

The programme is carefully structured and includes continuous assessment with daily, weekly and monthly milestones for each student according to their personal objectives.

The course includes:

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### Language skills lessons to develop language competency

**Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric** lessons give instruction in the core skills of grammar and sentence structure and the art of constructing an argument.

**Comprehension, Vocabulary and Précis** lessons use a wide variety of authentic materials such as literary texts, news articles, research reports and current affairs audio and video to build new vocabulary and develop listening comprehension skills and speaking skills. The art of editing and summarising is practised in the précis exercises.

**Composition and Text Analysis** lessons focus on developing the student's skills and flair for written English. Students work on practice exercises in a range of styles and registers including improvisation, essay writing, reports on researched topics, reviews, commentaries and literary criticism.

### Communication skills sessions to build confidence and fluency

#### Morning Plenary

Designed to bring students together at the start of the school day in a warm-up session.

#### Spoken Performance Workshop

Students are set tasks which challenge them to develop their speaking and active expression in the language. There is also a focus on non-verbal communication such as body language.

#### Team Project: Language in Context

Allows students to make use of their location in the heart of London to complete research projects, field work and collaborative assignments centred around London's history and culture.

#### Skills Workshop

A personalised workshop which develops critical thinking skills for either professional or academic purposes and prepares students for external qualifications.

### Individual lessons

Individual lessons can be added to the programme for fast progress or to allow a focus on specific content.

These lessons allow the student to make fast progress, by tailoring lessons to meet their exact needs. This is highly effective for students who require English for specific professional purposes, and can focus on areas of specialisation such as law, engineering, medicine and finance.

### Course dates

Courses start every Monday throughout the year.

Maximum 8 per class =  
Individually monitored progress



# The Octorial course programme and the learner outcomes it delivers



15 mins	<b>Morning Plenary</b> Each day begins with a group discussion or personal presentation.
60 mins	<b>Spoken Performance Workshop</b> Students are set tasks which challenge them to develop their speaking and active expression in the language.  <div> <div> <b>Lesson Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exercises to practise active expression in the language</li> <li>Exercises for clear pronunciation</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>Learner Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to adapt tone, register, pace, emphasis of the spoken language</li> <li>Speak with clarity and be understood</li> </ul> </div> </div>
60 mins	<b>Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric</b> The core skills of grammar and sentence structure and the art of constructing an argument.  <div> <div> <b>Lesson Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing tasks in different styles and registers</li> <li>Grammar and structure practice drills</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>Learner Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deep understanding of the language</li> <li>Ability to manipulate the language</li> </ul> </div> </div>
60 mins	<b>Comprehension, Vocabulary and Précis</b> A wide variety of authentic materials such as literary texts, news articles, research reports and current affairs audio and video to build new vocabulary and develop listening comprehension and speaking skills.  <div> <div> <b>Lesson Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarising tasks</li> <li>Understanding a text or podcast</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>Learner Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to edit and summarise</li> <li>Communicate a message in clear written English</li> </ul> </div> </div>
60 mins	<b>Team Project: Language in Context</b> A collaborative workshop which draws on the arts, humanities, history and sciences of London to produce themed assignments and field projects.  <div> <div> <b>Lesson Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field work</li> <li>Research</li> <li>Preparation tasks</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>Learner Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration skills</li> <li>Cultural awareness</li> <li>Academic knowledge</li> </ul> </div> </div>
60 mins	<b>Composition and Text Analysis</b> For flair in written English. Students work on practice exercises in a range of styles and registers including creative writing, short stories, improvisation and essay writing.  <div> <div> <b>Lesson Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical analysis of a text</li> <li>Practice exercises and essays</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>Learner Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essay writing techniques</li> <li>Speed-reading techniques</li> </ul> </div> </div>
60 mins	<b>Skills Workshop</b> A personalised workshop which develops critical thinking skills for either professional or academic purposes and prepares students for external qualifications.  <div> <div> <b>Lesson Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation tasks</li> <li>Research assignments</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>Learner Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical thinking skills</li> <li>Independent study skills</li> </ul> </div> </div> <div> <b>Lesson Content for Exam Candidates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mock exams</li> <li>Revision of exam content</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>Learner Outcomes for Exam Candidates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam success strategies</li> <li>Confidence in writing and speaking</li> </ul> </div>
Or	<b>One to one lesson for specific purposes</b> An individual lesson with a personal tutor to focus on areas of specific interest or exam preparation.





## How the course programme can be enhanced to prepare for exams

### Cambridge B2 (FCE), Cambridge C1 (CAE) IELTS / TOEIC

Individual lessons can be added to the programme to focus on exam preparation.

These qualifications help students to progress in professional contexts or in further education, such as studying at an English speaking university. The learner is trained to communicate effectively in a wide range of themes and topics.

Octorial lessons revise the core structures of the language. Individual lessons focus on the revision of the specific exam content, practice drills, timed tests, essay writing and strategies for exam success.

Weekly review tests highlight areas which need attention and are a good way to track progress. The student is given regular exam practice under timed conditions, drills and exercises from past papers, essay writing practice and is coached in personal success strategies for their exam by tutors.

### Course dates

Courses start every Monday throughout the year.

Maximum 8 per class + individual lessons =  
Accelerated progress

## A fast track to exam success

