

Brochure for Potential Teachers at ELC.



Looking towards 2011-2012

WELCOME FROM THE TEAM

We are delighted to welcome you to English Learning Centre. As an International English School, we are truly unique in Budapest. ELC provides an English literacy curriculum for primary aged children. This is offered to children as an addition to their local school educational programme.

The school has undergone tremendous development over the past year including the opening of our current campus, located in the International Business School of Budapest. We are currently establishing a theme centered inquiry based curriculum modeled after the Primary Years Program of the International Baccalaureate. We follow the English National Curriculum, using Collins Literacy Series, as well as, Collins Big Cat Leveled Library and Guided Reading Program.

Despite the strides that the school is making at building an excellent program, we retain an intimate, family atmosphere. It is a cooperative, supportive atmosphere, with experienced, knowledgeable teachers and enthusiastic parents that lends itself very well to the development of the school towards our ideals.

For reasons of our growth, we are seeking to make contact with talented, student-centered educators from English speaking countries, who will contribute to our team, as we build. In turn, we can confidently say that you will find a rich, stimulating and rewarding atmosphere and a workplace with a positive “can-do” philosophy. One also finds here, a very welcoming community from the staff, the students and also the families of the school.

Who we are looking for

As an International English School we are primarily looking for educators who are elementary school trained generalists and specialists.

We are seeking individuals who can offer the following:

- Qualified and experienced at the relevant teaching level
- Accustomed to working with both native English speakers and those with English Language Learners
- The ability to achieve results within a differentiated classroom
- A friendly and cheerful disposition and the ability to work within a team
- Strong communicational skills, for all aspects of work within the school- students, colleagues and parents.
- A desire to be involved and contribute to the building of an excellent school and the realization of its vision
- Elementary curriculum experience is required from a native English speaking country

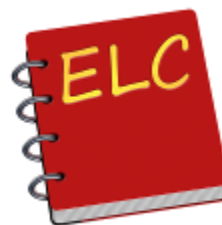
ELC works hard to utilize all the latest research based education practices and then bring those same practices to our classrooms. As consequence we provide continuous on the job training and development for our teaching team. This is therefore a great opportunity to grow as an educator, to be part of a team that challenges the validity of existing teaching methodologies and seeks to achieve best practice.

We also, of course, offer the wonderful and beautiful historic city of Budapest, which in terms of its culture and diversity, is one of Europe's best and brightest.

Please continue to read our brochure as it gives a basic idea about the school, our progress over the recent year and our aspirations, as well as what it is like to work here as a teacher. Following that, we hope to hear from you with further questions and / or to request further information. Please, do not hesitate to drop us a line.

We can be contacted by email at info@englishschool.hu

Best wishes,



English Learning Centre

If you fill most of these criteria and a position at ELC appeals to you, then please make contact with us, if not for the coming academic year then potentially for some point in the future.

Details on how to apply and whom to contact are at the end of this brochure.



Wendy demonstrates “How to Make a Banana Milkshake” with our Literacy students

The City of Budapest

Set on the banks of the river Danube, the two banks of the river, the Buda side and the Pest side, make up the hub that is Budapest. A storied capital city in all aspects, Budapest is rich in culture, history, architecture, cuisine and possibilities. A further advantage of Budapest is its relatively small size. One can journey from one side of the city to the other in a short time by bus, tram, underground metro or simply on foot. One is also never far away from forest or countryside which provides marvelous walks and hikes and opportunities to get away from it all.

Budapest has everything from the stately flow of the Danube to its gothic Parliament building, the iconic bridges, the castle district, Hero Square, the National Opera House, Concert Halls and a number of world-leading museums.

Budapest, as an EU capital, is modern in most aspects though clearly with a full helping of European aristocratic charm. One can find most chains of shops that you might expect to find in any European capital, as well as being able to sample cuisine from all over the world. International supermarkets ensure that you will be able to obtain a wide choice of essentials.

