DOCKLANDS ACADEMY LONDON

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Principal’s Welcome



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for considering Docklands Academy London (DAL) as part of your educational journey. Whether you are looking to improve your English language proficiency, strengthen your interpersonal and communication skills, prepare for academic success, or take the next step towards studying at a secondary school, sixth form, college, or university in the UK, we are delighted to welcome you.

We believe that education is about far more than language learning. It is about building confidence, developing meaningful connections, opening doors to new opportunities, and helping students achieve their long-term ambitions. Our main goal is to provide a supportive and inspiring environment where students from around the world can develop the language, academic, and interpersonal skills needed to thrive in an increasingly global society.

In addition to our high-quality English language programmes, we are proud to offer a comprehensive Education Consultancy Service designed specifically for international students and their families. Our experienced team provides personalised guidance on every stage of the educational journey, from selecting the right secondary school or A-Level programme to navigating university applications, admissions requirements, accommodation options, and visa processes.

We understand that choosing the right educational pathway can be one of the most important decisions a student will make. That is why we work closely with each individual to understand their aspirations, strengths, and goals, ensuring they receive expert advice and tailored support throughout the process. Whether your ambition is to attend a leading boarding school, progress to a prestigious university, enhance your professional communication skills, or simply gain the confidence needed to succeed in an English-speaking environment, we are here to help make that vision a reality.

Our Academy also offers students valuable opportunities to engage with real-world experiences. As part of a successful commercial group, we are uniquely positioned to connect learning with industry, helping students develop practical communication, teamwork, leadership, and interpersonal skills alongside their English language studies.

DAL provides a welcoming, engaging, and nurturing environment where learning English becomes an exciting adventure. Our dedicated teachers create dynamic lessons that encourage curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and communication, helping students build confidence while making friends from around the world.

The success of our students is driven by the commitment of our exceptional staff, whose expertise, passion, and dedication ensure that every learner receives the support they need to reach their full potential. We take great pride in the achievements of our students and the lasting relationships we build with them throughout their educational journey.

As you explore the opportunities available at DAL, I encourage you to think beyond the classroom and imagine the future you wish to create. Whether your goal is academic progression, university admission, career development, improved English proficiency, enhanced interpersonal skills, or personal growth, we are committed to helping you take the next step with confidence.

We look forward to welcoming you to our international community and supporting you on your path to success.

I wish you a rewarding, inspiring, and transformative experience with Docklands Academy London.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal
Docklands Academy London

About Us

Founded in 2011, Docklands Academy London (DAL) is an accredited English language school located in the heart of East London, within a four-storey building that formed part of the early regeneration of the historic London Docklands.

DAL is part of a wider education and hospitality group that includes 21 commercial restaurants and the Limehouse Library Hotel. These unique connections provide students with valuable exposure to real-world environments, helping them develop practical communication skills and a deeper understanding of British culture and professional life.

We believe that English is more than a language, but a gateway to education, career progression, international mobility, and personal growth. We welcome students from diverse backgrounds and support them in achieving their goals through high-quality teaching, personalised guidance, and a positive learning environment.

Our mission is to equip students with the confidence, skills, and cultural awareness needed to communicate effectively in today's global society. Whether students are preparing for further study, professional opportunities, or everyday life in an English-speaking environment, our courses are designed to help them succeed.

English Programmes for Young Learners
We place particular importance on our Junior English programmes, recognising that language learn ing at an early age creates lifelong opportunities. Our courses for young learners combine engaging classroom instruction with interactive activities, educational visits, and cultural experiences that make learning both enjoyable and effective.

Students develop their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in a supportive and encouraging environment where confidence grows alongside language ability. From their first day, learners are encouraged to communicate in English, helping them build fluency naturally and make meaningful progress throughout their studies.

Beyond language development, our junior programmes promote independence, teamwork, creativity, and intercultural understanding essential skills for success in an increasingly connected world.

Learning Beyond the Classroom
We believe that language is best learned through meaningful experiences. Our teaching approach combines academic excellence with practical application, enabling students to use English confidently in real-life situations.

Through project-based learning, industry engagement, cultural activities, and immersive experiences, students gain valuable communication skills while developing resilience, emotional intelligence, and critical thinking abilities. Our close links with businesses across our wider group and external partners help ensure that learning remains relevant to the expectations of modern workplaces.

Preparing Students for the Future
As technology continues to transform the way we live and work, DAL integrates digital literacy and future-focused skills into its educational approach. We encourage students to become adaptable, confident communicators who can thrive in a rapidly changing global environment.

