

ACADEMIC SUMMER COURSES

Preparing international students for studying in British Boarding Schools



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The aim of our Summer Courses is to prepare students who are coming to study in British Boarding Schools. The courses are also suitable for students who just want a 'taste' of British education for the summer.

Our courses are academic ones. That means you will study hard and make real progress. But you will also have a lot of fun.

The course features include:

- **Intensive English language**
- **Study up to 10 other subjects**
- **Practical laboratory work in the sciences**
- **Qualified British teachers**
- **Friendly British Student Hosts**
- **Visits to UK universities**
- **Cultural trips every week**
- **Full sports programme**
- **Amazing social activities**
- **Sunday clubs**
- **Drama production**
- **Formal dinner and dance**
- **Focus on good manners**
- **Schools in safe and secure locations**

In addition to academic studies, we also focus on the personal development of students' 'soft skills' such as team work, leadership, communication, creativity and integration. Our summer course is a memorable, intense experience that you will never forget.

Do come and join us.

ENGLISH FOR EDUCATION SUMMER COURSES

LOCATION	COURSE	AGES	DURATION
 <i>Wellington School, Somerset</i>	Junior Academic Course	10-12	2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks
	Pre-GCSE Course	13-15	2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks
	Fast Track Pre-GCSE Course	15-16	6 weeks

Please note that the 2-week courses are 'taster' courses. For students who are coming to start at a British Boarding School, we recommend that at least four weeks is necessary to allow students to prepare properly.



STUDENT HOSTS



*"I think that the Student Hosts are the best people in the world because they spend much time helping and chatting with us. Thanks to them I can make big progress in English!!"
Jerry, China*

MEET YOUR NEW

After you finish your lessons every day, you will be able to practise speaking English with lots of British boys and girls. They are our Student Hosts. They work every day after classes, and all day when there are no classes. So you can spend over 50 hours a week chatting in English if you want to do so!

How do we choose the Student Hosts?

We look for people who are kind and friendly – those are the most important qualities we want. They are



Student Hosts play sports with you.



Student Hosts play games with you.



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Student Hosts at Wellington School pose for a fun photo.

BRITISH FRIENDS!

usually very good students, at top universities. Many of them are great at sport, or drama, or music.

What is their job?

Their job is to be your friend, and welcome you! They will play sport with you every day. They will have dinner with you. They will help you with your homework in the evenings. They arrange many of our social activities and clubs. They will come with you on all the trips.



Student Hosts chat with you every evening.



Student Hosts help you with homework.

