

# VGC

## INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

*Where the World Comes to Study*

**SCHOOL** *of*  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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- Global English
- IELTS Preparation
- TOEFL Preparation
- University Preparation
- Elective Choices
- Afternoon Classes
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- High School Preparation
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Vancouver, Canada

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Dominic Walton,  
Executive Director

# A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Since its creation, VGC has helped thousands of international students from all around the world achieve their language goals. With an increasing variety of English programs and customized classes, we want to make sure that each of our students gets the best out of the education we provide. VGC International College is an award winning school, and we are proud to be working with extremely qualified teachers and staff members who devote themselves to making VGC one of the best English schools in Canada.

We recognize that for our students, this is a once in a lifetime experience and we are fortunate to play a pivotal role in each personal story created in our halls. We are committed to providing our students with a unique and unforgettable Canadian experience. VGC is not just a school but also a community, a home away from home. With students from over 55 countries, it gives a chance for our students to explore different cultures and to become true global citizens.

At VGC International College, we want to lead by example. That is why we publish our ethics guide and mission statement. Our goal is not only to continue to be a high quality institution, but also one that is socially responsible to all the cultures that come through our doors.

I am proud to be the Executive Director of VGC, and I look forward to creating new stories with new students and making VGC International College part of your future.

Dominic Walton,  
Executive Director





# WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE VGC

## Teachers

VGC's strict hiring policy ensures that our teachers are not only highly qualified, but also committed to helping you accomplish your goals. Our VGC School of English Language is proud of its reputation as one of the most academic language schools in Vancouver. All teachers must have a university degree, a recognized Teaching Certificate and industry-relevant teaching experience. You will always have direct access to teachers and individualized attention to achieve the best possible results in your English courses in Vancouver.

## Curriculum

VGC's School of English Language offers a unique program called Global English (a hybrid of general English and academic skills). You will get the everyday usefulness of general English while developing the specialized skills needed for fluent and accurate business communication or English for academic purposes. Furthermore we have a selection of exam preparation courses as well as intensive English classes focusing on specific areas of the language.

## Results

VGC International College gets results. We have helped thousands of international students reach their goals. Whether it is a test score, entrance into a Canadian university, or just to improve your English, VGC will help you get there.

## Personal Attention

At VGC, we understand each student has different needs and different goals. VGC's teachers and staff strive to get to know each of our students as individuals. Teachers are aware of your progression and adapt their approach to best guide you through your learning experience.

## Cultural Diversity

At VGC International College we are very proud of our cultural diversity. VGC recruits students from over 55 countries to study in Canada. Your class will be filled with students from diverse backgrounds and cultures helping you to grow an international network and become a global citizen.

## A True Canadian Experience

Learning English and setting the foundation for your professional career should be an exciting experience that continuously challenges and stimulates you, but most of all it should be fun! At VGC we are proud to have our own event management team that is dedicated to offering you fun activities and tours to make sure you have a unique Canadian experience. We offer a variety of exciting cultural events, activities, and excursions in and around Vancouver, as well as camping trips into the Canadian wilderness.

# YOUR VGC TEAM



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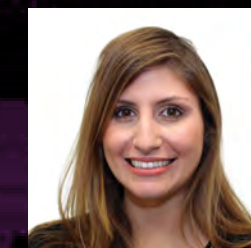
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# ENGLISH EQUIVALENCY

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## VGC ENGLISH PROGRAM OUTLINE AND EQUIVALENCY CHART

At VGC International College's School of English Language, we are proud of our academic reputation. We have earned this through our exceptional teaching staff, well-designed English courses and personal attention to our students.

All VGC levels are based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and have equivalent band scores for the IELTS Exam, TOEFL Exam and Cambridge Exam. This allows our students to have a full understanding of where they are in relation to all major international standards.

All of our students are tested for the right level upon their first day at VGC and assigned to classes that are suitable for their needs and goals. We follow our students' progress carefully by counselling, guiding and helping them to achieve their language objectives. Our integrated approach allows our students to learn English in a more natural manner. We focus on proven methods that bring results efficiently and effectively.

We are particularly proud of our teachers who are one of the most qualified staff in Vancouver and are definitely the friendliest! All of whom are waiting here to greet you when you start your English learning adventure at VGC.

# PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

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## DIVERSE ENGLISH PROGRAMS TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

VGC International College's School of English Language is recognized by thousands of students from all over the world as well as prestigious post-secondary institutions, as the premier English language school in Vancouver, Canada. We understand that every student has different needs and different goals when they learn English. That is why we offer students a wide variety of English programs.

### CORE Classes:

- Global English
- IELTS Preparation
- TOEFL Preparation
- University Preparation
- Elective Choices

### SUMMER Programs:

- High School Preparation/ Summer Teen Experience Program
- Cambridge First Certificate (FCE)
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

### Elective Choices:

- Grammar through Speaking and Writing
- Reading, Vocabulary and Discussion
- Speaking
- Listening and Pronunciation
- Writing
- Grammar
- English in the Workplace
- Expressions and Conversation
- Exam Preparation IELTS
- Advanced Grammar and Writing
- Listening and Pronunciation II
- Reading, Vocabulary and Debate
- Academic Reading and Vocabulary Builder

### AFTERNOON PLUS Classes:

- Speaking and Error Correction Plus
- Beginner Plus
- Pronunciation Plus
- Academic Preparation Plus
- Multimedia Project Plus
- Business English Certificate Program
- English for Hospitality

## SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### English Equivalency Chart

Levels	Core Classes				Proficiency Equivalents			
	Global English	IELTS	TOEFL IBT	University Preparation	IELTS Score	TOEFL Score	Cambridge Test	CEFR
8	Upper Advanced	IELTS Prep	TOEFL Prep	Advanced University Prep	7	100	CAE	C1
7	Lower Advanced	IELTS Foundation		Intermediate University Prep	6.5	90	FCE	B2
6	Upper Intermediate				6			
5	Intermediate				5.5	70	PET	B1
4	Pre-intermediate				5	60	KET	A2
3	Elementary							A1
2	Beginner							
1	Intro							

## SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CORE CLASSES</b> 28 lessons	8:45am Core Class	8:45am Core Class	8:45am Core Class	8:45am Core Class	8:45am Core Class
	11:40am Core Class	11:40am Core Class	11:40am Core Class	11:40am Core Class	11:40am Core Class
	Lunch				
	12:30pm - 1:50pm Elective Choice	12:30pm - 1:50pm Core Class	12:30pm - 1:50pm Elective Choice	12:30pm - 1:50pm Core Class	12:30pm - 1:50pm Bi-weekly Workshop
	Break				
<b>AFTERNOON PLUS</b> 36 lessons	2:05pm - 3:25pm Afternoon Plus Class	2:05pm - 3:25pm Afternoon Plus Class	2:05pm - 3:25pm Afternoon Plus Class	2:05pm - 3:25pm Afternoon Plus Class	2:05pm - 3:25pm Daily After Class and Weekend Activities Available
	Break				
<b>STUDY LAB</b> 4 in-class hours	3:40pm - 4:40pm Study Lab	3:40pm - 4:40pm Study Lab	3:40pm - 4:40pm Study Lab	3:40pm - 4:40pm Study Lab	3:40pm - 4:40pm Study Lab



# GLOBAL ENGLISH

Designed for levels 1-8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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## AN INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM COMBINING GENERAL ENGLISH AND ACADEMIC SKILLS

Your day at VGC will start with a unique approach to language learning in our Global English program, a program that combines both general English and academic English skills. At VGC International College, we are proud of our reputation as having one of the best English language courses in Canada.

