



LSI PORTSMOUTH
International House
Portsmouth

English Courses for Adults



IELTS Preparation - Cambridge Exam Preparation
General English
General English plus Business English

Welcome to LSI / IH Portsmouth

You've made a great decision to study at one of the best schools in the UK! We gained a perfect score in our last (2023) British Council inspection - outstanding teaching, learner management, accommodation in an affordable, vibrant city set in an accessible seaside location.

Portsmouth is a historic city with a lively university scene, surrounded by water (7km of beach), loads of green spaces, culture and nightlife - a fantastic place to learn English. There really is something for everyone here. We can't wait to meet you!



At LSI/IH Portsmouth I made friends for life and in Portsmouth I found a happy place by the seaside.
Alexandra, Switzerland



Why LSI / IH Portsmouth?

No.1 ranked English language centre in the UK

Top quality teaching - noted as a point of strength by the British Council.

10 well-equipped classrooms, free Wi-Fi throughout the school, student lounge with break time facilities.

Study centre with books, listening materials and other independent study resources.

Perfect Location - in the university district just 15 minutes from the sea.

Adults only - our minimum age is 18 all year round.

All accommodation within walking distance of school (maximum 45 minutes).

A wide range of social activities 6 days a week.

90 minutes from London city centre and major airports.

Dedicated Student Services team to ensure you enjoy your stay.



20-30

average age of students



+ 55 countries

1985

established in 1985

IELTS and Cambridge Preparation Courses

Our full-time exam preparation courses are carefully designed to help you learn and improve the skills you need to get the best possible grade in your chosen exam. Dynamic lessons delivered by well-qualified teachers will keep you motivated and engaged, and also improve the general level of your English in all areas of communication. Exam classes are also open to students studying at that level but who do not plan to take the exam.

Why choose LSI / IH Portsmouth for your exam course?

- **IELTS exam classes running all year round** usually at two different levels
- **Cambridge Advanced Summer classes** and FCE, CAE and CPE available on request at other times
- **Our Academic Director is a published author and teacher trainer**
- **Regular homework and feedback** - to maximise your progress
- **Consistently good pass rates** - with help from our dedicated and experienced teaching team

Sample Timetable

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|-----------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8:30 | 09:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 11:45 | 13:00 | 14:15 | 14:30 |
| Self-study (Optional) | FCE/CAE/CPE/IELTS Grammar & Accuracy | Break | Speaking, Listening & Pronunciation | Lunch / Optional self-study | Exam Skills Reading & Vocabulary | Break | Exam Skills Writing & Vocabulary |

No lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving students free to do supervised self-access study. Alternatively, students can choose to do 1:1 classes at this time (at extra cost). Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).

Key Facts

-  22.5 hours (60 minutes) per week
-  Start any Monday (except bank holidays)
-  Minimum length 2 weeks
-  Maximum students per class 12 (average 8)
-  Minimum age 18 (average 23)
-  Minimum level for IELTS is B1
-  Pre-test required for all CAE classes*
-  Friday afternoons free to study or explore the city
-  Free access to online learning platform Sensations English for 1 year

*students who do not meet entry requirements may need to study a General English course first.



The IELTS class is really focussed on all parts of the exam; some of the teachers are also examiners so they really know the structure.

Ricardo, Spain

I was so happy with my CAE teachers. They really try to understand you and give you what you need to pass the exam.

Melinda, Switzerland

General English Courses

Our full-time General English course offers intensive study and practice across all areas of the language. The morning class focuses on improving your grammar with plenty of opportunities for speaking and using the language in context. In the afternoon, you'll practise English for everyday situations and use your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills to explore a range of interesting themes. For those looking for a less intensive general option, half day courses are also available.

Why choose LSI / IH Portsmouth?

