you a welcoming family in the vicinity of the school. It is important to remember that family accommodation involves the student becoming part of the family and abiding by the family's rules. Students can book Full board, Half board or Bed and Breakfast.



# Hotels

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## 3 Star Hotels

We offer these fully furnished hotel rooms in Sliema with sea view as an option, conveniently located very close to the school (maximum 10 minutes walking distance).

Kindly contact us for our latest special offers on hotel prices.

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## 4 Star Hotels

Within the heart of Sliema or St. Julian's, just a few metres from the coast, yet very close to the school, we can offer a range of high quality 4 star hotels to choose from with the possibility of a sea view and also WIFI internet connection in the comfort of your room.

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## 5 Star Hotels

Choose from a range of highly luxurious 5 star hotels located in St. Julian's and Sliema with many amenities and options to complete your package.



# Apartments

## *Self-catering apartments*

*Are you the independent type of person?  
Do you prefer to be on your own?*

Then we have the ideal solution for you!

Choose from our range of self-catering apartments closely located to the school with outstanding sea views. All apartments are fully furnished to meet any requirements you may have. They are equipped with bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and dining area. Balcony and TV are available options.

## *Apart Hotels*

*Want to be on your own but cannot wake  
up early enough to prepare breakfast?*

Not to worry! We can also offer you Bed & Breakfast Apart hotels.

Stay in the comfort of a B&B hotel with the freedom of a self-catering apartment. These apartments are fully furnished, very close to the school and also boast a sea view.





# Tours, activities and places of interest

## *Valletta*

- City Gate Main Entrance
- Bastions
- Foundation Stone/Opera House
- Auberge de Castille & Square
- Upper Barakka Gardens
- Grand Harbour View
- Free time to explore Valletta

## *Mdina*

- Rabat – Suburbs of Mdina
- Tour around the fortified City
- Panoramic View of Malta (from Bastions)
- Main Gate and Greek Gate
- Free time to explore Mdina
- Coffee Break

## *Malta by night*

- Gardjola Gardens (panoramic view of the Grand Harbour)
- Vittoriosa Walk
- Drive through Cospicua
- Free time at Valletta Waterfront
- Drive around City Bastions

## *Gozo island tour*

- Mgarr Harbour
- Fortified Citadel
- Rabat Suburbs
- Ramla Bay
- Dwejra
- Azure Window
- Cliff formations
- Inlet formations

# Sightseeing Tours



*Panoramic tours of the Northern and Southern parts of the Island on open-air buses with multilingual facilities.*

## *Journey Back In Time*

- Tarxien Temples (prehistoric era)
- St. Lawrence Parish Church & Museum
- View Mosque (Arab era)
- Freedom Monument
- Vittoriosa Walk (Knights and French era)
- Bighi British Hospital
- Gardjola Senglea Point
- Roman Silos
- End of Cold War Monument

## *Sunday Special*

- Valletta Sunday Market
- Cruising the creeks of the Grand Harbour and Marsamxetto
- Horse Race track
- Cold Buffet Lunch

## *Highlights Of Malta*

- Sliema to Valletta by Ferry Service
- Bastions and Fort St. Elmo
- Malta Experience
- Marsaxlokk fishing Village
- Blue Grotto
- View of Hagar Qim Temples
- Dingli Cliffs
- Buskett Woodland



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