Global English is a proven program that has helped thousands of VGC students to reach their goals in business English, English exam preparation, academic English, and daily communication in English. As an integrated course, the Global English program works on speaking, listening, writing and reading, as well as grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. Whether for business, academics or everyday needs, this is the perfect class to help you improve your English.

**Please note:** Each level is two months in duration (except level 1, which is one month long). Levels 1 and 2 have no elective class as students are still developing general English skills. During the elective period these students will continue to study with their main class.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- have expanded your vocabulary in relation to everyday topics.
- have improved your general English skills, such as the ability to speak English and to listen in English to real life situations.
- have developed confidence to use your English.
- have developed fluency and accuracy in reading and writing English.
- have improved your English grammar.

## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- Eight levels of Global English from Intro to Upper Advanced allow students to transition from one level to the next with ease.
- Integrates General English and academic English skills to get the best results.
- Fosters critical thinking and develops vital study skills for students seeking higher education.
- Learn English in a supportive classroom environment.
- Biweekly personal feedback.
- Individual student portfolios showing a collection of student's work through their entire stay at VGC.
- An intensive English program that gets results.





# IELTS PREPARATION

Designed for levels 6-8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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## BECAUSE YOUR IELTS EXAM RESULTS REALLY MATTER

If you need to pass the IELTS exam, VGC's IELTS Preparation course is based on a time-tested curriculum that has helped many international students achieve their target score. The lessons are designed to give maximum teacher-to-student interaction and to provide opportunities for you to refine your English for each section of the test. Every two weeks you will participate in a practice IELTS test to provide you with a measurable assessment of your growth.

Our IELTS Preparation program comes in two levels: IELTS Foundation and IELTS Preparation.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- be better able to achieve your maximum possible score on your IELTS test.
- have improved your English speaking and writing through personalized feedback.
- have learned the skills and strategies to successfully take the IELTS test.
- be familiar with the IELTS exam requirements.

# TOEFL PREPARATION

Designed for levels 6-8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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## YOUR WAY TO A SUCCESSFUL SCORE ON YOUR TOEFL EXAM

At VGC you will not only use the TOEFL Preparation course as a tool to achieve the exam score you need, but you will build the academic language and skills for your success in business or university.

The TOEFL course provides bi-weekly practice tests given to make you comfortable with the exam and TOEFL iBT procedure. Our experienced TOEFL teachers review your test and give you personalized feedback. We have structured TOEFL Preparation classes so you will feel confident that you are ready to achieve the desired exam score.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- have improved your English speaking and writing skills through personalized feedback.
- have encountered our structured curriculum and customized materials, which are designed for your individual strengths and weaknesses.
- have received the academic English skills and knowledge that will best prepare you for the challenges of business or university.

## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- Highly qualified and experienced teachers with an in-depth understanding of the IELTS test.
- Two levels of classes allow you to improve your IELTS score from the ground up.
- VGC is a certified IELTS Pre-test Centre, which will allow you to closely simulate the test experience.
- Proven success rates.



## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- During your practice TOEFL tests, you will have access to our computer lab designed to simulate real TOEFL iBT test conditions.
- A highly experienced TOEFL teacher with extensive knowledge of the exam and the English language.
- Individualized advice to help you succeed.





# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

Designed for levels 5-8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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## A PROVEN PATHWAY TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN CANADA

Successful completion of VGC's University Preparation Program prepares you for your academic career at a university in Canada. It will allow you to gain the necessary language requirements for acceptance and direct entry into our partner colleges or universities.

This program is delivered in intermediate and advanced levels. In the University Preparation - Intermediate students are introduced to academic English and skills while still learning grammar and other general English skills that are needed at this level. In the University Preparation - Advanced students focus less on general English skills and more on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) ensuring the student is university ready.

Hundreds of VGC students have enjoyed our seamless entry to a post-secondary program. A

student who successfully completes our University Preparation course can use our Pathway Program designed for direct entry into our selected group of post-secondary partners (this means there is no need to write an IELTS or TOEFL test). Whether it be a Masters, PhD, or undergraduate studies, VGC University Preparation students can use their UP scores as proof of English language level.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- have learned how to listen to lectures and take effective notes.
- have read critically with a healthy level of skepticism.
- have written effective essays, arguing a case, supported by reading and empirical evidence.
- have delivered university level oral presentations.
- have developed exam strategies to better your results.

For information on our partnering universities and colleges in Canada and the USA please visit our [University Pathways page](#).



## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- Receive personal speaking and writing feedback from a teacher who specializes in English for Academic Purposes (EAP).
- Every two weeks your teacher will have a one-on-one meeting with you to discuss your progress and future university plans.
- We personalize your university preparation and ensure that your study plans will be successful so you can go to the university in Canada of your choice.
- Field trips to our partner universities in Vancouver and guest lectures from our pathway partner schools.





# UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

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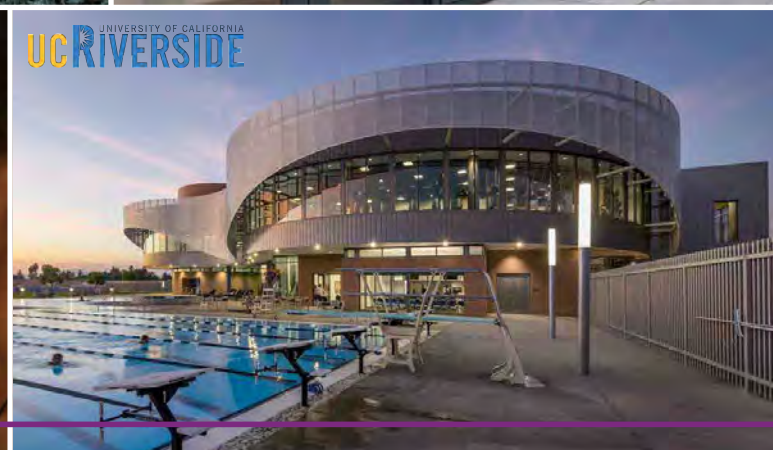
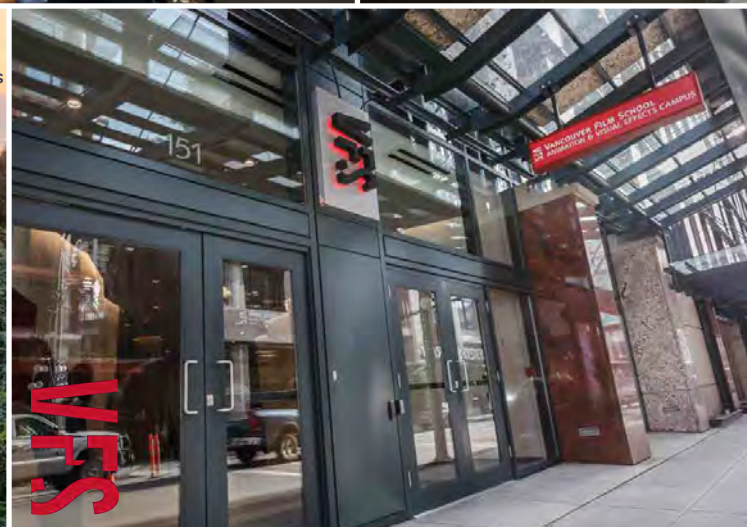
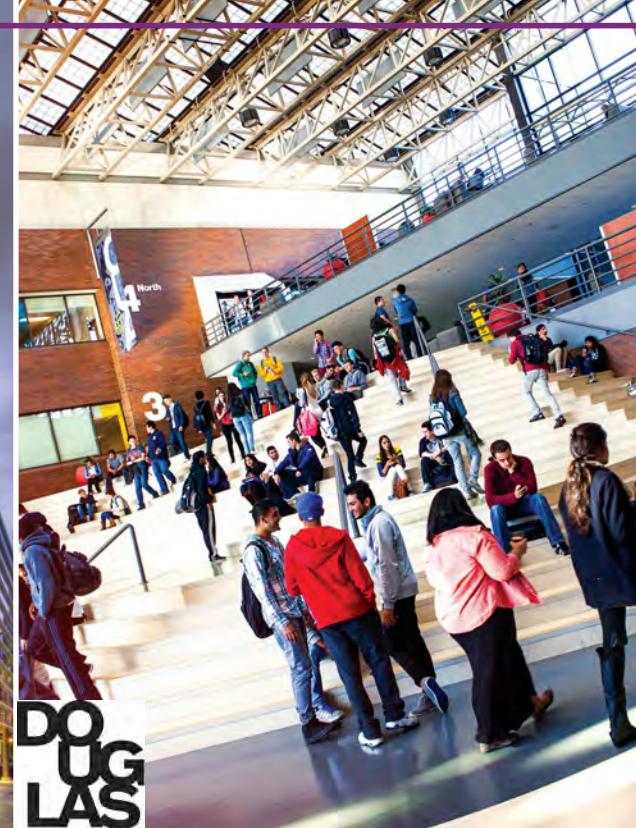
## A SIMPLE WAY TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN CANADA

Students looking to go to college or university in Canada after graduating from their English programs at VGC have the opportunity of accessing our network of accredited universities and colleges in Canada and the United States.

VGC International College holds pathway agreements with universities and colleges in North America that allow seamless entry without having to write the TOEFL test or IELTS test.

The universities and colleges in the VGC pathway network provide accredited technical, undergraduate and graduate programs in various areas of study. VGC has a pathway department dedicated to providing personalized attention and guidance to students interested in applying to one or more of our partner colleges and universities in Canada and the United States. Let's find the perfect fit for you and take the next step to your academic future.

For students who wish to know more about work permits for Canada and immigration to Canada through post-secondary studies please refer to VGC.ca.





# ELECTIVE CHOICES

Designed for levels 3-8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



## PERSONALIZE YOUR ENGLISH LESSONS WITH OUR ELECTIVE CLASSES

Our elective classes complement the Global English, University Preparation Intermediate, IELTS Preparation, and TOEFL Preparation programs. Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, students can enjoy a skills-focused elective class.

VGC International College provides a choice of skill or topic-based electives as part of your intensive English Core program. These elective classes will help you to improve areas of English that may cause you problems. Every two weeks, you can pick and choose from a variety of electives for your level – electives YOU want to take.

As you progress from level 3 up, you will have a choice of speaking, reading, listening, writing or theme-based elective classes.

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Levels 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

FULL TIME CORE CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Grammar through Speaking and Writing	✓	✓						
Reading, Vocabulary and Discussion			●	●				
Speaking			●	●				
Listening and Pronunciation			●	●	●	●		
Writing					●	●		
Grammar					●	●		
English in the Workplace					●	●	●	
Expressions and Conversation					●	●	●	●
Exam Preparation IELTS					●	●	●	●
Reading, Vocabulary and Debate					●	●	●	●
Academic Reading and Vocabulary Builder					●	●	●	●
Advanced Grammar and Writing						●	●	●

**Please note:** Advanced University Preparation does not have an elective.







Designed for **All Cambridge Levels** For students between 13 and 18 years old



# THE BEST TEEN EXPERIENCE: WHERE LEARNING AND ADVENTURE MEET

VGC combines our High School Preparation Program with our Summer Teen Experience activities making this course one of the most exciting summer teen English camps in Vancouver. We offer students a complete Canadian adventure where they will be fully immersed in English language lessons designed for the high school student, all while experiencing Canadian culture. It consists of an integrated program where the students have a full day of studies that focus on English relevant to the daily life of a high school teen. Every Tuesday and Thursday students will take their learning outside of the classroom where they will apply their language knowledge to a cultural activity. Further to this, there will be daily activities that students can enjoy.

