



Course Guide 26



"Welcome to BLC International in the heart of our city. BLC's lively, modern, inclusive and vibrant approach to language learning gives you the best platform to build your confidence and ability in English. I look forward to meeting you here in Brighton."

Gary Charles Farmer
Centre Director BLC International

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brighton

our exciting city by the sea

Ever since royal party animal George IV (The Prince Regent) fell in love with Brighton back in the 18th Century, the city has been a magnet for visitors in search of fun and fresh sea air.

Brighton is a regency period city which has its majestic Regency squares and crescents and the most famous building – The Royal Pavilion. Brighton is also famous for its Pier which is full of attractions and entertainment.

Today, Brighton’s reputation is a welcoming city with a passion for culture, creativity, bohemian lifestyle and alternative people. Brighton combines the charm of a coastal resort with the energy of a cosmopolitan city.

Known for its free spirit , artistic community, and progressive values, Brighton is one of the UK’s most diverse and culturally rich cities in the UK and is sometimes referred to as “London by the sea”.

There is so much to do and so many events in this colourful and vibrant city.

2026 events calendar



January	BrighTEN Seafront Run
February	Brighton Half Marathon Youth Race
March	Sussex Beer & Cider Festival, Vegetarian Festival
April	Brighton Marathon, Brighton Food and Drink Festival
May	Brighton Arts Festival, The Great Escape Music Festival
June	World Naked Bike Ride, London to Brighton Bike Ride
August	Brighton Food and Drink Festival, Pride Festival
September	Boundary Festival, Football season starts, Colour Run
October	Brighton Comedy Festival
November	Lewes Bonfire Night, Royal Pavilion Ice Rink (Nov/Dec)
December	Christmas Markets, Burning of the Clocks



seven sisters



burning of the clocks



lewes bonfire night



premier league football

student services

helping all our students

homestay accommodation



Live in an English-speaking household and learn as you live together, a unique opportunity to improve fluency and experience our culture first hand. A variety of room options are available for you to choose between and you can also eat together with your hosts every morning and evening. BLC International homestays are 25–50 minutes away from our city centre school by public transport.

Each homestay provides a different experience of British life where you are welcomed as part of the family. All our homestays are carefully checked by our Accommodation Officers who are available at all times if you need any help while you are here.

Special dietary needs can be catered for (vegan, celiac, lactose free etc.) for a supplement.

Please see the links below:

[Homestay Guide for Students](#)

BLC Homestay
Single/twin rooms
Carefully selected welcoming hosts
Half board or breakfast only
Excellent value for money
Practise your English at home
Private bathroom options
Registered homestay providers with the college

Private Accommodation

BLC International can advise on finding private accommodation with a number of recommended agencies, hotels or hostels in the city. Please remember that if you choose to arrange private accommodation you will not have the benefits of everyday communication and language use your homestay provides.

airport transfer service



BLC International can arrange private taxi transfers to take you directly to your accommodation on arrival and back to the airport on your departure.

student welfare



At BLC International we provide a complete welfare package so you have everything you require for a successful and memorable period of study. Our Welfare Officer ensures that you have a safe and enjoyable experience in Brighton and will provide you with all the information you need to maximise your stay here with us.

Please see the links below:

- [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Emergency & Critical Incident Plan](#)
- [U18 Parental Consent Form](#)
- [Pre-Arrival Guide](#)

Day 1 - you will receive

A warm welcome, induction and orientation
An introduction to our team
Information on Brighton, the college, areas of interest and our facilities
Free Super Fast Wi-Fi (70 Mbps) access
Out of hours hot line phone number
An exciting and active social programme so you can make new friends
BLC International student ID card



Oscar, our dog

public holidays



Public Holidays

BLC International is closed on all UK Public Holidays except Easter (03.04.26 - 06.04.26) In such cases new students will start on the Tuesday if the Public Holiday is a Monday.

