



PURSuing EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH





## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TORQUAY

Torquay, in the heart of the South West of England, is England's hidden gem for international language learners.

Torquay is in Devon, in the South-West of the UK. A year-round destination for visitors and tourists from the UK and abroad, there is always lots to do, from history and culture to golf and surfing.

- Our students enjoy the highest standards of our homestay hosts and accommodation
- We are the only school in the South West of England that has EAQUALS accreditation; the toughest accreditation for any language school to achieve
- We have specialised courses for all ages, including for over-30s and over-50s
- You will find a professional approach, with small class sizes and study groups
- Progress will be rapid and you will achieve the goals that are important to you
- There is impeccable attention to detail for every aspect of your learning journey, from arrival to beyond departure
- We are building on our reputation for quality and service, student-by-student

The school is part of the prestigious International House global network. Additionally, we are independently owned and managed, so we offer the strength of a multi-national group, together with the service and care of an independent operation.

"I love the challenge of every newly-arrived student. I try to put myself in that person's place and ask myself what I would want and need to make this the experience of a lifetime. Without doubt, I believe I have the best team in the UK. My school stands as a beacon of independence, quality before profit, and people first."

Kevin McNally,  
Director, Owner



## OUR SCHOOL

There aren't many places in Britain that you will find palm trees, but you will find them in Torquay, along with award-winning beaches, friendly faces and many cultural, historical and natural attractions.

It's the perfect setting to focus on your goals and see fast, tangible results in your learning, while soaking up British culture. Our experience is that people learn better when they are happy and relaxed.

We run the school with heart and soul. Students return to us time after time and recommend us to their family, friends and colleagues. We are now welcoming students from the third generation of some families.

We have a great mix of students, with over 30 different nationalities visiting us from all over the world. The school is a professional setting but one where everyone knows your name.

The school is located just a few minutes' walk from Torquay town centre and harbour.

## OUR COURSES

| COURSE                                   | MIN AGE | MAX CLASS SIZE | ENGLISH LEVEL                                                  | HOURS PER WEEK | FIND OUT MORE |
|------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| ADULT GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES            |         |                |                                                                |                |               |
| Max 4 Intensive English                  | 30      | 4              | All                                                            | 15, 19, 23, 30 | p 14          |
| General English                          | 18      | 12             | All                                                            | 15, 19, 23, 30 | p 15          |
| Discover Devon: General English over 50s | 50      | 6              | Elementary (A2) & above                                        | 30             | p 16          |
| English and Golf                         | 30      | 4              | All                                                            | 21             | p 17          |
| Fast Track English One-to-One            | 30      | 1              | All                                                            | 15, 19, 23, 30 | p 18          |
| EXAM PREPARATION COURSES                 |         |                |                                                                |                |               |
| Legal English                            | 30      | 4              | Intermediate                                                   | 23             | p 19          |
| Cambridge Exam Preparation               | 18      | 8              | Cambridge First<br>Cambridge Advanced<br>Cambridge Proficiency | 15             | p 20          |
| Cambridge Summer Intensive               | 18      | 8              | Cambridge First<br>Cambridge Advanced                          | 15             | p 20          |
| IELTS Preparation                        | 18      | 8              | Intermediate                                                   | 15             | p 20          |
| JUNIOR COURSES                           |         |                |                                                                |                |               |
| Young Learner Academy                    | 14-17   | 15             | All                                                            | 30             | p 21          |
| English for Families                     | 6       | 15             | All                                                            | 15             | p 26          |

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR ENGLISH LEVEL?

Take one of our online English tests: [ih-torquay.uk/online-english-tests](https://ih-torquay.uk/online-english-tests)

## NEED HELP CHOOSING A COURSE?

We are very happy to match you to the best course for you. Contact us on:  
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# TORBAY

Torquay is situated in a large natural bay, Torbay. It is a vibrant British coastal region, a centre for tourism, the fishing industry and English language courses. Also known as The English Riviera, Torbay is a designated UNESCO Global Geopark.

