



**LSI PORTSMOUTH**  
International House  
Portsmouth

# English Courses for Adults



**IELTS Preparation**  
**Cambridge Exam Preparation**  
**General English**  
**General English plus Business English**

# Welcome to LSI / IH Portsmouth

You've made a great decision to study at one of the best schools in the UK\*! At LSI / IH Portsmouth, you'll learn from well-qualified teachers who really love their jobs. You'll make friends with amazing people from all over the world and create wonderful memories.

Portsmouth is a fantastic place to learn English, an island city with loads of green spaces, plus history, culture and nightlife. There really is something for everyone here. So open your mind, pack your bags, and we'll take care of the rest...

We can't wait to meet you!



At LSI / IH Portsmouth I made friends for life and in Portsmouth I found a new happy place by the seaside.

Alexandra, Switzerland



## Why LSI / IH Portsmouth?

No. 1 English language centre in the UK.\*

Top quality teaching – noted as a point of strength by the British Council.

Excellent Facilities - 55 Well-equipped classrooms, free Wi-Fi throughout the school, 2 student lounges, bistro restaurant on the ground floor.

Pool table, piano and table tennis.

Study centre with computers, printers, books and listening materials.

Perfect Location - in the university district just 15 minutes from the sea.

Adults only - our minimum age is 18 all year round.

All accommodation within walking distance of school.

A wide range of social activities 6 days a week.

90 minutes from London city centre and airports.

Dedicated Student Services team to ensure you enjoy your stay.

Online and face-to-face courses, offering you flexibility to meet your needs.

\*According to the EL Gazette rankings based on British Council inspectors' publishable statements. We were proud to receive 100% in our 2018 British Council inspection, achieving 14 out of 14 areas of strength, which ranks us at joint number 1 school in the UK.



maximum 350/average 150 students

20-30

average age of students



+ 55 countries

1985

established in 1985

# IELTS and Cambridge Preparation Courses











Our full-time exam preparation courses are carefully designed to help you learn and improve the skills you need to get the best possible grade in your chosen exam. Dynamic lessons delivered by well-qualified teachers will keep you motivated and engaged, and also improve the general level of your English in all areas of communication. Exam classes are also open to students studying at that level but who do not plan to take the exam.

## Why choose LSI / IH Portsmouth for your exam course?

- **IELTS test and Cambridge exam centres on-site** – take your exam here at the end of your course
- **FCE (First Certificate), CAE (Advanced) and CPE (Proficiency) courses throughout the year\***
- **2 summer CAE test dates** – study for 4 weeks and take the test at the end
- **Our Exams Director of Studies is a published author and teacher trainer**
- **Use our study centre to practise all parts of your exam** – Teacher support available during break times
- **Regular homework and feedback** – to maximise your progress
- **Available online** - To offer flexibility to suit your needs; delivered by the same experienced teachers and to the same standards as our face-to-face course

\* There is no CPE exam in August although the summer CPE course will still run.

## Key Facts

-  22.5 hours (60 minutes) per week
-  Start any Monday (except bank holidays)
-  Minimum length 2 weeks
-  Maximum students per class 12 (average 8)
-  Minimum age 18 (average 23)
-  Minimum level for IELTS is B1
-  Pre-test required for all Cambridge courses\*
-  Friday afternoons free to study or explore the city
-  Available online and face-to-face
-  Free access to online learning platform Sensations English for 1 year

\*students who do not meet entry requirements may need to study a General English course first.

## Sample Timetable

8:30	09:00	10:15	10:30	11:45	13:00	14:15	14:30
Self-study (Optional)	FCE/CAE/CPE/IELTS focussed Grammar	Break	Speaking, Listening & Pronunciation	Lunch / Optional self-study	Exam Skills Reading & Vocabulary	Break	Exam Skills Writing & Vocabulary

No lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving students free to do supervised self-access study. Alternatively, students can choose to do 1:1 classes at this time (at extra cost). Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).



The IELTS class is really focussed on all parts of the exam; some of the teachers are also examiners so they really know the structure.

