

St. Clare's, Oxford
— An International Education —



English Language Courses

English for Everyday Use
English for Examinations
English Combination Course
Personal Language Training
English plus Courses

English for Everyday Use

– our intensive general English course

Age:	17+ (18+ in summer)
Level:	Elementary (CEF A1) +
Class size:	maximum 12
Lessons:	21 English language lessons per week
Length:	2 weeks+
Start dates:	available all year (including summer)

The benefits for you:

- » much more **confidence in English**
- » a wider **range of vocabulary**
- » greater **accuracy** in grammar
- » better **pronunciation**
- » increased **fluency** when speaking

Classes **in the mornings** focus on improving how you use English – especially your **accuracy** and **fluency**.

The lessons help you learn the four main language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. They also extend your use of grammar and vocabulary – the very basics of the language.

Classes **in the afternoons** allow you to choose from several options each week. Popular examples include:

- » Academic English
- » Speaking, Listening & Pronunciation
- » IELTS practice
- » Grammar & Vocabulary

English for Examinations

– gain an official EFL qualification

Age:	17+ (18+ in summer)
Level:	Intermediate (CEF B1) +
Class size:	maximum 12
Lessons:	21 English language lessons per week
Length:	2 weeks+
Start dates:	available all year (including summer)

The benefits for you:

- » increased **confidence in Exam English**
- » success in **IELTS** and **entry to university**
- » success in **FCE & CAE** examinations
- » a **qualification for university, for a job, for life**

In the mornings you work on improving **accuracy** and **fluency** in the way you use English. Lessons help you learn the four main language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. They also extend your use of grammar and vocabulary – the very basics of the language.

Classes **in the afternoons** focus on your chosen examination and include:

- » examination strategies
- » practice tests
- » speaking and listening tasks
- » ‘against the clock’ reading and writing activities
- » tips from the examiners

English Combination

– focus on your specific needs

Age:	17+ (18+ in summer)
Level:	Elementary (CEF A1) +
Class size:	maximum 12
Lessons:	20 English language lessons per week (15 group lessons + 5 one-to-one lessons)
Length:	2 weeks+
Start dates:	available all year (including summer)

The benefits for you:

- » quick **progress** in a short time
- » increased **confidence** in group situations
- » focus on your **own specific needs**
- » support in **exam preparation**
- » improvement in **professional** life

Group classes in the mornings help you learn the four main language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. They also extend your use of grammar and vocabulary – the very basics of the language.

Classes in the afternoons are one-to-one with your own personal language trainer. There is no better way to make individual progress!

You can also prepare for IELTS, or the Cambridge examinations (FCE and CAE), or more specialist examinations like TOEIC and TOEFL.

(1 lesson = 55 minutes)

Example Timetable CEF B2/C1 level

Weekly Theme:

Charitable Work & Helping Others

Open Learning Club is available to all students. A teacher is present to give extra help with your studies.

Students studying on the English Combination course have a personal timetable of one-to-one lessons in the afternoons.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0900 - 0955	DISCUSSION: World Poverty	READING: GM Crops & Supergrains	YOUTUBE: Economic Migration video	GRAMMAR: Use of Conjunctions	READING: UK Charities web quest
1005 - 1100	LISTENING: TED Talk 'Ending Hunger Now'	GRAMMAR: Present Perfect & Passives	STUDY SKILLS: Dictionary & Vocabulary	WRITING: IELTS timed exercise	Weekly review test & feedback
Coffee Break					
1130 - 1225	LISTENING: Song 'I need a dollar'	SPEAKING: Word & Sentence Stress	READING & SPEAKING: Comic Relief	SPEAKING: 'The Hunger Games' video	DEBATE: How to solve world hunger?
Lunch					
1315 - 1410	Seminar: Theme of the Week	Conversation: Speaking & Listening	IELTS Practice - Listening	Essay writing skills	Open Learning Club
1415 - 1510		IELTS Practice - Reading	Exam Strategies & Advice	IELTS Practice - Writing	
1515 - 1610		Open Learning Club	Open Learning Club	Open Learning Club	

Personal Language Training

– maximum progress in private lessons

Age:	17+ (18+ in summer)
Level:	Beginner (CEF A0) +
Class size:	maximum 1
Lessons:	10, 15 or 25 lessons per week
Length:	1 week +
Start dates:	available all year (including summer)

The benefits for you:

- » a real boost to your **confidence**
- » focus on your own **specific needs**
- » **support** in exam preparation
- » development in your **professional life**

One-to-one lessons focus **directly on your personal** English language development. Over the years, many individuals have seen the benefits of studying with our **personal language trainers**.

