

LSI London Central 2015

CITY DETAILS

London is the world's most iconic city, a world capital of culture, education and commerce. A multicultural capital located in the heart of Europe within easy reach of all four points of the world. London has history, charm, sport, music, theatre, iconic buildings and dozens of parks. London has so many world-famous spectacular sights and attractions that it provides excitement and adventure for everyone. London is home to over 7 million people, 30% of whom were born outside of the UK. One of the three most important business centres in the world, over 75% of the world's Fortune 500 companies are headquartered here. London has more overseas banks present than any other city. LSI London Central matches the diversity of the city with one of the most diverse student and staff bodies of any school in the city.

London is famous for its rain but the reality is that it has a mild climate and it is one of the driest parts of the UK with an annual rainfall of only 586mm. London has an average July temperature of 18°C and an average January temperature of +4°C and any summer heat waves are mercifully brief. Londoners love to celebrate! Whether students come in summer, autumn, winter or spring, we have festivals, parades, open-air concerts and top sporting events going on.

London is on every top entertainer's tour schedule and every night includes concerts from leading and emerging talent. London hosts some of the biggest Chinese New Year and St Patrick's Day festivals in the world outside of China and Ireland. The London Marathon, through the heart of the capital, attracts everyone from the most famous athletes to ordinary people raising money for their favourite charities. From July to September, the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall offer the opportunity to hear the world's greatest musicians for only GBP5.

August sees the world-famous Notting Hill Carnival take over the streets of west London. October/November brings fireworks and festivities in Trafalgar Square marking the Hindu festival of Diwali. New Year's Eve brings fireworks and non-stop parties followed by the world-famous New Year's Day Parade the next morning. London has attracted people from all over the world at different points in its history and virtually every single global community is represented here. Where else could you start your day with breakfast in a French café, lunch in an Italian delicatessen, afternoon tea in a Chinese tea house, dinner at a Sudanese restaurant and party in a Brazilian nightclub? This is the London we live in and this is the London we want to share with you. London is also a city of world-famous monuments and landmarks. The view from the London Eye as the sun sets over the capital is incredible. Seeing the sun rise over Hyde Park and enjoying an oasis of calm in the middle of the city is unforgettable. Discovering a new bar or restaurant that only you and a handful of other people seem to know about is so special. Sharing the enjoyment of a West End musical with hundreds of other people and enjoying the treasures of our world-famous museums and art galleries, these are just a few of the pleasures that London can offer you. London has unrivalled opportunities for every area of life. With five symphony orchestras, two opera companies, hundreds of theatres, top flight sports action, movie premieres with top stars. Every leading performer includes a London stop on their tours and over the course of a month, you will have the opportunity to see an incredible range of events. There is something for every taste and indeed

every budget.

London has one of the greatest collections of museums in the world and all publicly-owned museums and galleries are free of charge to visitors. We usually include one visit a week to one of these museums as part of our social programme. London isn't just an urban city. We can also offer excellent sporting opportunities right in the heart of the city, jogging in Hyde Park, swimming in an open-air swimming pool minutes from our school, playing football in Regent's Park. Join us and enjoy these activities for yourself. Hyde Park is probably the most famous of London's parks. Situated in the very heart of the city, it contains a lake and has been the venue for a number of famous concerts. Concerts often take place during the summer. In the northeast corner of the park, every Sunday, speakers gather in Speakers' Corner to give their opinions about the most important subjects of the day. Regent's Park a short walk from our school contains the largest range of sports fields in London and we often take our clients to play soccer there during the summer. It also contains the Regent's Park theatre where plays by Shakespeare are performed every night during the summer. Also contained within the park is the world-famous London Zoo. Hampstead Heath is situated in north London, a 20 minute tube ride from our school. It is one of the largest city parks in the world and contains spectacular views of the city. With its location at the heart of the UK and Europe's transport infrastructure means that London affords easy access to other places of interest. The historic university cities of Oxford and Cambridge are no more than an hour away.



