

# LSI PORTSMOUTH

Learn Succeed Inspire





# Welcome to LSI Portsmouth!

You've made a great decision to study at one of the best schools in the UK\*! At LSI Portsmouth, you'll learn from well-qualified teachers who really love their jobs. You'll make friends with amazing people from all over the world and create wonderful memories.

Portsmouth is a fantastic place to learn English, an island city with loads of green spaces, plus history, culture and nightlife. There really is something for everyone here. So open your mind, pack your bags, and we'll take care of the rest...

We can't wait to meet you!



At LSI Portsmouth I made friends for life and in Portsmouth I found a new happy place by the seaside.

*Alexandra, Switzerland*



## Why LSI Portsmouth?

No. 1 school in the UK.\*

Top quality teaching - noted as a point of strength by the British Council.

Excellent Facilities - 55 Well-equipped classrooms, free Wi-Fi throughout the school, 2 student lounges, bistro restaurant on the ground floor.

Pool table, piano and table tennis.

Study centre with computers, printers, books and listening materials.

Perfect Location - in the university district just 15 minutes from the sea.

Adults only - our minimum age is 18 all year round.

All accommodation within walking distance of school.

A wide range of social activities 6 days a week.

90 minutes from London city centre and airports.

Dedicated Social, Accommodation and Welfare Officers to ensure you enjoy your stay.

\*According to the EL Gazette rankings based on British Council inspectors' publishable statements. We were proud to receive 100% in our 2018 British Council inspection, achieving 14 out of 14 areas of strength, which ranks us at joint number 1 school in the UK.



maximum 350/average 150 students

20-30

average age of students



+ 55 countries

1985

established in 1985



















# Portsmouth – the UK's Only Island City!


We love our city and we know you will too. Here are some of our staff and students' favourite things about living here...

## Key Facts

-  Estimated population 200,000
-  4 miles of seafront with promenade, pier and cafés
-  Just 1.5 hours from London and its airports
-  Called 'Pompey' by locals!
-  Nearest airport Southampton 30 minutes' drive
-  Nearest station Portsmouth and Southsea 7 minutes' walk
-  Portsmouth International Port 6 minutes' drive

-  Easy to get around
-  Well connected to other important cities – a great base to explore the UK
-  Great nightlife
-  Gunwharf Quays – discount designer shopping, cinema and restaurants
-  Coffee culture
-  Amazing festivals and live music
-  Celebrated Football team
-  Lively university city
-  Mild seaside climate
-  Beautiful parks and gardens
-  Maritime history – landmarks and museums
-  Spinnaker Tower
-  Miles of waterfront
-  Typical English seaside attractions
-  Traditional and safe
-  Gyms and sports facilities











  
 LSI is a family and I can say Portsmouth is my second home. If you really want to learn English and enjoy the English life, this is the perfect place.  
*Elisa, Italy*



# IELTS and Cambridge Preparation Courses

Our full-time exam preparation courses are carefully designed to help you learn and improve the skills you need to get the best possible grade in your chosen exam. Dynamic lessons delivered by well-qualified teachers will keep you motivated and engaged, and also improve the general level of your English in all areas of communication. Exam classes are also open to students studying at that level but who do not plan to take the exam.

## Key Facts

-  22.5 hours (60 minutes) per week
-  Start any Monday (except bank holidays)
-  Minimum length 2 weeks
-  Maximum students per class 12 (average 9)
-  Minimum age 18 (average 23)
-  Minimum level for IELTS is B1
-  Pre-test required for all Cambridge courses\*
-  Friday afternoons free to study or explore the city

\*students who do not meet entry requirements may need to study a General English course first.

## Why choose LSI Portsmouth for your exam course?

- **IELTS test centre on-site** - take your exam here at the end of your course
- **Accredited Cambridge exam centre 10 minutes' walk from the school**
- **FCE (First Certificate), CAE (Advanced) and CPE (Proficiency) courses throughout the year\***
- **Our Exams Director of Studies is a published author and teacher trainer**
- **Use our study centre to practise all parts of your exam** - teacher support available every day after school
- **Regular homework and feedback** - to maximise your progress

\* There is no CPE exam in August although the summer CPE course will still run.