- **Start any Monday** (except Bank Holidays)
- **All levels available** (from A1 beginner)
- **Small average class size**
- **Our courses have more hours than many other language schools**
- **Communicative classes** with a real-world focus
- **Regular homework and feedback** to maximise your progress
- **Test and one-to-one progress check** with your teacher every two weeks

Key Facts

-  22.5 contact hours (60 minute) per week
-  Start any Monday (except Bank Holidays)
-  Minimum length 2 weeks face-to-face
-  Maximum students per class 12 (average 8)
-  Minimum age 18 (average 23)
-  Friday afternoons free to study or explore the city
-  Half day 'light' options available
-  Free access to online learning platform Sensations English for 1 year

Sample Full-Time Timetable

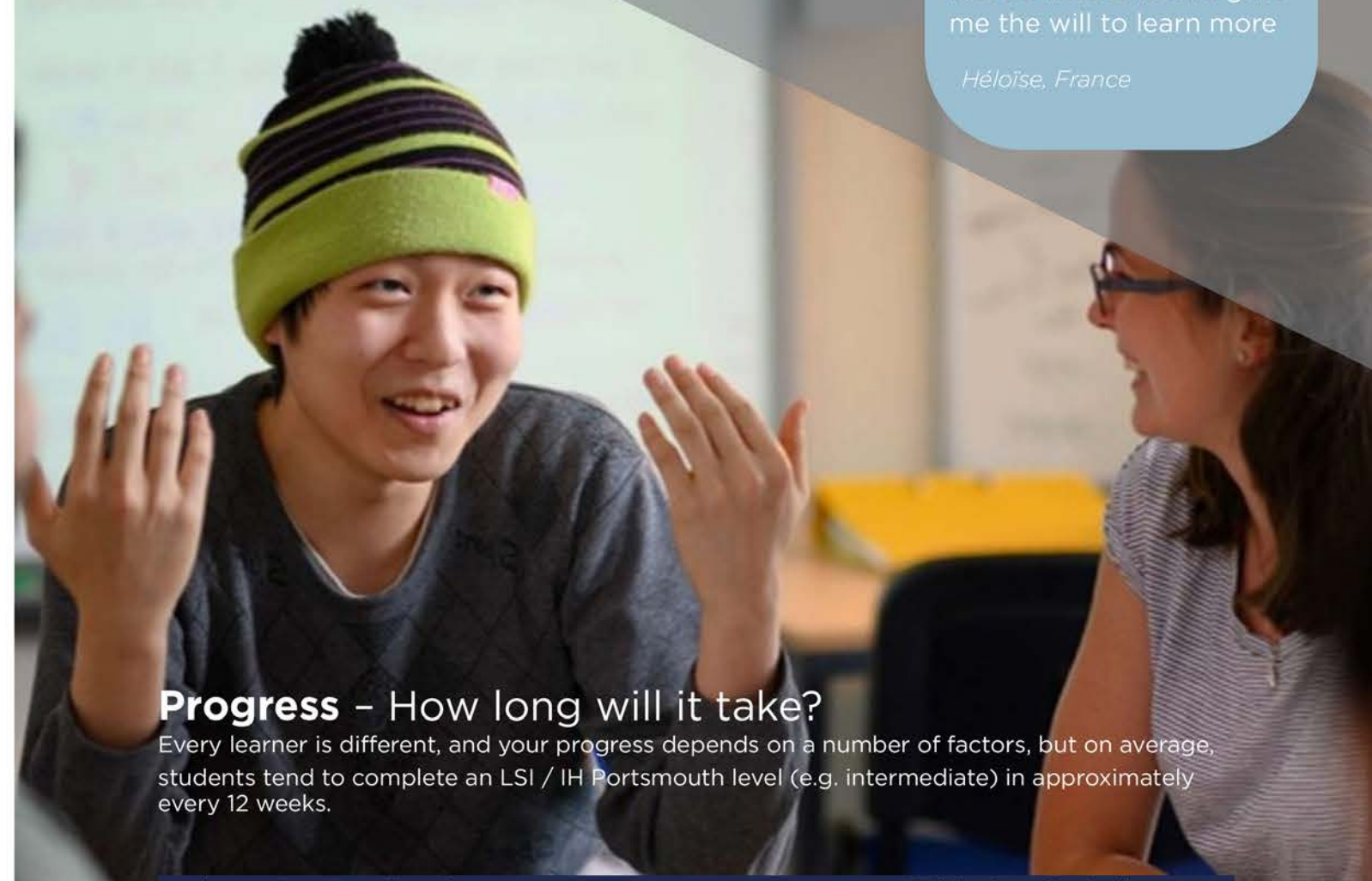
| 8:30 | 09:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 11:45 | 13:00 | 14:15 | 14:30 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| Self-study (Optional) | Grammar, Vocabulary & Skills | Break | Listening Practice & Pronunciation | Lunch / Optional self-study | Everyday Functional English | Break | Everyday English Themes - Speaking, Reading & Listening |

No lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving students free to do supervised self-access study. Alternatively, students can choose to do 1:1 classes at this time (at extra cost). Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).



The teachers were approachable and positive; they made me feel so welcome and gave me the will to learn more

Héloïse, France



Progress - How long will it take?

Every learner is different, and your progress depends on a number of factors, but on average, students tend to complete an LSI / IH Portsmouth level (e.g. intermediate) in approximately every 12 weeks.

| LSI/IH Level (CFR*) | Can do | IELTS level | Cambridge Exam |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|---|
| Proficiency (C2) | Understand native speakers extremely well. Communicate ideas and opinions with near native fluency | 8 - 9 | CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English |
| Advanced (C1) | Understand extended speech in most situations, even if not clearly structured. Communicate on a wide range of subjects reasonably fluently and spontaneously | 6.5 - 7.5 | CAE Certificate of Advanced English |
| Upper-Intermediate (B2) | Understand extended speech and complex arguments, provided the topic is reasonably familiar. Communicate with native speakers with sufficient fluency to avoid strain for either party | 5.5 - 6 | FCE First Certificate In English |
| Intermediate (B1 - B2) | Understand familiar and simple texts competently. Can communicate adequately in most everyday situations | 5.0 | |
| Lower-Intermediate (B1) | Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters. Understand basic notices, instructions or information | 4 - 4.5 | |
| Elementary (A1 - A2) | Interact in a simple way and describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, routine matters and areas of immediate need. | 2.5 - 3.5 | |
| Beginner (A1) | Initially a non-user of English, working towards being able to understand stock phrases and exchange basic personal details | 2 | |

*Common European Framework

General English plus Business English

Combine English for day to day communication with the specific English skills you need for work in this intensive and engaging programme. After working on your grammar and general communication skills in the morning, you'll study in groups of up to 4 other professionals practising business skills like negotiating, giving presentations and participating in meetings in an authentic, multinational context.

Why choose LSI / IH Portsmouth?

- **All the benefits of our General English classes** in the morning
- **Study Business English** in small groups in the afternoon
- **Meet and network with professionals** from around the world
- **Join in with Executive Social Programme and Teacher Accompanied Executive Lunch***
- **Start any Monday**




*additional cost

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| Self-study (Optional) | Grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation | Break | Reading & writing skills | Lunch / Optional self-study | Meetings and negotiating | Break | Presentation skills |

This course includes lessons on Friday afternoons. Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 25 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday). On public holidays there will be no General English classes but Business English classes will run as normal.

Key Facts

-  25 hours (60 minutes) per week
-  Available all year round
-  Minimum level strong A2 / B1
-  Minimum length 2 weeks
-  Minimum age for PM class 25 (average 43)
-  Minimum age for AM class 18 (average 23)
-  Maximum students per AM class 12 (average 7)
-  Maximum students per PM class 4 (average 3)
-  Free access to online learning platform Sensations English for 1 year


















My English has improved in a way that I didn't think was possible. As a result I got a job in Europe and came back here.
Wesley, Brazil

Portsmouth – the UK's Only Island City!

