



# Welcome to BELS

We are the language schools with a difference, where client needs are given priority... and we mean it.

BELS is an owner-run organisation, in which the same core values: to supply quality service, to remain small and to be client focused, are consistently upheld. We strive to have the best teachers in our classes, available to teach clients from all corners of the globe. We offer continuous professional development opportunities to all our staff, in order to always provide courses and services that stand out, as the finest offered by any school in Malta or Gozo.

Our ethos is built on always having a holistic language learning approach that

fosters learning both inside and outside the classroom. We strive to offer clients English courses in an environment that is conducive to learning and which also provides a warm and welcome break from their hectic life-style.

The BELS group includes two adult, year round schools, one in Kerċem, on the island of Gozo & another in St. Paul's Bay, Malta. BELS also runs a seasonal Teen Programme during Easter, Summer & Autumn school holidays, in Malta.

We take pride in being a dynamic organisation, which is sensitive to global trends, thus operating schools which adhere to international accreditation standards.

We look forward to having you with us.



Rebecca Bonnici  
Owner

## 5 REASONS to choose us:

# 1

*We give our clients' needs top priority, hence our centres are small by design to keep it personal.*

# 2

*Yes, we're approachable, flexible and offer tailor-made courses.*

# 3

*We offer 15 years of academic experience.*

# 4

*We offer you two distinct locations: BELS Gozo situated in the pristine countryside of the idyllic island of Gozo & BELS Malta surrounded by the sea.*

# 5

*Through our variety of accommodation options, airport transfers and leisure activities, we're your one-stop shop for all your needs.*

### ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS



# In the classroom

## Experienced Teachers

All BELS clients are taught by a qualified member of our vibrant & dynamic team. We hand-pick our trainers and ensure that they are in possession of internationally recognised qualifications in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), as well as being highly experienced, native speakers of the English language. Teachers are encouraged to design lessons that target learners' needs, using supplementary material whenever appropriate.

The teachers, who are allocated to teach our Business Programmes have all the above qualities and are also certified by the London Chamber of Commerce to teach EFL (English as a Foreign Language) for business purposes. We also have teachers who are specifically trained to teach young learners, by incorporating drama, music & project work as part of the integral course content, in order to ensure our younger clients are always engaged.

As part of BELS' ongoing commitment to quality language teaching, we run 4 annual CPD (Continuous Professional Development) sessions for our staff, to make sure everyone is in touch with new methods and to keep refreshing our teachers' knowledge.

We don't just talk the talk, we walk the walk.

## High Quality Courses

Each course is specifically designed to help our students to achieve their individual learning goals. With small group sizes, the environment within the classrooms is designed to be relaxing, friendly and enjoyable.

## Our Methods

At BELS we use the Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) method. This method uses verbal communication in English as the main learning tool and maximises use of the language, even at low levels. Clients will learn new vocabulary and grammar and have plenty of opportunities to practise using the language. A wide variety of up-to-date material is used in class to stimulate discussion about different cultures and issues, while simultaneously developing authentic linguistic and communicative skills.

## Up – to – date Material

As part of our commitment to offering our clients the best possible academic product available, we use a core course book as classroom material for all Standard General English Programmes, in our adult classes. By doing this, BELS ensures that all students have lessons which provide them with an even balance of both English Systems and Skills and also give them the latest and most up-to-date course material available on the market. These books also include grammar and vocabulary banks with rules and exercises, which students may also use after school hours, for self-study.

## Teaching Facilities

Our school in Malta is purposely built to serve as a state-of-the-art teaching facility. The same level of quality was instrumental in the conversion of our building in Gozo. Both centres are fully accessible and include interactive whiteboards, audio/visual equipment & libraries.



# General English - Group Courses

BELS offers a wide selection of short-term as well as long-term (8+ weeks) programmes. Level tests are conducted before the start of each course and regular progress checks are carried out throughout the course. This programme focuses on giving the learner balanced practice in both systems and skills using general topics. The course concentrates on all the four skills: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing with special emphasis on conversation. The aim of this type of English language course is to improve the students' understanding of grammar and

expand their vocabulary. This course is ideal for students who wish to improve in the day-to-day use of the language.