*Ricardo, Spain*

I was so happy with my CAE teachers. They really try to understand you and give you what you need to pass the exam.

*Melinda, Switzerland*



# General English Courses

Our full-time General English course offers intensive study and practice across all areas of the language. The morning class focuses on improving your grammar with plenty of opportunities for speaking and using the language in context. In the afternoon, you'll practise English for everyday situations and use your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills to explore a range of interesting themes. For those looking for a less intensive general option, half day courses are also available.

## Why choose LSI / IH Portsmouth?

- **Start any Monday** (except Bank Holidays)
- **All levels** available (from A1 beginner)
- **Small average class size**
- Our courses have **more hours than many other language schools**
- **Communicative classes** with a real-world focus
- **Regular homework** and feedback to maximise your progress
- **Test and one-to-one progress check** with your teacher every two weeks
- **Available online** - To offer flexibility to suit your needs; delivered by the same experienced teachers and to the same standards as our face-to-face course.

### Key Facts

- 22.5 hours (60 minutes) per week
- Start any Monday (except bank holidays)
- Minimum length 2 weeks face-to-face / 1 week online
- Maximum students per class 12 (average 8)
- Minimum age 18 (average 23)
- Friday afternoons free to study or explore the city
- Available online and face-to-face
- Half day 'light' options available
- Free access to online learning platform Sensations English for 1 year

## Sample Full-Time Timetable

8:30	09:00	10:15	10:30	11:45	13:00	14:15	14:30
Self-study (Optional)	Grammar, Vocabulary & Skills	Break	Listening Practice & Pronunciation	Lunch / Optional self-study	Everyday Functional English	Break	Everyday English Themes - Speaking, Reading & Listening

No lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving students free to do supervised self-access study. Alternatively, students can choose to do 1:1 classes at this time (at extra cost). Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).



The teachers were approachable and positive; they made me feel so welcome and gave me the will to learn more  
*Héloïse, France*



## Progress - How long will it take?

Every learner is different, and your progress depends on a number of factors, but on average, students tend to complete an LSI / IH Portsmouth level (e.g. intermediate) approximately every 12 weeks.

LSI / IH LEVEL (CEF*)	Can do	IELTS level	Cambridge Exam
Proficiency (C2)	Understand native speakers extremely well. Communicate ideas and opinions with near native fluency	8-9	CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English
Advanced (C1)	Understand extended speech in most situations, even if not clearly structured. Communicate on a wide range of subjects reasonably fluently and spontaneously	6.5-7.5	CAE Certificate of Advanced English
Upper-Intermediate (B2)	Understand extended speech and complex arguments, provided the topic is reasonably familiar. Communicate with native speakers with sufficient fluency to avoid strain for either party	5.5-6	FCE First Certificate In English
Intermediate (B1 - B2)	Understand familiar and simple texts competently. Can communicate adequately in most everyday situations	5.0	
Lower-Intermediate (B1)	Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters. Sustain dialogues on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Understand basic notices, instructions or information	4-4.5	
Elementary (A1 - A2)	Interact in a simple way and describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, routine matters and areas of immediate need.	2.5-3.5	
Beginner (A1)	Initially a non-user of English, working towards being able to understand stock phrases and exchange basic personal details	2	

\*Common European Framework





# General English plus Business English

Combine English for day to day communication with the specific English skills you need for work in this intensive and engaging programme. After working on your grammar and general communication skills in the morning, you'll study in groups of up to 4 other professionals practising business skills like negotiating, giving presentations and participating in meetings in an authentic, multinational context.

## Why choose LSI / IH Portsmouth?

- **All the benefits of our General English course** in the morning
- **Study Business English** in small groups in the afternoon
- **Enjoy our Executive Lounge** with free tea, coffee and panoramic views of the city
- **Meet and network with professionals** from around the world
- Join in with the **Executive Social Programme and Teacher-Accompanied Executive Lunch\***
- **Start any Monday**
- **Available online** - To offer flexibility to suit your needs; delivered by the same experienced teachers and to the same standards as our face-to-face course.

