



Abbey College
in
London, England



Introduction

...your first step to a British education in the heart of London.

Abbey College in London is an independent college offering an exciting and varied range of courses to help students gain places at top UK universities.

Our campus in Bloomsbury Square occupies an elegant two hundred year old building with bright, spacious and modern classrooms. With excellent study and IT facilities, it provides a perfect environment in which to advance your education.

Students benefit from learning in small groups, and from a teaching and administrative staff committed to giving students individual help and advice covering all aspects of their educational needs.

Living and studying in London is a stimulating experience which you will never forget. We are dedicated to making your time with us as happy and rewarding as possible.

In the last few years our students have progressed to many different prestigious UK universities including London School of Economics, University College London, Bath, Manchester University, King's College London, Queen Mary's, Royal Holloway and many more.

Our major aim is to help students realise their potential and to grow as individuals, and we invite you to share the Abbey College experience.



Academic Courses

...your pathway to UK universities.



Abbey College offers an exciting and varied range of courses at pre-university, and postgraduate level.

For High School students we provide GCSE and A Levels, the traditional route to universities in the UK. We also offer alternative pathways with our University Foundation Programmes. These are ideal for students who have completed their High School education and wish to gain a place at a leading UK university.

For students who wish to study Medicine and Dentistry, our Medical Foundation Programmes offer a unique range of pathways, enhancing opportunities of gaining a place at a UK university and also create routes to Medical and Dental schools in other EU countries.

Lastly, our Pre-Masters Programme helps graduates from overseas to gain entry into Masters Degrees in all subjects at highly ranked universities.

For those whose first language is not English, we have English language classes which can be taken on their own, or as preparation for one of our other courses.



SUMMARY

- Pathways into UK universities in all academic subjects
- English language support
- Courses recognized by top universities
- Pathways into Medical and Dentistry degrees

GCSE Courses

Our GCSE Programme is for students who have completed Year 9 and are intending to progress on to our A Level studies, University Foundation or Medical Foundation Programmes. It can be taken over one or two years and helps to provide a solid grounding for later studies.

Teaching takes place in small groups ensuring that all students receive individual attention. Each student is given a personal tutor who supervises academic progress and ensures that all aspects of student welfare are looked after.

Students are helped to develop academic skills to ensure a smooth transition onto their next programmes, and English language support is also provided to help achieve the necessary IELTS requirement.

We are very conscious of the challenges for young students living apart from family and friends, and every effort is made to foster a supportive and friendly environment.



KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 14
Start Date:	September
Course Length:	1 or 2 years
Appropriate for:	Students who have completed Year 9
Progression:	A Levels, University Foundation, or Medical Foundation



AS & A Level Courses



A Levels are the standard route in the UK to university. Students can choose to study over one or two years. In the two year route, students take four subjects in their first year (AS Level) and three subjects in the second year (A2 Level). On the one year programme, students take three subjects. It is also possible to study over eighteen months, starting in January.

Teaching takes place in small groups with a maximum of eight students per class – normally there are four or five. This allows all to benefit from individual care and attention from the tutor, and to avoid suffering in silence if there is any part of the course which is not fully understood.

All our A Level teachers have many years of experience and understand exactly what is required to gain high grades. With places at top universities becoming increasingly competitive this is an essential ingredient of success.

In the last two years Abbey College students have gained places at many prestigious universities including LSE, UCL, King's College, Manchester and Bath.

All A Level students receive free English language and study skills support throughout the programme.

Abbey College is an examination centre for all A level examining boards.

KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 16
Start Dates:	September, January
Course Length:	One and a half or two years (occasionally possible to complete in one year)
Appropriate for:	Students who have completed GCSEs or equivalent
Progression:	University

STUDENT PROFILE

Grade A results in A level Maths, AS Economics, Business Studies, Economics and Politics including maximum marks in 6 modules currently studying at London School of Economics

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University Foundation Programmes

Abbey College Foundation Programmes are designed for international students who wish to progress to degree level studies at universities in the UK. These qualifications are accepted by the vast majority of British universities including Royal Holloway (University of London), Queen Mary (University of London), Essex, Birmingham, Manchester, Aston, City, Sussex, and Sheffield.

