



# UNIVERSITY *of* CAMBRIDGE

## ESOL Examinations

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Optional Course

Preparation for the First Exam

## FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH

The **Cambridge First Certificate in English** is one of the most important international language exams today. It has wide acclaim in many areas (e.g. business, tourism, university).

Gymnasium Biel Seeland offers you the unique opportunity to attend this **preparatory course** free of charge. We have a very high success rate, partly because your teacher recommends that you sit for the exam only when he or she feels you are ready. The exam is held several times a year in Bern, and the examination fee (without the retake option) for the computer-based exam is currently **CHF 400.-**.

The course prepares you for the **four parts** of the exam:

- Reading Comprehension and Use of English (grammar and vocabulary)
- Writing (different text types, i.e. essay, article, review, etc.)
- Listening
- Speaking

Participation in this course is connected with a considerable amount of work next to your school work. Regular attendance is expected, with **absences counting as they do for other classes**. Your registration is binding and discontinuing the course is only possible in exceptional cases and with the approval of the school administration.  
**Limited number of participants – first come first served**

Courses take place on **Tuesday** or **Thursday**, from **12.15 – 13.30**.

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