

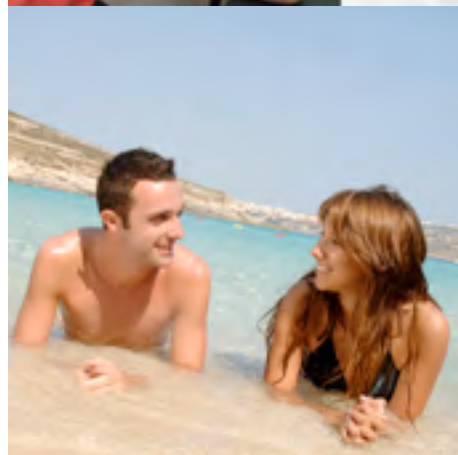


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# WELCOME



Pia Zammit  
Director of Studies

Dear Student,

I would like to welcome you to Skylark School of English. Skylark is a small school with a big heart, and I personally guarantee that all our staff will make you feel like you are one of the family.

We offer personal attention and personalised programmes. Whether you just want to brush up your English and take a general English course; or whether you want to prepare for an exam or a special job - we can suggest, offer or tailor make a course to suit your requirements. I will personally be taking care of all your educational needs and I guarantee that I shall do my utmost to ensure that you are satisfied with your course and your stay with us here at Skylark.

Skylark is more than just a place to learn English though; we can also take care of your accommodation and your leisure time if you wish us to do so. We have a great choice of places to stay and fun things to do on our sunny little island. Just let us know your interests and leave the rest up to us.

I greatly look forward to personally welcoming you to Skylark and to introducing you to the rest of our happy family.

With warmest wishes,

*Pia*





# MALTA

Malta is a small archipelago in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea. Three islands, Malta, Gozo and Comino, totalling only 316 square kilometres in size and with a population of just over 400,000; yet Malta is rich in culture and has one of the best party scenes in Europe.

Malta's intriguing and fascinating history spans at least 7,000 years, and this little island is home to the world's oldest freestanding temples, which pre-date even the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt.

Malta has been host to many different nations over the centuries, which explains the several traditions and varied architecture. The British occupied the Maltese Islands for almost 200 years, and consequently English is one of the two official languages. Maltese is the other national tongue; however most islanders speak more than just two languages. French and Italian are widely spoken too.

Malta has an excellent, typically Mediterranean climate; dry hot summers and mild winters. The crystal clear blue Mediterranean Sea is a Mecca for all water-sports enthusiasts. Scuba Diving is possible all year round, and Malta has some of the best dive locations in the Mediterranean because of its clean waters, caves, wrecks and marine life.

In Malta you will find the perfect mix of relaxation and adventure. The islanders are renowned for their friendliness and the islands are very safe. Malta is therefore your ideal choice of location to learn English and enjoy an all-inclusive vacation.

## Truly Mediterranean ✠



## GETTING HERE & GETTING AROUND

The Malta International Airport is served by many airlines.

The island has a pretty comprehensive bus service.

You can also rent a car on both islands. Driving is on the left hand side.

There are several taxi companies. Taxis are either metered or have a fixed fare.

## FOOD

Malta's cuisine is typically Mediterranean, based on fresh seasonal locally available vegetables and seafood, with some influence from Italian cuisine. Typically Maltese dishes include stuffed vegetables, soups, and stews of vegetables, poultry, meat, octopus and squid. The restaurant scene is a mix of speciality foreign and local cuisines.

## NIGHTLIFE

The Maltese lifestyle, in true Mediterranean style, is laid-back with an emphasis on socialising. BBQs and parties dot the islands during the hot, balmy summer months. Entertainment is high on the islanders' agenda, and even during the winter there is always a party, concert, play or festival to attend.

## GOZO & COMINO

Gozo is Malta's charming smaller sister island. The landscape is greener and more rural than Malta. Travel to the island of Gozo is by passenger ferry. This is a 20 minute journey and the service is frequent and cheap. Comino is the smallest island of the three. There are only a couple of buildings on the island – one of which is a hotel. Access to the island of Comino is solely by boat.





# ABOUT US

At **Skylark**, we guarantee our individual attention, and that you will feel like you are part of one big family!

We will help you with your daily needs, as well as with any academic problems you may have. For example, should you need advice about your flight tickets, visa, host-families, the level of your class or even about applying to the University of Malta; our counsellors are always available to offer help. We want to make sure that your stay in Malta is as trouble-free as possible and therefore we are available to talk to you whenever you wish.

