



PURSuing EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH





INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TORQUAY

Torquay, in the heart of the South West of England, is England's hidden gem for international language learners.

Torquay is in Devon, in the South-West of the UK. A year-round destination for visitors and tourists from the UK and abroad, there is always lots to do, from history and culture to golf and surfing.

- Our students enjoy the highest standards of our homestay hosts and accommodation
- We are the only school in the South West of England that has EAQUALS accreditation; the toughest accreditation for any language school to achieve
- We have specialised courses for all ages, including for over-30s and over-50s
- You will find a professional approach, with small class sizes and study groups
- Progress will be rapid and you will achieve the goals that are important to you
- There is impeccable attention to detail for every aspect of your learning journey, from arrival to beyond departure
- We are building on our reputation for quality and service, student-by-student

The school is part of the prestigious International House global network. Additionally, we are independently owned and managed, so we offer the strength of a multi-national group, together with the service and care of an independent operation.

"I love the challenge of every newly-arrived student. I try to put myself in that person's place and ask myself what I would want and need to make this the experience of a lifetime. Without doubt, I have the best team in the UK. My school stands as a beacon of independence, quality before profit, and people first."

Kevin McNally,
Director, Owner



OUR SCHOOL

There aren't many places in Britain that you will find palm trees, but you will find them in Torquay, along with award-winning beaches, friendly faces and many cultural, historical and natural attractions.

It's the perfect setting to focus on your goals and see fast, tangible results in your learning, while soaking up British culture. Our experience is that people learn better when they are happy and relaxed.

We run the school with heart and soul. Students return to us time after time and recommend us to their family, friends and colleagues. We are now welcoming students from the third generation of some families.

We have a great mix of students, with over 30 different nationalities visiting us from all over the world. The school is a professional setting but one where everyone knows your name.

The school is located just a few minutes' walk from Torquay town centre and harbour.

OUR COURSES

COURSE	MIN AGE	MAX CLASS SIZE	ENGLISH LEVEL	HOURS PER WEEK	FIND OUT MORE
ADULT GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES					
Max 4 Intensive English	30	4	All	15, 19, 23, 30	p 14
General English	18	12	All	15, 19, 23, 30	p 15
Language Holidays for Adults	30	6	Elementary (A2) & above	30	p 15
Discover Devon: General English over 50s	50	6	Elementary (A2) & above	30	p 16
English and Golf	30	4	All	21	p 17
Fast Track English One-to-One	30	1	All	15, 19, 23, 30	p 18
EXAM PREPARATION COURSES					
Legal English	30	4	Intermediate	23	p 19
Cambridge Exam Preparation	18	8	Cambridge First Cambridge Advanced Cambridge Proficiency	15	p 20
Cambridge Summer Intensive	18	8	Cambridge First Cambridge Advanced	15	p 20
IELTS Preparation	18	8	Intermediate	15	p 20
JUNIOR COURSES					
Young Learner Academy	14-17	15	All	30	p 21
English for Families	6	15	All	15	p 26

DO YOU KNOW YOUR ENGLISH LEVEL?

Take one of our online English tests: ihtorquay.uk/online-english-tests

NEED HELP CHOOSING A COURSE?

We are very happy to match you to the best course for you. Contact us on:
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TORBAY

Torquay is situated in a large natural bay, Torbay. It is a vibrant British coastal region, a centre for tourism, the fishing industry and English language courses. Also known as The English Riviera, Torbay is a designated UNESCO Global Geopark.

THE FACTS

136,000	Population	27	Tennis Clubs
39	Average age of population	11	Gyms
3 million	Visitors per year	1	Artificial Ski Slope
10	Five-star Hotels	5	Equestrian centres
3	Michelin Guide Restaurants	4	Fishing Clubs
5	Theatres	1	Royal Yacht Club
3	Cinemas	3	Sailing schools
20	Museums & Art Galleries nearby	15	Parks and gardens
1	Zoo	2	National Parks nearby
6	Nightclubs	1	Famous author
20	Beaches	23°C	Average summer temperature
1	UNESCO Global Geopark	12°C	Average winter temperature
27	Cruise Ships visiting each year	2.5	Hours from London by train
17	Golf Courses	1	Recycling Power House

“The time of my life – really enjoyed learning and refreshing my English at the school and at my lovely homestay. There is a lot to explore around Torquay. I would like to come back.”

