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# WELCOME

# Welcome to the British Council!

At the British Council, we provide cultural opportunities in more than 100 countries through our work in education, society, art, science, and English teaching and certification. In this way, we connect with around 128 million people every year.

We started out in Spain more than 75 years ago. Last year 25,000 people chose to learn English with us and 75,000 got an English language qualification. Moreover, 2,000 families chose the bicultural, bilingual system at our British Council School.

Our work is also driven by the goals of better English teaching with a broader scope. That is why we cooperate with governments, teachers and educational institutions in both Britain and Spain to foster student exchanges between the two countries.

Our commitment to creating cultural opportunities also involves disseminating the work and creativity of British scientists and artists. Last year we took part in more than fifty events to bring them to Spanish audiences.

Welcome to our world of English



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## WHY CHOOSE THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR YOUR CHILD?



## AN INTERNATIONAL **BENCHMARK**

We are pioneers in English teaching and in developing teaching methods, with a presence in over 100 countries.



A UNIQUE **EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE** 

We offer a unique educational experience within a global community of over 500.000 learners.



# STIMULATING, FUN CLASSES

We are committed to stimulating, fun classes as an essential part of the learning process.



# A SAFE, INCLUSIVE

We work to create a safe, inclusive learning environment in which children and young people can develop their full potential.





## TEACHERS

Our teachers and examiners have extensive experience and specific training.



## THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY

We have multimedia resource centres, libraries and the latest technology to help you make the most of your learning experience.





## **OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

We firmly believe that the way for children and young people to learn is by creating a fun, participative and inclusive environment. By incorporating this philosophy into our classes, we make sure our young learners enjoy the learning process while at the same time improving their English.

## Playing a part in their own progress

When children are involved in their own learning, they progress with confidence and this fosters their independence. This is how we enable them to develop the necessary skills for life long learning.





## New

### Now also online

In addition from this year onwards, students from 8 to 17 years old **can take their course online or prepare the Cambridge exams online**. All the benefits of our face to face programmes, anywhere, any time.

### **OUR TEACHERS**

We only work with the best teachers, which means we can guarantee top-quality teaching. This means our teachers have internationally recognised qualifications like the University of Cambridge **CELTA** certificate or the Trinity College **TESOL** Diploma, plus at least two years' experience. In addition, many of them obtain specific qualifications like the **TYLEC**, which reinforce their experience as teachers of children and young people, and devote time to their own professional development with numerous training sessions throughout the year. This ongoing dedication ensures that your child learns from experts able to make their classes appealing, fun and effective.



## PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

(FROM 14 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS)

## The best education, from early childhood



A child's early years are of key importance in acquiring a second language, and the foundation that is laid down at this stage will serve them for the rest of their lives.

We aim to make the most of this learning stage, and devote a large part of our resources to designing educational programmes for early childhood. Thus, we make use of the latest teaching methods, enabling us to encourage every child to develop their full potential.

Our programmes are based on the British *Foundation Stage Curriculum*, fostering your child's physical and intellectual maturity and based on five key areas:













## BILINGUAL BABY CLUB

(FROM 14 MONTHS)

# Their first steps with you in English



This programme, offered by the British Council School, has been developed for parents and children from the age of 14 months to share a directed activity which lays the foundation for a bilingual education in English and Spanish.



## At the Bilingual Baby Club:

- You will accompany your child as they take their first steps in English.
- We will foster your child's physical and intellectual growth.
- Our educators have experience in children's education and in the British curriculum
- You will discover how to use different ways to improve their communicative ability in English and Spanish.



# Parents and children learning together

As well as enjoying a special time together, you will see how to approach your child's development, and discover how to use music and sensory experiences to improve their ability to communicate in both languages at the same time.





# LEARNING TIME WITH TIMMY



(FROM 2 TO 5 YEARS)

## A fun experience learning English

We want your child's first experience with English to be a happy one, so that they will develop a positive attitude to learning which will stay with them for the rest of their life.



The British Council, together with the British animation studio Aardman, has created **Learning Time with Timmy**. This is the perfect combination of English teaching and the much-loved children's character, Timmy the lamb, and helps kids to **learn the language** while they **enjoy** a host of activities

#### What does it consist of?

Through structured games and a combination of activities, stories, songs, movement and crafts, we set out to create a sensory, exploratory setting for your child to have fun and learn English naturally, almost without noticing.

## **Good pronunciation**

We take advantage of children's natural predisposition to learn, and place special emphasis on pronunciation. To do this, we work with songs, games and rhymes to help them pronounce English naturally right from the start.



By adhering to the key **stages in children's development**, we make sure they have a solid foundation in English.







**EARLY YEARS 3** 



**EARLY YEARS 4** 



**EARLY YEARS 5** 



# In **Learning Time with Timmy** your child will:

- Acquire an interest in the English language.
- Lay the foundation for correct pronunciation.
- Have fun and develop a positive attitude to learning.
- Feel safe and supported by our teachers and staff throughout the learning process.
- Gain improved mental agility thanks to multi-sensory activities like crafts, rhymes and games in English.