## FACILITIES

**The school is a three-storey building with large, bright, airy and comfortable classrooms**

- Classrooms and facilities are fully accessible for people with special needs
- All classrooms are air-conditioned
- Teaching facilities include audio/visual equipment
- A DVD Room is available
- Leisure facilities include a citrus garden and a roof terrace
- The school has a cafeteria and an internet-café
- Free Wi-Fi connection throughout the school building

## OUR COMMITMENT

At **Skylark** we take tuition very seriously. We are totally committed to ensuring that all our students get the most out of their stay with us. We guarantee you an experience you will never forget!



## TEACHING STAFF & METHODOLOGY

**Our English Language lessons are conducted by professional and dynamic teachers. All our teachers are native speakers, fully qualified and specially trained to teach English as a second language.**

**Our teaching methodology is based on a communicative approach and learning is task based. This ensures that our lessons are very student-centric. This has been proved to be the most effective way to learn a second language. We also take into account each student's needs and learning abilities to make sure that we place you in a class most suited to your individual needs.**





# COURSES

If you wish to speak English fluently, then **Skylark School of English** should be your first choice!

There are many reasons why you may wish to improve your level of English – it may be to gain entrance to a University, to improve your career choices, or simply to make travel more feasible and enjoyable. Whatever your purpose for learning English, we have a course to suit your needs.

Our level of tuition is consistently excellent and we carefully choose all our teachers. They are all native speakers and fully qualified, and they take great pride in knowing that their students are happy.

We never accept more than 10 students per class, so we guarantee that your teacher will be able to give you all the individual attention you need.

## ASSESSMENT

On your first day at school, our Director of Studies will give you a written placement test and an oral interview to ensure that we place you in the best class for your level.

## LEVELS

Our courses are offered at these levels: Beginner, Elementary, Lower Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced. Courses are available at all levels.

## CERTIFICATE

At the end of your course you will be given a Skylark Certificate and a Student Report filled out and signed by your teacher.

# GENERAL COURSES

Our **General English Courses** aim to improve your communication skills and give you a better understanding of the English language through creative coursework and group interaction. General English is taught at six different levels, from beginner to advanced. The course covers reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as essential grammar, pronunciation, colloquial language, idioms and vocabulary.

## GENERAL ENGLISH SEMI-INTENSIVE COURSE (GESI)

This is our most popular course as it leaves lots of free time to relax and sightsee! We have specially designed this course to ensure that all skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) are adequately covered and improved on.

## GENERAL ENGLISH INTENSIVE COURSE (GEI)

If you wish to improve your English rapidly, this is the course for you. The morning sessions give you practice in reading, writing and listening; whilst the afternoon sessions concentrate mainly on improving speaking and vocabulary.

# ACADEMIC COURSES

If you want to gain entrance to an English speaking University, find a job in an English speaking country or just improve your career prospects, you will need an international exam certificate. At **Skylark**, we can prepare you for Cambridge exams FCE, CAE, CPE, IELTS and also TOEFL.

Our teachers and staff will guide you every step of the way, from your arrival up until your exam; and after that, we can help you with your application for a job or university.

Lessons are 60 minutes each and may be taken at any time during school hours. We recommend that they are taken in conjunction with a GESI course.

## CAMBRIDGE EXAMS

- **FCE:** First Certificate in English is an exam for people who can use everyday written and spoken English at an upper-intermediate level. It is an ideal exam for people who want to use English for work or study purposes.
- **CAE:** Certificate in Advanced English is a high-level qualification that is officially recognised by universities, employers and governments around the world.
- **CPE:** Certificate of Proficiency in English is Cambridge ESOL's most advanced exam. It is aimed at people who use English for professional or study purposes.

## IELTS

The **International English Language Testing System** is an international standardised test of English language proficiency. Educational institutions, along with employers and government immigration agencies, require proof of English language skills as part of their recruitment or admittance procedures. Increasingly, these organisations are using IELTS.

## TOEFL

The **Test of English as a Foreign Language** (or **TOEFL**, pronounced "toe-full") evaluates the ability of an individual to use and understand English in an academic setting. It sometimes is an admission requirement for non-native English speakers at many English-speaking colleges and universities.



# ENGLISH FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

There is a growing demand for intensive English language courses that are very closely related to a specific professional area. Many of our executive clients would like to have some specific English language training in their own professional area.

