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Prospectus

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From the Principal

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the College of International Education (CIE). We are a small college, located in the centre of Oxford. We offer English Language, Academic, Foundation Year, and Pre-Boarding courses.

The tuition is in small classes, given by dedicated and qualified teachers.

We also arrange an interesting programme of social activities, including visits to London, Stratford and Stonehenge. CIE is known for its friendly and happy atmosphere.

During your stay with us, you will have the opportunity to visit our beautiful city. Medieval buildings dating from the 11th century—together with the world-renowned Oxford University colleges—will provide you with an inspirational architectural experience. In Oxford, you will be living in a multicultural society which attracts people from all over the world: a truly cosmopolitan experience which may be appreciated both during the day and in the evenings.

We believe that a stay with us will prove to be a happy and unforgettable experience.

John Hudson, Principal



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English Language Courses

Group Lessons

Most students at CIE take 3 one-hour-long lessons of group classes each morning from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. In your morning lessons, you will concentrate on speaking, listening, grammar, reading, and writing in English. In the summer, these classes have no more than 12 students. Outside of the summer, the average class usually contains no more than 8 students.

If you like, you can choose to continue your general English group studies in 2 one-hour-long lessons in the afternoons. These lessons tend to focus more on speaking and listening skills. The small size of our classes is one secret to much of our students' continuing success, as the teaching can more easily be tailored to suit the needs of each individual student.

Private Lessons

Some students prefer to study English one-to-one with a private teacher. We can usually offer private lessons during the working day. These lessons are intensive and personalized to meet your individual needs. Alternatively, many students who take group lessons in the morning also choose to add on 1 or 2 private lessons in the afternoons.

We can offer private lessons in any subject area. Some of the more popular choices are:

- General English
- English for specific purposes (ESP), such as Business, Law, or Medicine
- An academic subject, such as Science or Mathematics

Exam Preparation

Teachers at CIE are trained to help you prepare for most English language examinations, such as:

- IELTS
- FCE (First Certificate in English)
- KET (Key English Test) or PET (Preliminary English Test)
- CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) or CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English)
- BEC (Business English Certificate) or BULATS (Business Language Testing Service)
- TOEFL, TOEIC, or TOLES
- Other examinations upon request

If we have enough students to form a class, we can offer these classes in groups in the mornings. Otherwise, you can prepare for these exams in private lessons in the afternoon.

English for Oxford Residents

Perhaps you want to attend a British university to study Business Studies, but you don't have the necessary level of English. If so, CIE can help.

Please see the course description in the Academic Programmes section beginning on page 2.

If you are already living and working in Oxford, we offer many affordable choices for your English language study. The small size of the groups at CIE means that the classes are intensive and highly effective for improving your English quickly.

We offer very special rates to Oxford residents for our morning, afternoon, and evening groups. To qualify for some of these special rates, you must provide evidence that you are currently a resident of (i.e., that you live and/or work in) Oxford. Please contact us for further details.

Term Dates

You can begin most general English courses on any Monday throughout the year.

Premises

CIE's Bocardo House is in the centre of Oxford, opposite the world-famous Oxford Union. Our busy summer school is also held in city centre facilities, such as Oxford University's Lady Margaret Hall, near the University Parks.



Academic Programmes

Pre-Sessional Programme (Between 2 and 12 weeks)

If you are aged 11 to 17 and have a CAS from a boarding school in England, but your English level does not meet the standards required by your school, CIE can help.

You will attend group English language lessons in the mornings, and in the afternoons, you will have lessons in Science and Maths to help you improve your English for academic purposes (EAP).

To date, all our Pre-boarders have gone on to well-established English boarding schools and CIE has over 15 partnerships with boarding schools around the UK.

Pre-University Foundation Year

Perhaps you want to attend a British university to study Business Studies, but you don't have the necessary level of English. If so, CIE can help.

We offer an intensive, year-round university preparation course for students aged 17 and above whose English is already at an Intermediate level (Common European Framework level B1). The Foundation Year course consists of three major components.

- Academic English study: You will raise your English level to at least an Upper Intermediate level—Common European Framework level B2—taking part in Academic English (EAP) lessons each day.
- IELTS Preparation: In order to complete the course successfully, you will need to achieve a score of at least 6.0 on the IELTS examination, which meets the English language requirements of all of our partner universities (and of most other universities in Britain).
- Subject Area Study: In addition to improving your English language skills, you will familiarise yourself with the language, issues, and research related to your chosen field of study: Business Studies.

For further details about the Foundation Year course, please contact us to request our Foundation Year leaflet, which is also available on our website.

A-Level and GCSE Examination Preparation

Over the academic year, we can help you prepare for these standard English examinations.

