



The  
**Essential  
English  
Centre**

# Adult & Group English Language Programmes

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## MANCHESTER



# A warm welcome from Bairbre and Jo



The **Essential English Centre** is a boutique, independent school, owned and managed by Jo Wilde and Bairbre Walsh.

We opened our school because we wanted to offer international students a quality, professional and inspiring language learning experience. To achieve this we work with a team of professionals to ensure we offer an excellent curriculum, excellent personal service and all of this in an excellent city centre location in Manchester. Drawing upon our skills and experience, we are committed to ensuring that our high standards are consistently met and that you receive the education and experience you expect and deserve. We care about your future goals and understand that for many of our students this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn, experience and grow. We will be here for you during that process with professional advice, support and a friendly face.

For Bairbre and Jo, managing a successful school is in the family. Bairbre's family owned and managed a successful school in Dublin for over 20 years!

The Essential English Centre is not just a school, it is a family and we look forward to welcoming you to our home.

## Top 10 reasons to join our school

1. Owned and managed by two passionate and dedicated teachers with a strong family background in managing English language schools.
2. The first and only **Quality English** licensed school in Manchester (2016).
3. Personal, family atmosphere in the school with excellent student welfare. Student feedback consistently tells us we are doing this very well. Taking care of our students from start to finish is a priority for us.
4. Manchester is a great city! It was voted the 'Best UK city to visit 2015', 'Best UK city to live in 2016' and is the number 8 global city in the **Lonely Planet** guide.
5. Professional programmes ensuring students reach their full potential during their studies.
6. A fun and lively social programme of sports, music, museum visits, weekend trips and socialising.
7. Visit the world famous **Manchester United** and **Manchester City** football stadiums.
8. An affordable option compared to other UK cities for rent, food and other living costs.
9. Small class sizes with mixed nationalities all year round.
10. Easy to get here! **Manchester International Airport** welcomes direct flights from over 90 destinations worldwide and transfer times are around 20 minutes from the airport.

# Our School

We are located in the very heart of Manchester city centre, surrounded by museums, shops, three universities and everything you would expect from this modern, vibrant city. Our school, offers bright and spacious classrooms and the friendly and welcoming atmosphere will ensure you feel comfortable from your first day.

## Our Teaching Approach

Our teachers are committed to making you feel supported at each stage of your course. Your progress is monitored through regular assessments and one-one tutorials and your teacher will get to know you personally during your classes, offering you individual guidance and advice. Our aim is to ensure you reach your language learning goals, whilst having fun and benefitting from the all-round experience of living in the UK.

From our research and thorough understanding of what it means to learn another language, we use the Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) approach in our classrooms.

- The main function of language is to allow interaction and communication.
- Classroom language learning is linked with language activities outside the classroom.
- Real-life texts and materials are used to help the learning process.
- Your personal experiences form a part of learning in the classroom.

All areas of the language should be studied, but fluency and communication are the ultimate goals, and are key to the learning process.

### Quick information

- City centre location in Manchester, UK
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in summer)
- Average class size 8
- Minimum age 16 (12+ for private groups)
- Average age 22
- Personal and friendly school environment
- Eight classrooms
- Student room with refreshment area, football table and table tennis table
- Student kitchen
- Free internet and wi-fi





# Courses

## General English - 15 hours per week

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15 hours per week	08:30 - 09:00	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 13:15	13:15 - 16:30
	Self-study access	Lesson 1	BREAK	Lesson 2	LUNCH	Self-study access

Our **General English** courses are designed for motivated, professional students who wish to develop their overall English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, as well as grammar. We believe that in order to improve your language to its best potential, it is important to focus on all of these areas. On our 15-hour per week programme, you will study for three hours of teacher-led sessions every morning, with weekly assessment to track your progress.

### Quick information

- Start any Monday, minimum two weeks
- 15 hours of teacher-led study per week
- Study Monday to Friday
- Minimum age 16
- A1 - C1 level available (A0 level subject to availability)



**Testimonial:**  
**Luca - Italy**

*"In three months I have achieved an unexpected English level, it has been a beautiful experience and you are wonderful people!"*



## General English - 25 hours per week

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25 hours per week	08:30 - 09:00	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 13:15	13:15 - 15:15	15:15 - 16:30
	Self-study access	Lesson 1	BREAK	Lesson 2	LUNCH	Lesson 3+4	Self-study access

By choosing our 25-hour programme option, you will focus each morning on all five key areas of language learning, while in the afternoon you will have the opportunity to study on our unique *Language for Life* programme, which has been designed to give you all the tools you need to communicate effectively.

