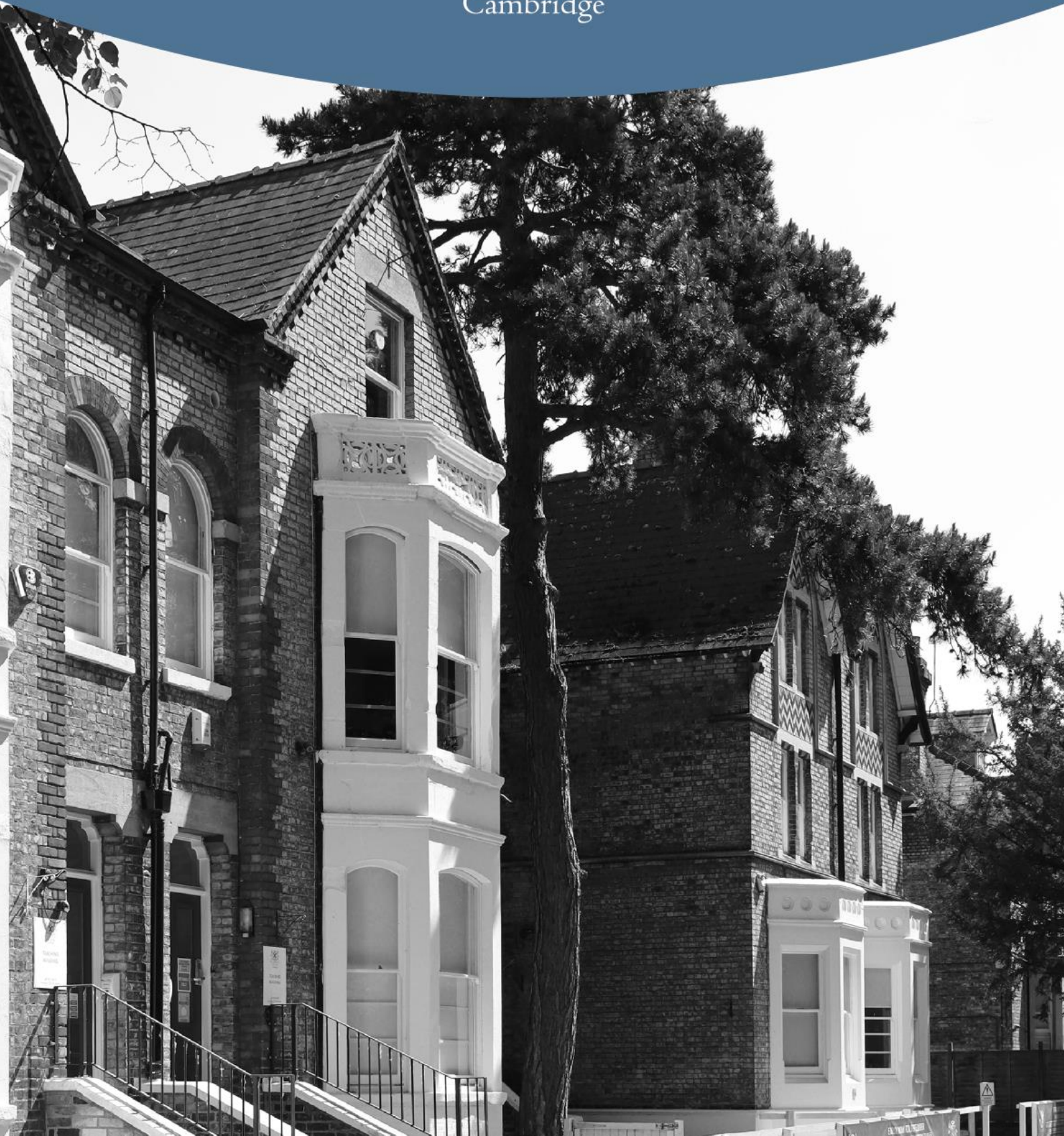




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Pre-sessional Course – August 2025



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Two-Week Pre-Sessional Course for Students with IELTS 5.5 or Below or below the line on ALIS vocabulary.

