LSI Cambridge 2015

CITY DETAILS

Cambridge is a beautiful historic city. Its world famous university was established in the 13th century. The beautiful architecture, parks and attractions bring people from all over the world. In 2012 approximately 4.5 million people visited the town, making it a vibrant and exciting place to be. Cambridge is not a large city and has a population of about 120,000 people, so it is a good location for those who want to be based in a medium sized town not far from London. Cambridge benefits from a pleasant and moderate climate. One of Cambridge’s greatest features is the city centre. Visitors can wander round the picturesque streets and see the famous colleges. Apart from the many shops there are also a very large number of restaurants, pubs and clubs so there is always plenty to do in the evenings. Alternatively, students can enjoy the wonderful parks such as The Backs, Parker’s Piece or Midsummer Common. In addition, there are the Botanical Gardens.

SCHOOL DETAILS

What is the building/area like?

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LSI Cambridge is situated in a beautiful Victorian building which combines a historic and welcoming feel with the latest technology in the classrooms. We also have a large students' lounge and a garden which is perfect for barbeques and relaxing in the summer months. We are located in a quiet residential street, ideal for studying yet only a short walk from the train station and both the historic and shopping centres.

**LSI CAMBRIDGE FACILITIES**

**What facilities are available to students?**

We have a computer room, with a printer, and a learning centre, free wireless internet connection (students can connect their own laptops anywhere in the building – even in the garden!), a lending library with audiovisual learning resources, readers and other books for students to borrow. We have a Student Lounge in the conservatory equipped with a television, Nintendo Wii and a DVD player, and a large, enclosed garden where we hold barbeques and parties, and where students can play table tennis or just relax and enjoy their free time.

There is a hot drinks machine, a water cooler, a sweets and chocolate machine, and a microwave. There is a quiet study room for students to improve their listening and speaking skills, plus further study rooms are available. There is no canteen; however, the area around the school boasts a great diversity of shops, take-away shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs where students can buy food. Students are welcome to bring food back to the school.

**How many classrooms are there?**

11 full sized classrooms and 1 one-to-one room. In the summertime, LSI uses additional classrooms at a nearby college. But LSI Cambridge (41 Tenison Road) is the main base, and you should report to reception here on your first day.

**Do you have a cafeteria?**

We don't have a cafeteria in the main school building, but we are only a five minute walk from Mill Road, which has a wide variety of cafes and restaurants.
OUR TEACHERS

How many teachers do you have?

We have 5 year round teachers and a further 10 teachers who come back to the UK from working abroad to teach with us every summer.

What are your teacher qualifications?

All our teachers are experienced and qualified English language experts.

OUR STUDENTS

Where do your students come from?

Nationalities and percentages vary widely during the year, but the mix in general has been approximately 45% European, 35% Asian, 10% Latin American, and 4% other. Please feel free to contact us if you would like a more detailed and current nationality breakdown.
How many students do you have during high and low seasons?

In the peak month of July we have over 200 students. In the quieter times such as the winter, we have about 75 students.

What is the minimum and average age of your students?

The minimum age we accept in our main school is 16. The average age in the peak months is 22, and in the winter time this rises slightly to 24.

OUR COURSES

When are the school holidays?

We are open year round, except for bank holidays and Christmas, when we usually close for Christmas week. Please check the brochure for this year.
When are the start dates?

You can start most of our courses on any Monday throughout the year. Some courses, such as Cambridge Exams, IELTS and TOEFL and English for Academic Purposes have specific start and end dates. Please check the brochure or website for dates.

How do we teach?

Our goal in all classes is to provide ample opportunity to practise and immerse yourself in the target language. To make the learning process as engaging and enjoyable as possible, we use a variety of communicative teaching techniques, including the use of DVDs, CDs, role play, pair work, project work, and group work, all of which give you the opportunity to hear and use the language in realistic situations. Above all, we strive to ensure the language you learn is real English which is relevant to you and your needs.

