



# *tis* Torquay International School Since 1972



English for Adults and Seniors | General English | Business and Professional English | Exam Preparation

# English on the English Riviera







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It's my pleasure to introduce you to TIS, the school where I have enjoyed spending most of my working life. Every day has been a learning experience for me and I have had the privilege of working with a talented and enthusiastic team of teachers and a loyal and fun-loving administration team. I've never wanted to do anything else.

Students are at the heart of everything we do here and we are dedicated to making everyone's

stay with us as beneficial and enjoyable as possible. We treat all our students as individuals and some of our proudest moments are when our students return for more study, a holiday or to bring their now grown-up children (and even their grand-children) to the school to study with us. This happens all the time these days and if you go to our Facebook pages you can see constant examples of families and individuals who have studied time and time again at TIS.

I look forward to welcoming more and more old friends and new students to TIS in the coming year.

**Judith Hands**  
Owner/Director  
judith@tisenglish.co.uk

### The TIS Team

TIS staff are qualified, experienced and dedicated to making your time at TIS truly memorable

More than 50% of our team have worked here for 10 to 20 years and some for longer. Others work abroad in the winter months, but like the swallows, fly back to Torquay and TIS each summer. They are a united team, great at teaching, but not much good at football.



*"Everybody makes you feel welcome and comfortable. TIS has a lovely atmosphere for learning."*



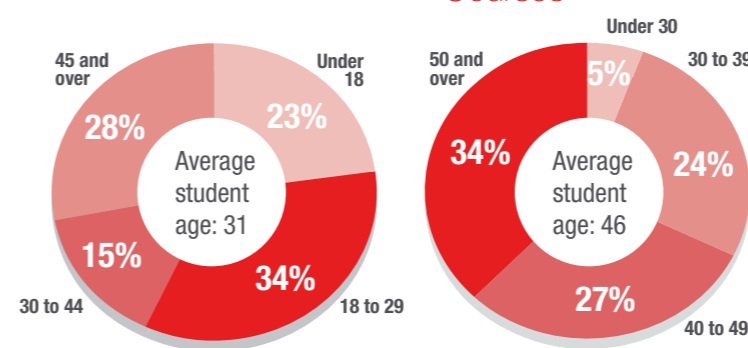
Astrid, Switzerland

Astrid has visited TIS 3 times following a recommendation from her father who studied with us twice in the late 70s. We believe that our students, whatever their age group, leave TIS happy and are always ready to recommend us to their family, friends and colleagues.

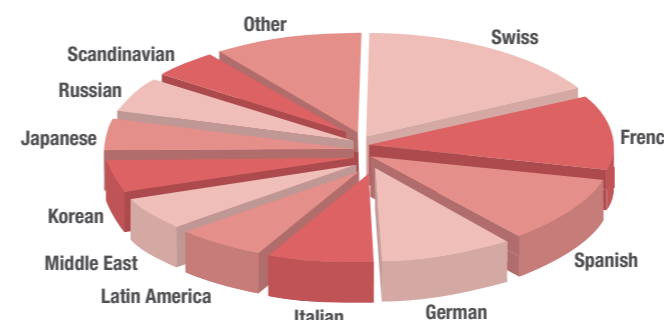
### Our Students

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Ages on Business & Professional English Courses

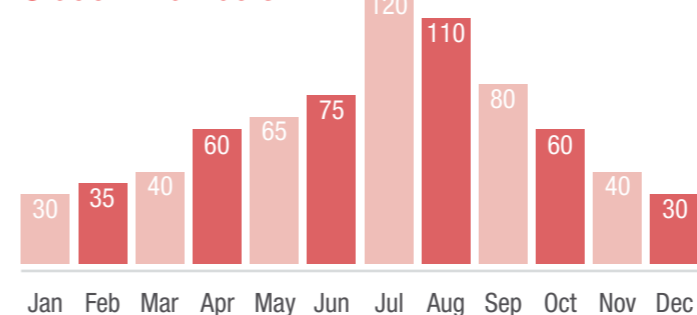


### Student Nationalities



40+ nationalities each year

### Student Numbers



School capacity 140 students

All figures based on 2013 data

*"I have been to TIS every year since 2002! Each time I come I feel comfortable and happy and improve my English. My host mother and I have a great friendship."*



Abdullah, Kuwait

### Our Facilities

- 20 classrooms
- Whiteboards, audio-visual equipment and laptops
- Student lounge with Plasma screen TV and refreshments
- Ipad information points
- Free wireless internet throughout the school and Club TIS
- Bookshop
- Guided Study Room and Resource Centre
- Film Club centre
- Spacious gardens and volleyball court
- Games rooms with table tennis, darts and snooker (low season)
- Sun terrace and BBQ
- Travel assistance and welfare service
- Club TIS Hotel
- Club TIS Café serving hot and cold lunches
- 24-hour emergency support

### Want to know more?



*"You can contact me with any questions to find out more about our school or our programmes."*

Email: [sassie@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:sassie@tisenglish.co.uk)  
 [sassie.tisenglish](https://www.facebook.com/sassie.tisenglish)

Sassie Tickle,  
Sales & Marketing Manager

### Our Location



### Why choose to study English at TIS

#### Our staff

TIS staff strive to ensure that students gain as much out of their time here as possible; not just by improving their English, but by making new friends from all over the the world, exploring new places, discovering different cultures and enjoying new experiences.

