

Courses for Teachers of English (2015-2017)



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Teacher Development Courses (2 weeks)



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Mayflower College...

- was founded in 1988 and specialises in the tuition of English to international students
- is inspected and accredited by the British Council and is a member of English UK
- welcomes approximately 1000 learners per year from 50+ countries
- is an IELTS examination centre and many of its teachers are also IELTS examiners. Mayflower College also provides IELTS examiner training.
- is located just a few metres from the seafront in the historic city of Plymouth
- has small class sizes (average of 6 students per class on adult General English courses)
- has 20 classrooms (all with internet access and many rooms have a view of the sea)
- has a computer suite (20 terminals) with free internet
- has its own pub ("Pilgrims Inn") - this is a private pub only for Mayflower College students and their friends
- has a cafeteria serving lunches

The teachers were wonderful, they were professional and I had lots to learn from them. I found lessons interesting and useful, I learnt new aspects of teaching. I enjoyed visits and excursions, I found them very interesting and challenging. Gained cultural experience and dialogues, which I found very helpful.

Gheorghe (Romania)

Mayflower College incorporates many skills, additional trips and has a friendly atmosphere. I loved the classes which dealt with authentic material like literature, newspapers and art.

Malgorzata (Poland)



Why Plymouth?

Plymouth combines the old with the new. In 1620 the Pilgrim Fathers chose Plymouth as the starting point of their historic voyage to Massachusetts, North America in a ship called "The Mayflower".

Now, Plymouth is a modern city of 275,000 inhabitants offering a wide range of shops, pubs, restaurants, theatres, sports facilities, etc. The surrounding countryside of Dartmoor and Cornwall is some of the most spectacular and naturally beautiful in Britain.

It is of no surprise that Plymouth has been voted "Britain's Most Desirable City".

Plymouth's size means that it has a great deal to offer while managing to avoid many of the social problems found in some of England's larger cities. In addition, there are very few language schools in Plymouth. This means that unlike Bournemouth, Brighton, London, Oxford, Cambridge, etc. there are not find many other foreign students in Plymouth. Consequently students have far more opportunity to speak English and far less temptation to speak their own language.



Very good and helpful teachers. Mayflower College is a well located school. I had a great time learning here and made some good friends for life.

Gabriela (Brazil)

I enjoyed everything very much, I'd like to do it again! Excellent example of a good teacher job to copy and I can now use modern technology. This course broadened my mind to different aspects of English. I will recommend this school to other teachers.

Monika (Poland)

Erasmus Plus Programme

The Mayflower College has been successfully running courses for Teachers of English since 1991.

Under the **Erasmus Plus** programme more than 4 million people will receive EU support to study, train, work or volunteer abroad between 2014 and 2020.



Erasmus Plus gives scholarships to teachers of English from the EEC (including Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey) to travel to England to improve their teaching skills and their command of English.

Applications for funding need to be made by the school (not the individual teachers) to the national **Erasmus Plus** office. A list of contact address can be found [here](#).

The specific section of the Erasmus Plus [Guide](#) relating to courses for Teachers of English is on page 55:

Key Action 1 | Staff mobility | Staff training

This activity supports the professional development of teachers, school leaders or other school education staff in the form of:

a) participation in structured courses or training events abroad;

Mayflower College's PIC number is **949246560**.

What is the Teacher Development Course?

This is a course for non-native English teachers at both Primary and Secondary level. During the course, participants are given the opportunity to practise and improve their English Language skills, enhance their vocabulary and expression and refresh their teaching techniques and approaches. We aim to provide participants with plenty of new, practical ideas to take back home and use in the classroom. In addition, they are introduced to different aspects of traditional and contemporary British culture which they may not have encountered before.



Mayflower College has a friendly atmosphere, with motivated and qualified teachers. Lots of good humour. The Saturday excursion to the Eden project was impressive. I feel like a member of the great Mayflower Family.

Sabrina (Italy)

Thank you to all teachers in this programme. I listened to the language, observed 2 lessons and worked with grammar exercises. I am quite happy with everything. I really liked studying at Mayflower College. Now I teach my students better and I study English myself every day.

Sandra (Latvia)

**PRACTICE
MAKES
PERFECT**

Course Content

The course consists of workshop sessions delivered in a friendly and informal atmosphere. Participants are expected to be co-operative and productive and are encouraged to share their experiences and ideas with others. The various modules of the course are organised thematically and cover aspects such as active and receptive skills, classroom management, pronunciation and lesson planning. These sessions consist of Presentation, Practice and Production stages with the emphasis on the practical rather than the theoretical.

