



**International
House**
Torquay



**TORQUAY
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

Max 12 General English

2026

Pursuing excellence

Course description

We use the ‘Communicative Method’ to cover all aspects of the language used at each level of the CEFR. There is a comprehensive programme of grammar, reading, listening and writing, all supported by meaningful speaking activities.

Students also complete a short test every Thursday to assess their own progress.

Teachers use their professional expertise to select activities that will most engage and support their students.

In the afternoons and on Friday morning, students develop their core language skills—listening, writing, reading, and speaking—through a variety of engaging subjects. It is our common practice to have mixed level classes for skills development, as these skills are essential and transferable across all language levels. Our teachers are experienced in tailoring activities to support learners of varying proficiency, helping students strengthen each skill area in meaningful and practical ways. Strong skills can help in real life situations and open many doors where not everyone speaks the same way from travelling and studying to taking part in work, projects or community life.



Course Facts

Minimum Age: 18
Maximum 12 students per class
Tuition: 15, 19, 23 or 30 hours per week
Level: All levels (beginners accepted on the first Monday of every month)

Aims and objectives

Students develop all four skill areas in a supportive classroom environment, following the IH Torquay curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on training our students to be independent language learners.

Progression routes

Students have the opportunity to progress through all the levels of the CEFR and their global progress is monitored every month by our academic team. More details about progression routes can be found on our website: <https://ihtorquay.uk/courses/general-english/>

Our programme recognises that the length of study varies depending on your personal language goals. Even a week of focused learning can be helpful in advancing your English language skills. However, if your aim is to progress to a higher proficiency level, such as moving from B1 to B2, then on average, it takes approximately 3 months with consistent effort and focused instruction.

What is included

- Pre-course placement test
- Course materials
- End-of-course report
- Certification of level

Torquay

Torquay is known as the English Riviera, famous for its beautiful beaches, palm trees and warm climate.

Once a small fishing village, the town developed as a popular seaside tourist destination in the early 19th century.

In 2007 the English Riviera was designated an UNESCO Global Geopark to recognise the important geological, historical, and cultural heritage of the area.



About us

1. We have over 50 years of experience teaching English to students from all over the world.
2. Friendly, professional, and dedicated staff.
3. Excellent standard of hosts, chosen for their welcoming nature.

WE AIM TO

1. Provide the best possible service in terms of language training, accommodation, and range of extracurricular activities.
2. Provide a safe, inclusive, and secure environment for study and relaxation.
3. Be respectful of and responsive to the needs and expectations of our students.



Sample weekly activity programme

Max 12 15 ho



Monday

08:30 - 13:00

English Lesson

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 16:30

Discover Torquay Tour

Take a relaxing walk around the English Riviera with our guide who will show you all that Torquay has to offer.

Price: Complimentary/Free



Tuesday

08:30 - 12:30

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12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 17:00

Boat Trip to Brixham

Explore the bustling fishing town of Brixham. Sometimes we also spot seals, dolphins and even whales.

Price: £20



Wednesday

08:30 - 13:00

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Lunch

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Coastal Walk

Today we head along one of the many beautiful coastal paths beside the Bay. Stunning views are guaranteed - bring your camera.

Price: £10

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Check it on your first day and sign up for any trips you want to join. Some activities are free, but some have a charge (generally about £15-£35)

Our website also has an extended social programme of events: <https://ihtorquay.uk/social-programme/>

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Kent's Cavern

Kents Cavern is a prehistoric cave where ancient humans lived and worked, and a popular tourist attraction.

Price: £15



Friday

Optional upgrade to 19 hours in the morning

or

Day free to join a school organised activity



Saturday

08:00 - 18:00
Day Trip to Roman City of Bath

A famously elegant city full of traditional heritage, contemporary culture, green spaces and a few surprises.

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Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

A1 – Beginner: "I can use simple English in everyday situations."

- Say hello and introduce myself
 - Ask and answer basic questions (e.g. where I live, what I like)
 - Understand very simple words and sentences
 - Talk about things I know using short sentences
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A2 – Elementary: "I can communicate in a simple way."

- Talk about my daily life, job, family, and hobbies
 - Ask for things in shops, cafés, and while travelling
 - Understand short messages and simple instructions
 - Write short notes and personal messages
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B1 – Intermediate: "I can manage in most everyday situations."

- Talk about plans, experiences, and opinions
 - Handle basic work and travel conversations
 - Understand the main points of clear speech
 - Write simple emails and short stories
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B2 – Upper-Intermediate: "I can use English to work and study more confidently."

- Take part in discussions and give reasons for my opinions
 - Understand most TV, news, and films in standard English
 - Write clear and detailed texts (e.g. reports, essays)
 - Use English at work or university for many tasks
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C1 – Advanced: "I can use English effectively and flexibly."

- Understand long, complex texts and ideas
 - Express myself fluently and clearly
 - Take part in meetings and debates confidently
 - Write well-structured, detailed pieces of writing
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C2 – Proficient: "I can use English almost like a native speaker."

- Understand everything I read or hear
- Summarise information and arguments very well
- Speak fluently in all situations, even under pressure
- Write complex texts with style and accuracy

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