By combining language proficiency, cultural awareness, practical experience, and personal development, we prepare our students not only to achieve their immediate goals but also to succeed in the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Vision, Mission, Values

Vision
Transform lives through accessible, career-focused and internationally minded education that improves academic outcomes, employability and future opportunities.

Mission
Prepare students for successful careers, further study and lifelong achievement through practical learning, academic support and strong industry engagement.

Values

- **Excellence**
We strive for high standards in teaching, student support, operations and professional conduct.

- **Opportunity**
We believe education should create pathways for social mobility, career development and international progression.

- **Innovation**
We embrace innovation in curriculum design, digital learning and student engagement to remain responsive to changing educational needs.

- **Inclusion**
We foster a respectful, diverse and supportive environment where all students and staff can thrive.

- **Growth**
We support continuous development for students, staff and the organisation through learning, reflection and collaboration.

Accreditations, Approvals and Industry Partners

Since its establishment, Docklands Academy London has continuously sought to form strong, strategic partnerships to be able to offer students the best possible experience.

British Council and English UK
Docklands Academy London's accreditation by the British Council for over a decade, along with its membership in English UK, ensures high-quality education standards and enhances its global reputation. These recognitions boost student confidence, attract international learners, and foster trust. Accreditation and membership guarantees excellent teaching, student support, and facilities, enabling graduates to meet industry demands and excel in their professional careers.

AEHT
Docklands Academy London has been an active member and professional partner of AEHT, since 2011. Docklands Academy London is also one of only two active members and professional partners of this confederation within the UK, uniting us with the European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools

Limehouse Library Hotel
An irresistible bridge between London's history and cutting-edge present - Limehouse Library Hotel. Offering guests a stylish, comfortable and culturally resonant stay within easy reach of the city centre. Limehouse Library Hotel homes its very own culinary and gastronomy training centre, with top-end kitchen facilities for learners to delve into real-word experience.

Tas, Ev, Haz and Hazev Restaurants
Our students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in relation to their studies in our partner restaurants that are scattered throughout central London's hotspots such as, Bloomsbury, Shakespeare's Globe, Borough High Street, Canary Wharf, St Paul's Cathedral and many more.



Our Offer

Adult Classes

Docklands Academy London offers a variety of adult English classes tailored to improve language proficiency for personal, academic, and professional purposes. Courses include general English, exam preparation (IELTS, Cambridge), and feeder programs designed to help students progress to higher education. With a strong focus on real-world communication, students enhance their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

The academy offers flexible learning options from beginner to advanced levels, ensuring personalized learning experiences. Benefits include small class sizes, experienced teachers, and detailed feedback. Students also gain access to opportunities like university pathways, career development, and job support. Social and cultural activities further enrich the learning experience through language practice and immersion in British culture.

Junior Classes

Docklands Academy London offers engaging junior English courses, tailored to young learners looking to enhance their language skills in a fun and supportive environment. Classes focus on improving communication skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, while fostering confidence in English through interactive lessons. Juniors benefit from small class sizes, experienced teachers, and personalized attention.

In addition to academic learning, students can take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including sports like football and canoeing, and cultural outings to explore London's landmarks, museums, and parks. These activities help students practice English in real-life situations and build friendships, ensuring a well-rounded, immersive experience.



General English

Course Overview
The General English classes are twelve-weeks long for each level. There are five General English levels: Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper-Intermediate and Advanced. After completing a course successfully, students can progress to the next level. Students may leave and new students may join the course at any time. Our lessons are designed to target students with different learning styles and create a simulation of real-world environment within the class so that they can find opportunities to practice as much as possible. Our teachers aim to reinforce their lesson plans with several tasks and activities, which we can group in 3 categories: Pre-task activities (stimulating and interest raising activities on the lesson objectives for the related class, such as warm-up questions, watching a short video, listening to a podcast, photos, listing-ordering-sorting – matching, brainstorming, finding similarities and differences, sharing personal experiences etc.) Main task activities (activities to focus on the lesson objectives of that class, such as reading a text for scanning and/or skimming or teaching a grammar topic in context purposes, while listening activity to improve note-taking skill, benefitting from visual aids e.g., a family tree to teach vocabulary about family members etc.) Post-task activities (wrap-up activities to allow students to put theory into practice, such as after learning vocabulary about family members, sharing a photo of their family and talking about it, preparing a presentation about a theme they have read or listened to etc.)

Average class size
10

Maximum class size
15

Days per week
Monday - Friday

Lesson times
09:00 – 12:15 and/or 13:00 – 16:15

Hours per week
15 or 21

Course Length:
1 – 44 weeks
Join this course at any time of the year and start classes any day except for weekends and Bank Holidays when we are closed.