Our Foundation Programmes are one year full time courses, and has been devised in consultation with UK universities to provide the best possible preparation for a degree course.

In the first term, students are given tuition in Mathematics and IT, as well as courses to improve communication skills and to prepare for the British Council IELTS examination – an essential qualification for university entry. Also, students are taught various study skills which they will require at university. These include essay planning, referencing and research skills.

In the second and third terms, students choose the Foundation Programme which best suits their chosen subjects at university. There are four options:

- Business and Management
- ICT
- Engineering
- Law and Social Sciences

All students are given individual help in choosing suitable degree courses and universities. You will receive advice in completing your application form for universities, completing a personal statement, and preparing for interviews.

KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 17
Start Dates:	September, January
Course Length:	One academic year
Appropriate for:	Students who have completed GCSEs or equivalent
Progression:	Accepted by majority of UK universities



Medical Foundation Programmes

Abbey College Medical Foundation Programme

Abbey College offers an exclusive and unique Foundation Programme for Medicine and Dentistry courses at renowned universities in the Czech Republic, at the heart of the European Union. These courses are taught entirely in English and are recognised for Full Registration in countries worldwide, including by the General Medical and Dentistry Council of London. This, combined with the lower cost of the courses and cost of living, makes them a serious alternative to courses at British universities. Entry is guaranteed following successful completion of the course and subsequent examination at Abbey College. For full details, please visit our sister website www.cmucas.com.

KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 17
Start Dates:	September, January
Course Length:	One academic year
Appropriate for:	Students wishing to enter into Medical or Dental school
Progression:	Charles University (first faculty) and other EU based Medical and Dentistry schools

While there is an increasing demand for doctors and dentists to work in the UK, it is extremely difficult to secure a place at Medical and Dental Schools. We teach two separate programmes, one offering The one year M&D Foundation Programme taught at our college offers exciting progression routes within the UK, while the Abbey College Medical Foundation Programme leads directly to Medical and Dental Schools in the Czech Republic.

M&D Medical Foundation Programme

The programme helps students to acquire the knowledge base and academic skills necessary to study Medicine at degree level. It provides an understanding of how the human body works through the study of physiology, genetics and molecular biology, cells and tissues, microbiology and chemistry.

Successful students have a guaranteed progression on to the M&D Pre-Medical programme in London. This is also a one year programme and is validated by the University of Buckingham. The Pre-Med has an excellent record of securing students places at UK Medical Schools and also offers opportunities to gain places at Medical, Dental and Veterinary Science Schools both within and outside the European Union – all courses are taught and assessed in English. Please contact us for more details.

Students on the M&D Medical Foundation can also progress directly on to degrees in Pharmacy and other life sciences at UK universities.



KEY FACTS

Age: Minimum 17	Start Dates: September, January	Course Length:	One academic year
Appropriate for:	Students who have completed GCSEs or equivalent and who wish to progress on to Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Pharmacy, or other life science degrees	Progression:	Pre-Med Programme or degree programmes in Pharmacy, Biomedical Sciences, or Pharmacology

STUDENT PROFILES

"My experience at Abbey College was certainly one to remember. The Pre-Med program that I had completed definitely had a positive effect towards my future studies. The level of teaching and expertise was exceptional and one would never fail to notice the amount of support and attention the college has to offer its students. I am currently a Medical student at The Royal College of Surgeons and dedicate a large part of my success to the help of everyone at Abbey College."



Sarah Al-Nafisee

The MFP allowed me to revise my study skills, because I had been away from full-time education for several years. As an international student, it has been a good experience to study in an English environment before I embark on my medical training.

Many thanks to everyone at Abbey College.

Clarisse Nirere



I have always wanted to study Medicine, so naturally I took the chance to take the Foundation year here at Abbey College before going on to the Medical degree course at Charles University.

The teaching here is of a high standard, which together with the small classes has really helped me to get back into studying well. As an adult I do enjoy greater freedom than other schools could give me.