## PRIMARY PLUS

(FROM 6 TO 11 YEARS)

# Playing a part in their own learning



In **Primary Plus**, your child will develop the ability to communicate in English without difficulty and acquire essential skills that will help them to carry on improving as they get older. This will help prepare them for future challenges.

#### What does it consist of?

Your child will engage in projects and tasks on exciting subjects for children of their age. Through activities like games, songs or drama, we enable them to express themselves clearly in English, while consolidating their pronunciation at the same time.

## Increased confidence when speaking English

With Primary Plus your child will feel at the centre of their own learning and perform confidently in a setting in which only English is spoken.

## Their all-round development as a person

Apart from learning English, we will foster other aspects essential to children's overall development as people. We will work on their social, personal and emotional skills, and encourage abilities like creativity, leadership and critical thought. These are certainly all learning abilities that will be of use to them throughout their lives.





**We respect every child's pace** and understand that learning is an individual process, which is why we look at their development as a means for establishing a level that will allow them to make the most of their potential.

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- Lay the foundations to acquire language skills in English.
- Consolidate correct pronunciation.
- Have fun as they get involved in their learning through stimulating projects.
- Develop their creativity, leadership and critical sense.
- Acquire basic skills that will be of use to them in the future.
- Gain the confidence they need to express themselves fluently in English in situations that are familiar to them

## New PRIMARY PLUS ONLINE

For students who can't attend our face to face courses. The same curriculum, in virtual classes with live teachers accessible from anywhere. From 8 years old.



## SECONDARY PLUS





## Prepared for a competitive global environment

In an increasingly competitive world, we want our teenage students to be prepared for the global environment. Secondary Plus will help them to grow their **confidence to communicate in English** at the same time as developing other key skills for their future lives.

#### What does it consist of?

The curriculum has been exclusively developed for the British Council by our experts. Our students will improve their ability to communicate in English and reflect on their progress with their teacher, so that they have a clear vision of how to continuously improve their learning.

## New

## Stepping into the future

We help our students to reach their full potential in a number of areas: communication, cooperation with others, problem solving, and creativity through activities like Connecting Cultures, a pioneering initiative where classes can connect with British Council students of the same age in other countries. Students work on projects together using English as a common language.

## Inspired to continue learning:

In Secondary Plus they will find motivation in relevant and dynamic subject areas which will inspire them to want to learn more.

## New

## **SECONDARY PLUS ONLINE**

For students who can't attend our face to face courses. The same curriculum, in virtual classes with live teachers accessible from anywhere.





We place our students in the level which best suits their needs.

LEVELS FROM 12 TO 14 YEARS	LEVELS FROM 15 TO 17 YEARS	CEFRL	CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS
LOWER SECONDARY 1		A1	
LOWER SECONDARY 2		A2	
LOWER SECONDARY 3	UPPER SECONDARY 3	B1.1	
LOWER SECONDARY 4	UPPER SECONDARY 4	B1.2	
LOWER SECONDARY 5	UPPER SECONDARY 5	B2.1	
LOWER SECONDARY 6	UPPER SECONDARY 6	B2.2	FIRST
LOWER SECONDARY 7	UPPER SECONDARY 7	C1.1	
	UPPER SECONDARY 8	C1.2	ADVANCED
	UPPER SECONDARY 9	C2.1	
	UPPER SECONDARY 10	C2.2	PROFICIENCY



# In **Secondary Plus** your child will:



- Gain confidence in expressing themselves in English and expand their communicative abilities.
- Develop their leadership potential, problem-solving abilities, critical thinking and creativity.
- Feel inspired to want to learn more.
- Be able to sit official examinations successfully and be ready to take on challenges of this kind in a university setting.
- Grow as a person, prepared for a changing, inclusive and globalised world.



## CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION



**Authorised Exam Centre** 

(FROM 12 TO 17 YFARS)

## Ready to certify their level

We have extensive experience helping **more than 75,000 people a year to certify their English**. This gives us a **unique perspective** from which to offer the best options to students preparing their Cambridge Exams.



## Different preparation options:

• In our Secondary Plus academic year programme we integrate exam preparation for First, Advanced and Proficiency in levels 6, 8 and 10 respectively. In these courses we take students to the level they need in order to pass the exam.

We also offer short courses specifically designed to practise the techniques necessary for these exams.

 Online preparation - Students can choose to prepare the Preliminary, First, Advanced or Proficiency exams online, as an alternative to face to face courses.





## **ENGLISH EXTRA**

## A world of English to discover

The best way to reinforce the English you learn in class is to put it to natural use in everyday life: We therefore encourage all our learners to join in all the activities we organise within the English Extra programme.



