



SBC

COURSE OVERVIEW

General English

12-16yrs



 Rochester



Rochester

Ages: 12-16

Duration: 2 weeks

English Level: B1+

At a Glance

Unlocking Global Perspectives

Our two-week General English course at Rochester is designed for students who want to expand their understanding of global issues while strengthening their English language skills. Whether you are preparing for further studies or aiming to enhance your communication abilities, this programme provides an engaging and well-rounded approach to language learning.

The focus of the course is on practical English usage in a global context. Through a variety of interactive lessons and project-based learning, you will improve your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Real-life scenarios and discussions on global challenges will help you communicate more naturally and effectively in English, whether for academic purposes or everyday use.

A key aspect of this course is global awareness. You will explore current global issues such as sustainability, innovation, and citizenship through debates, discussions, and collaborative projects.

This not only makes the learning process more engaging but also deepens your understanding of how English can be used to navigate complex international topics.

With personalised feedback and small group work, we ensure that you receive the attention needed to address your individual language challenges. You will also have the opportunity to set personal goals and track your progress, leaving the course with a clear sense of achievement.

By the end of the programme, you will have gained confidence and proficiency in using English in a global context, ready to apply your skills in both academic and real-world settings. Join us at SBC Rochester this summer, and take a significant step towards mastering English while engaging with global issues.

Sample Timetable

WEEK ONE TIMETABLE

| 8:45-9:00 | Morning Assembly | | | | |
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| 9:00-10:30 | Language Lesson Discuss trending global news and pick articles for deeper exploration | Language Lesson Analyse persuasive techniques used in opinion pieces | Language Lesson Role-play: Mock press conference on a current event | Language Lesson Debate a current news topic with prepared arguments | Language Lesson Group project: Create a short SBC news broadcast covering the week's top summer camp stories |
| 11:00-12:30 | Time to Shine Lesson Learn about the digital divide and how you can help | Time to Shine Lesson Develop ideas for your innovative edutech product | Time to Shine Lesson Write presentations with your team | Time to Shine Lesson Public speaking workshop and rehearsal time | Time to Shine Ceremony Showcase what you've learnt! |

WEEK TWO TIMETABLE

| 8:45-9:00 | Morning Assembly | | | | |
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| 9:00-10:30 | Language Lesson Debate the pros and cons of space exploration | Language Lesson Explore descriptive language for extraterrestrial landscapes | Language Lesson Role-play: A day in the life of an astronaut | Language Lesson Analyse famous speeches about space | Language Lesson Group project: Design a hypothetical space mission and present it |
| 11:00-12:30 | Time to Shine Lesson What is biomimicry in tech? | Time to Shine Lesson Invent something taking inspiration from the natural world | Time to Shine Lesson Write presentations with your team | Time to Shine Lesson Advanced public speaking workshop and rehearsal time | Time to Shine Ceremony Showcase what you've learnt! |





Course Objectives

Welcome to General English, a comprehensive language programme for students aged 12-15, designed to improve English proficiency while engaging with global issues in a supportive, interactive environment at Rochester. We know mastering English is essential for unlocking future opportunities, whether for academic success or personal growth. Our course helps you build confidence in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, while exploring key global topics. Whether you're looking to strengthen English for school, daily communication, or broader world understanding, this programme provides the tools you need to succeed.

Module 1

Enhancing Communication Skills

Improve English communication through interactive conversations, role-playing, and real-world topics. Build confidence in expressing ideas, understanding spoken English, and participating in global discussions.

Module 2

Presentation Skills

Master presenting in English on global issues, focusing on clear speech, effective visual aids, and audience engagement through practical exercises.

Module 3

Exploring Global Culture

Learn about cultural differences, social customs, and the role of English in a global context to enhance communication across diverse settings.



Time to Shine

For your Time to Shine project, you will conduct a research project on a social issue or phenomenon of interest. Apply the theories and methods learned during the course, culminating in a presentation demonstrating your understanding of complex social dynamics and insights. Topics may include social media's effects on youth behaviour, economic policies' impact on inequality, or culture's role in shaping identity, showcasing your ability to critically analyse and communicate findings effectively.

Previous projects include:

The Influence of Pop Culture on Social Movements

A project where a student examined how music, film, and social media have influenced contemporary social movements, using sociological theories and data to support their analysis.

This project offers you the opportunity to delve into a topic of interest, engage in critical thinking, and present your conclusions in a clear and compelling manner, demonstrating your proficiency in the social sciences.



Our Approach to Your Learning

Our approach to learning in the General English programme creates an immersive, supportive environment where students enhance their language skills. We blend engaging activities, multimedia resources, and real-life scenarios to help students practise and improve their English naturally. Our teachers provide personalised feedback and encouragement to help them achieve their language goals. Whether practising speaking in group discussions or writing an essay on a topic of interest, our aim is to make learning English both effective and enjoyable.



Academic Content

20 hours of subject-specific academic content per week with a subject tutor, delivered through interactive and hands-on lessons.



English Level

Students require a minimum English level of B1+ to enrol onto this programme.

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