Rhiannon Killingbeck



Pre-Masters Programme



The Pre-Masters is a one year full time course intended for overseas students who wish to progress to a Masters Degree at UK universities.

It has been designed to equip students with the necessary language and study skills to gain entry onto a Masters programme in the UK. The transition from undergraduate to postgraduate level study is often difficult and challenging, and this programme helps to ensure that this transition is made successfully.

Our Pre-Masters is suitable for all subject areas. Each student will receive individual mentoring appropriate to their chosen field of study as well as one-to-one assistance in the application process for a Masters in the UK. It is a strongly skills based programme.



KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 20 years old
Start Dates:	September, January
Course Length:	One academic year
Appropriate for:	Students seeking a place on a masters degree at a UK university
Progression:	Masters programme in chosen subject

Entry to UK Universities

Applying to UK universities is often a confusing and bewildering process. There is such a wide range of courses and an enormous number of universities of varying standards. It is difficult to know just where to start.

We will help you at all stages of the application process, advising you on suitable courses and universities, giving guidance on personal statements, and preparing you for interviews. Each student is given as much individual attention as is necessary to make the right choice and secure offers.

We have excellent links with the top universities. The measure of our success is our ability to help place you at the best and most appropriate university to meet your needs, and we have the expertise and knowledge to achieve this. Over the last two years, our students have gained places at many excellent universities including London School of Economics, University College London, Kings College London, Royal Holloway, Bath, York and Manchester.



SUMMARY

- Individual advice on university applications
- Widespread recognition of Abbey College in London programmes
- Progression to top UK universities

English Language Courses



Abbey College in London has a range of general and more specialist English Language courses which can be taken separately or as part of a combined programme.

We have a dynamic team of experienced and well-qualified teachers who are all native English speakers and who understand the particular requirements of international students. At the start of the course, you will be given an assessment test and placed in a class at the right level. Your progress will be closely monitored throughout the programme, and as your English improves, you may be moved into more advanced groups. At the end of the programme, you will be given a report and a certificate to say that you have completed the course. For General English students, it is also possible to take the City & Guilds International ESOL exam with us, giving you an internationally recognised qualification.

When you arrive, you will be given lots of information which will help to make your stay in London easier and more enjoyable. We are a small and friendly college, and there are always plenty of teachers and other staff to help you. Teaching takes place in small groups which means that tutors can focus more easily on the specific needs of individual students. It is also possible to combine group lessons with one-to-one sessions.



KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 14 years old
Start Dates:	Any time of year
Course Length:	2 weeks to one year
Appropriate for:	All students

Accommodation

Different students have different requirements, and we ensure that everybody finds a place to live which is most appropriate to their individual needs. Abbey College in London will give you all possible help in finding the right place.

TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

Shared Student Apartments

Cost £80 - £140 per week.

This is the most popular form of accommodation where four to six students share a flat and prepare their own meals. We work with an organisation which specialises in finding comfortable student flats at a reasonable price. Please ask us for further details.

Homestay

Cost £140 - £235 per week.

Students live with a family in Zone 2 or 3. The family will either prepare meals or allow you to use the kitchen facilities. This type of accommodation provides a secure environment particularly suitable for younger students, and helps them to practise their English as part of the family. Again, we work with an organisation that specialises in finding suitable families. All homestays are carefully inspected and monitored.

Student Hostels

Cost: £100 - £240 per week.

Hostels will usually provide some meals or will provide shared cooking facilities. All our hostels are in Zones 1, 2 or 3. Those nearer the centre of London tend to be more expensive but offer excellent en suite accommodation. Hostels in Zones 2 and 3 cost less and still offer very comfortable accommodation.



Location

DIRECTIONS

Underground

Bloomsbury Square is within easy walking distance of three stations - Holborn (Central and Piccadilly Lines), Tottenham Court Road (Northern and Central Lines), and Russell Square (Piccadilly Line).

From Holborn Station, it is about a five minute walk to Abbey College. Turn right out of station along Southampton Row, turn left along Vernon Place, and then turn right and walk across Bloomsbury Square. Abbey College in London is situated on the corner of Bloomsbury Square and Bedford Place.