### Pronunciation Course

Our Pronunciation course is designed to help learners to work on their pronunciation skills with a particular emphasis on individual sounds, word and sentence stress as well as intonation. During the sessions the learners are guided by experienced native speaker teachers, who will select relevant material to suit learners' needs depending on their first language. The course is particularly suitable for those

clients who want to sound more fluent and natural and be understood easily.

### Business Communication Course

To accommodate a popular request, we have introduced the Business Communication Course with a specific focus on work-related vocabulary and common business scenarios such as meetings, negotiations, telephoning, emailing and making presentations in English. The course will enable our clients to become more confident and fluent speakers of English as well as improve their career prospects.

Course Name	No of Students in class	No of Lessons per week	BELS Gozo	BELS Malta
General English Standard	12	20	✓	✓
General English Intensive	12	30	✓	✓
General English – Mini	6	20	✓	
General English Intensive – Mini	6	30	✓	
Pronunciation Course	12	5	✓	✓
Business Communication Course	12	5	✓	✓

Sample Group Timetable		
<p><b>Session 1</b> Topic: Special Events Lexis: Vocabulary related to special events, e.g. customs, traditions, folklore, celebrations etc. Related collocations and phrasal verbs <b>Pronunciation Focus:</b> vowel sounds</p>	<p><b>Session 2</b> Skills: Reading &amp; Speaking (Pair Work) Paraphrasing i.e. each pair reads about a special event and describes this to the other students. Writing Practice with focus on Note-Taking. Speaking Practice with focus on Accuracy: Presentation on an event of the student's choice. <b>Feedback Session:</b> Error Correction, Questions and Answers.</p>	<p><b>Session 3</b> Topic: How much do you know about the UK? Language Focus: Modals of Deduction; verb + noun collocations. Students use the language of guessing in order to answer general knowledge questions related to the UK. <b>Group Work:</b> Students prepare a general knowledge quiz related to other countries. <b>Class Work:</b> General knowledge Quiz Competition</p>



### Julia – Director of Studies

*BELS is truly a melting pot of cultures and nationalities, where English is the only tool which makes cross-cultural communication possible.*

*One of the things that I particularly love about my job is working with an enthusiastic team of dedicated professionals.*



# Individual or Semi-Individual Lessons

All our individual courses involve an in-depth needs analysis on the first day, which enables us to design a unique, tailor-made programme for each of our clients.

## General English

These lessons allow students to concentrate on any of the four skills (reading, writing, listening & speaking) they feel they need to work on using general topics ranging from everyday situations to current affairs.

## English for Specific Purposes, Business English/ English for Work

This Programme has been designed to develop business communication skills and expand vocabulary related to such business topics as meetings, presentations, telephoning, negotiating, email writing, etc.

## Examination Preparation Classes

Lessons prepare our clients for the following exams: Cambridge KET, PET, FCE and CAE, IELTS and TOEFL. We use up-to-date material and conduct various mock examinations in order to give our students plenty of opportunities to practise.

## English for Academic Purposes

This programme has been designed for clients who are planning to do a university degree in an English speaking country. The main objective is to develop learners' receptive and productive skills that they will need in order to be able to attend university lectures, participate in seminars and discussions, do research and write various course papers.

## English for Specific Professions (Law, Medicine, Finance, Aviation, etc)

Such specialised programmes are tailored to meet the needs of those students who come from a particular professional background and who need to acquire specific English language terminology (professional jargon) that will enable them to apply their knowledge and experience in an English speaking environment.

## Combination Courses: Group & Individual Lessons

Learners may also opt to combine General English group lessons with individual lessons. This is one of the most effective language learning methods available. The group sessions place special emphasis on group communicative tasks, whilst the individual lessons in the morning or in the afternoon help students to meet their specific needs and objectives. This course provides a variety of learning experiences through the combination of individual & group lessons and self-study.



*Sharyn – Academic Manager  
BELS Gozo is a relaxing and perfect environment for learning. It has an ambience that enhances learning and the teachers are always encouraging and supportive. We are forward thinking and always striving to improve and maintain the highest of standards of professionalism.*





# BELS Gozo - Kerċem

The centre is located in the countryside, on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Kerċem. The environment at BELS Gozo will provide you with a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the English language whilst enjoying a friendly atmosphere in a safe and peaceful environment surrounded by breathtaking natural views, which are characteristic to the Gozitan countryside.

