



## UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE ESOL Examinations

**A**t Hurtwood House we prepare students for Cambridge ESOL exams, the world's leading range of qualifications for learners of English. Each year they are taken by over 1.75 million people in 135 countries and are widely recognised for study and work purposes. They help students gain entrance to universities, improve their job prospects and measure their progress in English.

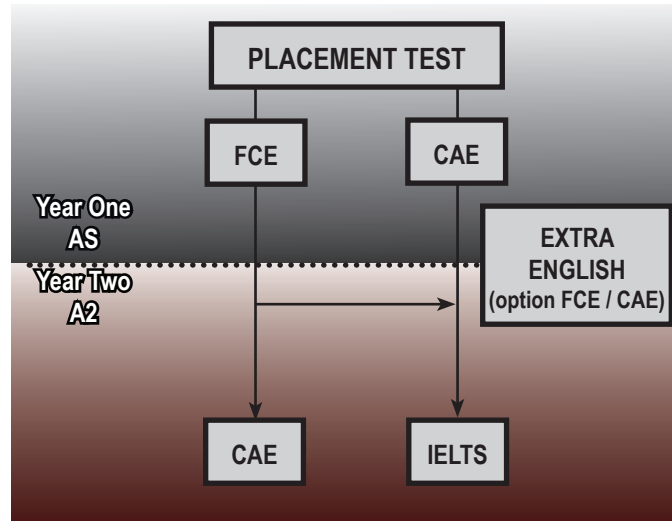
### Aims

The aims of ESOL teaching at Hurtwood House are:

- ◆ To give students a strong foundation in all English language skills, following the University of Cambridge examinations structure.
- ◆ To prepare students for success in the Cambridge ESOL exams (FCE, CAE, IELTS) to the level required for university entrance.
- ◆ To support students' other AS and A2 subjects.

### Structure

On joining the school, students are grouped according to their Placement Test results. All students then follow an individual pathway, depending on their level of English at each stage:



### ESOL Examinations

- ◆ **FCE (First Certificate in English)**  
FCE is an intermediate-level Cambridge ESOL exam designed to give students a strong foundation in all English language skills, enabling them to study effectively at AS and A-level and at university. Students learn a wide range of vocabulary and grammar, are able to construct essays, and can use appropriate communication styles in a variety of situations. FCE is essential preparation for students working towards higher-level exams such as IELTS and CAE.

- ◆ **CAE (Certificate of Advanced English)**

CAE is a higher-level Cambridge ESOL exam, which enables students to improve their English further, building on the skills learnt at FCE. We teach students how to participate in discussions, make presentations, express opinions clearly, and how to understand and produce reports. As a result, they are well prepared to follow university courses in Business, Medicine, Engineering, Economics, Science, etc.

- ◆ **IELTS (International English Language Testing System)**

IELTS measures the ability to communicate in English across the four language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. Universities use it as an indicator of students' academic study skills and top universities are likely to demand a score of 7 in every skill. Students achieve the best results after they have been taught intermediate and higher English at FCE and/or CAE. The test is taken during the A2 year, before university entrance.

- ◆ **Extra English**

We provide Extra English lessons to support students who will benefit from more help with general English; for those who need subject-based assistance; and to explore areas that may not be covered in group lessons. Extra English can be on a 1:1 basis or in small subject groups.

## Benefits

International students at Hurtwood House, whose first language is not English, have the advantage of being immersed in the language every day.

In addition, our structured, individually tailored teaching programme provides the essential qualifications for a successful transition from school to university.

## Recent University and College Entrance Successes:

*Oxford  
Cambridge*

*LSE*

*UCL*

*Imperial*

*Kings*

*Bath*

*Warwick*

*Bristol*

*Nottingham*

*Durham*

*Central St.*

*Martins*

*Chelsea*

*Kingston*



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