## Sample Timetable

8:30	9:15	10:30	10:45	12:00	13:15	14:30	14:45	16:05 - 17:05
Self-study (Optional)	FCE/CAE/CPE/IELTS focussed Grammar	Break	Speaking, Listening & Pronunciation	Lunch / Optional self-study	Exam Skills Reading & Vocabulary	Break	Exam Skills Writing & Vocabulary	Self-study with teacher support

No lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving students free to do supervised self-access study. Alternatively, students can choose to do 1:1 classes at this time (at extra cost). Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).



The IELTS class is really focussed on all parts of the exam; some of the teachers are also examiners so they really know the structure.

*Ricardo, Spain*

I was so happy with my CAE teachers. They really try to understand you and give you what you need to pass the exam.

*Melinda, Switzerland*









# General English Courses

Our full-time General English course offers intensive study and practice across all areas of the language. The morning class focuses on improving your grammar with plenty of opportunities for speaking and using the language in context. In the afternoon, you'll practise English for everyday situations and use your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills to explore a range of interesting themes.

## Why choose LSI Portsmouth?

- **Start any Monday** (except Bank Holidays)
- **All levels** available (from A1 beginner)
- **Small average class size**
- Our courses have **more hours than many other language schools**
- **Communicative classes** with a real-world focus
- **Regular homework** and feedback to maximise your progress
- **Test and one-to-one progress check** with your teacher every two weeks

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Self-study (Optional)	Grammar, Vocabulary & Skills	Break	Listening Practice & Pronunciation	Lunch / Optional self-study	Everyday Functional English	Break	Everyday English Themes - Speaking, Reading & Listening	Self-study with teacher support

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The teachers were approachable and positive; they made me feel so welcome and gave me the will to learn more

*Héloïse, France*

## Progress - How long will it take?

Every learner is different, and your progress depends on a number of factors, but on average, students tend to complete an LSI Portsmouth level (e.g. intermediate) approximately every 12 weeks.

LSI LEVEL (CEF*)	Can do	IELTS level	Cambridge Exam
Proficiency (C2)	Understand native speakers extremely well. Communicate ideas and opinions with near native fluency	8 - 9	CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English
Advanced (C1)	Understand extended speech in most situations, even if not clearly structured. Communicate on a wide range of subjects reasonably fluently and spontaneously	6.5 - 7.5	CAE Certificate of Advanced English
Upper-Intermediate (B2)	Understand extended speech and complex arguments, provided the topic is reasonably familiar. Communicate with native speakers with sufficient fluency to avoid strain for either party	5.5 - 6	FCE First Certificate In English
Intermediate (B1 - B2)	Understand familiar and simple texts competently. Can communicate adequately in most everyday situations	5.0	
Lower-Intermediate (B1)	Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters. Sustain dialogues on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Understand basic notices, instructions or information	4 - 4.5	
Elementary (A1 - A2)	Interact in a simple way and describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, routine matters and areas of immediate need.	2.5 - 3.5	
Beginner (A1)	Initially a non-user of English, working towards being able to understand stock phrases and exchange basic personal details	2	

\*Common European Framework





# General English plus Business English

Combine English for day to day communication with the specific English skills you need for work in this intensive and engaging programme. After working on your grammar and general communication skills in the morning, you'll study in groups of up to 4 other professionals practising business skills like negotiating, giving presentations and participating in meetings in an authentic, multinational context.

## Why choose LSI Portsmouth?

- **All the benefits of our General English course** in the morning
- **Study Business English** in small groups in the afternoon
- **Enjoy our Executive Lounge** with free tea, coffee and panoramic views of the city
- **Meet and network with professionals** from around the world
- Join in with the **Executive Social Programme and Teacher-Accompanied Executive Lunch\***
- **Start any Monday**

\*additional cost

## Key Facts

- 25 hours (60 mins) per week
- Available all year round
- Minimum level strong A2 / B1
- Minimum length 2 weeks
- Minimum age for PM class 25 (average 43)
- Minimum age for AM class 18 (average 23)
- Maximum students per AM class 12 (average 9)
- Maximum students per PM class 4 (average 3)

## Sample Timetable

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Self-study (Optional)	Grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation	Break	Reading & writing skills	Lunch / Optional self-study	Meetings and negotiating	Break	Presentation skills	Self-study with teacher support

This course includes lessons on Friday afternoons. Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 25 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday). On public holidays there will be no General English classes but Business English classes will run as normal.



My English has improved in a way that I didn't think was possible. As a result I got a job in Europe and came back here.

Wesley, Brazil





I absolutely loved my host family. They made me feel really welcome and are very easy-going.