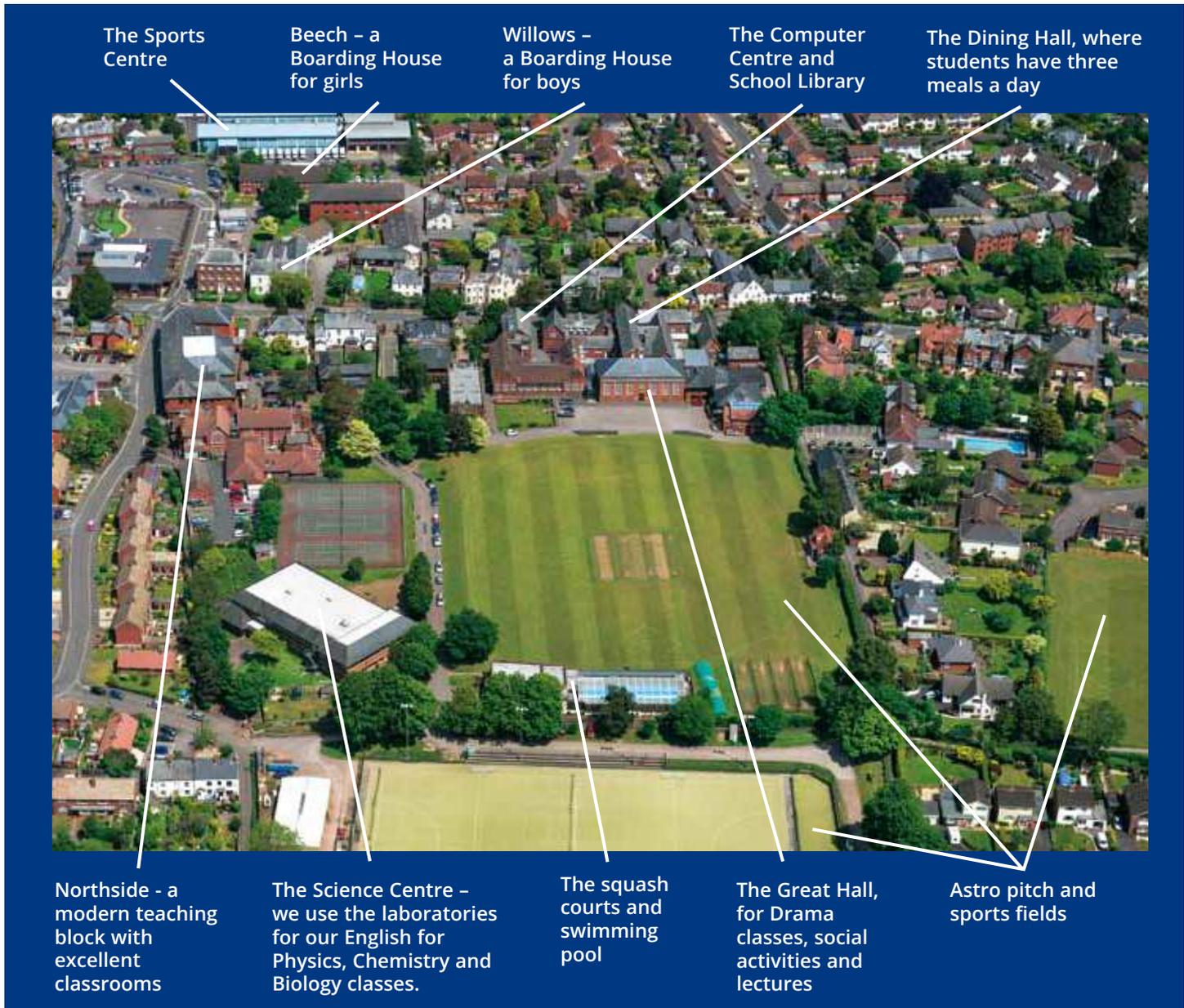


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LOCATION

Our Junior Academic and Pre-GCSE Courses are based at Wellington School, a famous independent school in Wellington, a small, friendly town, with banks, supermarkets, a Post Office and several takeaway restaurants. The town is surrounded by beautiful green countryside, and the air is clean, without any pollution.



WHERE IS WELLINGTON?

The town of Wellington is in the county of Somerset, in the west of England. It's about two and a half hours from London Heathrow Airport by car. If you travel by train, use Paddington Station in London and come to Taunton (about two hours) and then take a taxi (about 20 minutes).

The west of England has a mild climate. The summers are usually warm, around 20-26° C. There are some rainy days, but usually we have good weather for the Summer Course.

Note: There are at least three other towns in the UK called Wellington. Make sure you get the right one!





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Wellington School

ACCOMMODATION

At Wellington School, all students will live in safe Boarding Houses on the Wellington School campus. Boys and girls live in separate buildings. The Houses are clean and well heated. Over half of the rooms are for two people. There are also some large rooms for three or four students sharing. One House has three very large rooms which will each accommodate six students. We may use these for the younger students. The Houses have toilets, showers and comfortable lounges, and have Wifi access. Resident House Staff sleep in the Houses and will help students with any personal problems.

SHARING ROOMS

A Boarding School is a school where you live and sleep. Sharing a room with a new person, and learning to make new friends, is part of the Boarding experience. In general our policy is to put students from different nationalities together if possible.

SCIENCE CENTRE

Wellington School has a purpose-built modern Science Centre. We have our Physics, Chemistry and Biology classes here. Science classes focus on practical experiments and the English technical terms which you need to understand these subjects.

