



MC Academy

School Brochure

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Our Accreditations



ABOUT US

Establishment & Opening

In 2005, our school first opened its doors as Manchester Central School of English with the aspiration to become a leading English language school based in the heart of one of the UK's most historic and influential cities.

New Learners

In 2008, three years after our establishment, we welcomed our first student group to our school.

Group bookings are commonplace at MC Academy and we welcome numerous student groups from over 50 different countries each year.

Relocation

In 2010, our school relocated from its former premises on Fountain Street to our current location in Piccadilly Gardens - the bustling heart of Manchester!

Since our relocation over a decade ago, MC Academy has continued to grow and has doubled in size to accommodate our diverse array of students from around the world.

The Introduction of CELTA

In 2012, we welcomed our first trainee teachers to our school to study the CELTA course. MC Academy continues to offer trainee teachers the option to earn a globally recognised certificate in teaching to this day.

The First Summer School

In 2016, we opened our first Summer Camp for junior students. The Summer Camp programme is one of the most popular and demanded courses at our school and welcomes over 200 junior students from around the world each year.

The Rebrand

In the September of 2019, Manchester School of English officially rebranded to become MC Academy. With new ventures on the horizon, our rebrand reflects our aspirations to expand into various other cities across the UK and beyond!

The Online Migration

In early 2020, we introduced online courses to our course portfolio to provide students with access to English language learning regardless of their current location. Our online courses remain a popular choice amongst students to this day!

Our Future

MC Academy continues to diversify its course portfolio and to welcome students from more countries than ever before. As our aspirations for the future expand, so do we! We are thrilled to announce our New branch opening in Liverpool in 2024.

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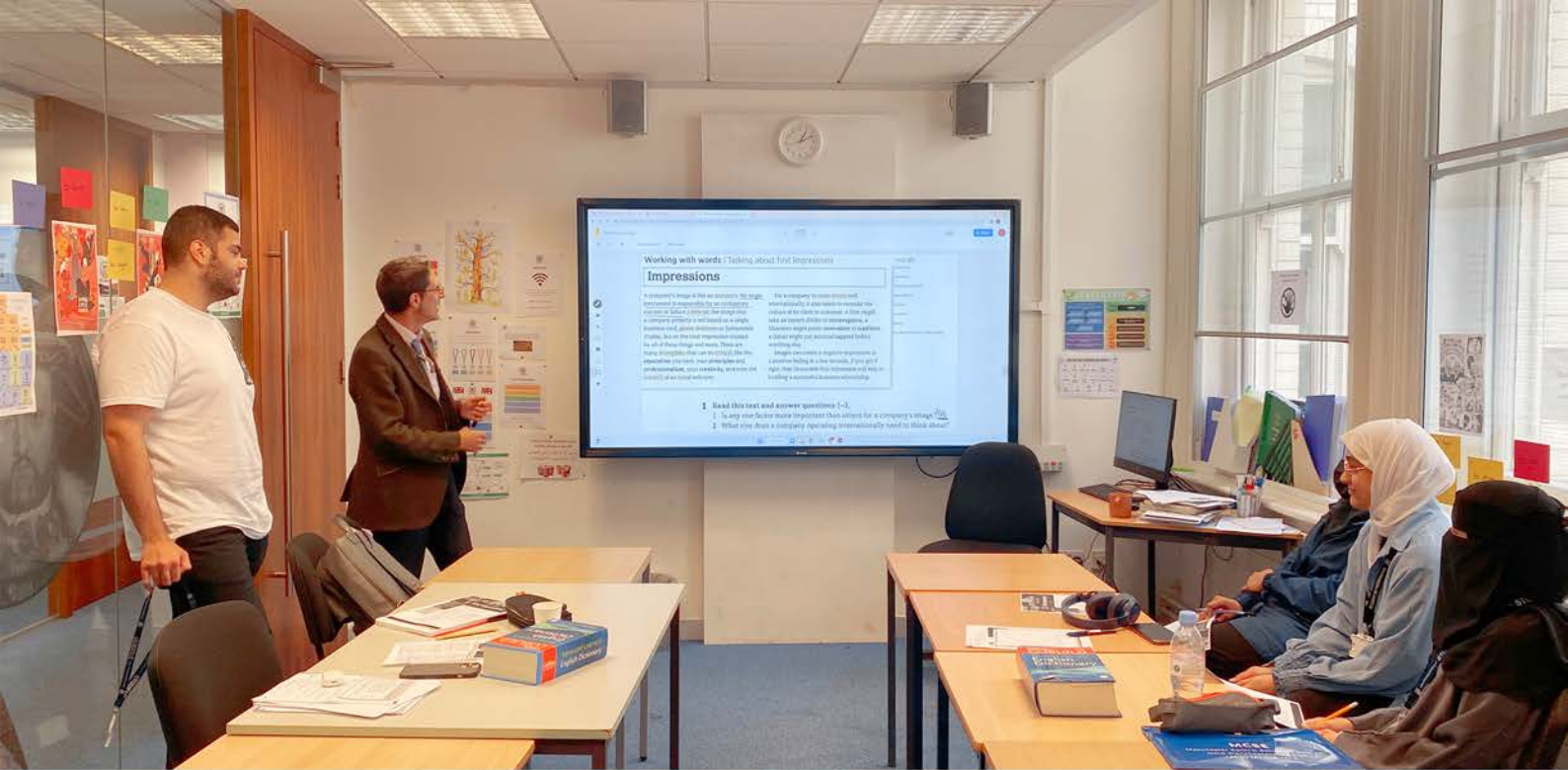
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Study an English language course today!

