

English courses  
Age 15–17



Upper Secondary Plus  
IELTS and Academic

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**Build your  
confidence  
and get  
ready for  
your future**

New and improved for a more  
rewarding learning experience



# The place for you to learn English



**Secondary Plus is no ordinary English course. It's designed to support independent learning and prepare you for a global world.**

**Everyone's welcome at the British Council.**

We've worked hard to create a relaxed and open classroom environment – one where you can learn in your own way, but are supported by your teacher and classmates.

**A friendly community**

We create a place for you to be yourself and grow in confidence as a result.

A safe, relaxed and supportive place to learn



Inspired today



Specialist teachers who listen, encourage and inspire

**Where confidence grows**

Guided learning to do at your own pace



Ready for tomorrow



Tailor-made for each age group

# Expert teachers help you find your voice



**Secondary Plus is built on 80 years' experience. The course has been carefully crafted by a team of education experts, and it's delivered to you by a talented and dedicated team of teachers.**

Every year, 400,000 students pass through our doors. Each leaves with new skills, new friends, and the confidence they need to build an incredible future.

Our 2,500 teachers undergo extensive training every year and they create a friendly, inclusive community that empowers you to take charge of your own learning.



# Learn English for the real world

**Secondary Plus is a stimulating, modular course with challenging projects that will build your confidence and help you reach your full potential.**

In our lively classes, you will have lots of time to speak English and practise pronunciation with your teacher and classmates.

We'll help you succeed in school, get ready for university and develop the skills you need for the world of work and travel. Because when you can speak the world's global language, you're ready for anything.



# Feel more connected and motivated



**Our new, improved approach helps you to come to class fully prepared and more motivated.**

Your teacher sets you activities to do online at home meaning you can learn at your own pace. This will help you to feel more confident and make more progress.

**At home**



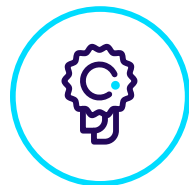
Activities, quizzes and games to prepare for class and build reading, listening and vocabulary skills

**In class**



More time to communicate with your teacher and classmates, practise grammar and receive more personalised feedback from your teacher

**After class**



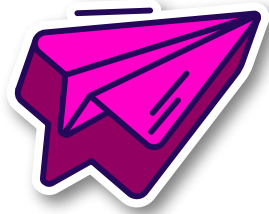
Reflect and review, track progress, identify areas for improvement and celebrate success

**‘ You don’t just learn with books, it’s a more dynamic way of learning. ’**

Secondary Plus student, Madrid



# Develop life skills for a global world



One day, you're interviewing musicians at an international music festival. Another, you're giving a presentation at the World Hunger Summit. Every day is different – and that's by design. Because when you're not staring at a textbook, you learn far more.

Whatever your level, Secondary Plus is designed to challenge you – and not just on your English. As you work

alongside your fellow students, you'll build leadership, collaboration and critical thinking skills, too.

## **Study with us and get ready for your future**

Our lessons focus on real-world scenarios and experiences that prepare you for a global world. The next page gives you a taste of what you will be doing in class.



**‘ I can be myself at the British Council. ’**

Secondary Plus student, Hanoi



## Life skill

## Classroom task



**Communication and collaboration**

**Health and well-being**

Write a survey on stress, conduct research and present research findings as a team



**Critical thinking**

**Music**

Share opinions on music and take part in a debate on the best type of music



**Leadership and personal development**

**World Hunger Summit**

Present at the summit and write a report on key issues



**Creativity and imagination**

**Culture**

Interview musicians at an international music festival



**Digital skills**

**Social media**

Discuss how to stay safe online, reflect on social media well-being and give views on cyberbullying



**Citizenship**

**Tourism and the environment**

Discuss the impact of mass tourism and write a travel blog on green tourism

# Develop academic English and exams skills for international exams and university

**Upper Secondary Plus offers academic English and IELTS lessons which help you develop the language, skills and strategies you need to be successful in an international educational environment.**

Academic English refers to the language and skills that you need to study effectively in school and at university

while exams skills help you use your English in ways that allow you to maximise your results in international exams like IELTS.

We focus on these skills because we understand that the best approach to being successful in an English-speaking educational environment is for students to build up their skills across their entire Secondary journey towards university.





# Making progress



**Secondary Plus offers eight language levels and you will always be learning with others who have a similar level and are in your age group.**

You will set learning goals with your teacher and be encouraged to take responsibility for your own learning.