In the second week of the course, participants are given a micro-teaching assignment. On the final course day, they are required to teach a lesson lasting about 15 minutes using authentic materials from everyday sources such as media, household, restaurants, shopping, cinema, travel etc. They are encouraged to incorporate modern, web-based technology into their assignment to make it relevant and up-to-date. To this end, preparation sessions are set aside during which participants can explore new and innovative ways of teaching their lessons. The aim is for participants to put into practice some of the new ideas, exercises and activities that they have learnt.

I really enjoyed staying in Plymouth, and I improved my English. I met some nice people and had the chance to see a different culture

Galina (Bulgaria)



Course Overview:

The course aims to cover as broad a syllabus as is practically possible during the two weeks. As well as the core methodology topics below, students are able to choose from a list of optional modules.

CORE MODULES

- Classroom Management
- Error Correction
- Drama/Music/Art and Literature
- Technology in teaching
- Micro-Teaching
- Pronunciation
- Productive and receptive skills
- Grammar and vocabulary
- Teaching with authentic materials
- Learning with games



OPTIONAL MODULES

Choose any five of the following:

- The Media
- British Customs
- Education System in the UK
- Visit to a local school (dependent on term dates)
- Social English
- English as a World language
- Warmers and fillers
- Resources
- Britain: Culture/History/Geography
- Afternoon visit (e.g. Saltram House/cream tea)

How Optional Modules work:

You will be sent a pre-course questionnaire to help us assess and design a programme which matches your needs. As part of this process you can choose any five of the optional modules which will then be timetabled into afternoon sessions either as a whole or in smaller groups according to the choices made. Optional modules will need to be finalised by the end of the first day of the course. Student and teacher numbers may lead to some constraints in your choices.



Learning Outcomes:

With over twenty years experience in these programmes our Teacher Development Courses are carefully designed to meet your needs as teachers of English to speakers of other languages. Throughout the course we aim for you to:

- make contact with English as a living language
- share your ideas with colleagues from other countries
- catch up with current thinking in the TESOL field
- have a working knowledge of new methodologies
- enhance and improve your own language
- learn innovative techniques using new technology
- design lessons using a range of techniques
- be able to explain and disseminate newly learnt ideas and methods to your colleagues
- gain fresh inspiration to continue your career as a teacher
- explore British life and culture

Very good teachers, they are enthusiastic and have good classes. The atmosphere of the college staff is good, friendly and helpful.

Zsuzsanna (Hungary)

Week 1:

09.15-12.30h

Monday	Induction/ Course Outline/ Project identification
Tuesday	Technology in teaching
Wednesday	Pronunciation
Thursday	Receptive Skills: Reading and Listening
Friday	Productive Skills: Speaking and Writing
Saturday	Excursion

13.30-15.30h

Walking Tour of Plymouth
Vocabulary
Optional Module 1
Optional Module 2
Teaching Grammar

Week 2:

09.15-12.30h

Monday	Teaching with Authentic Materials
Tuesday	Project development
Wednesday	Drama/Music/Art and Literature
Thursday	Learning with Games
Friday	Micro-Teaching
Saturday	Excursion

13.30-15.30h

Micro-teaching lesson planning
Optional Module 3
Optional Module 4
Optional Module 5
Feedback/Course Review

Prices / Dates

Arrive in Plymouth	Depart from Plymouth	Accommodation (Euros)	Course (Euros)	Total Price (Euros)
23-Aug-2015	6-Sep-2015	361 €	685 €	1046 €
27-Mar-2016	10-Apr-2016	361 €	685 €	1046 €
19-Jun-16	3-Jul-16	361 €	685 €	1046 €
3-Jul-16	17-Jul-16	361 €	685 €	1046 €
17-Jul-16	31-Jul-16	361 €	685 €	1046 €
31-Jul-16	14-Aug-16	361 €	685 €	1046 €
14-Aug-16	28-Aug-16	361 €	685 €	1046 €
28-Aug-16	11-Sep-16	361 €	685 €	1046 €
9-Apr-2017	23-Apr-2017	372 €	695 €	1,067 €
18-Jun-17	2-Jul-17	372 €	695 €	1,067 €
2-Jul-17	16-Jul-17	372 €	695 €	1,067 €
16-Jul-17	30-Jul-17	372 €	695 €	1,067 €
30-Jul-17	13-Aug-17	372 €	695 €	1,067 €
13-Aug-17	27-Aug-17	372 €	695 €	1,067 €

N.B other dates may be arranged for closed groups of 6 or more teachers

Mayflower College has a nice and friendly atmosphere, with beautiful surroundings. It has good teachers with wonderful personalities and interesting trips.

