

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES





#### GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

#### Dates of English Courses

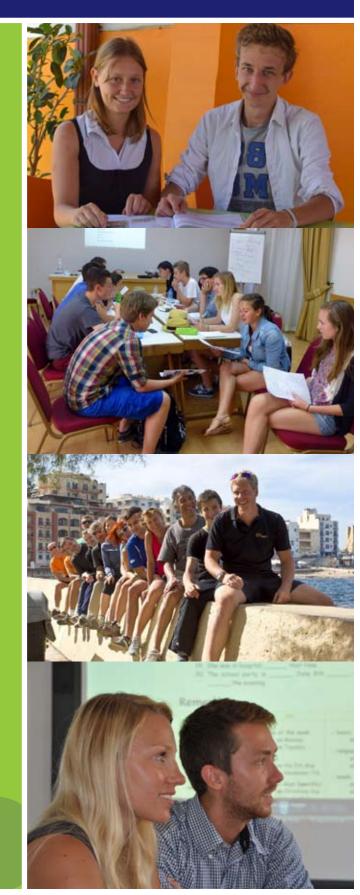
The school is open all the year round except on public holidays. All courses begin on a Monday and end on a Friday, except for One-to-One / Two-to-One / Specialised One-to-One & Home Tuition courses which can be scheduled around the student's needs.

#### Duration, lessons & timetable

Minimum course length is 1 week and the maximum length is 50 weeks. One lesson takes 45 minutes.

Standard Courses are held from 09.00 to 10.30 and from 11.00 to 12.30. Intensive Courses are held from 13.00 to 14.30 or 15.00 to 16.30. Examination Courses are held from 09.00 to 16.30. During peak season the school reserves the right to hold Standard Courses in the afternoons. Please note that when there is only one student taking a group course, the number of lessons is reduced by a third.

By special arrangement, One-to-One, Two-to-One and Specialised One-to-One Courses may be held outside school premises (for example at the student's place of accommodation).





### Extended English Courses – Long Stay & Academic Year

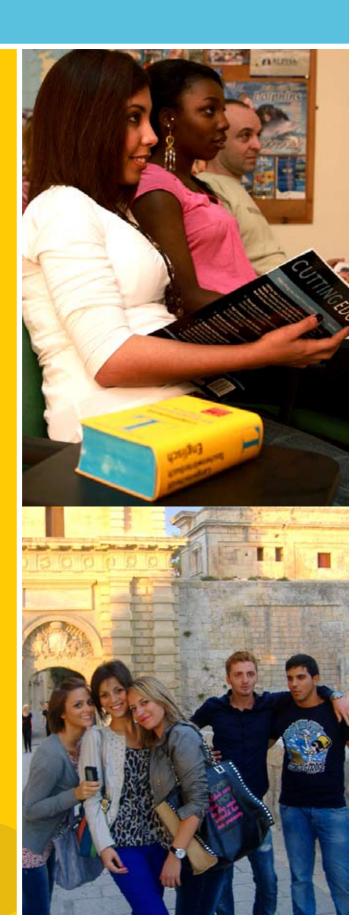
Our Extended English courses are a great opportunity to combine an intensive English course with a once-in-a-lifetime overseas experience. At the end of an Extended Course you will definitely notice a marked improvement in all areas of English including speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

Extended Courses provide flexibility and excellent value. It is possible to take either 20 or 30 lessons a week and discounted rates are on offer for our General English 20/30 – Long Stay (6-11 weeks) and General English 20/30 – Academic Year (12+weeks) programmes. Furthermore, if these courses run during the summer then the high season supplement is not applied saving nearly 50% on a 3 month summer course! Students on intensive Long Stay programmes (30 lessons a week) are also eligible for free upgrades to IELTS, TOEFL and Cambridge Examination Courses when available.

Courses start every Monday for a minimum of 6 weeks. Before arriving in Malta students take a placement test and then join a class at their level. Students are permitted to take holidays during an Extended Course but should request this at least one month in advance.