Entry Requirements
Students can start at any level from A1 to C2 in the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR) according to the result of the placement test. You may need a Student Visitor Visa depending on which country you come from.

Registration
£50 Courses up to 4 weeks (students may pay more to buy the coursebook if they wish)
£75 Courses more than 4 weeks (includes the cost of the coursebook)

Elementary

Functions
Students learn basic communication skills, including greetings, introductions and asking people for personal information. Students will talk about daily routines and free time, ordering food in a restaurant, travelling or going shopping.

Grammar
Students learn different tenses including the present simple, past simple, future simple, present continuous and present perfect simple. Students learn comparatives, superlatives, adjectives and nouns. Students also learn to use simple sentences, including positive, negative and question forms.

Skills
Students learn to speak in simple and everyday situations about things they know. They learn to listen and understand common English phrases and expressions when spoken clearly and slowly. Students learn to read short, basic texts on common topics they know, with high frequency vocabulary. Students learn to write personal information in simple phrases and sentences, and use common conjunctions, such as “and”, “but” and “because”.

Pre-Intermediate

Functions
Students learn to describe themselves and other people in more detail. They also learn to talk about plans and their life experiences. They learn to make small talk and to talk about jobs, travel and culture. They also will learn how to ask for directions and make appointments.

Grammar
Students learn to use different tenses including the present simple and continuous, past simple and continuous, future forms and present perfect. Students learn to use other structures including first and second conditionals, quantifiers, modals and relative clauses.

Skills
Students learn to speak in simple and everyday situations, and have dialogues on familiar topics. They also learn how to speak in more detail and for a longer time about their life now and their past experiences. Students learn to listen comprehensibly to factual information about common everyday topics. They learn to listen for general messages and specific details, when spoken clearly and slowly. Students learn to read a range of short, basic texts on familiar topics. Students learn to write common phrases, simple sentence structures and paragraphs linked with basic connectors. They also learn to write basic emails and letters, with descriptions of their personal life and past experiences.





Intermediate

Functions
Students learn to perform a number of communicative functions, including describing food and people, places and events, asking for and giving information about people, events and procedures, applying for a job, and reviewing a film.

Grammar
Students learn to demonstrate their use of a range of grammatical structures, including past and present tenses, modals, first, second and third conditionals, and reported speech. Students learn to use grammar with fewer mistakes when speaking and writing.

Skills
Students learn to speak confidently on familiar topics, and express their thoughts and opinions on more abstract, cultural topics such as films, books and music. Students learn to follow extended speech and lines of argument on a familiar topic. Students learn to read short texts and articles more independently. Students learn to write extended paragraphs linked with a range of common connecting phrases. They learn to write descriptions of their personal life and past experiences. They learn a variety of different types of writing including an informal letter, formal letter and CV, film review and magazine article.

Upper-Intermediate

Functions
Students learn to perform a number of communicative functions, including reacting and asking for more information, paraphrasing, maintaining a conversation, interacting as an active listener, expressing opinions on various topics, comparing past and present, describing pictures, taking notes, debating topics, making a presentation, and expressing annoyance.

Grammar
Students learn to use a range of grammar structures, including present perfect simple and continuous, narrative tenses, passives, future perfect and future continuous; they also learn to use sentence patterns, including zero, first, second and third conditionals. Students learn to have grammatical control avoiding mistakes. They learn less frequent and more complex grammatical structures.

Skills
Students learn to talk about events and experiences that are important to them, to share their opinions clearly and to give explanations for their opinions. Students learn to listen to the main ideas of complex speech at normal speed on a variety of topics. Students learn to read independently, using different reading strategies for a variety of text types and topics. Students learn to write clearly, detailed texts on a variety of topics, producing and evaluating information and arguments from a number of sources, and are able to express and support their own opinions.

Advanced

Functions
Students learn to perform a number of communicative functions, including emphasizing something is their own opinion, expressing personal opinions on a range of topics and situations including debates, describing books and films, expressing permission, obligation and necessity, expressing preferences, speculating, showing relationships between ideas, persuading and telling a joke.

Grammar
Students learn to use grammatical control with confidence and minimal errors, and they learn to use complex structures effectively.

Skills
Students learn to confidently express themselves fluently and spontaneously with few errors, without much obvious searching for expressions or too many avoidance strategies. Students learn to listen to extended speech on complex unfamiliar topics spoken in a variety of different accents at normal speed. Students learn to read a variety of extended texts on a wide range of topics. Students learn to write clear, organized, detailed and long articles, reports and essays on a variety of topics, producing and evaluating information and arguments on a range of topics.

