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Course Information 2008

Courses...

■ STANDARD COURSE

Available all year

20 lessons per week (15 hours)

A popular course for students who wish to combine morning classes with free time in the afternoons for personal study or excursions. This course is particularly recommended during the summer period when students may want more free time to explore the region. Students on long-stay standard courses will be given regular tutorials when they will be given guidance on constructive ways to use our self-study centre to improve their English.

We offer classes at five levels, from elementary through to advanced, throughout the year.

■ INTENSIVE COURSE

Available all year

32 lessons per week (24 hours)

This is the ideal course for those who wish to make rapid improvements in all aspects of general English. Whilst the morning programme is designed to improve a student's overall language performance at an appropriate level, the afternoon programme develops students' English skills for work, social and travel situations, by introducing the language necessary for the needs of busy, working adults.

Students work together to apply the language they already know, combined with new language and vocabulary to develop communication skills for work and social situations.

We recommend this intensive English course for adult wishing to make rapid progress, or for students booking short courses. It will be especially useful to students who are learning English to help them with their job or for a future career.

■ IELTS COURSE

Join in April or May for exam in June 2008

Join in October or November for exam in December 2008

20 lessons per week for 8 weeks (course finishes on Friday before exam)

The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is the required examination for entrance into UK, Australian and New Zealand institutes of higher education.

MLC offers an 8-week training course which focuses on all aspects of the academic examination. However, students wishing to join the course for 5, 6 or 7 weeks prior to taking the examination may do so. We are happy to offer advice to students on applying for UK University Entrance and have good links with Canterbury's Universities. Students may use our self-study facilities to work on IELTS practice programs during the afternoons. A minimum of strong intermediate level is recommended before starting this course.

■ STANDARD AND INDIVIDUAL COURSE

Available all year

This option combines the benefits of a morning Standard Course international class at your level, with individual classes in the afternoon to meet your specific business, academic or general English language needs. You may choose between 4 and 12 lessons (45 minutes) per week.

■ PERSONAL ENGLISH COURSE

Available all year

We also offer a completely individual language course, which can be combined with a stay in one of our self-catering apartments next to the school. This option provides you with your personal teaching team who will design the course programme around your specific language requirements. You can choose from 20, 30 or 40 lessons per week. Naturally you are still entitled to benefit from all of the school's facilities and join in with the social life of the school on this course.

■ COURSES FOR GROUPS

Available all year

We can design tailor-made courses for groups of adult language learners at any point during the year. These can be specifically designed in terms of course content as well as social programme and transfers.

Extras...

■ TOEIC TEST

Available all year

The TOEIC test is a worldwide standard for measuring English proficiency in the workplace. It has become a very popular way for companies to evaluate the English level of their employees, therefore taking the exam can help access a wider job market.

Margate Language Centre is a registered TOEIC test centre. Students can take the TOEIC test at the school without the inconvenience of traveling to a test centre in another city. We also include a 1.5 hour preparatory session, as well as support materials and CD-ROMs. You can add a TOEIC test to any course.

■ WORKING LUNCH

Available all year

In the business world, it is often as important to know how to use language in a social situation as it is in the boardroom. Professional people on a short course can add to their stay by booking one or more of our working lunches. We offer a bistro lunch with a teacher. Conversation can focus around general or business situations. You can add any number of working lunches to any course; from one during your stay to one each day.

- The minimum age for all international courses is 18.
- The maximum class size is 12 all year.
- 1 lesson = 45 minutes.
- Standard and Intensive courses are available any Monday throughout the year with a minimum stay of 1 week.

Prices...

■ REGISTRATION FEE

There is a registration fee on all bookings except when the course fees are invoiced to a language travel agency. **£30**

■ COURSE PRICES

■ STANDARD COURSE

£160 per week

■ INTENSIVE COURSE

£200 per week

■ IELTS COURSE

Course supplement*

£160 per week

£160

*This one-off supplement covers the cost of the examination fee, course book and transport to and from the test centre.

■ STANDARD AND INDIVIDUAL COURSE

£30 per lesson

Price to add to a Standard or IELTS course for each 45 minute lesson.