Private Lessons

Some students prefer to study academic subjects one-to-one with a private teacher. We can offer private lessons at any time of day and in any subject area. These lessons are intensive and personalized to meet your individual needs. Alternatively, many students who take group lessons in the morning also choose to add on 1 or 2 private lessons in the afternoons.

Holiday Revision Courses

Over the spring, winter, and summer breaks, we offer revision courses in any subject, including English language skills. During these holiday breaks, we can also help you prepare for specific examinations such as A-levels or GCSEs. Depending on demand, we can offer either group tuition or private one-to-one tuition.

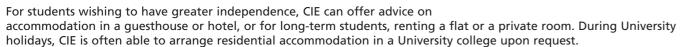


Oxford Life with CIE

Your Oxford Host Family

Most CIE students stay in host family, or homestay, accommodation. This provides you with the opportunity to share the daily life of a British family. Breakfast and an evening meal are taken with the family on weekdays, and all meals at the weekend. We are also happy to arrange premier accommodation upon request.

As CIE is situated in the centre of Oxford, an excellent bus service is available to and from the homes of all our host families. CIE's accommodation officer inspects the homes of all host families regularly to ensure that they meet our standards as well as those of the British Council.



Weekday Social Activities

An optional programme of social, sporting, and cultural activities runs in the summer and by special request for groups throughout the year.

The programme includes:

- Visits to world-famous museums
- Sightseeing
- Punting on the rivers
- Football and other sport
- Cream teas
- Many other enjoyable local activities

Weekend Excursions

At the weekends during the summer (or as special arrangement for a group at any time), you can also choose to take part in our weekend excursions. This programme includes visits to:

- London
- Warwick Castle
- Shakespeare's birthplace of Stratford-upon-Avon
- The Roman city of Bath
- Stonehenge
- Many other places of historical and cultural interest

Oxford is full of beautiful, interesting places to visit allowing you and your classmates to take in the history, excitement, and architectural beauty of this medieval city. Some of the activities available to you in your time outside of lessons include:

- · Sightseeing, Dining, and Shopping
- Pubs & Clubs
- **Sport & The Outdoors**
- Museums, Theatre, & Music
- **Private Study**

Please visit our website for further details about social life in Oxford while you are studying at CIE.

Teachers and Tutors

All of our teachers are qualified, experienced professionals who are highly skilled in their chosen fields. Our English language courses are accredited by the British Council.

Our academic programmes are accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC), which requires that our teachers have appropriate teaching qualifications, such as a Bachelors or Masters degree and/or a PGCE in the subject they are teaching.

If you register to study at CIE for more than 4 weeks, you will be assigned a personal tutor who meets with you regularly and make sure you are happy with your classes and your host family.

Student Feedback



Sandra (France) – "I came to CIE to take an intensive course because I need to speak English for my job. When I arrived for my first school day, I was very surprised. It was in August 2011 and there were a lot of young students from everywhere in the world! After a few hours, it wasn't a problem anymore: I found people very interesting and I particularly appreciated to learn things of others countries during the week I stayed. The courses were funny and friendly. Teachers were very nice and approachable. It was so good that I wanted to return asap, and I did 2 months later for 2 weeks. I chose a mixed course: General English in the morning and private courses in the afternoon. I advise this kind of course for people who want to improve their English more quickly and I advise that period (out of summer) for adults because there are less young people. We can be closer to teachers and we can focus on our difficulties. I'm very convinced by this college and its staff so I decided to send my son, who is 17, for the next summer... I hope he'll get the same pleasure as me"!



Rosario (Italy) - "Our times at CIE were very exciting, I remember the moments with our teachers and friends, when we played ping pong and when we watched a movie completely in English, I remember all the times spent at CIE and I think that if I could return I would not think twice about it. I want to say goodbye all the teachers that helped me to improve my English. Bye bye".



Yi (China) - "I've been at CIE for 2 weeks. Both teachers and students here are very nice. I love the way the teachers teach and the atmosphere in class. CIE is like a big family. I love CIE very much".



Lourdes (Spain) - "CIE is a very friendly school but serious. I learned a lot of English in a short period of time. Thank you teachers, am going back to Spain very happy".



CIE for 6 months last year and I really feel that my English is much better now".

Mohammed (Sudan) - "I studied at

Dario (Switzerland) - "CIE is very nice.

and has a relaxed atmosphere with

also good".

nice students. The Oxford nightlife is



Osama (Libya) – "Meeting people from around the world was such a great experience"!



Bruno (Brazil) - "I've been at CIE for seven months and I've improved my English a lot so I'm very satisfied. I believe CIE is going to improve my qualifications because at CIE there are good staff and it is really organised so CIE is successful".