#### More than 40 years of experience

We've been teaching English since 1972. Between us we have a vast depth of knowledge and experience about teaching and caring for our students.

#### Beautiful location

A great variety of different activities and excursions are arranged weekly to make it easy to explore.





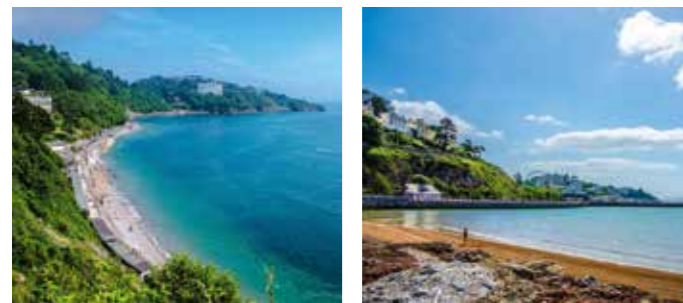
## Life in Torquay



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### Torquay was voted Number One British Seaside Destination on Trip Advisor in 2014.

Torquay is known as the 'The English Riviera', famous for its beaches, palm trees and warm climate. It has been popular with tourists for 200 years and was recently voted Britain's number one seaside resort. The town combines a relaxed holiday atmosphere with a long list of year-round events and attractions to keep visitors entertained. We have more attractions than any other seaside resort in the UK, numerous exciting events throughout the year and plenty of opportunities for sports, particularly water sports.



### Award Winning Beaches

With 22 beaches spread over 35km of beautiful coastline, we are surrounded by some of the best beaches in England, some within 5 minutes walk of Torquay town centre.



### Nightlife

The marina is the centre of Torquay's nightlife, with restaurants, bars and pavement cafés on the harbour side. There are also many traditional pubs in and around the centre, a great live music scene and several nightclubs. We have a casino and two theatres with regular west end shows.

### Attractions



Living Coasts



Paington Zoo



Steam Train



Riviera wheel



Boat Trip



Water Park



Cockington



Agatha Christie's House

Our Social Manager organises regular trips to these and other attractions as part of our Social Programme.

### Some of Our Year-Round Events

May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Brixham Pirate Festival	Occombe Beer and Music Festival	Riviera Fringe Festival (Live Comedy)	Torbay Royal Regatta	Agatha Christie Festival	Dartmouth Food Festival	Flaming Tar Barrels (local bonfire night tradition)	Totnes Christmas Market

### Sports & Hobbies



### Gym and Fitness Classes

We have partnerships with several local gyms and membership usually costs around £30 per month. There are numerous fitness classes available locally, including Zumba, Aerobics, Pilates, and Yoga plus a choice of swimming pools. Torquay is great for running, but don't forget the town is built on 7 hills!

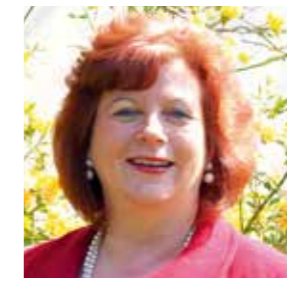
### Visiting the UK and Europe

Torquay has excellent road, rail and air links, making day and weekend trips to other parts of the UK and Europe very easy.

**Travel times from Torquay to:**

<b>Central London:</b>		2.5 – 3 hours
<b>Cornwall:</b>		1 hour
<b>Exeter:</b>		40 minutes
<b>Plymouth:</b>		1 hour
<b>Bristol:</b>		1.5 hours
<b>Bath:</b>		2 hours
<b>Stonehenge:</b>		2.5 hours
<b>Edinburgh:</b>		1 hour flight from Exeter Airport
<b>Paris:</b>		1 hour flight from Exeter Airport
<b>Amsterdam:</b>		1.5 hour flight from Exeter Airport

### Reception Services



Lynne Kingdom, Administration Manager

Lynne manages the TIS reception and her great sense of humour adds to the fun. She is our 'font of all knowledge' and can help students with many things, including planning visits to local attractions, booking restaurants, booking coach and train tickets, car hire, local bus timetables and tickets, local gym and sports club membership and visas. [Lynne@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:Lynne@tisenglish.co.uk)



## General English Courses



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### General English 15 • General English 18 • General English 21 • General English 22.5

Our General English courses are designed for students of all ages from 16 to 70, and help you to improve your English language skills: grammar, vocabulary, speaking and pronunciation, listening, reading and writing. Morning classes will focus on the main skills and you will remain in the same class at your level each morning. In the afternoons, you will have the flexibility to choose different English language topics.

