

**COMMUNICATE
SCHOOL**

OPEN UP YOUR FUTURE

Welcome



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Welcome to Communicate School

A word from the Directors

“On behalf of our staff, we would like to welcome you to Communicate School, Manchester. We are proud of the variety of programs we provide, excellent facilities and our passionate, qualified team of teachers. We look forward to greeting you on your first day at Communicate School.”



Richard Mace Director
Marzena Mace Director of Studies

Communicate School is an independent, family-run English language school located in the centre of Manchester, UK. The school opened in 2010 and for the last 5 years it has been built on students' recommendations and developed a very good reputation internationally.

All our teachers are carefully selected not only for their strong academic skills but they must bring a positive approach to create an enthusiastic, fun and communicative learning environment.

We provide high quality personalised student support and welfare, making students' transition into Manchester life an easy one.

All students are encouraged to take an active part in the school community by attending a range of regular social activities.

The school is accredited by the British Council, The Independent Schools Inspectorate and is a member of English UK.

We believe in giving our students a brighter, better future through language. Get in touch today and open up your future.



The school exceeds expectations for the quality of education. The quality of teaching and learners' achievements is excellent.



Educational Oversight inspection, July 2015

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Why Communicate School?

Independent family-run school

Communicate is a family-run school and the staff know every student by name. We pay extremely close attention to each student's satisfaction and progress. There is a personal approach by the directors who are always at the school.

Accreditations and Memberships

- British Council accredited
- Member of English UK
- ISI accredited, exceeding in all areas of the July 2015 inspection

Communicative method

Speak, speak, speak!

Using the Communicative Approach in our classes makes lessons dynamic, active and practical. Students have plenty of opportunity to speak, improve everyday communication skills and become confident communicators.

Excellent location

We are located in the heart of Manchester, a 2 minute walk from the main square - Piccadilly Gardens. Galleries, museums, shopping centres, theatres and restaurants are a short walking distance from the school.

Exam results

Hundreds of our students have passed Cambridge and IELTS exams and achieved their language aims. We have systems in place which allow us to monitor students' progress closely and help them take the most challenging exams in order to progress in their career or education.

Great facilities

Communicate has modern, spacious classrooms, a study and computer room, a library, free Wi-Fi and a kitchen with free hot drinks.

Students from many different countries

Nationality Mix

At Communicate School we teach students from all over the world creating a truly international atmosphere. Mix and make friends with students from many different cultures.

Over the last 12 months we have taught students from 68 countries, for example Spain, Poland, Czech Republic, Brazil, China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, France, Germany, Latvia, South Korea, Qatar, Russia and many more.





Why study in Manchester?

Manchester is located in the north-west of England, it is a modern and vibrant city, rich in culture and history.

Student life

It is home to world class education centres, such as the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University. With over 85,000 students, the city is well set up for student life and is an ideal place to study. Manchester is one of the UK's most affordable places to live as a student.

Sport

In June 2015 Manchester was voted best sporting city in the UK by ESPN. If you are a fan of football, rugby, cycling or aquatics you will be at home in Manchester. The two successful football clubs Manchester United and Manchester City are only a short journey from the city centre.

Music and Festivals

The city is well-known for its famous music scene and fantastic nightlife. The Jazz Festival and the International Music Festival are famous for attracting tourists from all over Europe.

Location

For those who like the outdoors, a short train ride away there are many national parks and the Peak District offers an opportunity to go hiking or mountain biking. Manchester has excellent transport links to Chester, York, London or Edinburgh.

History and culture

Manchester is the home of the industrial revolution and the first computer. Communicate organises visits to the many galleries and museums displaying the city's rich history.



Course Selection and Progress

Communicate School provides a variety of English language courses for all levels. On your first day you will meet a member of the academic team to discuss your needs and create a suitable study plan.



Monitoring your progress

Communicate School monitors students' progress in a few ways:

- Progress tests – you will take progress tests every two weeks. They cover the skills of: writing, grammar, vocabulary and reading.
- In class – the teachers constantly provide correction and feedback.
- Mock exams – if you study an exam preparation course, the teacher will occasionally set a trial exam in the class so you can see how close you are to your desired outcome.

- Homework – you will be encouraged to do some work outside the school.
- Tutorials – every 4 weeks you will have a one-to-one meeting with your teacher who will give individual advice on what skills you have improved and what you should work on.