Applying to study at MC Academy is easy and takes 3 simple steps.

STEP 1: Apply

Complete an application form.
Provide a scanned copy of your passport or other form of ID.
Complete an online placement test.

STEP 2: Pay

Course fees must be paid to MC Academy one week before your course is set to begin.

STEP 3: Study

Once full payment of course fees has been received, the application process is complete.
Students will be fully inducted before their course begins.

Useful Links



Prices



Apply

OUR COURSES

KEY FACTS

- A variety of courses are available to students at MC Academy: General English, English for Specific Purposes (ESP), exam preparation courses, skills classes and more!
- Face-to-face courses are available all year-round. (Hybrid option is also available).
- Online courses are available upon request. (Hybrid option is also available).
- Study from Monday to Friday each week in a morning or afternoon class.

Class Sizes

Class sizes range from 4-12 students per class, ensuring that all students have a high amount of contact time with their teacher. Class sizes may peak to 16 students per class during peak seasons (July-August).

Levels

Beginner
Elementary
Pre-Intermediate
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

OUR VALUES: Motivate - Support - Guide

GENERAL ENGLISH



Who is this course for?

The General English courses we provide at MC Academy are designed for students of all levels of English who want to improve their language skills. Using a wide range of course books and materials, MC Academy provides students with the skills and confidence to succeed in an English-speaking environment.

Aims of the course

- 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.

"I used to have only one family in my home country, now I have one in England too."

- Abdulaziz, Saudi Arabia

Hours per week
15, 20, 25

Course Type
Face-to-Face

Start Date
Every Monday

Course Duration
1 week or more

Class Size
16 students max.

Minimum Age
16 years

Levels
Beginner
Elementary
Pre-Intermediate
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

IELTS EXAM PREPARATION



Who is this course for?

The IELTS Exam Preparation course at MC Academy prepares students, who wish to study at university, for the following courses:

Pre-Sessional, Foundation, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, PhD.

The course is also suitable for people who want to emigrate to an English-speaking country or do work-related training in an English-speaking country.

Aims of the course

- Use exam strategies and techniques to achieve the best score possible.
- Take practice exam papers to become familiar with the format of the exam under test conditions.
- Practise and develop overall skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Focus on reading, writing, and analytical thinking skills, that are not only the key to success in the IELTS test, but are also crucial skills to develop when studying at a UK university.

Hours per week

15, 20, 25

Course Type

Face-to-Face

Start Date

Every Monday

Course Duration

1 week or more

Class Size

16 students max.

Minimum Age

16 years

Levels

Pre-Intermediate

Intermediate

Upper-Intermediate

Advanced

PRE-SESSIONAL COURSE



Who is this course for?

The Pre-Sessional course at MC Academy is designed for students who wish to study at a UK university without the need for an IELTS score.

What is the Pre-Sessional course?

MC Academy has teamed up with several universities in the UK who have all agreed to accept our certificates as evidence of a student's English proficiency level. The Pre-Sessional course provides students with academic skills, knowledge, and understanding that is crucial to learning at a UK university. Student progress is closely monitored to ensure that students reach the targets set by the teacher by an agreed deadline.

"Thank you to my teachers who gave me many pieces of advice. I feel happy to study with friends and great teachers who have dedicated their time for the students."

