



## General English

### Course Description

The General English course at MC Academy provide students with the confidence and skills they need need to communicate effectively in English. The course is open to student of all abilities, offering courses from Beginner level to Advanced level.

### Aims of the Course

The General English courses at MC Academy aim to:

- Improve student grammar, speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.
- Develop student vocabulary and functional language skills.
- Ensure student participation and collaboration by using a communicative approach in class.
- Give students an excellent understanding of British culture through varied class topics.

### Course Material

- English File Third Edition Elementary; Oxenden, C & Latham-Koenig, C & Seligson, P; OUP

### Supplementary Materials

Aside from the above-mentioned course books and the accompanying resource packs, a variety of supplementary materials are used including photocopiable resources encouraging communication and interaction in English such as:

- Elementary Communication Games, Jill Hadfield: Longman
- Reward Elementary, Susan Kay: Macmillan
- Instant Lessons 1 Elementary, Peter Watcyn-Jones: Penguin
- 700 Classroom Activities, Seymour & Popova: Macmillan

Grammar points and areas of vocabulary taught are reinforced by activities and exercises from books such as:-

- Recycling Elementary English, Clare West: Georgian Press
- Elementary Language Practice, Michael Vince and Kevin McNicholas: Macmilan
- English Vocabulary In Use, Michael McCarthy: CUP
- Essential Grammar in Use, Raymond Murphy: CUP

### Resources

All classrooms have interactive whiteboard technology installed and a range of interactive resources are used to ensure full and varied participation in lessons.

The choice of materials used in class will also vary according to individual needs.

To become more independent, students can use the self-access centre on site that gives opportunities for self-study and consolidation of knowledge gained from the lessons. A selection of graded readers with audio CDs is available for students to borrow to practise Reading and Listening skills. Additionally, students have full access to a Guided E-Learning website that provides graded exercises and exam practice as well as reading and writing tasks based on current affairs.



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### **Assessment Methods**

All students must take a placement test prior to starting the course and a score of 16-24 is required for this level, along with a satisfactory speaking test at Elementary level. In order to monitor progress, all students undergo weekly progress tests to assess their ongoing development. These typically cover both language and skills covered during the previous week. The results help the teacher and student to reflect on which areas need further development and what the student's strengths are.