*Language for Life* classes are designed to be fun and interesting while helping you to become more confident with using English in real life situations. In these sessions you will learn new vocabulary and phrases, practise real life situations, make presentations and visit local places of interest. On the 25-hour programme, you will study for five hours of teacher-led sessions every day, with weekly assessment to track your progress.

### Quick information

- Start any Monday, minimum two weeks
- 25 hours of teacher-led study per week
- Study Monday to Friday
- Minimum age 16
- A1 - C1 level available (A0 level subject to availability)



# Courses

## IELTS Exam Preparation

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25 hours per week	08:30 - 09:00	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 13:15	13:15 - 15:15	15:15 - 16:30
	Self-study access	Lesson 1 English studies	BREAK	Lesson 2 English studies	LUNCH	Lesson 3+4 IELTS module	Self-study access

Our **IELTS programmes** focus on the academic examination and will prepare you in each of its four areas. Our professional teachers are specifically selected for their academic expertise and experience in teaching **IELTS preparation programmes**, and will assist you every step of the way. Whether you require an IELTS qualification to access university, live in an English-speaking country, or for professional or personal development, you will study in a motivating and dynamic learning environment with similarly-minded classmates. With continual assessment and feedback, you will also have the opportunity to regularly practise exam techniques using authentic IELTS exam materials.

You will join a **General English** class at the correct level during morning classes and then continue with IELTS specific study in the afternoons.

### Quick information

- Start any Monday, minimum two weeks
- 25 hours of teacher-led study per week
- Study Monday to Friday
- Minimum age 16
- B1 - C1 level available
- Exam centre within 15 minutes' walk from school
- Regular test dates available



### Testimonial: Beatriz - Venezuela

"I was impressed with how qualified the teachers were and how they made the classes so dynamic. The IELTS class was very interesting and I increased my academic level as well as improving my wider general knowledge. Class sizes were small too so the attention for each student was effective."

## Cambridge Exam Preparation

	← 3 hours →				← 2 hours →		
25 hours per week	08:30 - 09:00	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 13:15	13:15 - 15:15	15:15 - 16:30
	Self-study access	Lesson 1 English studies	BREAK	Lesson 2 English studies	LUNCH	Lesson 3+4 Cambridge module	Self-study access

We offer specialised courses in *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) exam* and *Cambridge: First (FCE) exam preparation*. Having a recognised Cambridge qualification in English can greatly assist both your career and personal development, and our qualified, experienced teachers will help you to prepare you for the key areas of your chosen examination.

With continual assessment throughout your course, and with verbal and written feedback from your teacher, you will also have the opportunity to practise exam techniques using authentic examination material.

### Quick information

- Start any Monday, minimum two weeks
- 25 hours of teacher-led study per week
- Study Monday to Friday
- Minimum age 16
- B1 - C1 level available (A0 level subject to availability)





# Courses

## Academic Year Programme

	← 3 hours →				← 2 hours →		
25 hours per week	08:30 - 09:00	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 13:15	13:15 - 15:15	15:15 - 16:30
	Self-study access	Lesson 1 English studies	BREAK	Lesson 2 English studies	LUNCH	Lesson 3+4 Academic Module	Self-study access

Our **Academic Year Programme (AYP)** is ideal for students who wish to study an intensive English course for a longer period of time (six months or more), and who would like to study at university or who use English in their everyday working life. With commitment from you, our team of professionals will help you to improve your English at a rapid rate, with regular academic meetings with your personal tutor and our Academic Manager.

If you wish to study at an English-speaking university after your programme, particularly in the UK, we will also help you with this process and can submit your application directly to over 70 UK universities. Students can expect to receive an offer letter within two weeks of submitting the application.

Assistance is also provided with CV-writing and the job application process.



**Testimonial:**  
*Susanne, Advertising  
Account Director  
- Germany.*

*"I want to thank  
The Essential English  
Centre for everything.  
I really enjoyed being  
taught by their great  
teachers, and they always  
considered my needs.  
What I learned was not  
only about language,  
it was versatile - about  
culture, history and  
politics. In addition I  
enjoyed strong support  
in my application process  
for my first job in the UK.*

*The team showed a deep  
interest in my success here  
in Manchester and they  
care very much about their  
students' personal needs."*



### Quick information

- Start any Monday, minimum 24 weeks
- 25 hours of teacher-led study per week
- Study Monday to Friday
- Minimum age 16
- Additional academic tutorials and progress checks
- University application service included
- CV writing and preparation service included
- A1 - C1 level available (A0 level available upon request)

*Fast-track your  
university application  
to over 70 UK  
universities with  
our partner team*



## English Plus Business English

	← 3 hours →				← 2 hours →		
25 hours per week	08:30 - 09:00	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 13:15	13:15 - 15:15	15:15 - 16:30
	Self-study access	Lesson 1 English studies	BREAK	Lesson 2 English studies	LUNCH	Lesson 3+4 Business module	Self-study access

The **Essential English Centre** offers a professional **English for Business programme** for those who use English in their professional lives, or who wish to work in the field of international business.