Our centre is a traditional Maltese building converted into a modern school, whilst maintaining a lot of its original features. The school has 9 bright, air-conditioned classrooms that operate all year round. Our premises include such services as reception area, sun terrace, garden, snack vending machines, a library and free Wi-Fi. The premises are accessible to persons with special needs.

### Why Gozo?

Gozo means joy and a visit to Malta's relaxed sister island should bring exactly that.

An unspoilt distinctive character, a much greener landscape and a more laid-back attitude will allow you to take a break from your hectic lifestyle.

- Friendly & hospitable people ... the Gozitans love having visitors with them!

- Blue seas, red sandy beaches and wonderful walks off the beaten track characterise the island!
- Best diving experience in the Mediterranean for beginners and seasoned divers alike!

### Why BELS Gozo?

- Located in the quiet countryside and particularly popular with mature adult students.
- The island lends itself to relaxation and so clients choose this location when they wish to combine quality tuition with a break.
- Swimming pool on site for students to make use of in the summer months.
- Quality English courses in small international groups

### Accommodation

#### Student Residence:

Our Countryside residence is open all year round and located in Kerċem, within a 10 minute walk from our language centre.

#### Shared Accommodation:

Our shared accommodation is located within walking distance from the school & are all comfortably furnished.

#### Homestay Accommodation:

By staying in this type of accommodation, students enjoy the friendly hospitality and comfortable environment of a Gozitan host family combined with the possibility to continue practising the English language with them.

### Private Self-Catering Apartments:

Once again, students can choose between countryside or seaview apartments. Units can be one or two bedrooomed and include sitting/dining room facilities, a well-equipped kitchen, a bedroom/s and a shower/bathroom. Hotels: Upon request, BELS may also book a choice of hotels to suit all budgets.

### Getting Around:

- 2.5 hours from Malta's International Airport with school's minivan transfer
- 25 minutes on foot to the capital, Victoria
- 30 to 45 minutes by bus to the beach
- 25 minutes by bus to Ġgantija Temples – the oldest manmade temples in Europe
- 25 minutes by bus to Mġarr for ferries to Malta

Age mix pie chart

- 18-25 = 19%
- 26-36 = 27%
- 37-46 = 23%
- 47+ = 31%



Nationality Mix pie chart

- German: 30%
- Italian: 22%
- Spanish: 17%
- French: 9%
- Russian: 4%
- Czech: 4%
- Polish: 3%
- Dutch: 2%
- Other: 9%



Iveta – Latvia

*Gozo is a small island far from civilization, where one finds a lot of ancient history, wonderful walking trails and beaches as well as small towns with shops and amenities. At BELS Gozo I met students of all ages and successful people who want to improve their language skills.*



Marco – Switzerland

*I studied at BELS Gozo for 13 weeks until my new job started. I like the teachers, they truly care about the students. My classmates are from all over the world and we do a lot of activities together on Gozo.*

# BELS Malta - St. Paul's Bay

This international centre is situated in the heart of the picturesque tourist town of St. Paul's Bay. The building is modern, located directly on the central bus route and surrounded by amenities such as the post office, banks and various shops. The school consists of 8 spacious, well-lit, air-conditioned classrooms. The common areas were specifically designed to meet clients' needs, while offering facilities that encourage study and relaxation. The school is accessible to persons with special needs.

## Why Malta?

- The native English tongue, warm Mediterranean climate, year round sunshine & clear blue seas!
- A wide variety of cultural & historical sites, bustling cities and picturesque villages.
- A vibrant nightlife.
- An annual calendar of events which bring together local and international attractions.
- Safe & secure at any time of day and night.

## Why BELS Malta?

- Ideal for students who are looking for a combination of language and leisure.
- Our school is a throw of a stone away from the sea.

- Our superior residence is on the school's premises, overlooking the beautiful St. Paul's Bay seaside promenade.
- Bugibba, the neighboring town, is one of the most popular social meeting places in Malta.

## Accommodation

### BELS Superior Residence:

Consists of 4 neighbouring, 3 bedroomed apartments, each comfortably furnished, with bedrooms which are fully air-conditioned. Every unit consists of a communal living area with TV, bathroom and a fully equipped kitchen. These living areas offer free Wi-Fi.

### Shared Accommodation:

Self-catering shared apartments, located within walking distance from the school. Each apartment consists of 3 bedrooms, all comfortably furnished with a shared living area, main bathroom and fully equipped kitchen.

