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**ACADEMY**  
of ENGLISH



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Students on the beach in Buncrana

The North West Academy of English was established in 1997 and since then has become an extremely successful English language school based in the historical yet contemporary City of Derry.

We offer a range of study programmes and look forward to welcoming you to our school in the near future.

In 2018 North West Academy of English was delighted to be awarded 6 strengths by British Council: strategic management; staff management; leisure opportunities; premises; academic management and academic staff profile.

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Summer School Students

# Welcome to the North West Academy of English

The North West Academy prides itself on providing students with the best possible experience.

## Our company aims are:

- To continue providing students with an exceptional English language education
- To establish long-term cooperation and partnerships with agents and partners worldwide
- To treat our students with respect and to provide first class support and welfare services
- To extend and improve students' professional qualifications

We are committed to the continued success of the school and to the success of our students. We look forward to providing many more students with the high calibre education and study experience that we are renowned for. We offer a wide range of courses at the Academy and will continue to educate and support our students in the best way possible to help them improve their English, their study skills and their career prospects.

The safety of your child is our top priority. To this end, we follow the safeguarding policies put in place by law and we have a friendly and reassuring environment where they feel safe and welcome. All staff have been police checked to ensure their suitability to work with children and vulnerable adults.



Entrance to North West  
Academy of English

## We specialize in the organisation of:

- English Language Courses
- Induction and Orientation
- Work Placements
- Cultural and Social Activities
- Airport Transfer
- Accommodation
- Local Transport
- 24 hour Emergency Support

# Advantages to Studying in the North West of Ireland

With its vibrant cities and unspoilt countryside, it is easy to fall for the charms of Northern Ireland. The historic walled city of Derry is a hotspot of culture and creativity. Northern Ireland is a small country so it is easy to travel around and for students to make the most of their time here. Discover beautiful forest parks, lakes and a spectacular coastline. Drop into a friendly pub and relax to the sound of some traditional Irish music.

## Derry

The City of Derry, also known as Londonderry, is situated on the banks of the River Foyle in the North West of Ireland. Derry is the fourth largest city in Ireland with a population of over 125,000. Derry won the title of the first UK City of Culture in 2013.

There is also a college and university located in the city so it is the perfect destination for international students. The city is located in one of Northern Ireland's most beautiful regions. There are a variety of festivals and special events organised in the city throughout the year so students will have the experience of a lifetime. The city is also located close to the Atlantic Ocean where students can visit some of the most beautiful beaches in Ireland.

The most visibly striking feature of the city is the historic city walls. Derry is the only completely Walled City in the British Isles and is one of the finest examples of all the walled cities in Europe. Here students can expect many warm welcomes from people who are noted worldwide for their friendly hospitality.



Students taking part in St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Peace Bridge



Students during a trip to Giant's Causeway



# Our Academy About English

## All courses include the following:

- Placement Test
- Needs Analysis (if applicable)
- Study Materials
- Tutorials
- Progress Tests (if applicable)
- Academic Report
- Certificate
- Learning Resources for independent study (books, recommended websites, language learning software)

## English Language Courses

High quality English language courses for students of all levels. All courses include a variety of teaching techniques which allow students to develop and practise their English in a realistic context.

## Teachers

Our teachers are committed to students' development and aim to help students improve their English as much as possible.

- Friendly, professional teachers
- Qualified and experienced in their chosen profession
- Enthusiastic and dedicated to students
- Native English speaker competence

## Language Programmes

All courses include a variety of activities and teaching techniques which allow students to develop and practise their English in a realistic context. The North

West Academy encourages 'blended' learning so all our courses incorporate the use of textbooks, computer software and online study materials. The courses are a fantastic way for students to practise and advance their English in a supportive and encouraging environment.

# List of Courses & Programmes



Students during a Lesson

## List of Courses

- General English Courses
- Intensive English Courses
- Personal One-To-One Lessons
- Irish History and Culture Course
- Exam Preparation Courses
- Tailored Programmes

## List of Programmes

- Summer and Winter Schools
- English + Work Placement
- Business English Courses
- Teacher Training/CLIL

# Our Courses

## General English



Students preparing for classes

### Course Details

**Lessons per week:** 15 hours per week

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Minimum 1 week – No maximum

**Levels:** All levels from beginners to advanced

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-12:30  
OR 2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 15  
(average 8-12)

### Course Overview

The course covers all areas of General English concentrating on improving students' skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The lessons allow students to revise and practise the language they may already know while developing vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and social and idiomatic English. This course is the perfect way for students to practise their English in a supportive and encouraging environment.

### Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Improve English for everyday situations
- Increase knowledge of British and Irish life and culture

### Course Content

The General English course includes a variety of activities to encourage students to practise and improve their language skills.