SPORT

Wellington has wonderful facilities for sport, including a Sports Centre, a heated swimming pool, eight tennis courts, an astro pitch and lots of grass playing fields. We will introduce you to many traditional British sports including netball, rounders, rugby and cricket.



A girls' bedroom



Swimming pool at Wellington School



Junior Boarding House



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JUNIOR ACADEMIC COURSE

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The Junior Academic Course is designed for students aged 10-12 who want to have a great summer experience but who are also keen to learn as well as having fun. It's suitable for students who are coming to study in the UK in September, or for those who just want to try the experience of living in a boarding school.

You will study English every day, and also have lessons in ten other subjects – see the sample timetable below. Our maximum class size is 16, but the average class size is usually 10 to 12.

The course content is suitable for younger students. The teachers focus on active learning through tasks. The science lessons contain hands-on experiments.

THE QUALITY OF CARE

The overall ratio of students to staff in our courses is around 3:1. The quality of care is particularly high for our Junior Academic Course students, who have their own Student Hosts to accompany them on trips and to look after them after lessons.

AFTER CLASS

Students will have a full sports programme, social activities and Sunday clubs. Every Thursday, they



English Lesson



Dressing up as kings and queens at Longleat!



Junior Science



Juniors paddling on the raft they have built



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will join with the Pre-GCSE students for a full-day trip. Juniors will also have a trip every Tuesday afternoon. These include mountain biking, exploring beaches and caves, learning to climb, building a raft and rowing across a river. These activities extend students' confidence and are great fun. They are run by qualified professionals with high safety standards.



isn't a summer camp -
it's a real boarding school
experience.!!
Maria, Russia

Sample timetable for the Junior Academic Course

Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8.00	Breakfast						
9.00 – 10.30	English	English	Geography	Full-day trip to Longleat. Visit Safari Park, tour the 400-year-old house, play on the tourist attractions	Art	History	Choose one of many Sunday Clubs
10.30 – 11.00	Break				Break		
11.00 – 12.30	Physics	Biology	Maths		English	Maths	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch				Lunch		
1.30 – 3.00	Chemistry	Half-day trip to go mountain biking	English		ICT	Drama	Local trips for shopping or beach, or sport or cinema; or free time at school
3.00-3.15	Break				Break		
3.15 – 4.45	Life skills		Drama	English	English		
5.00 – 6.00	Sport for all			Sport for all			
6.00 – 7.00	Dinner						
7.00 – 8.00	Supervised Homework in classrooms and Academic Conversation Practice with British Student Hosts						Optional social activities: video, board games, sport
8.00 – 9.00	Social Activity: Team-Building games	Movie night	Free time for homework, sport or games	Free time for homework, sport or games	Free time for homework, sport or games	Social Activity: Ten-Pin Bowling	
9.00	Return to Boarding Houses						



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"My summer course was very different from others, because it is really academic and has lots of varied subjects. I have learnt so much whilst improving my English and having the best time." Stepan, Russia

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The Pre-GCSE Summer Course is suitable for international students who come to the UK to:

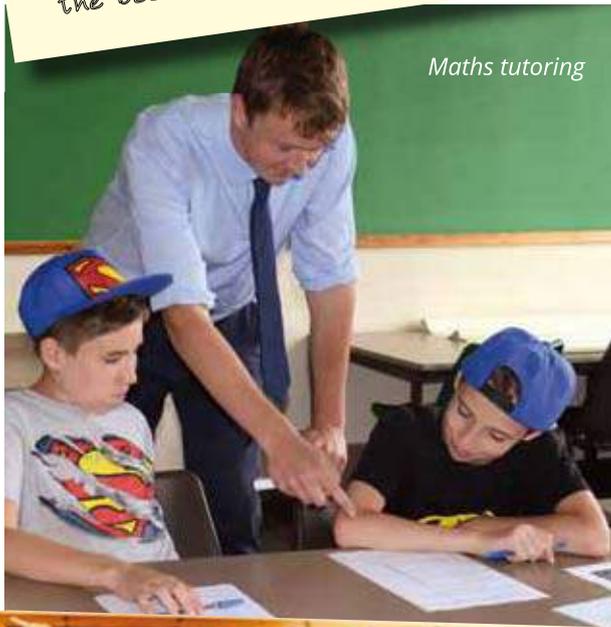
- study in Year 9 (Form 3)
- study in Year 10 (Form 4)