*Nina, Switzerland*

# Accommodation

We want you to be really happy in your new English home. So we are here to help you find the option that suits you best. All of our accommodation is organised by the school, so you can be sure that you will feel safe and comfortable wherever you choose to stay.

## Homestay Families

We recommend that you stay with one of our lovely homestays. Living with native speakers, you will have the opportunity to practise your English in the evenings and enjoy our Portsmouth warmth and hospitality; it will also allow you a unique insight into UK culture.

### Is it right for me?

- Warm and welcoming home
- Practise English with your family
- Learn about English customs and culture

## Student Houses

If you prefer to be more independent and cook for yourself, why not stay in one of our self-catering student houses? We have two houses next door to each other just 3 minutes' walk from the school.

### Key Facts

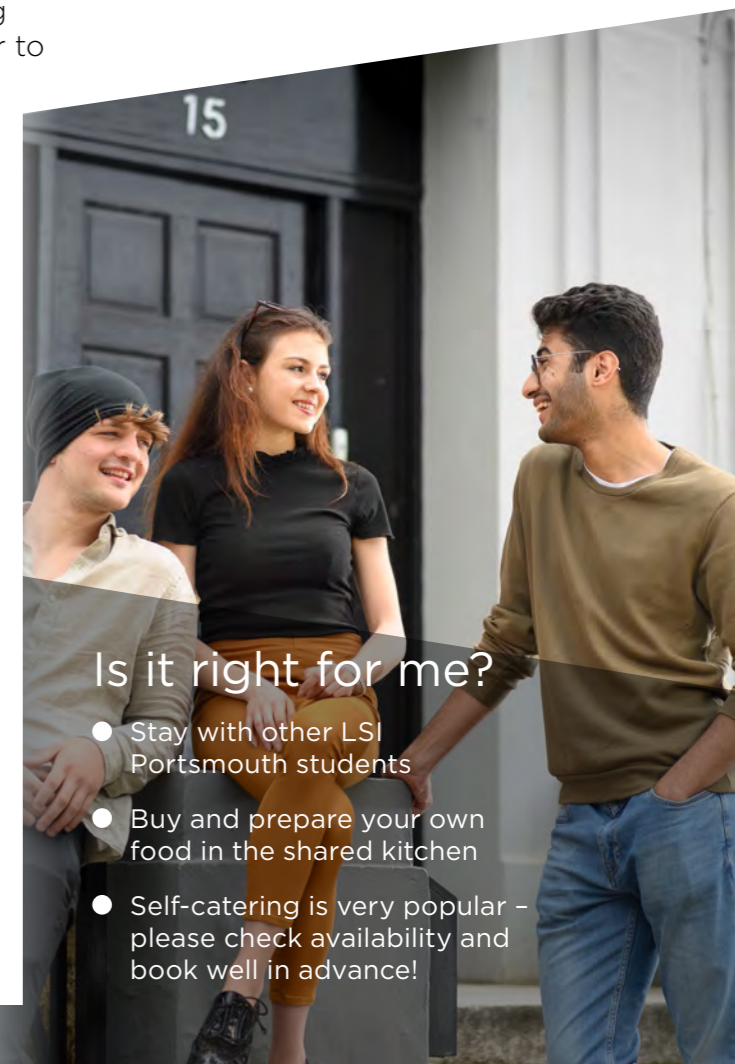
- 3 minutes from the school
- Live-in house manager
- Fully furnished single study bedrooms
- Superior Rooms with private shower and washbasin, shared toilet
- Full En Suite Rooms with full private bathroom (additional cost)
- Kitchen with fridge-freezers, washing machines and tumble dryers
- Living-dining areas with tables, seating and TV
- All cooking pots, pans, crockery and cutlery provided
- Free WiFi
- Bed linen provided (bring your own towels)
- No laundry or cleaning service

### Key Facts

- Average 15-30 minutes' walk from school (maximum 45 minutes')
- 2 meals Monday to Friday
- 3 meals at weekends
- Free Wi-Fi
- Single study bedroom
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Laundry done weekly

### Is it right for me?

- Stay with other LSI Portsmouth students
- Buy and prepare your own food in the shared kitchen
- Self-catering is very popular – please check availability and book well in advance!







It's inspirational sharing a class with people in their 30s, 40s and 50s all at a turning point in their lives. I think this feeling would be lost in a class with younger students.

