



## Contemporary English

2 weeks – face to face (40 hours)

### Participants will enjoy:

- 15 hours' course content per week (30 total)
- 5 hours of workshops and talks per week\* (10 total)
- A full social programme

\*please note workshops and talks will be on a wide variety of subjects with broad appeal to participants on all Bell Teacher Academy courses and are not specific to this course.

### Course summary

This is a highly practical and interactive course that explores current trends in the English language, whilst providing opportunities for language upgrade, development and practice. You will learn up-to-date idiomatic and colloquial English, explore how the current geo-political and cultural climate is affecting English and be more aware of changes in English pronunciation and grammar. You will also experience a variety of engaging and effective teaching strategies, activities and techniques that you can use to in your own face-to-face and virtual lessons, so that your learners can learn English even better.

#### This course is for:

- Experienced teachers with an advanced (C1) language level or above.
- Participants with a high existing level of English who want to fine-tune and update their language and their classroom practice.
- Participants who want to know about new trends and changes in modern English usage.

### What you will gain by attending the course:

- Increased awareness of recent changes and developments in English grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.
- Improved English language competencies, including a greater knowledge of idiomatic and colloquial language.
- Greater awareness of a range of techniques and strategies for presenting, practising and consolidating new language.
- Improved language competencies and greater confidence in your own English.
- Opportunities to develop and disseminate innovative teacher practice internationally.



## Course content

This course will cover some or all of the following topics:

- How English is affected by current world developments
- Language, gender and political correctness
- Lexical change and development: where new words come from and how they are formed
- Grammar change and the implications for teaching
- Slang, contemporary phrasal verbs and idioms
- Pronunciation: from RP to the English of the future
- Exploiting authentic materials for learning activities

Please note that each course we run is tailored by our expert tutors to the professional needs and priorities of the participants so content may be adapted to best suit the needs of your group.

## Location

This course will take place at **Bell Teacher Academy** in **Cambridge**, based at **Bell Cambridge School**. The Bell Cambridge campus is located in quiet and beautiful grounds with easy access to Cambridge town centre. It has first-class learning and social facilities. The training staff at Bell Teacher Campus are all highly qualified and include published authors, materials writers and conference speakers. Afternoons entail a conference style approach with participants able to join an interesting variety of workshops, cultural talks and a special plenary lecture each week from a prominent speaker.



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