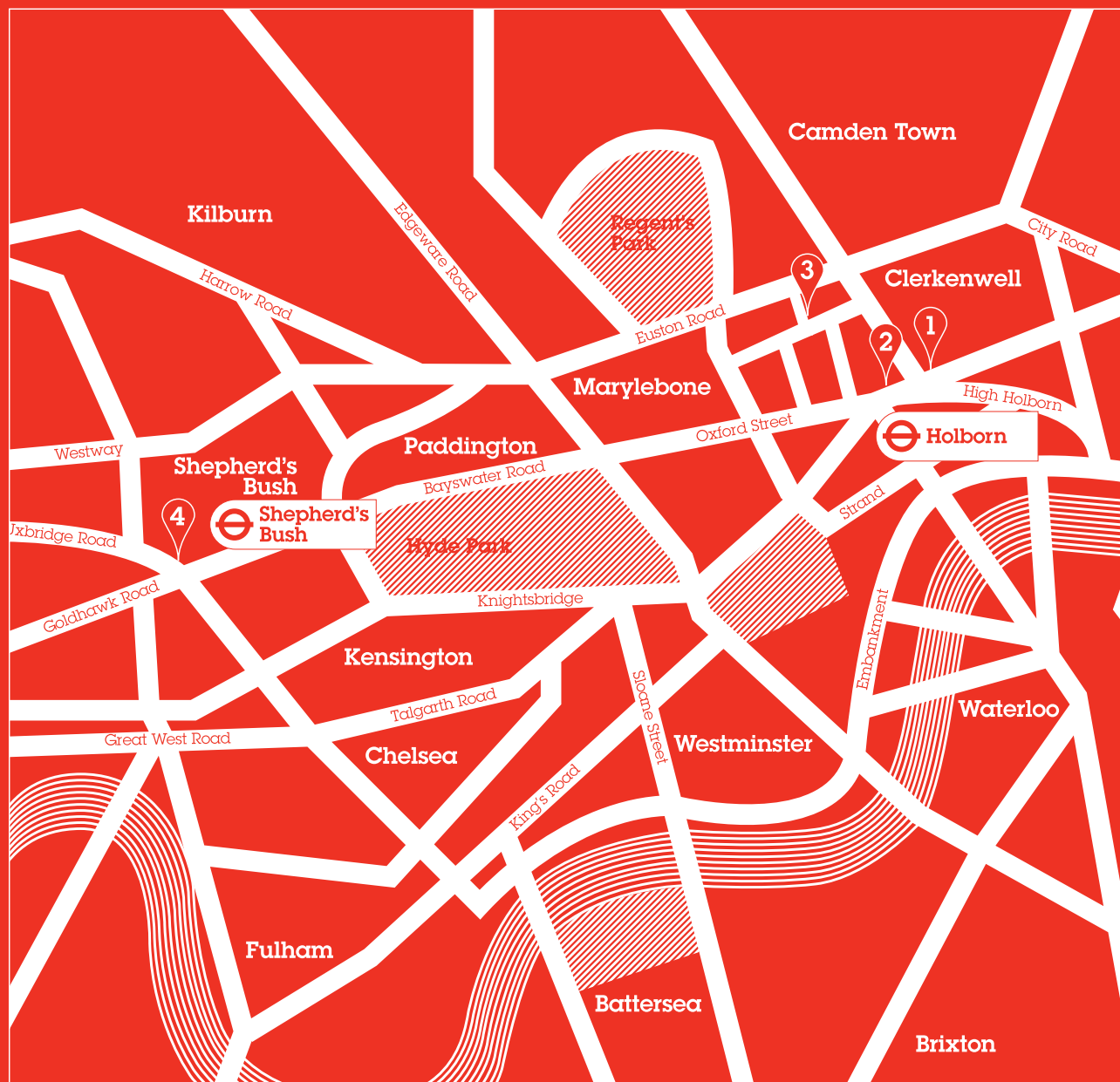


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Welcome to The English Studio, Central London.

Accredited by the British Council, we offer a range of high-quality English courses at affordable rates. Learn English with us and we'll combine individual attention with expert tuition to provide a caring, supportive environment. We know you'll enjoy studying English with us. The English Studio is registered with the Home Office as a Tier 4 (A rated) Sponsor as part of the new points-based system for visa applications to the UK.

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01.

Why us?

