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SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

2010 COURSE GUIDE

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(1) GENERAL ENGLISH COURSE

The General English Course consists of 20 lessons a week. This course is available throughout the year* to students with the following levels of English:

Elementary
Pre-Intermediate
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

- Each lesson is 45 minutes
- Lessons are given two at a time - i.e. 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Lessons are scheduled in the morning or afternoon dependent on the student's level of English.
- Lessons are grammar and vocabulary based with integrated skills.
- This course is for students who want to improve their overall General English ability. Students will gain confidence in their spoken and written English, by improving their general level of fluency and accuracy.
- During their free time, students can use the Listening Centre, Library, Internet Room and join the extra - curricular activities in and out of the school.

An EXAMPLE 20 LESSONS PER WEEK timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 - 9.00 to 9.45	← Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills →				
Lesson 2 - 9.45 to 10.30					
BREAK for 15 minutes					
Lesson 3 - 10.45 to 11.30	← Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills →				
Lesson 4 - 11.30 to 12.15					

(2) INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE

The Intensive English course consists of 30 lessons a week. This course is available throughout the year* to students with the following levels of English:

Elementary
Pre-Intermediate
Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

- Each lesson is 45 minutes
- Lessons are given two at a time - i.e. 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Lessons are scheduled according to the student's level of English.
- Four lessons are grammar and vocabulary based with integrated skills. Two lessons focus on productive skills – conversation, pronunciation & writing.
- This course is for students who want to get maximum benefit from their stay at the Wessex Academy. The focus is on speaking and writing skills. Helping students to communicate more effectively and accurately in these two areas.
- During their free time, students can use the Listening Centre, Library, Internet Room and join the extra - curricular activities in and out of the school.

An EXAMPLE timetable

Please note that dependent on the student's level of English, Intensive Course lessons will be held from 9.00 to 14.45 or 10.45 to 16.30.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 - 9.00 to 9.45	← Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills →				
Lesson 2 - 9.45 to 10.30					
BREAK for 15 minutes					
Lesson 3 - 10.45 to 11.30	← Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills →				
Lesson 4 - 11.30 to 12.15					
LUNCH BREAK for 1 hour					
Lesson 5 - 13.15 to 14.00	← Writing and Speaking Skills →				
Lesson 6 - 14.00 to 14.45					

* Please note: A Summer Supplement is charged during the high season from 21st June – 27th August 2010.

(3) BUSINESS ENGLISH COURSE

The Business English course consists of 30 lessons a week. This course is available to students throughout the year (except July and August) with the following levels of English:

Intermediate
Upper-Intermediate
Advanced

- Each lesson is 45 minutes
- Lessons are given two at a time - i.e. 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Lessons are scheduled according to the student's level of English.
- Each day, four lessons are grammar and vocabulary based with integrated skills, two lessons focus on productive skills – conversation, pronunciation & writing. These include specific vocabulary, writing letters/reports/faxes, interviews, telephone work, presentation skills and discussion.
- The specific needs/aims of those attending the course are identified on the first day of school during a one-to-one interview.
- During their free time, students can use the Listening Centre, Library, Internet Room and join the extra - curricular activities in and out of the school.

An EXAMPLE timetable

Please note that dependent on the school timetable at the time of enrolment, the Business English course will be held from 9.00 to 14.45 or 10.45 to 16.30.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 - 9.00 to 9.45	← Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills →				
Lesson 2 - 9.45 to 10.30					
BREAK for 15 minutes					
Lesson 3 - 10.45 to 11.30	← Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills →				
Lesson 4 - 11.30 to 12.15					
LUNCH BREAK for 1 hour					
Lesson 5 - 13.15 to 14.00	← Business English Specific Writing and Speaking Skills →				
Lesson 6 - 14.00 to 14.45					

If students are interested in taking a Business English examination, the following Cambridge examinations are available. Please contact the School for further information regarding examination dates and fees:

BEC Vantage
BEC Higher

(4) EXAMINATION PREPARATION COURSES

The Examination Preparation Courses are 20 & 30 lessons per week, preparing for the Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) or Cambridge Advanced (CAE) examinations. These courses are available to students with the following levels of English:

Intermediate
Upper intermediate
Advanced

- These courses will help students achieve their goals in their chosen Cambridge examination.
- The lessons are designed for highly motivated students.
- Each student receives a personal study plan.
- Homework is set daily and students are required to complete it.
- The chosen examination will be taken during the last week of the course.
- One examination fee is included in the course price.
- Lessons may be scheduled for the morning or afternoon dependent on the school's timetable at the time of enrolment.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS

• First Certificate Examination	- Intermediate level or above
• Advanced Examination	- Higher intermediate level or above

In addition the school can prepare students for the following examinations as part of the General English or Intensive English courses.

