



EXCEL ENGLISH



Your Excel English Experience



“Welcome to Excel English! I am delighted you want to study English in London – this is a decision which will definitely change your life for the better. Our long experience offering quality teaching and excellent student care means you can be confident in choosing Excel English for your studies. The main reason for our success is our wonderful staff team (teachers and administrators) who together have over one hundred years’ experience at the school. They are dedicated to supporting, teaching and advising you and helping you achieve your goals and have a wonderful time in London. We’re really looking forward to meeting you.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Loren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Judy Loren, Principal





Student Score
98.95%

of our students would
recommend Excel
English to their friends
& relatives.



Switzerland
Libya Italy
Hungary
Japan Brazil
Russia
France Thailand
Spain

Top Ten Nationalities (no order)
(50 + nationalities per year)

Why do students choose Excel English?

We deliver what we promise.

Our name says what we stand for. To 'excel' means 'to be the best' and that is what we have always worked to achieve. We are ranked in the top 1.5 % of all language schools in the UK and have also been welcomed into membership of several prestigious international language school associations.

Throughout this brochure you will read the Promises we make to our students and their educational advisors. These Promises are the standards we have maintained for more than 25 years of teaching English to thousands of students from round the world.

Our 'Student Scores' also show how our students rank all aspects of their stay and how well we have kept our Promises.

12/15 Strengths
(Accreditation report)

Accredited by the
BRITISH COUNCIL

ENGLISHUK
member

ENGLISHUK
london

Founder Member

1 of only 5 QE London schools

Quality English

ELgazette
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE 2015

1 of only 5 IALC
London schools

IALC
International Association
of Language Centres

TEN



A group of TEN established, experienced, independent English language schools which have a reputation in the market for quality and personal service.

Your London study centre

Excel English is in a beautiful location, surrounded by gardens, and is the only purpose designed language school in London.

You will definitely find it a comfortable, relaxing place to study. Our friendly staff will help you with everything from accommodation to exam entry and showing you the best places to visit in London. We only employ skilled and passionate teachers and for our students to get the best teaching, we do our best for our teachers. So we have a professional development programme for teachers as well as regular observations to ensure all our students are learning and achieving their goals.



Modern Building



8 Years

the average time every permanent teacher has worked at Excel English

100% permanent teachers postgraduate diploma (DELTA) qualified

100% part time teachers CELTA qualified



Student Kitchen



Wonderful Gardens

Your Excel English Road to Success

Choose Excel English & book your course



Plan your journey & pack

Arrive & settle into accommodation



Meet the staff, introduction to living in London, testing & interview, guided sightseeing tour of Muswell Hill & central London

Collect your course book and join your class, meet your classmates and teacher



During your course - continual assessment through homework, 2 weekly tutorials, progress tests etc

Enjoy social activities & make new friends



Take an exam eg IELTS or FCE



Excellent Teachers



Free Wi-Fi

**Student
Scores**



Atmosphere
91.90%



Reception Staff
92.80%



Student Care
92.20%

Finish your course
with increased
confidence in
using English

Return home

Keep
practising
English

Leaving Ceremony
& certificate

Share your
experience with
your family &
friends

Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ respond to your enquiries & bookings within 24 hours Mon-Fri
- ♥ give you honest advice on study options and accommodation
- ♥ have a 24 hour emergency line in case you have problems on arrival or during your stay
- ♥ welcome you to the school & ensure you soon feel at home
- ♥ test you thoroughly so you study at the correct level
- ♥ help you develop a study plan and realistic goals (courses of 8 weeks or more)
- ♥ monitor your progress throughout your stay and address any of your concerns immediately
- ♥ ensure you study in an international community with an English-only policy in and out of the classroom

Your Learning Experience

At Excel English you will learn quickly, gain confidence and speak more fluently.

We use a wide range of modern teaching techniques so you progress fast. Our teachers plan their lessons, knowing not only our detailed curriculum for each level, but also the individual needs, strengths and weaknesses of each student. And we also know serious study can be fun so our lessons are communicative, interactive and challenging. Our programmes can be booked on their own or combined to make a personalised study plan and you decide the number of hours and weeks you want to study.