1. We're accredited by the British Council

Their logo is displayed in this book. We're very proud of it.

2. We're in the heart of London

Study with us and one of the world's most exciting and tolerant cities is right outside your front door. We have four teaching centres: three in Holborn, in London's popular West End, and one in the cosmopolitan bustle of Shepherd's Bush, only 20 minutes away.

3. We offer unbeatable value

You won't find a better standard of teaching at the same price in an accredited, central London language school.

4. We have great teachers

We make sure all our teachers have the required qualifications. We make sure they're nice too.

5. We help you find somewhere to live

There's nothing more stressful than trying to work out where to live. Relax. We offer a range of accommodation to suit all budgets – and all tastes.

6. We have great courses

In our courses, we don't just want to teach you English, we want to make English a language you'll love and use with confidence.

Our experienced teachers work hard to make every lesson relevant and inspiring. And there's a course for you, whatever your level or your goals.

7. We have friendly efficient staff

Friendliness is not a desirable quality in our staff... it's an absolute must-have. Everyone who works at The English Studio is dedicated to making sure you get the most out of your time in London – both from your course and from this exciting city.

8. We have top-class facilities

All our centres are specially designed for the best possible learning experience. Our classrooms have the latest technology, including interactive whiteboards. And our classrooms look cool too.

9. We have our own free monthly newsletter

At the start of every month, your inbox will receive an eNewsletter. The Social Scene is free too.

10. We have free high-speed net access

Being a long way from home is a lot of fun. But sometimes you might feel a little homesick. (Bless.) Fortunately, all our schools have high-speed wireless internet access. Completely free.





02.

Our location

We're in the heart of London. Study with us and one of the world's most exciting and tolerant cities is right outside your front door. We're in two separate places, each with its own unique charm and buzz. Here's a very brief overview of both of them.

Holborn

Holborn is minutes from the world famous Covent Garden Market, which is a must-visit. A bit touristy, but still well worth it.

The amazing Royal Opera House is a short walk from our front door, as is the English National Opera. Theatre Land is a bit further, but still very walkable.

Every year, legendary stars like Kevin Spacey and Jude Law appear on the London stage. Many of the world's leading playwrights have their premieres here.

Cinemas? There are loads. Take your pick. As for restaurants? We'd need a whole new section as there are so many. From cheap and cheerful coffs to Michelin-starred palaces where a bottle of wine could cost more than your rent for a year.

Shepherd's Bush

Shepherd's Bush is a short and rather stylish stroll from arguably the trendiest spot in London – Notting Hill. Setting of the naff but shockingly popular film of the same name, Notting Hill is London's Greenwich Village.

And if you get bored of posing with all the other beautiful people, you can always get some retail therapy at Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre. Despite such an unpromising description, it's surprisingly cool. And it's only a couple of hundred metres from our West London centre.

03.

We have great teachers

We want you to have a brilliant time when you study with us. So while we make sure all our teachers have the required qualifications, we make sure they're nice too.

The art of teaching

Teaching English is a delicate balance of skill, intuition, careful planning and empathy. It requires patient, smart and experienced people to do it well. And these are the type of people that you'll have teaching you at The English Studio.

Simply put, our teachers love teaching. It's a massive thrill for them when a student finally 'gets it'. You won't find a more committed, passionate and professional group than ours.

Combine their skill with the latest resources and teaching technology – including interactive whiteboards – and you're guaranteed a memorable learning experience.

We tailor each course to suit you

Before you arrive, or on your first day, we'll do a simple assessment of your language levels. It sounds scary. It isn't. But it is very important. It helps us make sure we select the perfect class for you – one with students at the same level as you. This way the classes aren't too hard. Or too easy. And as each course has been expertly tailored for students at that level, our excellent teachers will help you to become fluent as quickly as possible. Hurrah!

How we teach

- We believe learning should be fun. That's why all our lessons are interactive and dynamic. (Research says you learn better when you're having fun.)
- Each week, you'll study grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.
- You'll also practise reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
- We'll tell you what you're going to learn at the start of each class.
- We'll always teach you language that is useful in real life.
- We'll give you homework several times a week and correct it.
- We'll correct your spoken and written mistakes.
- We'll give you regular tests on what you've learned.
- We'll answer any questions you have and give you individual help.
- We'll choose materials from many different books and resources – not just one dull course book.

