

# EASY LANGUAGES

## *English in Cardiff, Wales - Celtic English Academy*

### *Programme Summary*

- Ages 16+
- Minimum stay: 1 week
- University city - young and lively student population
- Living costs are 41% cheaper than London
- Well equipped school in the heart of the city
- Classes made up of small groups
- Host family or residence accommodation

### Destination

#### *Cardiff*

**Cardiff** is the capital city of Wales, and an excellent place to learn English just **2 hours from London by train**. It has everything that one would expect from a capital city, but it is also one of the **least expensive** and **safest** places to live in the UK. Cardiff has a high student population meaning there is a young, vibrant population, and the standard of living is excellent.

Cardiff has had a number of huge developments in the last few years, such as the new Cardiff Bay area, located on the quays of the old port. The city centre, surrounding the Cardiff castle, Bute park and the mythic Millennium Stadium has no shortage of **entertainment**, which makes Cardiff one of the fastest growing cities in the UK.

With 330 parks & gardens in Cardiff alone, it's not difficult to see why it has been claimed as one of the most peaceful urban areas in the UK. You'll also find a number of architecturally beautiful castles and museums located across the city,

which is an excellent way to learn about Welsh culture and get a feel for the country and its inhabitants. Lose yourself in the 'fairytale castle' (Castell Coch) and immerse yourself in the rich history this country proudly boasts of. Cardiff has also been nominated '**European Capital of Sport**' twice and hosted the Champions League final in 2017.

**Welsh** is also one of the country's **official languages** alongside English - so don't be surprised when you see bilingual signs or adverts. It's a fascinating language, as it includes words such as 'Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch' (the name of a town in North Wales) which is the longest word in the entire English language! Try saying *that* ten times in a row.

### ***Celtic English Academy School***

Our partner school has three centres which are in the heart of the city, all known by the name of "Highbury House". The centres have well-equipped, modern classrooms with interactive whiteboards, student lounges, computer rooms and self-study areas. They are a 5 minute walk from the centre.

Students will receive high-quality lessons led by **experienced, native** teachers. The staff are very welcoming and are always available to help students. They can, for example, help you with opening a bank account, organising an excursion and applying for a student card.

**Accreditations:** British Council, Independent Schools Inspectorate

**Affiliated with:** English UK, English UK Wales

School facilities include:

- 21 classrooms with interactive whiteboards
- IT room
- Library
- Study hall
- Lounge area
- WiFi
- Drinks machine

## *Activities and events during your stay*

The school organises **sports and cultural activities** during the afternoons and evenings. You are more than welcome to participate in these activities, though they are not mandatory. These activities may be free or may require a fee. The variety and availability of the activities changes depending on the time of year.

Some of the many activities may include:

- Guided visit of the city
- Welcome activity
- Picnic
- Visit to the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff (around £2)
- Pub Quiz (around £2)
- Cinema night (around £7)
- Bowling (around £8)
- Cocktail master class (around £25)
- Full day excursion (between £20 and £40) to London, Oxford, Bath, the West of Wales

## **Courses**

### *English language courses: the basics*

- Lesson length: 45 minutes
- Maximum number of students per class: 10
- Timetable: classes are held in the morning and/or the afternoon
- Placement test: first day of classes
- Certificate of participation at the end of your stay
- Weekly evaluation of your progress

### *Courses*

- **Standard course: 20 English lessons per week**

The standard English lessons take place every morning from 08:45 - 10:15 and from 10:30 - 12:00, or in the afternoon from 14:15 - 17:30. You will develop the four fundamental skills required to conquer any language: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

**Language level:** beginner to advanced

- **Intensive course: 28 English lessons per week**

In addition to the standard programme (in the morning or the afternoon), you will also take **8 lessons a week (from 12:30 - 14:00) focusing on language and culture.**

**Language level:** beginner to advanced

- **Super intensive course: 40 English lessons per week**

In addition to the **standard programme (in the morning)**, you will have an extra **20 lessons from 14:15 - 17:30** per week.

**Language level:** beginner to advanced

- **Cambridge exam preparation course (FCE & CAE)**

**Duration:** from 2 - 10 weeks

In addition to the **standard programme (in the morning)**, you will have an **extra 8 lessons specially tailored to Cambridge exam preparation between 12:30 - 14:00.**

**Language level required:** intermediate (B1+ for the FCE and B2 for the CAE)

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## **IELTS exam preparation course**

**Minimum duration:** 1 week (12 weeks is the recommended session length)

In addition to the **standard programme (in the morning)**, you will take **an extra 8 lessons specially tailored to IELTS exam preparation from 12:30 - 14:00.**

**Language level required:** lower intermediate (B1)

## **Business English course**

**Duration:** between 2 - 4 weeks

In addition to the **standard programme (in the morning)**, you will take **an extra 8 lessons of Business English from 12:30 - 14:00.**

You will learn to develop your Business English skills and familiarise yourself with the BULATS. Our partner school is a registered BULATS test centre.

**Language level required:** intermediate (B1+)

- **Private lessons**

In addition to the courses mentioned above, you can also take **private lessons** to improve your language skills even further or if you're looking to make rapid progress in a short space of time.

