

# BABEL FISH

# BABEL FISH SURF & STUDY





“THE RIGHT WORD FOR THIS SCHOOL IS  
**UNIQUE.**  
IT'S UNIQUE IN PASSION,  
UNIQUE IN ITS TEACHING METHODS,  
AND UNIQUE IN ITS WONDERFUL LOCATION:  
**NEWQUAY AND CORNWALL**”

MICHELE, 28, ITALY

# ABOUT US

**BABEL FISH  
IS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
SCHOOL ON CORNWALL'S  
ATLANTIC COAST.**

**WE BELIEVE IN DOING  
THINGS A LITTLE  
DIFFERENTLY.**

The school's external environment - the stunning coastline and rich artistic heritage of Cornwall - extends our students' language learning. Many of our courses move the classroom into the great outdoors - either through surfing or through cultural excursions.

As well as being enriching and fun experiences in themselves, this aspect of our school ensures our learners rapidly improve their language skills.

Our teaching and our location make for a unique language learning experience.

We provide EFL services including General English courses and exam preparation sessions - alongside education services for British exams.

We believe that using language effectively has the power to change your life. Unlocking this potential is our mission and our school's central ethos.

Outstanding teaching and unique study programmes are at the heart of our school.

**WE'D LOVE YOU TO JOIN US.**



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# OUR SCHOOL

“MY TIME AT BABEL FISH HAS SO FAR BEEN ONE OF THE BEST INVESTMENTS I’VE EVER MADE. Formality is put aside to encourage creativity and lots of fun and conversation. The lessons are designed to teach everything the students don’t learn in school, but need to achieve fluency and confidence in English.”

“WHEN I AM AT THE SCHOOL, I ALWAYS FEEL LISTENED TO BY EVERYONE, TO A POINT WHERE SPEAKING ENGLISH IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN IDEAS AND INDIVIDUALS.”

ALESSANDRO, 17, ITALY



## OUR SCHOOL & CLASSES

Babel Fish is located in a picturesque park in the heart of Newquay: the world-famous coastal town and the home of British surfing.

Babel Fish HQ is in beautiful Grade II Listed cottages which provide a welcoming, light and airy classroom space equipped with all the facets of a modern learning environment, including wi-fi.

We welcome students of all abilities onto our courses. Our class sizes are small - we aim for only eight students per class and we never have classes larger than twelve.

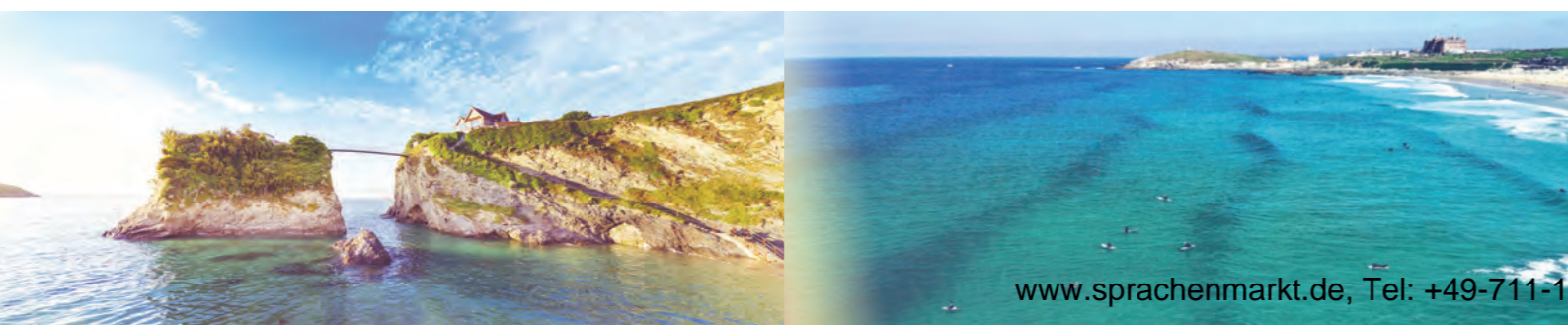
These smaller classes allow us to deliver personal and carefully planned sessions to learners of all levels.