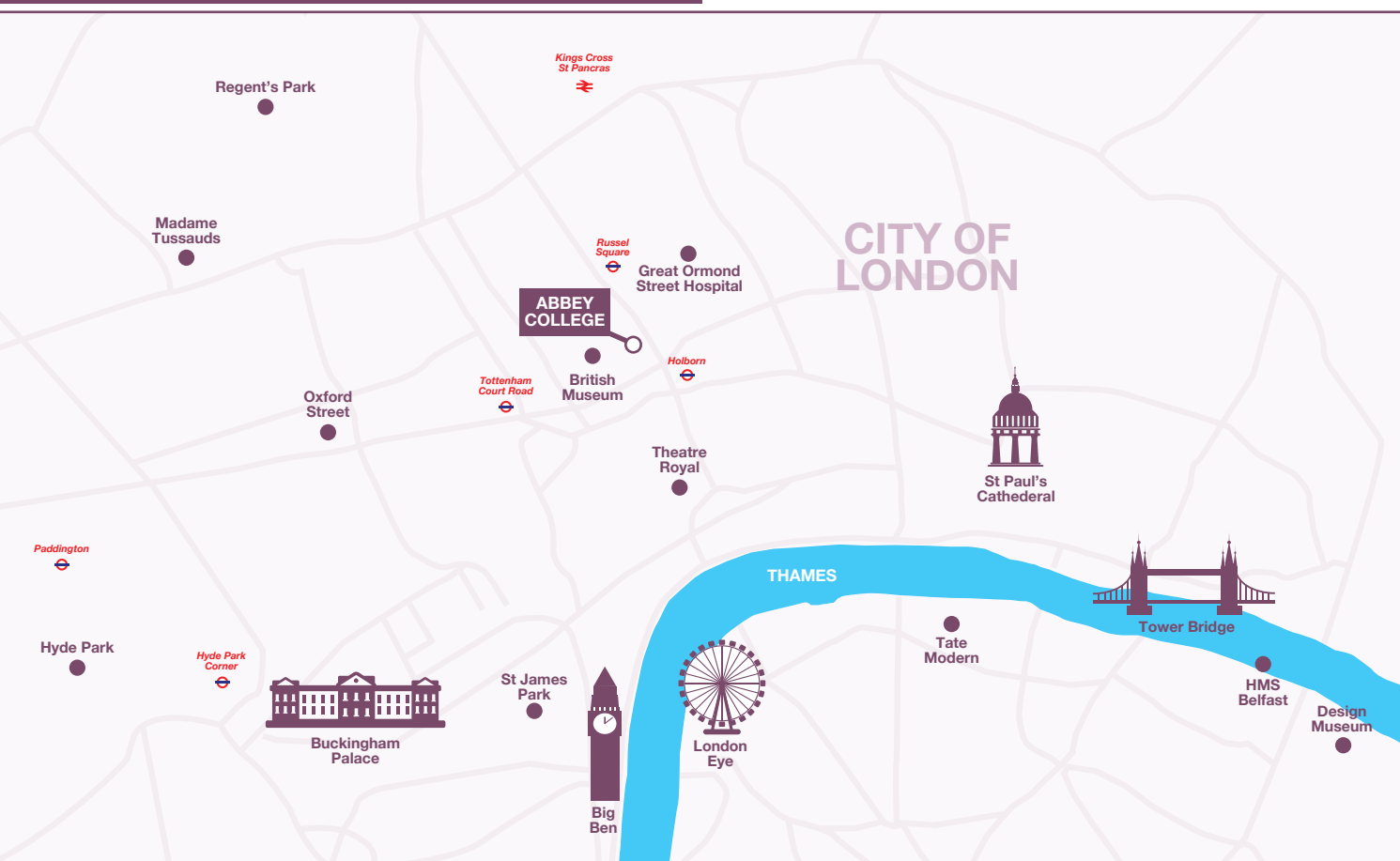
Bus

There are a number of bus routes which serve Bloomsbury Square. For specific routes, please refer to: www.journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk

Abbey College in London is situated in the heart of the capital in the famous Bloomsbury Square - the oldest square in London dating from the seventeenth century.

