

New Edition



AN UNFORGETTABLE ENGLISH EXPERIENCE



Kingsway English Centre
General English Courses for Adults

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WELCOME TO KINGSWAY

As one of the top English schools in the country, we have a reputation for providing high quality English communication training for motivated, professional people.

We pride ourselves on being a small school, with an average of 22 students studying with us each week. We create a warm and friendly atmosphere with small, sociable class sizes, so you develop your English language skills whilst enjoying an unforgettable English experience.

Read on to find out more.



Kingsway's Academic Philosophy

When it comes to speaking a foreign language - confidence is key.

It is our aim to help you to communicate effectively in English, so we take the emphasis off grammar and prioritise speaking and listening skills instead. We also have a thorough and systematic approach to pronunciation as this is a crucial component of effective oral communication.

We don't believe in correcting every minor mistake that you make. It doesn't matter if your grammar isn't perfect as long as you have been understood! Once you realise that it is ok to make mistakes, your confidence will grow and you will notice a significant improvement in your language skills.

Unlike some English schools we don't believe in using set course books. Our teachers tailor each lesson to the needs of the group or individual, incorporating relevant, topical and interesting materials that we have created.

If you're an individual looking to study abroad, you can be sure of a warm welcome at Kingsway English Centre.

INTRODUCING RICK AND SUE - KINGSWAY'S FOUNDERS

Kingsway was established by Sue and Rick Johns in 1988. Having built up the business, they are still the owners today, taking great pride in delivering quality English courses for professional people.

Sue is a well qualified and experienced teacher. Rick is an engineer with considerable business experience. Together they have created a vibrant language school that offers the highest level of quality both in terms of tuition and experience.

Rick and Sue work hard to ensure that all students settle in and enjoy their entire experience while studying abroad. They often spend break times chatting to the students.



ABOUT KINGSWAY ENGLISH CENTRE

Kingsway English Centre is based in a traditional 18th century building close to the centre of Worcester city.

Choose to study at Kingsway and you'll experience top of the range facilities in a historic building that has been tastefully modernised to provide a light, airy and comfortable environment.

Our facilities have been designed for professional people and include:

- ◆ Well equipped training rooms that have been specifically arranged to accommodate small group sessions and 1:1 sessions.
- ◆ A lending library full of materials and resources which you are free to use. Our staff can help you to select the most appropriate material for your development needs.
- ◆ A self access room full of interactive learning materials that we have developed to complement your lessons.
- ◆ Plenty of computers and an internet cafe for you to use during school opening hours.
- ◆ A book buying service with a small selection of books available for you to purchase at the school - helping you to get the best books at a good price.
- ◆ Free wi-fi access throughout the school should you want to access the internet from your own computer.

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KINGSWAY ENVIRONMENT

Kingsway is not part of a global chain. It is a small, independent school run by a team of dedicated professionals to create a warm and welcoming family atmosphere.

Students enjoy coming to Kingsway because they see the benefit of studying in this kind of environment. With just over 20 students of various nationalities studying with us each week, you'll soon start to make friends.

If you choose to study as part of a group, you'll enjoy friendly class sizes with a maximum of 6 students.

We don't accept teenagers - the minimum age that we take is 21. The average age of our students is 40. We have a relaxed dress code and encourage students to wear whatever they feel most comfortable in.

Relax and learn

We believe that the way in which you spend your free time during your stay is almost as important as the tuition itself, giving you the opportunity to increase your confidence and develop your conversational skills.

We provide free hot and cold drinks for students to enjoy during break and lunchtime. You can choose to relax with your fellow students in our communal lounge or, weather permitting, our typically English courtyard garden. We also organise a full programme of social activities for you to enjoy. See page 14 for more details.



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The Kingsway Team

We employ a team of well motivated and enthusiastic individuals who love working with students from all over the world.

In terms of teaching we have an exceptional staff to student ratio, with small teaching groups and a dedicated teaching supervisor on hand throughout the entire day.

We also employ a team of non-teaching staff to ensure that every part of your stay runs smoothly. This includes a dedicated Social Manager who organises a programme of social activities for you to enjoy in the evening and at weekends, and a Student Services Manager who will arrange your accommodation and take care of your general well-being during your stay. Examples include helping you to hire a car or booking a doctor's appointment.

Our staff enjoy spending time with our students and you'll often find that they will join you for a sociable coffee during break and lunchtimes, when they'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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YOU'LL SOON START TO FEEL AT HOME IN WORCESTER

Choose Kingsway and you'll be studying in the beautiful cathedral city of Worcester.

Located in the very centre of England, Worcester is easy to get to (just 2 hours from London or 30 minutes from Birmingham), and is also very well placed for sightseeing.

As a small city which is easy to get around, Worcester will soon start to feel like home. We have just over 95,000 residents, most of whom are native speakers with a neutral accent. Foreign students are welcomed as interesting and valuable visitors, providing you with the perfect opportunity to practise and improve your English skills.



