



LEWIS SCHOOL OF ENGLISH
Adult Courses

Southampton, UK

2026

Open All Year Round



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LEWIS SCHOOL
1976 - 2026

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“
*It's just perfect!
The teachers are
amazing. They make
things easier and fun.*
”
Maria, Colombia



A Warm Welcome!

As Director of Lewis School of English, I am delighted to welcome you in our **50th anniversary** year. To celebrate this special moment, you can get up to 20% off selected adult courses.

At Lewis, you'll enjoy **high-quality teaching** in a warm, supportive atmosphere – we proudly describe ourselves as '**possibly England's friendliest school!**'

Every year we welcome students from over **30 different countries**, creating an international family where you can learn, share cultures and make new friends.

We look forward to welcoming you soon and to making a real difference to your English.



Alistair Walker

Alistair Walker, Owner /Director



Up to 20% off Course Fees!

To celebrate 50 years, we've reduced our prices for 2026 on selected courses. See website for details.



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Southampton

With big, **beautiful parks**, a rich history and two universities, Southampton is a great place to live and study, and our school is right in the centre.

Southampton is best known for the **Titanic**, which sailed from here in 1912. Today, the city is still the '**cruise ship capital**' of England. You can learn about the Titanic at the excellent SeaCity Museum, discover 800 years of history at Tudor House, and enjoy a big day of **shopping** and entertainment at the huge Westquay Shopping Centre. With 34,000 **university students**, the city has a young, vibrant atmosphere - full of pubs, nightclubs, restaurants, sports facilities and entertainment venues.

London is only 75 minutes by train, and you can easily reach Stonehenge, Oxford, Bath, the Isle of Wight, the New Forest and many more of England's treasures. We can't wait to show you our city!

- ✓ Population: 250,000
- ✓ Famous for the Titanic and cruise ships
- ✓ 75 minutes from London by train
- ✓ One of the best UK cities for parks
- ✓ Two universities; 34,000 students



Park opposite Lewis School



Bargate & main shopping street



Cruise ship spotting!



Our School

We're lucky enough to be **right in the centre** of Southampton, next to a university and opposite a beautiful park. The main bus stops are just a 2-minute walk, so it's perfect for students staying in our homestay accommodation. We're based in four 18th-century buildings with **garden patios** at the back and a **friendly atmosphere** throughout!



- ✓ 15 classrooms
- ✓ Computer room and free Wi-Fi
- ✓ Garden with table tennis
- ✓ Coffee room with snacks/drinks machine
- ✓ Prayer room
- ✓ Convenient city centre location

*I feel it's like
a cosy home!*

Pink, Thailand



Possibly England's Friendliest School!

Our mission is to give you the best environment for learning - a place where your mind is buzzing with new language and your heart is **relaxed** and happy. We're delighted that students have told us that their English has greatly improved and that our school is warm and friendly, **like a big family**.

Are we the friendliest school in England? Well... possibly!

- When new students arrive, we start the week with our **Monday Meetup**, where new arrivals mix with existing students and staff.
- At the end of each week, we have our **Friday Fiesta**, where we say our goodbyes, celebrate **Students of the Week** and enjoy **cakes and treats!**
- Lessons have a **positive atmosphere** and teachers pay attention to your **individual needs** and aims.
- Social activities give you the chance to practise your English with friends, while discovering our culture or making a funny video for social media!
- Our staff greet you with a friendly hello and are always here to help you, so you always feel you have a **second home** and family here at Lewis!



Students in the school garden and coffee room.

Our Courses

	Hours / Week	Weeks	Minimum Level
General English	15 or 22.5	1-50	A1 (Elementary)*
IELTS	15	12 or 3	B1 (Intermediate)
Academic Year	15 or 22.5	33	A1 (Elementary)*
Combination Course	15, 20 or 22.5	1-50	A1 (Elementary)*
Afternoon Classes	7.5**	1-50	A1 (Elementary)*
1:1 & 2:1 Lessons	4.5, 7.5 or as requested**	1-50	A1 (Elementary)*

See next page for course summaries. Visit our website for full course details and prices,
For closed group courses, contact us or see our website for course types.