■ PERSONAL ENGLISH COURSE

20 lessons per week

£550 per week

30 lessons per week

£825 per week

40 lessons per week

£1100 per week

■ SUPPLEMENTS

■ TOEIC TEST

£125

Price includes 1.5 hour preparation session as well as the test fee.

■ WORKING LUNCH

£40 per day

Price to add to any course

■ TRANSFER SERVICE

We can organise taxi transfers from your point of arrival to your accommodation in Margate, and for your return. Prices are as follows:

Price each way

London Airports
Heathrow, Gatwick, City, Stansted

£100

Channel Ports
Dover, Folkestone, Ashford International (Eurostar)

£50

Please note that transfers may be shared.

■ ACCOMMODATION

■ HOMESTAY

£100 per week

January to June & September to December

■ SUMMER HOMESTAY

£110 per week

during July and August for stays of less than 12 weeks

Students have a single room (unless 2 students booking together request to share). Homestay hosts generally live within walking distance of the school. If a student is not located in the Margate postcode area, a free weekly bus pass is provided. Homestay is half board during the week and full board at weekends.

■ SELF-CATERING NEXT TO THE SCHOOL

We can offer self-catering accommodation at Culver House and Churchfeld House, next to the school. Please visit our website for details and prices for these packages:

www.mlcengland.com/accommodation

■ UNIVERSITY SELF-CATERING RESIDENCE

In July and August we also offer self-catering in our local university halls of residence in Broadstairs. **£150 per week***

* Price includes weekly bus ticket offering unlimited travel around the local area.

■ HOTEL OR GUEST HOUSE

Please visit our website for links to the local tourist information website: www.mlcengland.com/hotels

■ ADDITIONAL NIGHT HOMESTAY

Additional night homestay accommodation is usually available on request before or after your course. This is charged at £18 per night.

■ CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

If your course starts before and continues after our Christmas holiday, we can arrange for you to stay in a homestay family. However there will be a supplement of £50 per week over this period. Please note that we will not allow any student to book a course starting during the Christmas period.

■ HOLIDAYS

If you wish to take holiday during your course, the school cannot guarantee that you will be able to leave your luggage with your homestay family. All arrangements to do this must be made privately with the family.

■ CHRISTMAS AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS 2008

Please note that the school will be closed on the following dates in 2008: 1 to 4 January, 21 and 24 March, 5 and 26 May, 25 August, 22 December to 2 January 2009.

On national holidays there are no classes. Students are offered a free accompanied excursion instead of classes. Any missed individual classes will be taught on another day. When the national holiday is on a Monday, students arriving will have their induction on the Tuesday.

■ COURSE PRICE INCLUDES

- Welcome pack including Margate map and tourist information
- Margate Language Centre photo identity card
- Use of the self-study centre
- Membership of the Hawley Club and free internet facilities
- School-based activities year-round
- Leaving certificate and course report

■ OTHER COSTS TO CONSIDER:

- Local bus ticket - we offer a weekly bus ticket offering unlimited travel around the local area for £5 (50% of the normal price).
- Bank charges
- Registration fee
- Insurance
- Course book refundable deposit of £20 (payable on first day)

Daily Course Planner...

Monday to Thursday						
9.30 - 11.00		11.30 - 13.00		14.00 - 14.45	15.00 - 15.45	15.45 - 16.30
Standard Course		Standard Course		Intensive Course (includes 15 minute break at 15.00)		
Intensive Course		Intensive Course				
IELTS Course		IELTS Course		Individual Class	Individual Class	Individual Class
Break		Lunch or Working Lunch		Hawley Club open several evenings per week as part of our social programme		

Friday					
9.30 - 11.00		11.30 - 13.00		14.00 - 16.30	
Standard Course		Standard Course		Friday afternoon excursion* <i>Examples: Canterbury, Dover, Rochester, Broadstairs, Sandwich, Ramsgate, Westwood Cross shopping centre</i>	
Intensive Course		Intensive Course			
IELTS Course		IELTS Course			
Break		Lunch or Working Lunch			

Saturday	
Full day excursion* <i>Examples: London, Oxford, Cambridge, Windsor, Brighton, Leeds Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon, Stonehenge</i>	

* Please note that excursions are not included in the cost of your course, but are offered at very reasonable prices.