\*additional cost

## Sample Timetable

8:30	09:00	10:15	10:30	11:45	13:15	14:30	14:45
Self-study (Optional)	Grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation	Break	Reading & writing skills	Lunch / Optional self-study	Meetings and negotiating	Break	Presentation skills

This course includes lessons on Friday afternoons. Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 25 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday). On public holidays there will be no General English classes but Business English classes will run as normal.

## Key Facts

- 25 hours (60 minutes) per week
- Available all year round
- Minimum level strong A2 / B1
- Minimum length 2 weeks
- Minimum age for PM class 25 (average 43)
- Minimum age for AM class 18 (average 23)
- Maximum students per AM class 12 (average 9)
- Maximum students per PM class 4 (average 3)
- Available online and face-to-face
- Free access to online learning platform Sensations English for 1 year



My English has improved in a way that I didn't think was possible. As a result I got a job in Europe and came back here.

Wesley, Brazil




















# Portsmouth – the UK's Only Island City!


We love our city and we know you will too. Here are some of our staff and students' favourite things about living here...

## Key Facts

-  Estimated population 200,000
-  4 miles of seafront with promenade, pier and cafés
-  Just 1.5 hours from London and its airports
-  Called 'Pompey' by locals!
-  Nearest airport Southampton 30 minutes' drive
-  Nearest station Portsmouth and Southsea 7 minutes' walk
-  Portsmouth International Port 6 minutes' drive

-  Easy to get around
-  Well connected to other important cities – a great base to explore the UK
-  Great nightlife
-  Gunwharf Quays – discount designer shopping, cinema and restaurants
-  Coffee culture
-  Amazing festivals and live music
-  Celebrated Football team
-  Lively university city
-  Mild seaside climate
-  Beautiful parks and gardens
-  easy to get around by bike or electric scooter
-  Maritime history – landmarks and museums
-  Spinnaker Tower
-  Miles of waterfront
-  Typical English seaside attractions
-  Traditional and safe
-  Gyms and sports facilities





LSI is a family and I can say Portsmouth is my second home. If you really want to learn English and enjoy the English life, this is the perfect place.

*Elisa, Italy*



# Accommodation

We want you to be really happy in your new English home. So we are here to help you find the option that suits you best.

## Homestay Families

We recommend that you stay with one of our lovely homestays. Living with native speakers, you will have the opportunity to practise your English in the evenings and enjoy our Portsmouth warmth and hospitality; it will also allow you a unique insight into UK culture.








### Is it right for me?

- Warm and welcoming home
- Practise English with your family
- Learn about English customs and culture
- Quality-assured by our Accommodation Manager

## Student Houses

For students who prefer to be a bit more independent, there are a selection of self-catering options within walking distance of the school. These are privately run and must be booked and paid for directly with the residence. Please contact us directly for further information.

### Key Facts

-  Average 15-30 minutes' walk from school (maximum 45 minutes')
-  2 meals Monday to Friday
-  3 meals at weekends
-  Free Wi-Fi
-  Single study bedroom
-  Bed linen and towels provided
-  Laundry done weekly



I absolutely loved my host family. They made me feel really welcome and are very easy-going.






*Nina, Switzerland*






# Our Social Programme

We know that learning a language doesn't just take place in the classroom; social activities give you the perfect opportunity to practise your English while having fun and making friends. We have a dedicated Student Services Team who run our Social Programme to help you meet new people and get to know Portsmouth and the UK. There is at least one activity every Monday to Saturday, including sporting events, nights out, and cultural and educational activities. Come and join in the fun!

Sample activities and prices – see our website for this month's programme!

-  Football with teachers £3
-  Conversation Club £Free
-  Meal out £15 (approx.)
-  Salsa £4
-  Badminton £3

-  International party £5
-  Museum visit £Free
-  Saturday excursions £15-30  
(e.g. London, Stonehenge, Bath, Brighton, Isle of Wight)



Just the best! I had such a great time making friends and learning English!  
Nongnuch, Thailand



It was great learning English while having fun and meeting people from all over the world. I met really special people and the time I spent with them in beautiful Portsmouth will be unforgettable  
Oscar, Spain.







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