We believe that a mix of learners enriches the learning experience for all. Babel Fish has welcomed students from across Europe - Sweden, Switzerland, France, Austria, Germany and more - and from across the globe including Korea and Brazil.

Surrounded by peaceful gardens and next to one of the best cafe’s in Newquay, students find it easy to relax, refresh and socialise between their lessons with us.

Our school is in a fantastic location for extra-curricular exploration and fun: Newquay’s beaches and town centre are only a five minute walk away.



**NEWQUAY’S BEACHES** AND TOWN CENTRE ARE ONLY A **FIVE MINUTE WALK AWAY.**



# COURSES

## GENERAL ENGLISH

Our General English courses are for students of all ages and abilities. We offer two General English courses of either 15 or 20 hours per week.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

As teachers with many years experience both in EFL teaching and in mainstream education, we are passionate about bringing language alive and creating animated, energised and welcoming classroom experiences.

We encourage students to talk as much as possible. Our lessons are designed to stimulate debate, creative thinking and discussion. We work on practical, everyday English as well as pronunciation and phonics. As part of our EFL practice, students also learn creative writing techniques and how to critically analyse different types of literature.



“ THE ENGLISH LESSONS ARE FUN

AND THE TEACHERS ARE KIND AND WELL-PREPARED.

OUR STUDENTS HAD

THE BEST TIME EVER AND  
WERE REALLY SAD TO LEAVE! ”

LAURA, 25, ITALY



# SURF & STUDY

THE COURSE COMBINES ENGLISH CLASSES IN THE MORNING AND SURFING TUITION IN THE AFTERNOON.

It is open to students of all ages and English levels and all levels of surfing competency: beginner, intermediate or even advanced surfers. We run the course all year round, but the waves are at their best in May, June and September.

We offer 15 or 20 hours of English lessons per week: if you select the 20 hours option, two afternoons a week will also be in the classroom.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Mornings are spent at Babel Fish Language School, and we employ the same strategies and classroom dynamics as our General English programme.

Afternoons are spent at a beautiful local beach with experienced surf teachers and others who love the ocean... often including your English teacher!

What makes this course different is that we are immersed in language all day, even when we're in the sea. We believe it is this extension of the classroom which enriches the learning experience and ensures our students make rapid progress.

Surfing tuition and equipment - as well as English tuition - are included in this package.

“ I spent eight great days at Babel Fish Language School. Alex is a great teacher, all the lessons were very well planned and perfect to refresh my every-day spoken English.

**THE ENGLISH AND SURF COMBO IS MARVELLOUS AND REALLY HELPED ME TO IMPROVE IN THE WATER.**

Alex is more than an English teacher and a surf instructor. I was lucky to meet him and understand how much he believes in what he does.

**WITH BABEL FISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL YOU WILL LIVE THE DEFINITIVE CORNISH EXPERIENCE!** ”

STEFANO, 27, ITALY

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# ENGLISH ARTS & CULTURE



## WHAT TO EXPECT

This course combines English classes in the morning with cultural visits and exploration of Cornwall's natural and cultural riches in the afternoon.

This course is open to students of all ages and English levels - but is perfect for more mature students who wish to experience all of the fascinating and beautiful things that Cornwall has to offer.

We offer 15 or 20 hours of English lessons per week: if you select the 20 hours option, two afternoons a week will also be in the classroom.

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Each afternoon we head out to explore the county.

## ON A TYPICAL ITINERARY

- | The art galleries of St Ives
- | The cliff-top Minack Theatre
- | The Lost Gardens of Heligan
- | The Barbara Hepworth museum
- | The beautiful Lanhydrock House
- | St Michael's Mount
- | Camel Valley Vineyards
- | The Eden Project

We also make the most of our proximity to the ocean by enjoying stunning coastal walks and the best restaurants and pubs that Cornwall has to offer.

As well as English tuition, the price includes travel to - and all entrance fees at - the attractions and locations we visit.

## FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT (NORMAL) SCHOOLS:

ALEX AND BABEL FISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL ARE UNIQUE!

IT'S MORE THAN JUST LEARNING — IT'S LIKE WORKING WITH FRIENDS IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE.