School Closure Dates 2026

- » 22.12.25 - 02.01.26
- » 04.05.26
- » 25.05.26
- » 31.08.26
- » 21.12.26 - 01.01.27

social programme



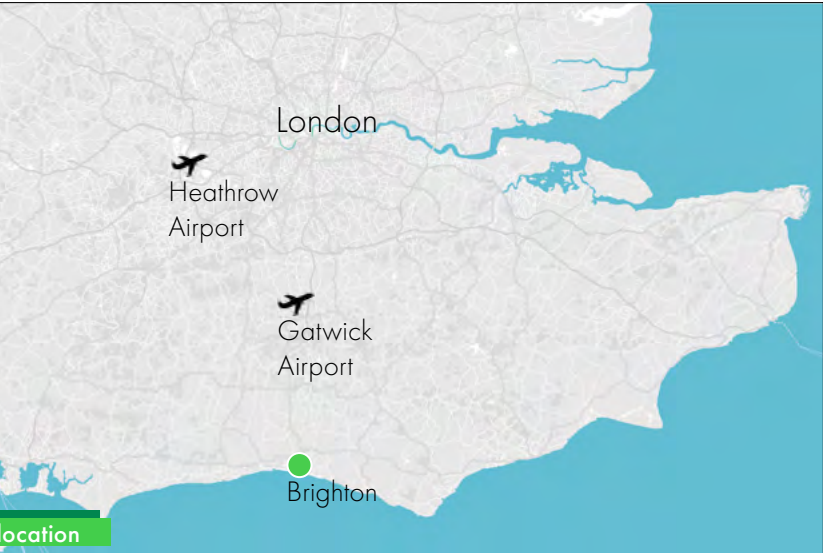
BLC International looks after your language training and it is also our mission for you to have a great time outside of class relaxing, using the language you have learned and communicating with other students and local people in your free time. We organise many events and work with many local events organisers for special prices and are always here to help you book trips around the UK or provide you with advice.

Example Social Activities (seasonal)

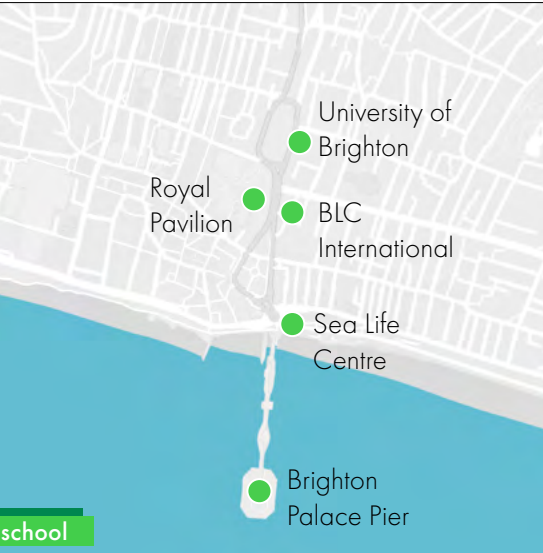
Cinema Evenings
Paris Weekend
West End Musicals
Concerts
Premier League Football
Beach Volleyball
Pottery Classes
International Student Nights
Bowling
Pub Quiz
Basketball
London Excursions
Lazer Zone
Beach Barbecues
Nature walks
Cream Teas

Key Information

BLCI facts & figures



location



school

classes



Maximum Class Sizes:

General English	16
IELTS Academic Test Preparation	16
Cambridge B2 First (FCE)	10
Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE)	10
Skills	16
English & Culture 50+	8

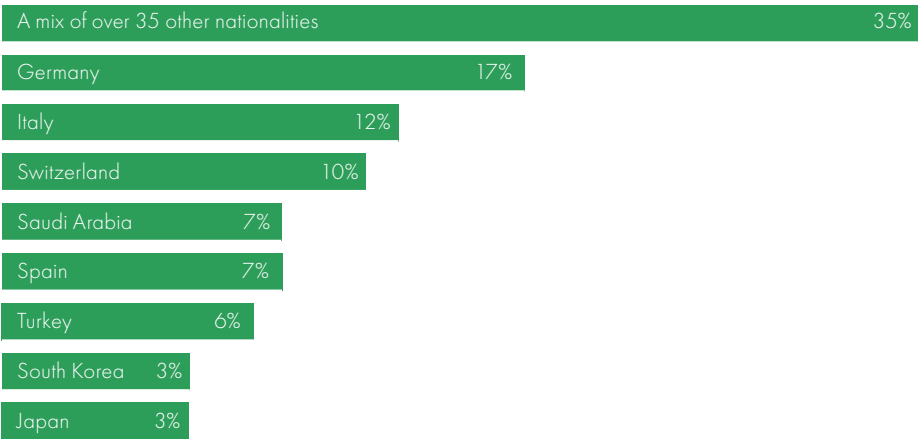
Minimum Ages:

