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ACADEMY
of ENGLISH



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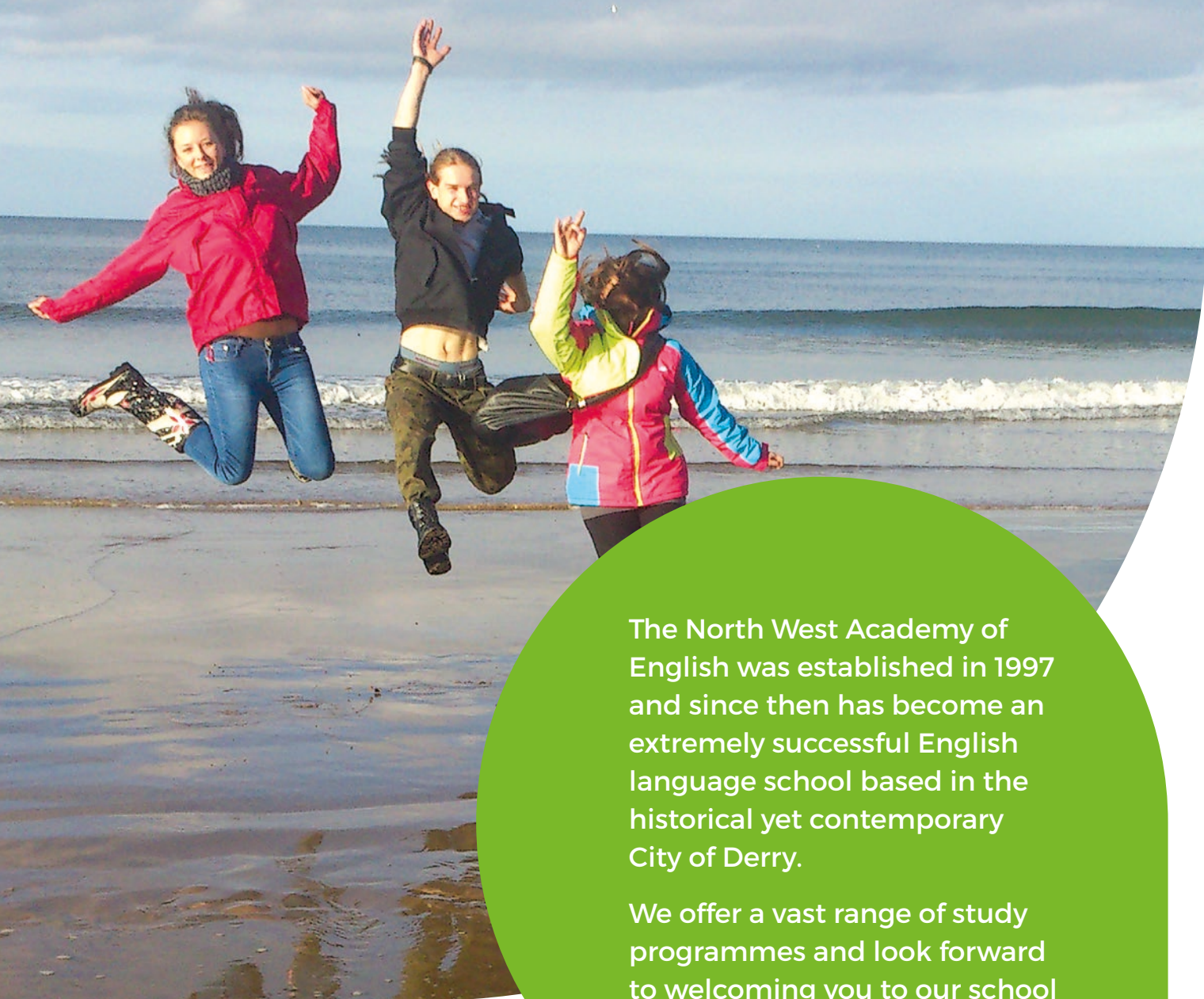
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The North West Academy of English was established in 1997 and since then has become an extremely successful English language school based in the historical yet contemporary City of Derry.