For details of our programmes, timetables & levels, see our Key Facts.



2015 statistics
* Students achieving their desired grade or higher

Enjoy Learning English



Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ only employ trained teachers who consistently deliver high quality teaching
- ♥ constantly review the methodology we use & choose modern, challenging materials
- ♥ use homework & tutorials to support classroom learning
- ♥ give you thorough preparation if you choose to take an external examination
- ♥ support you in your academic goals & motivate you to achieve them
- ♥ give you the skills to become an independent learner
- ♥ provide space and resources for self study outside lessons





Improvement
of English
96.46%



Teaching
92.40%



8 weeks between levels -
average Excel English progress

12 weeks between levels
Cambridge ESOL estimated progress

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Months



Leaving Ceremony

English Plus - Experiences

Excel English offers more English Plus - Experience courses than any other school in London.

Experience courses are a unique way for you to learn English outside the classroom while acquiring new skills, practising your chosen sport or exploring different aspects of London. Experience courses combine 15 hours per week Intensive English tuition with individual sessions with your trainer, giving you the chance to really improve your speaking and listening.



Aromatherapy



Horse riding

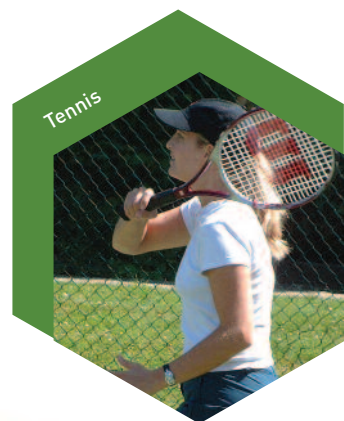
Vintage Fashion



London Tea Experience



Tennis



Prime Experience



Flower Arranging



Flower & Garden

Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ offer you a different, fun way to improve your English
- ♥ help you learn a new hobby or improve your skills
- ♥ only employ professional trainers or knowledgeable staff
- ♥ plan a range of individual or small group activities
- ♥ ensure your Experience adds to your overall enjoyment of London

Massage



Football Fanatics



Teacher Methodology Courses

Whether you teach English or another subject, you'll find our courses for overseas teachers invaluable.

You will improve your English skills and exchange ideas with other participants from round the world. Our expert trainers will refresh your teaching style and inspire you to create engaging activities for your classes. And of course you'll be able to experience London culture and visit some of the places you've only seen in books or films.

See our Key Facts for details of our scheduled teacher training courses or contact us to arrange specialised closed group teacher training or to discuss our trainers running sessions in your country.



Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ only use qualified, experienced teacher trainers (minimum DELTA/MA level)
- ♥ help you update and improve your English
- ♥ use error correction in all sessions to increase your language ability
- ♥ refresh your knowledge of methodology through enjoyable & interactive sessions
- ♥ provide you with a wide range of practical activities you can use in your lessons
- ♥ familiarise you with British culture
- ♥ regularly review & update our session material
- ♥ provide additional material post-course to supplement your skills

Groups at Excel English

We welcome groups from round the world for general English, British culture, examination preparation, teacher training and our Prime Experience course for mature learners.

We also take groups requiring work experience placements under the EU Leonardo Da Vinci scholarship programme. Our clients have included famous universities, companies and specialist high schools as well as groups organised by our overseas partners.

We organise open groups (16+) and closed groups (12+) throughout the year. Our Groups and Social Organiser will work with you through the whole process of booking, welcoming, hosting and taking care of your group.



Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ assist you in designing a customised and cost effective group programme
- ♥ ensure your students are met at the airport and escorted to their accommodation
- ♥ include a free sightseeing tour of London
- ♥ book best value attraction or theatre tickets as needed
- ♥ provide emergency phone numbers
- ♥ help you keep your students safe in London
- ♥ give you information and directions if you plan your own excursions
- ♥ work closely with you to make sure your students are happy and enjoy their lessons as well as have a great experience in London





Lasting Memories

How do we remain a top London school?

We regularly ask for feedback from our students and overseas partners and we use their comments and suggestions to continuously improve.

