



ACS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL
COBHAM

**ENGLISH TUITION
FOR ACS COBHAM
BOARDING STUDENTS**

ACS WELCOMES BOARDING STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, MANY OF WHOM ARE NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS.

We know how important it is for students to have the right academic proficiency in English to succeed academically and socially, and to improve their fluency as they progress through the school. To help students learning English as an additional language, ACS Cobham now offers three individual programmes for both applying and enrolled boarders.

1. 'Get Ready for ACS' English programme:

Get Ready for ACS is a fast-track programme aimed at helping students pass our Oxford Placement Test (OPT), an English proficiency test that is a condition of enrolment for international speaking boarding students. The levels of English we require students to have vary by grade:

GRADE / AGE	REQUIRED LEVEL*
Grade 7 (Age 12-13)	Beginner
Grade 8 (Age 13-14)	High A2-B1 / KET / 3 (tested)
Grade 9 (Age 14-15)	B1 / PET / 3.5-4.5 (tested)
Grade 10 (Age 15-16)	B2 / FCE / 5-6 (tested)
Grade 11 (Age 16-17)	High B2-C1 / CAE / 6.5-7 (tested)
Grade 12 (Age 17-18)	C1 / CAE / 7 (tested)

*CEFR / Cambridge / IELTS

This programme is for students in Grades 8, 9, and 10, who are just one level below the required proficiency, and are not quite ready to pass the OPT.

The 'Test Preparation' module provides up to 20 hours of individual online lessons with one of our approved English language tutors, after which the OPT will be taken. If the OPT result is borderline, a further 20 hours of 'Test Retake' tuition will be provided.

Once the OPT has been passed, students may continue to build confidence and fluency in written and spoken English with up to 40 hours of bespoke lessons with our tutor; this 'Prepare for School' module is optional.

MODULES	DETAILS		
A: Test Preparation	Intensive training to prepare for OPT	20 hrs	£1,000
B: Test Retake	Intensive training for OPT for borderline result	20 hrs	£1,000
C: Prepare for school	Bespoke online EFL/EAL lessons to boost learner confidence in core skills to be 'school ready'	40 hrs	£2,000

Referrals to the programme will be made by our Dean of Admissions, based on an assessment of the student's English ability during the initial enrolment application process. In many cases, a conditional offer of acceptance can be made by Admissions, subject to the student taking this course and subsequently passing the OPT.

Please note that participating in the Get Ready for ACS programme does not guarantee that a student will pass the OPT and ACS will not be responsible for the level of progress that the student is able to make.

Please contact ACS Cobham Admissions for more information
cobadmissions@acs-schools.com

2. Summer Camp: Global Young Leaders. 2 or 4 week residential programme for 12-16 year olds

The ACS Cobham summer camp takes place in July each year and is operated by our partner Discovery Summer. The blended programme of English, STEM, Young Entrepreneur and Presentation Skills / Model UN encourages leadership and collaborative problem-solving - essential 21st century life skills.



Students are placed into classes by level, age and nationality, with maximum class sizes of 15. British ambassador students also participate in our summer camp, so everyone has the opportunity to socialise with native English speaking children.

The programme is ideal for students who want to experience what it is like to be a boarder at ACS, while improving their English and academic skills, and having an amazing time!

Full details of the programme, as well as information on how to apply, can be [found here: https://www.discoverysummer.co.uk/cobham/](https://www.discoverysummer.co.uk/cobham/)

3. Accelerated English Immersion. Post-enrolment English language support for grades 9 & 10 students

Our Accelerated English Immersion programme is aimed at boarding students enrolled at ACS who are just at the minimum required proficiency and who need additional ongoing support to improve their English.

The programme goal is for confident learning through language (rather than learning the English language) so that boarding students can successfully complete the required course of study and access appropriately challenging curriculum options (including the IB Diploma Programme and US College Board AP courses).

This programme celebrates linguistic diversity and cultivates a culture of inclusion. Students will develop the cognitive academic language proficiency they need in order to meet the heavy reading, writing, speaking and listening demands of our challenging and well-rounded curriculum. In addition, the programme aims to:

- Celebrate the complex international language profiles of our boarding community
- Maintain and enable the transfer of knowledge and skills from one or more languages to English as a language of instruction
- Build subject-specific background knowledge (vocabulary, facts and concepts)
- Establish foundations for analysing literary texts in English
- Develop skills for increasingly sophisticated personal expression and academic communication (oral and written)
- Enjoy learning English as a global language, and prepare for a lifetime of language learning in international communities

MODULES	DETAILS		
Boarder Personalised English Language Support by ACS Boarding staff	2 x individual sessions or small group tuition per week	Minimum of one semester with 50-100 additional instructional hours per year	£2,000 per semester

*In addition to ELA curriculum support with dedicated Language Acquisition courses in English

Referrals to the programme will be made by the Dean of Admissions following a successful application to the school, based on an assessment of the student's needs. Enrolment on the programme is for a minimum of one semester; students will be assessed on an ongoing basis, and may be required to continue on the programme for a second semester or longer, depending on their individual learning needs.

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