In the unusual event that a student does not fit into a level, they can either study in a group at the nearest available level or have the equivalent monetary value of their course in private lessons, plus one extra 60 minute private lesson per week.

- 15, 18, 21 or 22.5 hours per week
- Course length 2 – 50 weeks
- Start on any Monday
- Elementary to proficiency (A2-C2)
- Minimum age 16

### Student Ages

The minimum age on our General English courses is 16, but we have many mature students on these courses too and approximately 50% of students are aged 30+.

### Class Sizes

**September to June:**  
Average class size 6 students / maximum class size 10 students

**July and August:**  
Average class size 8 students / maximum class size 12 students



“TIS was certainly the best choice for my English course, they made my stay abroad the best possible”

Marcela, Brazil

### Includes:

- Test on arrival to ensure students join the right class
- Course materials
- A choice of afternoon Options classes with General English 18, 21 and 22.5
- Study Skills sessions available for long-stay students
- One Guided Study session per week (1.5 hours)
- Tutorials every 4 weeks for students staying 8+ weeks
- TIS Certificate at end of course

### Classes as usual on all public holidays

(School closed for 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year.)



“Our General English courses are planned to help you achieve fluency, accuracy, and confidence but, above all, to help you communicate effectively.”

Dean Rollings, Director of Studies

Dean joined us in 2007 having taught for many years in the UK and abroad. He is ready to help with all academic matters.

[dean@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:dean@tisenglish.co.uk)

### Private lessons

Afternoon private lessons can be booked by the hour (minimum 2 hours) to supplement your course. Try to book early as private lessons are very popular.

Would you prefer to study in smaller classes with mature students and professionals ?

Read more about our Intensive English Mini Group courses on page 11

“The warm and friendly atmosphere at TIS makes it a great place to work. I love spending my time teaching international students and no two days are ever the same. I wouldn't change my job for the world!”



Lisa, General English Teacher

### Afternoon Options Classes

(Included in the General English 18, 21 and 22.5 Programmes)

In addition to the morning General English classes, you can choose from a variety of elective afternoon option topics based on what you find most useful and interesting. You select these on your first Monday and will have the chance to change them each week.

Common topics include:

Communication skills, Business English, Listening and Pronunciation, Reading and Writing, Grammar workshop, Music and Song, Literature, British Culture, IELTS Exam Preparation, Cambridge First Certificate, Advanced and Proficiency Exam Preparation (FCE, CAE and CPE).

In more detail:

#### Business English

Practice your English in a business context, focussing on things like telephoning, business meetings, writing emails and giving presentations

#### Listening and Pronunciation

Gain a better understanding of how sounds are made in English. Each lesson will focus on different parts of pronunciation, such as syllables, word stress, sentence stress as well as the individual sounds.

### Sample Timetable: General English 22.5

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 - 10:40	Reading and vocabulary - language learning skills	Grammar - past simple/ continuous - presentation and practice	Narrative tenses and story telling	Vocabulary and reading topic (crime)	Authentic text reading and extreme adjectives
10:40 - 11:00	Break				
11:00 - 12:20	Listening and topic discussion (natural medicine)	Current news stories from the UK	Telling and creating real life stories	Discussion language - agreeing and disagreeing	Topic extreme sports
12:20 - 13:15	Lunch				
Afternoon Options 13:15 - 14:45		Business Language for telephoning	Listening and Pronunciation Hearing and making different vowel sounds	Grammar Review of conditionals	
14:45 - 15:05	Break				
Afternoon Options 15:05 - 16:35		Business Roleplays on the telephone	British Culture Customs and superstitions	Guided Study Checking homework and extra practice on past tenses	





# Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses

# IELTS Exam Preparation Course

**Cambridge English:**  
First (FCE) • Advanced (CAE) • Proficiency (CPE)

### Course Dates

Cambridge Exam Courses run four times a year, please see current dates and fees for exact dates.

**10 Week Courses (FCE, CAE, CPE):**  
Course begins **January** – exam **March**  
Course begins **April** – exam **June**  
Course begins **September** – exam **December**

**5 Week Course (FCE and CAE):**  
Course begins **July** – exam **August**

All our exam class teachers are experienced in teaching the exam syllabus and the school has a very high pass rate for all examinations. The courses have been designed to help students to understand the criteria required for each exam and to give them the skills necessary to meet their targets. Exams are taken in Torquay at the end of each course

The dedication of the teachers to help all students pass their exam is key to the success of these courses, but of course students also have to be prepared to work hard with their teachers to achieve their goals.

In the unlikely event that there are only 1 or 2 exam candidates, students receive 15 hours of General English at the nearest level plus 7.5 hours 1-to-1 or 2-to-1 exam preparation with an experienced teacher plus 1.5 hours of Guided Study. This is an intensive and successful alternative to the usual classes.

“Exam classes are great fun! We work hard, but we laugh a lot too. And the results show that this system really works.”