"Every class was exciting, practical and enjoyable. All the teachers were experienced and very kind. This was the (most) remarkable experience in my life. Thank you so much!"

Yoko, Japan

"It's been a lovely experience studying at Excel English. I came here four times, starting from scratch til the advanced level where I am now ready to complete my MBA in finance with confidence of my English skills. I think the studying experience in Excel English isn't just about learning. It's a comprehensive experience where you'll learn, practice, and have fun as well."

Abdul Malik, Saudi Arabia

"It was a big shift in my life when I joined Excel English last year. I thought it's going to be difficult at the beginning as my level of English was really low, but Excel English was no ordinary school. I feel confident now to take my IELTS exam and pursue my higher education."

Wesam, Libya

"Excel English is not only language learning; it's culture experience, exciting adventures and unforgettable memories. Thank you!"

Nikolay, Russia

"I love the school. Excel English is ultracool. The teachers are great, the covered topics are interesting and fun, and just everything's very motivating."

Olivia Switzerland

"I've been bringing students to Excel English since 2003. I've always felt my job was made easier by the support of all the staff at the school, and the quality of the lessons. The homestay families are very friendly and understanding, offering help whenever needed. The location of the school and hosts is very convenient, in a quiet residential area of London. All this made coming with students every year worthwhile."

Liliana, group leader, Argentina



"The (Teachers') course was excellent and totally met my expectations. The classes were great, the teachers were very competent and the atmosphere at the school, amazing. I can judge this well, since I've had the opportunity to study at other schools in some countries. Comparing the schools I'd been to and Excel English, I can say that not only did I benefit from my course at Excel English more but I also enjoyed my time at this school more."

Flavia, teacher student Brazil

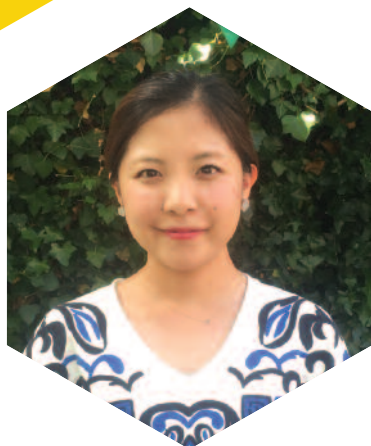


"The teachers have been excellent because they always help you in all the things you need and also the atmosphere in the school gives you the opportunity of speaking with students from different countries that makes you speak English all the time."

Yusef, Chile

"London is amazing, one of the greatest cities I've ever visited!"

Jonathan, Brazil



"We feel so fortunate to have studied at your school. The days we spent here were amazing, we were absorbed in every lesson and sure none of us will forget that great experience we had here. Our words could never express our gratitude to everybody for truly caring, loving and being there for us all the times. The best lessons are not learned from a book but from the hearts of great teachers. And we're lucky to have them here."

Rimma & teachers' group, Tartarstan, Russia



"I've had some wonderful students & it's been a pleasure hosting them & getting to know them all. I've been impressed with everyone I've met & dealt with in Excel English. Professionalism & friendliness spring to mind."

Yvonne, homestay host

"Wonderful school. I really enjoyed my time here.... I'll recommend this school to all my friends!"

Ege, Turkey



"I think that I've improved my English quite a lot, especially speaking. I remember that (when) I arrived in Heathrow Airport, I can only say 'Ok', 'Yes' and 'No'. But now I speak to foreigners successfully. Thanks for the teachers of Excel English. I appreciate it!"

Yen Chen, Taiwan

"[The accommodation] is not far from the school and if I take a walk to school, I get to pass through a park. Dinners with my host family are great. The food is delicious and I improve my speaking skills...."

Nasima, Thailand

"[Muswell Hill is] a very nice area, it's like being at the countryside and not so far from central London. And there are many good restaurants and bars and shops and good links to central London."

Laurence, France

"I have been in London for six months living in a residence. When you arrive in new country, living in a residence is very nice because you can meet a lot of new people."

Carolina, Spain

"We think this school is well organised. All the staff is efficient, punctual, and kind."

