



DOCKLANDS ACADEMY LONDON

FACT SHEET



Our Story

Founded in 2011, the Academy is based in a four-storey premises that was part of the early redevelopment of the London docks area. Our group also comprises 21 commercial restaurants and the Limehouse Library Hotel, all providing exceptional links with industry.

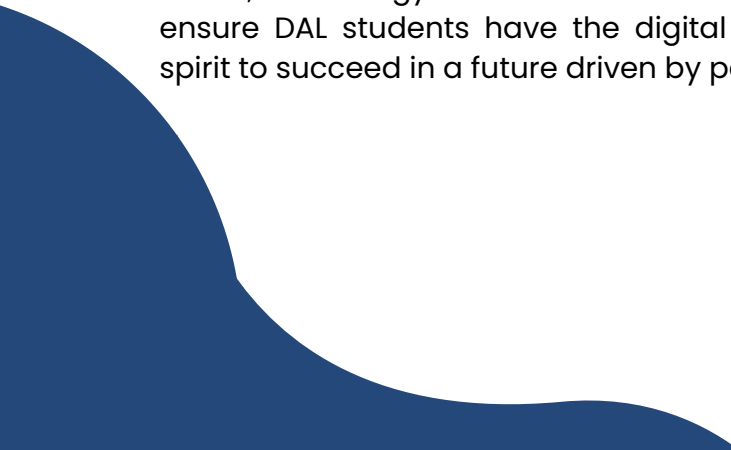
We believe everyone is capable of improving their lives through learning, regardless of their prior education experiences, background, or current work / life situation. We aim to provide everyone who studies with us strong support, motivation, purpose and the encouragement to really apply themselves and work hard.

We work to ensure everyone who studies with us doesn't just develop their knowledge and understanding of their subject areas, but also leaves us feeling confident as a student knowing how their behaviours and attributes make them highly sought after and employable.

We want to be a driver for change, and to do this we engage with different employers, both within our Group and across multiple sectors to ensure what we deliver through our various learning programmes is what they want to see in their workplaces.

Our approach to supporting and enabling learning creates a culture and framework from which we build these work-ready learners. It recognises the need to provide opportunities to develop emotional intelligence and resilience. We do this by working with employers to help our students to gain real-world skills, which can be put into practice through live projects and industry placements.

We also recognise that technology is transforming the world of work faster than ever before. Without the right graduates to implement, problem solve and ask, "what's next?", technology alone isn't a solution. Irrespective of vocational area, our goal is to ensure DAL students have the digital literacy, personal agility and entrepreneurial spirit to succeed in a future driven by people, powered by technology.





Accreditations, Approvals and Industry Partners

Since its establishment, Docklands Academy London has continuously developed strong strategic partnerships to enhance the academic and professional experience available to our students.





COURSE OPTIONS AT A GLANCE

Docklands Academy London offers a diverse range of programmes for learners at different stages of their educational and professional journey.

From English language development and junior programmes to university preparation and Higher Education, our courses combine academic learning with practical skills, cultural experiences and opportunities for progression.

Course Area	Who is it for?	Typical Age	Entry / English Level	Course Length
Higher Education	Home / eligible international learners*	18+	GCSE Grade 4 or Equivalent	Up to 2 years
General English	International / home learners	Varies by programme	Elementary–Advanced	Flexible
Academic & Exam English	Students preparing for study/exams	16+ / course dependent	Usually B1+	Flexible
Junior & Youth Programmes	International young learners	11–17	Course dependent	Typically 2–4 weeks
Young Professionals	International young learners	13–17	Intermediate–Native	Typically 2 weeks
Pre-University Preparation	Students preparing for university	15+	Advanced–Native	Typically 2–4 weeks
Seasonal & Bespoke Programmes	Schools, universities & professional groups	Varies	Tailored	Flexible



Higher Education



Hospitality Management

The BTEC Higher Nationals in Hospitality Management programme is designed to develop students into self-reflective professionals capable of excelling in the dynamic hospitality industry. Combining theoretical knowledge with industry experience, the course equips students with essential skills in management, leadership, and entrepreneurship. It offers diverse career pathways, from hotel and events management to food and beverage operations. The programme emphasizes global perspectives, sustainability, and digital innovation, preparing students for both immediate employment and further academic advancement, including opportunities for industry-recognized qualifications and management-level positions.

Awarding Body

Pearson

Mode of Study

Full Time, blended-Learning (50% online)

Two days a week / 2 options to choose from:

- a. Weekday (Mondays Onsite, Tuesdays Online)
- b. Hybrid (Sundays Online, Mondays Onsite)

Duration / Course Length

2 years

HNC = 1 year / 3 terms

HND = 1 year / 3 terms

Intake Options

September / January / May

Course Fees

Student Funding is available for UK and EU nationals (depending on their visa status) for this course.

Eligible students can apply for a maintenance loan to help them with living costs during their studies.

Please see our website for full pricing details.



For information about our Higher Education courses, visit:
<https://docklandsacademy.co.uk/courses/>



English Language

General English

Develop practical English for everyday, academic and professional situations through engaging classroom activities and real-world language practice.

Our General English programme supports learners across a range of English levels, from Elementary to Advanced. Students develop their speaking, listening, reading, writing, vocabulary and grammar skills within small, supportive classes.

Exam Preparation

Intensive preparation designed to develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills alongside examination strategies and academic language.

Academic English

Develop the language and study skills required to succeed in an academic environment.

Students work on academic vocabulary, lecture note-taking, essay writing, presentations and independent study skills through structured lessons, homework and regular progress assessment.



