

YOUNG LEARNERS

ages 4-18

It's all about
THE FUTURE

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WELCOME

Welcome to the British Council!

At the British Council, we provide cultural opportunities in more than 100 countries through our work in education, society, art, science, and English teaching and certification. In this way, we connect with around 128 million people every year.

We started out in Italy more than 70 years ago. Last year 7.000 students chose to learn English with us and 50.000 got an English language qualification.

Our work is also driven by the goals of better English teaching with a broader scope. That is why we cooperate with governments, teachers and educational institutions in both Britain and Italy to foster student exchanges between the two countries.

Our commitment to creating cultural opportunities also involves disseminating the work and creativity of UK scientists and artists. Last year we took part in more than fifty events to bring them to Italian audiences.

Welcome to our world of English



CULTURAL
OPPORTUNITIES IN
OVER 100 COUNTRIES



128 MILLION PEOPLE
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WHY CHOOSE THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR YOUR CHILD?



AN INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK

We are pioneers in English teaching and in developing teaching methods, with a presence in over 100 countries.



A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

We offer a unique educational experience within a global community of over 500,000 learners.



STIMULATING, FUN CLASSES

We are committed to stimulating, fun classes as an essential part of the learning process.



A SAFE, INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

We work to create a safe, inclusive learning environment in which children and young people can develop their full potential.



OUR TEACHERS

Our teachers and examiners have extensive experience and specific training.



THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY

We have multimedia resources and the latest technology to help you make the most of your learning experience.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

We firmly believe that the way for children and young people to learn is by creating a fun, participative and inclusive environment. By incorporating this philosophy into our classes, we make sure our young learners enjoy the learning process while at the same time improving their English.

Playing a part in their own progress

When children are involved in their own learning, they progress with confidence and this fosters their independence. This is how we enable them to develop the necessary skills for life long learning.



You too play a part in their learning

Parents are an essential part of the educational process, and this is why we encourage them to play an active role in their children's learning at parents' meetings and using class materials at home to reinforce what is learnt.



OUR TEACHERS

We only work with the best teachers, which means we can guarantee top-quality teaching. This means our teachers have internationally recognised qualifications like the University of Cambridge CELTA and DELTA or the Trinity College TESOL Diploma, plus at least two years' experience. In addition, many of them obtain specific qualifications like the TYLEC, and the Young Learners' Extension to CELTA, which reinforce their experience as teachers of children and young people, and devote time to their own professional development with numerous training sessions throughout the year. This ongoing dedication ensures that your child learns from experts able to make their classes appealing, fun and effective.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

FROM 4 TO 5 YEARS OLD

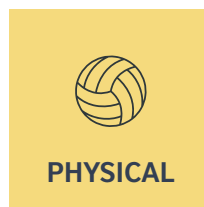
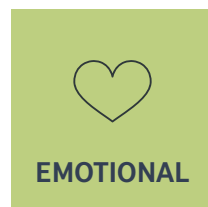
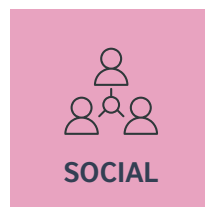
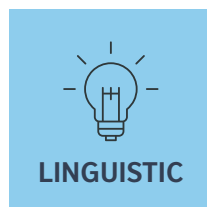
The best education, from early childhood



A child's early years are of key importance in acquiring a second language, and the foundation that is laid down at this stage will serve them for the rest of their lives.

We aim to take maximum advantage of this stage, and devote a large part of our resources to designing educational programmes for early childhood. Thus, we make use of the latest teaching methods, enabling us to encourage every child to develop their full potential.

Our programmes are based on the *British Foundation Stage Curriculum*, fostering your child's physical and intellectual maturity and based on five key areas:



LEARNING TIME WITH TIMMY

FROM 4 TO 5 YEARS OLD

A fun experience learning English

We want your child's first experience with English to be a happy one, so that they will develop a positive attitude to learning which will stay with them for the rest of their life.