Patrizia and Antonella, group leaders, Italy

Study local, live local

Where you live is a very important part of your experience in London.

All our accommodation is located within walking distance or a short bus journey from the school. This saves you time and money, allows you to feel part of the local community and makes it easier for you to meet up with your friends. And of course central London is only minutes away whenever you want to go sightseeing, shopping or to the theatre, a restaurant or pub. You can choose to live with British hosts (homestay) in a residence with meals, or even in a hotel.



Accommodation
92.20%

Live
within walking
distance or
one direct bus

Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ select, and regularly check all accommodation according to the highest Excel English and British Council standards
- ♥ place you in the most suitable accommodation available
- ♥ send you details of your accommodation as soon as it is arranged
- ♥ guarantee you free Internet access in your accommodation if you request it
- ♥ ensure you are the only student in the homestay speaking your language unless you choose to share with a friend or relative
- ♥ listen to your suggestions and requests and make sure you are happy and comfortable
- ♥ find accommodation within reasonable walking distance of the school for long stay students (20 weeks+)



Residence Standard Bedroom



Residence Gym



Homestay Bedroom



Friendly Hosts





Lasting Friendships



Hotel bedroom



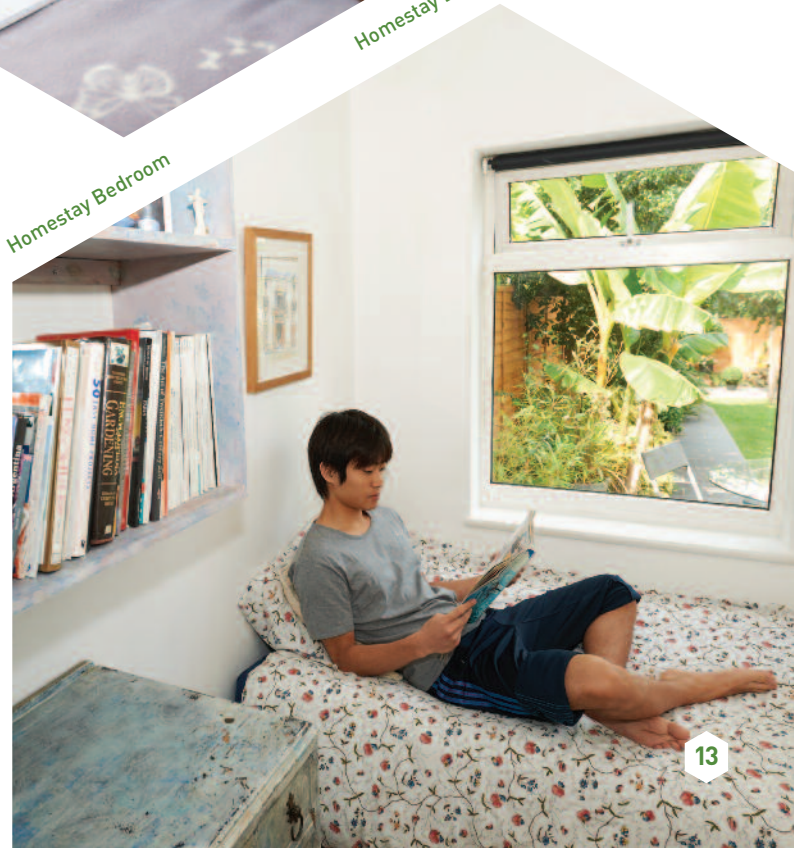
Residence Superior Room



Homestay Bedroom



Residence Lounge



Homestay Bedroom

Muswell Hill – the Top of London

Excel English is the highest school in London, with spectacular views from Alexandra Park across the centre of the city.

Muswell Hill is a fashionable residential area with beautiful architecture, many sports centres and great nightlife, but it is only minutes from the centre of London. The Sunday Times newspaper recently named Muswell Hill one of the top 5 places to live in London and a survey for Time Out magazine found it is the friendliest part of the city. But, above all, our area is home to real Londoners, not tourists.