Magdalena (Poland)

These prices include:-

- Lessons and workshops (25 hours per week)
- Free ticket to the Theatre
- Free ticket to the Cinema
- Accommodation and meals in local host families (single room accommodation, full-board at weekends, half-board during the week)
- Saturday excursions to places of local beauty / interest
- The cost for a bus pass for travel on local Plymouth buses
- Free use of the internet
- Completion of the Europass
- Free membership of "Pilgrims Inn" (Mayflower College's private pub)

The prices do not include the cost of travelling from London to Plymouth. From Heathrow Airport, London, the easiest way to travel to Plymouth is to take the National Express coach. The cost of a return ticket (Heathrow to Plymouth & Plymouth to Heathrow) is approximately £40 GBP. The Mayflower College can help you to buy these tickets in advance.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in a local host family and includes breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal:

Accommodation is one of the most important aspects of the course for the student. If the student stays with a good family then we have found that he or she can gain as much from them

as from the teachers in the classroom. A bad family however can create an extremely negative impression about the course and The Mayflower College in general. It is with this in mind that all the families we use are selected very carefully.



Bus pass for travel on local buses: Students will use local buses to travel between their host family and Mayflower College and will be provided with a free bus pass.

All the teachers are very friendly and positive. The programme of study is very interesting and enjoyable.

Aleksandra (Russian)

Key Mayflower College Staff



Jonathan Salisbury
Director of Studies



Jill Tyler
General Manager



Neil Vogler
Accommodation Officer

Transport

An easy way to travel to Plymouth is by National Express coach from the airport to Plymouth. A return coach between Heathrow/Gatwick and Plymouth takes about 4 hours and the coaches leave the Airport every 2 hours. For more information on travel options visit our website at <http://www.maycoll.co.uk/travel.htm>

Heathrow/Gatwick to Plymouth Return coach ticket

- Approx. £50 (Price varies according to date/time of travel)

Private Transfers

For small or large groups traveling together, we can organise a private taxi or coach transfer.

London Heathrow- Airport → Plymouth → London Heathrow- Airport

Taxi (8 seats)	£460
Minibus (16 seats)	£775
Coach (29 seats)	£1,540
Coach (49 seats)	£1,700



I'd like to thank all of you once more for wonderful and unforgettable time I had at Mayflower College. It definitely exceeded my expectations. Now I've been teaching back in Poland for a week. I've had so much to tell my students about - English politeness, Plymouth and places of beauty nearby, Cornwall, Millbrook School, Devon cream tea, Cornish pasty, Michael Morpurgo and his powerful stories, etc. My students were very fascinated by my 'tale'. I've got a lot of inspiring and authentic teaching material to use in classes now.

It was great pleasure to attend classes at Mayflower College. I met really dedicated, enthusiastic and competent tutors and teachers. The atmosphere was very friendly. I think everybody feels important and positively encouraged in your school.

I am very thankful to you as my stay in Plymouth influenced my overall attitude towards teaching and life. I can say I've reached a crossroads in life (a nice metaphor from my morning classes). I was pretty much discouraged from teaching before arriving in England. Now I regained my enthusiasm and realised what really matters in teaching process - making students think, create 'things', have fun. I feel more confident and competent now. I've got strength to change some things in my life, too.

Bozena - Polish

Enrolment Procedures:

Please contact the Mayflower College (english@maycoll.co.uk) with your contact details and your chosen course. Mayflower College will then send you a letter of confirmation which you may use to support your school's application to your local Erasmus Plus office. When your application for funding has been approved then you will need to send Mayflower College a deposit of Euros 242 to secure the booking. Payment should be made to:

Account name: MAYFLOWER COLLEGE OF ENGLISH

Account number: 01578070

Bank: LLOYDS TSB

Bank address: 8 ROYAL PARADE, PLYMOUTH PL1 1HB, DEVON, ENGLAND

Bank sort code: 30-96-68

SWIFT / BIC code: LOYDGB21082

IBAN: GB 71 LOYD 3096 68 015780 70

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Boguslawa (Poland)



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very good experience.
Nice international
students and helpful
teachers. Very good
atmosphere.*

Ildikó - Hungarian

