

2017 Courses in Edinburgh & the Scottish Highlands

Young Learners – Summer Programme



Young Learners – Group Programmes



Adult Courses



Welcome to Alba English!

At Alba English School, we are passionate about language and welcoming students to Edinburgh. We believe the key to student satisfaction and our school's success is the quality of our teachers who work hard to ensure an enjoyable and effective learning experience.

British Council accreditation shows our standards are high and we also provide the customer-focus and personal service of an independent school.

The school atmosphere is friendly and welcoming. Students often describe the school as a 'home from home' – especially when enjoying the free biscuits in the kitchen!

We look forward to helping you succeed in your language study and achieve your goals!



Jenny McLay
School Director



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Meet the Team

Our dedicated team is here to help you and give you the best possible experience.



Our Team

Young Learners – Summer Programme

- ⇒ 13+ years
- ⇒ 2nd July to 12th August 2017
- ⇒ Edinburgh and the Scottish Highlands

Young Learners – Group Programmes

- ⇒ 12+ years
- ⇒ September - June
- ⇒ Edinburgh and the Scottish Highlands
- ⇒ Clear and simple pricing

Adult Courses

- ⇒ 16+ years
- ⇒ January - December
- ⇒ General English, Business English and Exam Preparation
- ⇒ Accommodation and Transport Prices

Useful Information

- ⇒ Payment Details
- ⇒ Contact Us



Edinburgh from Calton Hill

Young Learners – Summer Programme (13+ years)

Our Young Learner Summer Programme combines morning English classes with fun and varied activities to ensure students learn as much English as possible while having a fun and exciting time.

- ⇒ students are met at the airport by school staff and transferred to their accommodation
- ⇒ students are accompanied on all excursions, providing many opportunities for English practice
- ⇒ all staff including Teachers, Activity Leaders, Drivers and Homestay Hosts have full PVG certification (police background check)

What's included?

- ⇒ 20 hours of English lessons per week
- ⇒ Airport Transfers (Edinburgh Airport)
- ⇒ Accommodation
- ⇒ Breakfast, lunch and dinner everyday
- ⇒ Local travel pass (in Edinburgh)
- ⇒ Full afternoon activity programme, two evening social events per week
- ⇒ A full-day excursion (when staying over a weekend)
- ⇒ All learning materials and end of course certificate



Xenia in class

Dates

Edinburgh	From Sunday	02 Jul	09 Jul	16 Jul	23 Jul	30 Jul	06 Aug
	To Saturday	08 Jul	15 Jul	22 Jul	29 Jul	05 Aug	12 Aug
Highlands	From Saturday		08 Jul	15 Jul			
	To Saturday		15 Jul	22 Jul			

English Classes

- ⇒ A balanced syllabus of speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation
- ⇒ Qualified, experienced and native English-speaking teachers
- ⇒ Maximum 15 students per class

Want more practice with native speakers?

Alba English School employs Study Assistants.

These are local, native English-speaking teenagers (16 or 17 years old) who assist the teacher in Young Learner classes.

They provide lots of opportunities for students to practice with native English speakers their own age both in the class and when showing them around Edinburgh.



Sophie, Scotland

"I really enjoyed being a Study Assistant because I love getting to know new cultures and I would like to incorporate languages into my future job."



Kirstin and Olivia, Study Assistants

Edinburgh

Accommodation

- ⇒ Homestay hosts provide a welcoming and caring environment
- ⇒ Hosts are either parents themselves or have experience with teenagers
- ⇒ Local bus pass is included

Excursions and Activities

- ⇒ Cultural activities such as visiting Edinburgh Castle and museums and galleries or taking a ghost tour.
- ⇒ Fun activities such as climbing Arthur’s Seat hill, Camera Obscura (illusions), pool, bowling and the Chocolate Café in the evening.
- ⇒ Saturday excursions to the Scottish Highlands or other Scottish towns and cities.



Edinburgh Castle

The Scottish Highlands

Accommodation

- ⇒ 24-hour care and supervision in a comfortable, well-equipped residence
- ⇒ Living with English Teachers and Activity Leaders ensures maximum English practice in class and in leisure time

Excursions and Activities

- ⇒ Get active and see the beauty of Scotland with activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, lawn games and waterfall hikes
- ⇒ Enjoy Scottish history and culture and with an excursion to see lochs (lakes) and castles
- ⇒ Fun evenings with quizzes, games and movies
- ⇒ We take safety seriously and Risk Assessments are carried out for all trips and sporting activities.



Scottish hills

Prices

Course	Number of nights	Number of full-day excursions	Price per student in GBP	
			Individual	Groups of 15+
Edinburgh Programme	6	0	599	465
	13	1	1148	963
	20	2	1697	1461
	27	3	2228	1941
Highland Programme	7	1	848	805
	14	2	1595	1503
Edinburgh & Highland Combined Programme*	13	1	1447	1280
	20	2	2046	1745
Extra night			45	45

* 6 or 13 nights in Edinburgh + 7 nights in the Highlands

Have your own accommodation?