A historic city that is surrounded by beautiful English countryside.

Things to do in Worcester

As a typically English city, Worcester is steeped in history. The main point of interest for most tourists is the cathedral, which dates from the 11th century and contains the tombs of King John (d.1216) and Prince Arthur (d.1502).

Worcester is also the birthplace of the famous British composer Edward Elgar who was born in the city in 1857, and the world famous Worcestershire Sauce is still made at the Lea and Perrins factory in the city. Worcester is famous for Royal Worcester porcelain although production now takes place in China.

For those who want to enjoy the great English outdoors, you can take a break from the city and escape to the countryside within minutes. The famous Malvern Hills, which offer breathtaking views and popular walks, can be reached within 15 - 20 minutes. While there you can also visit the Morgan Motor Company!

Worcester has a great range of shops including popular chain stores and small independently owned boutiques. You'll also be able to relax and enjoy a wide variety of restaurants, coffee shops, pubs, clubs, live music venues, cinemas and theatres - all within the city centre.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

We offer a range of group and 1:1 courses, all designed for adults who want to improve their English communication.

We give priority to speaking and listening skills and use a wide range of topics to create interesting and stimulating lessons.

Group or Individual Lessons

If you enjoy learning with other people, you'll thrive in our group courses which consist of no more than 6 people. Group lessons provide opportunities for pairwork, team-work and lively discussions on cultural differences.

If you have a very specific objective, such as the need to prepare for an exam or presentation, we'd recommend selecting a course that includes some 1:1 tuition. This provides the opportunity for you to focus on whatever it is that you need to learn.

We can tailor our courses to meet your needs, but most courses fall into the following categories:

General Group Course

A full-time group course at 4 levels from elementary upwards and a maximum of 6 in the class. You can study all day or part time if you prefer a less intensive course.

General Combination Course

A mixture of group and 1:1 individual tuition. During your first 1:1 lesson your tutor will assess your needs and tailor your programme to meet your objectives.

One-to-One Course

A full-time 1:1 individual course. This gives you complete focus on you and your needs. Your tutor will agree your programme with you at the start but it will remain flexible to your needs.



Length of study

How long you stay with us depends on your starting level and what you want to achieve.

Most students take a week to settle in to the language so unless you have a very high starting level, we advise staying for at least two weeks.

The maximum course length for our General programmes is 12 weeks, with most students staying between 2 and 4 weeks.

To view our full range of courses, including course fees, please visit www.kingsway-english.com

Everyone has their own needs and learning style.
That's why we offer a range of different courses.

STUDYING AT KINGSWAY

Kingsway English Centre opens at 08h00 Monday to Friday. We close at 18h00 Monday to Thursday and at 17h00 on Friday. Public holiday opening times can be found on our website.

During these hours all facilities are open to students, including the internet cafe, self-access rooms, and our library.

The lesson times are shown below, and we have the following break times where you can enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits:

◆ Lesson 1	09h00-10h30
◆ Morning Coffee Break	10h30-10h45
◆ Lesson 2	10h45-12h15
◆ Lunch Break	12h15-13h30
◆ Lesson 3	13h30-15h00
◆ Afternoon Tea Break	15h00-15h15
◆ Lesson 4	15h15-16h45
◆ Study Period	16h45-18h00 (except Friday)

At Kingsway we talk about 'lesson hours' and not the number of lessons, so you know exactly what you are getting for your money.

Every Monday from 17h00-17h45 we have a pronunciation class for all new arrivals (and any existing students who want to attend) at no extra cost.

Every week we have a 'welcome' lunch so that old and new students can get to know each other – all included in your course fee. Please see page 15 for more details.



Added value at Kingsway

Regardless of which course you decide upon, all students get the following at no additional cost:

- ◆ **A 30 minute online welcome session** via Skype / web conferencing before your course begins. This helps us to assess your needs so we can plan your tuition accordingly, and introduces you to a member of the Kingsway team so you'll be greeted by a familiar face when you arrive.
- ◆ **A welcome lunch every week** so you can get to know the other students in a relaxed environment.
- ◆ **A 45 minute introductory pronunciation class** but we also incorporate pronunciation into every class.
- ◆ **Five hours of supervised self-study each week.** Once lessons are over for the day, continue your studies with our interactive self study programmes, complete your homework, or prepare for the next day of lessons. During this time a teacher is on hand to provide additional teaching support.
- ◆ **Use of all facilities** including the internet cafe, self-access rooms and library during school opening hours
- ◆ **The services of our Social Manager** who organises a whole range of cultural and leisure activities. You will just pay for any activities that you participate in.
- ◆ **An end of course tutorial** which includes the development of a Personal Action Plan to help you continue with your English after Kingsway.

Continue your studies with Kingsway

As with most skills, it is important to use them regularly or you'll lose them.

We have our very own e-learning team who deliver one-to-one sessions via web-cam for those wanting to practise their English and reinforce the skills and techniques they learnt whilst studying at Kingsway.