*Please note that group courses are not suitable for total beginners.

**You can add these courses to any 15-hour course.

Class Size

The average class size is 7-8. The maximum is normally 12; however, in special cases, we may increase this to 13.

*I have greatly improved...
It's a fantastic school.*

Sylvie, France



General English

Our most popular course focuses on helping you communicate with confidence, giving you a solid foundation in English. You'll cover speaking, listening, reading and writing, plus grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and study skills. We do not follow a coursebook but instead use a wide range of resources, and we provide all lesson materials.

Start and finish any Monday (see 'School Opening Dates')

General English: 15 hours per week

General English Plus: 22.5 hours per week

General English Plus also includes Afternoon Classes - see next page



IELTS

The Lewis School has a long history in providing IELTS courses, with many previous students following degree courses in Southampton and other cities. We focus entirely on the skills and language you need for the IELTS Academic test, enabling you to make rapid progress.

IELTS: 15 hours per week, 12-week course, 2026 dates:

12 Jan - 2 Apr, 7 Apr - 26 Jun, 29 Jun - 18 Sep, 21 Sep - 11 Dec

IELTS Short Course: 15 hours per week, 3-week course, 2026 dates:

7-24 Apr, 29 Jun - 17 Jul



Academic Year

A flexible 33-week programme. On our 15-hour course, you can choose between General English and IELTS (for IELTS you need a minimum level of B1/Intermediate). Our 22.5-hour course also includes Afternoon Classes (see next page). If you would like a course of a different length (minimum 24 weeks), contact us for prices.

Start and finish any Monday (see 'School Opening Dates')

Academic Year: 15 hours per week.

Academic Year Plus: 22.5 hours per week.



Combination Course

The best of both worlds! Combine General English, 1:1 lessons and self-study/ mock exams. 1:1 Lessons can focus on IELTS/Cambridge exam preparation, Military English, Specialist English or other topics of your choice.

	Hours per Week	
Combination 1	15 hours	7.5 hrs General English, 4 hrs 1:1 Lessons, 3.5 hrs self-study
Combination 2	20 hours	7.5 hrs General English, 9 hrs 1:1 Lessons, 3.5 hrs self-study
Combination 3	22.5 hours	15 hrs General English, 4 hrs 1:1 Lessons, 3.5 hrs self-study



Afternoon Classes

Boost your English with weekly, real-world themes! You'll practise functional language and soft skills to help you express yourself in everyday situations and build your vocabulary. Lessons are fun, active, and engaging.

Start and finish any Monday (see 'School Opening Dates')

Afternoon Classes: 7.5 hours per week.

You can choose to study only this course or add it to any 15-hour course



1:1 & 2:1 Lessons

These private lessons enable you to focus on your individual needs. They can be taken as a General English course or a specialist course in a field such as Military English (there is a higher fee for specialist courses). Your teacher will discuss your needs and together, you'll create a plan for your learning. You can select the number of hours and the times/days you want to study.

Start and finish any Monday (see 'School Opening Dates')

Available in school or online

1:1 & 2:1 Lessons: 4.5 or 7.5 hours per week (or your choice of hours)

You can choose to study only this course or add it to any 15-hour course



Weekly Timetable

The timetable is 9.30 - 13.00 for 15-hour courses, 9.30 - 15.30 for 22.5-hour courses and 14.00 - 15.30 for 7.5-hour courses.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 - 11:00	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS
11:00 - 11:30	Break				
11:30 - 13:00	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS	General English / IELTS
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch				
14:00 - 15:30	Afternoon Classes	Afternoon Classes	Afternoon Classes	Afternoon Classes	Afternoon Classes
15:45 - 16:45	-	-	FREE Study Club*	-	-

*Study clubs may be unavailable if student numbers are low. Attendance is optional.

School Opening Dates

The school is open every week from Monday to Friday except on the following days:

Christmas Closure 2025-26: the school closes on 20 December 2025 and reopens on 5 January 2026

Christmas Closure 2026-27: the school closes on 19 December 2026 and reopens on 4 January 2027

Other UK Public Holidays 2026: 3 April, 6 April, 4 May, 25 May, 31 August

For Full Course Details...

