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February finds us getting ready for all the challenges and opportunities for the forthcoming school year. To think that a year ago everything seemed to be under control, we started classes normally and all of a sudden, the pandemic struck. A whole new world of uncertainties opened before our eyes: "what are we going to do?", "how are we going to keep students engaged?", "will there be exams at the end of the year?"

Hard work, commitment, imagination and relentless energy helped us sail through the roughest waters and we managed to finish courses having a remarkable number of students sitting their exams with success. We have nothing but words of appreciation to the students, teachers, coordinators, directors and the examining team for their joined efforts.

In preparation for the school year ahead, we would like to share some brand new materials to use with your students: an exam planner, booklets for learners and some resources to foster learning autonomy. There's also a very thought provoking article by Evelina Galaczi on teaching and technology.

We would like to wish you an excellent academic year and remember to count on our support!

Warm regards

The Anglo Department of International Examinations



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Tips for getting started with exam preparation

Preparing for our exams can give your students a sense of purpose, by creating certainty and motivating them in these uncertain times. We'll guide you through five exam preparation tips to help get you started and ensure your students feel confident for exam day.



The five tips are:

- 1. Give your students manageable goals
- 2. Use checklists to help support your students
- 3. Use Cambridge English exam preparation resources
- 4. Check in with students regularly
- 5. Join our teaching community

In this <u>link</u> you will find the five exam preparation tips explained and extended with a downloadable learning goal checklist, a downloadable learning plan template and a link to Cambridge Assessment resources.



Study tips and exam advice in the new candidate booklets

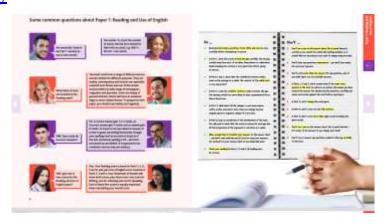
In this section we will give you access to the brand new candidate booklets for B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency. These are very user-friendly and practical guides to help students with their exams. They can be easily downloaded and they're very easy to get around. They will certainly come in handy to introduce the exam to your students, so why not use them in class to have an overview of the exam? Then your students will have it to browse through it on their own.





You can download the booklets here:

- B2 First
- B2 First for schools
- C1 Advanced
- C2 Proficiency





Anything teachers can do – can technology do better? by Evelina Galaczi, 01/11/2018

Teaching, Technology



At Cambridge Assessment English, we're often asked if digital technology will replace the language teacher and our answer is always 'No'. Digital technology can never be the teacher of the future but it will be the teacher's assistant, playing a supportive role which can make a valuable impact on learning outcomes.

Technology can handle tasks that a teacher cannot do – whether through lack of time or resources – and can add real value to the classroom. It's important, for teachers to understand that a positive, proactive relationship with technology can help them and their learners. To achieve these outcomes, however, teachers need to expand and maintain their knowledge of learning technologies, and develop their ability to critically assess digital learning tools in order to identify those which offer the greatest benefit to their students.

What teachers can do better than tech

A fundamental role for the teacher is to foster social learning. Social learning features interaction, discussion and collaboration between students, and creates a positive, inter-personal learning climate. It involves taking a flexible and interactive approach which encourages engagement across the class, while also retaining a 'real-time' sensitivity to individual needs. As this type of learning is focused on the application of knowledge, it also encourages higher-order thinking skills such as analysis and evaluation, or – in the case of language learning – the development of communicative competence. Current digital technologies cannot enable this type of social and collaborative learning as well as a teacher can, since such learning environments are highly dependent on the inter-personal relationship between the teacher and their class.



Technology, instead, delivers learning content in an 'atomistic' way, as the educator Philip Kerr notes, where learning is broken down into discrete 'atoms' which (it is assumed) eventually come together to create 'learning'. Current technologies are unable to handle the complexities, and therefore deliver the benefits, of 'social learning'.

What teachers and tech can both do

That's not to say that technology is irrelevant in a socially collaborative learning environment. In terms of classroom administration, for example, technology can provide enhanced record keeping, greatly improving the teacher's analysis of student performance, especially the identification of skills which could be improved by deliberate practice. This is where technology can really help. Deliberate practice in order to consolidate knowledge is considered essential for learning, but is challenging to do at class level as it takes time and requires specific focus on individual learners.

