

Summer School 2020

Edinburgh College (Sighthill Campus) has been running adult summer school courses for more than 30 years, welcoming students from all over the world to study English in July and August. We offer excellent facilities and services in addition to experienced and enthusiastic teachers.

Summer School 2020 will run from **6 July – 14 August**, with start dates available on 6 July, 13 July, 20 July, 27 July and 3 August. Students can study a minimum of 2 weeks up to a maximum of 6 weeks.

Courses

The core programme **General English** consists of 15 hours per week of English Language study. Students on our **Intensive English** programme may choose to combine the General English course with either **English Plus** (5 hours per week) or **IELTS Preparation** (5 hours per week – for students of Intermediate level and above). Students on all courses can choose to join the **Social Programme**.

All of our courses are aimed at adults (aged 16 and over), and class sizes are kept small (maximum 15 students per class). Students have full access to our library and computer room facilities, which are fully resourced with computerised learning programmes, audio-visual equipment, course books, email and internet. Students will also have access to a range of other services and facilities within the College.

We regret that our Summer School courses are not suitable for beginners.

General English (15 hours per week)

Our engaging syllabus focuses on all the skills you need to improve your English. Our communicative lessons work on your speaking, listening, reading and writing as well as activating and extending your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. You will improve your communication skills, functional language and pronunciation. Our aim is to help you feel more confident when using English and to motivate you to continue your progress after Summer School.

Our team of teachers are experienced in getting the best out of our students and will help you make the improvements in your English that you are looking for. Our teaching team receive consistently excellent feedback and are dedicated to their subject. All of our teachers are enthusiastic, experienced and teach in a friendly and interesting way.

You will take a placement test on your first day, so we can find the best level to meet your needs. You will have opportunities during your course to give feedback and input on what you would like to do with your teacher and our Summer School Director.

This course is open to students from Elementary to Advanced level.

Intensive English (20 hours per week)

Combine our **General English** course with either **English Plus** or **IELTS Preparation**.

English Plus (5 hours per week)

These lessons are perfect if you are looking to improve your communication skills in English. You will focus on speaking, listening, reading and writing and your activities will be based on real-life topics to motivate and engage you. You will have the chance to express yourself in English and fix some of the errors you make. You will explore various interesting topics and you will also improve presentation skills and functional language.

This course is open to students from Elementary to Advanced level.

IELTS Preparation (5 hours per week)

This is the ideal course if you are interested in taking the IELTS English language exam. You will learn about the structure of the exam, techniques to improve your score and tips on what the examiners are looking for. Your teacher will be experienced in IELTS and will give you advice on your weaknesses and how you can improve.

This course is open to students from Intermediate to Advanced level.

IELTS exams must be booked separately at a local exam centre (estimated cost between £160 and £200) – contact us for more information.

Social Programme

Students on all courses can choose to join our Social Programme, with the opportunity to visit places of historical and cultural importance in and around the city, as well as a chance to experience Edinburgh's great entertainment scene. The Social Programme includes 2 afternoon activities, 1 evening activity and 1 full-day Saturday excursion outside of Edinburgh per week.

Edinburgh, the Festival City

The summer is always a very exciting time in Edinburgh, and August is especially full of delights, with the Edinburgh International Festival, Fringe Festival, Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Film Festival, Book Festival and Jazz Festival. As Europe's biggest festival city, there is something for everyone: theatre, dance, cinema, literature, music (opera, jazz, rock, folk). It's all happening here in Edinburgh. For more information on all Edinburgh festival events, see www.edinburghfestivalcity.com.

Timetable

	9.00 – 12:30	Lunch	13.15-16:00	Evening
Monday	General English		Social Programme	
Tuesday	General English		IELTS Preparation/ English Plus	
Wednesday	General English		Social Programme	
Thursday	General English		IELTS Preparation/ English Plus	Social Programme
Friday	General English			
Saturday	Social Programme: Full day excursion			

Morning classes include a 30 minute break. Afternoon classes include a 15 minute break.

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