



Learn English in the Mediterranean

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Aerial view of Comino

A warm welcome to Malta & English Communication School

Being among the first English Language Schools in Malta, licensed by the Education Department and an Accredited Founder member of FELTOM, ECS prides itself on a high quality trademark in teaching English as a foreign language to students of all ages, nationalities and different walks of life who want to learn, improve and master their language skills.

Student satisfaction is our main goal. Enjoy learning English with us in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We look forward to meeting you and assisting you during your stay.



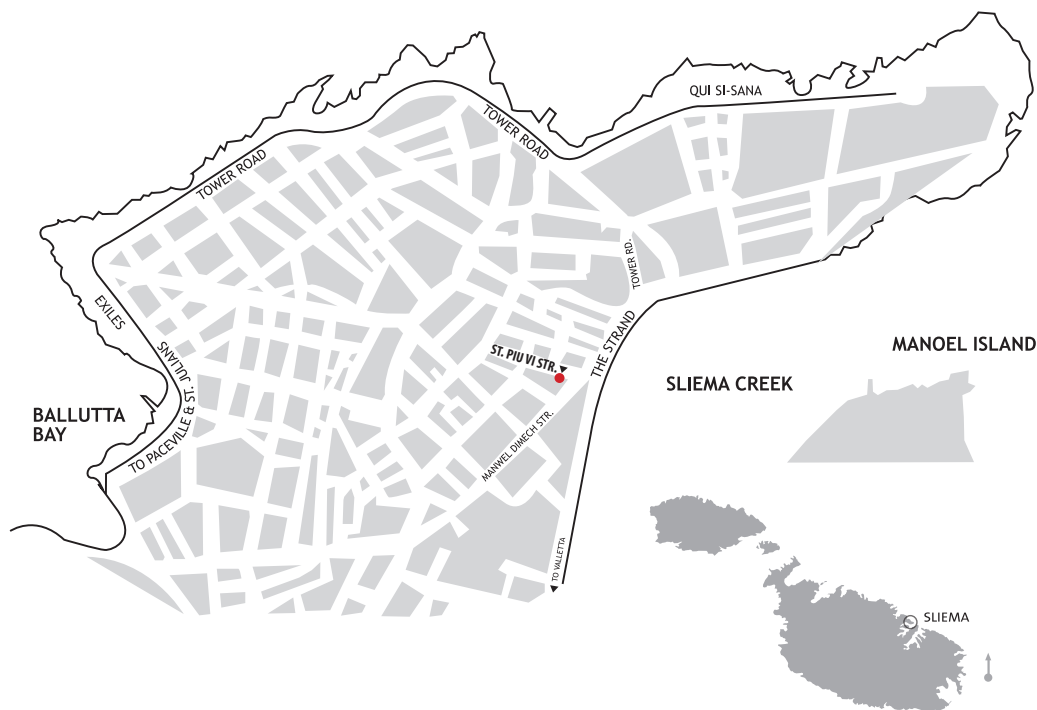
Quality English Language Teaching since 1989



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, 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 Malta's most popular tourist centre of Sliema, 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. Ferry services for trips or excursions are close by. Discos and nightlife are only minutes away by bus from The Strand. This area is also considered to be the finest for a variety of restaurants.

Your host family will show you the way to school on the first day. The school is open from Monday to Friday between 08.30 and 17.00 hrs (excluding public holidays).

We kindly ask you to contact us immediately should you experience any problems.



TIME-TABLE

MONDAY	08:30 placement test 09:30 Commencement of lessons (subject to change in high season)
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY	09:00 - 10:30 Break (10:30 - 11:00) 11:00 - 12:30 (End of lessons for general course) Break (12:30 - 13:00) 13:00 - 14:30 (End of lessons for intensive course) <i>Should 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.</i>

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

Test starts at 08:30 am (September to June)
08:00 am (Mid July to end August)



More than just a Course

All courses are run by a group of dedicated and fully qualified teachers who are specially trained for teaching English as a foreign language. Individual attention is our hallmark and your improvement is guaranteed by our team 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 dialogues, 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 set students in 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 CEF Common European Framework

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

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

Courses

Learn, practise and improve

your English in a short while

General courses

Intensive courses

Executive courses

Special courses

Business English courses

Cambridge Exam courses, IELTS & TOEFL

50+ Courses

Teenager Groups

General Courses

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 more

Number of Sessions per Week: 20

One Session Duration: 45 minutes

Additional private tuition is available on request.

The school provides all teaching material but textbooks are at the expense of the student.

Free WIFI connection is provided

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. You can also choose to take either an Intensive course in a mini group or with one other student.