Digital tools allow students to practice practise discrete language skills repeatedly (e.g. specific grammar points or vocabulary), and for as long as they want or need to. Adaptive learning technologies – where tasks are adjusted according to ongoing student performance – can further extend deliberate practice. Teachers naturally adapt the content they use based on the ability of specific learners, but that's difficult to do for individual learners; technology can provide adaptive learning experiences on a larger scale in an automated manner (but on limited domains of knowledge). Technology can also add value with marking of student work, and can provide feedback on student writing and aspects of speaking. (An example is Write and Improve, a writing development and feedback tool which is free for learners to use.) By marking students' work, technology can reduce the administrative burden on teachers and give them more time for classroom teaching (although it cannot offer the depth or nuance a teacher can provide).

What tech can do better than teachers

On-demand learning combined with instant feedback, delivered quickly and on a large scale, is a major advantage of language learning technology. Practice is vitally important for the individual, but it's a real challenge for time-poor teachers who often have to deal



with large classes, so the ability to access digital tools and feedback at anytime, anywhere, represents a significant expansion in learning opportunities and should (theoretically) lead to accelerated progress. The best digital tools will provide learning without any human biases, and without teacher burn-out, while also generating invaluable 'big data' on learning and progression. This data is already being used to improve the efficiency and accuracy of digital tools, and by teachers who use it to inform their own classroom practice.

The teacher and technology – an essential partnership

It's often the case that technology is warmly welcomed by students but not by teachers, whether because they lack the skills to use it properly, doubt its real value, or see it as a threat to their professional status. But I hope we've shown how – in the language classroom at least – technology can play a highly productive role, provided that it is mediated by a skilled teacher equipped with both language learning expertise and knowledge of digital tools. Teachers must learn how to assess and critique technology in order to identify those tools best placed to make a real contribution to the classroom. (Free resources for teachers providing guidance in this area can be found at www.thedigitalteacher.com and our Facebook page for teachers). By being more proactive and engaged with technology, and more responsive to its benefits, teachers will maintain their role at the centre of language learning, and help shape a digital future which actively benefits everyone.



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tutors and participants expressed a high level of satisfaction and motivation in doing these courses.

For 2021 we are glad to offer TKT core modules, TKT CLIL, TKT YL, Very Young Learners and EPC (English Pronunciation Course). In addition to this, we will offer several 8-week courses on different topics (not only for teachers but for advanced students as well). Stay tuned for more info. You can contact the Academic Dept (cfernandez@anglo.edu.uy)







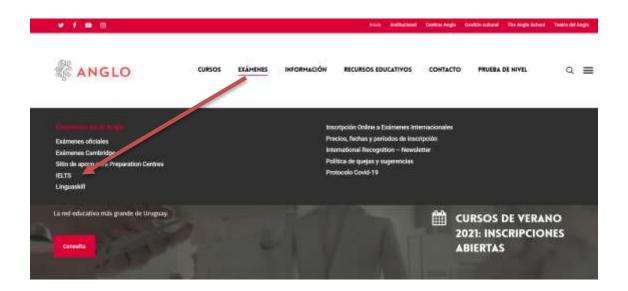


IELTS dates for 2021

All the dates for IELTS 2021 are already here. IELTS is the International English Language Testing System, which opens doors to work abroad, study overseas or online.

Here's how to access:









Click <u>here</u> to access the dates.



Exams Dates and Fees in March & April 2021

The dates and fees for March and April were published in our previous issue. As enrolments for some exams are still open, you can access them here:

https://www.anglo.edu.uy/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CAMBRIDGE-ENGLISH-QUALIFICATIONS-DATES-FEES-2021-MARCH-APRIL-ENGLISH.pdf



Exams Dates and Fees in May, June, July & August 2021

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS 2021
DATES AND FEES IN MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST







A2 Key & Key for Schools

B1 Preliminary & Preliminary for Schools

Exam	Writing & Listening Exam Date	Speaking Test Window Period	Lower Fee	Late Entry Fee
			8th to 19th March	22nd to 26th March
A2 Key & Key for Schools	Mari 24-4 Mari	23/05 – 07/06	USD 145	USD 170
B1 Preliminary & Preliminary for Schools	Mon 31st May	23/03 - 07/00	USD 170	USD 190
			5th to16th	20th to 23rd
			April	April
A2 Key & Key for Schools	Mon 21st June	13/06 – 05/07	USD 145	USD 170
B1 Preliminary & Preliminary for Schools	mon 21 ounc	13/00 × 03/07	USD 170	USD 190
A2 Key for Schools	Sat 7 th August	30/07 – 08/08	USD 145	USD 170
B1 Preliminary			USD 170	USD 190