These needs can be met in our English for Special Purposes Courses. This type of course focuses specifically on the language and skills that are directly relevant to your present and future work situations. All content is needs-based and we will give you the language you need right now to do your job or sit for your exams.

We offer private lessons with teachers who are specifically trained in your area of study or work. Lessons are 60 minutes each and can be taken whenever you wish, during school hours.

## A few of our English for Special Purposes Courses

- English for Tourism
- Medical English
- Legal English
- English for IT
- English for Engineers
- English in the World of Finance
- English for Marketing
- English for the Aviation Industry

Please ask us about the availability of any other specialist areas we may not have mentioned.

## BUSINESS COURSES

If you need help getting that high-paying job, or that great promotion you have been wishing for; then **Skylark** can come to your rescue with our Executive Business Courses!

**Skylark Business English Courses** have been designed to meet the specific needs and requirements of executives and business professionals. Our courses are ideal for professionals who need to improve their English skills for business and social purposes; while also enjoying a short stay on the island of Malta.

Our courses are highly intensive and practical and are guaranteed to yield huge benefits for our students and their organisation. The content of each course is tailored to meet the precise and detailed needs associated with the student's own line of work.

Business Group Tuition is available on request. We will accept no more than 6 students per class and the course is offered at Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced Levels.

If you wish to travel with your colleagues or with friends who are in the same line of business, you may wish to book a Closed Group Course. This course will be created specifically for your needs and no other students may attend these lessons.

You may also join an already existing group; however this is subject to availability.

So, whatever your requirement may be, just ask us; and we will guide you and suggest the courses that best fit your needs. As our business courses are created individually for each student, you can choose the hours that suit you most.

## INDIVIDUAL

A 6 hour a day Private Business Course. This runs from 9 am till 5pm, with breaks for tea/coffee and lunch. You will be accompanied by your tutor all day.

## COMBINATION

3 hours Group Tuition (see above) and 3 hours Private Tuition. This runs from 9 am till 5pm, with breaks for tea/coffee and lunch. You will be accompanied by your tutor all day.

## TAILOR-MADE

Any number of private hours that you wish - taken during school hours.





## ENGLISH + GOLF

This course combines General or Business English and golfing at the Royal Malta Golf Club's 18-hole golf course. The RMGC boasts well over 100 years of golfing history and is open throughout summer and winter thanks to Malta's mild Mediterranean climate. The golf club is only a 15-minute drive from the school.

## ENGLISH + SPORTS

Whether your passion is tennis, football, basketball, waterskiing or maybe even horse riding; you can learn English and practice your favourite sport with **Skylark's** English + Sports Courses. Designed to stimulate you both mentally and physically, this course combines General or Business English in the morning with sessions of your sport of choice in the afternoon.

If we haven't mentioned your favourite sport above, just let us know what you'd like and we'll organise an appropriate course for you.

## ENGLISH + IT

This course is ideal for those who wish to be well prepared and successful in today's world. We believe that success depends on your skills in two particular fields - proficiency in the English language and computer literacy. We provide both in this comprehensive course.

This course is offered at different levels at your request. Courses are also available for groups of schoolchildren as well as adults. Courses focusing on particular computer programmes and applications can be booked in advance.

# COURSE COMBINATION

We offer (on request) a number of Course Combinations which will enable you to make the most of your stay here in Malta. You can choose any of the options below, or even suggest your own, and we will design the best course for you to learn English AND enjoy your hobby!

## ENGLISH + CULTURE

Our islands are steeped in history. We have a fascinating past and are the proud owners of megalithic temples which are the oldest freestanding structures in Europe – they predate the pyramids and Stonehenge by over a thousand years! We have a number of World Heritage sites, and you can learn more about these in our specially designed English + Culture Course.

The morning will see you in a General or Business course and the afternoon will be dedicated to learning more about our wonderful history, whilst visiting the most important sites on the island which is set to be the European Capital of Culture in 2018.

## ENGLISH + DIVING

Malta offers some of the best diving sites in the world. So combining General (or Business) English with diving in the clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea, will result in the holiday of a lifetime.

Prominent boat and plane wrecks together with wonderful natural formations typify the Maltese diving scene. Join over 60,000 divers who visit Malta annually! Diving instruction is available for beginners.