We offer a vast range of study programmes and look forward to welcoming you to our school in the near future.

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Welcome to the North West Academy of English

The North West Academy prides itself on providing students with the best possible experience.

Our company aims are:

- To continue providing students with an exceptional English language education
- To establish long-term cooperation and partnerships with agents and partners worldwide
- To treat our students with respect and to provide first class support and welfare services
- To extend and improve students' professional qualifications

We are committed to the continued success of the school and to the success of our students. We look forward to providing many more students with the excellent education and study experience that we are renowned for. We offer a wide range of courses at the Academy and will continue to educate and support our students in the best way possible to help them improve their English, their study skills and their career prospects.

The safety of your child is our top priority. To this end, we follow the safeguarding policies put in place by law and we have a friendly and reassuring environment where they feel safe and welcome. All staff have been police checked to ensure their suitability to work with children and vulnerable adults.

We specialize in the organisation of:

- English language courses
- Induction and orientation
- Work placements
- Cultural and social activities
- Airport transfer
- Accommodation
- Local transport
- 24 hour emergency support

Advantages to Studying in the North West of Ireland

With its vibrant cities and unspoilt countryside it is easy to fall for the charms of Northern Ireland. The historic walled city of Derry is a hotspot of culture and creativity. Northern Ireland is a small country so it is easy to travel around and for students to make the most of their time here. Discover beautiful forest parks, lakes and a spectacular coastline. Drop into a friendly pub and relax to the sound of some traditional Irish music.

Derry

The City of Derry, also known as Londonderry, is situated on the banks of the River Foyle in the North West of Ireland. Derry is the fourth largest city in Ireland with a population of over 125,000. Derry won the title of the first UK City of Culture in 2013.

There is also a college and university located in the city so it is the perfect destination for international students. The city is located in one of Northern Ireland's most beautiful regions. There are a variety of festivals and special events organised in the city throughout the year so students will have the experience of a lifetime. The city is also located close to the Atlantic Ocean where students can visit some of the most beautiful beaches in Ireland.

The most visibly striking feature of the city is the historic city walls. Derry is the only completely Walled City in the British Isles and is one of the finest examples of all the walled cities in Europe. Here students can expect many warm welcomes from people who are noted worldwide for their friendly hospitality.





Our Academy About English

All courses include the following:

- Placement test
- Needs analysis (if applicable)
- Study materials
- Tutorials
- Progress tests (if applicable)
- Academic report
- Certificate
- Learning resources for independent study (books, audio-visuals, language learning software)

English Language Courses

High quality English language courses for students of all levels. All courses include a variety of teaching techniques which allow students to develop and practise their English in a realistic context.

Teachers

Our teachers are committed to students' development and aim to help students improve their English as much as possible.

- Friendly, professional teachers
- Qualified and experienced in their chosen profession
- Enthusiastic and dedicated to students
- Native English speaker competence

Language Programmes

All courses include a variety of activities and teaching techniques which allow students to develop and practise their English in a realistic context. The North West Academy encourages 'blended' learning so all our courses incorporate the use of textbooks, DVDs, CD- ROMs, computer software and online study materials. The courses are a fantastic way for students to practise and advance their English in a supportive and encouraging environment.

List of Courses & Programmes



List of Courses

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- Personal One-To-One Lessons
- Irish History and Culture Course
- Exam Preparation Courses
- Tailored Programmes

List of Programmes

- Summer and Winter Schools
- English + Work Placement
- Business English Courses
- Teacher Training/CLIL



Our Courses

General English

Course Details

Lessons per week: 15 hours per week

Available: All year round

Duration: Minimum 1 week – No maximum

Levels: All levels from beginners to advanced

Times of Classes: 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 15 (average 8-12)

Course Overview

The course covers all areas of General English concentrating on improving students' skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The lessons allow students to revise and practice the language they may already know while developing vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and social and idiomatic English. This course is the perfect way for students to practise their English in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Improve English for everyday situations
- Increase knowledge of British and Irish life and culture

Course Content

The General English course includes a variety of activities to encourage students to practise and improve their language skills.