Lesson length: 1 hour

*This option is subject to availability and cannot be taken during the months of July & August*

## Accommodation

### *Host Family (ages 16+)*

**Standard:** *Single room, half board or full board*

**Superior:** *Single room with a large bed, private bathroom, half board or full board*

**Distance from school:** families usually live between 5 - 40 minutes away by public transport.

Practical information:

- **Full board is obligatory for students under 18 years old**
- WiFi is always guaranteed with the 'Superior' option, and the 'Standard' option has limited availability
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Laundry facilities available (the family will usually let you use their washing machine once a week).

### *Lumis Student Living residence (ages 18+)*

**Features:**

- Single room
- Toilet and bathroom in each room
- Self-catering
- Distance from school: 16-minute walk
- Location: in the centre of Cardiff, close to Cardiff Central station
- Deposit to be paid on arrival (please see 'Dates & Prices' tab for fees), reimbursable by the school if no evidence of damage has been found.

**Equipment/services available:**

- Shared kitchen
- Lounge area with a TV and a drinks machine
- Laundry facility
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Bike shed
- Gym
- WiFi
- 24 hour surveillance

## Prices & Dates 2019

### Dates 2019

**Session start dates:** Our partner school recommends that you start on the 07/01, 18/02, 01/04, 13/05, 01/07, 19/08, 30/09, 11/11. However, students can start a course every Monday of the year. If Monday falls on a holiday, classes will start on the Tuesday.

**Bank holidays and holidays** (No lessons will take place on these dates and they will not be rescheduled or refunded): 01/01, 19/04, 22/04, 06/05, 27/05, 26/08, 21/12/2019 to 05/01/2020 included.

### Prices 2019

Booking prices - AUD - Australian Dollar  
BRL - Brazilian Real  
CAD - Canadian Dollar  
CHF - Swiss Franc  
EUR - Euro  
GBP - British Pound  
JPY - Japanese Yen  
KRW - Korean Won  
NZD - New Zealand Dollar  
PLN - Polish Zloty  
USD - US Dollar

Includes all taxes and enrolment fees, course and accommodation as described

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Course & accommodation in a host family, half board or residence accommodation, no meals included					
Duration	20L PM	20L AM	28L PM	28L AM	40L
1 week	415 £	505 £	465 £	555 £	605 £

2 weeks	700 £	880 £	800 £	980 £	1,080 £
3 weeks	985 £	1,255 £	1,135 £	1,405 £	1,555 £
4 weeks	1,220 £	1,580 £	1,420 £	1,780 £	1,980 £
6 weeks	1,750 £	2,090 £	2,050 £	2,560 £	2,860 £
8 weeks	2,300 £	2,980 £	2,700 £	3,380 £	3,780 £
12 weeks	3,400 £	4,360 £	3,995 £	4,960 £	5,560 £
16 weeks	4,495 £	5,290 £	5,300 £	6,500 £	7,300 £
18 weeks	5,050 £	6,400 £	5,950 £	7,300 £	8,200 £
20 weeks	5,600 £	7,100 £	6,600 £	8,100 £	9,100 £
24 weeks	6,695 £	8,380 £	7,900 £	9,580 £	10,780 £
32 weeks	8,900 £	10,200 £	10,500 £	12,580 £	14,020 £
36 weeks	9,995 £	11,980 £	11,800 £	13,780 £	15,580 £
Extra week	275 £	330 £	325 £	380 £	430 £

<b>Optional extras - Per week</b>	
Private lesson (1 hour)	60 £
IELTS, Cambridge, Business (28L)	30 £
Peak season (30/06 - 29/09/2019)	25 £
Host family - Full board (-18)	15 £
Host family - Extra night (per night)	25 £
Host family - Special diet (Halal, gluten-free, etc)	15 £
Host family - Superior room	15 £
<b>Extras to pay on site</b>	
Residence - non refundable deposit	100 £

<b>Transfers</b>		
<b>Airport</b>	<b>One-way</b>	<b>Round trip</b>
Cardiff	40 £	75 £
Bristol	90 £	175 £
Heathrow	185 £	360 £



Gatwick	220 £	430 £
Stansted	250 £	490 £
<b>A £25-extra will apply in case of extended wait (2h after landing)</b>		

#### Prices include:

- Chosen course and accommodation options
- Single room in your accommodation
- Host family: half-board
- Residence: standard accommodation, self-catering
- Course materials
- Welcome activity
- All taxes and enrolment fees

#### Prices do not include:

- Journey to/from Cardiff
- Airport transfers
- Transport in and around Cardiff
- Deposit, if applicable (£100, to be paid on-site)
- Exam fees, if applicable (Cambridge, IELTS, BULATS)

## Practical Information

### *Transport*

**Arrivals:** Sunday (**After 15:00** in residence accommodation)

**Departures:** Sunday (**Before 10:00** in residence accommodation)

#### Arrival airports/railway stations:

- Cardiff International Airport: 35 minutes (express bus)
- Bristol International Airport: 2 hours (by train)
- Heathrow Airport: 3 hours 15 minutes (express bus)

**Transfers available on request** (fees apply, please see 'Dates & Prices' tab).

**Please note:** Please note: Do not make travel arrangements until we have confirmed your enrolment in your chosen course.

### *Visa information*

**Brexit** : no visa will be required for EU-citizens until the 31/12/2020.

Do you need a visa for this course? For more information please visit our [Visa Information page](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email if you require any additional information.

## Video

Discover Cardiff and the students at Celtic English Academy