Certificate

You will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement at the end of your course. It will outline the length of the course and your level of English.

Teaching Method

Communicative Method

The Communicative method will help you become a fluent and competent communicator in English.

- Lessons are student-centred
- Learn the language for everyday social, study or work life
- Interactive class activities: discussions, dialogues, role-plays, surveys and interviews
- Use original texts from magazines, songs, signs and newspapers
- Learn writing and grammar in practical ways for everyday use
- Build up your confidence in speaking

Level	CERF Level	Cambridge Exam	IELTS
Proficiency	C2	CPE	8.5+
Advanced	C1	CAE	7.0-8.0
Upper-Intermediate	B2	FCE	5.5-6.5
Intermediate	B1	PET	3.5-5.0
Pre-Intermediate	A2	KET	3
Elementary	A1	-	1-2

The levels are based on the Council of Europe's Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).



General English

This course will improve a wide range of skills: speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar. Teachers use the communicative teaching method to provide energetic, lively and fun lessons.

- Develop your speaking, listening and conversational skills
- Communicate more confidently
- Use correct grammar and improve writing skills
- Build up vocabulary
- Improve your pronunciation
- Learn about British culture and traditions
- Learn the fundamentals and move to one of the exam preparation courses

Sample timetable

Most of the courses are designed around the following timetable:

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
9:00 – 11:30	12:00 – 14:30	15:00 – 17:30



The teachers were fantastic, they were professional and knowledgeable. I am very happy with the progress I made.



Julia, Germany
Course: General English

KEY FACTS

- **Group size:** Average 8 (Maximum 12, in July & August 15)
- **Age:** 15 +
- **Level:** A1 to C1
- **Lessons per week:** Standard - 18 or 24
Intensive - 30 (1 lesson = 50 minutes)
- **Start date:** Any time - continuous enrolment
- **Teaching method:** Communicative Language Teaching
- **Other cost:** Course book £25 each. Books can be borrowed for short courses.
- **Other information:** Complete beginners will be recommended to take one-to-one classes before joining the elementary group course. Students on level C1 may be recommended to attend a mix of General English and exam preparation classes.



IELTS

At Communicate School, we run a selection of exam preparation courses for IELTS and the Cambridge exams.

In the Academic IELTS course students practise exam techniques for all four parts of the exam – speaking, listening, reading and writing. The course covers academic vocabulary, writing essays, giving opinions,

comparing and summarising ideas, skimming, scanning and teaches strategies to achieve the highest possible score. Students can see their progress by taking regular IELTS mock tests.



I learnt a lot of grammar and IELTS techniques. The IELTS classes were very beneficial and helped me achieve the overall score of 8.0. I will definitely recommend the course to my friends.



Hatem, Libya
Course: IELTS

KEY FACTS

- **Group size:** Average 8 (Maximum 12, in July & August 15)
- **Age:** 15 +
- **Level:** Minimum intermediate B1-C2
- **Lessons per week:** Standard – 18 or 24 Intensive – 30 (1 lesson = 50 minutes)
- **Start date:** Any time – continuous enrolment
- **Teaching method:** Exam techniques and Communicative Language Teaching
- **Other cost:** Exam £150, course book £25 each, Books can be borrowed for short courses
- **Other information:** The course may be a mix of IELTS exam preparation and General English classes depending on the level





Conversation Classes

The aim of the conversation classes is to improve your spoken English and pronunciation. Lessons focus on real life situations and topics like shopping, inventions, travel, environment and many more.

Teachers will help improve your accuracy and fluency by carefully correcting mistakes and encouraging practice.

Conversation classes are normally combined with General English or Exam Preparation courses where students want to focus on improving their fluency in speaking English.