### Homestay Accommodation:

Staying with a Maltese family is the best way to experience family life and to practise your new English skills outside the classrooms. Many of our host families are located within walking distance from the school. Single rooms & private bathrooms can be booked at additional supplements.

## Private Self-Catering Apartments:

Units can be one or two bedroomed and include sitting/dining room facilities, a well-equipped kitchen, a bedroom/s and a shower/bathroom.

## Getting Around

- 30 minutes from Malta's International Airport with school transfer
- 40 minutes by bus to the capital, Valletta
- 10 minutes on foot to the entertainment & night-life area of Bugibba
- 10 minutes by bus to Mellieha's sandy beach
- 25 minutes by bus to Ċirkewwa for ferries to Gozo



*Irma – Holland*

*BELS Malta is a modern building.*

*The teachers are friendly and the lessons are informative. The other students in class have the same English skills and we learn a lot from each other, especially because we all have different cultural backgrounds.*



**Nationality Mix pie chart**

- Italian = 21%
- German = 20%
- Spanish = 11%
- French = 10%
- Russian = 8%
- Finnish = 7%
- Czech = 7%
- Brazilian = 6%
- Other = 10%



**AGE pie chart**

- 18 – 25 years = 23%
- 26 – 36 years = 34%
- 37 – 46 years = 22%
- 47 years + = 21%



# BELS – Teens

This programme is an extension of our expertise in the English Learning sector, to the younger generation. In this programme, we combine the best of the island's premium holiday facilities, with a serious commitment to the study of the English language, in a comfortable & pleasant environment at top international standards.

Our Teen camps take place at Easter, in Summer and in the Autumn. Lessons are given in our centre in St. Paul's Bay, with a timetable that is different to that of our adult clients. In this way we offer our students a state-of-the-art learning environment, within which they can focus better on their English course during school hours, while also enjoying our exciting Leisure Programme.

### Where are we?

Our programme is based in the north east of Malta, in the picturesque tourist towns of Bugibba & St. Paul's Bay. Bugibba is one of Malta's largest and most popular summer resorts, offering a variety of leisure options. It boasts an attractive mixture of historical buildings, fashionable boutiques, restaurants, clubs and cafes. It is the ideal hangout spot for our young learners to meet with friends & enjoy an ice-cream and of course, practise their English informally.

### What do we offer?

- Exciting junior camps that are targeted at fun-loving, adventure seeking 12 – 17 year olds on sunny Malta.
- International Junior camps that are available during the Easter, Summer and Autumn holidays.
- A spacious, modern, fully air-conditioned and well-equipped school with bright and airy classrooms.
- English language courses specifically designed for young learners.
- Experienced and qualified teachers.
- A leisure programme that has a tailor-made mix of activities and excursions for young students.
- Two carefully chosen accommodation options: 4\* hotel or homestay.
- 24-hour student support service and supervision.
- Transport to & from school, activities etc. are provided by the school.



- Age mix pie chart**
- 12-13 years = 21%
  - 14-15 years = 41%
  - 16-17 years = 38%

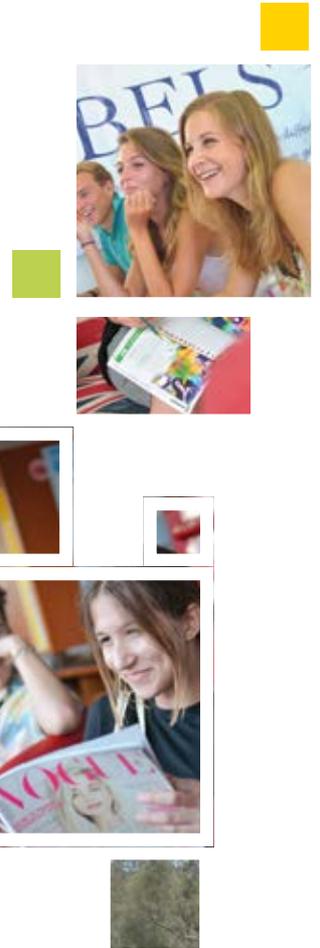


- Nationality mix pie chart**
- German 29%
  - French 23%
  - Italian 17%
  - Russian 11%
  - Spanish 10%
  - Polish 2%
  - Slovak 1%
  - Other 7%



**Maria, Spain**

*Hola! This is the first time that I travel abroad on my own and I feel very safe here in Malta. The BELS team organised a lot of different activities for us and the team leaders are cool and professional.*



