



Lexical Lab Summer School

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Advanced Language and Culture

All courses take place at London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road campus. It is right next to a Piccadilly Line tube station, which takes you to Holborn, central London in 8 mins, and a 10-minute walk from Highbury and Islington, which is on the Victoria line and has a range of overground services. We suggest you check <https://citymapper.com/london> for journey times and routes.

Course dates

2nd July – 13^h July

Course Fees

€700

Fees

€160 Euro Registration Fee This covers all materials, entrance to timetabled visits (not transport), admin, certification and charges for euro pricing.

€40 tour guide fee covers the cost of tour guides for private groups organised for the course.

An accommodation booking fee of **€130** is charged for those who ask us to organise accommodation.

Airport transfers are charged at a flat rate of **€110** where requested.

Accommodation

Two weeks single room

Student Residence

€800

We organise this accommodation through our partner agency [London Homestays](#). They have some studio and twin-room options. There is very limited availability of homestays. If this is essential, please contact us directly. It is also cheaper for all accommodation options to book directly through London Homestays. You may wish to arrange your own accommodation through websites such as [airbnb](#) and [student.com](#), [homestay.com](#) or [expedia](#). A 7-day travel card for zones 1-3 costs £38.00.

Course Outline

This course is aimed at teachers and language learners with a level of English of C1 or C2. It will give you the confidence and familiarity with current issues, media representations, stereotypes, cultural and political figures and recent events in Britain. Material and tasks are more adult and appropriate for university-level students or simply for your own pleasure and language learning! The course combines discussions, lectures, different media and visits within London on the connected themes

Content

We will provide a questionnaire for participants before they arrive to express preferences or make requests which we will try to incorporate into the course if possible and where there is agreement between participants. This means specific content will vary from course to course. Some topics you might cover are:

Class

Housing, regeneration and gentrification

Common UK cultural stereotypes / cities

Youth issues

UK economy and business trends

Hipster culture and influence

Drinking and drug culture

Comedy and cultural insights

Comedy and language – catch phrases and types

Immigration

Multicultural Britain

Religion

Moments in recent history

Influential people in the UK

Health service

Sport and sporting clichés

Education

Language - new words, idioms and colloquialisms



Family trends and relationships
 Gay cultural influence
 Women in UK society

TV programmes and influence
 UK Media and Music
 Modern literature and stories

Outcomes

After this course participants will:

- be more comfortable in their knowledge of contemporary UK culture
- be better able to deal with cultural references in conversation
- be more able to understand colloquial language
- be aware of a variety of internet resources and writers for study beyond the course
- go away with some material they can use in adult or university classes
- know London better

Sample week 1 Timetable

Note that teaching will alternate between morning and afternoon. Group visits with teacher are in bold below. The timetable is a sample only and open to change.

	9-11	11.30-13.15	13.15-15.00	15.30-17.30	Social
Mon	Family	My cultural life	Islington and Holloway		
Tues	Soho and BBC*		Key moments in history	Talking about events	Pub quiz
Weds	Art + people	Media	Greenwich*		Bowling or cinema
Thurs	Sir John Soane's Museum*		Words and language: class	Taste & class	
Fri	Immigration	Housing and gentrification	Geffrye museum and Shoreditch		Dinner
Sat	Noting Hill and Portobello Market				
Sun	Free Day				

*For visits and activities times may vary. Minimum one hour accompanied by teacher. For morning visits we may meet at the venue.

Certification

All participants can receive a Lexical Lab attendance certificate detailing course content covered and number of course hours.

Check it's the course for you:

I am a teacher with English of C1 or C2 level

I am primarily interested in learning more about UK culture and some related language

I am happy to get some tips and materials for my class but that's not my main goal

I want to be more comfortable with colloquial language

If it's not for you:

I want a language course but my English is a lower level – try **English Boost**

I am more interested in material and teaching – try **Teaching Lexically** or **Developing Material**

We are a group who want to study together or you want a tailored course - contact **Andrew Walkley**

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