KEY FACTS

- **Group size:** Average 8 (Maximum 12, in July & August 15)
- **Age:** 15 +
- **Level:** A2 to C2
- **Lessons per week:** Standard - 18 or 24 Intensive - 30 (1 lesson = 50 minutes)
- **Start date:** Any time - continuous enrolment
- **Teaching method:** Communicative Language Teaching

Cambridge Exam Preparation

Cambridge First Certificate (FCE)
- proves B2 English language level

Cambridge Advanced Certificate (CAE)
- proves C1 English language level

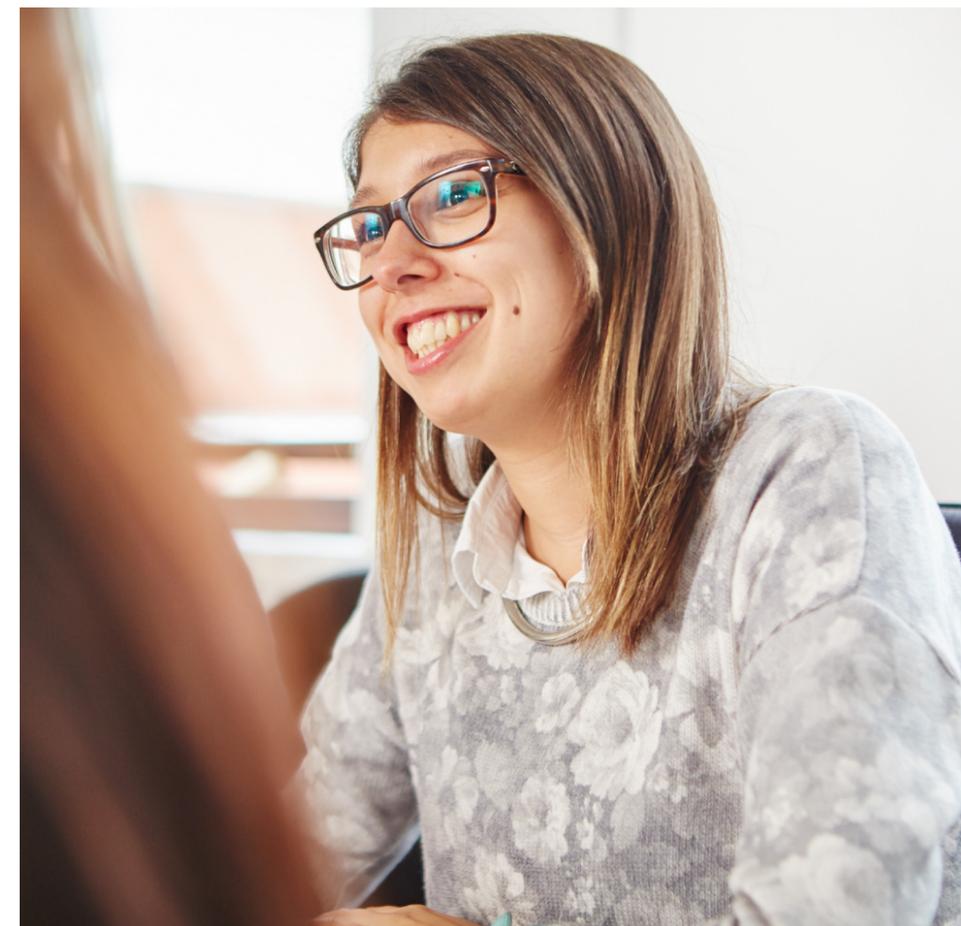
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- Build up your confidence in speaking
- Improve your career prospects

A typical General English lesson has a few stages:

- **Revision** - this is in a form of a communicative exercise, for example a dialogue or discussion. You will practise grammatical structures and vocabulary which you learnt in the previous lesson.
- **New material** - you will use a course book or authentic materials such as magazines or leaflets. The syllabus of a course is designed to help students develop confidence and fluency when communicating verbally and in writing.
- **Consolidation** - this final part of the lesson aims to use all the new knowledge in an interactive language game or a communicative activity.



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Academic Year

This course is for students who are planning to continue their studies at a university in the UK.

What will I study?

You will improve your fluency, accuracy and knowledge of Social and Academic English by studying a combination of the following:

General English - 12 lessons / week

Improve your grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills such as reading, listening writing and speaking in our dynamic general English classes.

IELTS exam preparation - 9 lessons / week

You will have the opportunity to study exam strategies.

English for University - 3 lessons / week

You will improve your level of Academic English in preparation for studying at university in the UK.