Suitable for English levels: Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (A2+), Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1)

Standard course is 20 group lessons per week. (Max. 10 students per class) Students can choose an additional 10 group lessons or 10 One-to-One private lessons per week.





#### General English Course

This Adult General English course aims to develop all students' general English skills and give students plenty of opportunity to practise reading, writing, listening and speaking in English in class. This course also covers general English grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and language structure as well as important everyday English expressions and phrases. Our international student culture in classes also ensures that students will continue to practise their English outside the school throughout their stay in Malta.

The course timetable is organised so that the students receive a balance of different types of lessons which include general conversation activities such as debates, discussions and role-play, as well as grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation exercises.

Suitable for English levels: Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (A2+), Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1)

Standard course is 20 group lessons per week. (Max. 10 students per class) Students can choose an additional 10 group lessons or 10 One-to-One private lessons per week.

### General English Mini-Group for beginners

This course guarantees that those students learning English for the first time get first class tutoring with a maximum of only five students in a class.

**Standard course** is 20 group lessons per week. (Max. 5 students per class) **Students can choose** an additional 10 mini-group lessons or 10 One-to-One private lessons per week.



#### One-to-One Courses

A private course, the One-to-One English Course is an ideal choice for students wishing to make significant improvements to their English level in a minimal length of time.

One-to-One English Courses provide the quickest and most effective English language training possible. Before students arrive in Malta, as well as on their first day at the School, we carry out a detailed needs analysis in order to prepare an individual course around the student's needs.

One-to-One lessons may also be booked individually on request.

Suitable for English levels: Beginner (A0/A1), Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (A2+), Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1), Proficiency (C2)

**Standard course** is 20 group lessons per week. (1 student per class)

#### Two-to-One Courses

The ideal English course for couples, colleagues and friends, our Two-to-One course is a semi-private English course consisting of two students and one teacher.

Available only to students of a similar level of English booking together, this course is tailored to the individual needs of the students.

This course must be booked by 2 persons studying together.

**Standard course** is 20 group lessons per week. (2 students per class)





#### Specialised One-to-One Courses

Our Specialised One-to-One Course is the first choice for professional and executive students who wish to focus predominantly on learning English for professional purposes. Each course is tailor-made to meet the professional requirements of every student. Specialised English Courses are offered in all of the following areas: English for Aviation, English for Finance, English for Medicine, English for Tourism, English for the Environment, English for Law, etc.

Suitable for English levels: Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (A2+), Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1), Proficiency (C2)

**Standard course** is 20 One-to-One lessons per week. **Students can choose an additional 10 One-to-One private lessons per week.** 

#### Home Tuition Courses

This course offers students complete immersion into the English language as students benefit from the advantage and the comfort of living in their teacher's home, which may be located anywhere in Malta. During the week students follow a 20-lesson course (which has the same structure as our One-to-One course). However the teaching does not stop there as students will have plenty of other naturally occurring opportunities to learn from their teacher and host family.

Suitable for all English levels. Standard course consists of 20 One-to-One lessons per week + Accommodation in a single room on a full board basis and return airport transfers.



#### **Examination Preparation Courses**

Taking an English Examination Preparation Course with Alpha School of English is your ticket to receiving an internationally recognised certificate of your English skills.

Examination Courses are intensive courses consisting of 6 English lessons per day.

In the morning, students participate in a General English course where focus is placed on improving students' general English language skills. Lessons provide practice in the four English skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing and thereby provide invaluable general training for English exams.

In the afternoon, students have mini-group lessons where attention is now focused exclusively on examination preparation. These lessons are based on past exam papers and examination course books to train students for each examination module. The teacher will also focus on exam techniques.

**Standard course** is 20 group lessons + 10 minigroup lessons.

**Examinations available are** University of Cambridge (PET, FCE, CAE, CPE), IELTS and TOEFL

#### Cambridge BEC

The Cambridge BEC qualification is recognised by many large and well-known international companies. Preparing for the exam will give you the necessary business skills in the English language to make you an asset to any employer, either current or future.