We love our city and we know you will too. Here are some of our staff and students' favourite things about living here...

Key Facts

-  Estimated population 200,000
-  Island location with 7km of beachfront
-  Just 1.5 hours from London
-  Historic naval city
-  Close to London's major airports with direct trains to Gatwick
-  Opposite Portsmouth and Southsea train station with direct links to London
-  Portsmouth International Port 6 minutes' drive

-  Easy to get around
-  Great nightlife
-  Many cafes and restaurants to choose from
-  Amazing festivals and live music
-  Lively university city
-  Beautiful parks and gardens
-  Maritime history – landmarks and museums
-  Spinnaker Tower
-  Miles of waterfront
-  Typical English seaside attractions
-  Traditional and safe
-  Gyms and sports facilities
-  Well connected to other important cities – a great base to explore the UK
-  Gunwharf Quays – discount designer shopping, cinema and restaurants
-  Celebrated Football team
-  Mild seaside climate
-  easy to get around by bike or electric scooter



 LSI is a family and I can say Portsmouth is my second home. If you really want to learn English and enjoy the English life, this is the perfect place.
Elisa, Italy



Accommodation

Homestay Families

We know that homestays are an important part of the study travel experience. With our homestay families, you will have the opportunity to practise your English in the evenings and at the weekend. We are fortunate to have a large number of high-quality and experienced homestays near the school (maximum 45 minutes walking distance).

We are confident that our homestays provide a safe and friendly atmosphere to enhance studying with us at LSI-IH Portsmouth.

Is it right for me?

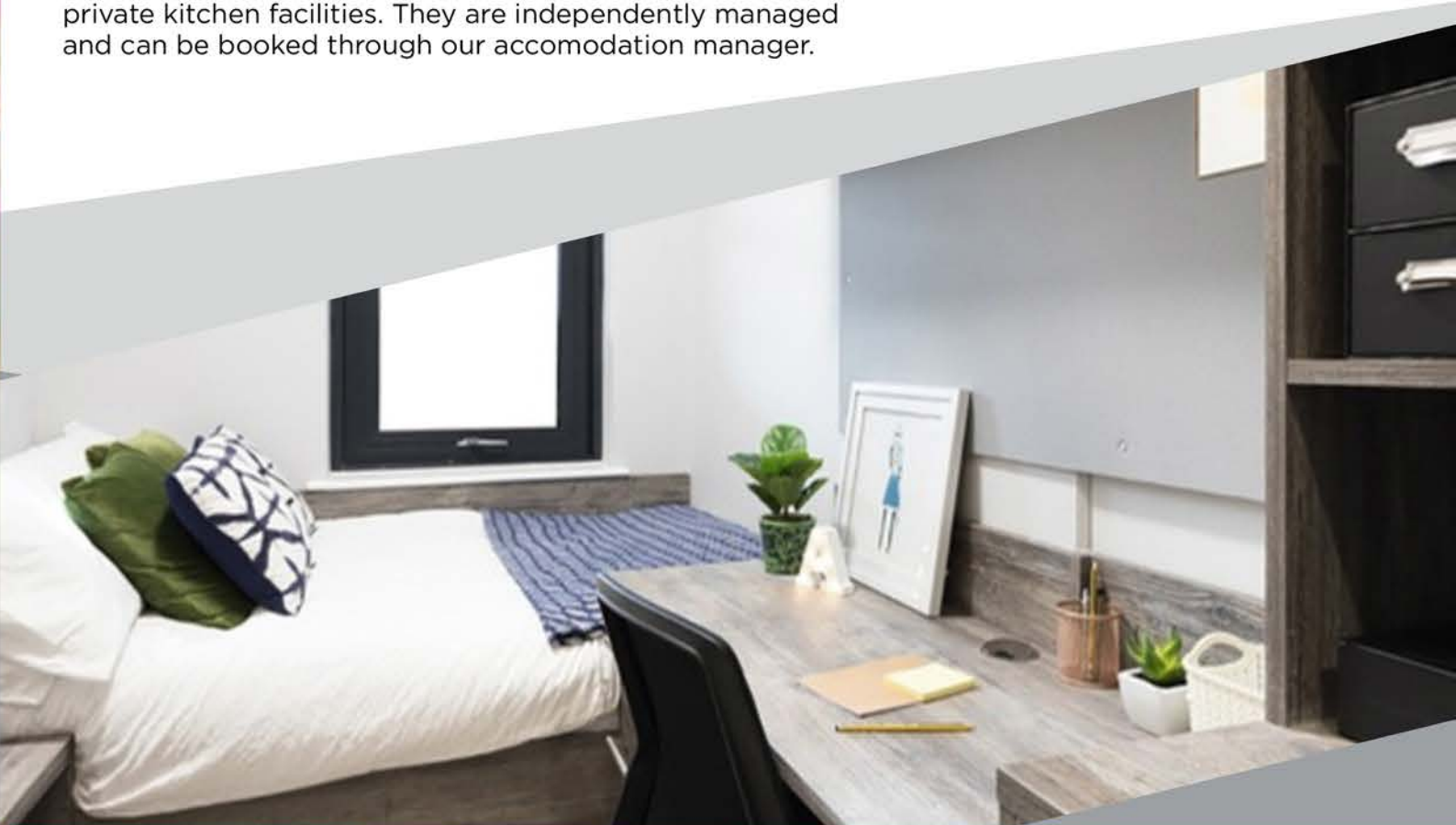
- Warm and welcoming home
- Practise English with your host family
- Learn about English customs and culture
- Quality-assured by our accommodation manager