Contact us for Classes only or Classes + Activities only prices in Edinburgh.

Young Learners – Group Programmes (12+ years)

Our Group Programmes are all-inclusive, providing English classes in the morning and fun activities in the afternoons and evenings – all tailored to the needs and wishes of the group.

- ⇒ Edinburgh or in the Scottish Highlands
- ⇒ September to June
- ⇒ 12+ years
- ⇒ Simple pricing – same price per student for any number of students (minimum 10)

What's included?

- ⇒ 20 hours of tailored English lessons per week
- ⇒ Airport Transfers (Edinburgh Airport)
- ⇒ Accommodation and all meals
- ⇒ 1 free group leader per 15 students
- ⇒ Local travel pass (in Edinburgh)
- ⇒ A tailored afternoon activity programme and two evening social events per week
- ⇒ A full-day excursion when staying over a weekend
- ⇒ All learning materials and end of course certificate

Group Leaders

- ⇒ **free Group Leader's place** per 15 students
- ⇒ Private room in Homestay accommodation (with meals) in Edinburgh
- ⇒ Private room in the Scottish highlands
- ⇒ The Alba English Programme Coordinator meets with the Group Leader(s) on arrival to review the programme for the week(s).

English Classes

- ⇒ Classes designed for each group's needs
- ⇒ The curriculum can focus on spoken communication, exam preparation (IELTS, KET, PET, FCE, CAE, Trinity Exam), a CLIL approach or English for Special Purposes
- ⇒ qualified, experienced and native English-speaking teachers
- ⇒ All materials and certificate are included



Students in class

Accommodation

Edinburgh

- ⇒ Homestay hosts provide a welcoming and caring environment
- ⇒ Hosts are either parents themselves or have experience with teenagers
- ⇒ Local bus pass is included

The Scottish Highlands

- ⇒ 24-hour care and supervision in a comfortable, well-equipped residence
- ⇒ Living with English Teachers and Activity Leaders ensures maximum English practice in class and in leisure time

Activities and Excursions

The afternoon and evening activities are tailored to match the needs and interests of the group.

Edinburgh

Fun and interesting cultural activities in and around Edinburgh such as visiting Edinburgh Castle, ghost tours, climbing Arthur's Seat hill, museums and galleries with billiards and bowling in the evenings.



Students at the National Gallery



*Camera Obscura, World of Illusions
(Voted Students' favourite 2016!)*

The Scottish Highlands

See the beauty, history, culture and landscapes of Scotland with activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, lawn games, waterfall hikes and an excursion to see lochs and castles - with quizzes, games and movies in the evenings.



Stirling Castle



Walking at a Scottish Loch (Lake)

Programme Prices







Course	Number of nights	No. of full-day excursions	Price per student in GBP
Edinburgh Programme	6	0	445
	7	1	528
	13	1	943
	20	2	1431
Highland Programme	6	1	743
	13	2	1379

Need a bespoke programme? Contact us for a full price list and quote at info@albaenglish.co.uk

Adult Courses (16+ years)

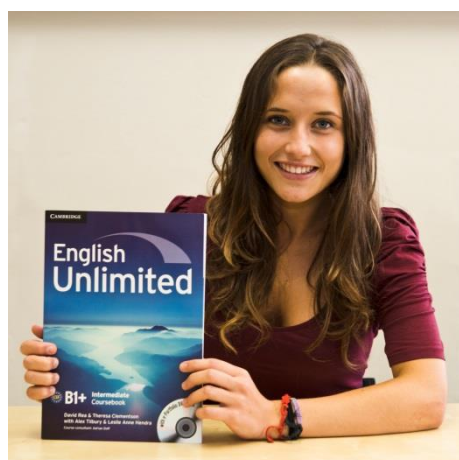
Courses run all year except December 12th 2016 – January 6th 2017.

Course Descriptions

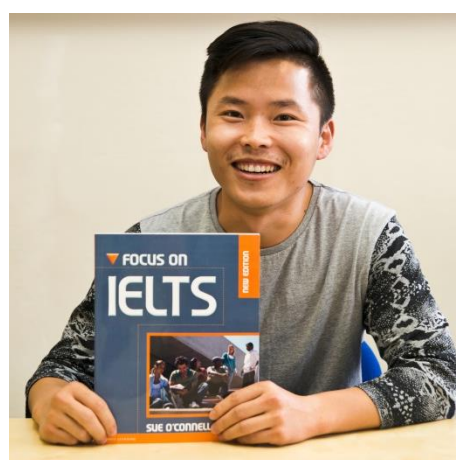
Course		Number of students	Description
General English		max. 12 	Classes focus on spoken communication and language accuracy while expanding grammar and vocabulary knowledge.
Exam Preparation IELTS, FCE and CAE		max. 12 	Learn the grammar and vocabulary you will need for the exam, common errors and strategies to help you get the best mark.
English Outside the Classroom		max. 12 	Enjoy the sights of Edinburgh while continuing to practise and improve your English. Minimum B1 level. (3 rd July – 25 th August only).
Specialised Small Group Lessons	Business English	max. 4 	Focussed on professional language (e.g. writing emails and giving presentations) and adapted to individual student needs.
	Exam Preparation IELTS, CAE and FCE	max. 4 	Exam practice aimed at the weaknesses of individual students. Writing and speaking are usually the focus of the class.
	General English	max. 4 	Intensive speaking, pronunciation and writing practice. Classes are adapted to the needs of the individual students in the class.