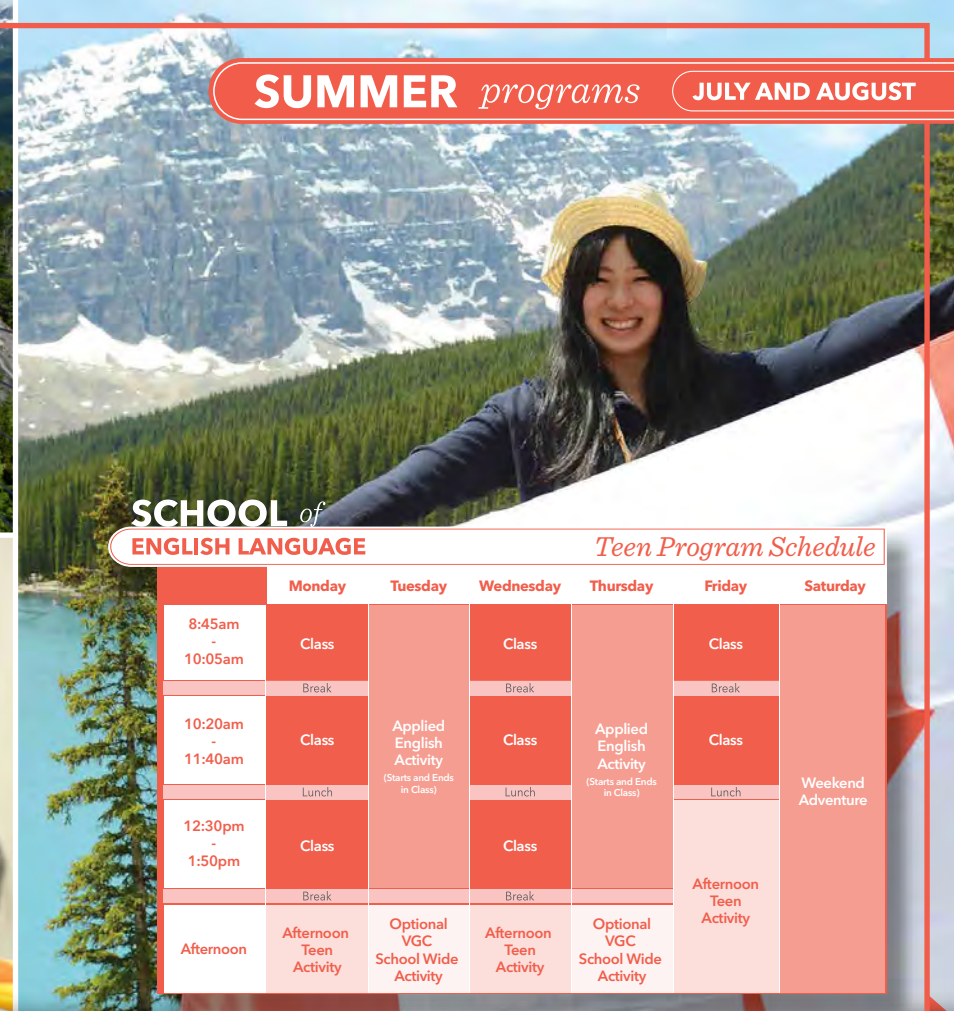
And if that doesn't sound like enough fun, students will have the opportunity to experience the beautiful wilderness that Canada is famous for. This summer camp consists of spending several days away from the city. We will enjoy swimming in pristine lakes, canoeing, campfires, taking photos of breathtaking landscapes and much, much more!

This program contains relevant English language for the high school student whether they are returning to study in their home country or going onto study at a Canadian high school. It is offered in the summer months only for students between 13 and 18 years old.

## OBJECTIVES

By taking this program students will:

- expand their vocabulary and English language for use in real life situations.
- be better prepared to go to a Canadian high school.
- become more independent and develop skills to work with others from different cultures.
- improve English through classroom practice and daily activities.
- make international friends from around the world and have fun while learning.



### SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE Teen Program Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:45am - 10:05am	Class		Class		Class	
	Break		Break		Break	
10:20am - 11:40am	Class	Applied English Activity (Starts and Ends in Class)	Class	Applied English Activity (Starts and Ends in Class)	Class	Weekend Adventure
	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch	
12:30pm - 1:50pm	Class		Class		Afternoon Teen Activity	
	Break		Break			
Afternoon	Afternoon Teen Activity	Optional VGC School Wide Activity	Afternoon Teen Activity	Optional VGC School Wide Activity		

### High School Preparation/Summer Teen Experience CALENDAR

THEME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communication & Media	3 Holiday: No School	4 Orientation & Downtown Tour	5 Escape Room	6 Film Studio Visit	7 Playland	8 Beach BBQ
History & Culture of Canada/BC	10 Stanley Park Bike Ride	11 Museum of Anthropology	12 Beach Volleyball	13 Grouse Mountain	14 Deep Cove	15 Whistler Trip
Environmental Sustainability	17 Indoor Rock Climbing	18 Science World	19 Laser Tag	20/21/22/23 VGC Rocky Mountains Experience		
Biology & the Natural World	24 Try Hockey & Skating	25 Urban Safari	26 Shopping at Metrotown	27 Aquarium	28 Bubble Soccer	29 Victoria Trip

Calendar subject to change

## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- Classes are based on Cambridge levelling for international academic recognition.
- This English Summer Camp consists of daily activities, weekend adventures and out of class activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Students experience life in a Canadian city (Vancouver) and the great Canadian outdoors!
- Caring VGC staff that will make every effort to ensure that students feel safe.





# CAMBRIDGE PREPARATION COURSES

Designed for both **FCE** and **CAE** levels

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## CAMBRIDGE FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH (FCE) AND CAMBRIDGE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH (CAE) PROGRAMS

Our Cambridge courses come in two separate levels: Lower Advanced (FCE) and Upper Advanced (CAE). These programs are designed to help students attain a level of proficiency and accuracy as it relates to their goals when taking the Cambridge exams. All four skills are systematically developed and practiced in each unit and in-depth exam training is provided throughout. Whether it is at the FCE or CAE level, you will focus on using flexibility and creativity with the English language as it relates to variety of exam situations and topics. As these are advanced courses, you will learn subtle differences in grammar and vocabulary use as it relates to your level of English studies. This course will also help you to develop a greater understanding of the significance of culture as it relates to language; it will help you develop the necessary skills to feel better prepared for taking the Cambridge exams whether it is the FCE or CAE exam.

The Cambridge First Certificate in English and Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English Programs are offered in the summer months only. Please check our website for start dates.

Students must be at the appropriate level to enter these courses (a level test can be found on our website).

### OBJECTIVES

By taking this program students will:

- have improved their FCE or CAE score.
- have developed Cambridge Exams strategies.
- have read, understood and answered questions on the content of various text types, related to the FCE and CAE exams.
- answer different types of English grammar questions with confidence.
- handle the various sections of the oral test with confidence.
- apply the use of different language structures appropriately.
- summarize, reconstruct, and present arguments coherently for the Cambridge exams.

### THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- Experienced and knowledgeable teachers for both FCE and CAE exams. Individualized feedback to focus you on areas that need improvement.
- Practice Cambridge exams every two weeks to monitor your progress and results.



# AFTERNOON PLUS CLASSES

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## AFTERNOON CLASSES THAT ENSURE YOUR ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Our afternoon Plus Classes are designed to give you further knowledge and practice after you finish your Global English, IELTS Preparation, TOEFL Preparation or University Preparation lessons. Plus Classes are interactive English classes that give you profound knowledge of a specific area of English, and then give you a chance to practice the English skills you have learned in your specialized English classes. Students can choose from a range of different Plus Classes in this time slot.