You can expect to complete one level per year. At intermediate level, you will be able to speak about a variety of everyday topics and carry out research projects in English. At advanced level, you will be able to express points of view, use English creatively and reflect critically.

## Our course and levels

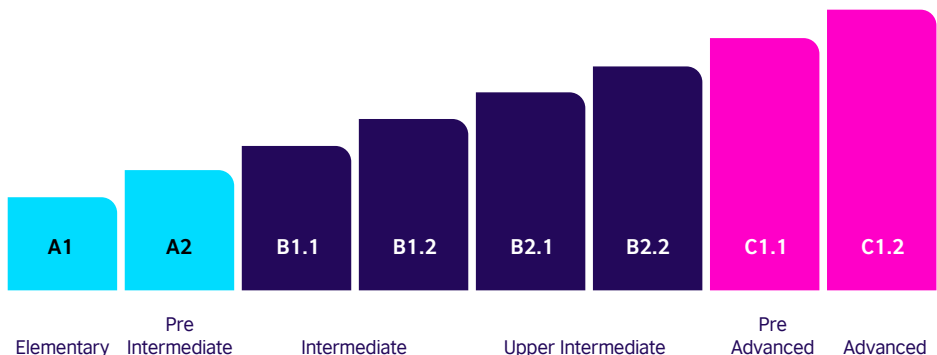
Semester 1 (Aug–Dec)



Semester 2 (Jan–May)



Summer course (Jun–Jul)



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# Keep track of your progress



Together with your teacher, you can keep track of your progress using the new personalised dashboard.

At the end of each module, you will be encouraged to reflect on your own learning. At the end of each term, you will receive a written report from your teacher.

## Feel a greater sense of progress

Feel more connected and in charge of your English learning adventure - write in your English journal, discuss your projects with classmates and upload work for your teacher to review. All this is possible on the new dashboard.

**Overview**

**In this module you're going to ...**

- learn about how the senses work in animals and humans
- learn and use language for talking about the senses, and extreme adjectives for describing things and people
- write a fact file about an animal with amazing senses
- find out how to create an effective showboard.

**Project**

Create and present a showboard for a science fair.

15% Completed

# IELTS preparation course

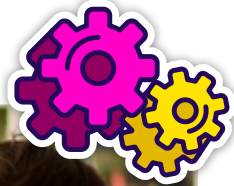
## Maximise your IELTS Exam score before your test date

Our Upper Secondary Plus IELTS short course helps students at B2 level aiming for IELTS 6.0+ in maximising their exam score. You'll practice exams skills related to all 4 parts of the test. There is an emphasis on understanding the specific demands of the Writing and Speaking parts of the test, with course assessments linked to exam practice in these areas.

You can expect to increase the range of language you use in the IELTS Exam

through this course, however it is not designed to improve your overall proficiency level.

Please join our Upper Secondary Plus IELTS and Academic Skills Course if you don't have an IELTS Exam test date coming up, and would like to improve your overall level of English and prepare effectively for the IELTS Exam.



# A safe and inclusive learning environment



**We create a safe place for you to be yourself, give your own views and express your opinions openly.**

We have the highest standards for child protection and have robust measures in place to keep you safe when you are learning in our classrooms and online.

## Covid-19

**The health, safety and well-being of all our staff and customers is our top priority.**

You can be assured that we have put in place measures in line with government guidelines to keep you safe when you visit our centres.

In the event of Covid-19, we may have to close our centres again.

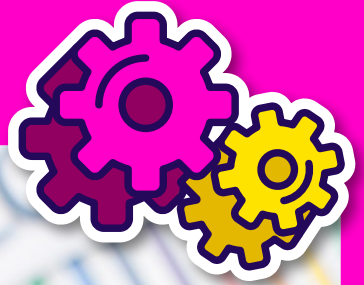
We have the systems in place so that your child's learning experience will continue online with minimal disruption for them.

**Ask our team for more information.**



**‘ Understanding English helps me to communicate with people from different cultures. ’**

Secondary Plus student, Korea



# Get ready for tomorrow

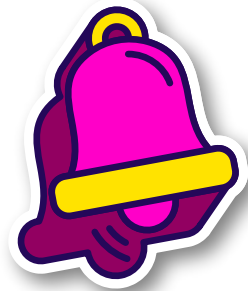
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Secondary Plus student, HCMC

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