



# MC Academy

## School Brochure

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# 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!

## The Rebrand

In present day, MC Academy continues to diversify its course portfolio and continues to welcome students from more countries than ever before. Our aspirations for the future continue to grow and we look forward to welcoming more students to begin their English language journey at our friendly school.



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# OUR COURSES

## KEY FACTS

- A variety of courses are available to students at MC Academy, from general English courses to exam preparation courses, to skills classes and more!
- Face-to-face and online courses available year-round.
- 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 14 students per class during peak seasons (July-August).

## Levels

Beginner  
Elementary  
Pre-Intermediate  
Intermediate  
Upper-Intermediate  
Advanced

## 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

5, 10, 15, 20, 25

### Course Type

Face-to-Face  
Online

### Start Date

Every Monday

### Course Duration

1 week or more

### Class Size

12 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  
Online

## Start Date

Every Monday

## Course Duration

1 week or more

## Class Size

12 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  
Online

## Start Date

Every Monday

## Course Duration

1 week or more

## Class Size

12 students max.

## Minimum Age

16 years

## Levels

Intermediate  
Upper-Intermediate  
Advanced



# 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.

"We chose to do the course because we knew it could offer us opportunities to prepare for university skills. Not only was the course considered to be challenging and a little frustrating at times, but it was also found to provide new information about academic culture, develop complex grammar and improve vocabulary."

- Yara, Sara & Sami, Saudi Arabia

**Hours per week**

5

**Course Type**

Face-to-Face  
Online

**Start Date**

Every Monday

**Course Duration**

1 week or more

**Class Size**

12 students max.

**Minimum Age**

16 years

**Levels**

Intermediate  
Upper-Intermediate  
Advanced

# BUSINESS ENGLISH

## 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.

**Hours per week**

5

**Course Type**

Face-to-Face  
Online

**Start Date**

Every Monday

**Course Duration**

1 week or more

**Class Size**

12 students max.

**Minimum Age**

16 years

**Levels**

Intermediate  
Upper-Intermediate  
Advanced











# FCE/CAE (CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION)

## 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.

*"It was a great learning experience for me. I did like my teacher and the way he conducted the lessons and communicated with the students. I liked that I had tasks for homework and that the tasks were related to my profession. The atmosphere was positive and amicable."*

*- Kateryna, Ukraine*

## Hours per week

5

## Course Type

Face-to-Face  
Online

## Start Date

Every Monday

## Course Duration

1 week or more

## Class Size

12 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  
Online

**Start Date**  
Every Monday

**Course Duration**  
1 week or more

**Class Size**  
12 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





**Hours per week**  
15

**Course Type**  
Face-to-Face

**Start Date**  
July-August 2023

**Course Duration**  
1 week - 6 weeks

**Class Size**  
12 students max.

**Minimum Age**  
10 years

**Maximum Age**  
16 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  
Single room with private bathroom  
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 in Manchester 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. Only available to students aged 18 and over. Available to groups of all sizes.

### STEP 3

Build a social programme to suit your needs

#### EXCURSIONS IN MANCHESTER

- Old Trafford & Etihad stadium tour
- The John Rylands Library tour
- National Football Museum tour
- Manchester Cathedral tour
- City centre tour and more...

#### EXCURSIONS OUTSIDE OF MANCHESTER

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





 MENU	 TOPPINGS
American Pancakes Scotch Pancakes Giant Scotch Pancakes Giant Maple Syrup Pancakes	 Nutella  Lemon Juice  Maple Syrup  Strawberries  Sugar





# 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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**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**

**Blended**

**(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**

**12 trainees max.**

### **Minimum Age**

**18 years**







# 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 Programme/Online IELTS Workshops | Example Timetable



Tuesday 15th 15:00 - 16:00	Wednesday 16th 16:00	Wednesday 16th 13:45 - 14:45	Thursday 17th 13:45 - 15:45	Thursday 17th 13:30 or 14:00	Friday 18th 13:45 - 14:45	Saturday 19th 08:30 - 19:00
<b>Coffee Club @Mackie Mayor</b>	<b>Cuisine from around the world: Saudi Cuisine</b>	<b>IELTS Reading Club</b>	<b>Museum of Science &amp; Industry Tour</b>	<b>IELTS Formal Speaking Practice</b>	<b>IELTS Listening Club</b>	<b>York Day Trip</b>
Relax after class with a coffee while you practise your speaking and listening skills. This week, we will visit Mackie Mayor, a former meat market dating back to the 1800s.	Spend some time with your teachers and friends and enjoy traditional Saudi cuisine at Raydan!	Practise your IELTS reading skills with Rahila. Today's workshop will provide you with the skills to prepare for the Reading section of your IELTS exam.	Explore the history of Manchester at the Museum of Science and Industry. Learn about Manchester's past and interact with the interactive exhibitions.	Practise your IELTS speaking skills with Chris. Today's workshop will provide you with formal exam speaking practice to prepare you for your exam.	Practise your IELTS listening skills with Rahila. Today's workshop will provide you with the skills to prepare for the Listening section of your IELTS exam.	Take a trip to the historic city of York. Explore the city's many attractions and learn more about the history of the city.
<b>Improve your:</b> Speaking & Listening <b>Cost:</b> Your food	<b>Improve your:</b> Speaking & Listening <b>Cost:</b> Your food	<b>Open to:</b> All IELTS students	<b>Improve your:</b> Speaking & Listening <b>Cost:</b> Free	<b>Open to:</b> All IELTS students	<b>Open to:</b> All IELTS students	Meet other English language students while visiting new locations. <b>Cost:</b> £32
Please sign the sign up sheet at Reception if you wish to attend.	Please sign the sign up sheet at Reception if you wish to attend.	To join, email Krystian (socials@themcacademy.co.uk)	Please sign the sign up sheet at Reception if you wish to attend.	To join, email Chris (Chris.Nelligan@themcacademy.co.uk)	To join, email Krystian (socials@themcacademy.co.uk)	To attend, please see Krystian or visit <a href="http://www.smileadventures.co.uk">www.smileadventures.co.uk</a> to book your ticket.

### External Social Activities at MC Academy include:

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

### In School Social Activities at MC Academy include:

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









## 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.



# ACCOMMODATION: HOMESTAY

## Reside with a British host

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 a 15- to 45-minute journey from our school. Transport hubs via train, bus, or tram are all located a 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 British 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 with no additional cost.

\*\*Subject to availability.

For more information regarding prices, please visit our website.









MC Academy

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

MC Academy is proud to present this certificate to

**Ionela**

for their hard work and dedication this month.

Presented By: *[Signature]* 27/05/2022

*Mrs. Fergat, ESL Teacher*







# APPLY

## 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



Live Class  
Timetable