

# CANTERBURY



# CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH B2 FIRST

## PRE-EXAM FINAL PREPARATION COURSE



### SUMMARY

This is a course designed for students who have been studying towards the Cambridge First exam in their own country. Students can join the course for 3 or 4 weeks with the option of sitting the exam. Students will receive practice materials, regular assessments and self-study guidance. The exam can be taken during the final week of the course.

### WHY TAKE THE CAMBRIDGE FIRST?

Passing the exam shows that you can use everyday written and spoken English at an upper-intermediate level. Cambridge First is ideal for those who wish to use English for study and work and is widely recognised as proof of language ability by industry and educational institutions, both in Britain and abroad.

The course:

- Gives students the opportunity to practise speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Provides appropriate vocabulary and develops grammar and language skills
- Helps improve study skills
- Builds fluency and exam confidence

### EXAMS

**Optional**– The exam can be taken in the last week of the course at a supplement of £150 per entrant. We are happy to organise the exam in Canterbury as part of the course; alternatively you can plan and book the exam in your own country.

### EXAM STRUCTURE

Paper	Content	Marks (% of total)	Purpose
Reading and English in Use (1 hour 15 minutes)	7 parts / 52 questions	40%	Shows students can deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction, newspapers and magazines.
Writing (1 hour 20 minutes)	2 parts	20%	Tests use of English with tasks that show how well students can control their grammar and vocabulary.
Listening (about 40 minutes)	4 parts / 30 questions	20%	Requires students to be able to produce two different pieces of writing, such as letters, reports, reviews and short stories. Requires students to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as news programmes, presentations and everyday conversations.
Speaking (14 minutes per pair of candidates)	4 parts	20%	Tests ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. Students will take the Speaking test with one or two other candidates.

14-17 YEARS

DURATION: 3 OR 4 WEEKS

23 HOURS PER WEEK

MINIMUM LEVEL OF ENGLISH:  
UPPER-INTERMEDIATE (B2)

**MATERIALS**

Students taking this course will receive a copy of a Cambridge First course book published by Cambridge University Press for the most authoritative exam preparation available. This will include a CD-ROM which provides interactive grammar, vocabulary and writing skills activities for further practice.

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE**

	Morning	Afternoon	Late Afternoon
Sunday	Arrival		
Monday	Placement Test and Induction Lesson	Exam Skills	Exam Practice
Tuesday	Cambridge First Examination Class	Exam Skills	Exam Practice
Wednesday	Cambridge First Examination Class Mock Speaking Exam	Local Visit	
Thursday	Cambridge First Examination Class	Exam Skills	Exam Practice
Friday	Cambridge First Examination Class Mock Exam	Exam Skills	Exam Practice
Saturday	Included Full-Day Excursion		
Sunday	Onsite Activities or Optional Full-Day Excursion		
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Monday	Cambridge First Examination Class	Exam Skills	Exam Practice
Tuesday	Cambridge First Examination Class	Exam Skills	Exam Practice
Wednesday	Cambridge First Examination Class Final Revision	Cambridge First Examination Class Final Revision	Cambridge First Examination Class Final Revision
Thursday	Cambridge First EXAM (Optional)		
Friday	Exam Feedback and Reflection	Final Presentation	Literature and Film
Saturday	Included Full-Day Excursion		
Sunday	Departure		