Gillian and Adrian,  
Cambridge Exam Course teachers at  
TIS since 1976 and 1977

- 22.5 hours per week
- Course length 3 – 10 weeks (summer course 5 weeks)
- Fixed start dates (see dates and fees)
- Upper Intermediate to Proficiency (B1-C2)
- Minimum age 16

### Class Size

**10 week course:**  
Average class size 6 students / maximum class size 8 students

**5 week course:**  
Average class size 8 students / maximum class size 10 students

### Why prepare for your exam at TIS?

- Experienced and dedicated teachers
- Individual attention
- Small class sizes
- Guided study in addition to 22.5 Hours classroom time
- Local Exam Centres
- Proven success rates

### Course Dates: start on any Monday

Our IELTS course is extremely flexible, running all year with students able to join on almost any Monday. Students join the General English course in the mornings and take 4.5 hours of elective options as well as 3 hours of intensive IELTS preparation in the afternoons. This preparation will focus on the skills needed for each part of the exam and typically students should be able to improve their IELTS score after a 10 week course. IELTS Exams are held locally approximately 3 times a month. More information at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).

### Class Size

**September to June:**  
Average class size 6 students / maximum class size 10 students

**July and August**  
Average class size 8 students / maximum class size 12 students

### Preparation For Other Exams:

TOIEC, BEC, PET and KET preparation can be booked on an individual basis.

- 22.5 hours per week
- Course length 2 – 50 weeks
- Start on any monday
- Pre-intermediate to Advanced (B1-C1)
- Minimum age 16



“My teachers are very good. They are funny and friendly, but at the same time they really want to teach us as much as they can.”

Lena, Germany  
FCE Preparation Course, 10 weeks

### Exam Levels

CEF Level	TIS Level	Cambridge	IELTS	BEC	TOIEC
C2	Very Advanced - Proficiency	CPE (CAE A)	7.5+		943+
C1	Early Advanced - Advanced	(CPE D) CAE (FCE A)	6.5 - 7	higher	803 - 943
B2	Upper Intermediate	(CAE D) FCE	5 - 6	vantage	619 - 803
B1	Good Pre-Intermediate - Intermediate	(FCE D) PET	3.5 - 4.5	preliminary	479 - 619
A2	Elementary - Low Pre-Intermediate	KET	3		<479
A1	Beginner		1 - 2		

With committed study, a student can reasonably expect to move up a full level after 10 to 12 weeks of study

**Classes as usual on all public holidays** (school closed for two weeks over Christmas and New Year)





## Long Stay and Academic English Courses

Including one free exam entry for IELTS or Cambridge

Academic English 15 • Academic English 18 • Academic English 21 • Academic English 22.5

The best way to learn English is to live in England and follow a structured language course. We have been helping long-stay students achieve the necessary levels to study at English universities, pass examinations or progress in their careers for over 40 years. Courses start every Monday and are available for 24 weeks or longer.

Our course structure is ideal for long stay students. Afternoon Options offer flexibility and choice so that long stay students can manage their own course content and vary topics from week to week depending on their interests and areas for improvement.

- 15, 18, 21 or 22.5 hours per week
- Course length 24 – 50 weeks
- Start on any Monday
- Elementary to Proficiency (A2-C2)
- Minimum age 16

### Class Sizes

September to June:  
Average class size 6 students / maximum class size 10 students

July and August:  
Average class size 8 students / maximum class size 12 students

"I meet regularly with our long stay students to check they are happy with their course, accommodation and progress in class and help with any general questions they may have."

Peter joined TIS in 1986 and provides extra support to our long stay students in the form of Academic Counselling, monthly Student Tutorials and University applications. Peter, Senior Teacher



**Classes as usual on all public holidays**  
(School closed for 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year.)



## General English for Professionals and Mature Students

Intensive English Mini Group • Intensive English Mini Group Plus • Intensive English Mini Group with Options

These mini-group morning classes are ideal for adults who need to improve their English language skills for a variety of purposes. The aim is to help you improve your General English level and develop the essential skills needed, whether for work, travel, social situations or simple daily communication. Having a good level of General English is essential for anyone wanting to develop their skills for business, professional use or simply for personal satisfaction.

With a maximum of four per class you will experience an intensive way of learning with plenty of opportunity to use English actively in your class, thus motivating you and giving you more confidence.

In addition, you are invited to join other mature students for lunch each day (your lunch is at your own cost) at various local cafés, pubs or restaurants. Also included are two evening activities selected from our lively and interesting Social Programme.

Classes are organised according to level from Elementary through to Proficiency level. It is rare for someone not to fit into a level, but should this happen then instead of 15 hours in a group you will be offered 12 hours one to one tuition or an option of joining another suitable class at your level as well as some additional private lessons.

The 15 hour class takes place in the mornings from Monday to Friday. Your afternoons are free so you can join our Social Programme, attend a Guided Study session, follow your own personal pursuits or join another course.