## THE FACTS

|                  |                                 |             |                            |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <b>136,000</b>   | Population                      | <b>27</b>   | Tennis Clubs               |
| <b>39</b>        | Average age of population       | <b>11</b>   | Gyms                       |
| <b>3 million</b> | Visitors per year               | <b>1</b>    | Artificial Ski Slope       |
| <b>10</b>        | Five-star Hotels                | <b>5</b>    | Equestrian centres         |
| <b>3</b>         | Michelin Guide Restaurants      | <b>4</b>    | Fishing Clubs              |
| <b>5</b>         | Theatres                        | <b>1</b>    | Royal Yacht Club           |
| <b>3</b>         | Cinemas                         | <b>3</b>    | Sailing schools            |
| <b>20</b>        | Museums & Art Galleries nearby  | <b>15</b>   | Parks and gardens          |
| <b>1</b>         | Zoo                             | <b>2</b>    | National Parks nearby      |
| <b>6</b>         | Nightclubs                      | <b>1</b>    | Famous author              |
| <b>20</b>        | Beaches                         | <b>23°C</b> | Average summer temperature |
| <b>1</b>         | <b>UNESCO</b> Global Geopark    | <b>12°C</b> | Average winter temperature |
| <b>27</b>        | Cruise Ships visiting each year | <b>2.5</b>  | Hours from London by train |
| <b>17</b>        | Golf Courses                    | <b>1</b>    | Recycling Power House      |

“The time of my life – really enjoyed learning and refreshing my English at the school and at my lovely homestay. There is a lot to explore around Torquay. I would like to come back.”

BRIGITTE, SWITZERLAND





## PLANNING YOUR STAY

We are here to help you at every stage of your learning journey.

### ARRANGING YOUR STAY

We will help you with every aspect of arranging your stay with us. We also have a network of local representatives in your country, who will handle the whole process for you.

### AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Torquay is very well connected.

There are two local airports: Exeter and Bristol.

There are frequent bus transfer services from London Heathrow and other airports. We are 2 1/2 hours from London by the fastest train.

### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

We are a **CASHLESS** school. Please bring a credit or debit card that can be used in the UK.

**Please take the online test accessible on <https://ihtorquay.uk/online-english-tests>.**

Also, you will receive our Student Handbook, which covers every aspect of your stay with us.

### ON ARRIVAL

You will be met by a member of the school team, or your homestay hosts.

### YOUR FIRST DAY

We will be waiting for you with a warm welcome and you will join your first class. In the afternoon, we will give you a tour of Torquay.

### ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

- You will follow a syllabus based on CEFR (The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- Each Friday, every student has a test to ensure they are progressing
- Individual tutorials with teachers take place every 4 weeks
- End-of-level tests are available at any time

For our more specialised classes:

- You will follow a dynamic, needs-based syllabus
- Within the small class, we encourage you to challenge yourself, while we support you
- Projects such as presentations, role plays, interviews all form part of the assessment process

### IT'S NOT ALL WORK ...

There is an extensive social programme with activities most afternoons and evenings and day trips at the weekends. Our social programme offers a great opportunity to make new friends while exploring the UK. There are regular

trips to London, so you don't miss out on visiting one of the world's greatest capital cities.

See our website for the full programme: **[ihtorquay.uk/social-programme](https://ihtorquay.uk/social-programme)**

### YOUR LAST DAY

You will receive a questionnaire, report and your certificate. We want to hear from you once you are at home. You will always be an IH Torquay student. We are here whenever you need us.

We offer regular trips to London.  
You can stay for the day or the weekend.





MAX  
4 PER  
CLASS

MAX 4 INTENSIVE ENGLISH

Our most popular course. Professionals, business and mature students improve their English with this personalised intensive course.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4  
Minimum age: 30  
Hours per week: 15, 19, 23 or 30  
English level: All  
Start dates: Every Monday

YOU WILL:

Develop all areas of your English in a small, supportive class  
Meet your specific, personal language needs  
Consolidate and develop your existing knowledge base  
Develop confidence in your use of English  
Meet new people from all over the world  
Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during our daily lunches

INCLUDED

Networking lunches Monday - Thursday in local restaurants/at school  
All course materials  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
End of course report  
Certificate

Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only

WHAT NEXT?