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USD 170

USD 190





CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS 2021 DATES AND FEES IN MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST







B2 First & B2 First for Schools

Exam	Writing & Listening Exam Date	Speaking Test Window Period	Lower Fee	Late Entry Fee
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			8 to 19th March	22nd to 26th March
B2 First & First for Schools	Mon 31st May	23/05 – 07/06	USD 265	USD 310

			5th to16th April	20th to 23rd April
B2 First & First for Schools	Mon 21st June	13/06 – 05/07	USD 265	USD 310

			19th to 21st May	24th to 28th May
B2 First	Thu 26th Aug	20/08 – 29/08	USD 265	USD 310



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CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS 2021 DATES AND FEES IN MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST







C1 Advanced

Exam	Writing & Listening Exam Date	Speaking Test Window Period	Lower Fee	Late Entry Fee
			8 to 19th March	22nd to 26th March
C1 Advanced	Sat 29th May	21/05 - 30/05	USD 275	USD 325
			5th to16th April	20th to 23rd April
C1 Advanced	Wed 30th June	25/06 - 04/07	USD 275	USD 325
			19th to 21st May	24th to 28th May
C1 Advanced	Fri 30th July	23/07 - 01/08	USD 275	USD 325
			19th to 21st May	24th to 28th May
C1 Advanced	Fri 27th August	20/08 - 29/08	USD 275	USD 325

C2 Proficiency

Exam	Writing & Listening Exam Date	Speaking Test Window Period	Lower Fee	Late Entry Fee
			8 to 19th March	22nd to 26th March
C2 Proficiency	Sat 8th May	30/04 - 09/05	USD 285	USD 330
			22nd to 26th March/ 5th to 9th April	12th to 16th April
C2 Proficiency	Fri 11th June	04/06 - 13/06	USD 285	USD 330



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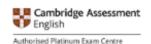


CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS 2021
DATES AND FEES IN MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Sat 22nd May







B1 Business Preliminary - B2 Business Vantage - C1 Business Higher

Exam	Writing & Listening Exam Date	Speaking Test Window Period	Lower Fee	Late Entry Fee
			8 to 19th	22nd to 26th
			March	March
B1 Business Preliminary	Sat 5h June	28/05 – 06/06	USD 160	USD 190
			8 to 19th March	22nd to 26th March
B2 Business Vantage	Sat 29th May	21/05 – 30/05	USD 270	USD 325
			8 to 19th	22nd to 26th

14/05 - 22/05



C1 Business

Higher

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March

USD 280

March

USD 330





CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS 2021 DATES AND FEES IN MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST







TKT Modules (All modules)

Exam Date	Lower Fee	Late Entry Fee
	10 th to 21 st May	24th to 28th May
Sat 24 th August	*1	*2

*1	*2
1 module – USD 100	1 module – USD 120
2 modules – USD 180	2 modules – USD 220
3 modules – USD 240	3 modules – USD 300
4 modules – USD 320	4 modules – USD 400
5 modules – USD 400	5 modules – USD 500
(for modules in same calendar year)	(for modules in same calendar year)



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Listening tests will take place on the same date as the written tests

Withdrawals from any of the exams will ONLY be accepted during the registration period

There will be a special discount for students who failed Key, Key for Schools, Preliminary, Preliminary for Schools, First, First for Schools, Advanced and Proficiency in October-November-December 2020.

Please see the table below.

These are the corresponding lower and late entry fees in each case:

EXAM	Lower Fee	Late Entry Fee
Key & Key for Schools	USD 110	USD 130
Preliminary & Preliminary for Schools	USD 130	USD 145
First & First for Schools	USD 200	USD 235
Advanced	USD 210	USD 245
Proficiency	USD 215	USD 250

CREDIT CARDS

Scotiabank: 12 payments - No additional charges

Visa: 1, 3 or 6 payments

Mastercard: 1, 3, 6 or 12 payments **American Express:** 1, 3 or 6 payments

OCA: 1, 3 or 6 payments **Cabal**: 1 or 3 payments **Diners:** 1 or 3 payments

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT

WWW.ANGLO.EDU.UY/INSCRIPCION-EXAMENES-INTERNACIONALES/

Downloadable registration forms and further information about Cambridge English exams available at:
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