### Also available:

#### Intensive English Mini Group Plus

With 5 additional hours of afternoon private lessons

#### Intensive English Mini Group with Options

With up to 7.5 additional hours of afternoon Options (in classes of maximum 10 or 12 students)

**Classes as usual on all public holidays**  
(School closed for 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year.)

- 15 hours per week
- Mini groups of up to 4 students
- Course length 1 – 12 weeks
- Start on any Monday
- Elementary to Proficiency (A2-C2)
- Minimum age 23
- Classes from 08:40 until 12:00

### Students Ages

The minimum age on our Intensive English Mini Group course is 23, but most students are aged 30+ and the average age is 45.

### Includes:

- Pre-course placement test and needs analysis to help us to prepare for your course in advance
- Course materials
- Lunch with a teacher and other Business & Professional students
- Two free evening activities each week
- Progress chart, short report and end of course certificate Social Programme or independently.



Enrica, Italy  
Intensive English Mini Group Plus

"The lessons were very intensive and lively, and the school well organised and professional. I'll come back again"



"I am having such an enjoyable time. If I get the opportunity to come back to England, I will choose TIS without hesitation."

Kanji, Japan

### Includes:

- One free exam entry for IELTS or Cambridge
- Optional upgrade to Cambridge or IELTS preparation
- Tutorial every 4 weeks with senior teacher Peter
- Individual Study Plan
- University Placement Advice
- Test on arrival to ensure students join the right class
- Course materials
- A choice of afternoon Options with General English 18, 21 and 22.5
- One Guided Study session per week (1.5 hours)
- Study Skills sessions
- TIS Certificate at end of course





## Business and Professional English Courses

These courses are highly intensive and fast moving. They are ideal for anyone needing to make maximum progress in a short space of time. The aim is to help you to improve all aspects of your language ability and to help you to fulfil your potential in your profession. Whether in a class of up to 4 or working one to one with your teacher, you will find this is a motivational learning experience giving you a new found confidence in your use of English.

### Our Clients

Our Business & Professional courses are suitable for personnel from international companies and organisations who need to improve their communication skills in English for their work. Recent clients have come from companies and organisations such as: Brittany Ferries, Enel, Hannover Re, Hugo Boss, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lithuania and Switzerland, Mitsui Fudosan, Price Waterhouse Cooper Italy, University Hospital of Zurich, Wintershall Holding.

### Our Business Course Leaders

Michael and Gillian joined us in 1996 and 1998 respectively and are responsible for our team of Business English teachers.



Michael and Gillian  
Michael-Gillian@tisenglish.co.uk

“We prepare for each student individually, using the placement test and needs analysis to plan their course. Everyone is constantly monitored to ensure maximum progress.”

### Our Teachers

TIS teachers are chosen not just for their skills, qualifications and experience, but also for their understanding of or background in business. They are ‘in tune’ with the needs of their clients and work closely with each one.



### Tailor-made courses

	Personal Intensive Course
<b>Hours per week:</b>	15, 20, 25, 30
<b>Duration:</b>	1 - 12
<b>Start on:</b>	Any Monday
<b>Level:</b>	A1 - C2
<b>Min Age:</b>	23
<b>Av Age:</b>	
<b>Price Guide:</b>	££££
<b>Mornings:</b>	<b>Personal Intensive Course</b>  08:40 - 12:00 Class size: 1
<b>Lunches:</b>	With teacher (optional): 12:00 - 13:10
<b>Afternoons:</b>	As booked
<b>Course Description:</b>	Your teacher will plan your programme of one-to-one classes to suit your specific needs, whether to prepare for an important presentation or exam, improve your general English, prepare for a new job or simply improve your English for your hobbies or your leisure pursuits.

### Included with all Business & Professional English Courses

- Pre-course placement test and needs analysis
- Course materials
- Lunch with a teacher and other Business & Professional students (not courses involving General English)
- Two evening activities each week
- Progress chart, short report and certificate at end of course

### Classes as usual on all public holidays

(School closed for 2 weeks over Christmas and New Year.)