- Taraporn, Thailand

Hours per week

25

Course Type

Face-to-Face

Start Date

Every Monday

Course Duration

1 week or more

Class Size

16 students max.

Minimum Age

16 years

Levels

Intermediate

Upper-Intermediate

Advanced

ESP (ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES)

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) is a specialized approach to English language education that focuses on meeting the specific language needs of learners in particular fields or contexts.

ESP programs are designed to address the language requirements of learners who have a clear and defined purpose for learning English, often related to their professional, academic, or vocational goals.

Following there are some examples of our most popular ESP courses:

● EAP (ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES)

Who is this course for?

The EAP course at MC Academy is designed for students who wish to pursue an academic career by studying at a UK university. Our EAP course provides students with the academic skills and knowledge to progress to higher education in the UK.

Aims of the course

To improve students':

- Academic writing for studying at UK universities.
- Academic reading related to academic texts.
- Critical thinking skills, especially related to an academic context.
- Awareness of academic vocabulary and register.
- Ability to deal with the linguistic challenges of academic research.

● EBP (ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES)

Who is this course for?

Our Business English course is designed for students who can actively use the majority of grammatical structures in English. This course provides students with the knowledge and vocabulary to succeed in an English-speaking business environment.

Aims of the course

The Business English course at MC Academy prepares students for working internationally in various business fields by:

- Teaching learners how to use English in business environments.
- Studying a variety of business-related topics such as arranging meetings, job descriptions, staff motivation, recruitment, letter writing, e-business, and business ethics.
- Developing key language skills and cross-cultural communication skills through business-orientated tasks.
- Stimulating creative thinking and analysis by dealing with real-life work situations.

We also offer other ESP course options on demand, such as:

Legal, Human Resources, Nursing, Tourism, etc.

Hours per week
5

Course Type
Face-to-Face

Start Date
Every Monday

Course Duration
1 week or more

Class Size
16 students max.

Minimum Age
16 years

Levels
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION

(FCE/CAE)

Who is this course for?

The B2 (FCE) First and Cambridge C1 (CAE) Advanced are qualifications accredited by Cambridge Assessment (The University of Cambridge). The test is recognised globally and proves that students have a high enough level of English to live in an English-speaking country and study university courses taught in English. Additionally, this qualification does not expire – once you have the qualification then you have it for life!

Aims of the Course

Students will:

- Learn the exam strategies and techniques that you will need to pass the exam.
- Build their knowledge of vocabulary and grammar structures.
- Improve their speaking, writing, listening, and reading skills.
- Develop their writing skills so they have the techniques to answer exam tasks logically and effectively.

MC Academy will:

- Monitor student progress carefully to help meet their target.
- Run a free mock exam halfway through the course to check student progress and give students an insight into what the exam day will be like.
- Help students enrol in the exam.

Please note, course fees do not include entry exam fee.

Hours per week
5

Course Type
Face-to-Face

Start Date
Every Monday

Course Duration
1 week or more

Class Size
16 students max.

Minimum Age
16 years

Levels
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

ONE-TO-ONE COURSES

Who is this course for?

The one-to-one courses at MC Academy are designed for students who seek one-on-one tutoring to improve their language skills.

Aims of the course

Our one-to-one classes highlight an individual's areas for improvement and provide opportunities to work on individual needs. An individual learning plan is agreed upon between the teacher and student, ensuring that the student's needs and requirements are met.

One-to-one courses may be studied alongside other courses at MC Academy to produce a flexible timetable.

“The school administration was very forthcoming and managed to put together an effective one-to-one teaching schedule to meet my demands. My one-to-one classes lasted one week and comprised ten intense lessons with dedicated teachers. I was very satisfied with the quality of the teaching.”

- Christian, Switzerland

Hours per week
5, 10, 15, 20, 25

Course Type
Face-to-Face
Online

Start Date
Every Monday

Course Duration
1 week or more

Class Size
1:1, 1:2, 1:3

Minimum Age
16 years

Levels
Beginner
Elementary
Pre-Intermediate
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

SKILLS CLASSES

Who is this course for?

Our Skills classes are designed to provide General English students with additional skills in key areas of learning. For one or two hours per day, students will focus on a particular area of study to master its techniques and strategies.



Grammar & Vocabulary



Project Work



Reading & Writing



Speaking



Video Learning



Academic Writing



Cambridge Skills



Vocabulary



Functions



IELTS Skills



Pronunciation



Reading Skills

Hours per week
5, 10

Course Type
Face-to-Face

Start Date
Every Monday

Course Duration
1 week or more

Class Size
16 students max.