SCHOOL DETAILS

What is the building/area like?

School	LSI London Central
Address	19-21 Ridgmount Street
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LSI on Facebook	http://www.facebook.com/LsiLondonCentral

LSI London Central is a few minutes away from Oxford Street's shops, right in the very centre of the city. The immediate neighborhood around our school is full of small cafes and restaurants where students can eat and relax after class. Charlotte Street, just minutes away, offers over a dozen different world cuisines. The British Museum, one of the world's greatest museums, is situated less than 500 metres away from our building. Soho offers bars and nightclubs for everyone, not to mention its unique shopping experiences. London's world-famous theatres are also found in this neighborhood. Finally, the City, London's world-renowned financial district, home to the large banks, the Bank of England and the London Stock Exchange, is a short bus ride away

LSI LONDON CENTRAL FACILITIES

What facilities are available to students?

LSI London Central is located in a converted Victorian building on a quiet street in the heart of the capital.

Tuition fees include everything the student needs for their programme. Therefore, within this excellent, centralized location we provide free access to;

- Bright classrooms with clear access to natural light
- Textbooks are available on loan and any other teaching materials are free.
- Up-to-date audio/visual equipment and software
- Computer labs with Internet connection (our wireless network is available throughout the entire building)
- Student lounge (including microwave oven and hot tea or coffee machine).
- Loan of graded readers and a selection of popular novels available for students who wish to read for pleasure.

Please note that smoking is not allowed in this building or any public building in England. Smokers may smoke outside.

How many classrooms are there?

12 full-size classrooms and others for smaller groups.

Do you have a cafeteria?

No, but we are very close to many affordable cafes, restaurants, sandwich bars and supermarkets or you may also bring lunch and eat it in our student lounge.



OUR TEACHERS

How many teachers do you have?

We have between 15 - 30 teachers depending on the season. All of our teachers are native speakers and reflect the population of the wonderful city in which we live.

What are your teacher qualifications?

All of our teachers have teaching qualifications and a higher education qualification. A number also have advanced teacher qualifications.



OUR STUDENTS

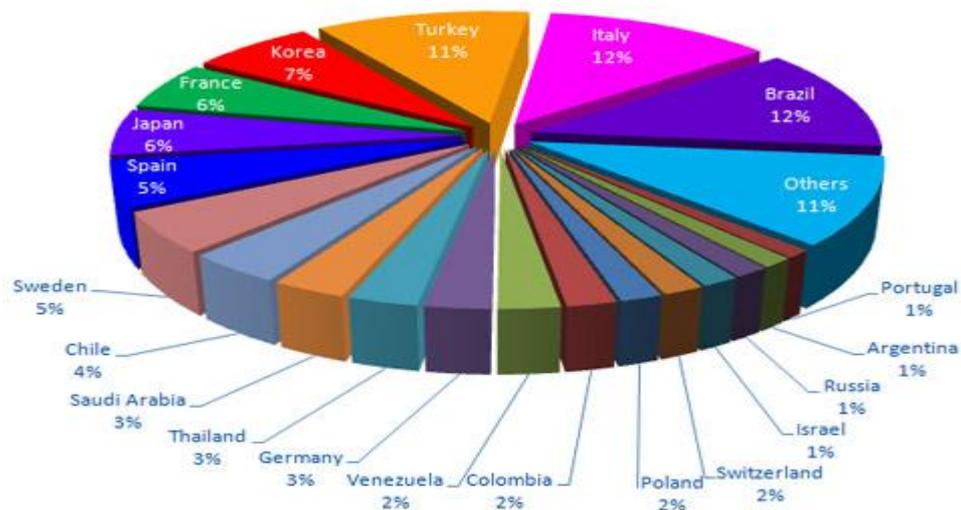
Where do your students come from?