Exam Preparation

Course Overview

This program effectively prepares students for IELTS, Cambridge and PET examinations. It includes the teaching of test practice strategies and skills for all areas of the various exams. It is comprehensive and academically rigorous. The Exam Preparation course puts equal weight on reading, writing, listening, speaking, and test-taking strategies. The course also covers sub-skills such as academic vocabulary, academic style, and study skills.

Course Details

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Recognize their true level in speaking, reading, listening, and writing
- Recognize and overcome challenges presented in the examinations
- Write different academic essay types -evaluate and self-correct their speaking
- Be prepared for the mechanics of the examinations (time, order, format)
- Skim, scan and focus on target material in academic reading passages
- Interpret and describe statistical data using appropriate language and grammar
- Demonstrate enhanced vocabulary in writing and speaking
- Formulate, express, and defend opinions using appropriate vocabulary
- Demonstrate improved listening skills for comprehension and details

Entry Requirements

Students can start at any level from B1 to C2 in the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR) according to the result of the placement test. You may need a Student Visitor Visa depending on which country you come from.



Academic English

Course Overview

These classes are specifically designed for students who need English to succeed at university and beyond, particularly for advanced academic and professional settings. They focus on improving your ability to engage with complex texts, participate in discussions, and understand advanced academic concepts. You'll learn the most frequently used academic words and subject-specific vocabulary, essential for writing at a higher level and participating in subject-specific seminars.

In addition to key skills like listening and note-taking in lectures, writing academic essays, and giving presentations, the course covers advanced academic writing conventions, ensuring you can meet the rigorous standards of higher education. This includes mastering formal language, expressions, citing and referencing sources accurately, and structuring arguments in essays or research papers.

Beyond language learning, the course also prepares you for a smooth transition into university by offering guidance on applications, interviews, and key academic skills needed for success. It equips you with the tools to tackle advanced academic challenges such as writing dissertations, conducting research, and navigating complex projects. Teachers use a course book alongside personalized lessons that are tailored to your specific needs, identified through regular tutorials. You can choose the amount of homework you want, and weekly tests every Monday help you track your progress as you work towards excelling at higher levels of study.

Average class size
7

Maximum class size
15

Days per week
Monday - Friday

Lesson times
09:00 – 12:15 and/or 13:00 – 16:15

Hours per week
up to 15

Course Length:

1 – 12 weeks
Join this course at any time of the year and start classes any day except for weekends and Bank Holidays when we are closed.

Entry Requirements

YYou should take our English placement and must be B1 Level of the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR) to start the course. You may need a Student Visitor Visa depending on which country you come from.

Registration

£50 Courses up to 4 weeks (students may pay more to buy the coursebook if they wish)
£75 Courses more than 4 weeks (includes the cost of the coursebook)

English for Specific Purposes

Course Overview

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses are tailored to meet the language needs of individuals in specific fields, professions, or academic disciplines. Unlike general English courses, ESP focuses on practical language skills directly related to a particular context, such as business, law, medicine, engineering, or tourism. These courses are highly targeted and designed to help learners effectively communicate within their chosen area, whether for academic purposes or professional environments.

ESP courses typically incorporate specialized vocabulary, industry-specific terminology, and communication strategies necessary for the learners' specific field. For example, an ESP course in gastronomy might focus on culinary techniques, recipe descriptions, and food safety terminology, while a travel and tourism course may emphasize customer service interactions, cultural awareness, and the vocabulary necessary for guiding tours and handling bookings.

ESP also takes into account the learners' existing level of English and their professional or academic goals. As a result, course materials and activities are often authentic, reflecting real-life scenarios from the target field, ensuring the language skills gained are directly applicable in practice. This practical, needs-based approach makes ESP courses highly effective for learners aiming to enhance their language proficiency in a specific professional or academic setting.



Online English

Course Overview
Tailored to meet your specific aims, our language courses offer flexibility, accommodating both individual and small group settings of up to four students.

Experience dynamic online group lessons led by your dedicated teacher in a virtual classroom. Engage in collaborative projects and access diverse materials, including digital resources and course books via our online platform. With regular, personalised support, you'll be well-equipped to reach your language learning goals.

Course Content

- Live online group lessons with your teacher in a virtual classroom
- Lessons include group project work and online guided self-study to provide variety
- Use a wide range of motivating materials, including digital resources and course books via our online platform
- Bespoke materials for the needs and level of each class
- Regular targeted support from your teacher helps you to achieve your learning goals

Online lessons can easily transition to a blended format, allowing students to combine both in-person and virtual learning if needed or requested. This flexibility ensures that your study experience can adapt to your preferences and changing circumstances.

