



Sail the world of English



English Language Courses 2009/10

Come to England...

...and discover **Portsmouth**...

Portsmouth is an exciting waterfront city on the south coast of England.

It has an important harbour, a pleasant seafront (pictured below, left) and a long history. Major attractions include famous ships you can visit, including HMS Victory. The city football club put Portsmouth on the map last year, by winning the English FA Cup. Furthermore, the iconic Spinnaker Tower (pictured below, right), has made Portsmouth famous around the world. Built in 2004, the spinnaker dominates the waterfront and is symbolic of the new Portsmouth. It also provides the name of our college.

Portsmouth is a friendly and dynamic city. It is also becoming increasingly popular with students from around the world. Portsmouth is good for studying, has many cultural attractions and is surrounded by beautiful countryside. You can experience both modern and historical Britain here and both learn and relax in comfort. If you want a change of scene, it is easy to get to London on the train or bus.

What is a “spinnaker”?

A spinnaker is a very large, balloon-like sail used when there is very little wind.



Explore the beauty of English...

Spinnaker College is located in the vibrant university district of Portsmouth in a tall, attractive Victorian building. The classrooms are bright and spacious, with high ceilings and large windows, and plenty of floor space in which to move around. The environment for learning is cheerful and pleasant, and in many classes, such as the one below, there is plenty of fun as well as language learning.



“Everyone at the college is very helpful.”

Francisco



We provide General English, IELTS and Business English courses for adults throughout the year, and courses for young learners in the summer.

We also provide other courses on request, including refresher courses for language teachers. We aim for enjoyable, motivating, learner-centred lessons and always listen carefully to our students.



Enjoy your free time...

Spinnaker Tower is in Gunwharf Quays

The award-winning shopping and leisure complex. You can shop at 95 designer outlets, meet friends at one of 30 bars and restaurants, enjoy yourself at the 14-screen cinema and dance at Tiger Tiger, one of many exciting clubs. Our college is very close. We often take you there to go bowling and to visit the famous Historic Dockyard where you can explore the ships and discover the fascinating past of this important naval port.

Old Portsmouth is very near; join us sitting by the sea outside the attractive historic pubs, having a meal and a drink, chatting and watching the boats go by. We organize regular evening activities during the week and a Friday afternoon activity every 2 weeks. Visit museums, restaurants, pubs, cinemas and theatres and do sports such as bowling, golf, swimming, football and ice-skating! Portsmouth and Southsea have many night clubs and shops and also on the seafront there are large parks where we play football and enjoy barbecues. There are 6 kilometers of beach. Many people sunbathe, swim and windsurf in the clean waters.

“Portsmouth is a fun place with lots of things to do.”

Waleed



Spend your summers here.

There are course for adults on holiday. We also run courses for Juniors/Young Learners (aged 12-18) during the Spring and Summer. The package includes lessons, accommodation, sports, social activities and trips to places like London, Bath, the Isle of Wight, Oxford and Brighton.

At Spinnaker College, we believe that learning English should be enjoyable and motivating. We provide:

- Fast-paced, varied and interesting lessons
- Exciting projects
- Topic-based vocabulary learning
- Helpful grammar input
- Guided speaking and listening practice
- Enjoyable communicative activities
- Daily opportunities to use English in real life situations
- Structured support in reading and writing
- Motivating language games



Relax with your English family...

Accommodation

The College is happy to arrange accommodation for students according to their wishes; a service which costs only £30. We encourage students to stay with English host families as this is the best way to maximise conversation practice out of class. All host families are carefully selected and inspected by the College. Most families can provide their guests with breakfast and an evening meal every day. We also offer self-catering accommodation.

Homestay

In homestay accommodation, you will be provided with a comfortable, secure environment and will be treated as a member of the family.

Shared Accommodation

Alternatively, you may prefer to stay with your friends in shared accommodation.



“My host family is like my second family. I never feel homesick with them and they treat me like their daughter.”

Marzieh



Take your English into the future...

It goes without saying that English is essential for your future: for the professions, business, most jobs, study and for academic research. It also makes travel much easier and fun and allows you to enjoy many forms of entertainment. Here at Spinnaker College we carefully assess your level and your particular strengths and weaknesses - we also find out what you need English for. This means that we help you as an individual.

“I’m a teacher in China and I’m learning English so I can teach here in England.”

Emily



“I’m going to use my IELTS qualification to go to an English University.”

Morteza



The future of a lot of students depends on the IELTS qualification. We have a strong commitment to IELTS and a strong team of teachers. The classes we offer will help you to manage academic study and learn the crucial examination techniques.

Our General English classes encourage you to communicate using the new words and forms in realistic, interesting and enjoyable ways; this means that you are much more likely to understand and remember. When you have learnt in this way, English feels more natural and you are much more able to communicate clearly when, for example, you are trying to find a job, or have a job, or are meeting people socially.

Whatever you want it for, our qualified and experienced teachers will raise your level of English and encourage you to feel confident and comfortable. We do all we can to ensure that your time with us is enjoyable and useful so that your improved English really does open up your world and carry you forward into a better future.





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