Nationalities and percentages vary widely during the year, but from September-December 2012 our top nationalities included Turkish, Korean, Japanese, Swedish, Italian, German, Brazilian and Chilean

How many students do you have during high and low seasons?

We range between 150 and 300 students, depending on the season.

Nationality Groups 2014



What is the minimum and average age of your students?

The minimum age is 16 and the average age is 23 in our General English programmes and 30 in our Executive programmes.



OUR COURSES

Are textbooks included in the fees?

We lend you a text book on your first day. This is yours to borrow. When you change class or level, please bring the book to Reception and we will change it for you with pleasure. If you would like to keep the book, you can do so for a small fee.

Do you receive a free certificate once the course has ended?

Yes if you have attended at least 80% of your classes

Can I switch my course type/length once I have started it, or decide to add an additional course?

Course changes are generally not permitted after the course has started. (E.g. changing from 30 lessons per week to 20 lessons per week, or shortening courses is not permitted). However, students may add extra lessons e.g. afternoon or individual lessons. And students can add additional weeks of their course. The student can make arrangements to do so through the LSI Office or with their booking agent. Bookings should be made as early as possible. If students wish to extend their accommodation, this is fine too, but is subject to availability. If they extend late, it is possible that the host family may be booked up with other students, however in this case we can usually find a new host family.

When are the school holidays?

Our General English programmes do not operate on public holidays but our Executive Centre is open. In 2014 the public holidays are January 1st, April 18th & 21st, May 5th & 26th, August 25th. The school is completely closed between December 22nd and 26th inclusive.

When are the start dates?

Our General English, Mini Group and Individual classes start every Monday with the exception of beginner-level classes which start on the first Monday of every month. We have specific starting dates for some examination classes, please check with the school for further information.



How do we teach?

The goal of our programmes is to help each student to build the confidence needed to improve both fluent and accurate use of the English language. At LSI, we pride ourselves on our ability to provide

students with the chance to learn practical and productive skills, so that they can confidently use them in their future plans.

Courses we offer

Course
General Courses
Afternoon 10
Standard 20
Intensive 30
English for Business
International School Year Standard 20
International School Year Intensive 30
Standard 18
International School Year Standard 18
Academic English
Club 40+
Exam Courses
TOEFL / TOEIC / IELTS Preparation Courses
LSI 20 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (CAE)
LSI 20 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (FCE)
LSI 30 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (CAE)
LSI 30 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (FCE)
Executive Courses
Executive One to One (5 lessons per week)
Executive One to One (10 lessons per week)
Executive One to One (20 lessons per week)
Executive One to One (30 lessons per week)
Executive One to One (40 lessons per week)
Executive One to One (50 lessons per week)

Mini Group (20 lessons per week)
Mini Group (30 lessons per week)
Mini Group (40 lessons per week)
9 Day Compact Course (82 lessons)
9 Day Compact Course (92 lessons)

LSI offers a range of quality programmes for any need and any schedule.

For example:

We offer both part-time and full-time programmes.

We provide courses from one week to 48 weeks.

Whether students need General English, Business English or preparation programmes for Cambridge FCE, TOEFL or TOEIC exams, we offer it.

Executives looking for tailored business English classes should look no further than LSI.

LSI provides the answer! LSI understands that students need quality programmes which offer flexible course options and value for money.

The fact that over 25% of our students return to LSI or refer their friends shows how good this programme is.

The discounted ISY programme is ONLY available for 24, 30, 36 and 48 week programmes. To help students design a full time English programme targeting their individual needs, LSI has included a "Personal Study Plan".

☐ "Personal Study Plan" - Available to long-term, full time Intensive 30 and ISY 30 students.

☐ Afternoon options - Include General English, Business English and Exam preparation

☐ Exam preparation - include Cambridge FCE & CAE Certificate, TOEFL & TOEIC programmes
 Students are welcome to transfer to our branches across the UK subject to visa restrictions being satisfied. Intensive 30: LSI invites students to select as many weeks as they need, from 1 to 48 weeks. As a result, this 30 lesson per week programme is perfect for students who want the same afternoon options as the ISY 30 but need fewer than 24 weeks study. Standard 20: This 20 lesson per week programme follows the same morning schedule as the ISY 30 and Intensive 30. As a part-time course, this is perfect for students who need integrated skills without afternoon classes.