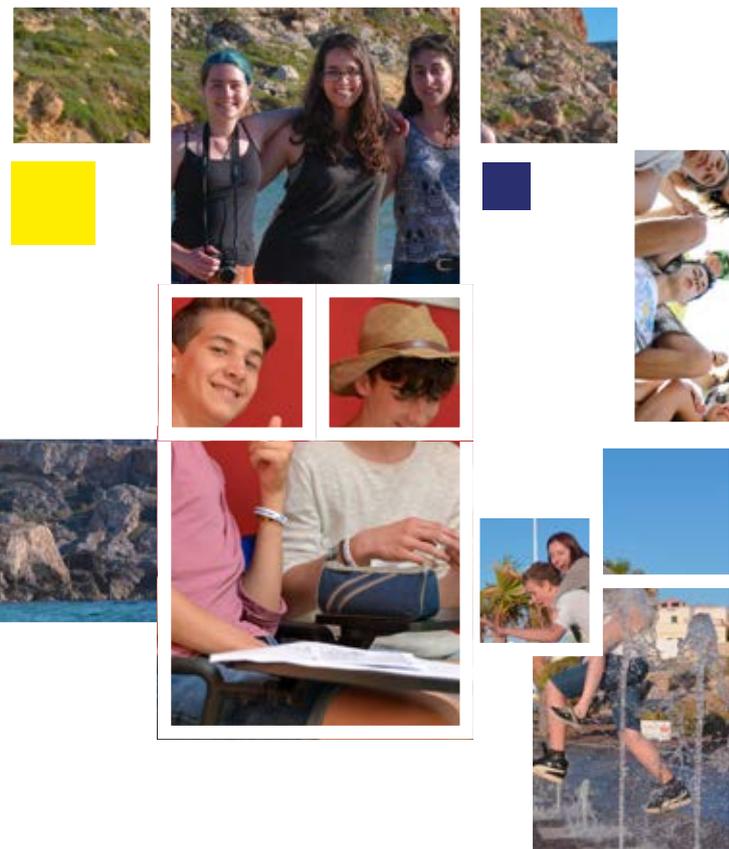
	BELS Juniors Sample Summer Programme					
	AM Activity - 09:00 – 12:30hrs	12:30 – 14:00	14:00 – 17:45hrs	18:00 – 20:00	PM Activity - 20:00 – 23:00hrs	
<b>Sunday</b>	Valletta tour & Malta 5D Show	Bellavista full buffet lunch & Refreshment time	Rocky Beach Experience	Dinner & Refreshment time	Welcome Presentation & Orientation Walk	
<b>Monday</b>	Splash & Fun Waterpark		<b>Lesson Times:</b> 14:00hrs – Departure to school 14:30hrs – 16:00hrs – Lessons 16:00hrs – 16:15hrs – Break 16:15hrs – 17:45hrs – Lessons  17:45hrs – Return to accommodation		BBQ dinner by the sea & Night Swim	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sliema tour & Tigné Shopping Centre					Free Evening (Optional BOAT PARTY)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sandy Beach & Volleyball Games					International Student Party
<b>Thursday</b>	Free Morning					Mdina Ghost & Photo Hunt
<b>Friday</b>	Comino Island & Caves visit by Power boat					Sports Evening & Farewell Night
<b>Saturday</b>	In-house activities					Chill out by the pool

### The BELS Parent & Child Programme

This programme is ideal for families with young children (7 – 11 year olds) who wish to combine holidaying in Malta with English lessons. Lessons for the parents & children will take place at the same time, under the same roof at our modern, adult centre located in St. Paul's Bay.

### Closed Groups

BELS is a specialist in putting together tailor-made quotations for closed groups. We offer different, complete packages that can be designed around your group's needs. We offer packages for closed groups of students (aged between 10 to 17 years old) who wish to improve their English language skills or only have a cultural programme in a particular field of interest.



### Maria, Hungry

*We chose BELS on the recommendation of a previous student for the duration of our 12-day holiday. We experienced the flexibility of our teachers and their knowledge of the needs and expectations of this age group (15 years). Additionally, all the leisure activities planned were fantastic! The management dealt with all the tiny difficulties immediately and effectively. We thank you very much and hope to come back again next year!*



*We  
want  
to  
hear  
from  
you.*

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