You will spend a lot of time studying English, and you will also take 10 other subjects too. Our maximum class size is 16, but the normal average class size is about 12 to 13 students.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

You will spend 9 hours a week in English lessons. We teach English in many different ways:

- In classes you will study a general course, which will include Academic English.
- You will also learn English for daily life, for talking about health, asking for directions, and so on.
- You will learn research skills, produce your own research project, and give oral presentations.
- Every student must read at least one graded reader a week and discuss it.
- We also use songs, video, films, newspapers, radio and television to teach you.
- All students will also have 3 hours of Drama lessons each week, and will take part in a musical production. Drama helps you develop confidence in speaking English.
- British Student Hosts are on duty every afternoon and evening. They will give you plenty of conversation practice.



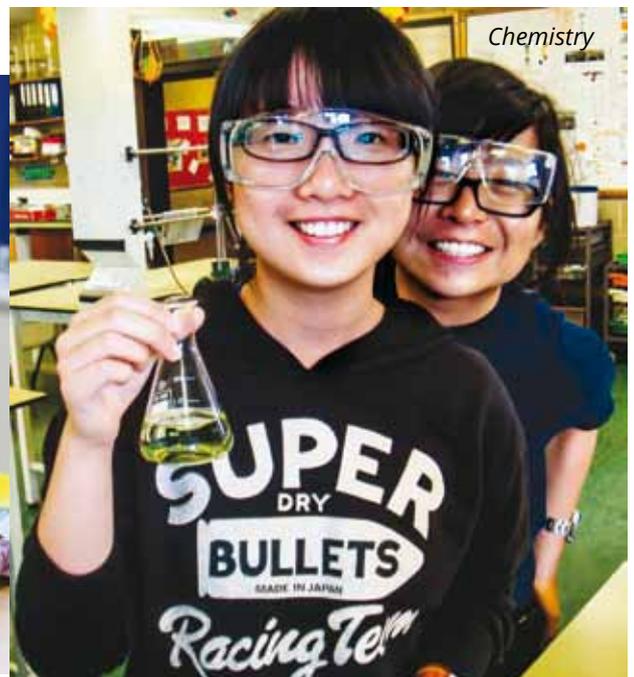
Maths tutoring



Art



Student Host helping with homework.



Chemistry



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ENGLISH FOR YOUR GCSE SUBJECTS

In addition to English and Drama, you will also study English for ... Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, ICT (Computers), Business Studies, Art, History and Geography. These subjects are taught by subject specialists. They will focus on teaching you the technical English words you need to study each subject.

You will spend 30 hours a week in classes and will have at least six hours of homework a week. You will work hard but you will also have a lot of fun. You can play sport every day.

There are social activities in the evenings, trips on Thursdays and clubs on Sunday. You'll make many new friends.



Drama



Physics



English

Sample timetable for Pre-GCSE course

Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8.00	Breakfast						
9.00 – 10.30	English	Business	Geography	Full-day trip to Longleat. Visit Safari Park, tour the 400-year-old house, play on the tourist attractions	Art	History	Choose one of many Sunday Clubs
10.30 – 11.00	Break				Break		
11.00 – 12.30	Physics	Chemistry	Maths		English	Maths	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch				Lunch		
1.30 – 3.00	Chemistry	Physics	English		ICT	Drama	Local trips for shopping or beach, or sport or cinema; or free time at school
3.00-3.15	Break				Break		
3.15 – 4.45	Biology	English	Drama		English	English	
5.00 – 6.00	Sport for all			Sport for all			
6.00 – 7.00	Dinner						
7.00 – 8.00	Supervised Homework in classrooms and Academic Conversation Practice with British Student Hosts						Optional social activities: video, board games, sport
8.00 – 9.30	Social Activity: Team-Building Games	Lecture: Life in Boarding Schools	Free time for homework, sport or games	Free time for homework, sport or games	Free time for homework, sport or games	Social Activity: Fashion Show	
9.30	Return to Boarding Houses						
10.00	Lights out						



