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WELCOME TO MAHAVI'S





Our location



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Changing money

The Post Office in Cambridge Road will change travellers' cheques and currency without charging a commission. Currency and travellers' cheques may also be exchanged at banks and travel agents – but they will charge a commission.



Dentist and doctor

In the event of an emergency during school hours, students should see Aizhan (Welfare Coordinator). We can take you to hospital or a dentist in case of emergency. You should be able to produce your certificate of medical insurance.



Places of worship



Hastings has a wide variety of churches and places of worship, including three Catholic churches and a Greek Orthodox Church, together with all the major Protestant groups, from Church of England to Baptist, Pentecostal etc. There is also a mosque. If you would like to attend a religious service, please ask Aizhan (Welfare Coordinator). You could also ask your host family if they go to church.



Information centre

There is an excellent Information Centre in Hastings next to the Town Hall, where you can get maps, pictures, guides, details of events, coach and bus information etc.

Dear Student

We are very happy to welcome you to Hastings and to Mahavi's.

This booklet is intended to give you some basic information so that you can find out about the school, find your way round and feel at home as soon as possible. If you don't find answers to your questions here, then please ask your teacher.



Facts about Hastings

Hastings is a varied town with three parts – the quaint Old Town to the East, the busy Town Centre in the middle and the Victorian development St Leonards to the West. It is a historic town, overlooked by the castle built by William the Conqueror of the Normans to celebrate his victory over King Harold of England in 1066. The population of Hastings is 81,400, with a good mixture of young and old and different nationalities. The town is situated in south-east England 90 kilometres from London. The journey to London takes 1.5 hours by train and 2.5

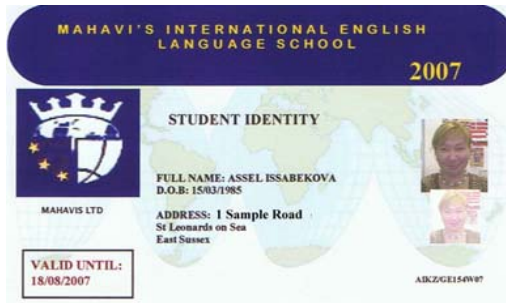


Why Mahavi's?

- ✓ Professional teachers
- ✓ Friendly staff
- ✓ Flexible courses tailored to your needs
- ✓ High-tech I.T. support
- ✓ Colourful seaside location in easy reach of London
- ✓ Warm, supportive family atmosphere

Your Student Card

After the Induction lesson your photograph will be taken. Your student card will be then prepared. The student card must be carried by you all the times.



Your certificate

Upon completing your course (unless you are immediately sitting an external examination), you will be presented with a full assessment of your progress and an analysis of your strengths and weaknesses, together with a diploma testifying to successful course completion.



Facts about Hastings

There are beautiful views from the surrounding hills, which you can see by walking or taking the cliff lifts up the East or West hills. There are museums and art galleries (Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, The Fishermen's Museum, Smugglers' Adventure, Underwater World), a modern shopping centre (Priory Meadow), a theatre (White Rock), cinemas, live music venues, a sports centre, swimming pool, bowling alley, many parks and a fine sea shore with a pier. The local people are friendly and you will also meet students from around the world who come here to study. We hope that you will be happy during your stay.



School Principal

What students say



Jamal Mahavi,
Principal

Jamal started *Mahavi's International* English Language School in 2001, and supervised its move into the present building in 2004. After an early business background, Jamal entered the field of IT and obtained an M.Sc. in Computer Information Technology from Idaho's Almeda University. An ex-professional footballer, he still retains his enthusiasm for and interest in the game.



I never thought studying English could be so easy and interesting! The teaching and the administration were both super. Many thanks to you all.
Asset K.



Mahavi's is like a big family, where you can find a warm welcome in a chilly country.
Ainur S.



For me, Mahavi's was the best school in the world and I had the most interesting summer of my life. We studied in the mornings and relaxed in the afternoons. My English improved so much!
Alina B.



This school is the best! The teachers were kind and polite. I'd recommend Mahavi's to anyone who wants to learn English.
Alexander K.



I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Mahavi's and I thought the standard of teaching was very high. Also I had a great time in Hastings and enjoyed visiting London.
Daria R.