Executive Courses

Mini Group

Combining intensive grammar and skills development with English for business, this course allows rapid progress. The small class of professionals provides a fantastic opportunity to practise business English in a realistic situation. Available in blocks of 20, 30 or 40 lessons per week, each group contains a maximum number of 5 participants of a minimum Intermediate level. Courses can last from 1 to 4 weeks and may be supplemented by individual lessons should you wish.

9 Day Compact

82 or 92 individual lessons in 9 consecutive days, suitable for those with specific requirements that must be met in a short space of time. Courses begin every Saturday.

One-to-One

This is ideal for students who have very specific needs that they would like LSI to concentrate on. They are especially useful for those who wish to improve professional English skills or develop English for specific purposes: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 individual lessons per week may be selected. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes

General English: English for Business

10 lessons per week - Intermediate to Advanced Levels.

This afternoon elective course, taken as part of an Intensive 30 programme, follows a cycle of 12 weeks, each one dealing with a specific area of business (e.g. leadership, marketing, negotiating, team-building). Each of these business areas will be practised with special focus on speaking and listening skills.

Exam Preparation Programmes

- Study Skills
- Cambridge First Certificate
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English

30 lessons per week

Intermediate to Advanced Levels Study Skills: IELTS, TOEFL and TOEIC

10 lessons per week

Intermediate to Advanced

This class can be either the afternoon portion in the Intensive 30 course, or the ISY 30 programme.

IELTS and TOEFL are standard tests for entry to colleges and universities throughout the world. The class prepares the students towards all elements of the chosen examination.

Students who enter this course will join morning classes for their integrated skills, and then attend classes each afternoon to prepare specifically for the exams.

Do you offer work experience?

Yes, LSI offers both Paid and Unpaid Work Placements for students who complete an LSI course. Applications for work experience must be made at least 12 weeks in advance of the estimated start date, so students need to plan ahead if you wish to participate. Please note that due to UK Visa Regulations, this programme is only available to citizens of European Economic Area countries or holders of a Tier 5 Youth Mobility Visa.

What is the length of each lesson?

Lessons last for 50 minutes in our General English programmes and 45 minutes in our Executive Centre (One-to-One and Mini Group)

What is the maximum/average class size?

In our General English programmes the maximum class size is 15. The average class size is 12.5 students per class. In our Executive Centre, we welcome a maximum of 5 students per Mini Group

What levels are offered and how fast does a student progress from level to level?

There are 6 levels: Beginner, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced. Students usually advance levels after 4 - 12 weeks of study depending on the level and of course, depending on the student.

What is a typical class time table like?

Hours	Standard 20	Intensive 30 with Conversation, IELTS / TOEFL iBT / TOEIC Exam preparation, or Business English / EAP/ Cambridge Courses / Intensive 24*	Afternoon 10
9:00 - 10:45	Lessons 1 & 2 (with 5-minute break)	Lessons 1 & 2 (with 5-minute break)	
10:45 - 11:15	Break	Break	
11:15 - 13:00	Lessons 3 & 4 (with 5-minute break)	Lessons 3 & 4 (with 5-minute break)	
13:00 - 14:00	FINISH	LUNCH	
14.00-15.45		Lessons 5 & 6 (with 5-minute break)	Lessons 1 & 2 (with 5-minute break)

ORIENTATION

What time should I arrive on my first day and what should I bring?

On your first day please bring your passport, paper, pen and a passport photo if you wish to have an LSI student card. Please note that if you do not bring your passport we regret that you will not be able to start your course until we have seen it, this is because of the strict UK Government immigration laws. The most important is to bring yourself and a very positive attitude to enjoy and make the most of your course. We are really looking forward to meeting you!

