

# **Intensive English and Pre-Sessional** **Courses** **At Brooke House College**

The Intensive English programme is designed for students of all levels to develop their English skills, and to progress successfully onto the next level of study. In total we offer the following 4 courses under the umbrella of 'Intensive English'. The 4 courses are listed below along with further details of what is delivered in each of the separate courses.

## **Key Stage 3**

### **Intensive English-Beginners**

### **Pre-GCSE**

### **Pre-A Level/UFP**

At registration, students decide which pathway they wish to follow, depending on how they wish to progress academically. Once they arrive at the college, the course co-ordinator will assess their suitability and advise on the best direction for the individual student.

There are no formal exams that students are required to take, but all will be presented with a certificate upon completion. However, there is the option to take the A2 Key for Schools, B1 Preliminary for Schools, B2- First for Schools or IELTS exams (see below) should the students be deemed capable. These will be charged additionally. Students study English in a variety of formats, and are split into ability groups for English lessons as far as is practicable.

Classes have a strong focus on developing English Language, but will also be subject based. This will allow students to try many different classes before embarking on the next stage of their academic pathway, whilst developing English in a variety of lessons. The lessons will endeavour to build confidence, whilst having fun

## **Courses Available:**

### **Key Stage 3**

Key Stage 3 is for students aged 14 or under. There is no pre-requisite other than age and they will follow the prescribed subjects of the National Curriculum. In addition, they will have a number of English as a Foreign Language classes where they will have the opportunity to improve their language skills. They will also have contact time with a KS3 co-ordinator which will involve Study Skills, assisting with homework and having trips into the locality to practise their English.

On this course students will study the following:  
English (including Literature)

English as a Foreign Language  
Mathematics  
Science  
Humanities  
PE  
IT  
Study Skills

### **Intensive English-Beginners**

This is for students with a very low-level or complete beginner status. There is no pre-requisite for studying on this programme. Students will have a wide variety of English classes, which will cover all aspects of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. This is designed to give the students a well-rounded experience and will develop these skills quickly. They will also have other subjects built into the timetable to help them develop English in a variety of settings.

On this course they will study the following:

English-as a Foreign Language  
Mathematics  
IT  
Science  
Humanities  
PE

### **Pre-GCSE**

This course is for students wishing to progress onto a one year or two year GCSE programme next academic year. It is heavily designed around giving students the skills needed to be successful and build their English to the required level. There is no pre-requisite for studying on this course, but a level of Pre-Intermediate English is advisable in order to access the course.

On this course students will study the following:

English (including Literature)  
English as a Foreign Language  
Mathematics  
Science-Chemistry, Physics and Biology  
Humanities-History, Geography, Globalisation, Media Studies etc.  
Social Science-Business Studies, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Politics, Law etc.  
PE  
IT

### **Pre-A Level/University Foundation Programme**

This course is for students wishing to progress onto a one year University Foundation Programme or two year A Level programme next academic year. It is heavily designed around giving students the skills needed to be successful and build their English to the required level. There is no pre-requisite for studying, but it is worth checking with desired

universities about the level of education required to study at their institutions. Ideally, students should be over 16 years old. Intermediate English is advisable in order to access the course; The course will be heavily based around A Level subject material.

On this course students will study the following:

English (including Literature)

English as a Foreign Language and IELTS

Mathematics

Science-Chemistry, Physics and Biology

Humanities-History, Geography, Globalisation, Media Studies etc.

Social Science-Business Studies, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Politics, Law etc.

PE

IT

Please see the following descriptions, to gain an insight into what the courses have to offer.

### **English as a Foreign Language**

This course is designed for gradual skills development and classwork is tailored and adapted according to individual and group abilities based on the CEFR A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 & C2 assessment levels.

Brooke House teaches the A2 Key for Schools, B1 Preliminary for Schools, B2- First for Schools qualifications. These are all internationally recognised qualifications set by Cambridge English. The levels start with A2, and progress to B1 and then B2 as competence builds. Students will have the opportunity to sit the formal exam in an official capacity for the chance to gain a recognised qualification in English Language. Once all of these are completed, students may also have the chance to sit the IELTS exam. Students should liaise with their class teachers if they wish to be formally assessed.

Work based on the A2, B1 and B2 exams is interesting and motivating with clear aims. Classwork includes single, pair and group work and students are encouraged from the beginning to develop their communicative language. Students are also taught to develop study skills and are helped to organise their own learning in preparation for more advanced study in their future academic career.

Materials include a variety of interesting resources, designed for younger learners, to produce accuracy and self-confidence with the language such as:

- Listening CDs with accompanying worksheets using topics which are relevant to daily life, such as homes, shops, arts and entertainment, fashion and famous people.
- Graded grammar development progressing from simple present tense through to past continuous tense and encompassing basic grammar tools, such as use of comparatives and modals.
  
- Reading skills, teaching letter/sound recognition using both phonemes and phonetics and concentrated comprehension and vocabulary work.

- Writing is also promoted from the outset with short pieces of work designed for individual language development gradually working towards producing paragraphs.

### **English and English Literature**

Students build on their previous academic attainments in the English language. On this course they further their English in preparation for future study of their academic subjects. They study stimulating contemporary ideas in depth to increase their vocabulary, knowledge of grammar, speaking and writing skills as well as their reading and listening comprehension.

Lessons are designed to interest and motivate the students through discussions, role play and a variety of comprehension exercises on topic related material and literature excerpts. Contemporary literature is quite often taught and can be tailored to the interest of students. Authentic listening material is an integral part of the lessons.

### **Mathematics**

Students will be taught a variety of mathematical skills as well as vocabulary. Lessons will include practical components as well as identifying new language. This could be puzzles, games, investigations etc. Mathematical skills, knowledge and terminology will be taught to enhance the course that students have embarked on or hoping to progress to.

### **Science**

Science is broken down into its three main subject areas-Physics, Biology and Chemistry. Students will be taught a variety of subjects within these main areas. Lessons will include practical components as well as identifying new language. This could involve field trips, problems and investigations. Scientific skills, knowledge and terminology will be taught to enhance the course that students have embarked on or hoping to progress to.

### **IT**

The students will learn about e-safety and the dangers of online threats. They expand and learn new research skills as well as vocabulary connected with IT today. The students will be looking into both business context as well as creative use of the IT. They investigate and organise information using advanced research skills, office based tasks, creative design, and publishing as well as formal writing. They will have the chance to complete Functional Skills style exercises, which build upon skills as well as language. Lessons will be fun and engaging.

### **PE**

All non-Football Academy students will have one lesson of Physical Education each week. This is to give them a break from the classroom environment and develop fitness and

stamina. Whilst the use of English is expected, it is not a pre-requisite for success in this lesson. The class will be purely for fun and not formally assessed or graded. Students can expect to play a variety of games such as tennis, badminton, basketball, football, handball, volleyball, rounders, and cricket. Team and individual participation is encouraged.

### **Social Science**

The Social Sciences which encompass sociology, politics, economics, law, business studies, psychology and many others examine and explain human functioning on a variety of interlocking levels, ranging from neural foundations to individual behaviour, group processes and the functioning of entire societies. Social science subjects offer a wide range of skills that are enormously valuable to students. It aims to give the students a 'taster' of what a full GCSE or A Level may involve, whilst maintaining the attention and interest of the student. During this course, students can expect to encounter some of the following: Case studies, projects, visits, experiments, individual and group presentations and a variety of classroom and non-classroom based activities. This course may be tailored to the interests of the students and will be engaging as well as developing key skills such as essay writing, presentations and building new vocabulary.

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