Café Culture

Beautiful Residential Area



Alexandra Palace & Park



Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ show you around Muswell Hill on your first day
- ♥ help you find what you're looking for in our local area
- ♥ give you a student card which entitles you to discounts in local restaurants and cafes
- ♥ plan a variety of activities in Muswell Hill or North London
- ♥ keep you informed of local events
- ♥ help you feel part of the local community



Friendly Markets

Great Restaurants



Premier League Football Clubs



Fantastic Pubs - O'Neill's - the Famous 'Church' Pub



Famous Bands at Alexandra Palace



Live London

Studying English in London is about so much more than your lessons.

London is one of the world's most fascinating and visited capital cities and has everything to offer, from historic buildings to art galleries, to designer shops and the latest exciting non stop nightlife. This is also a youthful city with 43 universities and over 300,000 students. At Excel English, we believe that if you're having fun, exploring London and making friends, you'll learn better.

From your first day, we will give you the confidence to see and do everything you've planned by joining our regular London excursions or organising your own. And if you do want a change from London, our city has the best transport connections to the rest of Britain and Europe. So why choose just a weekend in London when we will help you really live it!



Madam Tussauds

London Eye



Exciting nightclubs



Enjoyment of stay

93%

Tower Bridge



Big Ben and Houses of Parliament





Shopping Capital



Busy Markets & Street Food



Excel English Promises

We will

- ♥ show you how to use the underground (tube) and buses
- ♥ ensure the staff leading excursions make them interesting and rewarding
- ♥ give you information and advice on organising your own London trips
- ♥ tell you about the many free attractions you can visit or free events you can attend
- ♥ help you book theatre or concert tickets & weekend trips
- ♥ help you with plans for travelling in the UK or Europe

Key Facts

Minimum Age
Individuals

16
Years

Minimum Age
Groups

12
Years

Average Age

26
Years

Max Capacity

180

Courses and Programmes

General English and Examination Preparation

Programme	Weekly 60 minute hours	Max class size	Start date	No of weeks	Min level	Min age
Super Intensive	22.5	12	Any Monday	1+	A1 (Elementary)	16
Intensive	15	12	Any Monday	1+	A1 (Elementary)	16
Intensive Combination	15 group + 7.5 individual	12 + 1:1	Any Monday	1+	A1 (Elementary)	16
One to One	Minimum 7.5	1	Any Monday	1+	A1 (Elementary)	16
Cambridge Examinations (FCE & CAE)	22.5	8	Specific start dates. 3 courses per year.	6	B2 (FCE) C1 (CAE)	16
IELTS / Trinity ISE	22.5	8	Specific start dates. Minimum 10 courses per year.	4	B1	16

Teacher training

Programme	Weekly 60 minute hours	Max class size	Start date	No of weeks	Min level	Min age
New Ideas for the English Classroom	22.5	12	Specific start dates. 4 courses per year.	2	B2 (FCE)	20
English for Teachers	22.5	12	Specific start dates. 2 courses per year.	2	B1 (Intermediate)	20

English + Experiences

Category	Experiences	Information	Min age
Sports Experiences	Football Fanatics Golf Horseriding Tennis	<p>All Experience courses include 15 hours of English lessons each week.</p> <p>Experience hours vary according to the Experience.</p> <p>Students should have A2 (Pre Intermediate) level or higher.</p> <p>Students can enrol from 1 week to 3 weeks depending on the Experience</p>	16
Lifestyle Experiences	Aromatherapy & Massage Flower & Garden London Tea Experience London Spirit Experience* Vintage Fashion		16
Artistic Experiences	Flower Arranging Glass Art		*18
Senior Experiences	Prime Experience		16
			45

Included in your tuition & learning materials fees

- ✓ Entry test to establish your level & needs
- ✓ Group or individual tuition hours
- ✓ Modern textbook(s)
- ✓ Free mug (to personalise)
- ✓ Audio visual materials and interactive whiteboards
- ✓ Self access materials such as books & DVDs
- ✓ Homework (1-2 hours per day) corrected by your teacher
- ✓ Tutorials every 2 weeks
- ✓ Progress tests every 2-4 weeks
- ✓ Use of school computers & WiFi
- ✓ End of course certificate