BRIGITTE, SWITZERLAND





PLANNING YOUR STAY

We are here to help you at every stage of your learning journey.

ARRANGING YOUR STAY

We will help you with every aspect of arranging your stay with us. We also have a network of local representatives in your country, who will handle the whole process for you.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Torquay is very well connected.

There are two local airports: Exeter and Bristol.

There are frequent bus transfer services from London Heathrow and other airports. We are 2 1/2 hours from London by the fastest train.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

We are a **CASHLESS** school. Please bring a credit or debit card that can be used in the UK.

Please take the online test accessible on <https://ihtorquay.uk/online-english-tests>.

Also, you will receive our Student Handbook, which covers every aspect of your stay with us.

ON ARRIVAL

You will be met by a member of the school team, or your homestay hosts.

YOUR FIRST DAY

We will be waiting for you with a warm welcome and you will join your first class. In the afternoon, we will give you a tour of Torquay.

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

- You will follow a syllabus based on CEFR (The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- Each Friday, every student has a test to ensure they are progressing
- Individual tutorials with teachers take place every 2 weeks
- End-of-level tests are available at any time

For our more specialised classes:

- You will follow a dynamic, needs-based syllabus
- Within the small class, we encourage you to challenge yourself, while we support you
- Projects such as presentations, role plays, interviews all form part of the assessment process

IT'S NOT ALL WORK ...

There is an extensive social programme with activities most afternoons and evenings and day trips at the weekends. Our social programme offers a great opportunity to make new friends while exploring the UK. There are regular

trips to London, so you don't miss out on visiting one of the world's greatest capital cities.

See our website for the full programme: **ihtorquay.uk/social-programme**

YOUR LAST DAY

You will receive a questionnaire, report and your certificate. We want to hear from you once you are at home. You will always be an IH Torquay student. We are here whenever you need us.

We offer regular trips to London.
You can stay for the day or the weekend.





MAX
4 PER
CLASS

MAX 4 INTENSIVE ENGLISH

Our most popular course. Professionals, business and mature students improve their English with this personalised intensive course.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4
Minimum age: 30
Hours per week: 15, 19, 23 or 30
English level: All
Start dates: Every Monday

YOU WILL:

Develop all areas of your English in a small, supportive class
Meet your specific, personal language needs
Consolidate and develop your existing knowledge base
Develop confidence in your use of English
Meet new people from all over the world
Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during our daily lunches

INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants/ at school
All course materials
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
End of course report
Certificate

Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival

WHAT NEXT?

Achieve your life goals with English
Progress to the next English language level
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-for-the-over-30s



Max 4, Max 1, English and Golf, Discover Devon and Language Holidays for Adults all include networking lunches



GENERAL ENGLISH

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 12
Minimum age: 18
Hours per week: 15, 19, 23 or 30
English level: All (beginners first Monday of every month)
Start dates: Every Monday

YOU WILL:

Build on your current knowledge and make progress quickly towards achieving your aims
Practise your English in real situations with other students and locals
Improve your grammar and pronunciation
Develop confidence in your use of English
Meet new people from all over the world

INCLUDED

All course materials
Pre-course placement test
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
Certificate

WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills
Achieve your life goals with English
Progress to the next English language level
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/general-english

ENGLISH AND GOLF

Improve your English with personalised intensive English lessons and enjoy rounds of golf at Torquay Golf Clubs in the afternoon, some with spectacular views across the Bay.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4
Minimum age: 30
Hours per week: 21
English level: All
Start dates: Every Monday

YOU WILL:

Play golf in the English Riviera with fellow golf enthusiasts
Work towards meeting your specific, personal language needs
Develop all areas of your English in a small, supportive class
Consolidate and develop your existing knowledge base
Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during the rounds of golf

INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants/ at school
All course materials
Pre-course placement test
Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals
3 rounds of golf per week
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
Certificate
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival

WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills
Stay in touch with your new friends
Intensive English course for the over 30s to further advance your English

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-plus-golf



MAX
6 PER
CLASS

DISCOVER DEVON

Improve your English in the morning, and in the afternoon enjoy activities and excursions around some of the places and attractions that have made Devon so famous. Your fellow travellers will be of a similar age, background and interests. Many of our students have forged new life-long friendships on this course.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 6
Minimum age: 50
Hours per week: 30
English level:
Elementary (A2) and above
Start dates: See website

YOU WILL:

Have fun and explore the most beautiful parts of the UK
Develop your English in a small, supportive class
Meet new people and make friends from all over the world
Learn more about the UK

INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants/ at school

All course materials

Pre-course placement test

A full activity and excursion programme

Certificate

Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival

WHAT NEXT?

Stay in touch with your new friends

Progress to the next English language level

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/general-english-for-the-over-50s



LANGUAGE HOLIDAYS FOR ADULTS

A great way to improve your English while pursuing an interest you already have, or trying out something new. You study in the morning and in the afternoon/ weekend join us on an activity programme. Your classmates will have the same interests as you, meaning you have an immediate group of international friends.

PROGRAMMES OFFERED INCLUDE

Crime Writer Programme (featuring the work of Agatha Christie)
The landscapes of Rosamunde Pilcher
Active Sports
Gardens of England
Rambling and Walking
Gastronomy
Arts & Theatre
Jurassic Devon

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 6
Minimum age: 30
Hours per week: 30
English level:
Elementary (A2) and above
Start dates: See website

YOU WILL:

Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during your social programme

INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants/ at school

All course materials

Pre-course placement test and Certificate

Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals

A full activity and excursion programme

Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival

WHAT NEXT?

An Intensive English course for the over 30s to further advance your English

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/language-holidays-for-adults



FAST TRACK ENGLISH ONE-TO-ONE

One-to-One tuition can be booked as a full course or as additional tuition to any of our other courses. Lessons are entirely personalised.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 1
Minimum age: 30
Hours per week: 15, 19, 23, 30
English level: All
Start dates: You decide

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

You choose the outcomes!
We guarantee to reach them
You will learn about language for your specific context
Your teacher will focus exclusively on your learning goals
You will develop confidence in your use of English
You will have fun with new people through the networking lunch and social programme

INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants/ at school
All course materials
Pre-course placement test
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
End of course report
Certificate

WHAT NEXT?

Achieve your life goals with English
Progress to the next English language level
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/professional-english

LEGAL ENGLISH

This course is aimed at practising professionals who need to develop their English in this field.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4
Minimum age: 30
Hours per week: 23
English level: Intermediate B1 and above
Start dates: See website

YOU WILL:

Progress rapidly and get the best possible grade
Develop all areas of English within a legal context
Improve your general level of English
Develop confidence in your use of English

INCLUDED

Local Crown Court visit
Networking lunches in local restaurants/ at school
All course materials

Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
End of course report
Certificate
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival

WHAT NEXT?

Pass your TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills) exam
Progress to the next level of TOLES (there are 3 levels)
Enjoy your new legal English skills
Achieve your career goals with legal English

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/legal-english

CAMBRIDGE EXAMS

Prepare to pass the Cambridge First, Cambridge Advanced and the Cambridge Proficiency exams.

COURSE FACTS	INCLUDED	WHAT NEXT?
Max class size: 8	All course materials	Take your Cambridge exam
Minimum age: 18	Pre-course placement test	Achieve your best possible result
Hours per week: 15	Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals	Progress to the next Cambridge level
English level:		
Cambridge First:	Social programme	
Upper Intermediate (B2)	(free and chargeable activities)	
Cambridge Advanced:	Certificate	
Advanced (C1)		
Cambridge Proficiency:		
Advanced Plus (C2)		
Start dates: See website		

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation

CAMBRIDGE SUMMER INTENSIVE

Intensive summer preparation for the Cambridge First or Cambridge Advanced exam.

