

Methodology statement (ELT)

Structured courses and progress

- **Lesson aims:** Teachers will explain the lesson aims at the start of each lesson so you know the direction of your lesson
- **How your lesson fits into the course:** Lesson aims are linked to the core course syllabi for your level which you can see on the classroom wall. This means you can see how each lesson contributes to your overall language progress.
- **How we structure your course:** English courses at Bath Academy are divided into levels of difficulty which are based on the standards of the Common European Framework. This means that the way we structure our courses is based on an internationally recognised carefully thought through descriptions of language skills you will need for your future studies or career. Each course level will help you improve in speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. If you are studying on one of our exam preparation courses, the course will focus on language and language skills relevant to the exam.
- **What about your specific learning needs?** Lessons are also planned based on the learning needs of the students in each class
- **How we assess your progress:** Teachers assess and monitor students' progress regularly through a combination of:
 - Monitoring the language students produce in classroom speaking and writing tasks
 - Short progress tests
 - Marking and providing students with feedback on any homework they doThis means you receive regular feedback on how you are progressing towards achieving your language goals

Classroom activities

- **Talking with other international students:** Our teachers use a lot of pair work and group work in class. You will find you will speak a lot to other students in the class before then reporting to the teacher. This increases your speaking practice and helps encourage shier students.
- **Correcting mistakes:** We believe student language mistakes are an essential part of learning. Our teachers are trained to correct your errors effectively. We prioritise error correction based on the language you most need to know to improve your English. So you will find the teacher does not correct all errors. Sometimes the teacher will correct language errors at the end of a speaking activity if you have been working with other students or the teacher may correct students immediately if they are speaking to the teacher directly.
- **Helping you become a better learner:** Our teachers will also demonstrate ways you can improve your study skills as part of lessons. This will help you learn English more effectively both inside and outside the classroom.

Individualised attention

- **A small friendly school:** Bath Academy is a small friendly school. This means we know you by name and have a clear idea of your learning needs, and so are better able to support you in making progress.
- **Monthly tutorials:** Students who study with us for 4 or more weeks receive a tutorial with their morning teacher every 4 weeks. This means you get personalised attention to help you focus your English language learning aims and review your progress towards these.