To find out more about our English School courses, visit:
<https://docklandsacademy.co.uk/english-language/>

Specialist & **Flexible English**

English for Specific Purposes

Develop English skills relevant to a particular professional, academic or everyday context.

Programmes can focus on specialist vocabulary, industry terminology and effective communication in areas including:

- Business
- Hospitality
- Gastronomy
- Travel & Tourism
- Healthcare
- Academic Purposes

Courses can be tailored according to learners' English level and professional objectives.

Online English

Flexible English language tuition designed around individual learning goals.

Students can participate in live online lessons, collaborative activities and guided self-study, supported by digital resources and regular teacher feedback.

Programmes are available for individuals and small groups and can transition into blended learning where appropriate.



JUNIOR & YOUTH PROGRAMMES



Our Junior & Youth programmes provide younger international learners with opportunities to develop their English, academic confidence and communication skills while experiencing life and learning in London.

DAL General English

Practical English language development through interactive learning and real-world communication.

AGE RANGE: 11+

ENGLISH LEVEL: All English language levels

COURSE LENGTH: Up to 4 weeks

English Plus

Combine English language development with focused academic and communication skills.

Options include:

- Business English
- Academic Skills
- Creative Writing
- Public Speaking & Debate
- UK Culture & Communication

AGE RANGE: 11–17

COURSE LENGTH: Typically 2 weeks



For information about seasonal / bespoke courses, visit:
<https://docklandsacademy.co.uk/seasonal-bespoke-courses/>

Intensive English

An intensive programme for learners seeking focused development of their English language skills.

AGE RANGE: 13+

COURSE LENGTH: Typically 2 or 4 weeks

Academic English & Study Skills

Develop the English and study techniques required for future academic success.

AGE RANGE: 14–17

COURSE LENGTH: Typically 2 weeks

IELTS Preparation

Focused preparation supporting the language skills and examination techniques required for IELTS.

AGE RANGE: 15–17

COURSE LENGTH: Typically 2 or 4 weeks



For information about seasonal / bespoke courses, visit:
<https://docklandsacademy.co.uk/seasonal-bespoke-courses/>

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Our Young Professionals programmes introduce students to future career pathways while developing English communication, critical thinking and professional awareness. Designed for learners with Intermediate to Native English language levels, programmes combine academic teaching with exploration of contemporary industries and global challenges.

Business & Hospitality

Explore career areas including:

- Hospitality
- Travel & Tourism
- Business
- Leadership
- Finance

AGE RANGE: 13–17

ENGLISH LEVEL: Intermediate to Native

COURSE LENGTH: Typically 2 weeks

Digital & Future Technologies

Explore some of the technologies and skills shaping the future workplace.

Career areas include:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Science
- Digital Marketing

AGE RANGE: 13–17

ENGLISH LEVEL: Intermediate to Native

COURSE LENGTH: Typically 2 weeks

Innovation & Global Impact

Explore entrepreneurship and the challenges facing organisations and communities in an increasingly interconnected world.

Areas include:

- Entrepreneurship
- Sustainability
- Global Challenges

AGE RANGE: 13–17

ENGLISH LEVEL: Intermediate to Native

COURSE LENGTH: Typically 2 weeks



PRE-UNIVERSITY **PREPARATION**

Our Pre-University Preparation programme is designed for students preparing to progress into Higher Education.

The programme combines advanced English development with university-readiness skills, helping students become more confident and independent learners.

Students develop skills in:

- Academic writing
- Personal statement preparation
- Seminar-style discussion
- Independent learning
- Academic communication

WHO IS IT FOR?

Students preparing for university or Higher Education.

AGE RANGE

15+

ENGLISH LEVEL

Advanced to Native

COURSE LENGTH

Typically 2 or 4 weeks

STUDY MODE

On campus

PROGRESSION

Preparation for university-level study and other Higher Education pathways.



Contact our team to discuss a programme tailored to your group.

SEASONAL, GROUP & **BESPOKE PROGRAMMES**

Learn. Experience. Explore London.

Docklands Academy London's seasonal and bespoke programmes combine education with cultural and recreational experiences.

Programmes can be tailored to the needs of different groups and can combine English language learning with workshops, seminars, cultural activities and educational visits.

London becomes an extension of the classroom, providing learners with opportunities to practise their English in real-world settings while discovering British culture. Programmes may include visits to some of London's best-known landmarks and attractions alongside organised educational and cultural activities.

WHO IS IT FOR?

School groups, university students and professional groups.

AGE RANGE

Programme dependent

ENGLISH LEVEL

Programme dependent

COURSE LENGTH

Flexible / bespoke

STUDY MODE

Primarily on campus with educational and cultural activities across London.

Group Programmes

Bespoke programmes can be developed around the academic, professional and cultural objectives of individual groups.

Student Support

Student services Docklands Academy London are designed to ensure students receive comprehensive support throughout their studies. The Academy offers a range of services, including impartial course guidance, financial advice, accommodation support, and career counselling. Additionally, students have access to external counselling, job opportunities, and seminars aimed at enhancing employability skills. The Academy prioritizes a safe and inclusive environment, with a strong focus on safeguarding, confidentiality, and equal opportunities. Students can also benefit from a drop-in service for immediate assistance, and out-of-hours support is available for urgent needs.

Careers Advice & Guidance

At Docklands Academy London 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.

Our services include:

- Impartial careers advice about your specific career options and next steps
- Help with CVs, job applications and interview techniques
- Help with top up degrees, 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.

Extracurricular & 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.

We focus on:

- Social and Cultural Programmes
- Workshops and Seminars
- Tutorial Support
- Extracurricular Learning

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



By Tube/DLR

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