



Course Content - Academic English

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Academic English (AEP)

Academic English is designed to help students aged 16+ who wish to study in the UK but do not yet have strong English skills.

This programme is designed to develop a student's skills and confidence in the language. Success guarantees entrance to one of our further study options. Students develop their writing, listening, reading and spoken English skills. Students learn new vocabulary, a basic understanding of grammar and how to use new words in both academic and everyday situations. This programme also provides an introduction to the common terms used regularly in academic subjects covering, for example: English for Business, English for Maths, English for Science and English for Social Science. Students also be exposed to English in everyday life, becoming familiar with it as a day-to-day communication and socialising tool.

Our Academic English Programme helps students develop their English skills to excel in their chosen academic programme: A level, or University Foundation Programme. This programme is designed to be taken before an academic programme. Students partake in various areas of intensive English language study including Academic English, Essay construction, research and note taking along with several projects and assignments to improve their abilities.

*In AEP all the subjects must be taken.

Grammar and Vocabulary, AEP

Guildhouse School

Subject Overview

This course strengthens students' grammar and vocabulary, supporting their academic English development. It builds confidence by focusing on essential structures and high-frequency academic vocabulary for effective written and spoken communication.

We aim to develop

- Solid understanding of grammar structures (tenses, sentence formation, word order).
- Expanded academic vocabulary for reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Accurate and appropriate grammar and vocabulary use in academic settings.
- Strategies for independent vocabulary acquisition and grammar accuracy.

Course Content (sample)

- **Grammar Focus:** Sentence structure (simple, compound, complex), verb tenses, subject-verb agreement, modals, conditionals, relative clauses, linking words, passive voice, reported speech, articles, comparatives, superlatives.
- **Vocabulary Focus:** Academic word families, collocations, prefixes, suffixes, synonyms, antonyms, contextual vocabulary, dictionary use, subject-specific vocabulary.

Assessments

- Regular practical and written assessments with teacher feedback and opportunities to reflect and improve.
- At the end of the year, students will sit an internal examination.

Textbooks/Revision Guides (not exhaustive list)

Title	ISBN	Author
English Grammar in Use	978-1108457651	Raymond Murphy
English vocabulary in Use (pre-intermediate and intermediate)	978-1316631713	Stuart Redman

Higher Education Pathways

This course provides students with the language proficiency necessary for academic studies and effective communication in a future university environment.

Curriculum Head - Mrs Gizem Ozturan

Maths, AEP

Guildhouse School

Subject Overview

This course provides a solid foundation in mathematical concepts and skills essential for academic success. Students will develop problem-solving abilities, logical reasoning, and data analysis skills

We aim to develop

Mathematical proficiency, problem-solving strategies, data interpretation skills, and the ability to apply mathematical concepts in an academic context and the associated technical vocabulary relevant to succeed across various courses.

Course Content (sample)

Explore the fundamentals of algebra, calculus, statistics, and probability, and understand their applications in different academic disciplines.

Assessments

- Regular practical and written assessments with teacher feedback and opportunities to reflect and improve.
- At the end of the year students will sit an internal examination.

Textbooks/Revision Guides (not exhaustive list)

Title	ISBN	Author
Edexcel Maths iGCSE Revision Guide (Higher)	978-1782946700	CGP Books
Edexcel Maths iGCSE Exam Practice book (Higher)	978-1782946694	CGP Books

Higher Education Pathways

This course prepares students for further studies in science, engineering, economics, business, and other fields requiring mathematical skills.

Curriculum Director - Mr Zia Rahman

Physical Education, AEP

Guildhouse School

Subject Overview

This course promotes physical fitness, sportsmanship, and healthy living through various sports and activities.

We aim to develop

Physical fitness, teamwork skills, sportsmanship, coordination, and an understanding of the importance of physical health.

Course Content (sample)

Engage in team sports (e.g., basketball, football), individual fitness activities (e.g., running, badminton), and health education.

Assessments

- Regular practical assessments with teacher feedback and opportunities to reflect and improve.

Textbooks/Revision Guides (not exhaustive list)

Title	ISBN	Author
n/a	n/a	n/a

Higher Education Pathways

This course can benefit students' overall well-being and potentially prepare them for further studies or careers related to sports, fitness, or health sciences.

Curriculum Head - Mr. Jamie Forbes

Reading and Writing, AEP

Guildhouse School

Subject Overview

This course develops students' reading and writing skills for academic and real-world contexts. Students will improve their comprehension and analysis of various texts, enhancing critical reading strategies. They will also refine their writing, learning to structure clear paragraphs and essays.

We aim to develop

- Confidently read and understand a variety of texts, identifying main ideas and the writer's purpose.
- Strong critical reading skills (skimming, scanning, making inferences).
- Write clear, well-structured paragraphs and essays.
- Effectively use academic language, grammar, and vocabulary in written communication.
- Apply reading and writing strategies in academic and real-world situations.

