

INTENSIVE ACADEMIC *SmartClass*



Perfect preparation for your academic studies
in the UK — from the comfort of your own home

The **Kings Intensive Academic *SmartClass*** is designed for students who want a taste of life as a student in the UK. The academic focus allows students to try a range of subjects (including Sciences, Humanities and Maths) alongside academic English, communication/study skills and IELTS preparation.

The course is an ideal option for students who are considering further study in the UK in the future. It is also the perfect pre-session programme for students commencing studies later in the same academic year.

Section 1: The essentials

Key facts

Start dates in 2020: 1 June, 15 June, 29 June, 13 July, 27 July, 10 August

Levels available: Kings Level 4+ (Intermediate) / IELTS 4.5

Class sizes: Minimum 4, Maximum 8

Age range: 14 – 17

Minimum course duration: 2 weeks

Lesson times

Class times and levels subject to availability

- BST: 09:00, 12:00, 15:00

Price: GB £175 per week

Included in the price

- 22.5 hours of structured language learning
 - 12.5 hours of live teacher led classes:
 - 6 hours of English language development, IELTS preparation skills and communication / study skills
 - 6.5 hours of academic subject preparation (Maths, Sciences, Humanities)
 - 5 hours of structured interactive exercises with other students
 - 5 hours of structured self-study
- Initial level test, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Access to Classmate — the Kings online learning platform
- 12 months access to Microsoft Office 365
- Access to Kings *SmartClass* Facebook group to share ideas and experiences with fellow online learners and connect with students from around the world
- Official end of course Certificate with assigned level

Section 2: Course structure and content

Course Structure

22.5 hours

- 6 hours of academic English, IELTS preparation skills and communication and study skills
- 6.5 hours of academic subject preparation
- 5 hours of structured interactive exercises with other students
- 5 hours of structured self-study

Course Overview

The course offers a combination of English preparation, IELTS preparation and academic subjects taught in English (such as Sciences, Maths, History, Geography and Business). Students are taught by Kings A-level and Foundation academic teachers and gain a valuable insight into academic studies in the UK.

Students can also access professional guidance about their university options through sessions with Kings UCAS counsellors. Students will have valuable preparation for future studies. They will gain knowledge and develop study skills and strategies to ensure they make the most of their time.

Academic English / IELTS Preparation

Academic English lessons are designed for students intending on future study in the UK. IELTS lessons develop the four core language skills and prepare students for future tests. Subjects covered may include:

- academic writing and an introduction to note-taking for listening and reading
- strategies and techniques for presentations: planning structure, making talk-notes; using visual aids.
- listening, note-taking and vocabulary
- understanding the structure and organisation of lectures and talks
- listening for the main idea, specific information and attitude
- developing topic specific vocabulary for academic subjects

Academic subject examples

Maths:

Arithmetic; Algebra; Shape and Perimeter; Data Handling; Angles; Number; Time word problems; Fractions. Much of this is taught through challenging problem-solving exercises.

Sciences:

Exploring science through activities. Safety/ Sound; Chemistry – Materials; Biology – Human Body; Biology – Nutrition; Biology – Plants; Physics – Forces; Biology – Animals; Chemistry – Fossil Fuels.

Business Studies:

Practical learning through problem-solving exercises.

British Culture:

Introduction to the UK education system (including universities); Parliament; British food, family life; the home; hobbies; sports; customs; the Monarchy.

Sample timetables

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 – 10.30 English /IELTS Prep	Academic writing and note taking: Styles and techniques of academic writing Note-taking: structure and organisation	Speaking and Pronunciation: Presentation skills: structure, notes and techniques Speaking practice: delivering an effective presentation	British Culture: Introduction to the UK education system, UK universities	Vocabulary: Academic vocabulary: Topic-specific vocabulary for Maths, Science, Humanities	Mock IELTS test
10.30 – 11.00	BREAK				
11.00 – 12.00 Academic Subjects	Humanities: Geography: Cities and populations	Maths: Data Handling	Sciences: Biology: Nutrition	Humanities: Business Studies	Sciences: Physics: Sound and light
12:00 – 13:00 Interactive exercises	Writing Skills: Increasing vocabulary and structure range	IELTS: Exam Strategies discussion	Language production: Peer grading of extended communication	Listening skills: Defining intensive listening	IELTS skills: Exam criteria discussion
1 hour daily Self-study exercises	Writing practice: essay on UK universities	Listening practice: IELTS listening exercise	Grammar exercises	Listening task: interviews with business leaders	Practice IELTS test answers