Classes include the following modules:

1. Academic Language and Grammar
2. Academic Writing
3. Avoiding Common Errors
4. Critical thinking
5. Academic Listening
6. Plagiarism, Referencing and Bibliographies
7. Punctuation and proofreading
8. Academic Reading
9. Research
10. Seminar Skills (Academic Speaking)
11. The language of Essays
12. Presentation Skills

English for specific purposes

We can arrange group courses based on demand, for instance:

- English with TOEIC exam preparation
- Educational trips to engineering plants
- General English with football
- English and nutrition workshops
- Accent reduction coaching



What makes this place so special is the people and fantastic atmosphere.



Marta, Spain
Course: IELTS Preparation

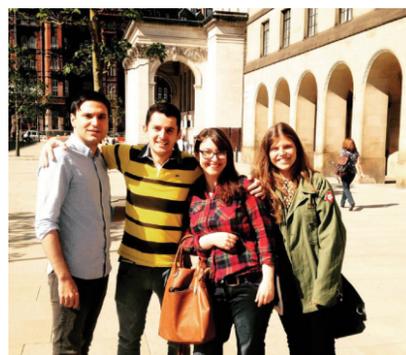


Social Activities

At Communicate School we have a regular social programme. Activities give students the opportunity to visit interesting places around Manchester, make new international friends, practise English with native speakers and immerse themselves in English culture. With all activities you will be accompanied by at least one experienced member of Communicate School staff.

- Orientation walking tours
- British food night
- Conversation clubs
- Museum visits
- Classes at Manchester Art Gallery
- Quiz nights
- Jazz club and festival
- Trips to Liverpool, Lake District, Chester and Wales
- Manchester City or United football stadium tours and matches
- Communicate football team

Follow our social channels:



Typical weekly social calendar

Day	Activity	Time	Price
Mon	MANCHESTER CENTRE ORIENTATION TOUR Meet other students during a guided tour of the city centre.	12:00 / 14:45	FREE
	COMMUNICATE FOOTBALL TEAM Play competitive football against other teams.	19:00	£4
Tue	MANCHESTER MUSEUM Meet at school.	15:00	FREE
Wed	CONVERSATION CLUB IN A CAFÉ Meet at school, bring money for a drink.	15:00	£3
Thu	MOVIE NIGHT Watch a movie from our DVD selection – Free popcorn!	18:15	FREE
Fri	COMMUNICATE RECOMMENDS: Matt and Phred's Jazz Club. Over 18s only!	18:00	£4
Sat	TRIP TO BLACKPOOL International Society Trip.	9:00 - 19:00	£21
Sun	TRIP TO OXFORD WITH GUIDED TOUR International Society Trip.	8:00 - 21:00	£25

Student Welfare

At our reception you will meet the student support officers. Their role is to assist you with any enquiries and make your stay in Manchester an enjoyable and memorable experience.

They will help you settle into the school and give practical advice on everyday issues. Do not hesitate to ask for information on any subject, we are here to help.

The student support team can help you with:

- Accommodation
- Airport transfer
- Finding a doctor
- Using public transport
- Living in Manchester
- Social activities
- Opening a bank account
- UK visa questions



Ask me about the best places to visit in Manchester.



Dora
Student Support Officer

Accommodation

All accommodation has been inspected by the school accommodation manager.



Accommodation can be organised for students who are 16 years old or older.

Homestay

Host families are located 20-45 minutes from the school. They can be a couple or a single person with or without children. Most of our families host one or two students, some of them up to four students.

When you apply, we will ask you about your accommodation preferences, for example if you have any dietary requirements or allergies. This will help us match you with the most suitable family.

Breakfast and dinner are provided. You will have a room for yourself and internet access. Use this opportunity to speak English with your hosts every day and learn about British culture first hand.

Residential

You will have your own room in student halls. You will cook for yourself and share a kitchen with other students. There will be plenty of opportunity to socialise and speak English.

Staying in residential accommodation is a great chance to integrate into the international student community in Manchester.





Application and additional information

Visa Information

Some students may need to obtain a visa to study in the UK. You can check if you require it by visiting: www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa.