General English	16
IELTS Academic Test Preparation	16
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Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE)	16
Skills	16
English & Culture 50+	50

Lesson Length:

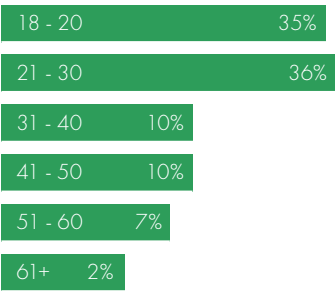
1 lesson	45 minutes
20 lessons	15 hours
26 lessons	19.5 hours
29 lessons	22.75 hours
32 lessons	24 hours

nationalities



*Data provided is for 2025

age mix



facilities

school & environment

background

Brighton Language College International was established in 1995 and relocated in 2015 with a school covering 6 colour coded floors and over 1000m². The school is situated in the city centre opposite the Royal Pavilion and only 2 minutes walk from the beach and Brighton Palace Pier & Sea Life Centre.

You are in the heart of the city each day of your studies, meaning you have all the benefits of Brighton's superb restaurants, beaches, night life, shops, entertainment and unique lifestyle in the UK's trendiest resort city.

BLC International operates from 2 buildings, 7 and 12 Old Steine. In the summer we also use the facilities of Brighton University City Centre Campus for our canteen lunch service.

school floor guide

- 6 4th Floor: one to one classrooms / large group classrooms / small group classrooms
- 5 3rd Floor: large group classrooms / small group classrooms
- 4 2nd Floor: large group classrooms / small group classrooms
- 3 1st Floor: Offices / teaching resource centre / large group classrooms
- 2 Ground Floor: Reception / large group classrooms / small group classrooms / patio
- 1 Underground: Student lounge / Coffee shop



BLC International video

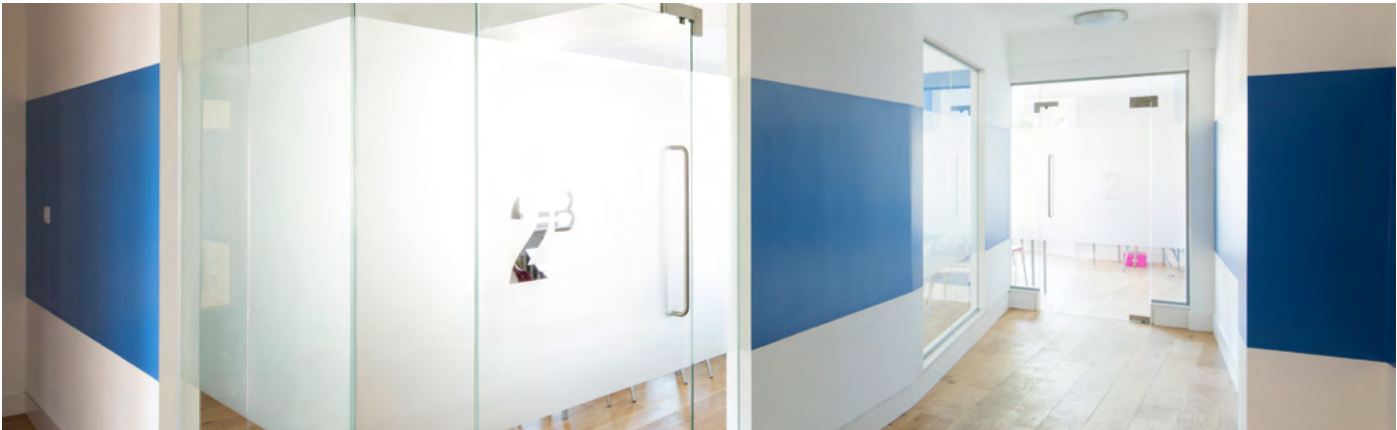


Scan the QR code with your phone or click the link to our YouTube channel [here](#)

features



- Free Super Fast Wi-Fi (70 Mbps)
- City centre school
- Reception / information desk
- Student lounge & patio
- Welfare service
- Airport Transfer service
- Accommodation service
- Royal Pavilion views
- 35 Classrooms
- Coffee shop



your progression

your learning goals

our courses



Courses taught at Brighton Language College International improve your English ability. Our teachers will tailor the course for your level.