Achieve your life goals with English  
Progress to the next English language level  
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-for-the-over-30s](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-for-the-over-30s)



Max 4, Max 1, English and Golf, and Discover Devon all include networking lunches Monday to Thursday



GENERAL ENGLISH

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 12  
Minimum age: 18  
Hours per week: 15, 19, 23 or 30  
English level: All (beginners first Monday of every month)  
Start dates: Every Monday

YOU WILL:

Build on your current knowledge and make progress quickly towards achieving your aims  
Practise your English in real situations with other students and locals  
Improve your grammar and pronunciation  
Develop confidence in your use of English  
Meet new people from all over the world

INCLUDED

All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
Certificate

WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills  
Achieve your life goals with English  
Progress to the next English language level  
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/general-english](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/general-english)

ENGLISH AND GOLF

Improve your English with personalised intensive English lessons and enjoy rounds of golf at Torquay Golf Clubs in the afternoon, some with spectacular views across the Bay.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4  
Minimum age: 30  
Hours per week: 15  
English level: All  
Start dates: Every Monday

YOU WILL:

Play golf in the English Riviera with fellow golf enthusiasts  
Work towards meeting your specific, personal language needs  
Develop all areas of your English in a small, supportive class  
Consolidate and develop your existing knowledge base  
Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during the rounds of golf

INCLUDED

Networking lunches Monday - Thursday in local restaurants/at school  
All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals  
4 sessions of golf per week  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
Certificate  
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only

WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills  
Stay in touch with your new friends  
Intensive English course for the over 30s to further advance your English

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-golf/](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-golf/)



DISCOVER DEVON

Improve your English in the morning, and in the afternoon enjoy activities and excursions around some of the places and attractions that have made Devon so famous. Your fellow travellers will be of a similar age, background and interests. Many of our students have forged new life-long friendships on this course.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 6  
Minimum age: 50  
Hours per week: 30  
English level:  
Elementary (A2) and above  
Start dates: See website

YOU WILL:

Have fun and explore the most beautiful parts of the UK  
Develop your English in a small, supportive class  
Meet new people and make friends from all over the world  
Learn more about the UK

INCLUDED

Networking lunches Monday - Thursday in local restaurants/at school  
All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
A full activity and excursion programme  
Certificate  
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only

WHAT NEXT?

Stay in touch with your new friends  
Progress to the next English language level

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/discover-devon-50/](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/discover-devon-50/)



ENGLISH AND WELLBEING

Improve your English with personalised intensive English lessons and enjoy private yoga lessons in the afternoon included in the fees. The course content is negotiated with and guided by the teacher.

COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4  
Minimum age: 30  
Hours per week: 15  
English level: All  
Start dates: Every Monday

YOU WILL:

Have 4 private yoga training sessions focussing on Mindfulness, Yin & Yang Yoga, Sound Healing and Yogic Sleep  
Work towards meeting your specific, personal language needs  
Develop all areas of your English in a small, supportive class  
Consolidate and develop your existing knowledge base

INCLUDED

Networking lunches Monday - Thursday in local restaurants/at school  
All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals  
4 private yoga training sessions  
Certificate  
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only

WHAT NEXT?