Average class size
2

Maximum class size
4

Days per week
Monday - Sunday

Lesson times
We work around your schedule*

A free level assessment and trial lesson available before committing to the course

Course Requirements:
To get the most from this course you will need:

- A reliable Internet connection
- A desktop computer, laptop, tablet
- A web camera on or attached to the device
- An integrated microphone in the device or an attached headset
- Download Microsoft Teams (for free)

Course length and entry requirements may vary depending on the needs and expectations of each student.

*subject to availability.

Seasonal Programmes

Course Overview

We offer a variety of bespoke seasonal courses, including summer schools and winter programmes. These short-term, intensive courses are designed to provide a rich learning experience, combining immersive English lessons with exciting cultural and recreational activities. Whether you join us during the warmer months to explore London's parks and festivals, or during winter to enjoy its festive atmosphere, our programmes are customized to your group's needs and interests. Each programme integrates language learning with real-world practice, ensuring students not only improve their English but also gain a deeper understanding of British culture.

While immersing yourself in the vibrant ambiance of London, you'll have the chance to visit renowned landmarks such as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, and the London Eye. The Docklands Academy London eagerly awaits your arrival, offering English lessons tailored around themed content that aligns with afternoon activities and tours. With one supervisor or teacher for every group of 10 students, you'll receive personalised attention throughout your stay.

Your accommodation will be at our partner Limehouse Library Hotel London. Situated conveniently for easy access to the city center, each room at our hotel is dedicated to a historically significant figure, providing guests with a distinct and immersive experience.

Our seasonal courses are ideal for junior school groups, university students, or professionals looking for a unique, enriching experience in one of the world's most iconic cities.

What's included?

- **Orientation**
- **Hotel Accommodation**
- **Food/Beverage**
- **15 hours of English lessons per week**
- **Course Materials**
- **Social and Cultural Activities**
- **Guided Tours**
- **Graduation Ceremony**
- **Airport Transfers**
- **24-hour Whatsapp line for support**

Course Requirements

Course length and entry requirements may vary depending on the needs and expectations of each student.
A discount may be applied to larger group bookings.

Docklands Academy London is in zone 2 in East London, close to Canary Wharf – the nearest station is Crossharbour. If you book your hotel accommodation in zone 2 it will take you approximately 20 minutes to come to school by public transport. A weekly travel card for zones 1-2 costs £40.70. We have services in place to provide you with weekly tickets or Oyster travelcards. If this is something you require assistance with, please get in touch with us.
Please note that the above prices were accurate upon publication of this prospectus. Please refer to our website www.docklandsacademy.co.uk to view up-to-date information.

Academic and Enrichment Bootcamps

Overview

The Academic & Enrichment Programme options are (minimum) two-week intensive courses designed for international students seeking to enhance their academic skills, explore future career pathways, and gain exposure to UK higher education culture.

The programme combines academic teaching, personalised mentoring, and cultural experiences in London.

Course	Ages	Duration
Young Professionals - Intermediate to Native English Language Levels		
Business & Hospitality Career areas include: Hospitality, Travel & Tourism, Business, Leadership, Finance	13-17	2 weeks
Digital & Future Technologies Career areas include: Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Digital Marketing	13-17	2 weeks
Innovation & Global Impact Career areas include: Entrepreneurship, Sustainability, Global Challenges	13-17	2 weeks

Course	Ages	Duration
Pre-University Preparation - Advanced to Native English Language Levels		
Pre-University Preparation Advanced English with university readiness focus. • Personal statement support • Academic writing • Seminar-style discussions • Independent learning skills	15+	2 or 4 weeks

All lessons will be taught on site at our Docklands Campus, unless otherwise agreed.
While standard programme duration is two weeks, Docklands Academy London offers flexible delivery options of up to four weeks, subject to student requirements and scheduling.

UK Education Consultancy Services

Docklands Academy London offers specialist education consultancy services for families seeking placement in UK boarding schools, colleges and universities. Our experienced consultants provide personalised guidance throughout the admissions journey, helping students identify the right educational pathway and maximise their chances of success.

Bronze Package – Initial Guidance & School Research
An introductory service designed for families exploring UK education options. This package includes a personalised consultation, assessment of the student's needs and aspirations, guidance on suitable entry points, and a tailored shortlist of recommended schools.

Silver Package – School Selection & Application Support
A more comprehensive service for families ready to begin the admissions process. Alongside detailed school recommendations, students receive support with applications, admissions requirements, interview preparation and ongoing guidance throughout the application journey.