COURSE FACTS	INCLUDED	WHAT NEXT?
Max class size: 8	All course materials	Take your Cambridge exam
Minimum age: 18	Pre-course placement test	Achieve your best possible result
Hours per week: 15	Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals	Progress to the next Cambridge level
English level:		
Cambridge First:	Social programme	
Upper Intermediate (B2)	(free and chargeable activities)	
Start dates: See website	Certificate	

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation



IELTS PREPARATION

Prepare to get your best grade in the IELTS exam.

COURSE FACTS	INCLUDED	WHAT NEXT:
Max class size: 8	All course materials	Take your IELTS exam
Minimum age: 18	Pre-course placement test	Achieve your best possible IELTS grade
Hours per week: 15	Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals	Achieve your life goals with your new qualification
English level:		
Intermediate (B1) and above	Social programme	
Start dates: Every Monday	(free and chargeable activities)	
	Certificate	

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/ielts-preparation



YOUNG LEARNER ACADEMY

The Young Learner Academy focuses on developing our students linguistically, academically and socially.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 15
Age: 14-17
Hours per week: 30
English level: All
Start dates: See website

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL GAIN:

Confidence in initiating conversations in English
The ability to express themselves with increasing accuracy
Rapid overall improvement in a fun environment
New friends from all over the world

INCLUDED

Full programme of activities (all included)
All course materials
Pre-course placement test
Certificate
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival

WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy their new English skills
New education opportunities
Study for Cambridge English qualifications for school: KET, PET or FCE

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/juniors

CARE OF OUR YOUNG LEARNERS

The safety and happiness of our young learners is our priority.

- All our staff, homestay providers, activity leaders and contractors have safeguarding for under 18s training
- We have a Welfare Officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- All of our teachers and office staff are trained how to offer advice and support and we all truly care about our students
- Activities and trips are all supervised by fully trained activity leaders
- Both classes and activities have a 1:15 staff to student ratio
- We have caring, responsible homestays
- 24-hour emergency telephone number for any concerns
- We ask parents about their child in advance, so we can provide the best care
- We give parents full transparent and honest information to help them decide if our school is best for their child



ENGLISH FOR FAMILIES

A productive way for the family to spend holiday time. Everyone attends their class in the morning (children and adults always separate) and the afternoons are free to relax, explore and spend quality time together.

COURSE FACTS (CHILDREN)

Max class size: 15
Minimum age: 6
Hours per week: 15
English level: All
Start dates: See website

At least one adult in the family will take one of our morning courses.

WHAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL GAIN:

Build on your current knowledge and progress quickly while having fun
Make new friends from all over the world
Practise your English in real situations with locals and other students
Enjoy your time as a family

INCLUDED

All course materials
End of Course certificate
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival

WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills together
New education and career opportunities for everyone

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-for-families



ACCOMMODATION

The attention to detail and personalised approach of our courses extends to our accommodation.

HOMESTAY

We are told we have the best homestay hosts in the UK.

We offer homestay accommodation, with welcoming hosts, who treat students as part of the family. Practise your English with conversations around the dinner table.

Whatever your age, nationality or requirements, we have no hesitation in recommending our friendly homestays. We match each student to their appropriate host:

- You will be treated as a member of the family
- Your hosts will eat dinner with you in the evenings
- You will have your own room with a bed, storage for clothing, and a desk or study area
- Your hosts will always communicate with you in English
- You will be the only person who speaks your native language. You will be living in an English-speaking environment