Course Details

Group: C1

Number of students: Average 6,
Maximum 8

Course Duration: 1 Week or long stay

Number of Sessions per Week: 30

One Session Duration: 45 minutes

Group: C2

Number of students: 2

Course Duration: 1/2 Weeks or more

One Session Duration: 45 minutes

Free WIFI connection is provided

NOTE: Courses of 30 sessions per week are recognised under the *Bildungsurlaub* programme in Germany.

Executive Courses

ONE –TO-ONE Student + Teacher
Designed around the individual needs of each learner

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 more

Free WIFI connection is provided

Special Courses

The reduced number of students in class means that you are able to practise much more during the lesson and 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

Free WIFI connection is provided

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

Medical English

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

Technical English

In 2 levels:
Lower Intermediate & Intermediate

Deals with a variety of general topics such as Transport and Technical Drawing. Students' specialized subjects are brought in throughout the course.

Literature

In 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.

Business English Courses

Course Details

Maximum Number of Students in class: 8

Course Duration: 2 / 3 weeks or more

Number of Sessions per Week: 30

In 2 Levels:

Intermediate & Upper-Intermediate

This is an excellent course for adult students who need English for professional as well as social purposes.

The course focuses on the four skills of reading and writing, speaking and listening and covers business tasks, meetings, phone calls and letter writing.

Free WIFI connection is provided



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

Exam preparation Courses

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 30 sessions per week, each session being 45 minutes long, students focus on grammar and the use of language and nurture the four language skills.

Cambridge Exams are held three times yearly 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 and speaking and reading and 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.

Could be booked as Intensive Course, Executive or General and extra Private tuition.

TOEFL

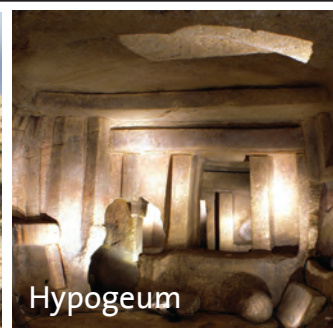
This is an American examination. TOEFL scores are required for purposes of admission to colleges and universities in USA and Canada. In Europe, TOEFL is also used by institutions where English is the language of instruction. Many government agencies and scholarship programmes use TOEFL scores to evaluate English proficiency.



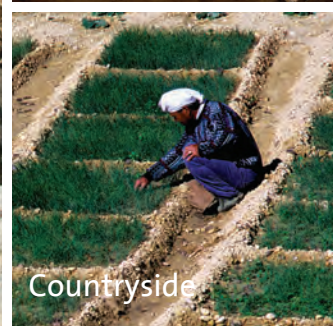
Valletta Bastions at night



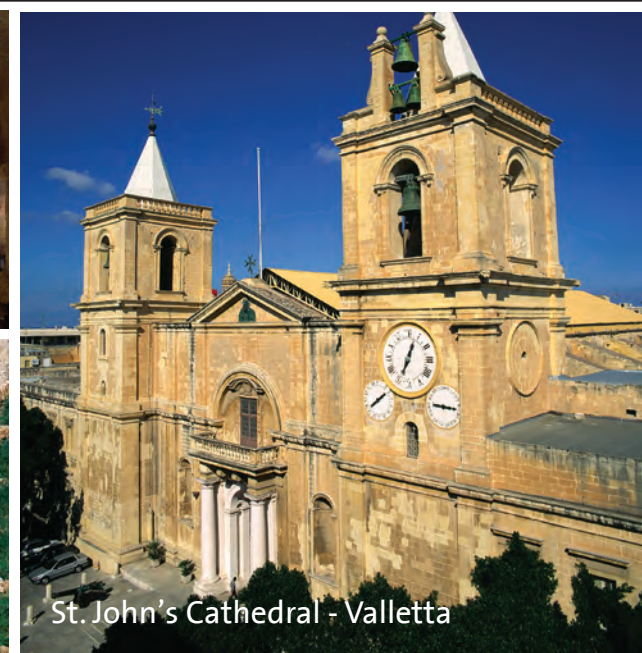
Azure Window - Gozo



Hypogeum



Countryside



St. John's Cathedral - Valletta

50+ Programme

Course Details

Small groups

Course Duration: 2 weeks

Number of Sessions per Week: 20

Course Dates

End February – mid March

Mid September – beginning October

Late October – beginning November

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.

[Students can choose the type of accommodation they prefer from the list that is presently available. All tours are conducted by a fully qualified and licensed guide.]



Blue Lagoon - Comino



Luzzu at Marsaxlokk fishing Village

Teenager Groups

Malta, a bilingual country that enjoys rich cultural traditions, warm Mediterranean climate and hospitality, is an ideal destination for teachers to organise English language travel week/s combined with a leisure programme for students. Schools from across Europe organise these trips every year allowing their students to first and foremost practise and improve their English skills in an English-speaking country while experiencing a new culture.