Writing: improving writing skills for various situations.

Reading: developing reading skills and expanding vocabulary.

Listening: understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts.

Speaking: conversations and class discussions - developing and improving oral fluency and accuracy.

Pronunciation: students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

Grammar: reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

Our Courses

Intensive English



Course Overview

This course is for students who want to rapidly advance their English language skills. The course allows students to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. An excellent course for students who are keen to consolidate and further develop their language skills quickly.

Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Undertake independent study and develop language study skills
- Increase knowledge of British and Irish life and culture

Course Content

The Intensive English course includes a variety of activities to help students to progress as much as possible.

Writing: improving writing skills in order to produce well-structured, coherent and accurate pieces of writing.

Reading: developing strategies for understanding a variety of texts.

Listening: understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts.

Speaking: conversations, discussions and oral presentations - developing and improving oral fluency and accuracy.

Pronunciation: students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

Grammar: reviewing, extending and practising key points of grammar and usage.

Course Details

Lessons per week: 20 hours per week

Available: All year round

Duration: Minimum 1 week – No maximum

Levels: All levels from beginners to advanced

Times of Classes: 9:30-1:30
OR 12:30-1:30/2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 15
(average 5-10)



Our Courses

Personal One To One English

Courses Details

Lessons per week: 1+ x 60 minute lesson (or as requested)

Available: All year round

Duration: Any length

Levels: All levels from beginners to advanced

Times of Classes: This can be organised depending on the needs of the student.

Non-Teaching Dates: The North West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 1

One-to-One English Language Tuition

Course Overview

Personal one-to-one lessons allow students to study English specifically for their individual needs. Lessons are completely tailored to suit the student's requirements and learning style. Maximum personal attention and interaction allows the student to make rapid progress.

Course Aims

- Focus on any particular aspects of language study requested by the student
- Identify personal strengths and weaknesses and key areas to develop
- Make rapid progress through intensive, tailored lessons

Course Content

A variety of activities, topics and learning techniques tailored to individual student's needs.

Our Courses

Irish History and Culture



Course Overview

This course gives students an insight into the economic, cultural and historical situation in Northern Ireland.

The course focuses on the city of Derry, also known as Londonderry, and the influences of Britain and Ireland. This is an interesting and informative course and includes a variety of topics of interest to visitors to the city.

Course Aims

- Learn about the cultural, political and historical influences on the city
- Develop a deeper understanding of British and Irish culture
- Expand vocabulary
- Develop English language skills
- Improve listening skills

Course Content

The Irish history course includes a variety of topics that will allow students to develop their knowledge and understanding of British and Irish culture. The course also includes field trips to historical and cultural attractions within the city.

Topics include:

History, political influences, music, arts, literature, culture and economic developments

Course Details

Lessons per week: 15 hours per week

Available: All year round

Duration: 1 week

Levels: Intermediate +

Times of Classes: 9:30-12:30
OR 2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 15
(average 8-12)

Our Courses

IELTS Preparation



Course Overview

Our IELTS courses are designed to help students improve their English while developing the skills and techniques needed to obtain a high score in the IELTS exam. We provide our students with all the support, practice, information and encouragement required when preparing for the exam. The courses allow students to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Exam techniques and practice are also covered to help students achieve the best possible mark.

Our Courses

IELTS Preparation



Intensive Exam Preparation

20 x 60 minute IELTS Preparation lessons per week

An intensive course that focuses entirely on preparation for the IELTS Exam. Students will practise exam techniques and complete mock exams.

Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Become familiar with the different types of exam questions and how to answer them
- Perfect exam techniques and practise under exam conditions

Course Content

The IELTS preparation courses include a variety of activities to encourage students to progress as much as possible.

Writing: improving writing skills focusing on structure and answering typical exam questions.

Reading: developing reading skills, expanding vocabulary and reading skills for IELTS.

