



Learn English in London



# Wimbledon School of English

*50 Years of Excellence*

Quality Education | Perfect Location





## Welcome to Wimbledon School of English

Welcome to our brochure, which is designed to give you a flavour of the top-quality tuition, excellent facilities and convenient London location you can enjoy if you study at our school. Of course, the best way to experience this is to see for yourself and we hope to welcome you in person very soon.

### What the ISI say about us

Students develop excellent skills, knowledge and understanding that are relevant to their language aims and personal aspirations.



## Over 45 Years of Excellence

WSE is one of the oldest English language schools in the UK and since its foundation in 1964 it has earned a reputation for quality and excellence. We have been named as one of the top UK Centres of Excellence, according to our British Council Inspection reports. This is an honour of which we are justifiably proud and one that we all work hard to maintain.

### What the ISI say about us

Relationships are warm and friendly and contribute to excellent student care and welfare.

We believe strongly in the importance of education and have developed a range of courses designed to improve your understanding of the English language and develop your confidence in its use. Our continued success is largely down to the talent of our staff, the dedication they devote to our students and the pride they take in the school. A lot of our staff have been with us for many years and I myself started here as a teacher over 20 years ago!

The charming Edwardian façade of our main building hides a busy school with excellent educational and recreational facilities, including a beautiful garden where you can relax between lessons. The London Exam Centre is part of WSE and is a dedicated test site for the Cambridge Examinations, IELTS and PTE Academic.

Depending on the time of year, we have between 230 and 380 students, from up to 60 different countries, studying at any one time. This gives a wonderful opportunity to make new friends from around the world, learn about each other's cultures and, most importantly, speak English together!



*"The teaching is creative and dynamic, the staff are very dedicated and the school is a wonderful and welcoming place."*

**Glacialva Iolanda Dos Santos** Brazil



We are serious about study and committed to helping you progress as quickly as possible. Central to this is your happiness and well-being during your stay, and as an independent, family-owned business, we are dedicated to creating a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, whether at the school, in your accommodation, or whilst you are enjoying the busy social programme.

Wimbledon has an excellent range of leisure facilities and shopping opportunities within walking distance of the school. With its excellent transport links, it's also the ideal location to enjoy the benefits of London without the stress of a daily commute to the city centre.

I hope you enjoy looking through our brochure and it inspires you to come and study with us.

I look forward to welcoming you very soon.



**Jane Dancaster**  
Principal & Managing Director

### What makes us one of the UK's best schools?

- Intensive full-time classes (minimum 20 hours per week) and a serious study programme
- A team of experienced and dedicated teachers including several IELTS examiners
- A centre for Cambridge, IELTS & PTE examinations
- A lovely building with a large, beautiful garden
- Top location in one of the best parts of London
- Great transport links, only 20 minutes from the centre of London
- The e-wimbledon language learning platform
- Excellent accommodation situated near the school
- Good facilities including free internet access, WiFi and a multi-media study centre
- Free sports and social activities...including tennis!
- A free placement service for all UK universities
- Accredited by the British Council and the ISI. Member of EnglishUK, Business EnglishUK, Quality English, IALC and the English Network
- The care and attention of an independent school



## Our School

Our school is situated right in the centre of Wimbledon in a spacious, typically English Edwardian house, which still has its original antique fireplaces and beautiful stained glass windows. In addition to light, airy spaces for relaxation, we are one of the few London schools with a garden, where you can sit outside and enjoy the changing seasons. WSE has a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, thanks to our attractive premises and the warmth and dedication of our staff.

### What the ISI say about us

There are many opportunities to socialise and make friends, including comfortable, welcoming and well-resourced social areas.

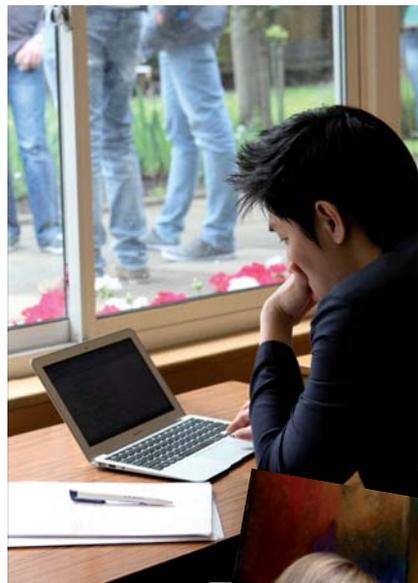
### Our Facilities

We have 25 well-equipped classrooms, 10 of which have interactive whiteboards. If you'd like to do some extra work, there is also a multimedia Study Centre with a manager available every afternoon to help you with your individual study programme. We also have a reading library, with a range of books to suit every taste. There is WiFi access throughout the school and free Internet access from our computers.

### Your Time

Your time outside the classroom can be just as important in developing your language skills as your time spent in lessons, so our large common room is a popular place for students to socialise and relax. There are games, newspapers and magazines, as well as PCs, a TV and DVD player - you can borrow DVDs from our large film library. We also encourage all our students to take part in the many sports and social activities on offer.

Refreshments can be bought from our snack-bar, or you can visit one of the many cafés, restaurants, shops and fast-food outlets close to the school.