**Writing:** improving writing skills for various situations.

**Reading:** developing reading skills and expanding vocabulary.

**Listening:** understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts.

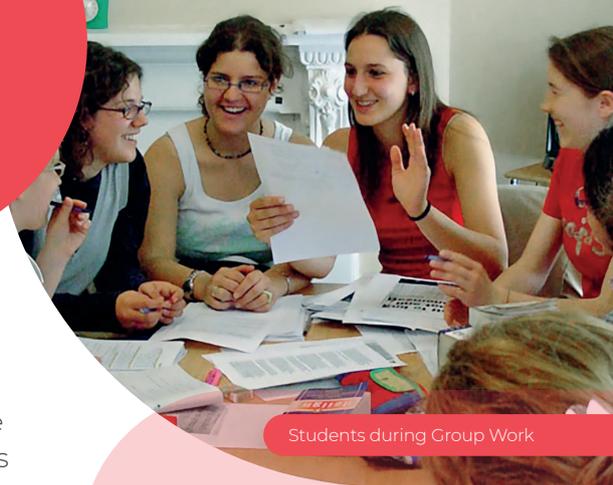
**Speaking:** conversations and class discussions - developing and improving oral fluency and accuracy.

**Pronunciation:** students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

**Grammar:** reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

# Our Courses

## Intensive English



Students during Group Work

### Course Overview

This course is for students who want to rapidly advance their English language skills. The course allows students to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. An excellent course for students who are keen to consolidate and further develop their language skills quickly.

### Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Undertake independent study and develop language study skills
- Increase knowledge of British and Irish life and culture

### Course Content

The Intensive English course includes a variety of activities to help students to progress as much as possible.

**Writing:** improving writing skills in order to produce well-structured, coherent and accurate pieces of writing.

**Reading:** developing strategies for understanding a variety of texts.

**Listening:** understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts.

**Speaking:** conversations, discussions and oral presentations - developing and improving oral fluency and accuracy.

**Pronunciation:** students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

**Grammar:** reviewing, extending and practising key points of grammar and usage.

### Course Details

**Lessons per week:** 20 hours per week

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Minimum 1 week – No maximum

**Levels:** All levels from beginners to advanced

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-1:30 OR 12:30-1:30/2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 15 (average 5-10)

# Our Courses

## Personal One To One English



One To One Lesson

### Courses Details

**Lessons per week:** 1+ x 60 minute lesson (or as requested)

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Any length

**Levels:** All levels from beginners to advanced

**Times of Classes:** This can be organised depending on the needs of the student.

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 1

### One-to-One English Language Tuition

#### Course Overview

Personal one-to-one lessons allow students to study English specifically for their individual needs. Lessons are completely tailored to suit the student's requirements and learning style. Maximum personal attention and interaction allow the student to make rapid progress.

#### Course Aims

- Focus on any particular aspects of language study requested by the student
- Identify personal strengths and weaknesses and key areas to develop
- Make rapid progress through intensive, tailored lessons

#### Course Content

A variety of activities, topics and learning techniques tailored to individual student's needs.

# Our Courses

## Irish History and Culture



Students during a trip to Grianan of Aileach

### Course Overview

This course gives students an insight into the economic, cultural and historical situation in Northern Ireland.

The course focuses on the city of Derry, also known as Londonderry, and the influences of Britain and Ireland. This is an interesting and informative course and includes a variety of topics of interest to visitors to the city.

### Course Aims

- Learn about the cultural, political and historical influences on the city
- Develop a deeper understanding of British and Irish culture
- Expand vocabulary
- Develop English language skills
- Improve listening skills

### Course Content

The Irish history course includes a variety of topics that will allow students to develop their knowledge and understanding of British and Irish culture. The course also includes field trips to historical and cultural attractions within the city.

### Topics include:

History, political influences, music, arts, literature, culture and economic developments

### Course Details

**Lessons per week:** 15 hours per week

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** 1 week

**Levels:** Intermediate +

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-12:30  
OR 2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 15  
(average 8-12)

# Our Courses

## IELTS Preparation



Students Preparing for IELTS

### Course Overview

Our IELTS courses are designed to help students improve their English while developing the skills and techniques needed to obtain a high score in the IELTS exam. We provide our students with all the support, practice, information and encouragement required when preparing for the exam. The courses allow students to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Exam techniques and practice are also covered to help students achieve the best possible mark.

# Our Courses

## IELTS Preparation



Students preparing for IELTS

### Intensive Exam Preparation

#### 20 x 60 minute IELTS Preparation lessons per week

An intensive course that focuses entirely on preparation for the IELTS Exam. Students will practise exam techniques and complete mock exams.

#### Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Become familiar with the different types of exam questions and how to answer them
- Perfect exam techniques and practise under exam conditions

### Course Content

The IELTS preparation courses include a variety of activities to encourage students to progress as much as possible.

**Writing:** improving writing skills focusing on structure and answering typical exam questions.

**Reading:** developing reading skills, expanding vocabulary and reading skills for IELTS.

**Listening:** understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts and listening skills for IELTS. Speaking conversations, class discussions and speaking skills for IELTS.