We give you one-to-one attention

Our teachers don't just stand in front of the class. They get down amongst you and talk to you individually. Person-to-person. We've found it's the quickest way to learn. (And it's easier to ask questions when you know the rest of the class aren't listening.)





04.

Our courses

We want you to enjoy learning English as much as we enjoy teaching it! And we make sure that the English that we teach you in our classes is relevant and useful to you outside of the classroom.

As with all our English courses, we teach to a high standard and you will be in a class that deserves its British Council accreditation. The lessons are imaginative and structured to allow maximum time to learn and practise new language. You will build your English vocabulary and learn colloquial English, idioms and grammar to help you be as fluent as possible. Our skilled and friendly teachers use a variety of teaching methods to make sure that you'll always be challenged. But if you get stuck, they're there to help. Our General English Courses are for people of all levels of English, from complete beginners to near-native speakers. Our English Exam Preparation Courses will give you the skills that you need to do really well in Cambridge English exams. All our courses are specially designed to make the most of learning English in one of the greatest cities in the world.

Books & resources

We use interesting text books, videos, games and group activities to share and practise how English is used by native English speakers every day. But remember, you **MUST** buy the correct book for your chosen English course. You can buy the book for your course when you arrive in London from the reception in our Holborn or Shepherd's Bush branches.

Language assessment

Your level of English is assessed before you start the course so that we can place you in a class that will be manageable, but at the same time challenge you to improve your English. After you enrol, take the online placement test – www.englishstudio.com/placement_test/

Levels of English

Your enrolment test will tell us more about your level of English. Our levels are represented by different colours. We'll then allocate you to a certain class, which is assigned a certain colour level. The colour system is a great way for you to know exactly how you're improving as you follow the course and move from one level to the next.

Pink I know a little English - I understand more English than I speak.
Yellow I can understand many things , but sometimes I don't know the right words or grammar.
Orange I don't always use the right grammar or vocabulary. Native speakers talking quickly might confuse me.
Green I am a confident speaker of English, but I need to learn the more difficult structures and more vocabulary to express myself better.
Blue I am similar to the green student, but I want to do an English exam such as the Cambridge FCE sometime soon.
Purple I need English for my future. I might want a career in business, or to get into university by passing the IELTS examination.
Brown I need to expand my vocabulary and find other ways of saying the things I know. I have an interest in taking the Cambridge IELTS examination.
Silver I am fluent in English in all familiar situations. I am primarily interested in improving my communicative skills.
Black I am fluent in English in all familiar situations. I have an interest in taking one of the highest level examinations, such as the Cambridge CAE or CPE exams.

General English

Our General English Courses are for people of all levels of English, from complete beginners to near-native speakers. No matter how much you already know, all of our General English Courses will teach you to speak English better and more fluently.

1. Morning General English*

Have fun while improving your written and spoken English. We'll give you the skills and the practice to speak English more fluently, no matter your level.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 12:00

2. General English Plus*

Learn to speak English even faster with an extra hour of conversation on top of three hours of General English in the morning.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday:

General English 09:00 - 12:00 + 1 hour of conversation

3. Noon General English*

Our Noon General English Course gives you all the great benefits of the Morning General English Course, but costs you less.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 12:00 - 15:00

4. Afternoon General English*

Our Afternoon General English Course gives you all the benefits of the Morning General English Course, but costs you less.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 15:00 - 18:00

5. Intensive English 30 hours per week*

Improve your English fast! Doing 30 hours a week will make a big difference to how quickly you speak and write better English.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 9:00 - 12:00 and either 12:00 - 15:00 or 15:00 - 18:00

6. Business English*

This is the ideal course if you need to use English at work or if you wish to study for the Cambridge business exams.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 12:00 - 15:00 or 15:00 - 18:00

7. Conversation Classes

If you're studying General English then this course is designed as an add-on to help you improve your speaking skills.

Class size: Max 15

Class times: Monday to Friday: 1 hour every lunchtime

8. One to One

Learn English really quickly in a one to one course that has been designed specifically for you.

Class size: You!

Class times: Times vary - no break

9. Summer School*

This is our fun-filled English study programme for 12-18 year-olds. If you're thinking of sending your children to an English Summer School, there's only one place to send them. London. And there's only one school to send them to. Ours. Why? We're accredited by the British Council. Our teachers make learning fun and get amazing results. Our English schools are the coolest in London. And you simply won't get a better price.