- Speaking and Error Correction Plus
- Academic Preparation Plus
- Multimedia Project Plus
- Pronunciation Plus
- Beginner Plus
- Business English Certificate Program
- English for Hospitality

## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- The ideal complement to the lower level classes, helping students to improve their English language skills quickly and build a solid foundation.
- Encourages to apply the knowledge into practical situations to grow a confidence in speaking English.
- Encourages active learning and makes sure students can level up faster.
- It allows students to engage in a proactive learning experience, making English learning in Vancouver memorable.
- Addresses different learning styles and skills.



# SPEAKING AND ERROR CORRECTION PLUS

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Designed for levels 3-8

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Speaking and Error Correction Plus is a structured English speaking course that allows you to get more knowledge and practice with spoken English. The program is divided up into well-designed daily themes and situations. Through challenging conversation and discussion in English, you will be able to use newly acquired English grammar and vocabulary in real conversations.

Besides further improving your language skills, this English class is designed to focus on error correction and encourages students to build confidence when talking to native English speakers.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- be able to identify errors you and other speakers make.
- have enhanced your English pronunciation.
- be able to speak English with more confidence under a precise language structure.
- be able to take part in English conversations related to various topics.
- have learned to use solid techniques to achieve effective communication in English.

## BEGINNER PLUS

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Designed for levels 1-3

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Beginner Plus is an integrated skills course designed for all students who are learning English at a lower level and aims to help improve their English language skills quickly. Using text and tasks commonly found in daily life, students will quickly develop a communicative competence. Beginner Plus will build up a solid English foundation that helps students grow confidence to speak English in everyday situations. It is designed to improve their knowledge of English grammar in context, developing vocabulary and improving English pronunciation, so students can move to the next level as fast as possible.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions in English.
- have learned how to listen for general context and ideas.
- be able to ask and answer a variety of basic questions.
- be able to write and read simple texts and extract specific information.
- know how to name and use basic English grammar structures.



## PRONUNCIATION PLUS

Designed for levels 5-8 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

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At VGC International College, we know how important it is for our students to reduce their accent and speak English clearly. That is why in our Pronunciation Plus class, students study the basics of North American English pronunciation and intonation. They will learn about a variety of topics such as English vowel rules, word stress and syllable length. We want to make sure our students are equipped with the English skills they need for clear and understandable speech.

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- have improved your spoken English significantly.
- produce sounds clearly.
- model Canadian English rhythm and words stress that makes the Canadian accent the clearest of all English speaking countries.
- model Canadian English syllable stress, linking and intonation.
- feel more confident when speaking with native English speakers.

## ACADEMIC PREPARATION PLUS

Designed for levels 4-8 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

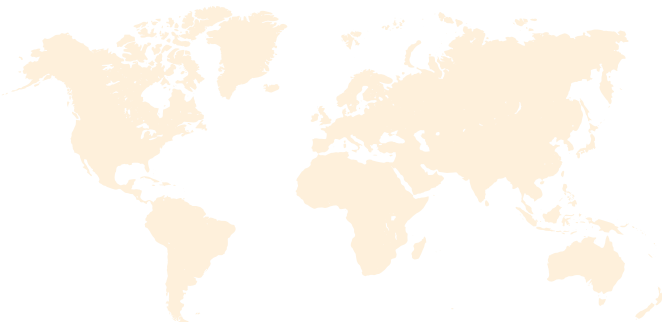
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Extend your day by further working on language as it relates to a university or business setting in English in our Academic Preparation Plus class. Develop your writing, listening, reading, speaking and English grammar through practice and constructive debates. The Academic Preparation Plus class offers a highly interactive classroom that fosters critical thinking and active learning in English. What better way to build your academic English skills?

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- have developed your English speaking skills for interacting with fellow students and presenting confidently in public.
- have developed your academic English writing skills from sentence structures and paragraphs to academic essays.
- have developed your English listening skills for academic purposes like effective note-taking.
- have developed your reading skills, recognizing different text types and approaching them critically in English.



## MULTIMEDIA PROJECT PLUS

Designed for levels 5-8 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

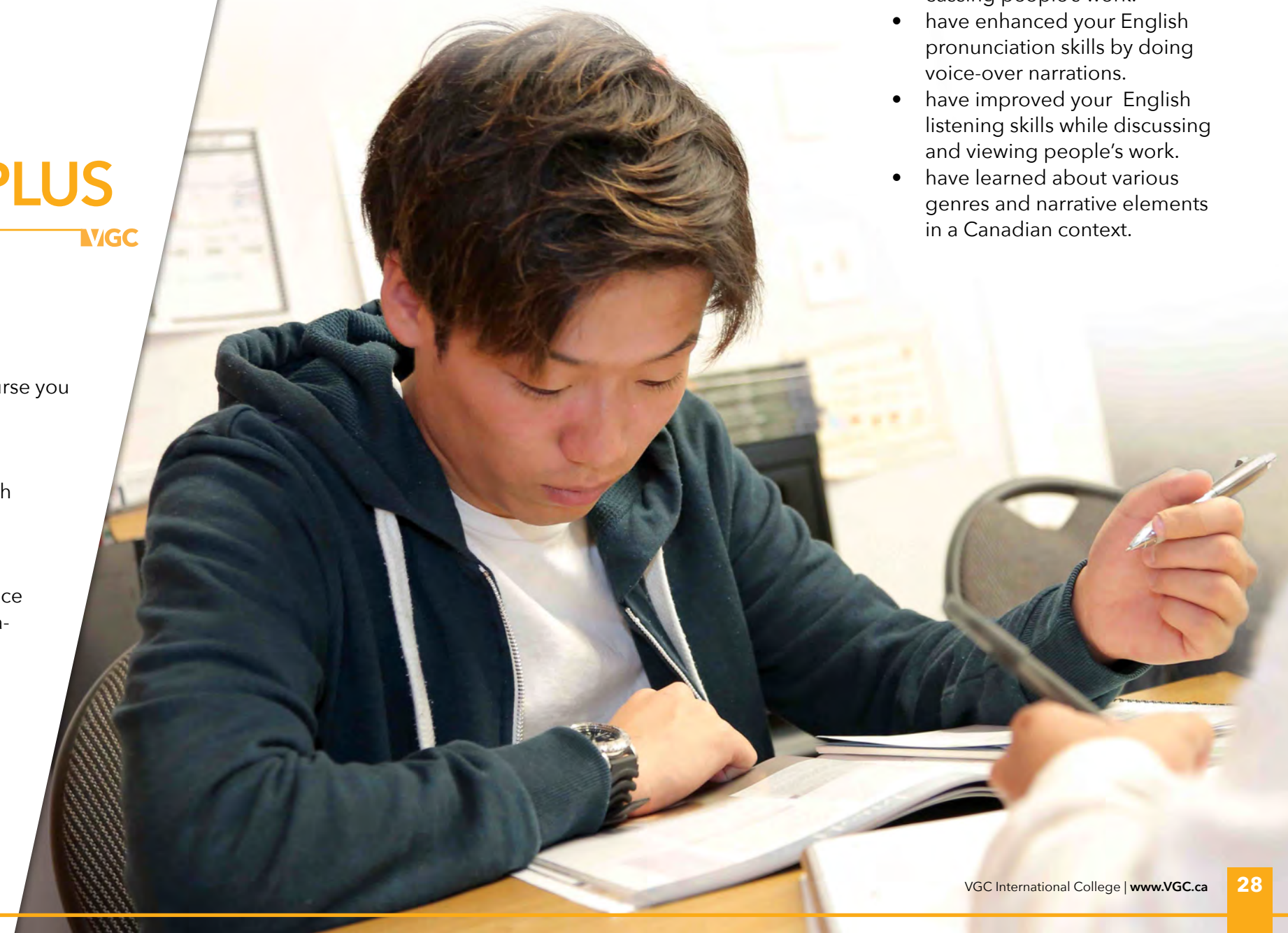
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In this engaging multimedia project, you will strengthen your reading, writing, grammar and English vocabulary while writing short scripts, developing storyboards and learning about different genres and narrative elements. You will also improve your pronunciation and English speaking skills while doing voice-over narrations and by interacting with your classmates throughout the production of digital storytelling and film.