Gold Package – Full Placement Support
A complete placement service providing end-to-end support from school selection through to receiving offers. This package includes full application management, admissions strategy, interview preparation, visa guidance and assistance with comparing and selecting offers.

Platinum Package – Elite School Placement
Our premium consultancy service offers highly personalised support for families seeking admission to leading UK schools. Students benefit from bespoke educational planning, extensive school research, application management, interview coaching, school visit planning and dedicated consultancy support throughout the process.

Additional Support Services
A range of specialist services are also available, including admissions test preparation, personal statement review, career and aptitude assessments, school visit planning, visa guidance and pre-arrival support. These services can be tailored to meet the individual needs of each student and family.

Accommodation

Homestay Accommodation
Docklands Academy London does not provide its own accommodation. We work with homestay accommodation agencies: Perfect Host Homestay and HFS. We can make reservations for you with these homestay accommodation agencies. Homestay accommodation consists of living in a home with any members who live in the home. Hosts come from various ethnic origins, and they are carefully chosen by Perfect Host Homestay and HFS. No more than 3 students are placed in a homestay family at one time. Students are placed in a single room unless they request to share a room with a friend / family member, and they indicate it clearly on a booking form. Students will be provided with clean towels and bed linen. Rooms are cleaned and laundry is done by the host on a weekly basis.

Perfect Host Homestay and HFS homestay accommodation agencies offer different types of meal plans:

- **Self-catering**: The host will provide no food. Student will be allowed to do own cooking with use of the kitchen facilities.

- **Bed and breakfast**: The host will provide the student with a continental breakfast which will consist of:
  - Cereals with milk
  - Toast with butter, jam, or marmalade
  - Tea / coffee and fruit juice
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- **Half board**: The host will provide the student with breakfast as above and an evening meal, which will consist of:
  - Meat or fish with potatoes / rice and vegetables or pasta with sauce
  - Hot or cold dessert: yoghurt, cake, or fruit
  - A drink: cold water or fruit juice

- **Full board**: The host will provide the student with breakfast as above, an evening meal as above and a packed lunch which consist of:
  - A sandwich (2 slices of bread) with a filling, for instance, ham, chicken, cheese, tuna, or egg
  - A piece of fruit, for instance, apple, orange, pear, banana, or seasonal fruit
  - A packet of crisps
  - Small bottle of drinking water or juice

Hosts and students should communicate with each other to establish what foods are liked or disliked. Any religious / cultural food requirements must be communicated at the time of the booking and can also be discussed with the host.
Homestays are in London's travel zones 2,3,4 and 5. Docklands Academy London is in zone 2 in East London, close to Canary Wharf – the nearest station is Crossharbour. If you book your homestay accommodation in zone 2 it will take you approximately 30 – 45 minutes to come to school by public transport. A weekly travel card for zones 1-2 costs £40.70. Prices start from £220.00 per week for a single room for a Bed and breakfast meal plan in zone 2 during an off-peak season. There is a £50.00 booking fee.

We do not provide our own accommodation. However, we can arrange accommodation for you through trusted agencies.
Please check our full terms and conditions regarding the Accommodation and Transfer services at www.docklandsacademy.co.uk/student-terms-and-conditions/.
Please note that the above prices were accurate upon publication of this prospectus. Please refer to our website www.docklandsacademy.co.uk to view up-to-date information.

Extracurricular and Enrichment

Enrichment activities are a vital part of the educational experience at Docklands Academy London (DAL), offering students opportunities to expand their learning beyond the classroom. These activities are designed to complement the academic curriculum, fostering personal growth, cultural awareness, and practical skills that are essential for students' overall development.

Social and Cultural Programmes: DAL offers a rich social and cultural programme, including sports activities, walking tours, and excursions around London. These activities are coordinated by the Social Programme Coordinator and are aimed at helping students immerse themselves in the local culture. Visits to museums, art galleries, and historical sites like Stonehenge and Bath are organized, providing students with a deeper understanding of British culture and history.

Sports Programmes: Docklands Academy London offers a variety of sports programmes that are especially popular with junior students, including activities such as canoeing, football, and basketball. These programmes are designed to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and fun, while helping students build friendships and confidence. Coordinated by the Social Programme Coordinator, these activities provide an excellent way for students to stay active and engaged outside the classroom. Regular sports events and tournaments are organized, allowing students to enjoy friendly competition and make the most of their time in London.

Workshops and Seminars: In addition to social activities, DAL organizes various workshops and seminars focused on employability, language skills, and personal development. These sessions are designed to equip students with the practical skills needed for their future careers and academic pursuits.