Please visit our website, www.lewis-school.co.uk, or download our course info sheets. Bespoke courses available too.

Learning With Lewis

Our teaching is at the heart of our school's success and of your success as a language learner. We aim to give you an experience you will remember and enjoy!

A Personal Approach

We focus on you as a person and a learner. Teachers learn about your goals, strengths and challenges, so lessons match your needs. Classes are small, so you get lots of attention. You can also book tutorials any time you need advice or support.

Lessons That Build Confidence

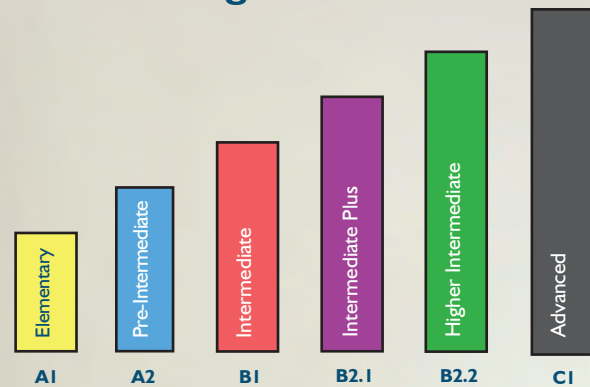
Lewis School teachers are professionally qualified and teach with energy and enthusiasm. You'll take part in pair work, role plays, debates, problem-solving tasks and fun challenges. We also develop 'soft skills' such as teamwork and presenting. We build your confidence to communicate in the real English-speaking world.

The Right Environment

Classes are motivating and the atmosphere is friendly - the best conditions for learning. Learning continues beyond the classroom. Trips and activities help you practise while discovering our culture. We also offer self-study facilities and you can join free Study Clubs to boost your speaking, grammar and writing skills.

First Day Timetable	
9.15	Welcome
9.30	Placement Test Grammar and speaking tests
10.45	Welcome Talk & School Tour
11.30	Lessons Begin
13.00	Lunch Break
14.00	Afternoon Class (if applicable)

General English Levels



On your first day, we give you a grammar and speaking test, place you in a suitable class and give you feedback on your test. Our teachers monitor your progress and we can change your level, when you and your teachers agree you are ready.



Social Activities

We believe social activities are an important part of your learning programme. They provide an opportunity to make friends, practise English and learn about British culture.

Great Days Out!

Join our full-day and half-day trips to many of the UK's must-see places: London, Bath, Oxford, Brighton, Stonehenge, the New Forest with its free-roaming ponies, Winchester (England's former capital city), and the beautiful Isle of Wight (below). These take place at the weekend, usually three times per month in summer and twice a month outside summer.

Lots To Do During The Week!

Midweek activities can include barbecue parties, bowling, laser tag, visits to the SeaCity and Tudor House museums, pub nights, sports and international food parties. There is a fee for most activities but some are free, such as study clubs, Southampton walks and our weekly Friday Fiesta. Full-day trips typically cost £30-£60, while parties at school usually cost £10.



Bowling night!



Bonfire night in Winchester



Trip to Bath



Walk on the Isle of Wight

Homestay Accommodation

Staying in a homestay can be a valuable part of a language course. Your host welcomes you into their home and you live as part of the household, taking **meals together** and sharing the common living areas. All our homestays have been **personally approved** by the school and are **regularly inspected**. Many of our students and hosts stay in contact for a long time afterwards. Homestays are **10-35 minutes** by bus from the school (bus passes cost around £15.50 per week). See our website or info sheet for full details.

- ✓ Half-board and full-board options
- ✓ 'Executive Homestay' option with private bathroom (extra fee)
- ✓ Special diets (eg. vegan and Halal) can be catered for (extra fee)
- ✓ Single rooms (shared rooms available for couples/families)



Very, very kind people.
Always attentive to us.