Class size: Max 27

Class times: Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 12:00, + a daily one-hour study period.

10. Morning Academic Year Plus*

This course provides extra flexibility if you want to combine studying English with a holiday. It combines 36 weeks of classes with 12 weeks of holiday.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 12:00

11. General English 25*

Study for 25 hours a week and build your English skills more quickly on this intensive version of our General English Course.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 8:00 - 9:00 Writing Practice/ Skills Development; 09:00 - 12:00 General English Course; Lunchtime Conversation Class

* Includes a 15 minute break.





04.2

Exam Preparation

If you're studying for any of the Cambridge ESOL examinations, our special English Exam Preparation Courses will give you the skills and the practice that you need to succeed.

1. Cambridge FCE, CAE & CPE Preparation*

Pass your exams with flying colours by practising your examination techniques.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 12:00

2. Cambridge Preparation - Noon*

These courses are as high quality as the morning Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses, but because they are in the middle of the day we can offer you a reduced rate.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 12:00 - 15:00

3. Cambridge Preparation - Afternoon*

These courses are of the same high quality as the morning Cambridge Exam Preparation Course, but because they are later in the day we can offer them to you for less.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 15:00 - 18:00

4. Cambridge IELTS Preparation*

Prepare for the Cambridge IELTS with The English Studio and give yourself the best chance of getting the score you need.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 09:00 - 12:00

5. IELTS Plus*

Add an extra hour a day of writing practice to your standard Cambridge IELTS Preparation Course to give you the extra confidence and skill to nail your exam.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 9:00 - 12:00 and either 12:00 - 15:00 or 15:00 - 18:00

6. IELTS Noon 12-3*

This course is exactly the same as the morning IELTS Preparation Course but you pay less because it starts at midday.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 12:00 - 15:00

7. IELTS Afternoon 3-6*

This course is exactly the same as the morning IELTS Preparation Course but costs you less because it starts at 15:00.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 15:00 - 18:00

8. Focus on Writing

Improve your preparation for the IELTS, CAE or FCE exams with this special writing skills top-up course.

Class size: Max 22

Class times: Monday to Friday: 1 hour every lunchtime with no break.

* Includes a 15 minute break.



04.3

Online Learning

Our popular English courses are now accessible overseas via online distance learning courses and private or group Skype lessons. So you get fantastic individual support, plus the extraordinary chance to interact with other learners of English from all over the world, without leaving home.

Online Learning

Our distance learning courses are designed by expert, native-speaking teachers. They're perfect if you want to learn English in the comfort of your own home.

They're also ideal if you're thinking of studying English in bustling London, but need to improve your language skills to meet the UK Border Agency (UKBA) entry requirements for English.

We offer two types of course:

1. A self-study distance learning option, including a 60 minute tutorial.
2. Private and group lessons by Skype.

On both these courses you will receive an English Studio language school certificate to show you have completed and passed the course.

Self-study distance learning

Our unique courses* are available at three levels – beginner, elementary and pre-intermediate. They are specially designed to help you reach intermediate level quickly.

These interactive online English courses will enhance your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills, as well as develop your understanding of English grammar.

Each self-study course is 20 hours long and includes a 60-minute Skype tutorial from one of our qualified and experienced tutors. This tutorial will allow you to practise the language you have been studying, and will give your tutor an opportunity to assess your current level, make suggestions about what you should be working on, and answer any questions you have. You can also add on more Skype tutorials if you wish.

Our self-study learning is specifically designed to help students meet the required UKBA entry level.

Take this course, sharpen your skills and realise your dream to come and study in the UK.

Skype lessons



Your lesson is taught through Skype at a time which suits you. You'll need broadband Internet access via a PC or laptop.

Our standard lessons are one hour long and are provided to individuals or small groups. The lessons are tailor-made to suit your needs and can be recorded.

Your tutor can help you develop the four skills: speaking, reading, listening and writing. All tutors are highly experienced and qualified.

When you buy your lessons, you can book the times for each lesson at the start of your course, or book as you go. The times are at your convenience, subject to the tutor's availability.

Once you've booked a lesson, you can reschedule it as long as you give the tutor 24 hours' notice. If you don't, the lesson will be cancelled and you will not be able to re-book it.

Our Skype user name is **TESonline**

Skype lessons are a modern and a brilliant way to start learning English!