## **OUR ACTIVITIES**

Storytelling sessions, cookery, science, PET preparation workshops, photography competitions, book fairs, clubs for coding and reading, and exam preparation seminars - these are just some examples of the activities our centres offer outside class. Your child can put into practice everything they've learned in a familiar and safe environment. These activities may vary by centre and some of them may take place online.

New English Extra Online - In addition, students can join these sessions online so they can enjoy them from anywhere.

# RESOURCE CENTRES AND LENDING SERVICES

Many of our centres have well-stocked resource centres that reflect the variety of our educational activities. Many of our centres have well-stocked resource centres that reflect the variety of our educational activities. What's more, they will have access to a wide range of digital resources, such as **LearnEnglish Kids** and **LearnEnglish Teens** so that they can have fun whilst they practise their English.





## **OUR CENTRES**



# BRITISH COUNCIL BARCELONA

OUR CENTRE HAS BEEN
HELPING LEARNERS TO
ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS IN
ENGLISH FOR OVER 70
YEARS AND WORKS WITH
VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND
UNIVERSITIES. LOCATED
IN THE SANT GERVASI
NEIGHBOURHOOD, OUR
CENTRE ON THE CARRER AMIGÓ
IS A BARCELONA LANDMARK.

#### **British Council Bilbao**

As well as certifying or improving your level of English, our centres in Bilbao are known for their activities for young people and adults. Join over 10,000 people who have chosen us in the last five years.

### **British Council Palma**

Our centre in Palma, on the premises of the Colegio Luis Vives and the Academia Fleming, not only offers English classes, but also enables thousands of people from all walks of life to gain an English language qualification.

#### **British Council Valencia**

In Valencia we offer classes for young learners in the prestigious Colegio Alemán and for adults in La Pagoda, bringing English teaching and British culture to the heart of the city.





# BRITISH COUNCIL MADRID

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN SPAIN, OUR CAMPUS IN THE CENTRE OF MADRID IS A CULTURAL LANDMARK AND HAS BEEN PART OF THE CITY LANDSCAPE SINCE 1942.

Come along to see our modern facilities and resource centres, and take the opportunity to find out your level of English for free.

#### **British Council Las Rozas**

Located in the ultra-modern Las Rozas Youth Centre, the British Council offers educational solutions for both children and adults in a lively cultural atmosphere.

## **British Council Somosaguas**

Our centre in Somosaguas shares its premises with the prestigious British Council School, which means it has top-class educational facilities. You can benefit from all of them simply by becoming one of our learners.

#### **British Council Villaviciosa**

Housed in the Santa Ana school, in cooperation with the town council, our centre in Villaviciosa has been a benchmark in English teaching for 20 years. Why not visit us and enjoy the free cultural activities offered all year round?



All the centres' addresses and contact details are shown on the back cover of this brochure.



# WELL-BEING AND VALUES, THE KEY TO OUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

EVERY YEAR WE WORK WITH NEARLY 200,000 UNDER-18S IN OUR CLASSES, ENGLISH EXAMS AND EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. OUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IS A GUARANTEE OF THEIR WELL-BEING, AND THEIR INCLUSION IN OUR WORLD VIEW IN WHICH DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION ARE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES.

- Every year our team of experts develops individual action plans which respond to the needs of each centre, thus guaranteeing that we fulfill our commitments. We also conduct internal audits to ensure the effectiveness of the measures we take.
- We safeguard the well-being and safety
  of our students, and create a climate of
  respect and cooperation. In addition,
  our methodology changes according to
  our students' life stage.
- The participation of our students and their families is fundamental. Every year we offer more information sessions for parents to discuss the risks of violent and challenging behaviour, as well as online safety.
- The recognition, management and promotion of diversity form the basis of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy, and this is reflected in our classes.
   Our teachers promote values such as tolerance, respect and resilience.





## PAYMENT OPTIONS

AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL WE WANT ALL FAMILIES TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN THE BEST, WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE DIFFERENT DISCOUNTS AND PAYMENT PLANS.

Find out more at your nearest centre and start enjoying the benefits of being part of our educational community.



## COME AND MEET US

# DISCOVER HOW WE CAN HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR ENGLISH

Visit our website and make an appointment at your nearest centre and, if your child is eight years old or older, we will give them a level test. A teacher specialised in English for children and young people will help you decide together, at no cost, which courses and services best meet your child's needs.

You can also visit our premises find out for yourself about all the services we offer and talk to our teachers.



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#### **British Council Madrid**

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#### **British Council Las Rozas**

Centro de la Juventud Avda. Nuestra Señora de Retamar, 8 28232 Las Rozas

## **British Council Somosaguas**

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## British Council Villaviciosa

Escuela Santa Ana c/ Santa Ana, s/n 28670 Villaviciosa de Odón

#### **British Council School**

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#### **British Council Infant School**

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#### **BARCELONA**

#### British Council Barcelona

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