**Pronunciation:** students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

**Grammar:** reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

**Exams:** specialised exam preparation.

### Course Details

**Lessons per week:** 20 hours per week

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Minimum 1 week – no maximum

**Levels:** Intermediate+

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-1:30

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 12

# Our Courses

## Exam Preparation



Students during Workshops



Students' Graduation

### Course Overview

Our Cambridge and Trinity exam preparation courses are designed to help students improve their English while developing the skills and techniques needed to pass exams. The course combines General English with specialised exam preparation. We provide our students with all the support, practice, information and encouragement required when preparing for exams.

The courses allow students to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and to develop their vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Exam techniques and mock exams are also covered to help students achieve the best possible marks.

### Cambridge Exam Preparation

#### 20 x 45 minute Exam Preparation lessons per week

The course focuses entirely on preparation for the Cambridge Exams. Students will practise exam techniques and complete mock exams.

### Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop vocabulary
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar area
- Improve English for everyday situations
- Become familiar with the different types of exam questions and how to answer them
- Perfect exam techniques and practise under exam conditions

# Our Courses

## Cambridge and Trinity



Students preparing for their exam

### Course Content

Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses include a variety of activities to encourage students to progress as much as possible.

**Writing:** improving writing skills for various situations and answering typical exam questions.

**Reading:** developing reading skills, expanding vocabulary and reading skills for Cambridge exams.

**Listening:** understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts and listening skills for Cambridge exams.

**Speaking:** conversations, class discussions and exam speaking practice.

**Pronunciation:** students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

**Grammar:** reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

**Exams:** specialised exam preparation.

### Cambridge Exam

We prepare students for the following exams:

- **KET** (Key English Test)
- **PET** (Preliminary English Test)
- **FCE** (First Certificate in English)
- **CAE** (Certificate in Advanced English) CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English)
- **CPE** (Certificate of Proficiency in English)

### Cambridge Exam Centre

We are also a Cambridge examination centre, allowing students the opportunity to prepare for and take their exam in the same location. This has been a popular option with students in the past, and we envisage a high demand for this in the future.

### Courses Details

**Lessons per week:** 15 hours per week

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Minimum 1 week – No maximum

**Levels:** All levels from beginners to advanced

\*Depending on Exam

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 10+

**Maximum Class Size:** 12

# Our Courses

## Trinity Exam Preparation

(Trinity GESE)



Students Celebrating their exam results

Please feel free to contact us for further information about any of these preparation courses.

### Course Overview

Trinity's Graded Examinations in Spoken English are suitable for candidates who have learnt English as a foreign, second or additional language. They are one-to-one oral exams that test candidates' ability in listening and speaking.

There are 12 GESE grades grouped into four stages. There are three grades at each stage:

- Initial (Grades 1-3)
- Elementary (Grades 4-6)
- Intermediate (Grades 7-9)
- Advanced (Grades 10-12)

The grades are mapped to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

The number of tasks in an exam depends on the stage. New tasks and increasing demands on the candidate skills are introduced at each stage.

### Course Aims

- Improve language skills in communicative proficiency
- Develop vocabulary related to the exam
- Improve pronunciation and fluency
- Consolidate and extend key grammar areas
- Become familiar with the different types of exam questions and how to answer them
- Perfect exam techniques and practise under exam conditions

### Trinity GESE Course Content

Trinity GESE Preparation Courses include a variety of activities to encourage students to attain the desired grade.

**Speaking:** conversations, class discussions and exam speaking practice.

**Pronunciation:** students will be encouraged to improve their pronunciation throughout the course.

**Grammar:** reviewing and practising key points of grammar and usage.

**Exams:** specialised exam preparation.

# Our Courses

## Trinity ISE

### Course Overview

Trinity's Integrated Skills in English (ISE) is a contemporary four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) qualification recognised by governments and institutions worldwide. This qualification provides reliable evidence of English language proficiency.

Preparing for ISE helps develop authentic communicative and transferable skills that are absolutely vital for academic study and employability, such as synthesising information, participating in interactive discussions and presenting topics of personal interest.

ISE exams consist of two exam modules – Reading & Writing and Speaking & Listening, which can be taken together, or separately when you are ready.

ISE exams are available at 5 levels:

- ISE Foundation equivalent to A2 CEFR level
- ISE I equivalent to B1 CEFR level
- ISE II equivalent to B2 CEFR level
- ISE III equivalent to C1 CEFR level
- ISE IV equivalent to C2 CEFR level



Student taking part in a horse riding activity

# Our Courses

## Trinity ISE



### Course Aims

- Assist in gaining the desired level of English
- Prepare students to pass the exam
- Help students develop academic skills for writing and oral presentations
- Provide the English Language certificate needed to gain entry to university

### Who are ISE exams for?

ISE exams are for students who:

- use English as part of their studies or at work and want to develop their English language skills and improve their knowledge in a range of subject areas.
- plan to go to university in the UK

- are preparing for further or higher education and need to prove their English language proficiency
- want to improve their English language skills to have access to more job opportunities
- already have a Trinity GESE and want to complete the second module to get an ISE qualification?

