



Abbey College
in
Malvern, England

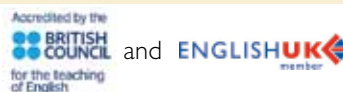


Abbey Buildings



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| 1 Administration Block | 6 Residential Houses | 12 Student Services |
| 2 Library & Computer Rooms | 7 Dining Room | 13 Common Room Area.
Includes Disco, Shop, Multi Gym,
Internet Room & Snooker Room |
| 3 Assembly Hall | 8 Sports Pitches | 14 Badminton Courts. |
| 4 Classrooms & Science
Laboratories | 9 Tennis & Basketball Courts | 15 Football Pitches. |
| 5 Art Studio | 10 Outdoor Swimming Pool | |
| | 11 Sports Hall | |

Abbey College in Malvern is



Introduction

...welcome to Abbey College...

Since its establishment, Abbey College has provided a magnificent setting for students from many different countries. Our spacious and peaceful 70 acre campus provides the backdrop for students to focus on achieving excellent academic results, whilst allowing us to provide a large range of sporting and social activities and a high level of residential care.

We are a privately-run school in the town of Malvern in central England, offering various high-quality and flexible programmes. These are in both the Academic field at pre-university level (IGCSE, A Levels and Foundation courses) and in the English language field. All courses are offered on a coeducational, fully residential basis and we are accredited and recognised by the appropriate regulating bodies.

Our students come to us from all around the world, attracted by the opportunity to interact, develop and learn from staff experienced in dealing with international students. We provide a fully residential package, with fees covering the vast majority of what students need from the moment of arrival to the moment of departure, 24 hours per day.

In the Academic field the average class size is only 7, enabling our teachers to understand the needs of each individual student. This has been the basis for a record of strong academic achievement, with many of our students going on to some of the U.K.'s best-established universities. Full English language support is built into courses where required.

Whether you are interested in us for the opportunity of gaining acceptance at a renowned U.K. university or for the chance to take a short-term English language course, Abbey College could provide what you are looking for.



Location

The site of Abbey College was established as a seat of learning in 1874, lying on the lower slopes of the famous Malvern Hills in central England.

The region contains some of England's loveliest countryside. The college itself is part of a government-recognised "area of outstanding natural beauty".

The town of Malvern, with a population of around 40,000, is renowned as a centre for high quality private education, and is statistically one of the safest towns in the whole of the U.K.

Our central location provides the opportunity to arrange supervised excursions to various cities. The Cathedral cities of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester are within ½ an hour, with Cheltenham, Bath, Stratford and Oxford close by. London is 2½ hours away by car or direct train.

...a safe town in central England...



SUMMARY

- Long-established campus in central England
- Beautiful, safe town – Malvern
- Close to big cities with excursions provided

Malvern Town Centre

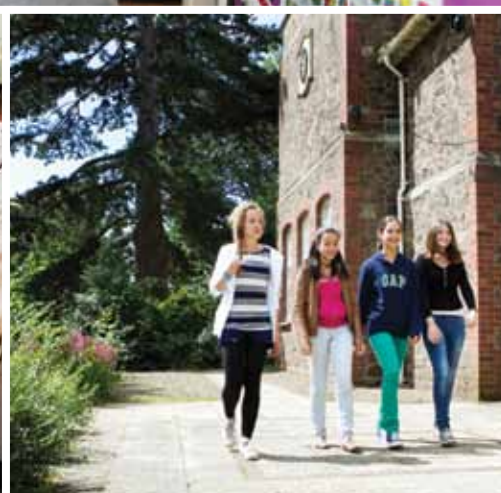
Welfare

...full on-site welfare support...



As host to a fully residential international community the issue of welfare is extremely important to us. Our specialist Student Services department is run by full-time experienced staff who are responsible for every aspect of student health, well-being and accommodation. They also help in supervising evening social events.

The college employs a school Matron to deal with health matters, and students may visit local doctors when necessary. The college welcomes students from all religions. Special arrangements can be made for the observance of any religion, respecting the wishes of parents, including attendance at places of worship.



DISCIPLINE

During the academic year the college's Heads of Year keep a watchful eye on the behaviour and self-discipline of all students. Students are expected to attend every lesson provided on their individual timetables and to attempt all work set by teachers. Students over 21 are treated as adults, on the condition that they behave and study with adult responsibility.

SUMMARY

- **Welfare issues taken care of by specialist staff**
- **Religious requirements arranged where necessary**
- **Self-discipline an important part of college life**

Accommodation

...on-site residential living...

Various types of accommodation are available to suit different requirements. The majority of students choose to stay on-campus in one of our residential houses, divided by age and sex, although host families and self-contained apartments are also available.

All A Level and Foundation students are guaranteed single rooms. Other students on academic programmes have single or twin rooms, whilst those on English courses year-round have 1-4 bedded rooms. Bunk beds may be provided on some short courses. Rooms with a private bathroom are also available for an extra charge. Please see the Student Guide for further details and costs.

Students receive care 24 hours per day. House Parents deal with in-house matters and both check-in and wake-up all under 18-year olds daily. Under 16's receive particular care and attention.

A weekly laundry service is provided for some items, with washing machines available for extra items. Clean bedding is provided weekly and communal areas are cleaned daily.



MEALS

Three meals per weekday are provided daily on-campus for all students, and are included in the fees. Brunch may be offered as an alternative to breakfast and lunch at weekends.