Tutorial Support: A key component of the enrichment activities at DAL is the monthly tutorial with course tutors. These tutorials offer students a chance to discuss their academic progress, set personal goals, and receive personalized feedback. Tutors also guide students on progression routes, helping them plan their academic and professional futures.

Extracurricular Learning: DAL encourages students to engage in extracurricular learning through its English and exam preparation courses. These courses are tailored to meet the specific needs of students, helping them to improve their language skills in a focused and supportive environment.

Through these enrichment activities, DAL ensures that students not only achieve academic success but also enjoy a well-rounded and fulfilling educational experience.



Careers Guidance and Advice

At Docklands Academy London, eligible students benefit from a study programme aligned to their career aims, as well as strong employer links, Industry and Conference days, an extensive extracurricular programme, dedicated support, and excellent partnerships. These partnerships provide quality training, experiences, and opportunities to our students, while benefiting the local community.

At our English Language School, we have qualified advisors who offer impartial, personalized guidance to help students navigate their future pathways. Whether students are interested in further study or training, our advisors assist with transitioning from English language courses to advanced academic programs, either with us or with other institutions. We also offer support in finding the right part-time or full-time employment, preparing for job interviews, and exploring university options or top-up degree applications.

We regularly organize career events featuring professionals from various sectors, where proficiency in English is crucial. These events allow students to network, gain insights into potential career paths, and understand the skills needed in their chosen fields. Every year, we successfully guide students towards fulfilling roles in their sectors of interest, helping them secure both university placements and valuable employment opportunities that align with their academic and career goals.

Our services include:

- Impartial careers advice about your specific career options and next steps
- Support with CVs, job applications and interview techniques
- Help with university pathways, apprenticeships, or other training routes
- Help our students acquire transferrable and industry-specific skills for the workplace
- Run workshops, events, one-to-one meetings, through your course or by connecting with you directly.



Student Testimonials

"My time at Docklands Academy London was very good. My English became much better, especially speaking and communication. The teachers were friendly and helped me feel confident. I also enjoyed the social trips and visiting places around London. I made great friends from many countries and had an amazing experience."

Durata - North Macedonia - 2026

"I really enjoyed studying at Docklands Academy London. I improved my fluency and communication skills every day. The classes were fun and interactive. The trips around London were exciting and helped me learn more about the city and culture. I met wonderful people and made great friends here."

Sam - China - 2026

Docklands Academy London offers a range of services for its alumni, including career support, networking opportunities, and continued access to learning resources. Alumni benefit from professional development workshops, industry connections, and invitations to events that foster ongoing engagement and career advancement.

Campus Facilities





Docklands Academy London is furnished with modern and contemporary amenities, suitable for all types of learners. Our premises can hold over 500 students including; a conference hall, ballet studio, a comprehensive library, IT suite and canteen.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I Need A UK Visa To Study English In The UK?
If you are an EU, EEA, or Swiss citizen who will be in the UK for less than 6 months and are 18 or older, you simply need a passport that is valid for the entire period you will be in the UK. If you are not a citizen of the EU, EEA, or Switzerland, but intend to study for more than 6 months, you may require a visa, which you should check here: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Can I change my General English course to an IELTS or any other English course?
Yes, students may switch their courses after the entrance exam is successfully completed but keep in mind that some differences in payment might occur.

What is the English language teaching methodology at Docklands Academy London?
We follow a communicative approach, which promotes personal expression and simulates natural, real world scenarios to encourage development of fluency, accuracy and confidence in English language communication.

Can I work?
If you came with a visa for General English Language studies or tourist visa, you can only do voluntary work with charities that are registered with our Academy.

Will a General English Language class help me to reach my own personal goals?
Our provision is bespoke. From your first encounter with Docklands Academy London, your individual needs and goals will be assessed and understood. From there, ongoing tutorials and tailor-made learning activities will allow you to both progress towards your personal targets and also to monitor and reflect upon your progression.

What are my accommodation options?
For accommodation you might want to stay with a host family, rent a place or book a homestay. For most up to date options, you can contact us via e-mail or telephone.

What is the minimum age for accommodation?
The student requesting accommodation from the Academy must be 16 years old or over.

What are the rules I have to follow in the accommodation?
The rules and other details about accommodations and stays can be found by visiting: https://docklandsacademy.co.uk/student-terms-and-conditions/

Is it possible to get an airport transfer?
Yes, we have airport transfer services available. For more information about the transfer and the fees you can contact us by sending your flight details.

