A large, white, sail-shaped tower (Spinnaker Tower) stands prominently on the left side of the image, overlooking a harbor filled with boats and buildings. The sky is clear and blue.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## COURSES 2019/20

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IELTS Preparation

Intensive General English

Pre-Sessional



WELCOME

With fantastic facilities, a stunning range of courses and expert staff, Highbury College is a great place to learn. The College is also proud to have won a national TES award for its “outstanding use of technology for improving teaching and learning”.

Highbury College is situated in Portsmouth, the UK’s only island city. A great place to live, it has a popular seafront and one of the best climates in Britain.

The city has much to offer in terms of entertainment and culture, including bars, clubs, theatres and museums. Seafront attractions include miles of green parkland, two piers, a funfair and a boating lake. During the summer you can enjoy festivals and live music.



### Shopping

Gunwharf Quays is the city’s landmark waterfront development and boasts designer outlet stores as well as pubs, restaurants and a cinema.

Southsea’s Palmerston Road and Albert Road have a wide range of shops, including independent outlets and high street names.

### Music & nightlife

Big name bands and other touring attractions play at the Guildhall and you can enjoy independent acts and comedy at Southsea’s Wedgewood Rooms. Gunwharf Quays is a popular spot for nightlife and it’s great fun exploring Southsea’s Albert Road and Palmerston Road areas for trendy bars, clubs and restaurants.

### Top attractions

Portsmouth is the current headquarters of the British Navy and the Historic Dockyard includes Admiral Nelson’s famous warship HMS Victory and King Henry VIII’s warship the Mary Rose.

For a stunning view of the harbour you can ascend the 170-metre high Emirates Spinnaker Tower or you could visit the birthplace of novelist Charles Dickens.

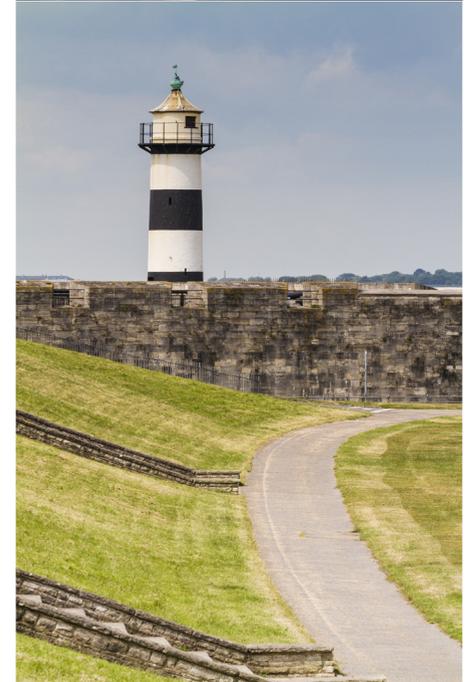


### Sport & fitness

The seafront promenade is perfect for walking, jogging or running, the Mountbatten Centre has an Olympic-sized pool, health suite, gym and athletics track, there are many cycle-paths as well as a whole host of watersports available.

### Further afield

The Isle of Wight, once the holiday playground of Queen Victoria, is easily reached by hovercraft or ferry, where historic towns, picture-postcard villages and beautiful countryside are plentiful.



### Travel links

Trains take just 1hr and 30mins from London (Waterloo) and convenient airports are Southampton, London Gatwick and London Heathrow.



## IELTS PREPARATION COURSE

One of the world's most widely recognised tests of English language proficiency, the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is a popular pathway for those seeking access to university study, immigration and professional registration.

Our IELTS preparation course is designed to help you improve both your English language and your Examination Skills. You will be assisted in this by our experienced and professional teaching staff who will help you achieve the best possible results.

We are also a UKVI-approved IELTS Test venue and you will have the opportunity to take the exam in familiar surroundings with us. The venue hosts at least three tests a month and the application process is straightforward (please note exam fees of approximately £200 are not included in the price of the course).

### The aims of the course are to develop:

- The language and examination skills necessary to achieve required scores in the IELTS examination
- Understanding of the format and content of the IELTS examination
- Independent study and learning strategies to help achieve success in the IELTS examination

### We offer:

- Small classes suitable to your level to enable our teachers to give you as much support as possible
- Course materials included in the fees
- Regular meetings with your teachers to discuss your progress and to receive constructive feedback
- Regular mock tests under exam conditions to help both you and your teachers assess your progress