Course Overview:

This intensive two-week course aims to enhance students' English proficiency for academic success, improve their IELTS performance, introduce them to the college environment, and provide cultural orientation, including Fundamental British Values (FBV).

Dates: Monday 25th August – Friday 5th September. (Timings: 9 – 10.30 and 10.45 – 12.15 lessons. Lunch 12.15 – 13.00. 13.00 – 14.30 and 14.45 – 16.15 lessons. This will give 6 hours of lessons per day and 60 hours over the duration of the course.

Accommodation: Students would arrive no earlier than 10 AM on Sunday 24th August for their pre-sessional course. They would move to their permanent hall of residence on Sunday 7th September no earlier than 10 AM.

Meals: Breakfast would be in the hall of residence and lunch and evening meals in the college's canteen.

Costs: Course, £1150. Boarding, £1350 =£2500

N.B. The room you are allocated for the pre-sessional course maybe different to your course starting in college on the 8th September. The college will assist with your move if this is the case.

Course Objectives:

1. **Enhance Academic English Skills:** Strengthen reading, writing, listening, and speaking in an academic context.
2. **Prepare for IELTS:** Targeted practice to improve test performance.
3. **Familiarise with College Resources:** Introduction to facilities, support services, and academic expectations.
4. **Cultural Orientation:** Understanding UK culture, including FBV, for smoother integration.
5. **Promote Independent Learning:** Develop self-directed study habits and critical thinking.

Course Structure:

Week 1: Academic Foundations and IELTS Preparation

- **Morning Sessions:**
 - **Academic Reading and Writing:**
 - Analysing academic texts
 - Summarising and paraphrasing



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- Constructing structured essays
- **Listening and Note-Taking:**
 - Effective listening strategies
 - Practice with academic materials.
- **IELTS Preparation:**
 - Speaking practice with feedback
 - Reading comprehension strategies
 - Writing tasks simulating IELTS prompts
- **Afternoon Sessions:**
 - **College Orientation:**
 - Campus tours
 - Introduction to library and online resources
 - Study skills workshops (time management, research methods)
 - **Cultural Workshops:**
 - Introduction to Fundamental British Values:
 - Democracy
 - Rule of Law
 - Individual Liberty
 - Mutual Respect and Tolerance
 - UK social norms and etiquette

Week 2: Academic Integration and Practical Application

- **Morning Sessions:**
 - **IELTS Mock Assessments and Feedback:**
 - Practice IELTS test components.
 - Individual feedback on performance
 - **Group Projects:**
 - Researching academic topics
 - Collaborative presentations
 - **Guest Lectures:**
 - Faculty insights on academic expectations
 - Q&A with staff and students
- **Afternoon Sessions:**
 - **Cultural and Practical Application:**
 - Visits to local cultural sites or museums
 - Discussion on real-world applications of English in academics and professional life
 - **Independent Study & Consultation:**
 - Guided study sessions
 - One-on-one consultations with instructors

Assessment and Feedback:

- **Continuous Assessment:**
 - Quizzes on EAP and IELTS components



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- Participation in class activities
- Completion of assignments and projects
- **Final Assessment:**
 - Mock IELTS test
 - Oral presentation on a researched topic
 - Reflective essay on cultural insights gained.
- **Feedback Mechanism:**
 - Regular individual feedback sessions
 - Peer feedback in group work
 - Written comments on assignments

Integration of Fundamental British Values (FBV):

- **Democracy:**
 - Simulated classroom voting on topics.
 - Encouraging open debates
- **Rule of Law:**
 - Importance of laws in society
 - Case studies on rule of law application
- **Individual Liberty:**
 - Understanding rights and freedoms in the UK
 - Encouraging self-expression
- **Mutual Respect and Tolerance:**
 - Discussions on various cultures and religions
 - Promoting diverse group work

Expected Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will:

- Improve their academic English proficiency.
- Be prepared for IELTS and college coursework.
- Understand the UK's cultural and academic expectations.
- Appreciate the significance of English proficiency for academic and professional success.