Plus for students enrolling for 8 weeks or more

- ✓ Detailed analysis of learning aims
- ✓ Additional long stay tutorials
- ✓ Advice on suitable examinations
- ✓ Advice on higher education (through external consultants)
- ✓ Detailed end of course report (8 weeks +)

Weekly Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
08:30 - 10:00	Arrival, welcome & London induction	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons	Free time Optional weekend excursions / sightseeing / shopping
10:00 - 10:20	Break					
10:20 - 11:50	Testing	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	
11:50 - 12:50	Lunch Break					
12:50 - 14:20	Sightseeing walk Muswell Hill & central London (new students)	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	
14:30 -		Pronunciation Club*	Self study	Westminster & London Eye*	Sports afternoon*	
Evening			Night time London Walk*		Dinner with friends*	

*example social activities

Zigzag Timetable

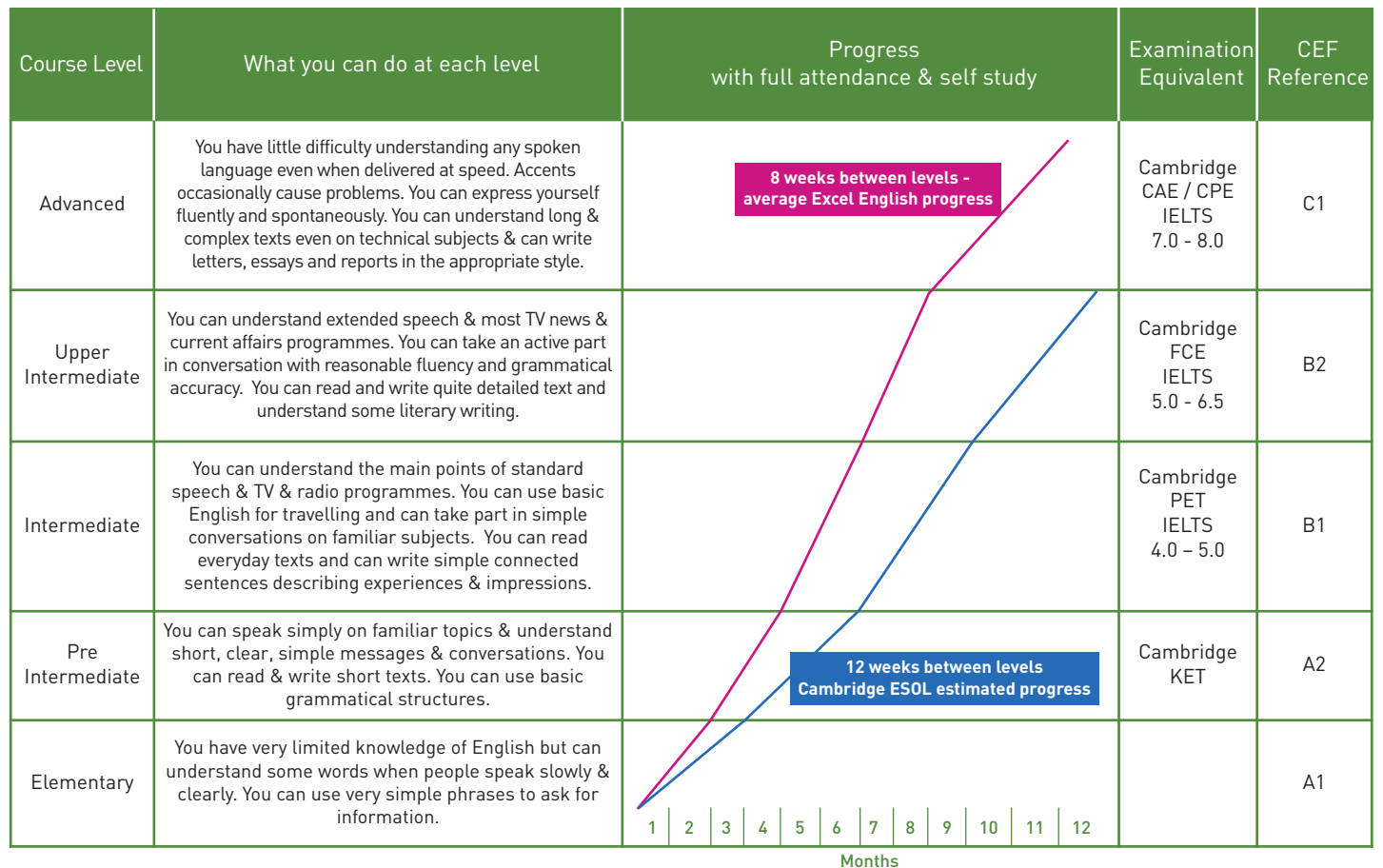
During July and August and at other busy times of the year ALL students have a mixture of morning and afternoon lessons. Social activities are timetabled for mornings as well as afternoons.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun	
08:30 - 10:00	Free Time Return from optional weekend trip to Edinburgh*	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons	Visit to Madame Tussauds*	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons	Visit to British Museum*	Free time Optional weekend excursions / sightseeing / shopping	
10:00 - 10:20		Break		Break			
10:20 - 11:50		Lessons		Lessons			
11:50 - 12:50	Lunch Break						
12:50 - 14:20	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons	Skills or Exam Preparation Lessons		
14.20 - 14.40	Break						
14:40 - 16.10	General English or Exam preparation lessons	Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey & Houses of Parliament*	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons	Borough Market, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre & Tate Modern Gallery*	General English or Exam Preparation Lessons		
16.10 -16.30	Break		Break		Break		
16.30 - 18.00	Lessons		Lessons		Lessons		
Evening			Flight on London Eye*		Ice Skating Disco*		