Aerial view of Valletta



Ta' Pinu Church - Gozo



Easter Junior Programme 13 to 17 Years

Course Details

Number of Students in class: Average 10, Maximum 15

Course Duration: Two Weeks

General English Course, Monday to Friday

Number of Sessions per Week: 20

(Certificate of Attendance is given at the end of course)

*Package includes:

One Student Information Pack.

One Half Day guided Countryside.

One Half Day Mdina, Mosta & Rabat.

One Harbour Cruise.

One Half Day guided Panoramic Tour.

One Half Day Valletta.

One Full Day guided Gozo Tour.

One Cinema ticket entrance.

Administration costs and fees.

Tours subject to slight changes without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

Summer Junior Programme 13 to 17 Years

Course Details

Number of Students in class: Average 10, Maximum 15

Course Duration: Two Weeks

General English Course, Monday to Friday

Number of Sessions per Week: 20

(Certificate of Attendance is given at the end of course)

*Package includes:

One Student Information Pack.

One Welcome Party.

One Full Day guided Gozo Tour (some free time for swimming)

One Half Day Valletta.

One Half Day Mdina, Mosta & Rabat.

One Full Day Comino Island Cruise.

Four beach tours.

One Harbour Cruise.

Farewell Party.

Administration costs and fees.

*Airport transfers from and to Accommodation, two weeks accommodation in host family on F/B basis in twin / triple rooms, two weeks General English course.



Our committed team

The administrative and academic staff plan and structure 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 profitable way. They are fully trained and qualified as 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 specialise in teaching Special English topics, while others 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.

Multiple teaching methods are used throughout the course, however our main concern 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 offer the best results to students.



Pembroke

Radisson Bay Point
Corinthia San Gorg

Corinthia Marina

St. George's Bay

Paceville

St. Julian's Bay

St. Julian's Point

THE TOWER

St. Andrew's

LUXOL ARENA

Swieqi

St. Julian's

Upper Gardens

Kappara

L-Ibrag

St. Andrew's Heights

SanGwann

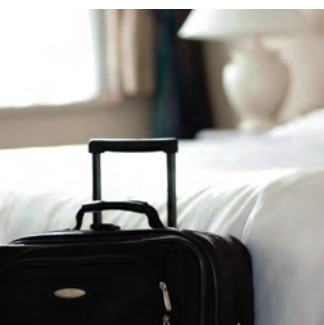
Travelling to Malta

Being an island in the centre of the Mediterranean sea, Malta boasts of a vast list of leading scheduled and low-cost airlines which operate all year 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 by 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 for you to remember that family accommodation involves the student becoming part of the family and abiding by the family's rules. Should there be any problems with your family accommodation, kindly contact us immediately and we guarantee to resolve any inconvenience that there might be within the day.



Hotels

★★★

3 STAR HOTELS

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

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

★★★★

4 STAR HOTELS

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

★★★★★

5 STAR HOTELS

Choose from a range of highly luxurious 5 star hotels located in the heart of 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 offering outstanding sea views. All apartments are fully furnished to meet any requirements that you may have. They are equipped with bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and dining area. Balcony and TV are on option.

***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 yet with the freedom of a self-catering apartment. These apartments are fully furnished, very close to the school and also enjoy a sea view.

***Kindly contact us for our latest offers.**

Tours, activities and places of interest



VALLETTA

VISITING:

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

GOZO ISLAND TOUR

VISITING:

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

MDINA

VISITING:

- 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 & Cake Stop (optional)

MALTA BY NIGHT

VISITING:

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

Sightseeing Tours

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF MALTA

VISITING:

- 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

JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

VISITING:

- Tarxien Temples (prehistoric era)
- St.Laurence Parish Church
- St.Laurence Musuem
- 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

VISITING:

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



Fort St. Angelo - Kalkara



Blue Grotto - Zurrieq



Knight of St. John



Tarxien Temples



St. John's Cathedral



Countryside





WINE TASTING

Wine tasting tour will take us to a wine bar set in a 200 year old cave. A wine lecturer will explain the varieties of Maltese wines (typical Maltese appetizers and delicacies are offered.) Transport from and to the school is included.

COUNTRYSIDE WALK

VISITING:

- Siggiewi – traditional Maltese Village
- Dingli Cliffs
- Fawwara Countryside
- Girgenti

HORSE RIDING

Tour consists of 1 hour horse riding with trainer. Riding helmets and transport from and to the school are included.

DIVING

Scuba diving with professional PADI instructor. Diving equipment and transport from and to the school are included.



Ramla Bay - Gozo



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