**Standard course** is 20 Business English mini-group lessons + 10 One-to-One examination preparation lessons.

These examination courses are a minimum of 4 weeks but 8 weeks is advised.





#### English and Work Experience Courses

This study course is an ideal option for young adult students seeking to enter the working world. The English & Work Experience Course combines English lessons with a work placement allowing students to study & practise their English skills in a real working environment (20/25 hours work per week).

This course is not only an excellent initiation into the business world but will also provide students with invaluable work experience that will enhance their CV and future career prospects.

Students combine English lessons with Work Experience sessions for a minimum period of 6 weeks. The Course is flexible - students may opt to take a General English, One-to-One or Business English Course or a combination of our most suitable courses as advised by our Director of Studies.

We aim to place students in a suitable work placement before their arrival in Malta. Following a student's enrolment in our course, he/she will be interviewed by the school or a company representative. All work experience is unpaid.

Suitable for English levels: Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1) and Proficiency (C2)

For more information please request our English & Work Experience brochure.



## JUNIOR 8-12 + TEEN 13-17 ENGLISH COURSES

Alpha School of English can offer you the right formula for a memorable experience for children, juniors and teenagers, combining learning English with a great holiday on a Mediterranean island, within a safe and supervised environment.

Students who travel to Malta alone will join our international groups of young students and profit from the experience of practising English with their peers throughout the day. In addition to our selection of English courses, our full excursion programme ensures their days are filled with excitement and new experiences. All excursions are supervised by our experienced and qualified group leaders.

#### Course types

- All courses include 20 group lessons per week at school during the morning with a maximum of 14 students per class.
- English courses can be upgraded to "Combo" by adding private "One-to-One" or "Two-to-One" lessons.
- Vacation courses include a wide range of activities/excursions that are held in the afternoons, evenings and weekends.

All excursions give students the chance to improve their English!





### JUNIOR 8-12 ENGLISH COURSES



#### Junior English Course

This course is designed to offer young learners an exciting and memorable educational experience in Malta. Students participate in 20 English lessons per week. Our communicative didactic approach is engaging and fun. Particular emphasis is placed on encouraging students to speak in English and activate their passive knowledge of the language. We use a wide variety of English teaching materials which are specifically designed for young learners. Junior students seeking to accelerate their progress in English are advised to book a Junior English Combo Course. This course follows the same structure as the Junior English Course but also includes 5 or 10 One-to-One lessons. During these private lessons, students are given the opportunity to focus on their own particular needs and specific areas where they would like to improve.

Suitable for English levels: Beginner (A0/A1), Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (A2+), Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1) and Proficiency (C2)

**Standard course** is 20 group lessons per week. **Students can choose an additional 10 One-to-One private lessons per week.** 

Juniors are aged 8-12 years and there is a maximum of 14 students in a class.



## JUNIOR 8-12 + TEEN 13-17 ENGLISH COURSES

#### Junior / Teen One-to-One Course

The first choice for students wishing to make significant and rapid progress in a short timeframe, our One-to-One Course consists of 20 private lessons a week. The course aims to develop students' general English skills and give students plenty of opportunity to practise reading, writing, listening and speaking. The course covers essential grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and structures as well as important everyday colloquialisms and phrases. The One-to-One Course is available all year round and may be followed from Beginner to Advanced level.

#### Junior / Teen Two-to-One Course

Our Two-to-One Course provides siblings and friends with the perfect opportunity to study English together. The course consists of 20 semi-private lessons and is suitable for students in the same age bracket or level of English. Our Two-to-One Courses should be booked by two students travelling together.

Suitable for English levels: Beginner (A0/A1), Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (A2+), Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1) and Proficiency (C2)

**Standard course** is 20 One-to-One or 20 Two-to-One lessons per week. **Students can add an additional 5 or 10 lessons per week.** 







## JUNIOR 8-12 + TEEN 13-17 ACTIVITY PROGRAMME



### Junior / Teen English + Activity programmes

This range of courses is tailored to suit the various needs and interests of junior students aged between 8-12 and teens aged 13-17 years who would like to combine a holiday in the Maltese sunshine with an English course.