MANUEL, 34, GERMANY



# SUSTAINABILITY



# FOR THE PLANET®

— MEMBER —

“ THANKS TO THIS SCHOOL,  
I IMPROVED MY ENGLISH  
AND MET AMAZING PEOPLE ”

MICHELE, 28, ITALY



## GIVING BACK

At Babel Fish, we recognise and understand the importance of the environment and the impact that we all have on it. As individuals, we are able to make certain choices such as buying local produce, organic where possible, using our cars less, recycling and reducing our plastic use. As a company that relies on our customers travelling from all over the world, we are taking other measures:

**FOR EACH STUDENT THAT BOOKS A COURSE WITH US, WE WILL COMMIT TO PLANTING A TREE WITH TO HELP US BECOME A CARBON NEUTRAL BUSINESS.**

As well as our tree planting scheme, Babel Fish is a member of 1% For The Planet, an organisation that encourages responsible businesses to give 1% of their gross sales to environmental non-profit organisations, to create a healthier planet.

Students can also offset their own travel by visiting our website [babelfishlanguageschool.com](http://babelfishlanguageschool.com) and click the link My Climate.





# HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

**THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO UNLOCK A NEW LANGUAGE THAN THROUGH USING IT.**

By choosing to stay with one of our host families, not only do you extend your learning experience beyond the classroom, you also experience Newquay and Cornwall more fully.

The majority of our host families are within walking distance of the school. Although the type of house varies, you're always welcomed into a friendly home, with your own room and with breakfast and dinner provided. Meet two of our fantastic host families...

**“ THE LANDSCAPE IS AMAZING IN NEWQUAY: GREEN HILLS, LARGE BEACHES, GORGEOUS CLIFFS AND NICE WAVES - THE PERFECT COMBINATION FOR EVERY OUTDOOR LOVER!**

During afternoons, I had the chance to go surfing, but also to run, to have yoga classes and to discover the interesting places all around Newquay. Even the weather was perfect during my stay as I had only two rainy days in three weeks!

More than everything, I really improved my level in English. Alex perfectly understood my needs and helped me to focus on my weaknesses. We all know it, but there is nothing better than living with native speakers. As a result, speaking English all day long allowed me to reach a very high score at the TOEFL test.

**I WOULD WARMLY RECOMMEND ALEX'S BABEL FISH SCHOOL TO ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH WHILE HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME IN CORNWALL!** ”

ALEXIA, 30, FRANCE



## THE KEARNS

Our family is made up of myself, Natalie, Nigel, Issy (15), Callum (13), Kitty (6) and our lovable Labrador dog, Casper, who is 3.

Nigel enjoys fishing and Callum is a keen skater and spends lots of his free time at the skate park - Concrete Waves - a short walk from our house.

We have been hosting students for around 5 years and love meeting new people from around the world.

We live in a three-story town house in Newquay, just a few minutes' walk to the local beach and the centre of town. It's also a very short distance to Babel Fish Language School. We have a large guest room with three beds

and an en suite shower room - as well as a single room. We have a small courtyard garden where we enjoy the odd BBQ or two in the warmer months.

As a family we love the gorgeous coastal walks that Newquay has to offer, we also spend time visiting local woods with Casper the dog.

Newquay has so much to offer for visiting students, from the beautiful beaches to the amazing history that it holds.



## THE TURNERS

We are Daniel and Caroline, our sons Jacob, 21, and Abel, 16, and our friendly and talkative cat, Dave. We enjoy art, literature, live music, weird films, food, surfing, skateboarding, travel and the beach. Our home is located in the centre of town and close to all the major beaches and we have plenty of space for students to relax.

We enjoy meeting new people, making new friends and sharing ideas and culture. It's a pleasure to give support to young people on often their first trip away from home and also share tips and advice with more mature students on how to get the most out of the local area. For us, hosting is like travelling without moving and we have made lifelong friends as a result.

For such a relatively small area, Newquay has a wide range of environments for students to engage with. From quiet countryside and coastal walks, to ocean sports and the busy and bustling town and beaches in the summer, there are a host of outdoor activities, good cafes, restaurants and year-round cultural events. In the winter, the often dramatic weather and relative solitude offer a real contrasting feature to the warmer spring, summer and autumn months.

Newquay is also ideally located for those who wish to explore the rich history and culture of Cornwall on day trips.