## Business and Professional English Courses

### Business English Courses

	Combination Business English	Combination English for Banking and Finance	Intensive Business English	Business and General English
<b>Hours per week:</b>	30	30	30	30
<b>Duration:</b>	1 - 4	1 - 2	1 - 4	1 - 4
<b>Start on:</b>	Any Monday	Any Monday	Any Monday	Any Monday
<b>Level:</b>	B1 - C1	B1 - C1	B1 - C1	B1 - C1
<b>Min Age:</b>	23	23	23	23
<b>Av Age:</b>	46	46	46	46
<b>Price Guide:</b>	£££	£££	££	£
<b>Mornings:</b>	<b>Personal Intensive Course</b>  08:40 - 12:00 Class size: 1	<b>Personal Intensive Course for Banking &amp; Finance</b>  08:40 - 12:00 Class size: 1	<b>Intensive English Mini Group</b>  08:40 - 12:00 Class size: 4	<b>General English</b>  09:00 - 12:20 Class size: 10 (12 in Jul + Aug)
<b>Lunches:</b>	With teacher (optional): 12:00 - 13:10	With teacher (optional): 12:00 - 13:10	With teacher (optional): 12:00 - 13:10	Own arrangements
<b>Afternoons:</b>	<b>Business English Afternoons</b> 13:20 - 16:40 Class size: 4	<b>Business English Afternoons</b> 13:20 - 16:40 Class size: 4	<b>Business English Afternoons</b> 13:20 - 16:40 Class size: 4	<b>Business English Afternoons</b> 13:20 - 16:40 Class size: 4
<b>Course Description:</b>	A combination of intensive one-to-one tailor-made sessions and mini-group to improve your communication skills in English for their work. This is an ideal course for professionals needing a highly intensive programme.	An intensive tailor-made morning course combined with an afternoon Business English mini-group, ideal for anyone involved in the world of Banking and Finance. You must have an intermediate or higher level of English in order to make the most progress.	An intensive mini-group course teaching a mix of General and Business English, ideal for mature business managers and professionals who need to improve their Business English skills.	A mix of General and Business English to help you improve your communication skills in English for work, ideal for young professionals, postgraduates in business studies, early-in-service employees, job seekers and job changers.

### Topics Included in the Business English Afternoon Programme:

business language, meetings and negotiations, telephoning, social language, and giving presentations. Please check our website or ask us for an exact weekly programme.



“Lessons were very good, interesting topics, lots of speaking about jobs and management.”

Fabian, Switzerland  
Intensive Business English.

It is unusual for a student not to fit into a level, but should this happen a student on a 30 hour course receives one to one tuition for 24 hours per week.





## Homestays

## CLUB *tis* HOTEL

3\* Homestay (private bedroom / shared bathroom)

4\* Homestay (private bedroom / private bathroom)

### Why choose a Homestay?

1. Experience British culture and way of life and make new English friends
2. Staying with a homestay helps you adapt to speaking English all the time
3. TIS Homestays are all within 5-40 minutes' walk of the school, the town centre and beaches, and served by an excellent bus service



Claire and Martin have been TIS Homestay hosts for almost 40 years

"We love welcoming TIS students into our home, meeting so many different ages and nationalities and learning about their countries. We stay in touch with many and some come back year after year."

- Friendly and dedicated to taking care of their guests.
- Clean, comfortable homes with a good standard of living.
- Carefully chosen and constantly monitored by us and by the feedback from our students.
- Good value for money.
- Many of our host families have hosted our students for 10+ years and in some cases 2 or 3 generations of the same family have continued the tradition of hosting students
- Student Feedback is excellent and we have no hesitation in recommending our homestays for students of all ages and nationalities.
- Two students of the same nationality will never be placed in the same family (unless they request it).



Cuneyt, Turkey

"The family I stayed with were more than hosts; they were as part of my family. Thanks a lot!"

### Standard En-suite Room • Superior En-suite Room

Opposite the school is Club TIS, our own bed and breakfast guest house and an ideal choice for adult students. From the Hotel it's just five minutes' walk to the town centre and another 10-15 minutes to the lively harbour-side with lots of pubs, restaurants and cafés along the way. You will enjoy a warm and friendly atmosphere where you can join in with others or work quietly on your own.

### Why choose Club TIS?

1. Unique international atmosphere
2. Convenient location opposite school
3. Meet like-minded students from other countries

### Suitable for:

Students aged 20+ who want more independent accommodation close to the school.

The Club is particularly popular with more mature students age 30+ and Business & Professional clients.

### Our breakfast:

- A choice of cereals, yoghurt and fruit
- Tea, coffee, fruit juice
- Cheese, ham and boiled eggs
- Toast, bread, honey, jam and marmalade

"I like it here because I meet many people of my age from different countries. I have time for myself, to study and enjoy. My accommodation at Club TIS Hotel is lovely, peaceful and close by so there is no stress."



René, Switzerland

- 12 comfortable en-suite bedrooms, some with sea views
- Study Room and lounge for homework and relaxation
- Free wireless internet and guest computer with internet connection
- Buffet breakfast (included)
- Club TIS Café serving hot and cold lunches on weekdays (extra)
- Simple guest kitchen with fridges, microwave and sink
- South-facing terrace with views across Torquay and the English Riviera
- Private car park

### Club TIS Hosts



Carol and Heather

"We love running the guest house and meeting all our international guests. We enjoy making people feel at home here, it's not like a job for us"

Carol and Heather take great care to maintain the friendly atmosphere in this charming little international guest house.

### Free Torquay Arrival Meeting Service

All our students are met by our Club TIS Hosts upon arrival in Torquay at the bus or train station, so it's very important that we receive arrival times well in advance.

