

Abbey English Centre offers a range of regular courses that have been specially designed for Secondary school students or schools may choose to have a tailor-made course to meet the particular needs of their students.

Secondary School Programmes S1 – S3 Regular Courses

Phonics & Games

Phonics is a technique to help improve students' reading, pronunciation and spelling. In this course students' learn the sound patterns, phonograms (word endings) and rhyme. These sounds are reinforced through games and activities.

Phonics & Language Arts

An introduction course to Phonics and Poems. In addition to learning the 44 English sounds, this programme allows students to explore, analyze and learn how to write different forms of poetry.

Phonics and Reading

This course aims to improve students' pronunciation and build up their phonetic awareness. Enhancing students' ability to read aloud and develop self-confidence when pronouncing new words. Through Reader's Theatre, students improve their expression, intonation and rhythm.

Creative Writing

Enhance students' writing skills through guided practise Help students to develop their command of vocabulary, grammar, and the style of writing required for creative writing, and written communication in general.

General writing skills

Improve students' competences in the general skills and strategies of the writing process. Students will learn how to write topic sentences, use connectives effectively, use a variety of sentence structures, and plan their paragraphs for a variety of different genres.

Spoken English

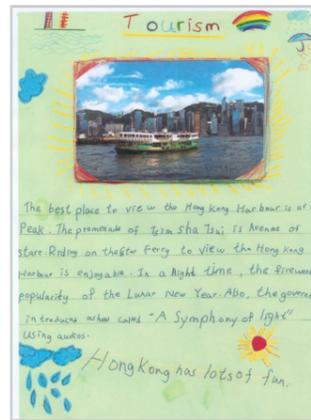
An interactive course to develop students' confidence in speaking English in and outside the classroom. Students will be encouraged to speak and express their feelings and opinions through many classroom activities, group interactions and role-play. They will learn the importance of intonation, voice projection and pronunciation.

Teacher Training Workshops

Abbey English Centre also offers **Teacher Training Workshops** in schools. Recently, these have focused on the new electives for the NSS. Our course developers have the time and expertise to research these new electives and develop the courses using fun and interactive activities that engage the students.



Students' Work



Sample Magazines



Popular Culture



Social Issues

S4 – S6 New Senior Secondary (NSS) Electives

Learning English through Drama

Students learn the basic skills needed for performing in drama and writing scripts. They experience writing short scenes and performing dramatised reading. Students have the opportunity to produce and perform a play with teacher guidance.



Learning English through Poems and Songs

Students become familiar with the themes, structure and language features in various poetic forms and songs. They learn how to convey feelings and moods in poems and songs.

Learning English through Popular Culture

Students explore a range of text-types such as movie reviews, newspaper/magazine columns, photo captions and advertisements. They learn how to interpret ideas presented in written and spoken texts related to popular culture. For the final project students create their own magazine. See sample.

Learning English through Short Stories

Students are introduced to the features and characteristics of short stories. They will focus on the setting, characters, cliff hangers and learn techniques for writing effective story openings, closings and dialogue. They read and appreciate short stories and practise creating their own imaginative stories.

Learning English through Sports Communication

This course develops the students' ability to understand the elements of sports writing, focusing on types, styles and conventions. They analyse the language and structures used in sports-related texts.

Learning English through Workplace Communication

Students are introduced to different types of communications related to the workplace such as telephone etiquette, writing memos, letters, interviews and making presentations. Students will develop their language skills, presentation skills, organisation skills and interpersonal skills throughout the learning process.



Learning English through Debating

Students are introduced to the format, rules and roles of a debate. They learn how to generate and justify ideas, how to structure arguments logically and prepare for speeches and rebuttals using appropriate delivery techniques.

Learning English through Social Issues

Students explore and research various social issues. They will learn how to define these issues, analyse information from different perspectives, consider options and express their opinion both orally and in writing. Students produce their own newspaper similar to the sample by the end of the module.

Other Courses

English Ambassadors

Students are introduced to a variety of activities and games that encourage participation and the use of English. The English Ambassadors will be empowered to becoming proactive in promoting the use of English throughout the school.

Campus TV

This course provides an opportunity for students to think creatively in order to engage an audience through sound and vision. Students will experience and understand how to create interesting news reports, interviews and documentaries. Students will carry out live projects to feel the experience of broadcasting and filming.

SBA Preparation

Students will be trained to prepare work of a high standard for the SBA. The course covers the skills required for students to be successful in the SBA component of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education.



TSA Exam Preparation

This course is to prepare students for the TSA English Exams. On completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate an improved competence in the general skills and strategies for the TSA English examinations.