



2024 Sir Michael Syllabus – Intermediate

There are 5 different types of lessons:

1. English Topic = Lessons based around a weekly topic with a grammar or vocabulary learning point
2. Life skills - Lessons are based on useful skills for teenagers outside of the classroom
3. English Communication – Lessons with the main aim of improving fluency
4. British Culture – Lessons involving language skills which are based on aspects of British Culture
5. Excursion – Lessons involving language skills which are based on that week’s excursion destination

Overview:

W/c	Week	English Topic and Life Skills	Excursion	British Culture
30 June	1	Technology and business	Windsor Castle	Education
7 July	2	Solving problems and teamwork	London	Traditions
14 July	3	National customs	Peterborough and Ely	Sport
21 July	4	How to be a successful teenager	London	Royalty
28 July	5	Leadership	Warwick Castle	History
4 August	6	Global Issues	London	Food
11 August	7	How to survive modern life	Windsor Castle	Cambridge
18 August	8	Relationships	London	Literature

Week 1	English Topics: Technology and business	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: Entrepreneurs Vocabulary: Describing personality	Presentation skills	British Culture: British schools Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Future Technology Grammar: Predictions –will and be going to	Creative thinking	English Communication: Small talk Language skill: Speaking
Wednesday	Topic: Investment pitches Vocabulary: Business related	Negotiating and persuading	British culture: University Interview Language skill: Speaking
Thursday	Topic: Money and spending Vocabulary: Financial idioms	Managing your money	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Manager and worker negotiation Vocabulary: Work related	Negotiating	Excursion: Windsor Castle Language skill: Listening

Week 2	English Topics: Solving problems	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: Alibis Grammar: Past simple and past continuous	Questioning	British Culture: The seaside Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Crime mystery Grammar: Past tenses	Problem solving	English Communication: Anecdotes Language skill: Speaking long-turns
Wednesday	Topic: Dilemmas Grammar: Conditionals	Discussing hypothetical situations	British culture: Punting Language skill: Giving instructions
Thursday	Topic: Survival team challenge Vocabulary: Giving opinions	Teamwork	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Teamwork Vocabulary: Making suggestions	Creative thinking	Excursion: London Language skill: Reading

Week 3	English Topics: National customs	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: National Celebrations Vocabulary: related to the Gunpowder Plot	Cultural awareness – differences in other countries	British Culture: British Sports Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Spring Festival Vocabulary@ festivals	Public speaking	English Communication: Shared interests Language skill: Speaking
Wednesday	Topic: Stereotypes Vocabulary: Describing personality	How to avoid stereotyping	British culture: Origins of football Language skill: Listening
Thursday	Topic: National myths Vocabulary: Modals of deduction	Deducing	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Custom Grammar: Custom forms	Cultural awareness	Excursion: Peterborough and Ely Language skill: Reading

Week 4	English Topics: How to be a successful teenager	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: Emotional Intelligence Vocabulary: word building – personality	Awareness of Emotional Intelligence	British Culture: Royalty Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Sleep Vocabulary: Sleep related	Good sleep habits	English Communication: Youth speak Language skill: Speaking
Wednesday	Topic: Study tips Vocabulary: Related to studying	Strategies for memorising vocabulary	British culture: Royal Weddings Language skill: Readings
Thursday	Topic: Organisation Grammar: gerunds and infinitives	Being organised	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Social skills Vocabulary: small talk	Showing genuine interest	Excursion: London Language skill: Listening

Week 5	English Topics: Leadership	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: Leaders Grammar: second conditionals	Identifying leadership qualities	British Culture: Henry VIII Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Greta Thunberg Vocabulary: Adjectives of personality	Debating and persuading	English Communication: Comic relief Language skill: Speaking
Wednesday	Topic: Social Media Influencers Vocabulary: phrasal verbs with up	Self-promotion	British culture: Stonehenge Language skill: Listening
Thursday	Topic: Great Britons Vocabulary: achievements	Role models	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Parliament Vocabulary: related to elections	Getting your point across	Excursion: Warwick Castle Language skill: Reading

Week 6	English Topics: Global Issues	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: The Environment Grammar: passives	Debating	British Culture: British food Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Conservation Vocabulary: collocations	Assessing ways to help the environment	English Communication: Anecdotes Language skill: Speaking
Wednesday	Topic: Civil Liberties Vocabulary: related to civil liberties	Presentation skills	British culture: Cream Tea Language skill: Listening
Thursday	Topic: Multiculturalism Grammar : be about to for imminent actions	Cultural awareness	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Gender Equality Grammar: Dependent prepositions	Teamwork	Excursion: London Language skill: Reading

Week 7	English Topics: Surviving modern life	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: Video gaming addiction Vocabulary: related to gaming	The dangers of gaming addiction	British Culture: Cambridge University Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Sports psychology Grammar: the more..., the more...	Preparing for challenges	English Communication: Small talk Language skill: Speaking
Wednesday	Topic: Screentime Grammar: wish + past simple	How to regulate your screen time	British culture: Kings College Chapel Language skill: Listening
Thursday	Topic: Modern problems Grammar: modals in the past to express sympathy	Resilience	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Fake News Vocabulary: Related to news	Spotting fake news	Excursion: Windsor Castle Language skill: Listening

Week 8	English Topics: Relationships	Life skills	British Culture, Excursion & English Communication
Monday	Topic: Making friends Grammar: Relative pronouns	How to make new friends	British Culture: Literature Language skill: Reading
Tuesday	Topic: Friends Vocabulary: word building - personality	Identifying qualities in good friends	English Communication: Language skill: Speaking
Wednesday	Topic: Pets Vocabulary: Animal related	Debating	British culture: Literature Language skill: Writing
Thursday	Topic: Parents Vocabulary: phrasal verbs	Understanding your parents	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
Friday	Topic: Rejection Vocabulary: related to rejection	Coping with rejection	Excursion: London Language skill: Listening