AIRPORT TRANSFER

Are airport transfers available?

Yes we offer airport transfers from all London airports and train stations.

Who meets me at the airport and where?

You will be met by a driver who has a sign with your name. As there are many people in the airport, sometimes it's difficult to find your driver. If in doubt, please call the LSI emergency phone

What alternative transport is there from the airport to the City or my host family accommodation?

National Express and Green Line offer coach service from Heathrow, Stansted and Luton airports into London. This is the most economical way of reaching London from Stansted and Luton and the buses run through the night. However, the journey is likely to take about 2 hours. Heathrow and Gatwick offer express trains that offer quick connections at a high cost. There are cheaper, stopping services available to these airports. Stansted is serviced by a single train service, the Stansted Express, while Luton is serviced by First Capital Connect stopping services.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Bus System

The bus routes cover the entire Greater London Area, making it easy to reach major attractions and destinations.



Other Travel Options

London Underground covers much of Greater London and some neighbouring areas. Heathrow and City Airport are also located on the underground network and are the most economical ways of reaching the city. However, these can be less convenient if you are carrying a large amount of luggage. It is the world's oldest underground system, and is one of the largest in terms of route length. A user friendly ticketing system has been employed to help passengers with their journey, including the Oyster card - a smartcard that customers can obtain, charge with credit, and use to pay for travel. Detailed information on tickets and pricing is available from the Transport for London

website - <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>.



PAYMENTS/ CANCELLATIONS/ REFUNDS

How do I pay for my LSI course?

Course fees must be paid before your course starts. Payment can be made in cash, by bank transfer or by providing us with your credit card/debit card details. Once payment is received, we will send you a letter of acceptance. If you do send a bank transfer, please quote your agency name and the student name, and fax/email a copy of the bank transfer receipt to us. Alternatively, we also accept payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard). Please ask us for a credit card authorisation form. If you would like to pay in Euro or US\$, please let us know at the time of booking. For individuals on one of our Adult courses, LSI can also arrange insurance at the cost of £5.65 per week (see insurance details

<https://www.lsi.edu/pdfs/policies/1/Studentguard%20Student%20Travel%20Insurance%20for%20individuals%20on%20Adult%20Courses.pdf>).

Can I receive an invoice?

Yes, we will send you an invoice upon booking. You are then welcome to pay with credit card or bank transfer

What are your payment terms and conditions?

Please, refer to the terms and conditions online at <http://www.lsi.edu/en/terms.shtml> or if you are an agency, refer to the contract which was provided to you by our Marketing Department.

How do I cancel a course and will I get a refund for the course and/or the accommodation?

How do I cancel a course and will I get a refund for the course and/or the accommodation? It is not LSI policy to offer course refunds after the course has started. Course refunds are given in case of illness only (on production of a medical certificate). If students have any problem or complaint during their course, they should talk to us and we will try our best to help. Accommodation refunds are fine as long as LSI is given two full week's notice (weeks run from Sat-Sat or Sun-Sun). For information on the charges for cancellations and late postponements, please refer to the LSI Terms and Conditions: <http://www.lsi.edu/en/terms.shtml> or if you are an Agent, to the LSI Agents' Manual.

WHAT MAKES LSI LONDON CENTRAL SO SUCCESSFUL?

Like A Family

Students feel at home in LSI. It is easy to study hard and make friends. We like to get to know all of our students personally and our social programme is a great way to makes friends.

Careful Assessment

LSI tests for fluency and accuracy. This helps students to understand the need to start at the right level and move up at the right time. The testing is done as follows: First Morning at LSI: We test the student's reading, listening and speaking skills. After this session, our team will place the student into a level, which offers them the most benefit. Level Changing: Regular testing, discussions with teachers and assignments will show when a student is ready.