APARTMENTS

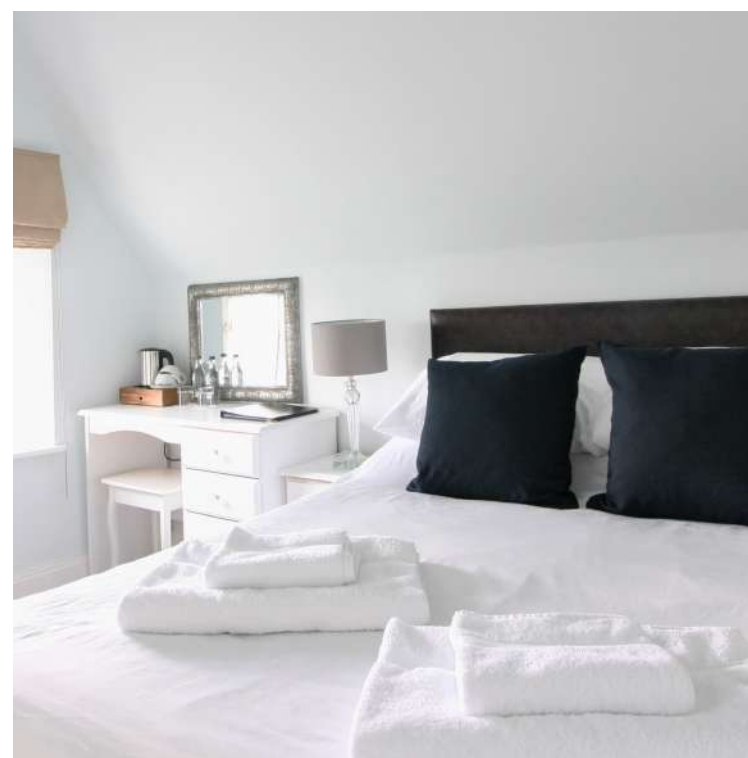
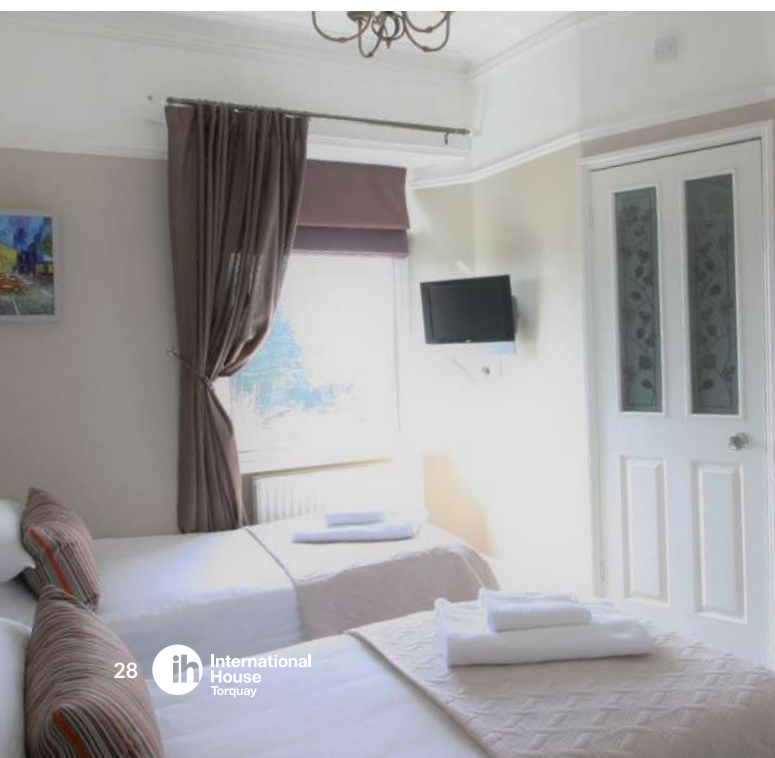
There is a wide range of apartments and other self-catering accommodation options available. Please contact us for further details.

HOTELS

We have various partner hotels located near the school.

You will enjoy a warm and friendly atmosphere. In the evenings you can study or join your fellow students for a drink at the private bar. All the rooms have a single or double bed and a private bathroom.

We work closely with our hotels and arrange everything for you. Please contact us for more information.



THE NEXT STEP

We will be pleased to provide you with any information or assistance you require, and we can put you in contact with one of our local representatives in your country.

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We look forward to meeting you.

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