Do I need to pay for enrolment or any other hidden fees?
For General English students, there is a minimum registration fee of £50. Depending on your chosen course or duration, you may need to pay more which will include the cost of the course book.



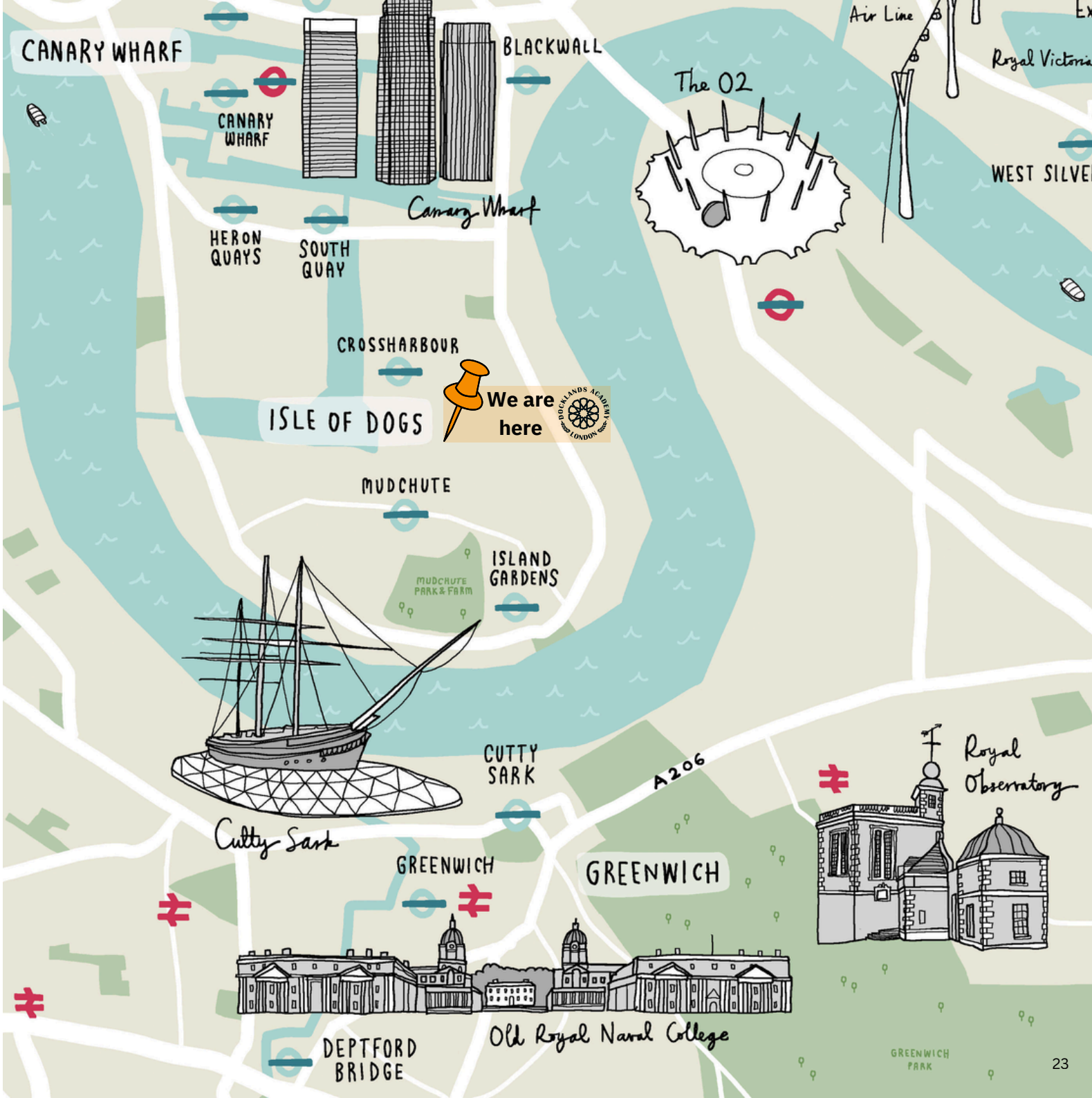
Where to Find Us

By Train, Tube and DLR
The Academy is just two minutes walk from Crossharbour station on the Docklands Light Railway (DLR), a 15 minute walk from Canary Wharf Tube station on the Jubilee line or 20 minutes walk from Canary Wharf Station on the Elizabeth line.



By Car / Bus
The Academy is easily accessible via the A406, A12 and A13 routes.

The following bus routes stop just by Crossharbour DLR, which is moments away from the Academy:
135, D6, D8



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