*These courses are not accredited by the British Council

05.

We have a free Social Scene

Every week, we organise sightseeing, cultural and leisure activities.

Obviously the most important thing about these activities is that they help you practise your new-found English-speaking skills.

But don't worry. Like everything at The English Studio, we make sure it's fun too. And we make sure there's something for everyone. For example, you may not want to sit through a play by Samuel Beckett but some fluff by Ben Elton might be right up your street. We'll try to make sure they're both available.

We have our own free monthly newsletter

At the start of every month, your inbox will receive an eNewsletter. With competitions, great offers, money off courses, advice and support, it's the best way to make sure you're getting the most out of your time here. And like almost everything else on this page, it's free!
www.englishstudio.com/newsletter

We look after you

There's always lots to learn when you're living in a new city. We'll help with:

- Local information
- Opening a bank account
- Registering with a doctor
- Finding accommodation
- Getting a student discount travel card
- Finding a job
- General immigration advice
- Changing your course
- Qualified OISC Advisors

We have our own free Film Club

Our Film Club has hundreds of brilliant videos and DVDs for you to borrow. And they're all completely free. From classics like 'Citizen Kane' to obscure gems like 'Made in Britain'. Of course, watching films at home with friends is a fun and cheap night in. But there's an invaluable side effect. Watching DVDs in English gives you a great 'ear' for the language. See? Even when we're not there, we're still teaching you! That's dedication for you.

We have our own free blog

Check out our cool blog. It's like Gumtree and Facebook combined. It's completely exclusive and completely free.
www.englishstudio.com/news





06.

Accommodation

If you're learning English in London, you need somewhere great to learn.
You also need somewhere great to live.

At The English Studio we've helped literally thousands of students find really great places to stay. From budget hostels to luxury apartments, we can help with everything.

All the accommodation we offer is inspected regularly, either by us or by our partner agencies. This way you can be sure of finding the perfect place to stay, even if you don't intend being there very often. Before you book anything, please bear in mind two important things:

- London is a very large city and it can be expensive to live near the centre. We've classified all our accommodation by Accommodation Zones to help you see exactly how long it will take to get to our Holborn school.
- If you're coming in the summer, please book your accommodation as early as possible, as it can get booked up very quickly.

Accommodation Zones

If you already know London like the back of your hand, then you can skip this section. But if you don't, then it could come in very useful!

To help you decide where you should live in London, we've classified all our accommodation according to which London Travelcard Zone it's situated in. You can then work out how long it will take you to get into Zone 1 where our Holborn school is conveniently located.

If you decide to book your own accommodation, always ask which Travelcard Zone it's located in. You'll find the full zone map on the Transport for London website. www.tfl.gov.uk

Zone 1:

10 - 20 minutes to our Holborn school

Zone 2:

20 - 35 minutes to our Holborn school

Zone 3:

30 - 45 minutes to our Holborn school

Zone 4:

40 - 60 minutes to our Holborn school

We've calculated these times travelling by tube or train. If you take the bus it may take you slightly longer, but you'll see more of London!

A long-term stay in London

If you're planning on staying in London for at least six months or more, then it's well worth looking at longer-term accommodation as you can often save a great deal of money.

The websites we suggest are all good sources of flat-shares. But before you start looking, make sure you follow our golden rules:

- Never pay an accommodation agency to find you somewhere to live – the websites listed here all offer a free service.
- Check how large a deposit you will need to pay – it's usually equivalent to one month's rent and you'll get it back at the end of your stay.

- Never pay a deposit BEFORE you see a room. You may find that the room doesn't actually exist – particularly if it is offered at a very low rent. Never send money using Western Union – this is always a warning sign.
- Check how much rent you will need to pay in advance – most places will ask you to pay one month in advance.
- Check whether or not the bills are included in the rent – these could easily add on an extra £50 a month.
- Find out all the rules of the house – such as smoking, parties and entertaining friends – BEFORE you move in!

www.gumtree.com
www.outlet.co.uk
www.intolondon.com
www.spareroom.co.uk
www.globrix.com

06.1

London Home Stay

From £18 per day. A Home Stay makes learning English in London even easier. Why? Because your hosts will be native English speakers.

As London is a large, multi-cultural city, the families offering Home Stays come from many ethnic backgrounds, but rest assured: English is always the main language spoken in the house. No one else in the house will speak your mother tongue, unless you specially request it. But be warned – your English lessons may go to waste if you spend all your time out of school speaking your own language!