The basic course structure combines our Junior / Teen English Course (20 communicative group lessons per week) with different activity and excursion programmes to suit different interests and ages.

Our programme of activities is designed to provide students with the opportunity to join various cultural tours, ranging from visits to the 'Silent City' of Mdina and the capital city of Valletta, to boat trips to Malta's sister islands, Gozo and Comino, as well as evening outings to various beach parties, BBQ's and other places of entertainment.

**Vacation English** course is 20 group lessons + 3 activities per week.

**Vacation English Gold** course is 20 group lessons + 8 activities per week.

**Junior English Sport** course is 20 group lessons + 2 sport activities per week.

**Sample activities include:** Beach trips, BBQ's, Student Parties, Ziplining, Laser tag, boat cruises and day trips to the islands of Gozo & Comino, Aquarium, West Coast Tour, Malta Experience, Mdina, The 3 Cities, Bowling & Hard Rock Café, Aqua slide park, Marine park and more...

All excursions give students the chance to improve their English!



### TEEN 13-17 ENGLISH COURSES

#### Teen English Courses

This range of courses is designed to offer teenagers (13-17) an exciting and memorable educational learning experience in Malta.

**Teen English 20** course consists of 20 group lessons per week and is our most popular course.

**Teen English Combo 5** course is 20 group lessons + 5 One-to-One private lessons per week.

**Teen English Combo 10** course is 20 group lessons + 10 One-to-One private lessons per week.

**Teen One-to-One** course is 20 One-to-One private lessons per week.

**Teen Two-to-One** course is 20 Two-to-One semi-private lessons per week.

**Vacation English** course is 20 group lessons + 3 activities per week.

**Vacation English Gold** course is 20 group lessons + 8 activities per week.

**Teen English Sport** course is 20 group lessons + 2 sport activities per week.

**Teen Vacation Package (Course + Accommodation + Activities)** includes 7 nights accommodation on full board with a host family + airport transfers + 20 Junior English lessons + activities (3 activities/excursions in Spring and Autumn + 5 additional activities/excursions in Summer).

Teens are aged 13-17 years and class sizes are maximum of 14 students per class.







#### KIDS' CLUB & PLAYSCHOOL



#### Kids' Club (age 5 to 8)

Designed for our younger students the Kids' English Club provides informal classes where children between the ages of 5 and 8, who are keen to learn English like their older siblings, can now discover English through fun based activities and practise their new found skills with other children from all over the globe.

No written or grammar based lessons are incorporated.

Kids English Club sessions are held between 09:00 and 12:30 and the children are also supervised during the daily half-hour break.

#### Playschool (age 2 to 7)

If you have young children (2-7 years), you can take an English Course while your children are being supervised within a secure and safe environment. The doors to our Playschool opened in 2010 to outstanding success and the sound of children's laughter.

Available all year round and situated in the main school building, our Playschool offers supervised activities to children between 2 and 7 years of age. Qualified supervisors will keep your children busy with music, songs, games and activities while you take part in English language classes.

All activities are conducted in English and provide children with an introduction to the English language, although no formal English training is provided.

Available all year round!



# Family ENGLISH COURSES & PACKAGES

Fun and flexible, our family programmes are tailor-made to meet your needs. All study sessions are held at the same time and in the same building - perfect for families with young children or teenagers.

Design your own package including an English course for each family member according to level of English, accommodation and activities that match your preferences. You may opt to combine your studies with excursions to historical sites, beach activities, sports courses or even an adventure sports programme out in the wild! We also provide childcare services, a lively playschool for young children, airport transfers, and car rental assistance.

#### Family Accommodation Options

Families may opt for accommodation with a Maltese host family, at the School Guest House or in a hotel, self-catering apartment or even a villa with a private swimming pool! All our accommodation is situated within 30 minutes of the school for the ease and convenience of our students.

How would you like to take your family off to Malta to learn English together?

