

# Cambridge English: C1 Advanced (CAE) Preparation

## Section 1: Overview

### Is this course for me?

- This course is for students who need to improve the key language skills needed to score as high as possible in all parts of the Cambridge English: C1 Advanced (CAE) exam.

### Key Facts

Available in

- London
- Oxford

Start dates:

- Refer to table [below](#)

Entry level:

- Upper Intermediate (Kings Level 6)

Age:

- 16+

Duration:

- 4, 10 or 12 weeks (depending on start dates and location)

Class size:

- Maximum 14

Lessons per week:

- 28 lessons (21 hours) total

### **Included in the price:**

- 28 lessons per week (21 hours)
- Welcome Information Pack
- Access to multi-format course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Free Wi-fi at school
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to join Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (90% or higher attendance required)

Please note exam fees are not included.

The schools will help students book and pay the local exam centres.

Prices change by location, and are subject to change.

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## **Section 2: Course structure and content**

### **London**

- 28 lessons (21 hours) per week of Cambridge CAE exam preparation

### **Oxford**

- 20 lessons (15 hours) per week of General English
- 8 lessons (6 hours) per week Cambridge CAE exam preparation

Key features:

- The Cambridge English: Advanced preparation course is taught by specialist and experienced teachers.
- The course syllabus has been specially designed to maximise students' exam success and covers all papers of the exam.
- Students will be given regular homework and will be expected to complete at least five hours of assignments each week.

### **Key areas covered include:**

Communication skills

- Conversational language skills

- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

#### Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax

#### Study skills

- Note taking and revision
- Research skills
- Time management and planning
- Dictionary work
- Learner autonomy

#### Cultural and personal development

- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Team work and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

### **Exam technique and strategies**

- Working under exam conditions
- Understanding the requirements of each section of the exam
- Understanding what the examiner is looking for
- Planning and reviewing your answers
- Preparing mentally for exam day

### **Assessing progress**

- Students will be given homework tasks to complete every day, including writing practice.
- In addition to homework tasks, students' progress will also be monitored in class and they will complete a short test at the start of each week.
- Students are given a number of opportunities to complete mock examinations under simulated exam conditions. The results of these mock exams will be used to help them improve in specific areas.

## **Section 3: About the Cambridge: C1 Advanced (CAE) exam**

- The Cambridge English: Advanced exam is the main English language qualification offered by Cambridge English to those who want English for acceptance at an English-speaking university,

or for a career.

- It is targeted at Level C1 of the CEFR and is offered at more than 2,800 exam centres around the world.
- Candidates are tested in all four skills and in use of English, and receive a separate score for each, as well as an overall score. A final grade and CEFR level are then assigned.

## Course start dates

2026			
Start date	Length	Location	Exam date
5 January	10 weeks	London	14 March
16 March	12 weeks	London and Oxford	6 June
11 May	4 weeks	London	6 June
6 July	4 weeks	London	31 July
3 August	4 weeks	London	28 August
21 September	12 weeks	London and Oxford	12 December
16 November	4 weeks	London	12 December

## Sample timetable

Please note:

- Sample timetable is subject to change
- Placement test, induction, locality walk and ice breaker activities, which take place on the students' first day at Kings, are an essential part of the teaching programme, included in the weekly hours of lessons.

**20 lessons General English + 8 lessons CAE Preparation per week: taught in Oxford, Los Angeles**

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<b>09:00 - 10:30 (Lessons 1 &amp; 2) General English</b>	<b>Progress test</b> including listening and writing  Individual and group feedback on test	<b>Grammar</b> Using 'will' and 'shall' in polite requests <b>Pronunciation</b> Open and closed questions (intonation) <b>Professional skills</b> Interviews.	<b>Vocabulary</b> Common idioms and phrasal verbs used to describe behaviour <b>Reading, listening and writing</b> Giving tips on how to behave in different situations	<b>Listening</b> Understanding how technology works <b>Functional language</b> Giving instructions <b>Task-based learning (leadership and team work)</b> Building a bridge	<b>Grammar review</b> 'Will', 'shall' and relative clauses <b>Video</b> Ted Talk: How to lead a conversation between people who disagree <b>Discussion</b> Beyond right and wrong?
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<b>11:00 - 12:30 (Lessons 3 &amp; 4) General English</b>	<b>Vocabulary</b> Social behavior: Talking about norms and customs <b>Discussion</b> Understanding cultural differences	<b>Video</b> Phone addiction. <b>Role-play</b> Asking for and offering help <b>Study skills</b> Making effective notes	<b>Real English</b> People in the newspapers today <b>Grammar</b> Defining relative clauses <b>Vocabulary</b> Adjectives of character	<b>Writing</b> An email describing a new invention. <b>Presentations</b> A future without cars.	<b>Vocabulary</b> Diplomatic language <b>Professional skills</b> Giving and receiving feedback <b>Discussion</b> — Beyond right and wrong?
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>13:30 - 15:00 (Lessons 3 &amp; 4) Cambridge Advanced Skill: Special Interest Group</b>	<b>Speaking</b> Expressions, to agree and disagree <b>Exam practice</b> Speaking parts 1 and 3	<b>Reading</b> Understanding meaning from context and underlining key words	<b>Listening</b> Avoiding distractors; synonyms	<b>Speaking</b> Comparing and contrasting photographs; speaking about yourself and expressing preferences	<b>Free time</b>

**28 lessons CAE Preparation per week: taught in London**

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
09:00 - 10:30 (Lessons 1 & 2) Cambridge Advanced Exam (CAE) Preparation	<p><b>Grammar</b> Review of tenses</p> <p><b>Speaking</b> Expressing likes and dislikes; preferences</p>	<p><b>Reading</b> Cross-text multiple matching - Office Politics</p> <p><b>Listening</b> Multiple choice - family relationships</p> <p><b>Vocabulary</b> Phrasal verbs - relationships and work</p>	<p><b>Vocabulary</b> Money</p> <p><b>Speaking</b> Discussing ambitions and the importance of money</p> <p><b>Listening</b> Sentence completion - Advice on Money</p>	<p><b>Grammar</b> Modal verbs of deduction; relative causes</p> <p><b>Speaking</b> Comparing photographs, using modals of deduction</p>	<p><b>Writing</b> Formal and informal style</p> <p><b>Grammar</b> Review of conditionals</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00 - 12:30 (Lessons 3 & 4) Cambridge Advanced Exam (CAE) Preparation	<p><b>Vocabulary</b> Health and sport</p> <p><b>Speaking</b> Discussing health and sport</p> <p><b>Writing</b> Writing and proposal</p>	<p><b>Grammar</b> Review of the passive forms and the causative</p> <p><b>Speaking</b> Events in the news</p>	<p><b>Grammar</b> References and ellipsis</p> <p><b>Exam practice</b> Use of English - sentence transformations</p>	<p><b>Grammar</b> Conjunctions and linking adverbials</p> <p><b>Exam practice</b> Use of English - Open Cloze Text</p>	<p><b>Writing</b> Writing a report</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00 (Lessons 3 & 4) Cambridge Advanced Skills: Special Interest Group (SIG)	<p><b>Speaking</b> Expressions, to agree and disagree</p> <p><b>Exam practice</b> Speaking parts 1 and 3</p>	<p><b>Reading</b> Understanding meaning from context and underlining key words</p>	<p><b>Listening</b> Avoiding distractors; synonyms</p>	<p><b>Speaking</b> Comparing and contrasting photographs; speaking about yourself and expressing preferences</p>	<p><b>Free time</b></p>