### Reliable evidence of skills:

Trinity ISE II and III exams specifically, satisfy the language requirements of most universities in the UK and Ireland, and are accepted as proof of language proficiency by employers in the UK.

Trinity's ISE qualifications provide individuals and institutions with reliable evidence of the use of integrated English language skills at different levels from beginner to advanced.

ISE exams are regulated by Ofqual in the UK. They are listed on the UK's Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and are aligned with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).

Trinity's ISE A2-C2 exams have been awarded the ALTE Q-mark by the Association of Language Testers in Europe demonstrating that they meet the strictest of quality criteria.

### SELT Preparation Centre

SELT Preparation Centre The North West Academy is proud to offer preparation courses for the Secure English Language Tests for UK Visa purposes. We are the only SELT centre in the north west of Ireland. Trinity College London is one of only two providers of these tests, and the Trinity exams offered for SELT purposes are:

Graded Examinations in Spoken English (GESE) - A1 and B1 tests

Integrated Skills in English (ISE) - B1, B2 and C1 tests

# Our Courses

## Tailored language Course



### Tailored Language Course Overview

We provide short duration English courses designed to meet the language needs of specific groups of students. We are very happy to develop tailored English language programmes incorporating any topics or areas of language that you would like to focus on. The tailor made option is a fantastic way for a group to study English that is of particular interest and importance to them.

### Courses Details

**Lessons per week:** 15 hours per week

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Minimum 1 week – No maximum

**Levels:** All levels

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 16 (average 8-12)

**Minimum Class Size:** 5 people.

# Our Programmes

## Summer and Winter Schools



Students during a weekend trip

Summer and winter schools combine an English language course with a programme of optional excursions, sports and activities. An ideal programme for students who want to improve their English, meet lots of new people and see lots of new places. Create the perfect summer school programme for your group by selecting from the summer school English courses and social and cultural packages available.

### Social and Cultural Packages

We organize a variety of social programme options. Programmes can be tailor-made, so please feel free to contact us if you have any special requests.



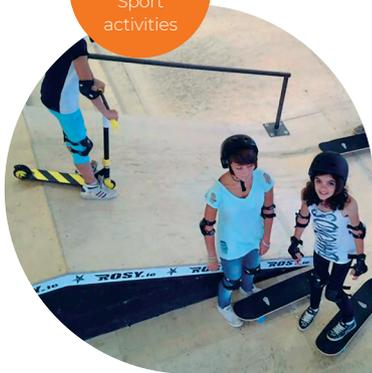
Students revising their notes

# Our Programmes

## Summer and Winter Schools



Students during Sport activities



### Summer and Winter School packages include:

- Airport Transfer
- Accommodation - Homestay/ Residential
- Welcome Pack on arrival
- Induction and Orientation
- Placement Test
- Learning Materials
- Tutorials
- Social and Cultural Activities
- Academic Report
- End of Course Certificate
- Use of Academy Facilities
- Free Internet and Wi-Fi Access
- 24-hour Emergency Support
- Local Transport Refund (if applicable)

\* All students under 16 are streamed into classes according to age and level.

### Summer and Winter School Programme Details

**Lessons per week:** 15 hours per week + social and cultural package

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** 1-2 weeks (a longer course is available on request)

**Levels:** All levels from beginners to advanced

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 10+ (younger students may be enrolled by special request)  
**Maximum Enrolment Age:** 17

**Maximum Class Size:** 16 (average 8-12)

# Our Programmes

## Summer and Winter Schools



Students having fun while bowling

Below is an example of a sample programme. For further options and combinations, please contact us for a proposal.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Induction & Orientation 10-12.30	English Class 9.30 – 12.30	English Class 9.30 – 12.30	English Class 9.30 – 12.30	English Class 9.30 – 12.30	Full Day trip  Giant's Causeway	Free
Afternoon	Conversation Class 2.00-5.00	Historical Tour of the City	Sports day	Visit to Grianan Fort & Buncrana	Irish Music Workshop		11.00 – 19.00
Evening	Welcome Party	With Family	With Family	Irish Dancing	Bowling	With Family	With Family



Student during Work Placement

# Our Programmes

## English + Work Placement & Mobility Programmes

### English + Work Placement Course Details

**Lessons:** 15 hours per week

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Minimum 1 week –  
no maximum

**Levels:** All levels from  
beginners to advanced

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-12:30 OR  
2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North-  
West Academy is open for the  
majority of public holidays.  
We will always endeavour  
to accommodate groups,  
whatever the time of year, and  
any loss of teaching hours will  
be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment:** Age: 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 15 (average  
8-12)

**The programme includes the following:**

- English Language Courses
- Induction and Orientation
- Work Placements
- Cultural and Social Activities
- Airport Transfer
- Accommodation
- Local Transport
- 24-hour Emergency Support
- Monitoring and support  
throughout the project
- Certificates and Letters  
of Reference

### Language Training

The course covers all areas of  
general English concentrating on  
improving students' skills in reading,  
writing, listening and speaking. The  
lessons allow students to revise and  
practise the language they may  
already know while developing  
vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation  
and social and idiomatic English.  
This course is the perfect way for  
students to practise their English  
in a supportive and encouraging  
environment before undertaking a  
work placement in a local company.