### Course summary

**Minimum age** 16

**Level of English**

Lower Intermediate and above

**Course start** Every Monday

**Taught hours per week** 21

**Course duration** Minimum 4 weeks

**Average class size** 10 students

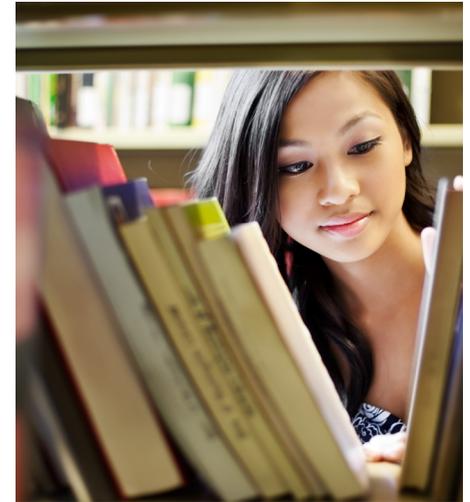
**Maximum class size** 14 students

**Course fees per week** £230

**Non-teaching periods Sep 2019–Aug 2020**

Christmas 23.12.2019 – 03.01.2020

Easter 06.04.2020 – 17.04.2020



### Example timetable:

Time	Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / (Friday 9:30–11:30)
09:00 – 10:15	Examination Skills: Reading and Listening
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:45	Examination Skills: Writing and Speaking
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 13:45	Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation and Functional Skills
13:45 – 14:00	Break
14:00 – 15:00	Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation and Functional Skills

**Fridays:** Mock Test Practice and Tutorials



## INTENSIVE GENERAL ENGLISH COURSE

Our Intensive General English course is designed to enable you to improve a broad range of your language skills in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary and 'everyday' English.

Our experienced teaching staff will help to develop your English language skills and build your confidence for a wide variety of situations requiring use of the language.

We believe in taking a student centred, communicative approach in our classes. Our friendly, supportive teachers will enable you to practise and develop your language skills in a comfortable environment.

### The aims of this course are to develop

- Language skills to increase chances of successful communication in English
- Knowledge of the English language in the areas of grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation
- Cultural understanding and skills relevant to the social use of English

### We offer:

- Small classes suitable to your level to enable our teachers to give you as much support as possible
- Course materials included in the fees
- Regular meetings with your teachers to discuss your progress and to receive constructive feedback
- Progress tests to help both you and your teachers assess your progress

### Course summary

- Minimum age** 16
- Level of English** All levels
- Course start** Every Monday
- Taught hours per week** 21
- Course duration** Minimum 2 weeks
- Average class size** 10 students
- Maximum class size** 14 students
- Course fees per week** £230
- Non-teaching periods Sep 2019–Aug 2020**
- Christmas 23.12.2019 – 03.01.2020
- Easter 06.04.2020 – 17.04.2020



### Example timetable:

Time	Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / (Friday 9:30–11:30)
09:00 – 10:15	Reading and Listening Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar and Pronunciation in context
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:45	Speaking and Language Accuracy, Vocabulary, Grammar and Pronunciation in context
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 13:45	Speaking, Listening and Fluency Practice / Everyday English
13:45 – 14:00	Break
14:00– 15:00	Writing Skills / Everyday English

**Fridays:** Progress Tests and Tutorials.



## PRE-SESSIONAL COURSE

This course is designed for students who hold a conditional offer from one of our partner universities for Undergraduate or Postgraduate degrees.

Our Pre-Sessional course helps you to develop understanding of UK academic culture so that you may succeed in your university studies.

There is no need to retake the IELTS test before joining university if you successfully complete this course at Highbury College.

### The aims of the course are to develop

- The language and study skills required at a UK university
- Understanding of academic culture and conventions of UK universities
- Skills in the areas of autonomy and independent learning
- Ability to produce academic English work at a level specified in your offer letter

### What is required to join the course?

- At least IELTS 4.0 overall with no element below 4.0 (taken from a UKVI-approved IELTS test venue for Tier 4 applicants)
- A conditional offer for a degree course from one of our partner universities
- English language requirement is the only condition on your university offer letter

### We offer:

- Core textbooks and materials included in the course fees
- Regular meetings with your teachers to discuss your progress and to receive constructive feedback
- Continuous assessment to help both you and your teachers measure your progress
- Direct entry to your chosen degree programme on successful completion of the course

### Course summary

Minimum age 16

Taught hours per week 21

Non-teaching periods Sep 2019 -August 2020

Christmas 23.12.2019 – 03.01.2020

Easter 06.04.2020 – 17.04.2020

Average class size 10 students

Maximum class size 16 students

Level of English At least IELTS 4.0 overall with no element below 4.0

### Pre-sessional courses dates and fees

Duration	Fees	Start	Finish
24 week/ 2 IELTS bands	£6,500	06/03/2020	28/08/2020
17 week/ 1.5 IELTS bands	£5,050	05/05/2020	
11 week/ 1.0 IELTS band	£3,360	15/06/2020	
7 week/ 0.5 IELTS band	£2,240	13/07/2020	

### Example timetable:

Time	Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / (Friday 9:30–11:30)
<b>Morning</b> 9:30–10:45 11:00–12:15	Integrated Language & Academic Study Skills: reading, writing, research skills, referencing, essay and report writing, examination skills, time management, UK academic culture and conventions
	Lunch
<b>Afternoon</b> 13:15–14:30	Integrated Language & Academic Study Skills: listening, speaking, presentation skills, lecture skills and seminar skills
	Break
14:45–15:45	Integrated Language & Academic Study Skills: listening, speaking, presentation skills, lecture skills and seminar skills

**Fridays:** Tutorials

## ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

You can choose to stay in our on-campus Halls of Residence, self-catering house or with one of our approved host families. Please tick your option on your application form.