These flexible sessions are with a friendly and familiar Kingsway teacher who will help you to develop your speaking and listening skills.

E-learning is a great way to maintain the confidence that you gained during your stay at Kingsway.



The Kingsway rule - English is spoken at all times
- even during break times!

THE KINGSWAY SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Make new friends and continue improving your English on Kingsway's Social Programme

Most students want to take advantage of their time in England by visiting popular tourist attractions and soaking up the English culture. We have therefore developed an interesting and popular social programme that is the envy of many other language schools!

We have a dedicated Social Manager who organises 2 evening activities during the week, such as 10-pin bowling, pub evenings or live music events, and one full day trip at the weekend where we go further afield to places such as London, Bath or the Cotswolds.

To help you get the most out of the social programme, our Social Manager leads all trips and activities, and will insist that English is spoken at all times!

Full details are publicised in advance and you pay just for the trips that you sign up to. Trips include transport in our very own mini bus and we always provide a lift home.

As well as organising a range of trips for you to enjoy, our Social Manager is happy to provide advice on things to do in and around Worcester.



Some events include a meal in a local pub restaurant so you can sample good British food and practise your English in a friendly environment.

Welcome Lunch

Every week, usually on a Monday, we invite everyone to join us for an informal buffet lunch so that new students, existing students and staff can get to know each other in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Some weeks this will be in-school, and other weeks we may go out to a nearby bar-restaurant. In either case the lunch is held between 12h15 – 13h30 so you won't miss any training time.

This is also a good opportunity to practise your social English, so is a valuable part of your Kingsway course.

On other days of the week you are free to go out and explore the wide variety of eating places all within a few minutes' walk of Kingsway with your newly made friends!

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ENGLISH LIFE WITH HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Kingsway offers three types of homestay accommodation, providing you with the opportunity to enjoy every aspect of our culture as you live and socialise with English people.

All homestays have been carefully selected by Kingsway staff to ensure the best possible experience for your stay. Not only will you enjoy a warm and friendly welcome, but you'll be situated within walking distance of the city centre.

All levels of homestay provide breakfast and an evening meal on a daily basis, and lunch if you are at home on a Saturday or Sunday. Most homestays will either do your washing, or allow you to use their washing machine and iron.

We offer three different levels for you to choose from, all of which provide clean, comfortable facilities and a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Homestay Regular

Good, ordinary accommodation. You will have your own bedroom and share a bathroom with other members of the household.

Homestay Premium

High quality accommodation but without a private bathroom. You will have your own bedroom and share a bathroom with other members of the household. The size and quality of the home will be similar to "Executive".

Homestay Executive

High quality accommodation in a prestigious area. You will have your own bedroom and private bathroom. The bathroom may or may not be connected to your bedroom.



“Really warm and friendly atmosphere and high quality of service - I feel myself here like at home with my family.”

Daria, Russia

Alternative accommodation

For those who don't want to stay in homestay accommodation, we also offer the following options:

Kingsway Self-Catering Apartments

We own two tasteful and well-furnished apartments that are situated just 200 metres from the school. Each apartment has two bedrooms (1 double and 1 single), 1 bathroom, lounge / dining room and kitchen. Ideal if you want to come with family or friends.

Hotels

Worcester has a good range of hotels, from homely B&Bs to 3-star category hotels. If you let us know your requirements we can check prices when you book your course, and book it on your behalf to get the best possible deal.

Please visit our website for more information on these accommodation options.

GETTING TO WORCESTER

Worcester is located in the centre of England, 40km south of Birmingham and 150km north-west of London.

The nearest airport to Worcester is Birmingham but we're also easy to get to from London airports.

Enjoy a warm, friendly welcome at an airport of your choice

Take advantage of the Kingsway airport transfer service and you'll enjoy a warm English welcome from one of our drivers. You'll also receive a head start as they'll talk you through the local area, and introduce you to the Kingsway way of life.

Because we organise this you'll get a much more personal service than a normal taxi or airport transfer. All of our drivers are based in Worcester so they'll know the exact location of your accommodation.



Finding your own way to Kingsway by train

Alternatively you can find your own way to Kingsway, and one of our drivers will meet you at either Worcester Foregate Street Station (in the city centre) or Worcester Shrub Hill Station (15 minutes walk from the city centre).

Birmingham (BHX)

Take the train from Birmingham Airport via International and Birmingham New Street to Worcester where a Kingsway driver will meet you free of charge and take you to your accommodation.

London Heathrow (LHR)

Take the "Heathrow Express" train to Paddington Station then the intercity train direct to Worcester where a Kingsway driver will meet you free of charge and take you to your accommodation.

London Gatwick (LGW)

Take the train from Gatwick via Reading to Worcester where a Kingsway driver will meet you free of charge and take you to your accommodation.

Find out more

Thank you for taking the time to read our brochure. We hope you've found the information you were looking for.

To view our full range of courses and course fees, or for more information about Kingsway English Centre, please visit our website at www.kingsway-english.com





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