### Christmas & New Year

Although the school is closed over Christmas and New Year, we can organise homestay accommodation for our students over this period. A nightly holiday supplement will be charged.

### Free Torquay Arrival Meeting Service

All our students are met by their homestay host upon arrival in Torquay at the bus or train station, so it's very important that we receive arrival times well in advance.





## Self-Catering Apartments & Flat-share

## Travel to Torquay

### Cedar Cottage Apartments

Two attractive, self-contained flats both with two bedrooms & two bathrooms and free wireless internet. Located in a quiet residential area just 3 minutes' walk from TIS and 5 minutes' walk from the town centre with shops, supermarkets and the night life.

#### Why Choose Cedar Cottage?

1. Three minutes' walk from TIS
2. Ideal for long stay or exam students
3. Independent living

#### Booking options

■ **Flat-share:** based on two students sharing. Each student will have their own private bedroom and bathroom and share the communal areas (kitchen, living room, dining room). Suitable for individuals aged 20+, particularly those staying for long periods or studying for exams. Cedar Cottage is very popular so please check availability.

■ **Whole flat:** Perfect for couples or small families of up to 4 people.



#### Our Apartments

- Fully furnished
- Wireless internet
- Gas, water and electricity
- Bed linen and towels
- Modern kitchen with a washing machine, gas hob, electric oven, microwave and fridge
- Open plan dining area and Lounge with TV, DVD, radio/CD player
- Double-glazed with gas central heating
- Prices negotiable for long stay bookings of 10+ weeks
- Quiet and convenient locations
- Private parking available

### Rosa Apartments

Situated above the harbour and only 15 minutes' walk from TIS. Rosa Apartments have integral kitchen, lounge and dining areas, with one or two en-suite double bedrooms. Rosa 1 has a south facing conservatory and Rosa 2 has a south and west facing terrace and wonderful sea-views.

#### Why Choose Rosa Apartments?

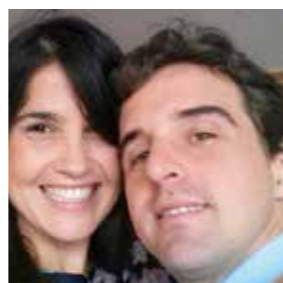
1. Five minutes from town centre and harbour
2. Comfortable executive Apartments
4. Sea views

#### Booking options

■ **Whole flat only:** perfect for individuals (particularly more mature clients and business & Professional students), couples or small families of up to 4.



"Everything about our flat was wonderful, the closeness to the school, the kitchen, the bedrooms, the heating! The whole experience was amazing and 100% repeatable. With TIS we felt at home."



Federica and Xabier, Venezuela

#### Torquay Arrival Meeting Service

Please let us have arrival times as soon as you know them so we can meet you on arrival in Torquay at the bus or train station or give directions to car drivers.

### Our Local Airports

**Exeter Airport - 40km from Torquay**  
Flights to over 10 European destinations with airline Flybe.

#### Onward Travel to Torquay:

**Train:** 1 hour (return journey approximately £15)

**Private Taxi Transfer:** 40 minutes (single journey approximately £40)

**Book with us. ✓**

**Bristol Airport - 140km from Torquay**  
Flights to over 80 European destinations with airlines including Easyjet, Flybe, Ryanair and BMI.

#### Onward Travel to Torquay:

**Train:** 2 hours with a change in central Bristol (return journey approximately £40). A good option if you arrive in Bristol in the morning or early afternoon.

**Private Taxi Transfer:** 2 hours (single journey approximately £100)

**Book with us. ✓**

**All journey times and prices are approximate, please contact us for exact up to date information.**

#### Other Options

**By Boat:** Brittany Ferries sail to Plymouth (60 minutes from Torquay by car or train) from Roscoff, St Malo or Santander.

**By Eurostar:** from Paris, Brussels or Lille into St Pancras Station. Trains depart regularly from London Paddington station for Torquay (2.5 to 3.5 hours).

#### Getting to your accommodation

You must tell your accommodation provider your arrival details well in advance to ensure that someone is available to meet you. If you are staying in a homestay, Club TIS Hotel or one of our apartments, then you will be met at the bus or train station on arrival. If you come by taxi transfer, you will be taken directly to your accommodation.

### London Airports

**Travel Tip:** try to book flights which arrive in the morning & depart late afternoon/early evening if you use London Airports.