### Onsite accommodation

Highbury's onsite accommodation is situated within The Tower, the College's tallest building. All 75 bedrooms enjoy views of Portsmouth and its coastline.

Each floor consists of 15 good-sized bedrooms, two kitchens, dining area, lounge and television. Each bedroom includes a bed, desk, wardrobe, en-suite bathroom (shower, toilet and wash basin), telephone, television and computer points and free Internet access. Communal areas are regularly cleaned and a set of bed linen and a towel are provided. There is also a laundry room, with washers and dryers, and 24-hour security is in operation on the College site.

#### Onsite accommodation fee

£125 per week

### Host Family accommodation

One of the best ways to help improve your English and also give you a better understanding of British life and culture is to stay with one of our carefully-selected British families. Accommodation with a British family is on a half-board basis (breakfast and dinner during the week, all meals at weekends and includes laundry). Students normally arrive at their Host Family accommodation on Sunday and leave on Saturday.

#### Host family accommodation fee

As a guide you should expect to pay from £160 per week for Full Board.

### Other accommodation

Another option is to stay with a local host, accommodating a larger number of students (above four). All off-site accommodation is within 45 minutes travel time by public transport and typically costs about £4.00 per day from Portsmouth locations.

### Airport transfer

The College can arrange for airport transfers if required. Please tick the box for pickup service when you complete the application form. Otherwise, you can book a transfer with us after you receive the visa. The latest booking time is 1 working day before your arrival. Transfer fees are:

**Heathrow/Gatwick:** £85 single way

**Southampton:** £35 single way



### Visa

To check if you need a visa to study in the UK, visit [www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa)

If you need a visa to take a full-time English language course with us visit [www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa](http://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa)



## HOW TO APPLY

### Complete an application form

You can download an application form by visiting [www.highbury.ac.uk/international](http://www.highbury.ac.uk/international)

You can also request an application form by contacting us using the email address or postal address below.

### Return your application form

Simply return your application form with the following documents:

- Copy of your Passport
- IELTS certificate *(if applicable)*
- Complete accommodation questionnaire *(if applicable)*
- Parental Consent **and** Student Health Questionnaire *(if applicable)*

By email: [international@highbury.ac.uk](mailto:international@highbury.ac.uk)

By post: **International Office, Highbury College, Tudor Crescent, Portsmouth, PO6 2SA, ENGLAND**

If you have any questions or general enquiries, please phone us on **+44 (0) 23 9238 3131**

### How to pay

You can pay by bank transfer for your payments and our bank details shown as below.

Please send us a copy of the payment and please quote your Highbury College student ID number in all communications.

**Bank:** Barclays Bank PLC

**Address:** 50-52 London Road, City Centre, Southampton, Hampshire, SO15 2SF

**Account:** Highbury College

**Account no.** 83636992

**Sort Code:** 20-79-29

**ISBN:** GB41BARC20792983636992

**Swift Code:** BARCGB22

**Reference:** EBS no. and Name of student

### Under 18?

If you are under 18 years old, please contact us at [international@highbury.ac.uk](mailto:international@highbury.ac.uk) or call us on **+44 (0)23 9238 3131** and we will provide you with additional information regarding our student service and support.

### Cancellation terms

As a general rule, the College does not adjust fees for withdrawals or give refunds. The exceptions are listed below,

- If the College cancels a course then a full refund will be given and no administration fee will be charged.
- Course fees are also refunded for extenuating circumstances, such as medical problems or bereavement. In these circumstances a personal application must be made in writing to the College.
- Course fee refunds after deducting an administrative fee of £250 will be given to students who have received a visa refusal. Evidence of visa refusal will be required by the College.

A deposit of £350 is also required upon reservation of a room in the Highbury College Tower Accommodation. A £200 administration fee will be deducted if you fail to take up the accommodation unless:

- The cancellation is made more than three weeks before the start of the first day of the period for which the accommodation is booked, or;
- The student's visa application has been refused.

For Host Family accommodation a full refund will be given up to three weeks before arrival.

To comply with UK law, refunds will be only made to the original accounts which we receive the payments from. For full terms and conditions please visit [highbury.ac.uk](http://highbury.ac.uk).

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