You can **design a programme** that is right for your language needs:

- » for **your career**: recent trainees include senior academics, lawyers, media specialists
- » for **your academic development**: undergraduates and post-graduates
- » for **your confidence** when travelling or for meeting people informally

English plus Academic Subjects

– gap year and advanced level learners

Age:	17+
Level:	Upper Intermediate (CEF B2 / IELTS 5.5) +
Class size:	maximum 12
Lessons:	16 – 19 lessons per week (10 English language lessons + at least 6 academic subject lessons)
Length:	full term (14 weeks) or compact Course (6 weeks)
Start dates:	September, January or May

The benefits for you:

- » a **validated qualification** in English
- » improved **study skills** for university
- » **specialist knowledge** in 3 subject areas

English language classes focus on:

- » **advanced language skills** for examinations
- » **academic study skills** such as note-taking, paragraphing, referencing, avoiding plagiarism, presenting arguments for future studies

Academic subject classes allow you put your English to good use. Courses include Business/Economics, Philosophy & Religion, Communications, Art History, Languages for beginners (Mandarin, Russian).

- » tuition is provided by **subject specialists** who bring the benefits of the latest research
- » each subject requires **background reading and research** and is assessed through coursework, extended essay and examination

One major benefit – **you are taught at university level together with English native-speakers**, usually from the USA.

For more information about our academic courses, see our University Pathways brochure, or contact us:

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or apply now at **stclares.ac.uk/universitypathways**

University Foundation Course

– entry to university

Age:	17+
Level:	Intermediate (CEF B1 / IELTS 5.0) +
Class size:	maximum 12
Lessons:	21 English language & subject lessons per week
Length:	28 weeks or 35 weeks
Start dates:	September or November

The benefits for you:

- » **improved IELTS** min. 6.5 by end of the course
- » **research** and **study skills** for university life
- » support from our own **Careers Advisor**
- » **entry to university** in the UK, USA or other country where courses are taught in English

English language classes help you to **prepare for your studies** at university. They focus on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and include:

- » **researching**, note-taking and referencing
- » paragraphing and **developing arguments**
- » formal and informal **writing activities**
- » an **extended essay** based on your own research
- » an **oral presentation**

Academic Subject classes are available as follows:

Business Subjects

Business Studies	+	Mathematics for Business	+	Economics
or				

International Affairs Subjects

Philosophy	+	Politics	+	20th Century History
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These academic subjects are taught at pre-university level by specialists who bring the benefits of the latest research in their own areas of expertise.

Each subject requires background reading and research and is assessed through coursework, extended essay and a final examination which is externally moderated.

“It was amazing to live in this famous university city, with students from so many different countries.”

*Sena from Japan
English for Everyday Use*

University Museum

Sheldonian Theatre

Bodleian Library

Pitt Rivers Museum

Covered Market



Living in Oxford

Experience the traditions that make Oxford unique.

St. Clare's is just 20 minutes' walk from the centre of Oxford, and the world famous university colleges, museums and art galleries.

There are also cinemas, theatres, restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs and clubs nearby, to enjoy in your free time.

Oxford is a very lively and safe city, with a unique international atmosphere. It is the perfect place to live and study.



“I stayed in a nice big room that was very clean and comfortable. The location was great and not too far away from the school.”

Francisca from Peru
English for Everyday Use



Shared experiences

Choose our high quality student accommodation, or live in a friendly local homestay.

Living in our comfortable and modern accommodation is the ideal way to socialise with other students from all over the world.

Choose the type of room that is best for you: single or twin, with private or shared bathroom and kitchen.

Our homestay option gives you the chance to immerse yourself in English culture. We carefully select our hosts to ensure you have the best possible experience.



“ I love the food at St. Clare’s.
It’s healthy and tasty – perfect! ”

Ksenia from Russia
English for Examinations



Enjoy great food

Have lunch with your friends in our dining room; cook with your friends in the evening.


During the week, our chefs prepare fantastic lunches for you. There is something for everyone: hot meals, salad bar, fresh fruit and homemade desserts.

Cook with your friends in the evenings and at weekends. Our fully equipped kitchens are perfect for preparing your favourite meals.

Students in homestay can enjoy real, home-cooked food at breakfast and dinner every day.

There is also the option to go out for dinner, or even order a takeaway!



A group of people are riding horses through a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The riders are seen from behind, wearing helmets and jackets. In the distance, a sandy beach and a town are visible under a blue sky with light clouds.

“ I loved all the activities – my favourite was driving a motor boat down the River Thames. It was a special experience for me.”