*Aitor, Spain*

# General English Courses For **Adults 30+**

Our 30+ General English course is exclusively for adults aged 30 years and over; learn English with people your age in the south of England with one of the top language schools in the UK!\* The programme consists of morning classes with optional afternoon electives. It is a very flexible course, so you can choose the option which best suits you, your language needs and your personal preferences: if you want to have English lessons in the morning and enjoy free afternoons, if you want a more intensive, full-time course, some Business English or a course which combines language learning with British Culture.

## At LSI Portsmouth, you will benefit from being in a school with:

- an excellent academic reputation
- quality-assured accommodation from host families to self-catering residences
- a full and varied social programme to help you meet new friends and make the most of our beautiful city
- great facilities and resources within the school, with access to extensive material in our study centre
- a wonderful location by the sea with a rich cultural and historical heritage

Minimum English level:	A2 / Elementary
Minimum age:	30
Maximum class size:	8 / Average 5
Course Length:	Minimum 1 week

Morning classes of 15 hours per week (1 hour is 60 minutes)

- Focus will be on communication with opportunity for practice
- All materials are included in the fees
- Students will also enjoy access to our recently-refurbished Executive lounge with free tea and coffee facilities
- Our 30 + students will have the option to join our Executive students for accompanied lunch with teachers

CORE: A sample week for B1/B2 level students:

Sample Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lesson 1: 8:45-10:30</b>	Introductions, greetings & exchanging information	Discussing schedules, habits & routines	Describing experiences: past actions relating to the present	Expressing needs and obligations	Discussing future plans: forecasting and hypothesising
<b>Coffee Break</b>					
<b>Lesson 2: 10:45-12:00</b>	Making polite requests & clarifying information	Describing past routines and habits	Describing experiences: comparing similarities and differences	Making plans and arrangements	Weekly review & consolidation
<b>Lunch Break</b>					
<b>HOMEWORK/SELF-ACCESS</b>					

Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 15 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).

\* According to the EL Gazette rankings based on British Council Inspector's Summary Statement July 2018



# Afternoon Electives

## Intensive

This option includes an extra 10 hours of English lessons in group classes

<b>Lesson 3</b> 1:15 - 2:30	Socialising & entertaining: ordering meals and drinks	Making complaints: explaining and apologising	Expressing opinions: agreeing and disagreeing	Understanding and using idiomatic phrases and expressions	FREE To discover Portsmouth!
<b>Coffee Break</b>					
<b>Lesson 4</b> 2:45-4:00	Using Youtube: food, recipes etc	Giving advice, suggestions and recommendations	Listening and discussion: the world of work	Listening and discussion: travel, transport & holidays	
<b>HOMEWORK/SELF-ACCESS</b>					

Exact starting and finishing times may change.

If groups are too small, the equivalent 1:1 classes will be offered.

## Individual

If you want individual attention, you can add 1:1 English lessons to your course in a 5 or 10 hour block:

- Maximise your progress
- Focus on your personal needs
- Prepare for a specific conference or presentation

## Business Communication

This option is for those who want to improve communicative performance in a wide range of professional, business and commercial contexts. Students join our Executive Open Groups.

- Students must be lower-intermediate or above
- 12.5 hours in groups of maximum 4 participants
- Focus on communication and intercultural exchange with participants of different nationalities and commercial backgrounds in the context of professional situations – presentations, meetings, negotiating, leading an international team, intercultural awareness in working environments

<b>Lesson 3 Business Minigroups</b> 1:15 - 2:30	Orientation / company information exchange	Presentations: opening, sequencing, body language	Presentations: referencing, register, use of graphics	Presentations: language of change, use of numerical information/statistics	Presentations: summarising/ concluding video-recorded final presentation performance/error analysis
<b>Coffee Break</b>					
<b>Lesson 3 Business Minigroups</b> 2:45-4:00	Business telephoning: getting through, introductions	Business telephoning: discussing, leaving messages	Presentations: opening, sequencing, body language	Presentations: referencing, register, use of graphics, filmed presentation	Role play, simulation and case study

## British Culture, History and Portsmouth

Portsmouth has a rich historical and literary tradition, so why not discover it in the company of one of our teachers? You can enjoy our city's heritage while communicating in English.

