

Trinity Communication Skills Exam

Give your child a recognised communication skills qualification, added UCAS points, and the confidence to stand out in future UK university applications.

For students on the English Pathway who really want to boost their future UK university applications, we offer the opportunity to take the Trinity Communication Skills qualification as an optional extra as part of their two-week programme at **Dukes Cambridge**.

This internationally recognised qualification assesses high-level academic communication skills, including structured presentations, discussion, critical thinking, and responding confidently to unfamiliar questions – skills that are developed throughout our English Pathway programme.

Students who choose this option will receive daily communication skills development embedded within their English classes, plus a dedicated exam preparation day, including exam coaching, personalised feedback, a mock exam, and structured rehearsal. The exam itself is taken on-site with an accredited external Trinity examiner.

Successful candidates at Grade 6 may be eligible for up to 12 UCAS points, which can contribute towards a future UK university applications.



Important Information

Cost: £395

Exam entry fee included in the optional extra cost

Limited spaces: Maximum 15 places per two-week programme

Internationally recognised qualification

Please note: entry for the exam is optional. Payment and participation do not guarantee a pass or UCAS points

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is this exam suitable for?

This option is designed for English Pathway students aged 14–17 who are confident English users and motivated to gain a formal academic qualification to support future UK university applications.

Is the exam compulsory for English Pathway students?

No. This is a fully optional enhancement. Not all English Pathway students will enter the exam.

Which grades do students typically enter?

All candidates are prepared for Trinity Communication Skills Grade 6.

How many UCAS points can students gain?

Successful candidates may gain up to 12 UCAS points at Grade 6, depending on the result achieved. Again, please note that entry for the exam is optional. Payment and participation do not guarantee a pass or UCAS points.

Grade 6 Fail = 0 UCAS Points

Grade 6 Pass = 8 UCAS Points

Grade 6 Merit = 10 UCAS Points

Grade 6 Distinction = 12 UCAS Points

Does taking the course guarantee UCAS points?

No. UCAS points are awarded only if the exam is passed successfully. Entry for the exam and participation in preparation sessions do not guarantee a pass or UCAS points.

Is this the same as an English language test (e.g. IELTS)?

No. This is not an English language proficiency test. It is a communication skills qualification focused on academic speaking, presentation, discussion, and critical thinking.

How is exam preparation delivered?

Exam skills are developed daily within the English Pathway programme, with a dedicated full-day exam lab during the two-week programme focused exclusively on exam coaching, mock assessment, feedback, and rehearsal.

Where is the exam taken?

The exam is taken on-site at Dukes Cambridge, conducted by an accredited external Trinity examiner.

Is this available to students on other pathways (e.g. Business or Medicine)?

No. This option is available exclusively to English Pathway students, due to the structure and assessment focus of the programme.