Courses we offer

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### 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)**
- **LSI 30 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (PET)**
- **LSI 20 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (PET)**

### 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)**
- **9 Day Compact Course (82 lessons)**
- **9 Day Compact Course (92 lessons)**
- **Mini Group (20 lessons per week)**
- **Mini Group (30 lessons per week)**

### Junior Courses

- **Junior with Homestay, twin room, summer only**
- **Junior with Homestay, twin room, winter only**

LSI offers a range of quality programs for any need and any schedule. We offer both part-time and full-time programmes, from one week to 48 weeks. Whether students need General English, Business English or preparation programmes for Cambridge FCE or CAE, IELTS, TOEFL or TOEIC exams, we can provide it. 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 (25 hours) program is perfect for students who want to study intensively and progress quickly. The morning is spent studying general English and then options such as Business English or IELTS are available in the afternoons.

Standard 20:
This 20 lesson per week program follows the same morning schedule as the Intensive 30.

One-to-One
This is ideal for students who have very specific needs that they would like LSI to concentrate on. Programme options include: Business English, Exam Preparation and English for Teaching. We build and deliver a course based on your needs.

9 Day Compact
This executive programme is for all those with exacting language needs which must be met quickly.

Modular English for Business
30 lessons per week - Intermediate to Advanced Levels. This afternoon elective of the Intensive 30 course 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.

Cambridge FCE & CAE Certificates:

20/30 lessons per week, 4/8 weeks
The Cambridge programmes cover a wide range of academic and vocational topics, including examinations specially designed for the international market. LSI Cambridge offers preparatory courses for the Cambridge FCE & CAE exams, which are internationally recognized as standards of competency in English. The programmes last up to eight weeks and combine theory with practical skills. The exam is taken at the end of the course in the school’s dedicated CBT testing centre.

TOEFL iBT & IELTS Preparation:

30 lessons per week, 4/8/12 weeks
Intermediate to Advanced levels
These are standard examinations to enter universities or to work worldwide. This class can be either the afternoon portion in the Intensive 30 course, or the ISY 30 programme.

Multi-centre Course: Students are welcome to share their time between LSI Cambridge and other LSI UK schools (London Central, London Hampstead & Brighton).

Do you offer work experience?

Yes, LSI offers both Paid and Unpaid Work Placements for students who complete an LSI course (EU/EEA students only). Applications for work experiences 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. Students should be Upper Intermediate level or above, and the placement fee is £450.00. Please contact us for further information.

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

There are 5 levels: Elementary (A1), Pre-Intermediate (A2), Intermediate (B1), Upper-Intermediate (B2) and
Advanced (C1/2). Students usually advance levels after 4-12 weeks of study depending on the initial level and depending on the student.

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

Everybody receives a certificate when they complete their course, which states the length and type of course and the level of English at completion. If your attendance is below 80% however, you will not receive a certificate.

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

You can upgrade your course once you have started and students often decide to add afternoon classes or 1-2-1 lessons to their initial course. You can also try different afternoon options, such as business, fluency development or exam preparation during your course, subject to availability. Many longer term students also like to take a Cambridge Exam course, meaning they can leave the course with an internationally recognised qualification, such as the FCE or CAE. It is not possible to shorten your course or lessen the number of lessons you have booked per week once your course has started.

**What is a typical class time table like?**

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ORIENTATION

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

You should try to arrive at 8:45 a.m. on the first Monday of your course. You'll need to bring your passport, a pen and two passport sized photos.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

Who meets me at the airport and where?

You'll be met at the airport by a driver, who will be holding an LSI sign with your name on it. The driver will greet you and take you directly from the airport to your accommodation.

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

Cambridge is well connected by coach and train to almost all UK airports. It is a relatively small city so getting from the train or coach station to your accommodation can be easily done either by bus or taxi.

Are airport transfers available?

We are happy to arrange arrival and return transfers for you from any UK airport.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Bus System

Cambridge is well served by a bus system that covers all areas of the city. Your host family will let you know the closest bus stop and route to your home and how to get to the school on the first day.
Other Travel Options

Alternatively, as Cambridge is so flat, a lot of our students choose to travel by bicycle, which can be rented from close to the school.

PAYMENTS/ CANCELLATIONS/ REFUNDS

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 full or partial course refunds after the course has started. If students have any problem or complaint during their course, they should talk to us in school and we will try our best to help. Accommodation refunds can be arranged as long as LSI is given two full weeks’ notice (weeks run from Sat-Sat or Sun-Sun). The accommodation refund will be paid to you via cheque which you can cash at a local bank, or UK bank transfer. 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 Agent’s Manual. Please refer to our full terms and conditions or ask us for more information.