# TEACHER TRAINING

These courses are designed and led by Alan Marsh B.A., M.A., M.Ed. (ELT), Cambridge ESOL CELTA and DELTA. Alan has over 30 years teaching and teacher training experience in various countries. He is the President of MATEFL (Malta Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) [www.matefl.org](http://www.matefl.org). Alan is also a Course Tutor on the internationally prestigious Cambridge ESOL CELTA and DELTA courses.

We look forward to welcoming you on our **TEFL** and **TELT** courses. You will find them interesting, stimulating and at times challenging; but most of all you will find them enjoyable and memorable. They will provide you with the skill and knowledge you need to teach English as a Foreign Language.

More information regarding course contents and course material will be given to you on request.

## TELT EXAM PREPARATION

The **TELT Examination Preparation Course** is a course which prepares participants for the EFL Teachers Proficiency Examination (or the Test for English Language Teachers) held by the EFL Monitoring Board of the Department of Education in Malta. A pass mark in this exam is required (in addition to a TEFL Course Certificate) to teach EFL in Malta.

In this course, grammar (mainly tenses and parts of speech), phonology and other areas which appear in EFL course books and exam papers are covered in some depth. Some writing skills and differences between formal and informal English are also addressed.

## TEFL COURSE

Each **Skylark TEFL Induction Course** is recognised and approved by the EFL Monitoring Board and the Ministry of Education in Malta, and developed in terms of Legal Notice 60/96.

**Skylark TEFL Courses** have also been recognised in many language schools around the world for employment purposes, most especially in countries where no official national TEFL qualification exists. Past participants on Skylark's courses are presently working in various European countries, in South America and in Asia.

The **TEFL Induction Course** introduces participants to and gives practice in modern teaching methods. The main content of the course focuses on methods and techniques to help language learners communicate (speak, listen, read and write) using real-life, useful language. Participants are also shown ways of teaching communicative grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation in a learner-centred, interactive classroom. They practise these techniques throughout the course. Lesson planning and other areas of TEFL are also dealt with. The main areas of grammar and phonology terminology are also covered.





# TEEN PROGRAMME

**Learn English. Make friends. Have fun.**

All 13 to 17 year old students are included in our Teen Programme. Our teachers choose lessons with topics that are relevant and meaningful to young students. Our Teen Programme combines tuition with special activities and trips in the afternoons, evenings and on weekends.

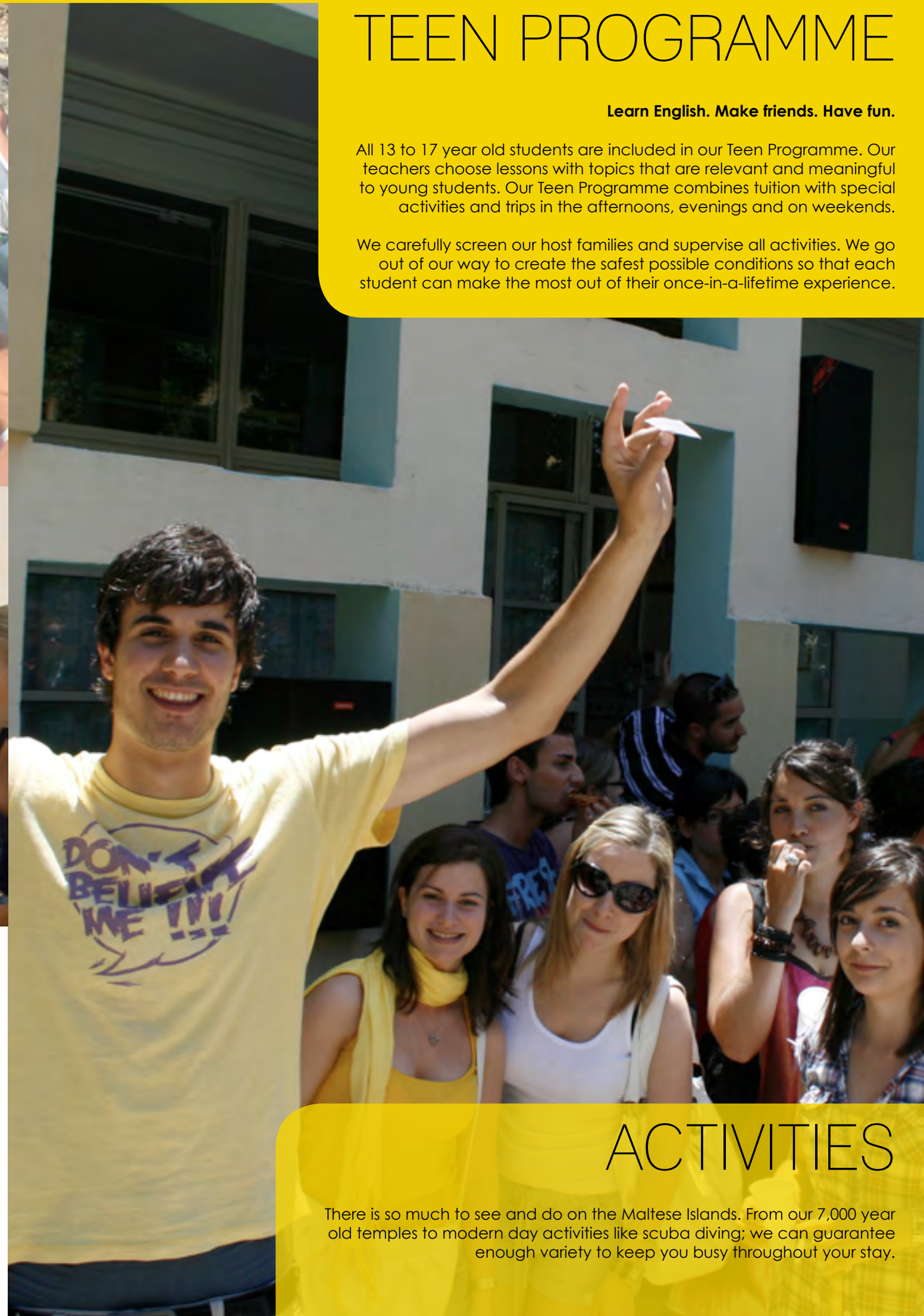
We carefully screen our host families and supervise all activities. We go out of our way to create the safest possible conditions so that each student can make the most out of their once-in-a-lifetime experience.