Budapest is rich in artistic culture, from the dynamic music, to the arts, to the alternative and exhibition scene. The Budapest Opera is world famous and far more reasonably priced than its counterparts in other European capitals. The summertime Sziget (Island) music festival is an annual highlight, boasting as the biggest in Europe, it attracts giants and lesser known gems from all angles of the world's music scene.

"I have lived in Budapest for 4 years and still find it breathtaking in its historical beauty. It is easy to get around with public transportation, housing is affordable, and there is nothing better than sitting at a sidewalk café or walking along the Danube...."

Susan Ballantyne
Educational Director



Accommodation & Salary

Our newly arrived teachers tend to rent apartments. Rent in Budapest, as with anywhere, can vary greatly between districts though tend to be on the affordable side for our international staff. One can choose between living in the centre of Pest or living in an area nearer to the school on the Buda side of the Danube.

At ELC, we seek to assist our new teachers with finding accommodation as far as possible. Our experienced group of staff are certainly familiar with the city and the market and would do all possible to advise.

As a rough guide, one can expect to pay 3-400 Euros for a studio to 2 and a half room apartment in the 2nd district where the school is located, which incidentally is one of the more exclusive areas of Budapest.

International teachers at ELC are paid a salary that enables a comfortable lifestyle in the city, once rent and other essentials are taken into consideration. The salary does enable you to make the most of one of Europe's most enchanting cities. What we in fact offer is the following:

A salary that enables a comfortable standard of living

Local health insurance

An ongoing professional development program

The chance to join a informal, committed and supportive team of teachers in this exciting period of upward expansion.



Victor teaches with songs

Our Curriculum

The curriculum is based on the English National curriculum. During each school year students will work with different strategies to make the required progress in the 11 key learning areas. The curriculum is centered around 11 key learning and development areas:

1. Speaking
2. Listening and responding
3. Group discussion and interaction
4. Reading and understanding texts
5. Word structure and spelling
6. Understanding and interpreting texts
7. Engaging and responding to texts
8. Creating and shaping texts
9. Text structure and organization
10. Sentence structure and punctuation
11. Presentation

Foundation Program

The objective is to develop the English language of novice learners so that they can join the Literacy program.

1. Recognize and pronounce the 44 phonemes
2. Blending and segmenting phonemes
3. Reading and writing basic sentences
4. Recognize and understand approximately 300 vocabulary words
5. Recognize, read and write 100/300 High Frequency (Fast words)

The program is topic related



Students use iPads to reinforce the skills learned

Literacy Program

The objective is to develop the English language:

1. Recognize, read and write 300 high frequency words (fast words)
2. Increase vocabulary (e.g. adjectives, adverbs) through books
3. Focus on improving reading fluency & accuracy with the help of guided reading books
4. Recognize different types of texts i.e fiction, non-fiction
5. Read texts of different genre and style
6. Write using these different genre and styles
7. Focus on correct use of punctuation and grammatical accuracy

The program is topic related

"The English Learning Centre is a vital support for my 7 year old son.

He attends a good Hungarian school but his English is well above his peer group and he will certainly benefit from regular contact with native English speakers in a learning environment."

ELC Parent





***“Teaching
children to read,
write, and speak
English***

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The English Learning Centre in Budapest has introduced Apple iPads into it's English language lessons for children

"The English Learning Centre in Budapest has introduced Apple iPads into it's English language lessons for children as a way to reinforce English literacy learning. Susan Ballantyne, the Educational Co-ordinator at ELC, reports that "iPads spark student's learning in class".

<http://www.xpatloop.com/news/65841>



TO APPLY...

This brochure gives a flavour of who we are as a school, our direction and what we offer teachers. If, having read the above, you feel that you are ready to meet the challenges on offer in helping us to build the ENGLISH LEARNING CENTRE of Budapest please send a CV with letter of introduction to: info@englishschool.hu

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.