



# News

## Happy 50th Birthday CIE

### A message from Simon the new Principal

This year marks the 50th birthday of CIE! That's quite an achievement for a small language school in the heart of Oxford. When we opened the internet had not been imagined and a mobile phone without a cable was still a vision of the future. In the entertainment world ABBA achieved international stardom at Eurovision and now their youthful holographic avatars perform live in London every night as if frozen in time.

Just think of the number of students who have passed through our doors in our half a century. We have welcomed thousands of students from all over the world from age 10 to 92. Sometimes an ex student will make a surprise visit. Only last week a student from 15 years ago who has just taken a position as a Professor at Oxford University dropped by. Now most of the faces have changed but they said the feeling and atmosphere is just how they remembered. Once you have attended our school and stayed with one of our lovely host families then Oxford becomes a home from home and we always look forward to welcoming you. CIE stands for College of International Education. International education is the key here and we have always aimed to welcome students from all cultures and help them use English confidently and as a consequence be unconstrained in the global community. As we say:

**“English for tomorrow, today!”**

So this year we celebrate the past, the present and the future and we salute all of the students who have and will walk through our door. To our students! Our most important ambassadors!



More candles needed for the cake

## Congratulations to Simon and Andy

CIE is pleased to announce the appointment of Simon Llewellyn and Andy Wixon as the new Principal and Director of Studies.

Simon joined CIE in 2021 and Andy followed soon after in 2022.



Both have many years of teaching and academic experience behind them and will continue to deliver an engaging and modern language syllabus.



## CIE OPENS VR ROOM

Virtual Reality offers literally another dimension to our students learning. The technology enables students to interact in virtual space and to work in teams while developing speaking skills to solve problems. The games are also a lot of fun!

## Right Here, Right Now

As we creep into December things are winding down for the year. We are currently running Intensive English classes for all English levels and currently have students from Saudi Arabia, Libya, Bulgaria, Switzerland and Japan.

After classes students like to relax and play games and for the winter months we now have some extra fun activities added to our roster. As well as the usual fun of a cream tea in town or a game of crazy golf the students are playing lots of games. We have a good selection of board games. Seimei from Japan says:

**“Its fun to unwind and play chess at lunch and after school”**

Another popular activity are our regular indoor sport competitions. We have a monthly table tennis challenge where students and staff compete. The current CIE champion is Ibrahim from Saudi Arabia:

**“I love CIE, the Table Tennis is fun and its great to be one of the champions. Simon is an excellent player and I was happy to beat him”**



## Special offer if you book now for 2025

**“The early bird catches the worm”**

If you want to make a significant improvement in your language ability then it is always better to live in the country of the native language. Nothing compares to beautiful Oxford and we look forward to welcoming you. So if you plan on attending a school in England next year you can join us at our lovely school. We are currently offering an early bird 10% discount so why not make this your new years resolution and book now.

To claim your special offer email us with code - Happy25

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“The teachers are very professional through the quality of classes and the way they make you relaxed and confident. After learning English throughout two schools in Oxford, I highly recommend CIE. I have always had the opportunities to work on my weakness because the teachers adapt their lessons in order to enhance your skills.”

## IN CIE NEWS NEXT MONTH

2025 at CIE starts with a bigger bang than the fireworks in Trafalgar Square on New Year's Eve as we welcome our returning groups from Argentina and new international students. We will be reporting on this and providing updates on our Junior Summer School. Also we interview one of our students from our IELTS exam preparation class to reveal what the classes are like and how they are improving.

See links below for our brochure with information on CIE all year and our Senior and Junior Summer Schools.