Listening: understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts and listening skills for IELTS. Speaking conversations, class discussions and speaking skills for IELTS.

Pronunciation: students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

Grammar: reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

Exams: specialised exam preparation.

Course Details

Lessons per week: 20 hours per week

Available: All year round

Duration: Minimum 1 week – no maximum

Levels: Intermediate+

Times of Classes: 9:30-1:30

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 12



Our Courses

Exam Preparation

Course Overview

Our Cambridge, TOEIC and Trinity exam preparation courses are designed to help students improve their English while developing the skills and techniques needed to pass exams. The course combines General English with specialised exam preparation. We provide our students with all the support, practice, information and encouragement required when preparing for exams.

The courses allow students to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Exam techniques and mock exams are also covered to help students achieve the best possible marks.

Cambridge and TOEIC Exam Preparation

20 x 45 minute Exam Preparation lessons per week

The course focuses entirely on preparation for the Cambridge and TOEIC Exams. Students will practise exam techniques and complete mock exams.

Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar area
- Improve English for everyday situations
- Become familiar with the different types of exam questions and how to answer them
- Perfect exam techniques and practise under exam conditions

Our Courses

Cambridge, Toeic and Trinity



Course Content

Cambridge and TOEIC Exam Preparation Courses include a variety of activities to encourage students to progress as much as possible.

Writing: improving writing skills for various situations and answering typical exam questions.

Reading: developing reading skills, expanding vocabulary and reading skills for Cambridge exams.

Listening: understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts and listening skills for Cambridge exams.

Speaking: conversations, class discussions and exam speaking practice.

Pronunciation: students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

Grammar: reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

Exams: specialised exam preparation.

Cambridge and Toeic Exam

We prepare students for the following exams:

- **KET** (Key English Test)
- **PET** (Preliminary English Test)
- **FCE** (First Certificate in English)
- **CAE** (Certificate in Advanced English) CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English)
- **TOEIC** (Test of English for International Communication)

Cambridge Exam Centre

We are also a Cambridge examination centre, allowing students the opportunity to prepare for and take their exam in the same location. This has been a popular option with students in the past, and we envisage a high demand for this in 2016.

Courses Details

Lessons per week: 15 hours per week

Available: All year round

Duration: Minimum 1 week – No maximum

Levels: All levels from beginners to advanced

Times of Classes: 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 10+

Maximum Class Size: 12



Our Courses

Trinity Exam Preparation

Please feel free to contact us for further information about any of these preparation courses.

Course Overview

Trinity's Graded Examinations in Spoken English are suitable for candidates who have learnt English as a foreign, second or additional language. They are one-to-one oral exams that test candidates' ability in listening and speaking.

There are 12 GESE grades grouped into four stages. There are three grades at each stage:

- Initial (Grades 1-3)
- Elementary (Grades 4-6)
- Intermediate (Grades 7-9)
- Advanced (Grades 10-12)

The grades are mapped to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

The number of tasks in an exam depends on the stage. New tasks and increasing demands on the candidate skills are introduced at each stage.

Course Aims

- Improve language skills in communicative proficiency
- Develop vocabulary related to the exam
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Become familiar with the different types of exam questions and how to answer them
- Perfect exam techniques and practise under exam conditions

Course Content

Trinity GESE Preparation Courses include a variety of activities to encourage students to attain the desired grade.

Speaking: conversations, class discussions and exam speaking practice.

Pronunciation: students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

Grammar: reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

Exams: specialised exam preparation.

SELT Preparation Centre

The North West Academy is proud to offer preparation courses for the Secure English Language Tests for UK Visa purposes. Trinity College London is one of only two providers of these tests, and the Trinity exams offered for SELT purposes are:

Graded Examinations in Spoken English (GESE) - A1 and B1 tests

Integrated Skills in English (ISE) - B1, B2 and C1 tests

Our Courses

Tailored Programmes



Tailored Language

Course Overview

We provide short duration English courses designed to meet the language needs of specific groups of students. We are very happy to develop tailored English language programmes incorporating any topics or areas of language that you would like to focus on. The tailor made option is a fantastic way for a group to study English that is of particular interest and importance to them.