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- have improved all four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) as well as building your English vocabulary and grammar through group work and writing short English scripts.
- have improved your critiquing and critical thinking skills by discussing people's work.
- have enhanced your English pronunciation skills by doing voice-over narrations.
- have improved your English listening skills while discussing and viewing people's work.
- have learned about various genres and narrative elements in a Canadian context.





# BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

## PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WORKPLACE

Whether you are currently working in business, want to be in business or plan to use English for business in the future, this program is for you. You will gain a solid foundation of Business English for a range of workplace situations. The program is divided into two levels with four thematic four-week terms in each:

### BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (INTERMEDIATE):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Designed for levels 5-6

- International Business and Global Marketing in English
- Human Resource Management in English
- Business Communication in English
- Intercultural Interactions in English

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- demonstrate proficiency with the vocabulary of the business world.
- develop language skills required in order to conduct international business in English.
- organize effective international meetings in English.
- demonstrate appropriate use of English grammar.
- analyze and interpret texts written in English and discuss topics of general interest to business people.
- develop knowledge about international business behavior.

*At the end of each successfully completed theme you will be awarded a certificate to recognize your achievement.*

### BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (ADVANCED):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Designed for levels 6-8

- Business Reports in English
- Negotiations and Meetings in English
- Presentations and Business Correspondence in English
- Interviewing and communicating through virtual meetings in English

# ENGLISH FOR HOSPITALITY

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Designed for levels 4-8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

## PREPARING YOU FOR SUCCESS IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY

The English for Hospitality Plus is an agile and interactive course that effectively combines academic English and the English required in the hospitality industry. By developing your writing, listening, reading, speaking and grammar, you will be able to apply the acquired English skills and vocabulary in real life conversations in a hospitality setting.

## OBJECTIVES

By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- have a structured vocabulary for hospitality in English.
- have develop your analytical and critical skills in English.
- be able to take part in conversations related to various hospitality topics.
- be able to use various techniques to achieve effective communications in the hospitality world.





# EXTRA STUDENT SERVICES

Designed for levels 1-8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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At VGC International College, we are proud of our quality of education. We believe that every student deserves to get all the necessary tools and support to improve their English skills and succeed in their English language studies. That's why we have created three extra services, to make sure that our students reach the highest level of education and have a personalized experience while studying English in Canada. These additional student services are available for all VGC students and alumni, included in tuition with no extra fee!

- Study Lab
- Workshops
- Continuing Studies (for VGC alumni)

## STUDY LAB

At VGC International College, we understand that you may sometimes need a little extra help, a place to study, or simply some additional practice to learn English faster. With this in mind, we offer our Study Lab, a welcoming place where you can meet with a highly qualified VGC teacher to:

- get help with your homework and study for exams.
- clarify language related doubts.
- obtain extra material for study or practice.
- get individual attention and tips to improve English in your weaker areas.
- learn English with other students in a smaller, more intimate setting.

Another great advantage of the Study Lab is the fact you can simply drop in any day you want, Monday to Thursday after class between 3:40 - 4:40 pm.

Studying alone is not as much fun or as effective, so come join us!

## WORKSHOPS

Our Friday afternoon English workshops go beyond traditional language study. These interactive training sessions are designed to help students by providing practical information and feedback on daunting issues such as employment or immigration to Canada\*. Join us in a casual setting and get helpful tips for your professional life. The topics include: résumé and cover letter writing tips, how to succeed in a job interview, Canadian culture or how to apply for a Canadian visa\*.

Our English workshops take place every second Friday afternoon.

*\*All workshops about visa application and immigration to Canada are conducted by a certified immigration consultant.*

## CONTINUING STUDIES

One of the biggest challenges of studying English abroad comes when you go back home. When you are living in Canada and are speaking English every day you feel your skills improving every moment, but when you go back home you may find yourself losing some of the English skills you worked so hard to acquire. That's why we offer Continuing Studies, an online platform designed for our alumni to maintain the English level they earned. We provide a new online English lesson every week, and they are divided into four categories: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. By offering you the opportunity to practice and continue to learn English online, we want to make sure that you keep the English level that you graduated from at VGC. This is just one of the ways in which you will always remain part of the VGC family.



# VGC ACTIVITIES

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## VGC INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OFFERS ITS STUDENTS A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO COMPLEMENT THEIR ENGLISH STUDIES

Here at VGC, we understand that your trip to Canada is more than just English language learning - it's the experience of a lifetime! We want you to have as much fun as possible using and refining the new language skills you have acquired as you make new friends in Vancouver. To ensure that students have the time of their lives, VGC organizes its very own afternoon activities and excursions, from local sightseeing outings to weekend trips to the majestic Rocky Mountains, or kayaking trips on the Sunshine Coast. By being part of the VGC family, you can join one of our once-in-a-lifetime weekend excursions, and also choose from a variety of other exciting Canadian cultural experiences. This will ensure that you make the absolute best of your time here in Canada. Learn to ski and snowboard in the mountains of British Columbia, kayak along the shores of downtown Vancouver and Granville Island, enjoy a tasty beach BBQ in Stanley Park, fish for salmon, catch a Canucks hockey game - the adventures are endless.