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ONE-YEAR GCSE COURSES

Many UK schools are now offering a One-Year GCSE course. It is popular with international students. However, please remember that British students normally take TWO years to complete their GCSEs. So it is not easy for international students to complete some GCSEs in just one year. This Fast Track Pre-GCSE summer course will give you a great start if you are beginning a One-Year GCSE programme this September.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

This is an intensive six-week academic summer course for students aged 15 to 16. It is suitable for students who will come to the UK to

- Study in Year 11 (Form 5)
- Study a One-Year GCSE course
- Study a three-Year A-Level Course which includes GCSE exams.

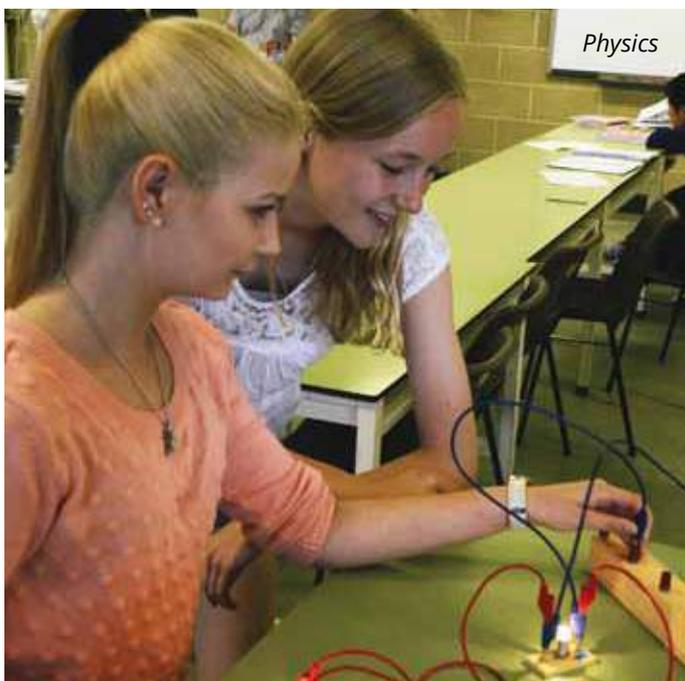
COURSE DETAILS

- All students will attend for six weeks. (Students who wish to enrol for other periods should choose one of our other Pre-GCSE courses.)
- You must have a level of IELTS 4.5 or higher.
- You must have a good academic record.
- This course focuses on preparing for exams.
- This course is suitable for students who want to study science subjects.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The English lessons will focus on the IELTS exam format. There will be at least 10.5 hours of English. You will also focus on English language in all of your main subjects. You will practise:

- Academic listening skills
- Speaking and presentation skills
- Writing about charts and data, and argumentative topics
- Reading academic texts and media passages
- Researching information about your weekly trips
- Extensive reading



Physics



Chemistry lesson



YOUR MAIN SUBJECTS

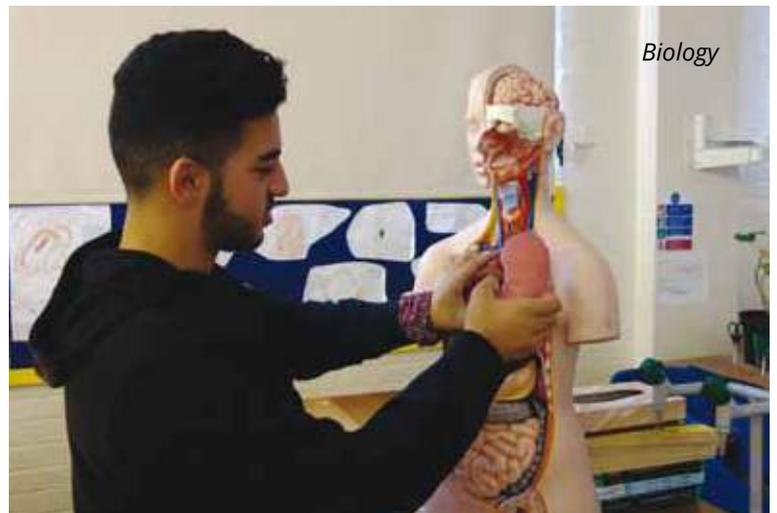
The other subjects will focus on preparation for GCSE exams, and they are taught by specialist subject teachers. There will be regular exam practice and learning of technical vocabulary in English. The other subjects available in the Fast Track course are:

- Maths**
- Physics**
- Chemistry**
- Biology**
- Business Studies / Economics**
(taught together)



You CAN take all five subjects if you wish. You can drop one subject, but you must take at least FOUR subjects. You will study each main subject for three hours a week. You will also be supported during your homework sessions by subject-specialist Student Hosts.

(If you wish to study other subjects such as History, Geography, Drama, Art and ICT, you should enrol in one of our other Pre-GCSE courses. The Fast Track Pre-GCSE Course is intended for students who wish to study a science curriculum.)



Sample timetable for Fast Track Pre- GCSE Course

Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8.00	Breakfast						
9.00 – 10.30	Physics	Biology	Maths	Full-Day Trip to Bristol. Visit The Science Museum And The SS Great Britain, The World's First Metal Ship.	Business studies/ Economics	Chemistry	Choose one of many Sunday Clubs
10.30 – 11.00	Break				Break		
11.00 – 12.30	English IELTS Reading	English IELTS Writing	Chemistry		English IELTS Listening	Biology	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch				Lunch		
1.30 – 3.00	Maths	Business studies /Economics	English Trip preparation		Physics	English - World current affairs	Local trips for shopping or beach, or sport or cinema; or free time at school
3.00-3.15	Break				Break		
3.15 – 4.45	English extensive reading & tutorial	Exam practice Maths - Physics	Exam practice Biology - English		Exam practice Chemistry - BS/Econ	English IELTS Speaking	
5.00 – 6.00	Sport for all			Sport for all			
6.00 – 7.00	Dinner						
7.00 – 8.00	Supervised homework and technical vocabulary revision with British Student Hosts						Optional social activities: video, board games, sport
8.00 – 9.00	Social Activity: Team-Building games	Movie night	Free time for homework, sport or games	Free time for homework, sport or games	Free time for homework, sport or games	Social Activity: Ten-Pin Bowling	
9.00	Return to Boarding Houses						



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JUNIOR ACADEMIC COURSE, PRE-GCSE AND



Enjoying sports at Wellington School

AFTER LESSONS

During our Summer Courses, you will be busy from morning to night with many different activities.

SPORT

Last year our students played 16 different sports during the summer!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We have two big social events every week. These include a Fashion Show, an Auction Game, quizzes, an English Show and a Speed Chatting evening. These evenings bring out your creativity and build up your mental strength and team spirit.

SUNDAY CLUBS

On Sunday mornings you can choose from a wide variety of different clubs, such as:

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| Animation | Craft |
| Cooking | Farm visit |
| Singing | Engineering |
| Team Building | Jewellery |
| Art | Church Visit |
| Dog-Walking | Board Games |
| Yoga | Zumba |

DRAMA

At the end of each four-week course we have a drama show and formal dinner for all our students. These activities help you gain confidence in speaking English. They are also great fun for everyone!



Drama Show



Formal dinner

"This summer was a great experience, we had fun, and learned teamwork and friendship." Pech, Thailand



Dog-Walking Club in the hills near Wellington

FAST TRACK COURSES AT WELLINGTON SCHOOL



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Feeding a giraffe at Longleat



Aerial view of Longleat House

CULTURAL TRIPS

Every Thursday there is one full-day trip for you to learn more about the culture of Britain. These will include:

OXFORD: We will visit the world's top university, set in a beautiful city. We will visit one of the famous colleges and have time for visiting museums and for shopping for souvenirs.

LONGLEAT: A beautiful stately home, where kings and queens have stayed. You will drive through lions and tigers in the Safari Park, and then visit the 400-year-old house, get lost in the world's biggest maze, and feed the sea-lions from the boat on the lake.