- CAMBRIDGE Key English Test (KET) - Basic ability in English & Preliminary English Test (PET) - Pre-Intermediate to Intermediate level.
- CAMBRIDGE IELTS - We recommend Intermediate level or above.
- TOEIC - Intermediate level or above.
- TOEFL

An EXAMPLE MORNING timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 - 9.00 to 9.45	Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills, Exam Tasks and Strategies				
Lesson 2 - 9.45 to 10.30					
BREAK for 15 minutes					
Lesson 3 - 10.45 to 11.30	Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills, Exam Tasks and Strategies				
Lesson 4 - 11.30 to 12.15					

An EXAMPLE 30 LESSONS PER WEEK timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 - 9.00 to 9.45	Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills				
Lesson 2 - 9.45 to 10.30					
BREAK for 15 minutes					
Lesson 3 - 10.45 to 11.30	Grammar, Vocabulary and Integrated Skills				
Lesson 4 - 11.30 to 12.15					
LUNCH					
Lesson 5 - 13.15 to 14.00	Examination Practice techniques and Mocks				
Lesson 6 - 14.00 to 14.45					

CAMBRIDGE Examination Dates

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FCE	Saturday 13 th March, 12 th June, 11 th December.
CAE	Wednesday 16 th June, Wednesday 8 th December.
IELTS	Monthly - ask School for details.

For other examinations, please contact the School for details.

(5) LONG TERM GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES **24 weeks, 28 weeks, 32 weeks, 36 weeks and 40 weeks.**

Please see section (1) on page 2 for course content and example timetables.

Holiday breaks are optional. The following holidays may be added to the course dates, provided the dates are arranged at the time of enrolment. The maximum number of weeks' holiday for each course is shown below:

- 24 week course (+ 2 weeks' holiday)
- 28 week course (+ 3 weeks' holiday)
- 32 week course (+ 3 weeks' holiday)
- 36 week course (+ 4 weeks' holiday)
- 40 week course (+ 4 weeks' holiday)

(6) GROUP PROGRAMMES

We arrange special programmes for groups throughout the year including 15 hours' General English tuition per week, plus activities, socials and excursions.

- Minimum number of students is 15.
- The Agent or Group Organiser must provide the school with the Group's requirements and full student details at least eight weeks in advance of the course start date.
- A deposit of £100.00 per student is required at the time of booking.

▪ SUMMER GROUPS

During July and August, we accept all levels (except Beginners), minimum age 16. They attend mixed nationality classes according to their level of English. A quotation will be provided according to the size of the Group and their specific requirements.

▪ NON-SUMMER GROUPS

During the rest of the year, we accept all levels (except Beginners), minimum age 15. They are taught in closed groups according to their level of English. There are three programme options - Bronze, Silver and Gold - for one or two weeks. In addition to General English classes, these programmes include afternoon activities, excursions and social activities. The number of activities depends on the type of programme. The Bronze programme is the smallest programme and the Gold programme is the largest programme. These programmes are particularly suitable for school groups age 15 to 19. An example of the Gold Programme is shown below:

EXAMPLE: GOLD Programme (1 week)

<i>SUN</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SAT.</i>	<i>SUN</i>	
ARRIVAL DAY	<i>MORNING</i>						FULL DAY EXCURSION	DEPARTURE DAY
	TEST & INDUCTION	ENGLISH LESSONS	ENGLISH LESSONS	ENGLISH LESSONS	ENGLISH LESSONS	ENGLISH LESSONS		
	<i>LUNCH - in the Cafe</i>							
	<i>AFTERNOON</i>							
	LOCAL AREA TOUR	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	EXCURSION	FREE	EXCURSION			
	<i>EVENING</i>							
	FREE	SOCIAL EVENING	FREE	SOCIAL EVENING	FREE			

A summary of what is included in the Gold Programme Package:

- Taxi to host family on arrival in Poole
- Full board homestay accommodation x 7 nights
- Test, induction and local area tour
- Morning lessons - Tuesday to Friday
- 1 Afternoon activity
- 2 Social evenings
- 2 Half day excursions
- 1 Full day excursion to London or Oxford

Please contact the School for more information about group programmes.