### Work Placements

We have extensive experience  
in finding the right work  
placement for our students.  
Our Work Placement Officer  
will match each student's  
profile with one of the 250 local  
companies we have links with.

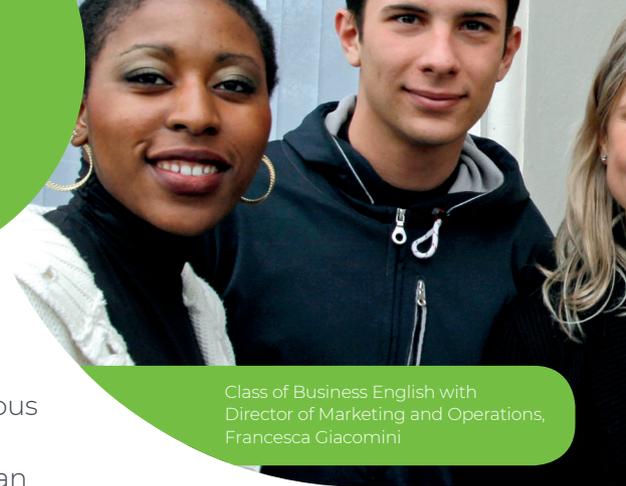
Placements depend completely  
on the student's language  
skills and on their vocational  
training and experience. Before  
organising the final interview,  
the Work Placement Officer will  
meet the students in order to  
understand expectations and  
discuss possible placements.

**Places are available in all kinds of  
sectors including:**

- Administration
- Engineering
- Environmental
- IT (software and hardware)
- Marketing and business
- Sales (shop assistant)
- Social (several positions)
- School (teaching assistant,  
special needs tutor)
- Tourism (hotel and catering)

# Our Programmes

## Business English



Class of Business English with  
Director of Marketing and Operations,  
Francesca Giacomini

Our various Business English courses are designed to suit the various requirements of studying English for business purposes. Courses allow students to prepare for a variety of business situations and can be tailored to suit specific learner needs.

Topics include: formal and non-formal written communication (emailing, letter writing, note taking); telephoning; greeting clients; giving presentations; reading business texts; numerical information and basic statistics; meetings; making deals; negotiations; conferencing; common business expressions and idioms; diplomacy and etiquette; business customs and protocol; dealing with visitors; human resources; describing the company; marketing and advertising; reading and writing reports.

All our business courses include a pre-course needs analysis to identify specific learner needs.

Business English Classes





# Our Programmes

## Business English

### Course Aims

- Improve language skills in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Expand business vocabulary
- Practise and prepare for many business functions
- Appreciate international business customs
- Build student confidence for dealing with a variety of business situations

### Course Content

The Business English courses includes a variety of activities to encourage students to progress as much as possible.

**Writing:** improving written communication skills.

**Reading:** developing reading skills and expanding vocabulary.

**Listening:** understanding spoken English in a variety of contexts.

**Speaking:** class discussions, role-plays, business meetings.

**Pronunciation:** students will be encouraged to work on their pronunciation throughout the course.

**Business:** preparing for many types of business tasks.

**Idioms:** learn to use common business expressions and idioms in the correct context

### Course Details

**Lessons per week:** Variable – depends on option chosen

**Available:** All year round

**Duration:** Minimum 1 week

**Levels:** Intermediate +

**Times of Classes:** 9:30-12:30 OR 2:00-5:00

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 16+

**Maximum Class Size:** 15

**Minimum Class Size:** 5 people.

# Our Programmes

## General + Business English



Student during his Work Placement



English Classes

### English Combination Course

**20 x 45 minute General English lessons**  
**+ 6 x 60 minute Business English lessons per week**

This combination course covers various areas of General and Business English concentrating on improving students' skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The General English lessons allow students to revise and develop their English language skills. The Business English element prepares students for completing a variety of everyday business functions using English.

### Intensive Business English

**20 x 60 minute Business English lessons per week**

An intensive and informative course that focuses entirely on using English in a variety of business situations. This is an excellent course that would be of great benefit to people at all levels in business. The course gives students the opportunity to prepare and practise for authentic business situations in a supportive and welcoming learning environment.

