



## 2024 Sir Michael Syllabus – Upper 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
<b>30 June</b>	1	Technology and business	Windsor Castle	Education
<b>7 July</b>	2	Solving problems and teamwork	London	Traditions
<b>14 July</b>	3	National customs	Peterborough and Ely	Sport
<b>21 July</b>	4	How to be a successful teenager	London	Royalty
<b>28 July</b>	5	Leadership	Warwick Castle	History
<b>4 August</b>	6	Global Issues	London	Food
<b>11 August</b>	7	How to survive modern life	Windsor Castle	Cambridge
<b>18 August</b>	8	Relationships	London	Literature

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> Technology and business	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: Entrepreneurship Vocabulary: Business related idioms	Presentation skills	British Culture: British schools Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Shrinkflation Grammar: Economy related	Creative thinking	English Communication: Small talk Language skill: Speaking
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Investment pitches Vocabulary: Business related	Negotiating and persuading	British culture: University Interview Language skill: Speaking
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: Money and spending Vocabulary: Financial idioms	Managing your money	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: Manager and worker negotiation Vocabulary: Work related	Negotiating	Excursion: Windsor Castle Language skill: Listening

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> Solving problems	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: Crime mystery Grammar: Narrative tenses	Problem solving	British Culture: The seaside Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Critical thinking Grammar: Modals of deduction	Critical thinking	English Communication: Anecdotes Language skill: Speaking long-turns
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Dilemmas Grammar: Conditionals	Discussing hypothetical situations	British culture: Punting Language skill: Giving instructions
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: Survival team challenge Vocabulary: Giving opinions	Teamwork	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: Truth and Lies Vocabulary: Making suggestions	Identifying truth and lies	Excursion: London Language skill: Reading

<b>Week 3</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> National customs	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: National Celebrations Grammar: Cleft sentences	Cultural awareness – differences in other countries	British Culture: British Sports Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Endangered languages Vocabulary: Related to culture	Importance of maintaining culture and traditions	English Communication: Shared interests Language skill: Speaking
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Stereotypes Grammar: couldn't have done	How to avoid stereotyping	British culture: Origins of football Language skill: Listening
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: National myths Vocabulary: Modals of deduction	Deducing	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: Customs – unusual lifestyles Vocabulary: collocations	Future horizons	Excursion: Peterborough and Ely Language skill: Reading

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> How to be a successful teenager	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: Advice Vocabulary: Giving advice	Giving advice	British Culture: Royalty Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Sleep Vocabulary: Sleep related	Good sleep habits	English Communication: Youth speak Language skill: Speaking
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Study tips Vocabulary: Related to studying	Strategies for memorising vocabulary	British culture: Royal Weddings Language skill: Readings
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: Confidence Vocabulary: Idioms related to confidence	Developing self-confidence	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: Social skills Grammar: should/could have + past participle	Showing genuine interest	Excursion: London Language skill: Listening

<b>Week 5</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> Leadership	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: Quiet Leadership Vocabulary: word formation	Active listening	British Culture: Henry VIII Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Laws of Power Vocabulary: Related to power	Leadership strategies	English Communication: Comic relief Language skill: Speaking
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Social Media Influencers Vocabulary: phrasal verbs with up	Self-promotion	British culture: Stonehenge Language skill: Listening
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: The Bystander Effect Grammar: Distinguishing between apparent synonyms	Knowing when to help others	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: Parliament Vocabulary: related to elections	Getting your point across	Excursion: Warwick Castle Language skill: Reading

<b>Week 6</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> Global Issues	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: The Environment Vocabulary: related to the environment	Assessing ways to help the environment	British Culture: British food Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Microplastics Vocabulary: related to plastics	Thinking innovatively	English Communication: Anecdotes Language skill: Speaking
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Overconsumption Vocabulary: related to the environment	Presentation skills	British culture: Cream Tea Language skill: Listening
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: Activism Vocabulary: Related to activism	Teamwork	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: Gender Equality Grammar: Related to gender	Delivering a speech	Excursion: London Language skill: Reading

<b>Week 7</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> Surviving modern life	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: Memory Grammar: review	Importance of developing memory skills	British Culture: Cambridge University Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Sports psychology Grammar: the more..., the more...	Preparing for challenges	English Communication: Small talk Language skill: Speaking
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Screentime Grammar: wish + past tenses / would	How to regulate your screen time	British culture: Kings College Chapel Language skill: Listening
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: Modern problems Grammar: modals in the past to express sympathy	Resilience	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: News- fact or fiction Vocabulary: Related to probability	Spotting fake news	Excursion: Windsor Castle Language skill: Listening

<b>Week 8</b>	<b>English Topics:</b> Relationships	<b>Life skills</b>	<b>British Culture, Excursion &amp; English Communication</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Topic: Friendship Vocabulary: idioms related to friendship	Recognising good friends	British Culture: Literature Language skill: Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Topic: Friendship problems Vocabulary: Idioms	Falling out and making up	English Communication: Language skill: Speaking
<b>Wednesday</b>	Topic: Pets Vocabulary: Animal related	Debating	British culture: Literature Language skill: Writing
<b>Thursday</b>	Topic: Parents Vocabulary: phrasal verbs	Understanding your parents	English Communication: Debate Language skill: Speaking
<b>Friday</b>	Topic: Rejection Grammar: Emphasis with cleft sentences	Coping with rejection	Excursion: London Language skill: Listening