*"You have really good facilities in school and the common room is great for meeting and making friends. I love the garden - I spent time there in summer, in autumn we had lunch and chatted there and when it was winter I played with my friends in the snow. I think the atmosphere in school is the best in London."*

**Kim HyungHu** South Korea



## Our Students

In a typical year we will welcome students from over 60 different countries. Our minimum age is 16, though from September to June most students are between 20 and 30 years old. We have no upper age limit and about a quarter of our students are over 30. In July and August there is a larger proportion of older teenagers enjoying summer vacation courses.

### Our Student Statistics

Number of Nationalities per year Over 60

#### Student Numbers:

Average (September-June) 240 students

Average (July-August) 360 students

#### Student Ages:

Average (September-June) 25 years

Average (July-August) 18 years

Minimum student age 16 years

Age of oldest student to date 80 years

Students aged over 30 25%

## Our facilities at a glance:

- 21 classrooms in the main building
- 4 classrooms in the annexe (Mansel Road Centre)
- Interactive whiteboards in 10 classrooms
- Large, light, comfortable common room with TV, DVD, PCs, newspapers, magazines & games
- Snack bar
- Fully-equipped multimedia Study Centre with a teacher there to help every afternoon
- Film library
- Reading library
- Free WiFi throughout the school
- Table tennis
- Piano
- Large, beautiful garden



## Our Courses

Whatever your reasons for learning English, whether for study, business or pleasure, we use the best possible teaching methods to help you develop your language skills and knowledge, enabling you to communicate with confidence in a variety of situations. Your lessons cover all aspects of grammar, vocabulary, comprehension, listening, reading, writing and pronunciation.

### Our Courses

We offer a wide range of courses including:

- **General English**
- **Examination Preparation**
- **Academic English**
- **Business and Professional English**
- **Courses for Teachers**
- **English for Special Purposes**

### Your Progress

We expect our students to attend all their classes, study hard and do regular homework. Your teachers keep a careful check on your progress through:

- **Weekly tests**
- **Regular individual tutorials**
- **An end of level examination**

If you pass your end of level examination, you receive a Wimbledon School of English certificate as proof of your achievement and you are then able to progress to the next level.



*"The school has a team of highly-professional teachers and friendly administrative staff, and the teaching is inspiring, motivating, and interesting."*

**Natalia Klochkova** Russia



### Standard Course

**24 x 50 minute lessons per week**

On this programme you study every morning and on two afternoons per week. This gives you an intensive learning programme but also leaves three afternoons free for self-study, exploring London, social activities, relaxing or taking riding or tennis lessons.

### Intensive Course

**28 x 50 minute lessons per week**

On this programme you study every morning and on four afternoons per week, with Friday afternoon free for exploring London or relaxing.

### Homework

We believe that homework is a very important part of your course and will help you make rapid progress. The exact amount of homework will depend on your course, but you should expect 1-2 hours per day.

### Tailored English Courses

Our tailored courses are specially written to meet the exact needs of each individual closed group. These are particularly suitable for clients needing specialised English language knowledge for professional purposes, for example:

- Oil and gas
- Aviation
- Military
- Government departments
- Teaching

Whatever your area of expertise, if you need to develop your English language skills in a very targeted way, simply contact us and we will construct a course, perfectly tailored to your requirements.



## Examination Courses

Study at Wimbledon School of English and be one of our many exam success stories! We specialise in preparing students for public examinations and run full and part-time preparation courses for a large number of internationally recognised examinations.

### **Our Test Centre: The London Exam Centre**

We all know that exams can be stressful at the best of times, particularly when you have to sit them in an unfamiliar environment. The London Exam Centre is part of Wimbledon School of English and is a test centre for the Cambridge, IELTS and Pearson exams. This means you don't have to travel but will take your exams here in Wimbledon.

### **Our Expertise**

Our team of teachers include several IELTS examiners, so you can be sure that the tuition you receive will be the best available and relevant to the exams you will be undertaking. Our Academic Manager will help advise on the most appropriate exam, while our Examination Officer can guide you through the application procedure. It's all part of a continuous process to enable you to achieve your goals.



*“The lessons provided brilliant preparation for the Proficiency exam and we had the best teachers ever! Everything in the lesson was useful - it was the perfect mix. The school is outstanding - the best language school ever.”*

**Karin Gadiet** Switzerland



### Examinations for Students

University of Cambridge:

Cambridge English: First (FCE)

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)

Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)

Cambridge English: Business Higher (BEC Higher)

Cambridge English: Legal (ILEC)

British Council:

International English Language Test (IELTS)

Pearson:

Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic)

### Examinations for Teachers

Cambridge:

Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT)

### Why choose a WSE examination course?

- Highly experienced examination teachers, including several IELTS examiners
- Help and advice from our Academic Managers on choosing the best exam for your needs
- Special entrance examination before starting your course
- Regular tutorials with your teacher
- Full practice examinations during your course
- Guided use of the Study Centre, with access to past papers and exam preparation materials
- Examination Officers to guide you through the entrance procedure for the exams
- Take your actual exam here in Wimbledon