## EXAMPLES OF FUN ACTIVITIES IN VANCOUVER:

- Vancouver Aquarium
- Hiking in North Vancouver's stunning mountains
- Stanley Park Bike Ride
- Rocky Mountain Trip
- White Water Rafting
- Kayaking
- Beach BBQ
- Join the VGC winning soccer team
- Canucks NHL Hockey Game/ Whitecaps Soccer Game
- Float Plane Tour
- Canadian Thanksgiving
- Skiing/ Snowboarding
- Whistler Trip
- Pub nights
- Curling/ Ice Skating
- Snow Tubing
- Snowshoeing
- Laser tag



## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- VGC has its own activities team, which means that you will not find the same activities anywhere else.
- VGC's activity staff ensure that the activities are in English and learning continues outside of the classroom.





# ETHICS GUIDE AND MISSION STATEMENT



VGC International College's mission is to supply the best learning environment with the highest of academic standards, to support student learning with excellent customer service, and to always do business with integrity and honesty.

At VGC we recognize the importance of quality education as a means to advance in life. We do not believe that education should be for the few but a means for the many to improve themselves and change their situation.

As an organization that works globally, we are committed to giving the best services with quality, integrity, and honesty. As an international business, we recognize that we have a responsibility to our students and the countries from which they come. We recognize that people are born into situations but do not have to accept them. We believe people can only be empowered and change their living situation through education.



# EDUCATE FOR CHANGE

## EDUCATE FOR CHANGE

VGC's Educate for Change is an international initiative that puts money back into NGO's that support education in developing countries. For more information about VGC and VGC's Educate for Change Initiative please visit our website at: [VGC.ca](http://VGC.ca)

### Our NGO Partner: Casa do Zezinho

*"Casa do Zezinho creates conditions, by way of education, art and culture, so that low income children and young adults under extremely vulnerable conditions can overcome the barriers imposed by their living standards and become self-reliant with the ability to make mature decisions about their own lives."*

Located in what is called the "triangle of death" (between Jardim Angela, Jardim Sao Luiz and Capao Redondo in the outskirts of Sao Paulo), Casa do Zezinho educates children and young adults that live below the poverty line. Most live in no more than two room shacks with the rest of their family members (usually up to 10 people), immersed in violence inside and outside their homes.

**Please note:** Donations are made in tangible goods such as: textbooks, pens, and paper. VGC International College does not benefit from any tax breaks.



# CAMPUS CULTURE



At VGC we pride ourselves on our global student community. VGC has been home to over 55 nationalities. There is a warm family feeling as you walk into the school and are greeted by our student services staff. Our goal is to become your home away from home. VGC International College is designed with plenty of student space. With multiple lounges, what better place to network and make friends with people from around the world. The idea is that to really learn English you must communicate and practice the language. Having one of the best nationality mixes in Vancouver, VGC gives students plenty of opportunity to make friends from around the world, all communicating in one universal language: English.





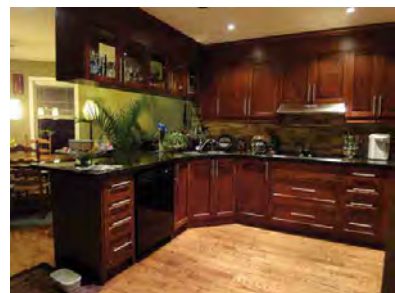
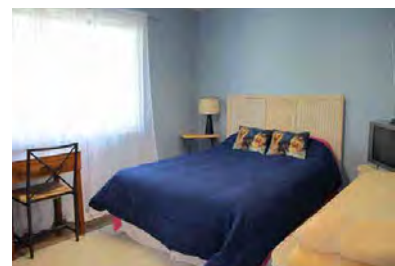
# HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

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## OUR HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION: LEARN ENGLISH FASTER BY LIVING WITH A CANADIAN HOST FAMILY

With VGC International College's homestay you can fully immerse yourself in Canadian culture and practice English outside the classroom by living with a Canadian host family. This experience will give your English learning a whole new dimension while you can experience the friendliness and hospitality that Canadians are famous for.

All of our homestay families are carefully selected so you can experience a safe and casual environment during your career training or English courses in Canada. Our families enjoy meeting students from around the world and some have been hosting students for many years. Choosing our homestay accommodation will help you settle in easier and feel home away from home.



Examples of Homestay Accommodation

### What to expect in your homestay

- Room: a private, clean and comfortable room for every student.
- Furniture: bed and bedding, dresser and a place to do homework.
- Access: to bathroom and laundry facilities.
- Proximity: approximately 30 to 50 minutes commute to school by public transport.
- Families: friendly and welcoming English speaking homestay families from diverse backgrounds that reflect Vancouver's multicultural population. Some families may host more than one international student.
- Lifestyle: you can indicate your preferences on diet, smoking/ non-smoking, children, etc.
- Amenities: 2 or 3 meals per day included, Wi-Fi Internet access, 24-hour emergency contact number. Airport pickup/ return can be booked for an additional fee.

The homestays are usually booked on a weekly basis starting on the weekend, with the option of adding additional days. The homestay accommodation must be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance.



## STUDENT RESIDENCY: LUXURIOUS STUDENT ROOMS IN DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

For students 18+ years old

At VGC International College we recommend our international students to stay with our homestay families to help them settle in and learn more about the Canadian culture. However, we offer accommodation in our VGC student residence for independent students who prefer to live in the heart of Vancouver together with other international students. Located in walking distance to all major attractions of downtown Vancouver, our residence will be the perfect option for all students who want to enjoy the bustling city life.

### What to expect in the student residency

- Room: a private or shared, clean and comfortable room in a fully furnished shared suite.
- Furniture: bed and bedding, wardrobe, desk, chair, and TV in each room.
- Access: to bathroom and laundry facilities, a shared kitchen and a common area.
- Proximity: approximately 10-15 minutes commute to school by public transport or 20-25 walking time.
- Amenities: free Wi-Fi, fitness centre, 24 hour concierge/ security, weekly housekeeping in the common area, A/C and utilities included.

The student residence is available for adult students (18 years and older) and needs to be booked well in advance, as space is limited. Due to Vancouver's shortage of rental units and student residences we can only offer shared rooms during the months of July and August.



# ABOUT VANCOUVER

# VANCOUVER: Ranked as One of the Most Beautiful and Livable Cities in the World

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## The City of Vancouver

Vancouver is the city of choice if you choose to learn English in Canada. Set against a stunning backdrop on Canada's west coast, Vancouver continuously ranks in the top five best cities in the world to live in. Vancouver is naturally beautiful, mild in climate and one of the safest cities in North America.

Nestled between snow-capped mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver offers the perfect blend of year-round outdoor activities and urban excitement. Relax on one of Vancouver's many sandy beaches, wander through the boutique shops in historic Gastown or catch some air snowboarding or hiking on Grouse Mountain - in Vancouver there is something for everyone! There is no other city in the world like Vancouver, and VGC's campus is located right in the heart of it!