# Our Programmes

## General + Business English



One to One Business English Student during Class

### Business English + Professional Visits

**20 x 45 minute Business English lessons per week  
+ visits to UK and Irish companies of specific interest to  
the student**

This course allows students to develop their business English skills whilst gaining a valuable insight into the UK and Irish business sector. The Business English element prepares students for a variety of business situations and provides plenty of realistic practice. Professional visits give students the opportunity to visit local companies and learn first hand about businesses in the UK and Ireland. Visits can be arranged in many sectors including: IT, human resources, administration, engineering, tourism and marketing.

### General Business English +

**5 Hours Personal One-to-One English  
20 x 45 minute Business English lessons per week  
+ Personal One-to-One English**

A combination course of Business English and personal one-to-one. This course is an ideal choice for anyone who needs to improve their language skills rapidly. The business English element prepares students for a variety of business situations and provides plenty of realistic practice. Combining the course with personal one-to-one tuition allows consolidation of work and ensures that any specific requirements are catered for.

\*\* A separate brochure is available for a 2-3 week Business English programme.

# Our Programmes

## Teacher Training/CLIL



Dunluce Castle

**Refresh or acquire new teaching skills while learning innovative methods to keep up-to-date with your class interests and needs.**

We offer 4 key teacher training programmes, which cover Methodology, Refresher English, CLIL, and Innovation in Teaching.

**Elements of all these programmes can be combined on request.**

### Teaching Methodology

This course looks at the principles of English language teaching methodology. Due to the constraints of time, not all methodologies will be covered in detail. References however will be made to most of the latest methodologies. The focus of this course will be Task Based Learning and Communicative Language Teaching. It is a highly practical module and encourages discussion to solve problems.

### Refresher English

The aim of this course is to help you gain confidence in using the English language, and to refresh your knowledge of the grammatical structures and common vocabulary used in everyday language. This course is for all levels, and we try our best to meet the needs of every participant in the classroom.



Working during Classes



Graduation



# Our Programmes

## Teacher Training/CLIL

### **CLIL**

CLIL, or Content and Language Integrated Learning, is a popular methodology in schools across Europe, where teachers teach their subjects through the medium of English. Increasing numbers of subject teachers are now faced with the challenge of improving their English, while English teachers are required to brush up on their subject knowledge. We take you through the key concepts linked to this methodology, including lesson planning, resources, and assessment. This module also gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your skills in designing and presenting a short lesson using the methodology and techniques learnt.

### **Innovative Teaching - Flipped Classrooms/ Use of Technology**

This combined module is perfect for teachers who are looking for ways of incorporating new methodology in their lessons. Flipped classrooms methodology is one which is becoming more popular due to the opportunities it creates for communication in the classroom. In this part of the module, we show you the practical applications of this methodology and look at recent research in this field.

The North West Academy are proud to use iPads in the classroom, and are dedicated to finding innovative ways to incorporate these into our lessons without losing any of the communicative aspect we are known for. In this part of the module, we will discuss the ways in which iPads can be effectively used in the ELT classroom, and our experiences trialling different apps. We believe in the importance of creating an interactive environment where modern technology mingles with tried and tested techniques, and are eager to share this with others.

# Our Programmes

## CertTESOL



Collaborative Group Work

### Course Overview

As one of only 2 internationally accepted and recognised TEFL qualifications, the Trinity CertTESOL will give you what you need to secure employment in English language schools globally. This is not a weekend or taster course so you will actually be qualified at the end of our course and you will have the necessary skills and confidence to begin teaching English immediately.



Input Sessions

# Our Programmes

## CertTESOL



Positive Experience

- The NWA CertTESOL is a preliminary TEFL qualification which is recognised globally and fully accredited by the British Council.
- We run 4-week intensive courses and 13-week part-time courses leading to the award of the Certificate at our premises in the centre of Derry, Northern Ireland.
- When you are here, you will learn how to teach English to speakers of other languages. Naturally this will involve learning about the different methodologies involved in teaching EFL / ESL but you will also learn about grammar, phonetics and a range of issues surrounding the EFL industry.
- Many trainees assume that much of the course will be about grammar and indeed many are put off doing the course because they feel their grammar is poor. In reality, the course focuses on

a communicative approach to teaching so classroom teaching techniques and the Teaching Practice you do will be considered more important.

- Unlike many “online” or “weekend” TEFL courses, the Trinity course involves at least 6 hours of Teaching Practice. This means you will stand up in front of and teach classes of real learners while you are here. Since the object of the course is to prepare you to go out into the world and teach, this component of the course is heavily weighted and indeed you must pass this component to be awarded the certificate.
- NWA trainees usually start off teaching half hour classes before progressing to a full hour later in the course. Before teaching a class by yourself, you will observe experienced teachers in action and be guided in preparing for your own lessons.

### Courses Details

**Lessons per week:** 35 hours per week

**Available:** Contact us for course dates

**Duration:** 4 weeks

**Levels:** C1

**Times of Classes:** group classes Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm

**Non-Teaching Dates:** The North West Academy is open for the majority of public holidays. We will always endeavour to accommodate groups, whatever the time of year, and any loss of teaching hours will be compensated.