Will from Korea
English for Everyday Use

Free time, friends and fun

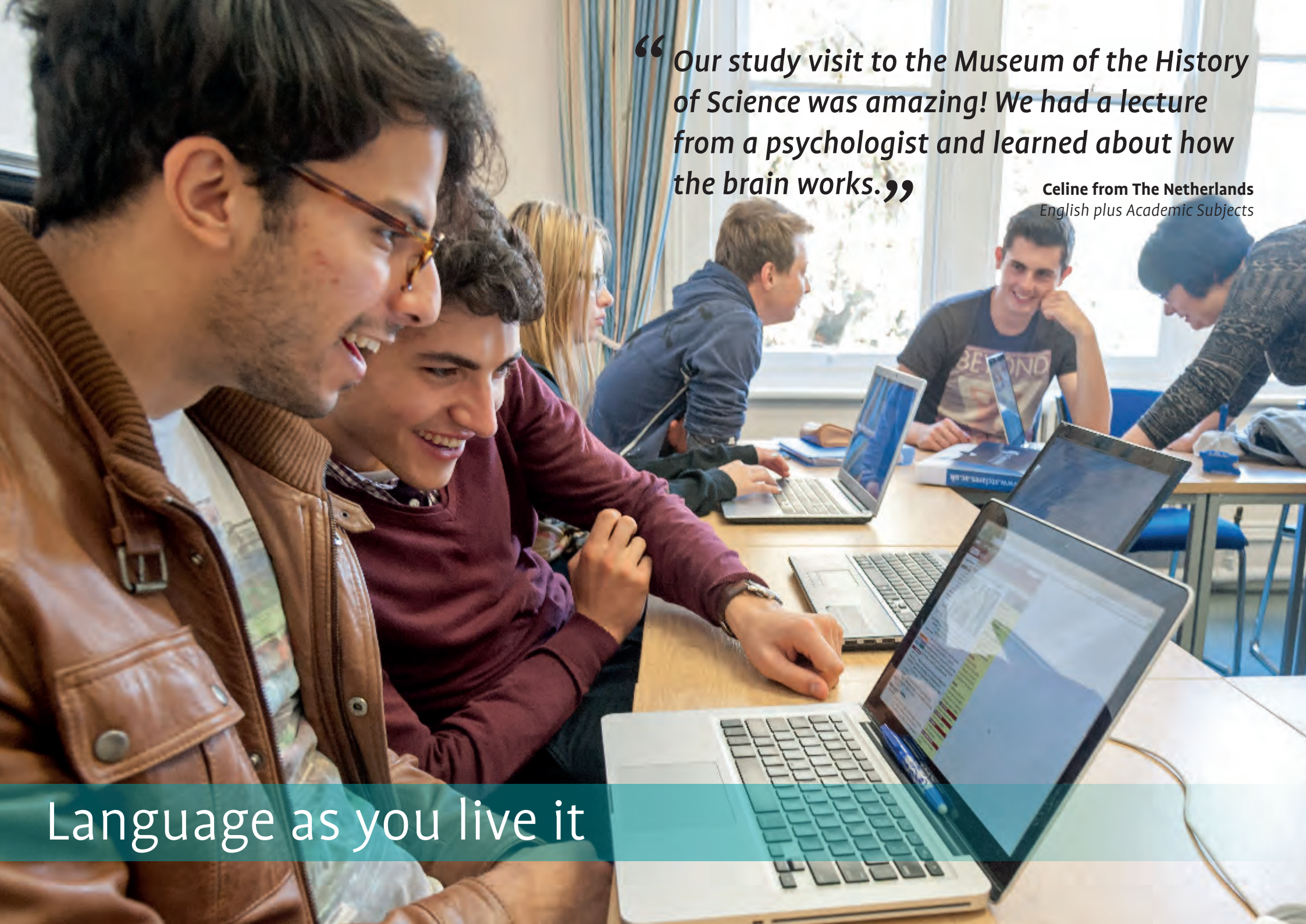
Have fun and make friends from all over the world with our programme of social activities, sports and weekend excursions.

You can choose from a wide range of activities in your free time. Relax with friends at one of Oxford's many traditional pubs; play sports like tennis and football; visit the theatre or cinema; or go to the gym during the week.

Join our organised excursions to London, Bath and Stonehenge at the weekends; or on occasions enjoy a Premiership football match, a West End musical or horse-riding in Wales.

At St. Clare's there is always something to do!



A group of students are sitting at long wooden tables in a bright, modern classroom or library. They are focused on their laptops, which are open on the tables. The students are dressed in casual attire, including jackets and sweaters. The room has large windows with blue curtains, and the overall atmosphere is one of active learning and collaboration.

“ Our study visit to the Museum of the History of Science was amazing! We had a lecture from a psychologist and learned about how the brain works. ”

Celine from The Netherlands
English plus Academic Subjects

Language as you live it

Learn about the culture and history of the UK both inside and outside the classroom.

Each week your course follows a theme: for example, Food and Drink, Politics, International Festivals, Travel or Business Ethics.

This helps you socialise with the other students at different language levels outside the classroom, through study visits, activities and college events.

Study visits, in and around Oxford, make learning both practical and fun. Recent examples include visits to the Pitt Rivers Museum, the Oxford University farm and the BMW car factory.



“I really enjoyed my classes and engaging with the other students. Our teacher was really helpful too.”

Astrid from Sweden
English plus Academic Subjects



Develop your English

Build your confidence in small classes, and make real progress.

Our dedicated and qualified teachers help you improve all of your English language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

You become more accurate and fluent in fun and interesting lessons, with other students at your level.

If you want to prepare for an IELTS or Cambridge exam, apply for university, prepare for a career, or just improve your general English, we have a course that is perfect for you.



Other courses available at St. Clare's, Oxford



International Baccalaureate Courses

- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Preparatory IB Course

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Summer Courses in Oxford

- English Courses for Teenagers
- IB and Science Courses for Teenagers
- English & Activities for Juniors

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University Pathways Courses

- University Foundation Course
- English plus Academic Subjects
- Liberal Arts

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