Stay in touch with your new friends  
Progress to the next English language level

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-golf/](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-golf/)



FAST TRACK ENGLISH ONE-TO-ONE

**One-to-One tuition can be booked as a full course or as additional tuition to any of our other courses. Lessons are entirely personalised.**

**COURSE FACTS**

Max class size: 1  
Minimum age: 30  
Hours per week: 15, 19, 23, 30  
English level: All  
Start dates: You decide

**WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:**

You choose the outcomes!  
We guarantee to reach them  
You will learn about language for your specific context  
Your teacher will focus exclusively on your learning goals  
You will develop confidence in your use of English  
You will have fun with new people through the networking lunch and social programme

**INCLUDED**

Networking lunches Monday - Thursday in local restaurants/at school  
All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
End of course report  
Certificate

**WHAT NEXT?**

Achieve your life goals with English  
Progress to the next English language level  
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/professional-english](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/professional-english)

LEGAL ENGLISH

**This course is aimed at practising professionals who need to develop their English in this field.**

**COURSE FACTS**

Max class size: 4  
Minimum age: 21  
Hours per week: 20  
English level: Intermediate B1 and above  
Start dates: See website

**YOU WILL:**

Progress rapidly and get the best possible grade  
Develop all areas of English within a legal context  
Improve your general level of English  
Develop confidence in your use of English

**INCLUDED**

Local Crown Court visit  
Networking lunches Monday - Thursday in local restaurants/at school  
All course materials

Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
End of course report  
Certificate  
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only

**WHAT NEXT?**

Pass your TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills) exam  
Progress to the next level of TOLES (there are 3 levels)  
Enjoy your new legal English skills  
Achieve your career goals with legal English

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/legal-english](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/legal-english)

CAMBRIDGE EXAMS

Prepare to pass the Cambridge First, Cambridge Advanced and the Cambridge Proficiency exams.

| COURSE FACTS                                            | INCLUDED                                                        | WHAT NEXT?                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Max class size: 4                                       | All course materials                                            | Take your Cambridge exam             |
| Minimum age: 21                                         | Pre-course placement test                                       | Achieve your best possible result    |
| Hours per week: 15                                      | Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals            | Progress to the next Cambridge level |
| English level: Cambridge First: Upper Intermediate (B2) | Social programme (free and chargeable activities)               |                                      |
| Cambridge Advanced: Advanced (C1)                       | Certificate                                                     |                                      |
| Cambridge Proficiency: Advanced Plus (C2)               | Exam Entrance Fee                                               |                                      |
| Start dates: See website                                | Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only |                                      |

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation)



IELTS PREPARATION

Prepare to get your best grade in the IELTS exam.

| COURSE FACTS                               | INCLUDED                                                        | WHAT NEXT:                                          |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Max class size: 4                          | All course materials                                            | Take your IELTS exam                                |
| Minimum age: 21                            | Pre-course placement test                                       | Achieve your best possible IELTS grade              |
| Hours per week: 15                         | Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals            | Achieve your life goals with your new qualification |
| English level: Intermediate (B1) and above | Social programme (free and chargeable activities)               |                                                     |
| Start dates: Every Monday                  | Certificate                                                     |                                                     |
|                                            | Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only |                                                     |

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/ielts-preparation](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/ielts-preparation)





## YOUNG LEARNER ACADEMY

The Young Learner Academy focuses on developing our students linguistically, academically and socially.

### COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 15  
Age: 14-17  
Hours per week: 30  
English level: All  
Start dates: See website

### WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL GAIN:

Confidence in initiating conversations in English  
The ability to express themselves with increasing accuracy  
Rapid overall improvement in a fun environment  
New friends from all over the world

### INCLUDED

Full programme of activities (all included)  
All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
Certificate  
Return private transfer to and from any UK airport

### WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy their new English skills  
New education opportunities  
Study for Cambridge English qualifications for school: KET, PET or FCE

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/summer-junior-course/](http://ihtorquay.uk/courses/summer-junior-course/)

## CARE OF OUR YOUNG LEARNERS

The safety and happiness of our young learners is our priority.

- All our staff, homestay providers, activity leaders and contractors have safeguarding for under 18s training
- We have a Welfare Officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- All of our teachers and office staff are trained how to offer advice and support and we all truly care about our students
- Activities and trips are all supervised by fully trained activity leaders
- Both classes and activities have a 1:15 staff to student ratio
- We have caring, responsible homestays
- 24-hour emergency telephone number for any concerns
- We ask parents about their child in advance, so we can provide the best care
- We give parents full transparent and honest information to help them decide if our school is best for their child



## ENGLISH FOR FAMILIES

**A productive way for the family to spend holiday time. Everyone attends their class in the morning (children and adults always separate) and the afternoons are free to relax, explore and spend quality time together.**

### COURSE FACTS (CHILDREN)

Max class size: 15  
Minimum age: 6  
Hours per week: 15  
English level: All  
Start dates: Every Monday

At least one adult in the family will take one of our morning courses.

### WHAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL GAIN:

Build on your current knowledge and progress quickly while having fun  
Make new friends from all over the world  
Practise your English in real situations with locals and other students  
Enjoy your time as a family

### INCLUDED

All course materials  
End of Course certificate  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
Private transfer from airport to accommodation, on arrival only

### WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills together  
New education and career opportunities for everyone

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-for-families](https://ihtorquay.uk/courses/english-for-families)



## ACCOMMODATION

**The attention to detail and personalised approach of our courses extends to our accommodation.**

### HOMESTAY

We offer homestay accommodation, with welcoming hosts, who treat students as part of the family. Practise your English with conversations around the dinner table.

Whatever your age, nationality or requirements, we have no hesitation in recommending our friendly homestays. We match each student to their appropriate host:

- You will be treated as a member of the family
- Your hosts will eat dinner with you in the evenings
- You will have your own room with a bed, storage for clothing, and a desk or study area
- Your hosts will always communicate with you in English
- You will be the only person who speaks your native language. You will be living in an English-speaking environment





## APARTMENTS

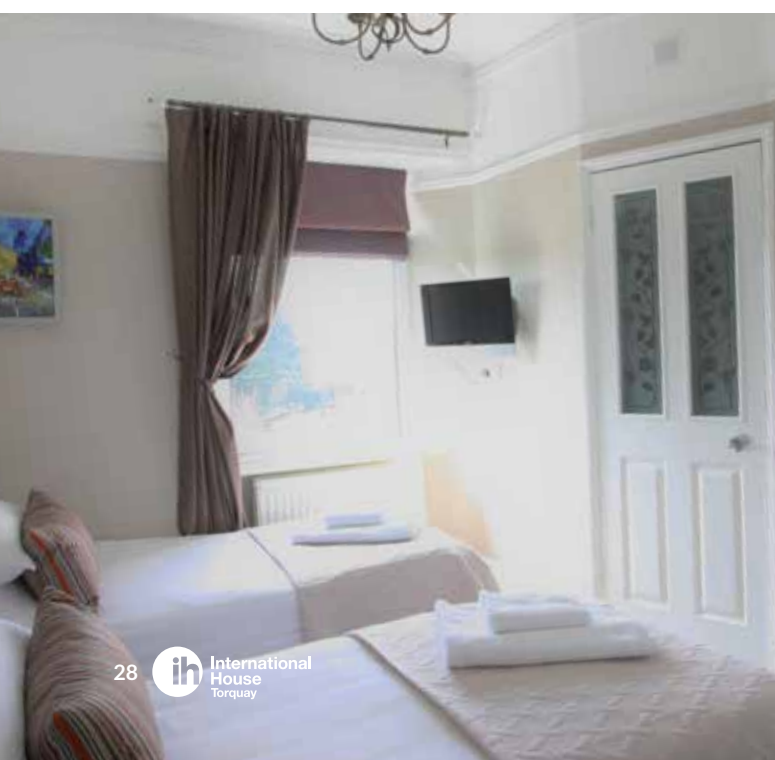
There is a wide range of apartments and other self-catering accommodation options available. Please contact us for further details.

## HOTELS

We have various partner hotels located near the school.

You will enjoy a warm and friendly atmosphere. In the evenings you can study or join your fellow students for a drink at the private bar. All the rooms have a single or double bed and a private bathroom.

We work closely with our hotels and arrange everything for you. Please contact us for more information.



## THE NEXT STEP

We will be pleased to provide you with any information or assistance you require, and we can put you in contact with one of our local representatives in your country.

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We look forward to meeting you.

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