We are within easy walking distance of the West End with its many theatres, shops, restaurants, and historical attractions. The British Museum is just a two minute walk away from the college.

From our central London position, we have excellent public transport links. Holborn Underground station is five minutes away, and from here, trains go directly to North, East, and West London. There is also a direct train link to Heathrow Airport.



Student Progress and Welfare

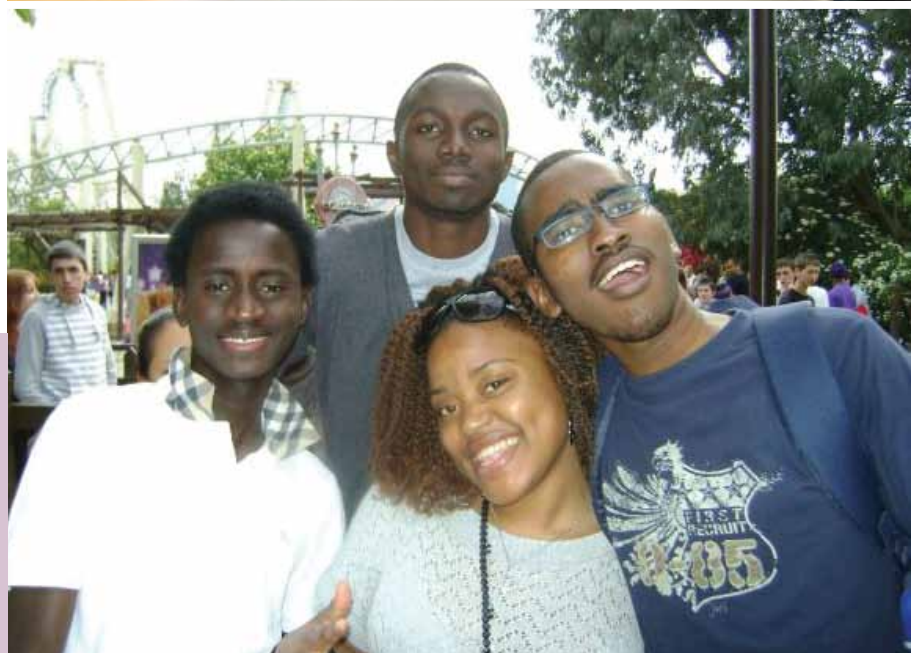
We strongly believe that students can only achieve their potential in a supportive environment. Through regular assessments, we are always aware of how each student is progressing in their studies, and are able to quickly identify areas which may need additional attention. We encourage everybody to take responsibility for their own development and reinforce this with support and advice.

We like students to play an active role in the running of the College. On arrival, you will be invited to join our Student Union. The Union helps to arrange trips to places of interest within and outside London, organises student events, and also provides feedback to our staff on all aspects of College life.

Parents and guardians receive reports twice per term and are always welcome to come and visit us and talk with the teachers.

Studying in the UK and living in London is an exciting and unforgettable experience, but it does also present challenges, and we do everything possible to help students to feel happy and secure in their new lives. From the day students arrive at the airport, we are there to give support in finding suitable accommodation, helping them to open bank accounts and get student discounts on public transport, and ensuring that any problems which arise up are dealt with swiftly.

So many of our students have been recommended to us by friends and family, and the College provides a real sense of community to which students still belong even when they have left us and progressed on to different universities.



SUMMARY

- **Supportive and friendly environment**
- **Regular assessments and review of progress**
- **Encouragement to develop as self reliant and responsible individuals**

Abbey College in Malvern



Abbey College in Malvern is set on a beautiful 70 acre campus in central England.

The College was established as a seat of learning in 1874. It provides residential university preparation courses (GCSE, A Level, Foundation) and English Language courses (long and short-term) for students from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. Courses are offered on a co-educational, fully-residential basis. Our Malvern college has an outstanding campus, with all of the necessary facilities available on site. We run over 30 different supervised sports and activities, which run according to numbers and the time of year; and are included in the fees, making it the ideal location for residential based activity vacation courses for children and teenagers.





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