**Minimum Enrolment Age:** 18

**Class Size:** 8-12 people

# Our Programmes

## CertTESOL



Intensive Study

### Course Aims

By the end of this course, participants will have gained:

- A foundation in language teaching practice that will enable them to foster in their learners the development of skills, the learning of structure and lexis and the ability to communicate effectively in English.
- Sufficient awareness of the structural, lexical, phonological and discursive features of English as a foreign language to be able to inform language learners about these features.
- The critical and creative thinking skills to evaluate learners' needs effectively, plan a programme of study and the individual lessons within that programme and formulate aims suitable for either individual tuition or group learning.

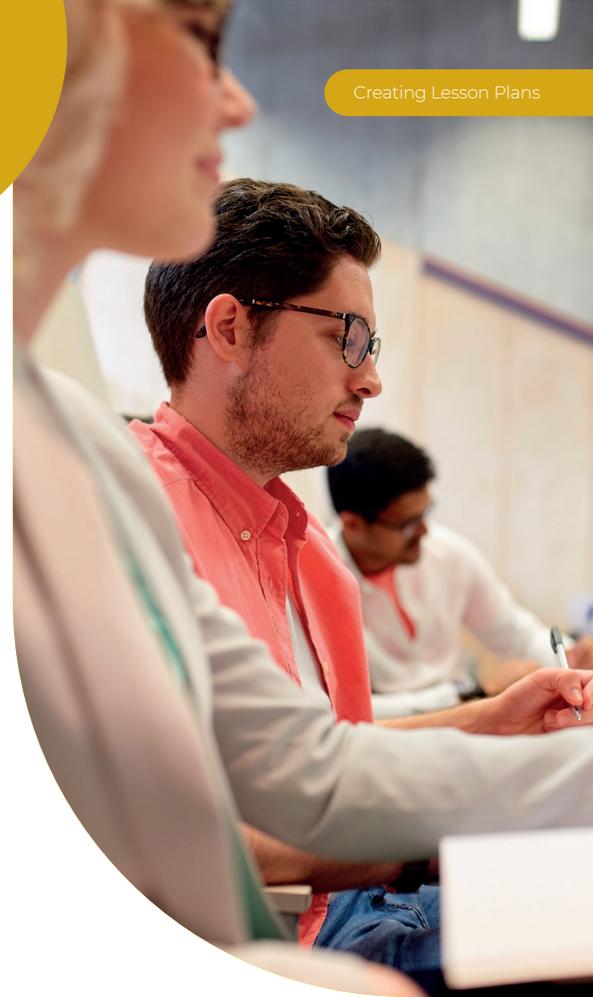


Developing Teaching Skills

# Our Programmes

## CertTESOL

- The ability to deliver classroom lessons so as to facilitate achievement of learning aims among learners effectively.
- The ability to engage, interest and stimulate learners during lessons and to make them the centre of the learning process itself.
- The necessary skills to enable them to become reflective practitioners, able to self evaluate, self-appraise and develop professionally as teachers.
- The ability to find, adapt and create materials to use when teaching as well as the knowledge of different teaching resources and how these can be used effectively to facilitate learning.
- A resource bank of practical teaching techniques, strategies and activity types, that will assist them in their role as a teacher of English in the future.
- An awareness of their future role as teaching professionals operating as part of a team within a language learning institution.
- A realistic understanding of their own future learning needs as newly qualified teachers, how these can be met and how they can best pursue their continuing professional development autonomously.
- The ability to actively seek employment as a qualified teacher of English, aware of both their own needs and competencies as a newly qualified teacher and how to access employment opportunities through written and online media.



# Our Programmes

## Cambridge TKT

(Teaching Knowledge Test)



### Course Overview:

The Cambridge Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) is a test that focuses on the teaching knowledge needed by teachers of primary, secondary, or adult learners of English, anywhere in the world.

NWA's TKT preparation course will provide the valuable knowledge, skills, and techniques required to pass the Cambridge TKT and help you build a successful and rewarding career as a teacher of English. This course is available for groups only.

TKT is a series of modular teaching qualifications which test your knowledge in specific areas of English language teaching. It will help you to build your confidence and is a cost-effective way to get an internationally recognised qualification. Whether you are a new teacher or have years of experience, TKT is ideal for people who need to prove their teaching knowledge with a globally recognised certificate.

You can take as many modules as you want, over any time period. You receive a Cambridge English certificate for each module you complete.

