



Dates for 2012

01 July – 14 July

15 July – 28 July

29 July – 11 August

12 August – 25 August

Fees

For Comenius/Grundtvig applicants €1,920

For all other applicants £1,480

Contemporary English for schools

Who is this course for?

Experienced teachers with a high standard of English (Common European Framework Level C1), working with secondary school students.

Course aims

- To update participants on current trends in the use of contemporary English
- To extend knowledge of idiomatic and colloquial language
- To provide language development and practice
- To present practical ideas and techniques for teaching the topics covered in the classroom

Course programme

The course is taught through a series of informal lectures, seminars and workshops.

Topics typically include:

- How social and cultural changes have affected modern English
- Exploiting authentic materials in the classroom
- Political correctness
- Trends in lexical change and new words
- Language change
- Teenage language
- Slang and idioms
- Varieties of English

Bell Teacher Campus



This course will take place at Bell Teacher Campus in Cambridge, based at Homerton College which is part of the University of Cambridge. Homerton College is an outstandingly beautiful college in secluded wooded grounds with easy access to Cambridge town centre. It has first-class learning and social facilities. Half-board accommodation is available in single en-suite rooms on site. The training staff at Bell Teacher Campus are all highly qualified, many of whom are materials writers and conference speakers. Afternoons entail a conference style approach with participants able to join an interesting variety of workshops, cultural talks and a special lecture each week from a prominent speaker.

Sample timetable – week 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.30	How contemporary is your English?	Teenage language & using it in lessons	Lexical change	Trends in grammar change – how to handle it in class	New phrasal verbs
COFFEE					
11.00 – 12.30	Contemporary English through an authentic text	British films and modern language	TV trends & language outcomes for classroom use	Reflection on methodology and materials used and how they can be adapted for participants' own classroom	Being PC in English
LUNCH					
14.00 – 15.30	Exploiting contemporary articles in the classroom	** Campus Conference	X Key Lecture	** Campus Conference	Special Teacher's Excursion
15.30	Optional talks, cultural activities, social programme or study time				

** Campus Conference - choose from a range of workshops and talks on topical issues and/or aspects of British Life and Culture.
 X Key Lecture. Talks by well-known plenary speakers and writers.

Sample timetable – week 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.30	Trends in phonology change Listening to estuary English	Exploiting contemporary writing for the classroom	New idioms & practical ideas	TV personalities & their language use	Words in the workplace & management jargon
COFFEE					
11.00 – 12.30	Social stereotypes English society through authentic texts	American English v British English	Slang and youth speak	Frantic semantics New words, phrases and usage	Practise contemporary English
LUNCH					
14.00 – 15.30	Current issues in English education	** Campus Conference	X Key Lecture	** Campus Conference	Special Teacher's Excursion
15.30	Optional talks, cultural activities, social programme or study time				

Please note that this is a sample timetable. Your trainer will negotiate and agree a timetable specifically designed for your group's needs. Your course is likely to be different from the sample timetable.

Further information

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