

Your classes at Burlington School

To make sure that we have the right class for you, all our classes follow syllabuses based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

We have classes at the following levels:

CEFR	Pre-A1	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
General English Workshops: Listening & Speaking, Reading & Writing, Grammar & Vocabulary							
				Cambridge Exam Preparation Specialist Courses (1-1 or closed groups)			
					IELTS Preparation (1-1 or closed groups)		

We have classes at the following times:

TIME	CLASS
08:45 - 11:15	Main Session (General English, IELTS Test Preparation or Cambridge Exam Preparation)
11:30 - 12:15	Listening & Speaking Workshop
12:15 - 13:00	Adult Lunch Break
13:00 - 13.45	Reading & Writing Workshop
13:50 - 14.35	Grammar & Vocabulary Workshop
14:45 - Onwards	Adult Social Programme (see calendar)
Throughout the day	One-to-One and Specialist Courses

This timetable may change according to the number of students studying in the school, and some lessons will not run at certain times.

You will receive your personal timetable after testing and induction on your first day in the school.

The **General English** classes from 08:45 - 11:15 and 11:30 - 14:35 focus on all aspects of the language, including grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The **IELTS Preparation** and **Cambridge Exam Preparation** classes from 08:45 - 11:15 and 11:30 - 14:35 have an integrated approach to the exams, and include work on language and skills, including grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Workshops from 11:30 - 14:35 build on the language from the classes, with a focus on communication and practical skills.

All our General English and Exam Preparation classes use a set coursebook.

If you are here for more than 2 weeks, you **must** buy the coursebook for all your classes (they are available from the Reception).



General English Main Sessions have a Daily Plan and IELTS classes have a Weekly Plan. These can be found on the classroom noticeboards and they inform you what you will be studying each day or week. They also tell you when each test will be and if there are any bank holidays.

You and your teacher will decide what you will be studying each day in the workshops, so you will complete a Weekly Plan together. This will give you the chance to have a say in what will be covered, making the lessons more personalised and relevant to your needs and interests.



We want you express yourself successfully and confidently in English.

To help you with this, our teachers use a 'communicative' teaching style.

The focus of the classes is on you, so you will need to join in with all the activities.

Your first day

You will start your first day with an induction, where we will tell you more about the school and the area.

Following this, we will give you a test to find out your level of English to ensure that you will be in the right class for you. The test involves a multiple choice grammar and vocabulary test, a writing test and an interview with a member of the Academic Department.

Please be on time for all of your classes.

If you are more than 10 minutes late, you cannot go into class.

If you are going to be late, please call the school on 020 7736 9621 or 0753 9156 567 to let us know.



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Our classes use coursebooks, but the teachers also use authentic materials like newspapers and films, the internet and other digital materials to make the classes as interesting as possible.

You will need to bring your coursebook to class everyday - and remember to bring pens and paper as well!



Your teachers are always checking you to make sure you are making good progress. They do this by:

- Monitoring your work in class
 - *the teachers check your work and listen to you speaking to make sure you are learning, and they will correct you and help you when you need it.*
- Homework
 - *the teachers give you homework at least 3 times a week, including some writing, and they will correct it and give you feedback.*
- Progress Tests
 - *You will have regular tests to check that you can use the language you have studied in class.*
- Tutorials
 - *You have regular tutorials where you can talk to your teacher about what you need to help you.*

At the end of your course you will receive a certificate saying the level of English you have studied at.

Learning Outside the Classroom

Your learning does not stop when you leave class. There are a lot of ways to continue learning outside the classroom.

Speaking

- Speak to people from different countries, so you have to speak in English.
- Try and meet people from London and speak to them.
- Go on the school's social activities.



Listening

- Speaking to people in English will help your listening.
- Watch TV and films in English - use the subtitles in English if you need to.
- Listen to the radio in English.

Reading

- Join a library - there is one a few minute's walk from the school.
- There are free newspapers and magazines every day in London - Metro and City AM in the morning, and the Standard in the evening.



Writing

- Write emails in English to your Friends and family at home.
- Write in English on Instagram, Twitter etc