BATH: We will take you to see the 2000-year-old Roman Baths. You can choose to visit the Museum of Costume, the Postal Museum, the Jane Austen Museum or the Abbey, or to just go shopping.

BRISTOL: In Bristol we will visit the excellent, interactive Science Museum.

DARTMOOR: We will explore one of Britain's most beautiful national parks.

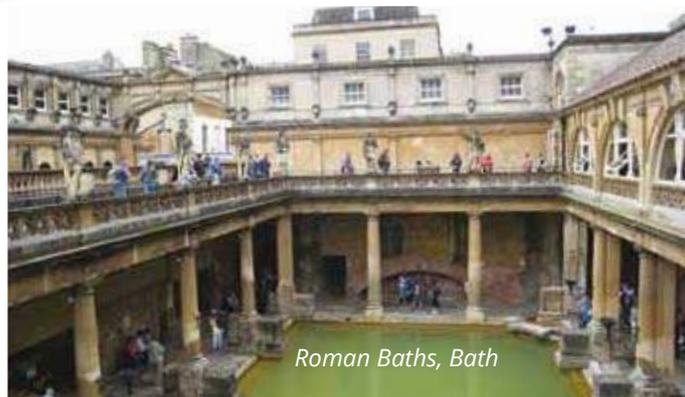
CARDIFF: We will take you into another country, Wales, and visit the beautiful city of Cardiff. We will visit the Castle and explore the Millennium Stadium.



Hertford Bridge, Oxford



Cardiff Castle



Roman Baths, Bath



Bristol Science



LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN SHOULD STUDENTS ARRIVE AND DEPART?

Our first arrival day every summer is a Monday. After that, our Arrival/Departure days are on certain SUNDAYS for the rest of the summer. Please check the start and end dates of your course very carefully.

HOW DO STUDENTS GET TO THE SCHOOLS?

We meet students arriving at London Heathrow and Gatwick airports on the first day of our published course dates between 06:00hrs and 17:00hrs and arrange free transport to our schools. If you arrive at other times or different airports, we can arrange transport for you at an additional cost. If you are coming by road, please contact our Travel Co-ordinator for directions and make sure you come to the correct school – our schools are 120 miles apart! Please see our Travel Information sheet for further details.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE THERE IN A CLASS?

The maximum class size is 16, but in the last few years the average class size has been around 12 to 13 students. For some lectures and workshops there will be larger groups.

WHAT IS THE STAFF-STUDENT RATIO?

The overall ratio is around 1:3. That is, one member of staff to each three students. We have very high levels of individual care. There are always plenty of staff around to look after our students.

HOW OLD ARE THE STUDENTS?

LOCATION	COURSE	MINIMUM MAXIMUM AGES	MINIMUM ENGLISH LEVEL
Wellington School	Fast Track Pre-GCSE	15-16	B1+ / IELTS 4.5
Wellington School	Pre-GCSE	13-15	B1 / IELTS 4.0
Wellington School	Junior Academic	10-12	B1 / IELTS 4.0

WHAT LEVEL OF ENGLISH IS NECESSARY?

Please see the chart above for a guide to the minimum levels of English. We will look at each application individually and may require students to complete written or online tests before confirming an offer of a place. Note that our courses are not suitable for complete beginners.

WHERE DO STUDENTS LIVE?

All of our students on our courses live in single-sex boarding houses on the campuses of Lord Wandsworth College or Wellington School. House staff live in the boarding houses and look after the students. All of the boarding houses have WiFi. Most of the rooms contain two beds, but there are some larger rooms containing four to six beds. The boarding houses have comfortable lounges with television and games.

WHAT ABOUT LAUNDRY?

A basic laundry service for machine-washable clothes is provided once per week. Students should ensure they have enough changes of clothes and all items of clothing must be clearly labelled with the student's name.

WHERE DO STUDENTS EAT?

Students eat all of their meals in the school dining rooms. Students are provided with three meals per day at Wellington School. School provide good quality meals with a choice of different healthy main dishes, and a salad bar. For day trips students are provided with a packed lunch. School runs a not-for-profit shop selling snacks and soft drinks. Please note that our host school will not accept students with certain food requirements such as an extreme vegan diet.



WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I BRING?

We do not have a school uniform during the summer course. Students will need casual clothes for everyday use and plenty of sports clothes. There will be formal events so boys should bring a suit if possible and a white shirt, tie and dark shoes. Girls should have one or two formal dresses. Bed linen and duvets are provided, but students need to bring towels.

WHAT IS THE SPORTS PROGRAMME?

We have timetabled sports lessons every teaching day. For students going to UK boarding schools, it is important to have a basic understanding of British sports. After classes and on non-teaching days there are further opportunities to spend more time playing sports with our Student Hosts. Both schools have grass playing fields, Astro pitches, tennis courts, sports halls and heated swimming pools.

WHAT IS THE LEISURE PROGRAMME?

Twice per week there are major social activities for all students. These activities include such things as the Business Game, the Fashion Show, Casino Night, a Murder Mystery, the Auction Game, Speed-Chatting, the Drama Show, and a formal Dinner and Dance. All students must join in these activities, many of which help students to practise their English and develop their confidence. On Sundays students choose a club to join. Sunday clubs have included Team Building Games, Cooking, Dog Walking, Art, Crafts, Singing, visits to a farm or church, Jewellery Making, Animation, Zumba, Boxercise and many more. There are also informal social activities on other evenings based in the boarding houses.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE FEES?

We try to make sure that almost everything is included in the course fees, other than visa costs, air tickets and pocket money. Here is a summary:

- Accommodation in a residential boarding house, meals and weekly laundry.
- All teaching, text books, basic stationery materials and sports coaching.
- Social activities, Sunday Clubs, and all trips including transport and entrance fees.
- Arrival and departure transfers to and from London Heathrow and Gatwick airports on the first and last days of our published courses. There are time restrictions on this so please refer to our Travel Information sheet before you book your travel.
- A basic insurance policy – please see our website for details.

DO STUDENTS GET A CERTIFICATE AND A REPORT?

Yes, all students will receive a certificate and a report. For students attending the 4, 6 or 8-week courses, they will receive a detailed report on their work in each subject. Students on the 2-week taster courses receive a short-form report.

WHAT HAPPENS IF STUDENTS ARE SICK?

Many of our staff have First Aid qualifications. If students have minor problems, our staff will look after them. If we have any concerns, we will take them to a medical centre near the school, or to hospital. We strongly advise that all students have comprehensive private insurance including medical cover.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF EACH COURSE?

Students are required to leave our schools by 11:00hrs on the last day of their course. Travel arrangements are the responsibility of parents or guardians. We provide a free transfer service to London Heathrow and Gatwick airports on the last day of our published courses but please note that there are time restrictions. Please see our Travel Information sheet for more details. Our course fees do not include transfer from the schools to other destinations but we are able to arrange transport at an additional cost.

A FINAL NOTE:

The information in this brochure has been prepared carefully and in good faith. However, our courses are flexible and we are continually trying to improve them. We reserve the right to make changes to our courses at any time. We reserve the right to change our trip destinations due to weather, traffic or security concerns. This information does not, therefore, constitute in whole or in part any kind of contract between us and students, parents, guardians or agents.

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We started our Summer Course in 2002 because we know how difficult it is for overseas students when they first come to schools in the UK. We wanted to design an intensive English Language course which would really look after them well and provide a bridge to their new education here.

Our course is academic, disciplined and aspirational. It is aimed at students who really want to succeed. We are delighted with the results. Many of our former students are now studying at the top five universities in the UK.

The course is also suitable for students who just want to have a 'taste' of British education in a boarding school and then return home.



Clever courses for smart students

COURSE	LENGTH	AGES	TUITION	LOCATION
Fast Track Pre-GCSE	6 weeks	15-16 years	27-30 hours	Wellington School, Somerset
Pre-GCSE	2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks	13-15 years	30+ hours	Wellington School, Somerset
Junior Academic	2, 4, 6 or 8 weeks	10-12 years	25+ hours	Wellington School, Somerset