Here is a sample of some of the activities you can join. Please be aware that the choice of activities may change subject to weather and availability.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Visit one of the best museums in the UK; the Historic Dockyard Museum	Find out about the Portsmouth literary history – creator of Sherlock Holmes Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Charles Dickens	Visit a vineyard for tasting, a monastery to experience the life of a monk or enjoy Queen Victoria's favourite holiday home, Osborne House	Discover Roman England and the lasting influences of the Romans today
Take a boat trip around Portsmouth Harbour, step aboard HMS Warrior and HMS Victory or see Henry VIII's ship, the Mary Rose	Visit to Portsmouth City Museum and Charles Dickens' Birthplace Museum	Visit the Isle of Wight by hovercraft	Visit Portchester Castle, one of the most complete Roman castles to be seen in Europe
<b>Friday afternoons are free. However, we do have social activities organised for most Friday afternoons.</b>			

The Culture programme has fixed monthly dates, so please see our dates and fees schedule for more information.

Why not combine different options to maximise your English learning experience?



The teachers are well prepared and help to feel comfortable in class. They make it easy to mingle with different nationalities of the same age.

*Katalin, Hungary*





I was happily surprised:  
my family was friendly,  
the house comfortable  
and clean and the food  
delicious

*Giuliano, Italy*

# Accommodation

We recommend that you stay with one of our homestays. This will give you intensive exposure to native speakers, an opportunity to practise your English in the evenings and enjoy our Portsmouth warmth and hospitality; it will also allow you a unique insight into UK culture. 30+ students can choose between our standard and executive homestays. If you prefer to be more independent, we also have our self-catering student houses. Alternatively, we can recommend a range of other accommodation options, such as a picturesque B&B near the sea, a boutique hotel and a modern, chain hotel – all within easy walking distance of school.



# Love Portsmouth



With a wonderful location by the sea and with a rich cultural and historical heritage, Portsmouth is an attractive and vibrant university city of 200,000 inhabitants with a wide variety of restaurants, pubs, clubs, shops and visitor attractions. From Henry VIII's Mary Rose ship, Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship HMS Victory to the Charles Dickens museum and the iconic Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth has something for everyone. Explore our city on our varied and enjoyable social programme.

There are excellent links by road and rail to London and its airports (approximately 75 minutes from Heathrow and Gatwick Airports and only 30 minutes from Southampton Airport), and by sea to mainland Europe.



For me it's a very important atmosphere here, I like the social programme which is unique!...the city is very social.






*Andrzej, Poland*






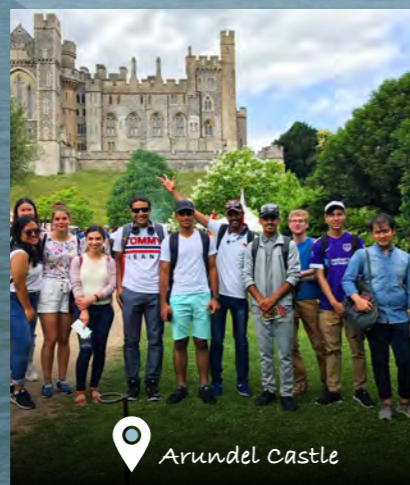
# Our Social Programme

We know that learning a language doesn't just take place in the classroom; social activities give you the perfect opportunity to practise your English while having fun and making friends. We have a full-time Social Programme Organiser whose job is to help you meet new people and get to know Portsmouth and the UK. There is at least one activity every Monday to Saturday, including sporting events, nights out, and cultural and educational activities. Come and join in the fun!

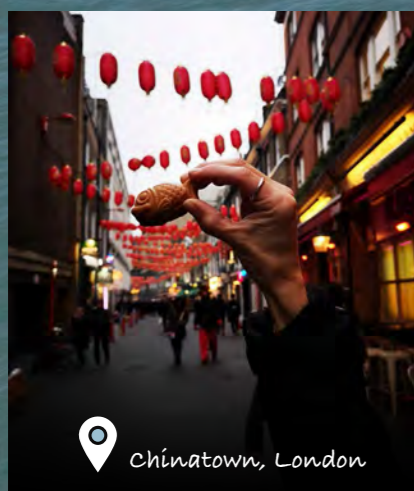
Sample activities and prices – see our website for this month's programme!

-  Football with teachers £3
-  Conversation Club £Free
-  Meal out £15 (approx.)
-  Salsa £4
-  Badminton £3

-  International party £5
-  Museum visit £Free
-  Saturday excursions £15-30 (e.g. London, Stonehenge, Bath, Brighton, Isle of Wight)



Just the best! I had such a great time making friends and learning English!  
Nongnuch, Thailand



It was great learning English while having fun and meeting people from all over the world. I met really special people and the time I spent with them in beautiful Portsmouth will be unforgettable  
Oscar, Spain.