Our Home Stays are managed by Hosts International, a well-respected accommodation agency that has been checked by the British Council. We use them because we think they're great and have the same high standards that we do. Home Stays are located throughout London, generally in Zones 2, 3 and 4.

Residences

Our residences are an affordable option that let you share with other students. Choose between singles, doubles and dorms – there's something for everyone. And besides being clean and friendly they're also conveniently located.

Our residences are updated on our website on a regular basis and start from £22 per night. Please check our website for more details on each residence and availability.

Hostels

From £10 per day. Staying in a hostel can be a great way to experience London.

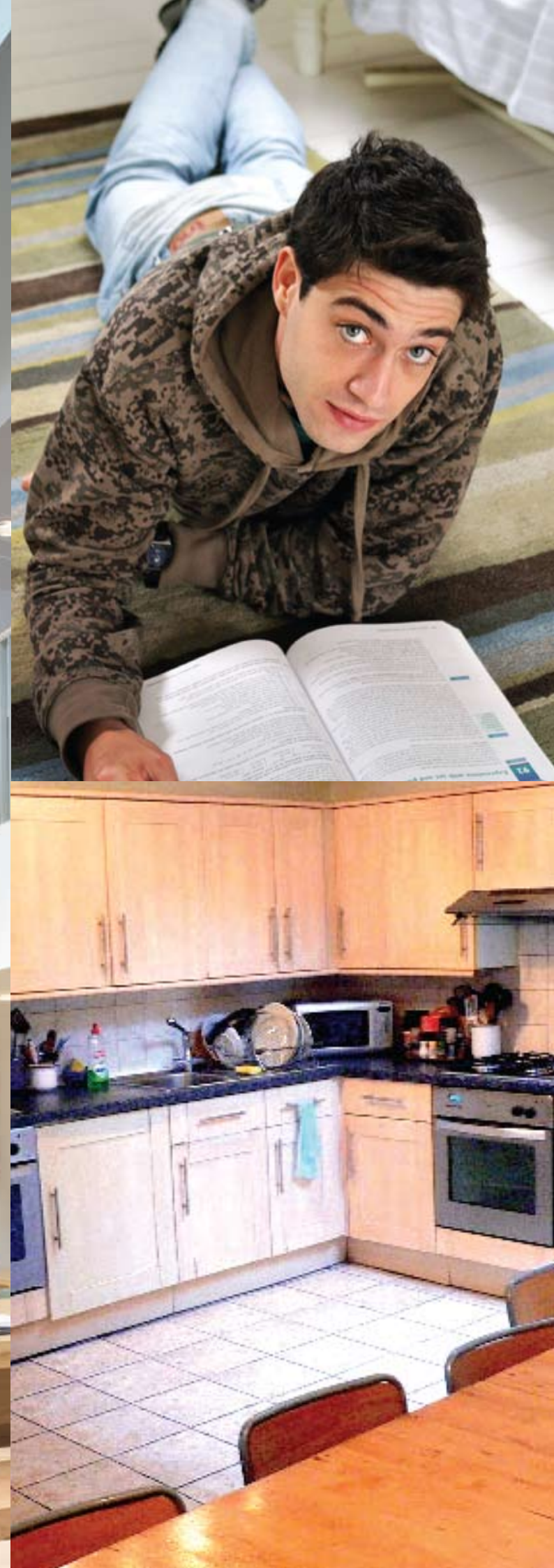
Budget Hostel From £10 per day

There are literally hundreds of hostels to choose from, ranging in size from small houses with private rooms to huge buildings with hundreds of beds. Facilities range from basic and budget to out-and-out luxury of the sort that you would expect in a top-notch hotel. In order to give you the very best choice, we've teamed up with Hostel Bookers, who specialise in sourcing affordable hostels in and round London. Even better, all the hostels have been rated by people who have stayed in them, so you can get a very good idea what sort of standard they offer.

Premium Hostel From £25 per day

If nothing but the best will do, then we have just the place for you. Think cool. Think stylish. Think designer. Think Nido: a fabulous new concept in student living in King's Cross. Nido really does offer some of the most amazing student accommodation we've ever seen. You'll have your own private room (called a 'Cube') with lots of storage space so you can keep it looking chic and clutter free. You'll also have your own en-suite bathroom, so you can spend as long as you like in the shower. Naturally, there's wi-fi in your room. And if you're feeling more social, there's a brilliant gym to keep you fit, and even a cinema with popular movie nights. Student accommodation doesn't get any better than this.

