



Examination Courses

These examination courses prepare pupils for the Cambridge English Qualifications **A2 KEY**, **B1 PRELIMINARY**, **B2 FIRST**, **C1 ADVANCED** and **C2 PROFICIENCY**.

These are internationally recognised qualifications and are accepted by most institutions and work situations where proof of English skills is required. They are also useful for those seeking additional help with, or exemption from, English lessons at local Swiss secondary schools. All children are eligible to take these examinations regardless of the language spoken by their parents or in their home environment.

These supplementary courses concentrate on examination techniques and are offered only to those students attending **Reading & Writing** or **EFL** classes - **Level 6 or above**. The **ESP** teaching staff will decide whether or not a student has reached a satisfactory standard to be able to benefit from these additional courses.

Examinations are taken at an approved testing centre, usually in Bern and the **ESP** will enter the candidates for the examinations as a group **ESP** entry. Examination fees are not included in the **ESP**'s term fees and will be charged as an addition. Examinations are usually taken in June.

For the **A2 KEY** course, this must be at least a weekly **Level 6 Reading & Writing** course.

For the **B1 PRELIMINARY** course, this must be at least a weekly **Level 7 EFL or Reading & Writing** course.

For the **B2 FIRST** course, this must be at least a weekly **Level 8 EFL or Reading & Writing** course.

For the **C1 ADVANCED** course, this must be a S2 or S3 Reading & Writing course.

The **A2 KEY** course take place every two weeks and lasts for 1 year.

The **B1 PRELIMINARY** course takes place every 2 weeks until the February Winter Break after which it becomes a weekly course. The course usually lasts for 1 year.

The **B2 FIRST** course and the **C1 ADVANCED** course take place every two weeks and last from 2-3 years, depending on the progress made by each student.

The **C2 PROFICIENCY** course is open to students who have achieved a grade B or above at **C1 ADVANCED**. It is a weekly course which lasts 2-3 years, depending on the progress made by each student. There is no requirement to attend a Saturday class for Proficiency students.

Timetable

A2 KEY Examination Course	10+ year olds	KEY	Thursdays, fortnightly See Calendar for dates	18:40– 20:10
B1 PRELIMINARY Examination Course	11+ year olds	PREL	Thursdays, fortnightly during the first term, weekly from after the Winter Break. See Calendar for dates	18:40– 20:10
B2 FIRST Examination Course, Year 1	12+ year olds	FIRST1	Tuesdays, fortnightly See Calendar for dates	18:40– 20:10
B2 FIRST Examination Course, Year 2	13+ year olds	FIRST2	Tuesdays, fortnightly See Calendar for dates	18:40 – 20:10
C1 ADVANCED Examination Course, Year 1	14+ year olds	ADV1	Tuesdays, fortnightly See Calendar for dates	18:40 – 20:10
C1 ADVANCED Examination Course, Year 2	15+ year olds	ADV2	Tuesdays, fortnightly See Calendar for dates	18:40 – 20:10
C2 PROFICIENCY Examination Course, Year 1	16+ year olds	PROF1	Thursdays	18:40 – 20:10
C2 PROFICIENCY Examination Course, Year 2	17+ year olds	PROF2	Thursdays until 12 June 2025.	18:40 – 20:10

Fees

Fees are invoiced at the beginning of each term at the following rates:

Examination course fee per session	Fr 35.00
Additional fee for course materials for examination courses per term	Fr 10.00 – 100.00
Examination fees as set by the Cambridge Exam Centre	Fr 250.00 – 435.00

We reserve the right to increase the fee if a class has fewer than 5 pupils