Courses Details

Lessons per week: 15 hours per week

Available: All year round

Duration: Minimum 1 week – No maximum

Levels: All levels

Times of Classes: 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 16 (average 8-12)

Minimum Class Size: 5 people.

Our Programmes

Summer and Winter Schools



Summer and winter schools combine an English language course with a programme of optional excursions, sports and activities. An ideal programme for students who want to improve their English, meet lots of new people and see lots of new places. Create the perfect summer school programme for your group by selecting from the summer school English courses and social and cultural packages available.

Social and Cultural Packages

We organize a variety of social programme options. Programmes can be tailor-made, so please feel free to contact us if you have any special requests.



Our Programmes

Summer and Winter Schools



Summer and winter school packages include:

- Airport transfer
- Accommodation - Homestay/ Residential
- Welcome pack on arrival
- Induction and orientation
- Placement test
- Learning materials
- Tutorials
- Social and cultural activities
- Academic report
- End of course certificate
- Use of academy facilities
- Free internet and Wi-Fi access
- 24 hours emergency support
- Local transport refund (if applicable)

* All students under 16 are streamed into classes according to age and level.

Summer and Winter School Programme Details

Lessons per week: 15 hours per week + social and cultural package

Available: All year round

Duration: 1-2 weeks (a longer course is available on request)

Levels: All levels from beginners to advanced

Times of Classes: 9:30-12:30
OR 2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 10+ (younger students may be enrolled by special request)

Maximum Class Size: 16 (average 8-12)

Our Programmes

Summer and Winter Schools



Below is an example of a sample programme. For further options and combinations please contact us for a proposal.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Induction & orientation 10-12.30	English class 9.30 – 12.30	English class 9.30 – 12.30	English class 9.30 – 12.30	English class 9.30 – 12.30	Full Day trip	Free
Afternoon	Conversation Class 2.00-5.00	Historical Tour of the City	Sport day	Visit to Grianan Fort & Buncrana	Irish Music Workshop	Giant's Causeway 11.00 – 19.00	Visit of the Guildhall Exhibition
Evening	Welcome Party	With Family	With Family	Irish Dancing	Bowling	With Family	With Family



Our Programmes

English + Work Placement & Mobility Programmes

English + Work Placement Course Details

Lessons: 15 hours per week

Available: All year round

Duration: Minimum 1 week –
no maximum

Levels: All levels from
beginners to advanced

Times of Classes: 9:30-12:30 OR
2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment: Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 15
(average 8-12)

**The programme includes
the following:**

- English language courses
- Induction and orientation
- Work placements
- Cultural and social activities
- Airport transfer
- Accommodation
- Local transport
- 24 hour emergency support
- Monitoring and support throughout the project
- Certificates and Letters of Reference

Language Training

The course covers all areas of general English concentrating on improving students' skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The lessons allow students to revise and practice the language they may already know while developing vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and social and idiomatic English. This course is the perfect way for students to practise their English in a supportive and encouraging environment before undertaking a work placement in a local company.

Work Placements

We have extensive experience in finding the right work placement for our students. Our Work Placement Officer will match each student's profile with one of the 250 local companies we have links with.

Placements depend completely on the student's language skills and on their vocational training and experience. Before organising the final interview, the Work Placement Officer will meet the students in order to understand expectations and discuss possible placements.

**Places are available in all kinds of
sectors including:**

- Administration
- Engineering
- Environmental
- IT (software and hardware)
- Marketing and business
- Sales (shop assistant)
- Social (several positions)
- School (teaching assistant, special needs tutor)
- Tourism (hotel and catering)

Our Programmes

Business English



Our various Business English courses are designed to suit the various requirements of studying English for business purposes. Courses allow students to prepare for a variety of business situations and can be tailored to suit specific learner needs.