To help you assess your level, we have a free English level test on our website. We teach 5 levels of English A2 - B1 / B1+ - C1 and 6 levels A1 - B1 / B1+ - C1 during high season (June - August).

language levels



All of our courses follow the Common European Framework Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Every course page lists the level the course is suitable for and many of our courses are available for all levels (you will be placed in a class with people of a similar level to you).

pre-arrival test



All students on an adult course must take a pre-arrival test before arrival. Tests must be taken and completed one week prior to arrival.

If a pre-arrival test has not been completed prior to arrival, then your first day will consist of a test and your first day of class may commence on the next day.

CEFR	CEFR Terminology	Cambridge	IELTS	You can...	You can...	You can...
C2	Mastery	C2 Proficiency	8.5 - 9.0	Understand with ease virtually everything heard or read	Summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation	Express yourself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in the most complex situations
C1	Advanced	C1 Advanced	7.0 - 8.0	Understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning	Express yourself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions	Use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes
B2	Vantage	B2 first	5.5 -6.5	Understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics.	Interact with a degree of fluency and that makes interaction with native speakers possible without strain for either party	Produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and be able to explain viewpoints on topical issues
B1	Threshold	B1 Preliminary	4.0 - 5.0	Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc	Produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest	Describe experiences, events, hopes and ambitions. Briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans
A2	Waystage	A2 Key	-	Communicate routine tasks requiring on familiar and routine matters	Understand basic sentences and expressions on personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment	Describe in simple terms aspects of your background, environment & matters in areas of immediate need
A1	Breakthrough	A1 Movers	-	Understand and use familiar expressions and very basic phrases	Interact in a simple way if the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help	Introduce yourself, ask and answer questions about where you live, people you know



general english

General English courses run throughout the year. The course is designed to increase your English level through a syllabus which concentrates on listening, reading, speaking and writing. With the text book grammar and vocabulary is learned to consolidate your studies. Afternoon options cover further skills focussed training, business english lessons or private tuition. *A1 students are welcome June - August.

Start Dates	Course Levels	Maximum Class Size	Minimum Course Length	Minimum Age
Every Monday	A2 - C1 (A1 - C1 summer)	16 (10 average)	1 week	16 (23 average)

english 20

Lessons per week:	20	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	15	AM Content:	General English
Course Book:	Included (1)	PM Schedule:	N/A
Course Code:	E20	PM Content:	N/A

english 20 + skills 6

Lessons per week:	26	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	19.5 (15 + 4.5)	AM Content:	General English
Course Book:	Included (1)	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Mon & Wed or Tue & Thu)
Course Code:	E26	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

english 20 + skills 9

Lessons per week:	29	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	21.75 (15 + 6.75)	AM Content:	General English
Course Book:	Included (1)	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Tue-Wed-Thu)
Course Code:	E29	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

english 20 + skills 12

Lessons per week:	32	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	24 (15 + 9)	AM Content:	General English
Course Book:	Included (1)	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (4 days / week)
Course Code:	E32	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening



Schedule	Lessons	Hours	09:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	11:00 - 11:45	11:45 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:15	14:15 - 15:00	15:15 - 16:00
E20	20	15	General English	General English	General English	General English	-	-	-	-
E26	26	19.5	General English	General English	General English	General English	-	Skills*	Skills*	Skills*
E29	29	21.75	General English	General English	General English	General English	-	Skills**	Skills**	Skills**
E32	32	24	General English	General English	General English	General English	-	Skills***	Skills***	Skills***

Courses run Monday to Friday (Afternoons Monday to Thursday) / 1 lesson = 45 minutes
* 2 days/wk ** 3 days/wk *** 4 days/wk



IELTS Academic
Test Preparation

IELTS is a popular and well recognised examination taken by students who plan to enrol onto higher education programmes. Many professional organisations worldwide and an increasing number of universities accept IELTS as proof of language ability. Morning tuition can be supplemented with further IELTS tuition or other options.