*example social activities

With the zigzag timetable you have alternating weeks of 2 morning lessons & 3 afternoon lessons and 3 morning lessons & 2 afternoon lessons. So over 2 weeks you have an equal number of morning and afternoon lessons.

Levels at Excel English & Progress chart



Accommodation

Accommodation	Standard	Meal Plan	Bathrooms	Min age	Distance
Homestay Half Board	Standard or Superior	Breakfast & evening meal every day	Standard – shared bathrooms Superior – bathroom for students' use only	16 for standard rooms 18 for superior rooms	From 5 minutes' walk up to 25 minutes by bus
Homestay Semi Board	Standard or Superior	Breakfast every day & 3 evening meals			
Homestay Bed & Breakfast	Standard or Superior	Breakfast every day. Use of kitchen			
Residence with meals	Standard or Superior	Breakfast & evening meal every day. Plus lunches Saturday & Sunday	Standard – shared bathrooms	Sept - May 18 - 25	12 minutes' walk
			Superior – en suite bathroom	June – Aug 18 - 30	
Hotels	3* equivalent	Breakfast only	En suite bathroom	18	7 minutes' walk

Other accommodation options (not managed by Excel English)

Accommodation	Standard	Meal Plan	Bathrooms	Min age	Distance
House or apartment share	Standard or Superior	No meals – self catering	Standard – shared bathrooms.	18	Minimum 20 minutes by bus.
Residence (available July & August)	Standard or Superior		Superior – own bathroom		

Getting to Excel English

It is very easy to travel to Excel English and Muswell Hill from all the major airports and central London.

Muswell Hill is in North London and is located in Zone 3 of the Underground system, about 25 minutes by public transport from the centre.

3

underground lines

2

overground lines



Many buses

London Travel Zones



Distances & Journey times

Heathrow (57 km)	50 mins
	100 mins
Gatwick (120 km)	90 mins
	95 mins
Stansted (54 km)	50 mins
Luton (51 km)	55 mins
City (24 km)	45 mins
Eurostar (8 km)	20 min
	25 mins

Airport Meeting Service

If this is your first visit to London you may prefer us to arrange a meeting and transfer service from the airport. A representative or the driver will be waiting for you in the terminal and will take you direct to your accommodation.

- Northern Line
- Victoria Line
- Piccadilly Line
- London Overground
- EXCEL ENGLISH

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