I learned so much in a short time – I'm so glad I chose Mahavi's because everyone was very kind and helpful and I have many happy memories of my time there.
Shynar R.



Keeping within the law

- A student must be over 18 years old to buy alcohol or tobacco. Proof of age may be requested.
- It is against the law to buy alcohol or cigarettes and give them to someone who is under age.
- If it is necessary for a student to register with the local police – then ask the Welfare Coordinator Aizhan for advice.



This has never happened but...

We naturally expect our students to be polite and respectful to the teachers, their host families and each other. Some types of behaviour are unacceptable. By this we mean being rowdy, abusive, violent, drunk, rude or repeatedly disobedient. We do not tolerate any sort of bullying.

In the case of such behaviour, the student will receive an initial warning. Should the behaviour persist, the school Principal (Jamal Mahavi) will decide what further action should be taken. If the behaviour is particularly serious, the school reserves the right to expel the student without refund.



Director of Studies

Richard Elmore,
Director of Studies



Richard studied English at Cambridge University and taught English 'O' Levels at a public school in Essex before starting his own corporate communications company, which published newspapers and magazines for Government Departments. Having spent some years living in the USA, he came to Hastings and taught at Hastings University International Department before joining Mahavi's in 2007.



Course descriptions

Mahavi's International English Language School in Hastings offers a wide variety of English language courses. Whether you are a teenager, a university student, a business person, executive or professional, or starting a new life in England, and whatever the reason for improving your English language skills, we have a programme to meet your needs.

CODE COURSE DESCRIPTION

VE	Vacation English	<i>10/15 hours per week</i>
SE	Simply English	<i>10/15 hours per week</i>
BS	Brush Up Your Speaking	<i>hours as agreed</i>
BP	Pronunciation	
BR	Reading	
BW	Writing	

SPECIALIST COURSES *hours as agreed*

LAB Language And Business
ETT English For Travel And Tourism
HCI English For Hotels & Catering

ENGLISH THROUGH I.T. *hours as agreed*

An extensive I.T. suite allows Mahavi's to offer advanced learning techniques using Information Technology. More information is available upon request.

The minimum age for individual students is 18 years. If a student comes as part of a group under the supervision of an appointed Group Leader, the minimum age is 14.

There is no maximum age!

Your host family

Your host family will provide for you:

- ✓ a table for private study
- ✓ sufficient washing facilities and access to bathroom
- ✓ a change of towels and bed linen each week and enough duvets and blankets
- ✓ a laundry service
- ✓ three meals a day. During the week the midday meal will be a packed lunch.



DOs and DON'Ts

DON'T

- Carry a lot of money, your passport or valuables with you
- Leave bags, wallets or mobile phones unattended
- Walk alone late at night
- Stop & talk to strangers

DO

- Smile and be polite
- Ask if you have any questions
- Seek help if you have any sort of problem
- Wait in a queue as other people do
- Enjoy yourself

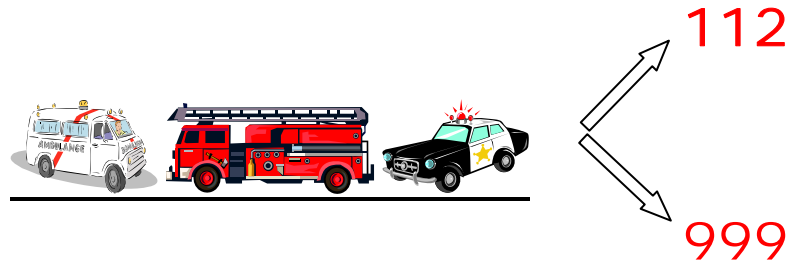
Emergency numbers

For Police -
Ambulance -
Fire -
Coastguard -

Call **112** or **999**.

Use these numbers only in a real emergency.

For School 24 hour help call 07816 571870



EXAMINATION COURSES

IELTS

(International English Language Testing Service) *hours as agreed*

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE:

10 weeks / 180 hrs

PET Preliminary English Test
FCE First Certificate in English
CAE Certificate in Advanced English

*Exams are held regularly in towns along the South coast.
It is advisable to schedule your study course to coincide with an
examination date. An entry fee is payable for all exams.*

Activities