Topics include: formal and non-formal written communication (emailing, letter writing, note taking); telephoning; greeting clients; giving presentations; reading business texts; numerical information and basic statistics; meetings; making deals; negotiations; conferencing; common business expressions and idioms; diplomacy and etiquette; business customs and protocol; dealing with visitors; human resources; describing the company; marketing and advertising; reading and writing reports.

All our business courses include a pre-course needs analysis to identify specific learner needs.





Our Programmes

Business English

Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Expand business vocabulary
- Practise and prepare for many business functions
- Appreciate international business customs
- Build student confidence for dealing with a variety of business situations

Course Content

The Business English courses includes a variety of activities to encourage students to progress as much as possible.

Writing: improving written communication skills.

Reading: developing reading skills and expanding vocabulary.

Listening: understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts.

Speaking: class discussions, role-plays, business meetings.

Pronunciation: students will be encouraged to work on their pronunciation throughout the course.

Business: preparing for many types of business tasks.

Idioms: learn to use common business expressions and idioms in the correct context

Course Details

Lessons per week: Variable – depends on option chosen

Available: All year round

Duration: Minimum 1 week

Levels: All levels

Times of Classes: 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

Non-Teaching Dates: The North West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

Minimum Enrolment Age: 16+

Maximum Class Size: 15

Minimum Class Size: 5 people.

Our Programmes

General + Business English



English Combination Course

20 x 45 minute General English lessons
+ 6 x 60 minute Business English lessons per week

This combination course covers various areas of General and Business English concentrating on improving students' skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The general English lessons allow students to revise and develop their English language skills. The Business English element prepares students for completing a variety of everyday business functions using English.

Intensive Business English

20 x 60 minute Business English lessons per week

An intensive and informative course that focuses entirely on using English in a variety of business situations. This is an excellent course that would be of great benefit to people at all levels in business. The course gives students the opportunity to prepare and practise for authentic business situations in a supportive and welcoming learning environment.



Our Programmes

General + Business English



Business English + Professional Visits

**20 x 45 minute Business English lessons per week
+ visits to UK and Irish companies of specific interest
to the student**

This course allows students to develop their business English skills whilst gaining a valuable insight into the UK and Irish business sector. The language element prepares students for a variety of business situations and provides plenty of realistic practice. Professional visits give students the opportunity to visit local companies and learn first hand about businesses in the UK and Ireland. Visits can be arranged in many sectors including: IT, human resources, administration, engineering, tourism and marketing.

General Business English +

**5 Hours Personal One-to-One English
20 x 45 minute Business English lessons per week
+ Personal One-to-One English**

A combination course of Business English and personal One-To-One. This course is an ideal choice for anyone who needs to improve their language skills rapidly. The business English element prepares students for a variety of business situations and provides plenty of realistic practice. Combining the course with personal one-to-one tuition allows consolidation of work and ensures that any specific requirements are catered for.

** A separate brochure is available for a 2-3 week Business English programme.

Our Programmes

Teacher Training/CLIL



Refresh or acquire new teaching skills while learning innovative methods to keep up-to-date with your class interests and needs.

We offer 4 key teacher training programmes, which cover Methodology, Refresher English, CLIL, and Innovation in teaching.

Elements of all these programmes can be combined on request.

Teaching Methodology

This course looks at the principles of English language teaching methodology including pronunciation, practical ways of improving the four key skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening, grammar teaching, and classroom management ways. It is a highly practical module and encourages discussion to solve problems.

Refresher English

The aim of this course is to help you gain confidence in using the English language, and to refresh your knowledge of the grammatical structures and common vocabulary used in everyday language. This course is for all levels, and we try our best to meet the needs of every participant in the classroom.





Our Programmes

Teacher Training/CLIL

CLIL

CLIL, or Content and Language Integrated Learning, is a popular methodology in schools across Europe, where teachers teach their subjects through the medium of English. Increasing numbers of subject teachers are now faced with the challenge of improving their English, while English teachers are required to brush up on their subject knowledge. We take you through the key concepts linked to this methodology, including lesson planning, resources, and assessment. This module also gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your skills in designing and presenting a short lesson using the methodology and techniques learnt.