The British Council, together with the British animation studio Aardman, has created **Learning Time with Timmy**. This is the perfect combination of English teaching and the much-loved children's character, Timmy the lamb, and helps kids to **learn the language** while they **enjoy** a host of activities.

What does it consist of?

Through a structured game and a combination of activities, stories, songs, movement and crafts, we set out to create a sensory, exploratory setting for your child to have fun and learn English naturally, almost without noticing.

Good pronunciation

We take advantage of children's natural predisposition to learn, and place special emphasis on pronunciation. To do this, we work with songs, games and rhymes to help them pronounce English naturally right from the start.

By adhering to the key **stages in children's development**, we make sure they have a solid foundation in English.



EARLY YEARS 4



EARLY YEARS 5



In Learning Time with Timmy your child will:

- Acquire an interest in the English language.
- Lay the foundation for correct pronunciation.
- Have fun and develop a positive attitude to learning.
- Feel safe and supported by our teachers and staff throughout the learning process.
- Gain improved mental agility thanks to multi-sensory activities like crafts, rhymes and games in English.



PRIMARY PLUS

FROM 6 TO 10 YEARS OLD

Playing a part in their own learning



In **Primary Plus**, your child will develop the ability to communicate in English without difficulty and acquire essential skills that will help them to carry on improving as they get older. This will help prepare them for future challenges.

What does it consist of?

Your child will engage in projects and tasks on exciting subjects for children of their age. Through activities like games, songs or drama, we enable them to express themselves clearly in English, while consolidating their pronunciation at the same time.

Increased confidence when speaking English

With Primary Plus your child will feel at the centre of their own learning and perform confidently in a setting in which only English is spoken.

Their all-round development as a person

Apart from learning English, we will foster other aspects essential to children's overall development as people. We will work on their social, personal and emotional skills, and encourage abilities like creativity, leadership and critical thought. These are certainly all learning abilities that will be of use to them throughout their lives.



We respect every child's pace and understand that learning is an individual process, which is why we look at their development as a means for establishing a level that will allow them to make the most of their potential.



In Primary Plus your child will:

- Lay the foundations to acquire language skills in English.
- Consolidate correct pronunciation.
- Have fun as they get involved in their learning through stimulating projects.
- Develop their creativity, leadership and critical sense.
- Acquire basic skills that will be of use to them in the future.
- Gain the confidence they need to express themselves fluently in English in situations that are familiar to them.



SECONDARY PLUS

FROM 11 TO 18 YEARS OLD

Prepared for a competitive global environment

In an increasingly competitive world, we want our middle school and high school students to be prepared for the global environment. Secondary Plus will help them to grow their **confidence to communicate in English** at the same time as developing other key skills for their future lives.

What does it consist of?

The curriculum has been exclusively developed for the British Council by our experts. Our students will improve their ability to communicate in English and reflect on their progress with their teacher, so that they have a clear vision of how to continuously improve their learning.

Preparing for the future:

We will develop their leadership potential, problemsolving abilities, critical thinking and creativity, through projects relevant to real life such as a mock international summit.

Inspired to continue learning:

In Secondary Plus they will find motivation in relevant and dynamic subject areas which will inspire them to want to learn more.

Adapting to every student:

Secondary Plus students **learn at different rates**, for this reason we place them in the level which best suits their needs. We also arrange our classes around various age groupings according to interests and goals.

WE WILL DEVELOP THE
KEY SKILLS YOUR CHILD
WILL NEED IN THE 21ST
CENTURY



We place our students in the **level which best suits their needs**.



**In Secondary Plus,
your child will:**

- Gain confidence in expressing themselves in English and expand their communicative abilities.
- Develop their leadership potential, problem solving abilities, critical thinking and creativity.
- Feel inspired to want to learn more.
- Be able to sit official examinations successfully and be ready to take on challenges of this kind in a university setting.
- Grow as a person, prepared for a changing, inclusive and globalised world.

CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION

FROM 10 TO 18 YEARS OLD

Ready to certify their level

We have extensive experience helping **more than 75,000 people a year to certify their English**. This gives us a **unique perspective** from which to offer the best options to students preparing their Cambridge Exams.



**Cambridge Assessment
English**

Authorised Exam Centre

In our Secondary Plus academic year programme we **integrate exam preparation** for First, Advanced and Proficiency. In these courses we take students to the level they need in order to pass the exam.

ENGLISH EXTRA A world of English to discover

The best way to reinforce the English you learn in class is to put it to natural use in everyday life: We therefore encourage all our learners to join in all the activities we organise within the English Extra programme.



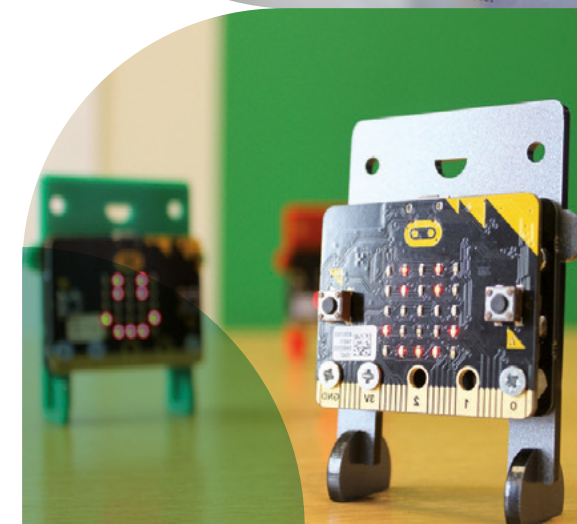
OUR ACTIVITIES

Storytelling sessions, share and tell sessions, British Council's Got Talent, film festival, writing competitions, the TED Ed club and exam workshops are some of the out-of-class activities offered by our centres. These will let your child put into practice everything they have learnt in a setting that is safe and familiar to them.



LEARNING RESOURCES

Children are supported with a wide range of learning resources on our online platform and websites.



WELL-BEING AND VALUES, THE KEY TO OUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

EVERY YEAR WE WORK WITH NEARLY 7.000 UNDER-18S IN OUR CLASSES, ENGLISH EXAMS AND EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. OUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IS A GUARANTEE OF THEIR WELL-BEING, AND THEIR INCLUSION IN OUR WORLD VIEW IN WHICH DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION ARE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES.

- Every year our team of experts develops individual action plans which respond to the needs of each centre, thus guaranteeing that we fulfill our commitments. We also conduct internal audits to ensure the effectiveness of the measures we take.
- The participation of our students and their families is fundamental. Every year we offer more **information sessions for parents** to discuss the risks of violent and challenging behaviour, as well as online safety.
- We safeguard the well-being and safety of our students, and create a **climate of respect and cooperation**. In addition, our methodology changes according to our students' life stage.
- The recognition, management and promotion of diversity form the basis of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy, and this is reflected in our classes. **Our teachers promote values** such as tolerance, respect and resilience.



PAYMENT OPTIONS

AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL WE WANT ALL FAMILIES TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN THE BEST, WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE DIFFERENT DISCOUNTS AND PAYMENT PLANS.

Find out more at your nearest centre and start enjoying the benefits of being part of our educational community.



COME AND MEET US

DISCOVER HOW WE CAN HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR ENGLISH

Visit our website and make an appointment at your nearest centre and, if your child is eight years old or older, we will give them a level test. A teacher specialised in English for children and young people will help you decide together, at no cost, which courses and services best meet your child's needs.

You can also visit our premises find out for yourself about all the services we offer and talk to our teachers.



All the centres' addresses and contact details are shown on the back cover of this brochure.

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