Minimum Age
16 years

Levels
Beginner
Elementary
Pre-Intermediate
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

“My time was wonderful at MC Academy, it has amazing people and they are friendly. Also, it has great teachers, they give the motivation to students and try to improve their skills.”

- Ameerah, Saudi Arabia

Improve your IELTS skills at MC Academy

To complement the main courses at MC Academy, extra studies are available to students on a weekly basis. These include several IELTS-themed workshops and skills workshops.

IELTS workshops at MC Academy include:



**IELTS
Listening Club**



**IELTS
Reading Club**



**IELTS Formal
Speaking Practice**



**IELTS
Skills**



**IELTS
Practice & Tips**



**IELTS
Exam Motivation**



**IELTS
Extra**



**IELTS Personal
Improvement**



**IELTS
Speaking Tests**

IELTS workshops at MC Academy are subject to demand and may change from week to week or month to month.



Hours per week

15

Course Type

Face-to-Face

Start Date

July-August 2024

Course Duration

1 week - 6 weeks

Class Size

16 students max.

Minimum Age

10 years

Maximum Age

17 years

Levels

Beginner

Elementary

Pre-Intermediate

Intermediate

Upper-Intermediate

Advanced



JUNIOR SUMMER SCHOOL

A unique cultural experience for junior students!

MC Academy offers a junior summer programme for students aged between 10-17 years of age. Learn English with students from around the world and explore British culture and tradition.

Our variety of packages provide students with several unique options.

OPTION 1 - FULL PACKAGE

15 hours of General English p/w
Accommodation
Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch & Evening meals)
Afternoon & Evening Social Activities
(1 half-day and 1 full-day trip included)
Weekly Bus Ticket
Educational Material
End of Course Certificate

IDEAL FOR...

Students who wish to fully immerse themselves in British culture!

OPTION 2 - DAY CAMP

15 hours of General English p/w
Lunch
Afternoon Social Activities
(1 half-day and 1 full-day trip included)
Weekly Bus Ticket
Educational Material
End of Course Certificate

IDEAL FOR...

Students who do not require accommodation but wish to learn more about English language and tradition.

OPTION 3 - COURSE ONLY

15 hours of General English p/w
Educational Material
End of Course Certificate

IDEAL FOR...

Students who only wish to study English.



“MC Academy has a most well organized junior camp including safe accommodation and daily meals.

Those are very helpful for international students.

And also the after school activities were very exciting.

I think the key element in choosing a school is how much you can eliminate your concern and be confident about the school. The admission office plays a significant role in that issue. The response and information they provided us were satisfactory that made me convinced of MC Academy's reliability.”

- Shogen, Japan

GROUP PACKAGES

Study as a group at MC Academy

MC Academy offers group packages to group leaders and students who wish to study as a group.

STEP 1

Plan your academic studies



CHOOSE YOUR COURSE

Choose from our diverse pool of English language courses. New classes may be arranged to accommodate subjects that students wish to study.

PLAN YOUR TIMETABLE

Classes at MC Academy follow a structured timetable. Discuss which times work best for students and MC Academy will try to accommodate your needs.

STEP 2

Choose your accommodation



HOMESTAY

Perfect for students who wish to fully immerse themselves in British culture. Reside with a host located 20-40 minutes away from MC Academy.

Only available to students aged 16 and over.
Only available to groups of 6 or less.

STUDENT RESIDENCE (HALLS OF RESIDENCE)

Perfect for larger groups of students.
Located 30 minutes away from MC Academy.
Available to groups of all sizes.

STEP 3

Build a social programme to suit your needs

EXCURSIONS

- Liverpool tour
- Manchester tour
- North Wales tour
- Chester tour
- York tour
- and more...



CELTA - TEACHER TRAINING

Teach English to speakers of other languages

Our CELTA Teacher Training course provides trainee teachers with the confidence and the skills to teach English to speakers of other languages.

The CELTA course is the most widely recognised English teaching qualification in the world and is requested by many employers in the education sector.

About the CELTA Course

The CELTA course at MC Academy trains you in all aspects of teaching, combining 120 hours of contact time with over 80 hours of individual learning. In particular, the course combines the core elements of input sessions, teaching practice, and assessment.

Input Sessions

Trainees participate in task-based workshops, lectures, and practical activities focusing on learner awareness, language analysis, phonology, methodology, and career development.