On this course, students will focus on a variety of business-related themes, for example sales and negotiation techniques, management styles and marketing and business communication skills. The programme includes effective methods of producing authentic language, including role plays and presentations.

### Quick information

- Start any Monday, minimum 2 weeks
- 25 hours of teacher-led study per week
- Study Monday to Friday
- Minimum age 21
- B1 - C1 level available



# Manchester

The *Essential English Centre* is located in the very heart of Manchester, the “capital of the north” and home to a warm and friendly population. It is a thriving, exciting international city, and is becoming an increasingly popular destination for visitors every year.

With world-class sporting facilities and teams, including *Manchester United* and *Manchester City* Football Clubs, music venues, museums, bars, restaurants and parks, there is always something new to discover in Manchester.

## Science

Manchester is alive with science and events all year round. The city has achieved great success in the fields of science, technology and engineering by scientists who were either born here or studied here. Famous scientists include *John Dalton*, *Ernest Rutherford*, *James Chadwick* and of course *Alan Turing*.

Manchester was announced as the European City of Science (2016) - in recognition of its unique scientific heritage and contribution to scientific discovery, innovation and industry.

Visit the free museums in the city and explore this revolutionary work or visit *The Discovery Centre* at *Jodrell Bank* and explore the wonders of the universe and learn more about the workings of the giant *Lovell Telescope*.



## Shopping

*Manchester Arndale Centre* has over 200 stylish stores for you to explore and the *Trafford Centre* is the second largest shopping centre in the UK.

## Museums and libraries

There are many world-class museums and libraries in Manchester city centre. Visit the *Natural History Museum*, where you can get up close to dinosaur remains and Egyptian mummies. Visit *Ordsall Hall*, a Grade I listed Tudor Manor house, or *Chetham's library*, the oldest public library in the English-speaking world. We promise - you will be amazed.







## Castlefield

If you want to escape the busy city centre, take a ten minute walk along the beautiful canals in Manchester, sit by the peaceful water, visit one of the local bars and enjoy learning about the Roman history in this part of the city.



## Music

Manchester has a rich musical heritage of which it is very proud, and over the years has produced some of the best-known musicians and bands in the world, including *Oasis*, *The Verve*, *The Stone Roses*, *The Smiths*, *Joy Division*, *New Order* and many more.

Manchester is home to some of the best and most varied music venues in the UK, and with shows, concerts and festivals to suit every taste, you are sure to find something for you!



## Oxford Road

Manchester is a university city with four universities welcoming over 85,000 British and international students. Our school is located next to the popular *Oxford Road District*. Take a walk here and you will meet students from all over the world and experience life as a university student. We are even members of the *National Union of Students* so you can benefit from the same great discounts across the city!



## Sport

Manchester is renowned both in the UK and internationally for its sporting reputation, achieving second place in the Olympics table at Rio 2016.

Discover two of the world's most successful football clubs - *Manchester City* and *Manchester United* - or visit *Manchester Velodrome*, the base for the British Cycling team, who enjoyed huge successes at the 2008, 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games.

# Other services

## Homestay

Staying with a local Homestay host provides the opportunity to truly experience a warm Manchester welcome. It also allows you to practise your speaking and listening skills in a natural environment with friendly people. We know all of our hosts personally and they are within easy reach of the school with a commuting time of around 20 - 35 minutes.

We carefully place each of our students with a homestay host that we believe is the right match for them, and because our hosts are warm, friendly and welcoming, our students find the experience to be enjoyable and rewarding.

- Includes breakfast and evening meals during the week and also a light lunch at the weekends.
- Single room/shared bathroom.
- Bed linen and towels provided.
- A weekly laundry service.
- Free Wi-Fi included.
- Usually 20 - 35 minutes travel time to school (maximum 45 minutes).
- Executive, en-suite/private bathroom rooms available.