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 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/or 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 or American Express). Please ask us for a credit card authorisation form. A credit card bank fee of 2.5% will be charged if paying by credit card. 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/3/Studentguard%20Student%20Travel%20Insurance%20for%20individuals%20on%20Adult%20Courses.pdf ). For individuals on our junior courses, insurance is
already included in the course price (see insurance details https://www.lsi.edu/pdfs/policies/3/Studentguard%20Student%20Travel%20Insurance%20for%20students%20on%20junior%20courses.pdf).

Our bank details are as follows: National Westminster Bank PLC 208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG. A/C name: Language Studies International Ltd. Sterling £ Acc No: 17005353, IBAN GB40NWBK 560003 17005353. Sort Code: 56-00-03 BIC/SWIFT: NWBK GB 2L. Please contact the school for details of how to pay in Euros and US Dollars.

Can I receive an invoice?

Yes, we will send you an invoice once you have made your booking, along with details of how you can pay by bank transfer or credit card. Alternatively, if you book and pay directly on our website, we will send you confirmation of payment and an invoice.

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.

WHAT MAKES LSI CAMBRIDGE SO SUCCESSFUL?

Careful Assessment

We constantly monitor both our students' satisfaction and the performance of our courses and teachers to make sure you get the highest quality course and make the best possible progress. We use regular testing and assessment to ensure that students are always challenged and studying at the level that is best for them.

Interactive Classroom Techniques

We use a variety of techniques to ensure that all of our classes are engaging, fun and of real benefit to the students. Teachers discuss the progress and needs of the students with the class on a regular basis, ensuring that students get more of what they need more of the time.

Well Established

We have over 40 years of experience in teaching languages to students from all over the world. This experience has taught us the value of listening and staying up to date with the latest techniques, technologies and student needs.

Value for Money

The goal of LSI is simply to provide each student with a quality education. We do this by tailoring our programmes to their needs and listening to their feedback.
International Atmosphere

With students of all ages and from all over the world, LSI offers you the opportunity to meet and befriend an incredible variety of people, make lifelong friendships and learn about new cultures.

Excellent Location

LSI Cambridge is located in a quiet residential area ideal for study. We are also only a ten minute walk from the train station and the busy town centre where there is excellent shopping and the historical and cultural University buildings.

Like A Family

All of our administration and teaching staff are dedicated to making you feel at home in our warm and welcoming school. We understand how important it is for you to feel safe and comfortable while you are studying with us. We have an open-door policy and do our best to get to know every student during their stay. Try it out! Come and talk to us!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

What happens if I get sick?

If you feel unwell we are very happy to arrange an appointment for you with a local doctor. However, if you are from outside the EU you will probably have to pay for an appointment. If you have travel or medical insurance, make sure you check the details before you travel.

Can I take a holiday during my course?

It depends on the type of course you book. If you book a Standard or Intensive course you might be permitted to take a holiday and extend your course by the number of weeks’ holiday you took from school, if 1) you give LSI two weeks’ notice, 2) AND your visa allows it, 3) AND you have paid the full brochure price & aren’t doing an ISY course. With any ISY courses or courses with special prices / conditions, holidays and changes are not permitted.

Do I need a visa to study at your school?

It depends on how long you wish to study, the type of course you wish to take and your nationality. Please contact the school if you are unsure.
How much spending money should I bring?

Obviously, this depends on the type of accommodation you have booked, how many meals are included and how much and how far you want to travel around the country. Generally speaking however, you should allow for about £150 - £200 a week if you are planning a busy social life during your stay.

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

Please come and talk to us if you have any problems during your stay and we will be happy to help where and how we can. If you are worried about speaking to us in English, we can often arrange for a translator to help you.

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

Working can be a good way to improve your language during your stay in Cambridge, providing it doesn't interfere with your studies. Whether you can work or not depends on the type of visa you have, so please make sure you check with us first before you look for a job.

Can I arrange work experience through LSI?

LSI can arrange either paid or unpaid work experience programmes for you, provided you are from the EU. This can be a great way to broaden your experience and use the English you have learnt during your studies in a real world environment.

Can I open a bank account?

You can open a bank account in Cambridge provided you are studying with us for at least six months. We will be happy to provide you with a letter to take to the bank to help you to open an account.

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

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We hope to see you soon!

Accreditation and Membership