Teaching Practice

Trainees teach classes of international students and gain a genuine experience of the teaching and learning process. Tutors provide help with lesson preparation, and by the end of the course, trainees will have taught at two levels and have completed a total of 6 hours of teaching (in compliance with Cambridge guidelines).

Assessment

While there is no examination, assessment is continuous and is carried out by the course tutors and a Cambridge assessor who ensures that tutors work consistently and in accordance with guidelines.

“The course exceeded my expectations in terms of support with lesson planning and feedback. The tutors helped me to adapt the textbook to the lesson frameworks. The feedback was encouraging and constructive.”

- James (CELTA Trainee)





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of CAMBRIDGE
CELTA



Hours per week

Full Time

8 hours*

(Monday - Friday)

**plus additional work
after hours and at the
weekend*

Part-Time

4 hours*

**(Twice per week, days
to be determined
before the course
begins)**

**plus additional work
after hours and at the
weekend*

Course Type

Face-to-Face

Online

Hybrid

(Face-to-Face & Online)

Start Date

Predetermined dates

*(Please see our website for
more information)*

Course Duration

4 weeks (Full-Time)

11 weeks (Part-Time)

Class Size

16 trainees max.

Minimum Age

18 years



MOTIVATE



SUPPORT



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SOCIAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Improve your English skills outside of the classroom!

As an addition to regular classes, MC Academy offers a diverse social activity programme to complement academic studies.

Social Programmes | Example timetable

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

MONDAY

Bowling
2pm

TUESDAY

IELTS speaking
Club
2pm

WEDNESDAY

Trampoline Park
2pm

WEDNESDAY

IELTS speaking
Club
3pm

THURSDAY

Conversation
Club
2pm

THURSDAY

Ladies Chit Chat
club
2pm

THURSDAY

English Tea
Party
1:45pm

THURSDAY

Support
Group
2pm-4pm

FRIDAY

Tennis
(MCR Club)
2pm

SATURDAY

Liverpool
Day Trip
8:30am

For more
information
Ask at reception!



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External Social Activities at MC Academy include:

International Cuisine & Dining
John Ryland's Library Trip
Northern Quarter Tour
Stadium Tours
English Tea Party
Heaton Park Trip
Central Library Trip
Afflecks Palace Trip
Trafford Centre Trip
Liverpool Trip
Crazy Golf
Cinema Club
Coffee Club
Ice Skating
Laser Quest
Bowling
Football

In School Social Activities at MC Academy include:

Language Exchange Workshop
History of Manchester Workshop
Mancunian Slang Workshop
Ping Pong Tournament
School Quiz
Cooking Club
Drawing Club
Craft Club

"My favourite memory of the school are the social activities!

I think learning English is all about practice!

*The tea time was amazing and it allowed me to practice with my friends
and teachers.*

I also loved playing football with them, some of the teachers skills were impressive!"

- Mohamed, Kuwait



ACCOMMODATION: HOMESTAY

Reside with an English speaking family

Reside with a friendly homestay host in Greater Manchester and improve your English language skills in a natural environment. Homestay accommodation at MC Academy provides students with a unique cultural experience to enhance their English language skills.



Key Facts

Location

Hosts are situated 20 to 40 minutes from our school. Transport hubs via train, bus, or tram are all located 1 to 5 minute walk from our school.

English Immersion

Practise your English fluency outside of a classroom environment. Learn about British culture and traditions from our hosts.

Safe & Welcome Hosts

Our homestay hosts are inspected to British Council standards, so you can be sure that you will be treated as a member of the family by sharing meals and common living areas with them.

Comfortable Living

There will be no more than four students living with one host at a time. Students who share a common native language will not reside with the same host.

Homestay Options

Standard*

2 meals (breakfast & dinner) on weekdays
3 meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) on weekends

Standard (16-17 years)*

3 meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) on weekdays
3 meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) on weekends

Executive En-Suite* **

2 meals (breakfast & dinner) on weekdays
3 meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) on weekends

Self-Catering

Students will provide their own food while living with the host

*Students with special dietary requirements may request a special diet. Some additional cost may apply.

**Subject to availability.

For more information regarding prices, please visit our website.



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OUR MISSION

We aim to shape and inspire the dreams of our students by providing the best possible language education in a stimulating and supportive environment.

We promote educational, personal and cultural development through passionate and qualified teachers.

Our Values: Motivate - Support - Guide



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