Start Dates	Minimum Course Level	Maximum Class Size	Minimum Course Length	Minimum Age
Every Monday	B1	16 (10 average)	2 weeks	16 (23 average)

IELTS 20	Lessons per week:	20	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
	Hours per week:	15	AM Content:	IELTS Preparation
	Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	N/A
	Course Code:	I20	PM Content:	N/A

IELTS 20 + skills 6	Lessons per week:	26	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
	Hours per week:	19.5 (15 + 4.5)	AM Content:	IELTS Preparation
	Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Mon & Wed or Tue & Thu)
	Course Code:	IE26	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

IELTS 20 + skills 9	Lessons per week:	29	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
	Hours per week:	21.75 (15 + 6.75)	AM Content:	IELTS Preparation
	Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Tues-Wed-Thu)
	Course Code:	IE29	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

IELTS 20 + skills 12	Lessons per week:	32	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
	Hours per week:	24 (15 + 9)	AM Content:	IELTS Preparation
	Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (4 days / week)
	Course Code:	IE32	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening



Schedule	Lessons	Hours	09:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	11:00 - 11:45	11:45 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:15	14:15 - 15:00	15:15 - 16:00
I20	20	15	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	—	—	—	—
IE26	26	19.5	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	—	Skills*	Skills*	Skills*
IE29	29	21.75	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	—	Skills**	Skills**	Skills**
IE32	32	24	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	IELTS Preparation	—	Skills***	Skills***	Skills***

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Going to the beach

1. Sunglasses
2. drinking bottle
3. food (sandwich)
4. hat
5. flip flops / sandals
6. towel / basket / bag

Purse / wallet

Surf board

Devil's Dyke

Where do they work?

- ① → In a supermarket
- 2 → On the beach
- 3 → In the Countryside (in a room!)
- 4 → ↓ she doesn't like row

What does he like?

he likes meeting people.

(adj)
friendly

Fit (adj)

He is fit → (strong healthy not overweight)

Skate (v) (n)

Slipper (soft shoes in the house)

beach hut

Plump

Water and pipes



hills

South Downs

noisy

restless

Curious

nosy

Serious

Shy

aggressive

row

(adj)

years 65⁺

King → retire (v)

(retire)

Cambridge

B2 First

The B2 First qualification proves you have the language skills to live and work independently in an English-speaking country or study on courses taught in English. This qualification enables you to communicate effectively face-to-face, expressing

opinions and presenting arguments. Core exam tuition can be supplemented with a variety of afternoon classes to focus on your learning aims.

Start Dates	Minimum Course Level	Maximum Class Size	Minimum Course Length	Minimum Age
Every Monday	B1+	10 (5 average)	2 weeks	16 (23 average)

B2 first 20

Lessons per week:	20	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	15	AM Content:	B2 First
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	N/A
Course Code:	F20	PM Content:	N/A

B2 first 20 + skills 6

Lessons per week:	26	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	19.5 (15 + 4.5)	AM Content:	B2 First
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Mon & Wed or Tue & Thu)
Course Code:	FE26	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

B2 first 20 + skills 9

Lessons per week:	29	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	21.75 (15 + 6.75)	AM Content:	B2 First
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Tue-Wed-Thu)
Course Code:	FE29	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

B2 first20 + skills 12

Lessons per week:	32	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	24 (15 + 9)	AM Content:	B2 First
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (4 days / week)
Course Code:	FE32	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

exam dates 2026

March 13th 2026
May 9th 2026
June 9th 2026
July 30th 2026
August 27th 2026
November 7th 2026
November 24th 2026



Schedule	Lessons	Hours	09:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	11:00 - 11:45	11:45 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:15	14:15 - 15:00	15:15 - 16:00
F20	20	15	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	—	—	—	—
FE26	26	19.5	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	—	Skills*	Skills*	Skills*
FE29	29	21.75	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	—	Skills**	Skills**	Skills**
FE32	32	24	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	B2 First	—	Skills***	Skills***	Skills***

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Cambridge C1 Advanced

Our University of Cambridge C1 Advanced examination course prepares you with the necessary skills to pass the internationally recognised qualification. The course looks at past examination papers and focus on exam techniques and covers writing, reading, listening and speaking together with grammar. Core exam tuition can be supplemented with a variety of afternoon classes.