If you would like further information on our accommodation please visit our website www.englishstudio.com/accommodation or you can request further information by emailing bookings@englishstudio.com



07.

Student experiences

We know that The English Studio is one of the best places in London to study English. But don't take our word for it. Read what our former students have to say.

Name: **Petra Bercakova**

Age: **28**

Job: **Accounts Administrator for an engineering company in the City**

It's thanks to The English Studio that I've got to where I am today. When I arrived in London in 1998 from a small town in the Czech Republic, all I had was a school diploma and a tiny bit of English! But with the help of the brilliant teachers at the school, both my level of English and my confidence improved very quickly.

It wasn't just the classes that helped: the school also had a really cool Social Scene and meeting people at the parties and other activities allowed me to fit in and find my way in London. Looking back, that was probably the best thing at the beginning.

I studied hard for the Cambridge First Certificate, Advanced and Proficiency exams and was successful. Without these exams, I definitely wouldn't have the job I have now, but the school also gave me fantastic work experience in administration where I was able to pick up the skills which I now use every day.

I think The English Studio is great!

Name: **John Alejandro**

Garcia Ulloa

Age: **25**

Course: **MSc. in Environmental Sciences at ETH Zurich**

Growing up in Colombia, I could only dream that one day I'd be able to study at one of the world's top universities, but The English Studio made that dream a reality.

When I first came to London a friend recommended the school to me and from day one I knew I'd made the right choice. Firstly, they took care of the practical things that are essential for living in London, like finding a place to live, opening a bank account and getting a discounted Oyster card. My teachers made the learning fun and interesting, and after all that I was able to meet people from all over the world with the school's cultural activities.

As well as the Cambridge Advanced exam, The English Studio prepared me for the IELTS, and because I scored an 8, I was accepted onto the MSc. here in Zurich.

Working for The English Studio was also a great opportunity as it helped me to express myself clearly and concisely – something that is essential in Academia.

I'm really grateful to the school and to all the wonderful people I met there. I still call it my "English Studio Family", even though I'm now many miles away!





08.

How to enrol

There are many ways for you to sign-up for our courses.

Use an agent

Our agents are appointed experts in your country and can give you specialist advice on the course you are planning to follow, as well as any visa requirements.

You can find a list of our agents around the world on our website at www.englishstudio.com/agents/

Online

Choose your course and accommodation and fill in our online enrolment form at www.englishstudio.com/courses. We will send you an email confirming your course, accommodation and details of how to make the payment.

By Telephone

If you would like to make a booking by telephone please ring +44 (0) 20 7242 3784 and we can take your enrolment details over the phone and take payment by credit/debit card.

In person

Visit our centres at either
113 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6JJ
or
2nd Floor, 54 Uxbridge Road,
London, W12 8LP.

You will be able to do the level test and try a free class. Then if you want to continue you can enrol and make the payment by cash, cheque or credit/debit card.

Payment

Before we can confirm your course or send you a letter of confirmation you need to pay your fees in full.

[See price list for bank details.](#)

Credit Card

Visa/MasterCard/AMEX/Switch

We accept payments by these cards online or by telephone.

Cash/Cheque

We accept payments in cash or by cheque at both our receptions in Holborn and Shepherd's Bush.

Start dates

You can start your course on any Monday. You must do a Placement Test before starting your course.
www.englishstudio.com/placement_test/

Useful information

The following is general information. More detailed information can be obtained from your agent or by contacting the British Embassy in your country.

On arrival in London

- Most students arriving at a London airport will book an airport transfer or travel by train, tube or bus from the airport.
bookings@englishstudio.com

Websites of London's five airports.

Heathrow Airport:

www.heathrowairport.com

Stansted Airport:

www.stanstedairport.com

Gatwick Airport:

www.gatwickairport.com

Luton Airport:

www.london-luton.co.uk

London City Airport

www.londoncityairport.com

Telephone numbers if you need help

- The English Studio – 020 7404 9759
- Emergency number only – 07973 823788
- UK Police, Ambulance or Fire Brigade – 999.