Hastings Campus



Granville Campus



Head Office and Marketing Building



Student Residency



## ONLY A SHORT BUS RIDE AWAY:

### The North Shore Mountains

After you finish your classes, go skiing on our famous Pacific Northwest snow. During the summer months you can challenge yourself doing the Grouse Grind or other spectacular hikes in the surrounding area. Vancouver is conveniently located next to three amazing mountains and ski resorts that are just 30 minutes away from VGC.

## WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE:



### Granville Island

Granville Island is an artistic community with an excellent public market. Famous for local food, art and entertainment, it's always exciting and full of new experiences.



### English Bay

There are seven large beaches surrounding the Vancouver area including beautiful English Bay. Come and enjoy some sun, beach volleyball or watch our amazing sunsets.



### Granville Street

Granville Street is the main downtown entertainment district. Countless restaurants, bars and nightclubs make this a popular late-night hangout.



### Robson Street

Famous Robson Street is known for having the best shopping in Vancouver. Spend your afternoon browsing at premier fashion stores or sipping coffee on an outdoor patio.



### Stanley Park

Vancouver's Stanley Park is the biggest rainforest city park in the world. It's 10% bigger than New York's Central Park. There is an abundance of unique plants, majestic trees, and diverse wildlife, not to mention the stunning seawall.



### Yaletown

Yaletown is a trendy, upscale, and renovated district. Converted heritage buildings are home to some of the top fashion shops and hip restaurants and bars.



### Vancouver Lookout

Located at the top of the Harbour Centre, the Vancouver Lookout tower was officially opened in 1977 by Neil Armstrong. Glass elevators whisk visitors 168 meters (553 feet) up, to enjoy breathtaking views of beautiful Vancouver and the North Shore Mountains.



### BC Place

BC Place is a multi-purpose stadium and the home of the BC Lions and Vancouver Whitecaps. It served as the main stadium for the 2010 Winter Olympics.



### Gastown

Historic Gastown is one of Vancouver's oldest areas. This is where you can find the first steam clock built in 1977 by Raymond Saunders. It announces the quarter hours with a whistle chime that plays the Westminster Quarters.



### Waterfront Station

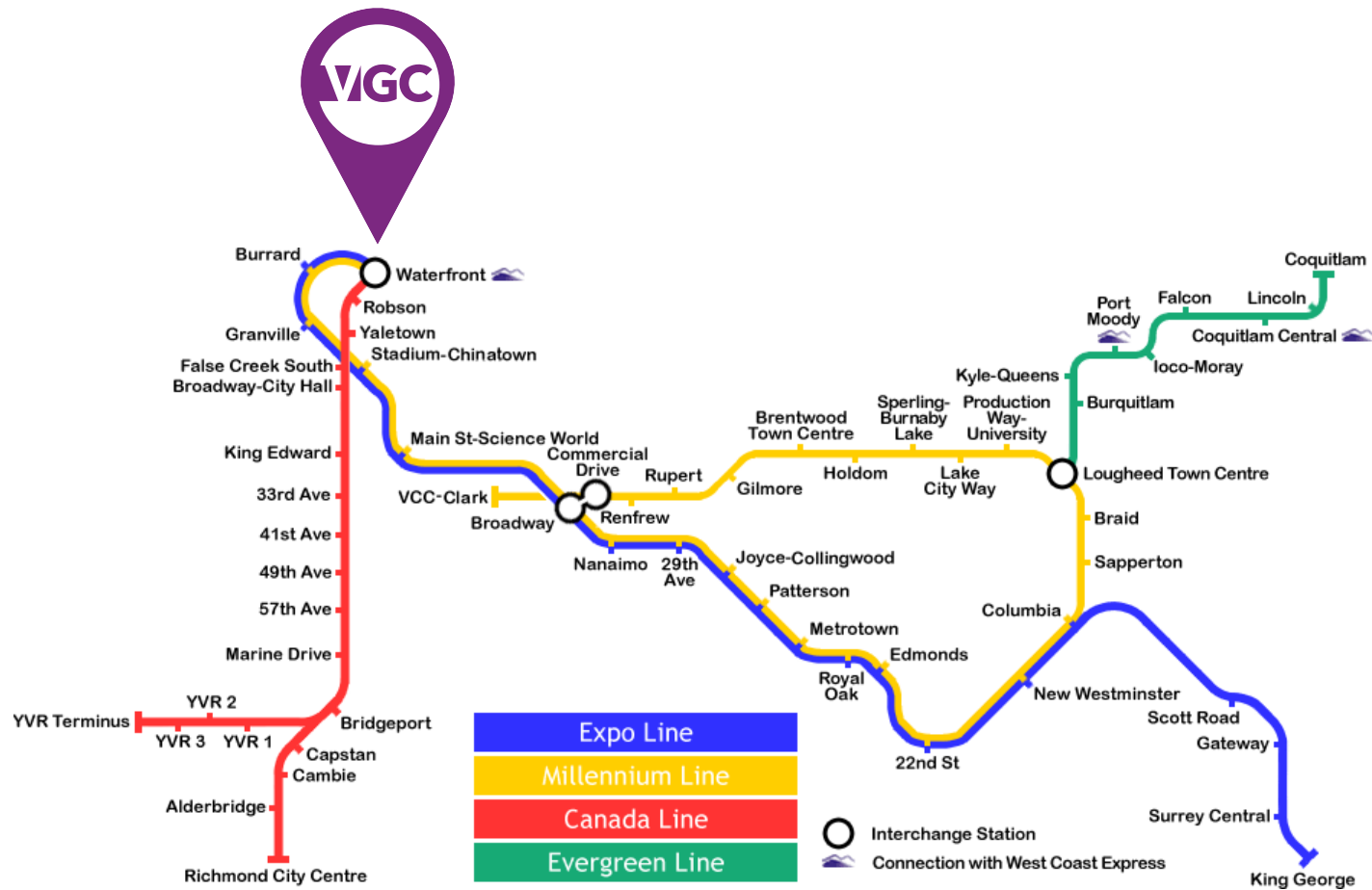
Waterfront Station is Vancouver's hub station. All trains, buses, SeaBuses and SkyTrains use this as the terminal station. Conveniently located two blocks away from our campuses, Waterfront Station makes VGC an easy commute from wherever you are coming from.



# VANCOUVER TRANSIT

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All buses and other transportation begin and end two blocks away from VGC International College. It is always easy to find your way!



# START DATES AND CANADIAN HOLIDAYS

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## START DATES AND CANADIAN HOLIDAYS

### SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Yearly Calendars

## 2017

Canadian Holidays

#### SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- Main Start Dates
- Alternative Start Date
- High School Preparation/Summer Teen Experience Program
- Cambridge Preparation Summer Courses

High School Preparation/Summer Teen Experience Program  
July 4 - August 18

Cambridge Preparation Summer Courses  
July 4 - August 25

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