Course Content (sample)

- **Reading Skills:** Skimming and scanning; identifying main ideas and text structure; understanding inference and tone; developing critical reading skills; expanding academic vocabulary.
- **Writing Skills:** Sentence and paragraph structure; writing cohesive paragraphs; essay structure; summarising and paraphrasing; grammar and vocabulary for academic writing; editing and proofreading.

Assessments

- Regular practical and written assessments with teacher feedback and opportunities to reflect and improve.
- At the end of the year students will sit an internal examination.

Textbooks/Revision Guides (not exhaustive list)

Title	ISBN	Author
Unlock Reading & Writing (L2/3)	9781009031394	Richard O'Neill

Higher Education Pathways

This course equips students with the essential literacy skills needed for academic success at the university level.

Curriculum Head - Mrs Gizem Ozturan

Science, AEP

Guildhouse School

Subject Overview

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to scientific concepts and principles, covering topics from biology, chemistry, and physics. Students will develop an understanding of scientific inquiry, experimental design, and data analysis.

We aim to develop

Scientific literacy, problem-solving skills, laboratory techniques, and the ability to apply scientific knowledge to real-world situations. Aim to embrace the scientific method and the language of science.

Course Content (sample)

Delve into the intricacies of cell biology, explore the fundamentals of chemical reactions, understand the laws of motion, and grasp the principles of ecology and the scientific method.

- **Biology:** Cells, Diffusion & Osmosis, Pathogens, Inheritance, DNA and genetics, Climate Change
- **Chemistry:** Atoms & Molecules, Elements, Structure & Bonding, Acids & Alkalis, Organic Chemistry, Air & Atmosphere
- **Physics:** Forces, Electricity, Planets & Solar System, Waves

Assessments

- Regular practical and written assessments with teacher feedback and opportunities to reflect and improve.
- At the end of the year students will sit an internal examination.

Textbooks/Revision Guides (not exhaustive list)

Title	ISBN	Author
GCSE Combined Science: Foundation	1782945652	CGP

Higher Education Pathways

This course prepares students for further studies in science, engineering, medicine, and related fields.

Curriculum Director - Mr Zia Rahman

Speaking & Listening, AEP

Guildhouse School

Subject Overview

This course enhances students' listening and speaking skills for academic and real-world communication. Through engaging activities, students will develop their ability to understand spoken English in various contexts (lectures, discussions, conversations). The course emphasises building fluency, improving pronunciation, and structuring ideas clearly.

We aim to develop

- Understand spoken English in diverse contexts.
- Confidently engage in discussions, debates, and presentations.
- Actively listen to identify main ideas and implied meanings.
- Express ideas logically and fluently.
- Think critically and respond to ideas in spoken interactions.
- Improve pronunciation and intonation for clearer communication.

Course Content (sample)

- **Listening Skills:** Understand main ideas and opinions in lectures and discussions; listen for specific information; listen for inference and predict outcomes; develop effective listening and note-taking strategies.
- **Speaking Skills:** Participate in discussions; develop presentation skills; practise debating techniques; engage in role-plays and simulations; improve pronunciation and intonation.

Assessments

- Regular practical and written assessments with teacher feedback and opportunities to reflect and improve.
- At the end of the year students will sit an internal examination.

Textbooks/Revision Guides (not exhaustive list)

Title	ISBN	Author
Unlock Listening and Speaking Skills- Level 2/3	9781009031462	Stephanie Dimond-Bayir

Higher Education Pathways

This course prepares students for effective communication in university settings, presentations, seminars, and group projects.

Curriculum Head - Mrs Gizem Ozturan

Business, AEP

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Subject Overview

This course provides a broad introduction to key concepts in Business, covering topics such as Employment & Career Planning, Business Communication and Business & the External Environment. Students will develop an understanding of the world of work and the economic environment around them.

We aim to develop

The main aim of this course is for students to become familiar with some of the key business English language they may need later in life. We aim to develop their ability to communicate effectively in a business context and to think critically about the world around them. We will help the students develop effective research techniques and give them the tools and the confidence to make business presentations.

Course Content (sample)

Preparing for a career in a given field of work, the recruitment process, communication in the workplace, the business and economic environment.

Assessments

- Regular practical and written assessments with teacher feedback and opportunities to reflect and improve.
- At the end of the year students will sit an internal examination.

Textbooks/Revision Guides (not exhaustive list)

Title	ISBN	Author
Business English Course for ESL Students	979-8415922901	Shayna Oliveira

Higher Education Pathways

This course prepares students for further studies in social sciences, humanities, international relations, law, and related fields.

Curriculum Director - Mr. Steven Grimes

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