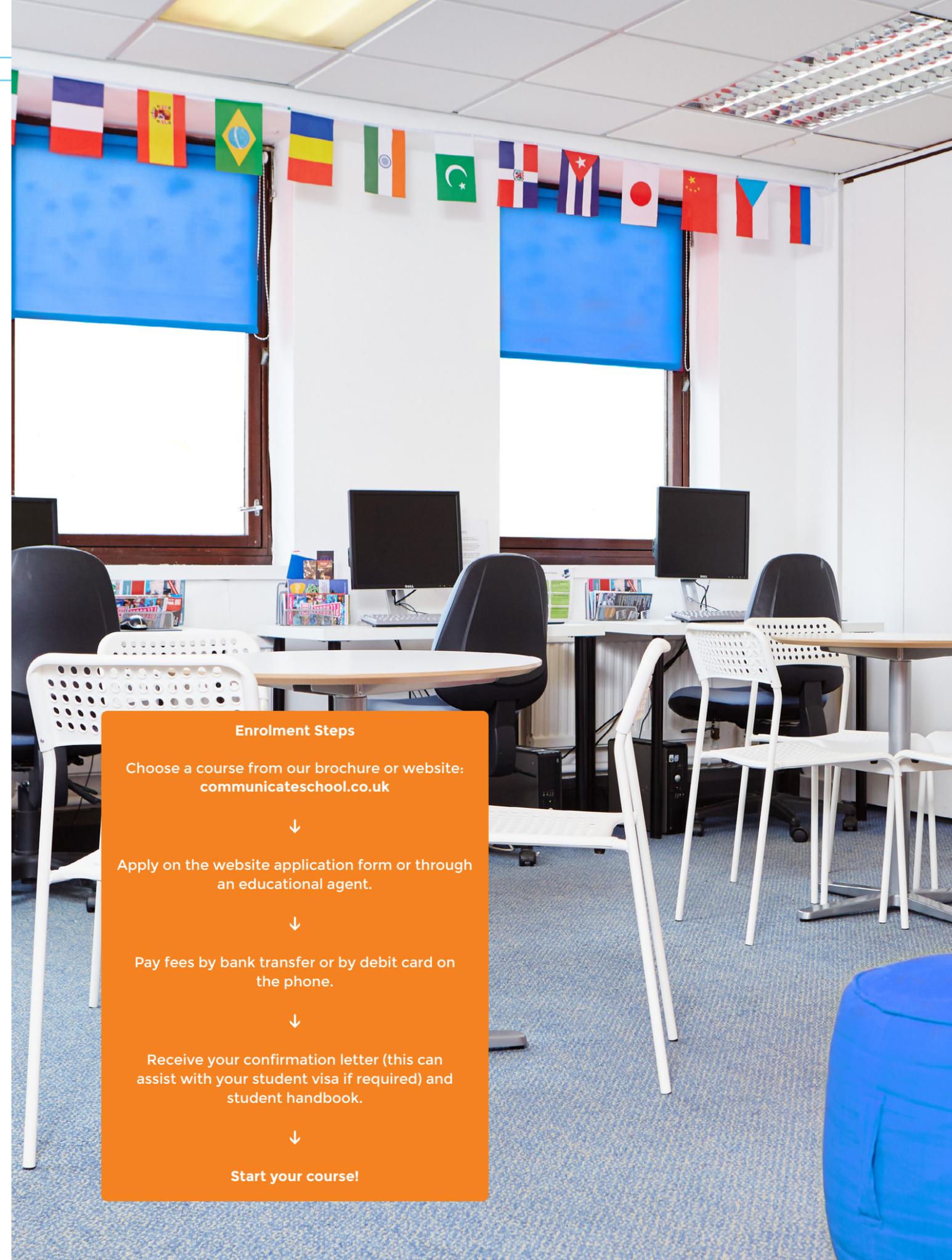
We can help in organising a short-term study visa. Once you pay a deposit for your course, we will issue an acceptance letter which you will need to attach to your visa application.

Bank holidays

The school is closed on the following days: 24th December 2015 – 3rd January 2016, 25th March, 28th March, 2nd May, 30th May, 29th August and for 10 days during Christmas 2016. Students do not pay for the bank holiday classes; they will be added on at the end of their course.

Travel Insurance

We highly recommend that all students purchase travel insurance before travelling to the UK. Communicate can arrange this through Guard.me International Insurance if requested.



Enrolment Steps

Choose a course from our brochure or website:
communicateschool.co.uk



Apply on the website application form or through
an educational agent.



Pay fees by bank transfer or by debit card on
the phone.



Receive your confirmation letter (this can
assist with your student visa if required) and
student handbook.



Start your course!



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