We recommend:

**London Heathrow - 285km from Torquay**  
International flights to hundreds of worldwide destinations.

#### Onward Travel to Torquay:

**Coach:** 4.5 hours direct with coaches departing every 2 hours (return journey approximately £60) - **Book with us. ✓**

**Train:** 3.5 hours with one change at Paddington Station in central London (return journey approximately £90)

**Private Taxi Transfer:** 3.5 hours by taxi transfer (single journey approximately £210) - **Book with us. ✓**

**Airport Meet & Greet service available - Book with us. ✓**

Other London airports are not so convenient:

- × London Gatwick Airport (5.5 hours by coach)
- × Stansted Airport (7-8 hours by coach)
- × Luton Airport (6 hours by coach)
- × London City Airport (6 hours by coach)

#### Ask us:

Lynne, our Administration Manager, knows all about travel to Torquay. She can advise you and book tickets for you, just email her with your full flight details (subject to £12 booking fee). We strongly recommend that tickets and seat reservations are booked well in advance, especially for travel between May and September. [lynne@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:lynne@tisenglish.co.uk)

Some useful links for booking your own travel:

**Airports:** **Exeter** - [www.exeter-airport.co.uk](http://www.exeter-airport.co.uk)  
**Bristol** - [www.bristolairport.co.uk](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk)  
**Heathrow** - [www.heathrowairport.com](http://www.heathrowairport.com)

**Coach:** **National Express** - [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

**Train:** **National Rail Enquiries** - [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)





## Social Programme



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The social programme makes up a very important part of our students' experience. We live in one of the most beautiful and traditional parts of England, next to the sea, near to National parks, pretty villages and important historical cities and our Social Programme really makes the most of this. Our full time Social Manager, JP, creates an excellent programme each week to include a wide range of activities and excursions to suit all ages and tastes.



JP, our Social Manager, organises all our activities and excursions and makes sure that you enjoy your time in Torquay. He is also a wealth of knowledge on the local area and can give help and advice for students wanting to explore the local area independently.  
[JP@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:JP@tisenglish.co.uk)

## Sample Week

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Kents Cavern</b> An afternoon visit to Kents Cavern for a guided tour around these prehistoric caves in Torquay <a href="http://www.kents-cavern.co.uk">www.kents-cavern.co.uk</a>	<b>Berry Pomeroy Castle</b> Join us this afternoon as we explore Berry Pomeroy Castle deep in the Devon countryside. <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org">www.english-heritage.org</a>	<b>Bowling</b> Join a team for a game of American bowling. There might be prizes. <a href="http://www.amf-bowling.co.uk">www.amf-bowling.co.uk</a>	<b>Totnes</b> This ancient market town is full of life and full of history, set in a beautiful valley next to the river Dart. Some great shopping here too.	<b>Eden Project, Cornwall</b> We'll stop at a traditional fishing port, then on to the Eden Project, where the world's largest captive rainforest is housed in an enormous greenhouse. <a href="http://www.edenproject.com">www.edenproject.com</a>	<b>Dartmoor</b> Join us for a beautiful walk over the granite tors of Dartmoor with local postman, poet and Dartmoor guide Nick. <a href="http://www.dartmoor.co.uk">www.dartmoor.co.uk</a>

## Price Guide

Some of our activities are free to students, but most cost extra. Afternoon and evening trips normally cost between £5 and £10, and full-day weekend excursions between £20 and £30.

## Organised Sports

We regularly organise sporting activities, depending on the interests of the students in the school at the time. Below are a few examples:

- Fishing in Torbay
- Rock Climbing
- Volleyball
- Football



"The Social Programme was great. Thank you JP we will miss you!"

Damian and Julieta, Argentina

## Highlights

### Afternoons



#### Living Coasts

Living Coasts is a coastal zoo and conservation charity. As well as walking with the penguins, you will learn more about coastal habitats and some of the wonderful creatures that live in the sea.

### Evenings



#### Folk Night

Live music is always a treat and if you love good music, tonight is the night for you. Adrian and his friends play a mixture of classical and modern folk songs, along with some help from you!

### Full Days



#### Stonehenge

Stonehenge is one of the most famous attractions in the world. It is a World Heritage Site and was built almost 3000 years ago. This ring of standing stones is believed to have been a place of worship.



#### Brixham

Brixham is one of the three towns that make up Torbay. We will travel by boat or bus to this traditional Devon fishing port with its working harbour. Enjoy a guided tour of the town and a walk along the cliffs to Berry Head for fantastic views and bird-life.



#### Fish & Chip Night

Fish & Chips are widely regarded as England's national dish. Hanbury's of Babbacombe has been serving fantastic fish and chips for three decades – one of the best award-winning Fish & Chips cafés in Britain!



#### Bath

One of the most beautiful cities in England, Bath is a World Heritage Site with stunning architecture and the world famous Roman baths dating back over 2000 years.




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## Travel to Torquay


### Exeter 40km from Torquay

 **Car:** 40 minutes ✓ recommended

 **Train:** 60 minutes


### Bristol 140km from Torquay


 **Train:** 2 hours ✓ recommended

 **Car:** 2 hours

### London Heathrow 285km from Torquay


 **Coach:** 4.5 hours ✓ recommended

 **Train:** 3.5 hours

 **Car:** 3.5 hours

### Central London 315km from Torquay

 **Train:** 3 hours ✓ recommended

 **Coach:** 5 hours



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The emergency phone is held by a member of staff when the school is closed. If you don't get an answer first time then keep trying or send a text as we may not be able to answer immediately.

## Local Information