Self-catering Student Residence

For students who prefer to be more independent, our self-catering university studios are just a 2-minute walk from our school. These rooms provide self-contained en-suite and private kitchen facilities. They are independently managed and can be booked through our accommodation manager.

Key Facts

-  Average 15-30 minutes' walk from school (maximum 45 minutes)
-  2 meals Monday to Friday
-  3 meals at weekends
-  Free Wi-Fi
-  Single study bedroom
-  Bed linen and towels provided
-  Laundry done weekly








I absolutely loved my host family. They made me feel really welcome and are very easy going.




Nina, Switzerland

Our Social Programme

We know that learning a language doesn't just take place in the classroom; social activities give you the perfect opportunity to practise your English while having fun and making friends. We have a dedicated Student Services Team who run our Social Programme to help you meet new people and get to know Portsmouth and the UK. There is at least one activity every Monday to Saturday, including sporting events, nights out, and cultural and educational activities. Come and join in the fun!

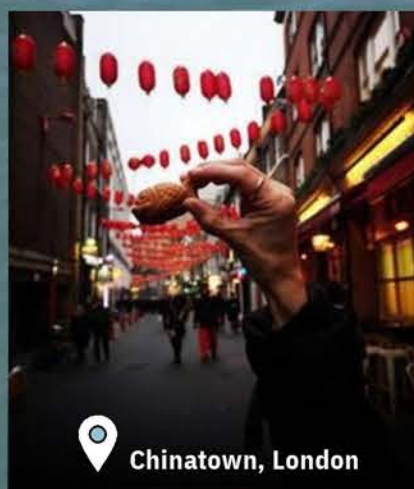
Sample activities and prices – see our website for this month's programme!

-  Football with teachers £6
-  Conversation Club £Free
-  Meal out £20 (approx.)
-  Salsa £4
-  Badminton £5

-  International party £5
-  Museum visit £Free
-  Saturday excursions £15-30
(e.g. London, Stonehenge, Bath, Brighton, Isle of Wight)



Just the best! I had such a great time making friends and learning English!
Nongnuch, Thailand



It was great learning English while having fun and meeting people from all over the world. I met really special people and the time I spent with them in beautiful Portsmouth will be unforgettable
Oscar, Spain.





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