Innovative Teaching – Flipped Classrooms/ Use of technology

This combined module is perfect for teachers who are looking for ways of incorporating new methodology in their lessons. Flipped classrooms methodology is one which is becoming more popular due to the opportunities it creates for communication in the classroom. In this part of the module, we show you the practical applications of this methodology and look at recent research in this field.

The North West Academy are proud to use iPads in the classroom, and are dedicated to finding innovative ways to incorporate these into our lessons without losing any of the communicative aspect we are known for. In this part of the module, we will discuss the ways in which iPads can be effectively used in the ELT classroom, and our experiences trialling different apps. We believe in the importance of creating an interactive environment where modern technology mingles with tried and tested techniques, and are eager to share this with others.

Our Services

Accommodation



Accommodation

The North West Academy organises comfortable, well-maintained and fully-furnished accommodation for all our students. We realise the importance of staying in a comfortable and safe living environment so all our accommodation is inspected on a regular basis.

Full-Board Homestay Accommodation

Homestay is the perfect choice for any student who wishes to learn about the everyday way of life in the UK and Ireland and it gives students plenty of opportunities to practise their English. Furthermore it will provide them with the support and supervision of a caring home environment.

Self-Catering City Centre Accommodation

Our fully-furnished self-catering accommodation is of a high standard and is located close to the city centre. North West Academy students share a house. This is a great way for them to learn together and to make new friends. Min age 18 years old.

Our Services

Facilities

Facilities

- Well equipped classrooms
- IT area
- Free internet and Wi-Fi connection
- Student book lending facility
- Relaxation lounge area for students
- On site cafe

Social and Cultural Programme

The North West Academy organises a varied and enjoyable social and cultural programme for all our students.

Activities are affordable and there are a variety of free activities to ensure that all students can join in. Students visit some of the most spectacular attractions and landmarks in the country as well as participating in several social and cultural excursions.

These include:

- Museum and cultural centre visits
- City tours and river cruises
- Fun-filled activities
- Art workshops
- Sports and leisure
- Pub visits – Irish music, dance and live concerts
- Day excursions
- Weekend trip



Our Services Getting Here



Flights

Northern Ireland is served by flights into:

- City of Derry Airport
- Belfast International Airport
- Belfast City George Best Airport
- Dublin International Airport

Scheduled air services operate from nearly all major UK airports and many destinations throughout Europe. The North West Academy organises airport transfer from any of these airports.

Good to know

Currency:

the currency in Northern Ireland is the Pound Sterling (GBP)

Telephone and dialling code:

the country code to call Northern Ireland is +44 or 0044

Electricity in Northern Ireland:

Voltage 230V, Frequency 50 Hz, Plug G

Time Zone:

No UTC/GMT offset

Testimonials

Our experience at the North West Academy was very enjoyable. No words can express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the overwhelming support and kindness everybody showed to us.

Renato Grilli, Leonardo da Vinci Project Co-ordinator

The North West Academy was a precious and unexpected resource... constant attention towards the needs of the students and cooperation with the partner. On top of that Derry is a beautiful and charming City.

Dr. Andrea Cecchin, CEO of Italian Partner Organisation

I really enjoyed attending the North West Academy because of the varied lessons. The teachers always tried to organise new activities to meet our tastes. I really appreciated that because we were able to learn more in an easier way.

Huda El Idrissi, NW Academy Student

In Derry, families are fantastic. They are all native speakers and really look after the kids. Irish people are very family oriented and this is why I love going back.

Fran Haba, Spanish Tutor

We have taken more of our groups to Derry as its location offers a wonderful programme in a safe environment. Derry offers a great, cultural and language experience. There is so much for the kids to do there and lots of activities are free.

Iza Mrozec, Polish Teacher

...and getting around is cheap and very safe. I can totally relax when I go there and know the kids are totally safe.

Gloria Fanigliulo, Italian Teacher





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