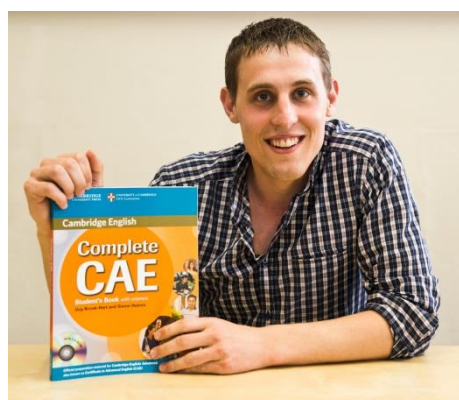
English Outside the Classroom, Calton Hill



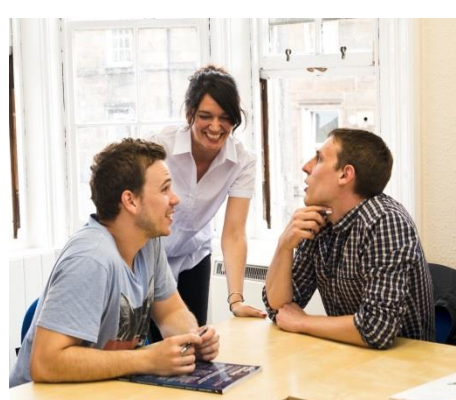
General English



IELTS Exam Preparation



FCE and CAE Exam Preparation








Dedicated teachers

Adult Course Prices

Course			Total hours per week	Number of weeks price per week in GBP			
				1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 19	20+
General English <i>16 h 40 min</i>			16 hours 40 min	165	155	140	100
General English <i>16 h 40 min</i>	+ Exam Preparation <i>3 h 20 min</i>		20 hours	190	185	165	120
General English <i>16 h 40 min</i>	+ English Outside the Classroom <i>8 h 20 min</i>		25 hours	205	200	-	-
General English <i>16 h 40 min</i>	+ Specialised Small Group Lessons <i>8 h 20 min</i>	Business English	25 hours	290	285	280	270
		Exam Preparation	25 hours	290	285	280	270
		General English	25 hours	290	285	280	270
Private Lessons			5 hours	150	150	150	150
Private Lessons			10 hours	250	250	250	250



Accommodation and Transport Prices (*Adult 16+ years*)

Accommodation				
Type	Room		Meals	GBP per week
Homestay		Private room	Half-board (6 breakfasts, 6 dinners)	150
			Self-Catering (use of shared kitchen)	115
		Shared room for couples, friends or family members	Half-board (6 breakfasts, 6 dinners)	130
			Self-Catering (use of shared kitchen)	100
Residence		Private with private bathroom	Self-Catering (use of shared kitchen)	250
Accommodation Weekly Supplements				GBP per week
Homestay	Private bathroom			45
	High season* per person			15
	Special diet			25
Residence	High season*			90
Accommodation Fees				GBP
Accommodation Arrangement Fee, one payment				50
Homestay	Extra night	High season* per person		45
		September - June per person		25
Transport				GBP
 Edinburgh Airport Transfer, each way		16/17 years old		60
		Adult (18+)		50
 Bus Pass, one week				21

*High season is from Sunday 2nd July - Saturday 2nd September 2017.

Accommodation starts on a Sunday and ends on a Saturday and is subject to availability. Extra nights may be requested.

If you have any other special requests, please ask.

Useful Information

Payment Details

Credit Card Payments

albaenglish.co.uk/card-payment

Bank Transfers

Bank/Sort Code: 831909
Account Number: 10811427
IBAN: GB29RBOS83190910811427

All payments must be in GBP and any transfer fees must be paid by the student or agent.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our team is always happy to help!

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Contact us today!



Edinburgh from Calton Hill



Follow Us!

Take a look and follow us online to learn new vocabulary and find out what is happening at the school and in Edinburgh.



Testimonials



*Lucie Theard,
France*

"I have really improved my English speaking through the classes. The lessons are helpful and the atmosphere is very nice."

"In my experience it is a really enjoyable place that I will be happy to suggest to anyone who needed a school of English in Edinburgh."



*Alessandro,
Italy*



*Karla Rodriguez,
Mexico*

"It was one of my best experiences living in Edinburgh since you find flexibility in classes, friendliness, great environment, as well as incredible teachers supporting your learning in classes."