Interactive Classroom Techniques

The goal of our programmes is to help each student to build the confidence needed to improve both fluent and accurate use of the English language. At LSI, we pride ourselves on our ability to provide students with the chance to learn practical and productive skills, so that they can confidently use them in their future plans. To make the learning process enjoyable, we use a variety of communicative teaching techniques together with a variety of different media.

Well Established

LSI was founded here in London in the mid 1960s. London Central is LSI's flagship school and we moved to our current location in 1993.

Value for Money

The goal of LSI is to provide each student with a quality education. We do this by tailoring our programmes to their needs.

International Atmosphere

In 2012 we welcomed students from 55 different countries across Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. All our teachers are native speakers, 70% of whom are from the UK and the others from all over the English-speaking world, exactly matching the profile of the population of London as a whole. Our office staff speaks 10 different languages.

Excellent Location

LSI London Central is located in the very centre of this incredible city.



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

How much spending money should I bring?

This is a difficult question. How much money depends on your plans and on how much you'd like to do. A good idea is to budget around GBP100 per week for food and entertainment.

Can I get a job while I am studying at LSI?

Students with passports from EU or EEA countries can work while in the UK. For students from non-EU countries, it is unlikely that you will be able to work unless you have a visa that permits work. You should check with the British Embassy in your country for information on rules and regulations, as these vary from one country to the next.

Can I arrange work experience through LSI?

Yes, LSI offers both Paid and Unpaid Work Placements for students who complete an LSI course. Applications for work experience must be made at least 12 weeks in advance of the estimated start date, so students need to plan ahead if they want to participate. There are also visa issues involved depending on the type of work experience they choose, so again this requires advanced planning. Please contact us for further information.

Can I open a bank account?

Students can only usually open a bank account if they are studying for 6 months or longer. They should ask at LSI Reception during their first week, and we will give them a letter which they should take to the bank, along with their passport/national ID. Some banks may offer banking facilities for short term students for a fixed fee per month.

What happens if I get sick?

We really hope this doesn't happen but if it does, we're here for you. LSI Central is close to an emergency clinic. Upon arrival you will get an information pack that includes information for all your needs in London. The reception staff, or any other staff in the school, will help you if you are sick.

Do you offer insurance?

Medical Insurance may be purchased from LSI upon booking; further information and prices are

available on request. We strongly recommend that you book travel/medical insurance before travelling, whether you book with LSI or find your own insurance cover.

Can I take a holiday during my course?

Yes. You will be entitled to take 1-4 weeks holiday depending on the type and length of your course. You will then be able to extend your course by the number of weeks' holiday you took from school.

Do I need a visa to study at your school?

It depends - If you have a passport from a non-EU/EEA country, you may require a visa to study in the UK. For any visa information you require, please contact the British Embassy or Consulate in your home country. Visa regulations and application procedures and times do vary depending on the country you are applying from. A helpful website is <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/> If your total duration of stay is 6 months or less then you can come to the UK on a Student Visitor Visa (you may or may not have to apply in advance depending on your nationality; some nationalities can show their enrolment confirmation on arrival to the airport). If you are planning a longer stay then the Extended Student Visitor Visa is an excellent option. This must be applied for in advance. You can also apply for a General Student Visa (Tier 4). To apply for this type of visa, you must be B1 (Intermediate) level or higher according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference). You must provide LSI with evidence of your level (an official exam or school/university letter) and a statement of purpose explaining your motivation for studying in the UK. We charge an additional £10 to issue your CAS number (Certificate of Acceptance for Studies) which is a necessary requirement if you apply for the General Student Visa.

Who can I talk to if I have a problem? Can I speak my own language?

If you have a problem please come speak with our School Director, Gavin Adams any of the other office staff are happy to speak with you if you would prefer to speak with a lady. Although our LSI Staff is fluent in 10 languages other than English, we may not speak your specific language. If we do speak your language please try speaking in English first before relying on your mother tongue.

If you have any additional questions that we have not answered please contact us at...

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