### Who is TKT for?

- New and experienced teachers
- Recommended for teachers with an English level of B1 or above
- Teachers who teach primary, secondary or adult learners
- Teachers who want to prove their teaching knowledge
- Teachers who need a globally recognised certificate

# Our Programmes

## Cambridge TKT

(Teaching Knowledge Test)



### Course Content

TKT is taken as a series of multiple-choice tests. There are five modules that can be taken in any order or combination:

#### Core modules:

##### Module 1

Background to language learning and teaching

##### Module 2

Lesson planning and use of resources for language teaching

##### Module 3

Managing the teaching and learning process

#### Specialist modules:

##### TKT: CLIL

Content and Language Integrated Learning

##### TKT: YL

Young Learners

\*\* TKT is at Foundation to Developing stages on the Cambridge English Teaching Framework.

# Our Services

## Accommodation



Students in their Accommodation

### Accommodation

The North West Academy organises comfortable, well-maintained and fully furnished accommodation for all our students. We realise the importance of staying in a comfortable and safe living environment so all our accommodation is inspected on a regular basis.

### Full-Board Homestay Accommodation

Homestay is the perfect choice for any student who wishes to learn about the everyday way of life in the UK and Ireland and it gives students plenty of opportunities to practise their English. Furthermore it will provide them with the support and supervision of a caring home environment.

### Self-Catering City Centre Accommodation

Our fully-furnished self-catering accommodation is of a high standard and is located close to the city centre. North West Academy students share a house. This is a great way for them to learn together and to make new friends. Min age 18 years old.

# Our Services Facilities

School Facilities and Classrooms



## Facilities

- Well equipped classrooms
- IT area
- Free internet and Wi-Fi connection
- Relaxation lounge area for students
- On site cafe
- Compact student book lending facility



## Social and Cultural Programme

The North West Academy offers a varied and enjoyable social and cultural programme to our students.

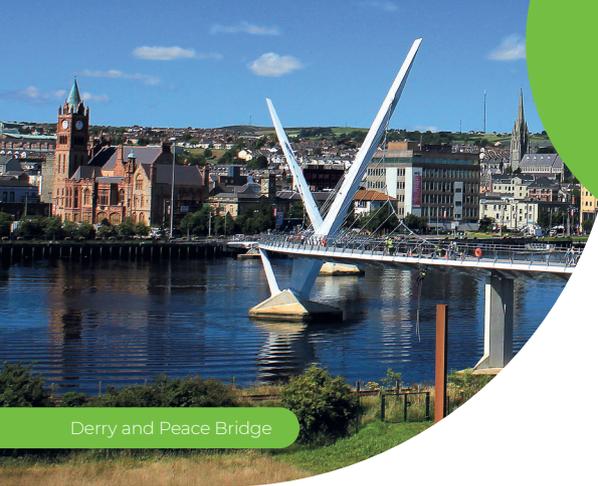
Activities are affordable and there are a variety of free activities to ensure that all students can join in. Students visit some of the most spectacular attractions and landmarks in the country as well as participating in several social and cultural excursions.

### These include:

- Museum and cultural centre visits
- City tours and river cruises
- Fun-filled activities
- Art workshops
- Sports and leisure
- Pub visits – Irish music, dance and live concerts
- Day excursions
- Weekend trips



# Our Services Getting Here



Derry and Peace Bridge



Live Irish Music

## Flights

Northern Ireland is served by flights into:

- City of Derry Airport
- Belfast International Airport
- Belfast City George Best Airport
- Dublin International Airport

Scheduled air services operate from nearly all major UK airports and many destinations throughout Europe. The North West Academy organises airport transfer from any of these airports.

## Good to know

### Currency:

The currency in Northern Ireland is the Pound Sterling (GBP)

### Telephone and dialling code:

The country code to call Northern Ireland is +44 or 0044

### Electricity in Northern Ireland:

Voltage 230V, Frequency 50 Hz, Plug G

### Time Zone:

No UTC/GMT offset



Getting Directions

# Testimonials

Our experience at the North West Academy was very enjoyable. No words can express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the overwhelming support and kindness everybody showed to us.

**Renato Grilli**, Leonardo da Vinci Project Co-ordinator

The North West Academy was a precious and unexpected resource... constant attention towards the needs of the students and cooperation with the partner. On top of that Derry is a beautiful and charming City.

**Dr. Andrea Cecchin**, CEO of Italian Partner Organisation

I really enjoyed attending the North West Academy because of the varied lessons. The teachers always tried to organise new activities to meet our tastes. I really appreciated that because we were able to learn more in an easier way.

**Huda El Idrissi**, NW Academy Student

In Derry, families are fantastic. They are all native speakers and really look after the kids. Irish people are very family oriented and this is why I love going back.

**Fran Haba**, Spanish Tutor



Summer School Students on Buncrana Beach

We have taken more of our groups to Derry as its location offers a wonderful programme in a safe environment. Derry offers a great, cultural and language experience. There is so much for the kids to do there and lots of activities are free.

**Iza Mrozec**, Polish Teacher

...and getting around is cheap and very safe. I can totally relax when I go there and know the kids are totally safe.

**Gloria Fanigliulo**, Italian Teacher

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