Start Dates	Minimum Course Level	Maximum Class Size	Minimum Course Length	Minimum Age
Every Monday	B2	10 (5 average)	2 weeks	16 (23 average)

C1 adv. 20

Lessons per week:	20	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	15	AM Content:	C1 Advanced
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	N/A
Course Code:	C20	PM Content:	N/A

C1 adv. 20 + skills 6

Lessons per week:	26	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	19.5 (15 + 4.5)	AM Content:	C1 Advanced
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Mon & Wed or Tue & Thu)
Course Code:	CE26	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

C1 adv. 20 + skills 9

Lessons per week:	29	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	21.75 (15 + 6.75)	AM Content:	C1 Advanced
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (Tues-Wed-Thu)
Course Code:	CE29	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

C1 adv. 20 + skills 12

Lessons per week:	32	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Hours per week:	24 (15 + 9)	AM Content:	C1 Advanced
Course Book:	Included	PM Schedule:	13:30 - 16:00 (4 days / week)
Course Code:	CE32	PM Content:	Skills - Speaking / Listening

exam dates 2026

March 14th 2026	July 31st 2026
April 18th 2026	August 15th 2026
May 9th 2026	August 28th 2026
June 6th 2026	November 7th 2026
June 10th 2026	November 25th 2026
June 20th 2026	



Schedule	Lessons	Hours	09:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	11:00 - 11:45	11:45 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:15	14:15 - 15:00	15:15 - 16:00
C20	20	15	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	-	-	-	-
CE26	26	19.5	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	-	Skills*	Skills*	Skills*
CE29	29	21.75	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	-	Skills**	Skills**	Skills**
CE32	32	24	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	C1 Advanced	-	Skills***	Skills***	Skills***

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Seven Sisters



Cream Tea



Brighton i360

english & culture 50+

This course combines 20 cultural lessons with like-minded students that want to develop their English and explore British culture. Lessons & activities are with other 50+ course students wanting to explore South East England.

Activities vary depending on the season you choose. These are comprised of 4 after class cultural activities and excursions each week including a welcome meal and a Saturday excursion on the middle weekend.

Start Dates	Course Levels	Class Size	Course Length	Minimum Age
See below	B1+ - C2	8 (5 average)	1 - 2 weeks	50

english & culture



Lessons per week:	20	Course Dates 2025:	31.03 - 11.04 / 02.06 - 13.06
Hours per week:	15		11.08 - 22.08 / 22.09 - 03.10
Course Materials:	Included	AM Schedule:	09:15 - 12:30
Course Code:	HP	AM Content:	English & Culture
		PM Schedule:	13:15 - 16:30
		PM Content:	Cultural activities & excursions

*English & Culture class content students must be B1+

* Students who are A1/B1 level join our English 20 courses in the morning and then take part in the cultural activities and excursions together.

- » Arundel Castle & gardens
- » Rottingdean village cream teas
- » Lewes Castle & gardens
- » Thames cruise & London sightseeing
- » Chichester Cathedral
- » Theatre Royal Brighton
- » Seven Sisters country park
- » Royal Pavilion & Brighton Dome



Thames River Cruise

Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09:15 - 12:30	English & Culture	English & Culture	English & Culture	English & Culture	English & Culture	London Tour and River Cruise (1st weekend)	Arrival / Departure Free Day
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
Week 1	Welcome Meal	Arundel Castle	Cream Tea	Seven Sisters	-		
Week 2	Chichester	Lewes Castle	Royal Pavilion	Brighton i360	-		

Activities are an example only, schedules are confirmed each week and published on site
Courses run Monday to Friday / 1 lesson = 45 minutes (breaks 10:45 - 11:00 / 12:30 - 13:15)



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