## KIDS' CLUB

**20 lessons per week in a fun, creative and educational atmosphere**

Our Kids' Club offers high quality lessons that are both educational and stimulating. We meet each child's individual needs and guarantee high quality care, education and supervision by experienced and qualified teachers. The Kids' Club classrooms are brightly coloured and full of fun stuff to do. Our teachers take great care to prepare lessons which have the right combination of creativity, fun and instruction.



## ACTIVITIES

There is so much to see and do on the Maltese Islands. From our 7,000 year old temples to modern day activities like scuba diving; we can guarantee enough variety to keep you busy throughout your stay.



# ACCOMMODATION

Skylark offers a wide selection of good quality accommodations for you to choose from. All properties are within walking distance of the school, or at most, one bus ride away. Depending on your preference and requirements, you may choose the cultural experience of living with an English-speaking host-family, mingling with different nationalities in a shared apartment, or maybe you prefer the independence of a hotel or hostel. We can help you decide which best suits your needs and then recommend a conveniently located accommodation within your budget range.



## HOST FAMILY

Our friendly, hospitable families are carefully selected to guarantee the comforts of home-away-from-home. This option gives you more opportunities to speak English and to get to know the Maltese way of life. We regularly monitor our Host Families to ensure a comfortable and friendly environment. The majority of our Host Families are located within a five to ten minute walk from Skylark School of English.

You can choose to book Bed & Breakfast, Half Board or Full Board basis, and either a single or a shared room. Breakfast and Dinner are taken with the Host Family and the midday meal is a packed lunch and consists of sandwiches, mineral water and fruit.

Bed linen is provided by your Host Family and is laundered every week; however we kindly request that you provide your own towels.

Staying with a Host Family enables you to intensify your English Experience and you can practice at home what you have learnt at school.



## STUDENT APARTMENT

For a more independent stay, you may choose to stay in one of our Self Catering Apartments. All apartments are located within walking distance of the school (a maximum of ten minutes on foot).

Our apartments are equipped with all amenities, including washing machine, television, and all have a fully equipped kitchen.

You can choose to stay in a single room or a shared twin room. Apartments are cleaned once a week and water & electricity are included in the price.

Book early to ensure that you will have free WIFI connection in your apartment!

## HOTELS & HOSTELS

We can otherwise help you to choose and book your accommodation either in a hotel or a hostel.

We work with a number of 2 to 5 star hotels most of which are situated within walking distance or a short bus ride away from the school.

For those wishing to be more adventurous we can suggest a brand new hostel in a great location.





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