Personal safety: some common-sense precautions

- Don't forget to keep your money and important documents close to you at all times.
- Securely lock your luggage and do not leave it unattended.
- London is a safe place generally, but as in all major cities you should always be sensible with your personal safety.

Airport Transfer – for personalised service

- For extra comfort, you can book an airport transfer through The English Studio that will take you, and your luggage straight from the airport to your accommodation.
- Return transfer packages are also available.
- Drivers will wait for up to two hours after your flight has arrived. (Ask at the Airport Information Desk if you cannot see the driver.)

English Studio Heathrow Shuttle – budget option

- A low-cost group shuttle is available from Heathrow Airport to your accommodation.
- This service must be booked through The English Studio in advance by providing your flight details.
- The shuttle departs from Heathrow 10 times per day on Saturdays and Sundays. Maximum eight other students per trip.
- Shuttle drivers will carry a sign with your name on it (go to the Airport Information Desk if you cannot see them).
- Do not go with a driver from another company. You may be charged a lot of money!

Taxis

- Use only a licensed taxi or mini-cab.

10.

Hidden London

Being the fabulous city that it is, you'll never get bored in London. But we still want to share our special hidden gems with you. And they're all close to our course centres.

Holborn

All Star Lanes

If your experience of bowling alleys is a heady mix of smelly feet and rancid chip fat, you've obviously never been to Holborn's All Star Lanes. It's a gentle, three-minute stroll from our front door in Holborn. (Two, if you're particularly excited.) Kitsch but cool 50s style, six great lanes, amazing cocktails and a restaurant good enough to visit for the food alone. Visit once and you'll be hooked.

www.allstarlanes.co.uk

Denmark Street guitar shops

If you fancy a bit of star-spotting get along to Denmark Street. A grimy-looking side street near Centre Point, it's actually home to some of the best vintage guitar shops in the world. Anyone who's anyone has bought an axe here. From Lennon, Hendrix and Johnny Marr all the way up to modern stars like Alex Turner and Graham Coxon. A mere nine-minute sashay from our front door in Holborn. Budding musos and axe men will think they've died and gone to heaven.

www.denmarkstreetonline.co.uk

The 100 Club

Although The 100 Club is famous the world over, ironically it's still unknown to the average tourist. Its anonymous-looking Oxford Street entrance is easily missed if you're not sure what you're looking for. Opened in 1942 (crikey—none of us were alive then!), the list of stars who've played there reads like a Who's Who of music: Buddy Rich, The White Stripes, Muddy Waters, Oasis, Fats Domino, The Jam, Bo Diddley, The Kinks, Sex Pistols, Muse and Clapton. A miniscule 14-minute walk from our front door in Holborn. Just enough time to back-comb your hair, put on your eyeliner and take a healthy nip from a bottle of rock 'n' roll mouthwash, (that's Jack Daniels to you, my friend).

www.the100club.co.uk

Shepherd's Bush

The Electric Cinema

London's coolest cinema — no question. Luxurious leather seats (with their own footstools), great movies, beautiful people and amazing food. Forget the traditional bucket of stale popcorn, this place has Hot Tubs! Fish and chips, yummy vegetarian risotto, chicken curry, you name it. And if your thoughtful parents have just sent you a nice fat cheque, you can even treat yourself to a cold glass of champagne. Heaven. Finally, if you're on a date and you fancy a cheeky snog, don't forget to book one of the cinema's amazing sofas. Five minutes by bike from our Uxbridge Road school.

www.electriccinema.co.uk

Lucky 7

You haven't had a burger till you've had a Lucky 7 burger. Kitsch, cool and unashamedly retro, it's the kind of place you'd expect to see John Travolta and Uma Thurman flirting in a booth. The guacamole is to die for and if you've never experienced the delights of a root beer float, this is the place to try one. Spectacular. A mere seven minutes by bike. A bit longer if you walk – but at least you'll be working up an appetite for all those delicious fries.

www.lucky7london.co.uk

Notting Hill Arts Club

London's music scene (and therefore, to some extent, the world's) is reinvented here on a nightly basis. Radio4, Beach Club, Brazilian Love Affair, Lazy Dog, One World Live, Inspiration Information, RoTa, Futuro Flamenco – all these mould-breaking and genre-defining club nights were invented here. If you want to know what your friends back home will be listening to in six months, come on down. Just one little tube stop away from Shepherd's Bush. Check it out.

www.nottinghillartsclub.com



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