Hervé, France



Residential Accommodation

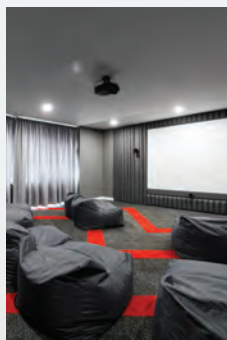
For more **independent** living, our residential options are the ideal choice. We co-operate with two residences (Austen House and Crescent House) that are both within a **10-minute walk** of the school. They provide:

- **Single En-Suite Rooms:** These are in shared flats with 4-6 people sharing a kitchen and living room
- **Studios:** These are self-contained flats for one or two people with a kitchen/dining area.

PLEASE NOTE: this accommodation is not arranged or managed by Lewis School. You book directly with the residence provider. See our website or info sheets for more details.



Choice of two residences within a 10-minute walk of the school



Top: Austen House. Above: games room & cinema room (Austen House), kitchen/diner (Crescent House). Below: en-suite room (Austen House).



Travel and Insurance

Arriving By Public Transport

Southampton is easy to travel to by coach or train, and has its own international airport. If you wish to travel by public transport, here are our recommendations.

Travelling from	Suggested Routes and Prices (Single Journey)
London Heathrow (LHR)	Coach: National Express (direct; 2-hour journey, price approx. £18-£23)
London Gatwick (LGW)	Coach: National Express (direct; 2.5-hour journey, price approx. £17-£25) Train: direct; 2-hour journey, price approx. £9-£19
London Stansted (STN)	Coach: National Express (1 change; 4.5 to 5 hours, price approx. £27-£36) Train: 2-3 changes; 3-hour journey, price approx £21-£71

Please note: these are our recommendations for public transport. Other routes are available but may be longer or more expensive.

Taxi Transfers

We can also provide a taxi transfer service to your accommodation. See our website for prices.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive insurance to cover you in case of accident or emergency. International students may be charged high fees for NHS services. We can arrange insurance cover for you. See our website for details.



Our Students

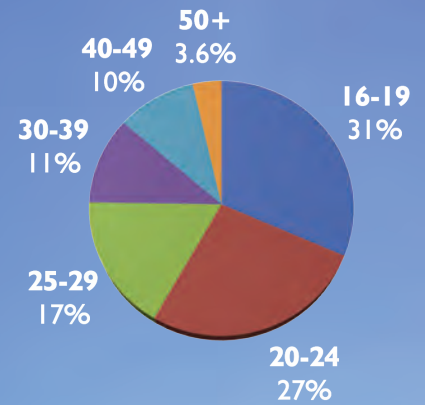
Student Nationalities*



Top 10 Countries

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Turkey
3. China
4. Oman
5. France
6. Thailand
7. Italy
8. South Korea
9. Syria
10. Japan

Ages



*Nationality data refer to all face-to-face adult courses attended in 2025, including teacher training and free courses taught by trainees. Data are by student weeks. Photo: park opposite Lewis School.

Welfare

It's very important to us that you are happy, safe and having the best possible time here at Lewis School. However if you are having any problems with your lessons, your accommodation, or are facing any personal difficulties, please come and speak to us – we are here for you. Our photos are on the next page.

- Suzie, our Welfare Manager, works at the school reception and is always available to talk to.
- Larissa, our Academic Manager, is also our Designated Safeguarding Lead. She is the first point of contact if you have any safeguarding concerns.
- We also have student mentors to help you feel at home in your first few weeks. They are volunteer students and can answer questions about student life at the Lewis School and in Southampton.

Under-18s

Our minimum age in the Adult School is 16, and we have special welfare procedures for anyone under 18. These includes weekly check-ins with our Welfare Manager and curfew times if you are in homestay. Please note that the Adult School is not a junior centre, so supervision is more limited and students must follow the extra procedures carefully. See <https://lewis-school.co.uk/school-policies> for our policy for under-18s in the Adult School.



Here to Help You!

Contact Us

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions - we are here to help you!
Our office is open **Monday to Friday, 9.00 - 17.00.**



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Studying at Lewis is something unique. Really good staff... I loved my time here!

Ricardo, Angola

Help You!



... stay or about learning English - we're here for you!



Reception

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High-quality teaching
50 years of excellence
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