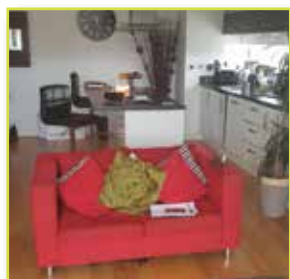
## Student Residence

The **Essential English Centre** works with **Salford University Student Residence**, which offers quality student residence accommodation for our students.

This residence provides everything you need to make the most of your student experience. They accommodate short and long-term stays, and have two, three and four-bedroom apartments for our students. All facilities and bills are included, and it is situated just a short distance away from our school.

Staying at our Student Residence means you can immerse yourself into the famous Manchester student life and enjoy independent living during your studies. You will live in a secure and safe environment, surrounded by other students (both British and international students).

- Shared student apartment with maximum three students.
- Shared kitchen and bathroom with maximum three students
- Secure fob entry, CCTV, 24hr dedicated staff + security.
- Average travel time from school 15 minutes.
- Bedding, towels and kitchen equipment provided.
- Free parking and free Wi-Fi.
- TV and games room.
- Library with free printing facilities.
- On-site gym (free for residents).
- Half basketball court.
- Fully furnished launderette (additional charges).
- Fitted kitchens: hob oven, fridge, freezer, toaster, kettle and microwave.





## Airport Transfers

When you arrive at **Manchester International Airport**, you can arrange to be greeted by our meet and greet team. You will be met inside the arrivals hall and taken by car or minibus to your accommodation. If you require advice on arrivals at another UK airport then please contact your booking advisor.



## Travel and Medical Insurance

We strongly advise students to take out travel and medical insurance before leaving for the UK. We can assist with this and can send you an example of a comprehensive policy. The policy can be purchased at the same time as booking your course. Having this policy means you are covered in the event of any loss or damage to personal possessions, illness and loss of tuition fees if you have to finish your course early. The insurance we provide is from a third party and we must abide by their terms and conditions.





**Testimonial:**  
**Vanessa - Portugal**

*"Different people,  
different food, different  
places to go, you feel  
like you have a piece  
of the whole world in  
Manchester."*

## Social life

Joining in the social activities programme provides the perfect opportunity to meet other students and to practise speaking English with your teachers and classmates. At **The Essential English Centre** we believe that using English in a social context is an important part of your learning programme and allows you to immerse yourself fully in to life in England.

We prepare a weekly programme for our students which includes an activity every day. To see what student life is really like at **The Essential English Centre** we recommend you to follow us on:



Facebook / essentialenglishcentre



Instagram / essentialengli



Twitter / @EssentialEng

Students can join trips and activities every week and although some are free, some will be subject to an additional charge of between £1 - £30. Below is an example of our weekly **Social Calendar**.

### Activities everyday for everyone!

There is so much to see and do in Manchester that every month we introduce you to wide variety of activities; whether that be sport, music, food, art, history or simply discovering the city of Manchester. There will always be something on offer for everyone!

### FREE Conversation Club every week

Many students wish to focus on developing their conversation skills and whilst this will be a key area of development during your course, practising in an authentic environment such as a café or bar and surrounded by native speakers will help to improve your confidence and allows you to meet new people!

### Explore!

We encourage all students to explore beyond Manchester and discover the best that the north-west of England has to offer. You can easily reach The Lake District, Liverpool, The Peak District, Chester, York and even London. All within just a few hours' travel from Manchester. Join our weekend trips and explore!







## Groups

Throughout the year we work with school and private groups to tailor-make English language programmes. Packages can include English lessons, activities and accommodation.

We will help you to create the perfect trip, creating an enriching, unforgettable experience for your students. Choosing Manchester as your location means you can enjoy the areas of natural beauty and other major cities surrounding Manchester. An area of our school is dedicated to our group provision which includes separate classrooms, toilet facilities and student room.

- Available all year-round.
- All groups with students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- All students under the age of 18 must stay in host family accommodation.
- Minimum age 12.

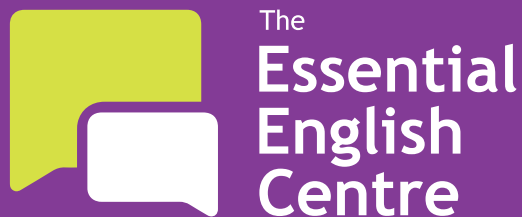
To discuss the specific requirements of your group, please contact us directly.

## Executive Groups

We welcome executive groups from various professional organisations to our school, year-round. We are experienced in leading business-focused groups, groups who wish to prepare for an English exam or those who wish to focus on a specific industry.

We are happy to work with executive groups to create a bespoke programme and we invite you to contact us to discuss your requirements.





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