

Harven

School of English

Personalised English language courses

Intensive study, exam preparation and
professional development in Woking

Attentive teaching delivers consistent results

Language accuracy and fluency is achieved by means of attentive teaching, very small class sizes and a learning space which is equipped and staffed to allow each learner to focus on their study in comfort.

Ambitious progress in the use of English is achieved through clear goal setting and attentive tutoring.

The learning day is all-embracing: the learner is 100% immersed in the language. In between lessons, workshops and preparation tasks, participants share breaks with teachers. This creates a learning community of shared ambitions and the constant connection between learners and tutors allows learners to develop an assertive use of the language.



The academic experience

Students benefit from the constant presence of an experienced teaching team who set high expectations. Motivated and focused on their personal language goals, students progress quickly and achieve exceptional results.

A comprehensive philosophy

Classes are small (a maximum of 8 per class) which gives learners plenty of time to have the teacher's attention and a lot of opportunities to participate. Programmes are challenging and students are highly motivated. Teachers are committed to addressing the individual needs of each student.

Dedicated learning spaces

Common areas and individual spaces are specifically designed for each session of the day. A student lounge, a library, a multi-media room and quiet workspaces contribute to create an open and relaxed atmosphere that gives students the best environment to develop fluency and confidence and allows them to approach teachers without restriction.



The course programme and the learner outcomes it delivers

	Lesson content	Learner outcomes
15 mins Morning Plenary Contribute to a group discussion or deliver a personal presentation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion and debate • Presentation practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased confidence and resilience • Enhanced fluency
60 mins Accuracy in Grammar and Structure To build the core skills of grammar and sentence structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing tasks in different styles and registers • Grammar and structure practice drills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the language • Ability to manipulate the language structure
60 mins Speaking with Impact To develop speaking skills and active expression in the language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation skills • Exercises for clear pronunciation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to adapt tone, register, pace, emphasis of the spoken language • Speak with clarity and be understood
60 mins Comprehension and Vocabulary To build new vocabulary and develop listening skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehension tasks • Text analysis • Dictation tasks • Summarising tasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enriched vocabulary • Ability to analyse a text and process information
60 mins Team Project Students work in small teams to develop a project or work on a problem solving task.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving projects • Research/Analysis projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team-building skills • Cross-cultural collaboration
60 mins Composition and Text Analysis Develops writing skills and text comprehension.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing tasks including how to structure an essay or long document • Summarising tasks • Writing techniques and strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to write with impact • Communicate a message in clear written English • Speed-reading techniques
60 mins Skills Workshop A personalised workshop which develops critical thinking skills for either professional or academic purposes and prepares students for external qualifications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation tasks: flipped classroom • Research assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical thinking skills • Independent study skills
Or One-to-one lesson for specific purposes	For Exam Candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock exams • Revision of exam content 	For Exam Candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam success strategies • Confidence in writing and speaking



Specialists in IELTS exam preparation

Students are taught in small groups which are organised by level and exam content. Students who are preparing for the IELTS exam are grouped into dedicated, separate groups so that the content of every lesson can be focussed on exam practice and revision.

Morning lessons deliver practice in the fundamentals of the language, centred around the needs of the exam (grammar, accuracy, comprehension, essay writing, presenting information, etc.).

Afternoon lessons deliver practice in the test and give students strategies for success in the exam. The focus is on essay writing practice, speaking practice, etc. and practice in past papers under timed conditions.

In addition, students sit a mock examination once a week which is invigilated by an external tutor.

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The programme includes exam drills and practice but also coaching sessions on exam success strategies. These help students to prepare themselves mentally and emotionally for the pressure of the exam.



The student community

Students get to know each other through a collaborative work atmosphere and many social activities. The school creates an environment conducive to exchange, communication and curiosity, which makes students feel at home and enjoy spending time in school. Two cultural activities per week reinforce this sense of belonging to a close student community and offer unique group moments. The personal service given by the teachers helps to create strong relationships of trust between them and the students, and reinforces motivation in a demanding learning environment.

The school is open from 08.30 to 18.00, and all facilities are accessible to students during this time, including for those who choose a part time programme. Free access is given to the classrooms and the school facilities, and students are encouraged to spend as much time as they need to work independently.

The school welcomes international students who live locally, creating a unique environment where diversity and tolerance are encouraged.



Living in Woking

Accommodation

Students can choose to stay in a local homestay to experience the British way of life. Bed, breakfast and evening meal are included every day. The hosts are dedicated to offering a comfortable stress-free stay to students.

The school has been working with some hosts for many years, which has built close relationships of friendship and trust. Whether they are families, couples or single people, hosts have the common interest of offering students the most comfortable stay in a local setting. They enjoy helping students to discover British culture, discussing the habits and customs of English life and to share simple moments in everyday life.

Woking is a typical town on the outskirts of London: the town centre hosts a number of large multi-national companies that contribute to the economic dynamism of the region, and the residential streets lined with large brick houses are home to families and long-time residents. Host families are usually located less than 30 minutes from the school.

A haven of peace close to London

Woking has an exceptional location: close to international airports (Heathrow, Gatwick) and only 25 minutes away from Waterloo station in central London.

Woking Park offers outdoor facilities that include a skate park, tennis courts, five-a-side football pitches, a cricket pitch, bowling greens and a golf course.

Basingstoke Canal, world-class Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley, The Savill Gardens are a few examples of the oasis of greenery that students can find near Woking. The county of Surrey offers beautiful countryside, public walking routes, and historic houses.



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