Section 3: The SmartClass Advantage

1. Choose your perfect course

Kings SmartClass courses are designed for specialist outcomes. A range of courses suits different needs:

- [Intensive Academic SmartClass →](#)
- [IELTS SmartClass →](#)
- [TOEFL SmartClass →](#)
- [Essential English SmartClass →](#)

2. Live learning experience

SmartClass uses Microsoft Teams to make learning come alive.

- Interact with teacher and classmates in real time
- Live digital whiteboard
- Share screens, files, video and chat
- Break out into smaller groups

Students also have access to a huge range of learning resources including video, audio and text-based materials.

3. Live teacher contact time

At the heart of every **SmartClass** course is direct live contact time with our expert Kings teachers. Students have **12.5 hours** per week of live interaction with their teacher.

Classes of between **4 – 8 students** mean lots of personalised teacher contact.

Optional **1-2-1 lessons** can also be added. Prices on request and subject to availability.

4. Lessons to suit different time zones

Students can choose lessons delivered according to their own time zone.

This can be requested when booking.

5. Friends from around the world

With **SmartClass** students can share learning with new friends from all over the world.

They can interact with their friends in class, out of class – and stay friends after their course has finished.

6. Real outcomes

Progress is tracked through regular assessment of class participation, tests and assignments. Every student completing the full course receives a Kings Certificate of Completion.

Students preparing for IELTS or TOEFL will be fully prepared to maximise their test scores.



Kings teacher

"**SmartClass** gives the chance for some individual attention that sometimes gets missed in normal lessons. The different environment...works really well with smaller groups. It's more of a relaxed atmosphere which may suit some students."



Nick Davids
Assistant Director of Studies
Kings Oxford

[Read more on Kings Life →](#)

Section 4: Practical Information

Technical requirements

It's easy to get started with **SmartClass**. For the most immersive experience we recommend a modern laptop or PC. But students can also use a smart phone.

Basic requirements

- Laptop computer/phone/tablet
- Stable internet connection
- Microsoft Teams download

Further technical information

If you would like further details, you can visit this page:

[Requirements for Microsoft Teams →](#)

To download Microsoft Teams:

[Microsoft Teams Download →](#)

How to book

We've made booking a **SmartClass** course as quick and simple as possible:

[Book course →](#)

Notes on bookings

- Students must book with at least 48 hours' notice prior to course start date (excluding weekends)
- Students will first need to take the online Kings level test to be placed into the correct class. This must be taken under exam conditions without dictionary/internet assistance. Please submit this with your booking for the most efficient response. [Take the test here →](#)
- Confirmation of booking will be sent within 24 hours of receiving the level test.
- Students will receive details of their class times/level and the log in details to join their **SmartClass** course 24 hours before the start of their course.
- Payment can be made via our online payment platform or by bank transfer/credit card. See our [How to Book page](#) for further details.

Time zones

This chart shows when **Intensive Academic SmartClass** lessons are running for each time zone.

Intensive Academic SmartClasses (British English)	W. Europe	Saudi Arabia	Moscow	Istanbul	Dubai	Delhi	Bangkok	Shanghai	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Sao Paulo	Bogota	Mexico DF
BST (UK)	1	2	2	2	3	4	6	7	7	8	8	-4	-6	-6
09:00	10:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	15:00	16:00	16:00	17:00	17:00	05:00	03:00	03:00
12:00	13:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	18:00	19:00	19:00	20:00	20:00	08:00	06:00	06:00
15:00	16:00	17:00	17:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	21:00	22:00	22:00	23:00	23:00	11:00	09:00	09:00