Care is taken to provide not only a balanced diet but also meals that suit international tastes in general. Vegetarian and other special diets, including religious dietary requirements, are catered for upon request and a choice is always available.

Kitchenettes are available in most houses on campus. We also have a 'tuck shop' on campus, which serves additional hot and cold snacks and drinks every day.

SUMMARY

- **Accommodation provided on campus, with options available**
- **House Parents in children's houses**
- **All meals on-campus provided with choices and options**

Facilities

...70 acres of private grounds...

One of the great advantages of Abbey College is our magnificent campus. We aim to provide all the necessary facilities needed for students on one site.

70 acres (28 hectares) of private grounds include a well-stocked library, up-to-date computer rooms (for academic and personal use), three science laboratories, 15 classrooms, common room areas, a multi-gym and various other specialist rooms.

There is an active Student Council which co-ordinates the range of clubs, societies and other activities on behalf of the students under staff supervision. A balance is always found between work and play.



SUMMARY

- **Outstanding 70-acre campus**
- **Specialist facilities for study and recreation**
- **Student-driven use of facilities**

Sports & Activities

...available on the college campus...

Depending on the time of the year and student numbers the following supervised sports and activities are available on the college campus:

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- Outdoor swimming
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Football
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Archery
- Fencing
- Unihoc
- Softball
- Ultimate frisbee
- Aerobics
- Dancing
- Weight training
- Table tennis
- Table football
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Bouncy castle / Sumo
- Computing
- Discos
- Karaoke
- Cabaret / shows
- Campfires
- Barbeques
- Themed parties

There are other activities available in close proximity to the college which can be arranged for an additional charge, including horse riding, golf, hill walking, indoor swimming, squash, climbing, canoeing, bowling, go-karting and paintball.



SUMMARY

- **Activities and events provided year-round**
- **Huge choice of seasonal sports available**
- **Further activities provided close to college**

Academic Courses

...ideal preparation for university study...



TEACHING

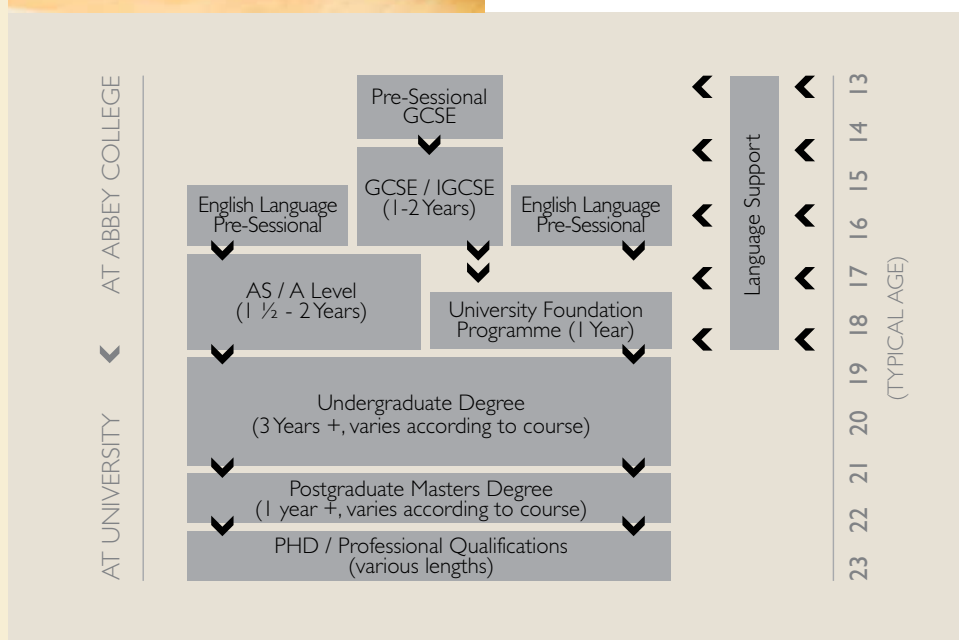
The College prides itself on its small class sizes and high quality teaching. On average there are just 7 students per class. This allows each teacher to come to know each student in detail, constantly assessing strengths and weaknesses and ensuring no student should fall below expected standards.

Every student's timetable is individually prepared. Some teachers are available during the evening homework sessions for extra assistance if required. All this contributes to strong academic performance and university success of Abbey College students.

COURSE ROUTES

Academic courses are divided into two main bodies. Our younger students (minimum age 14) concentrate on preparation for GCSE/IGCSE examinations. At the higher level (minimum age 16) students work towards either the traditional 'AS' and 'A' level qualifications or the specialist University Foundation Programmes, both of which lead directly to university entry.

The College operates a three-term academic year, running from September to June. Students begin courses in either September or January. April entry is available for pre-sessional English courses. Entry at other times is strictly at the Principal's discretion, normally subject to additional tuition. Details on course dates are enclosed.



Academic Courses continued

...full English language support and strong academic success...

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

English language lessons are given as part of their course to all students who require them by Abbey College's specialised language department. An IELTS or similar English Language Test minimum score is a standard requirement for most universities. Due to our high number of international students over so many years our staff are particularly experienced and well equipped in this area.

Students whose English language ability is weak are initially given English lessons only. As the students' ability and confidence improves academic subjects are gradually introduced into their timetables so that students study the required English lessons alongside appropriate academic subjects.

Progressively more academic lessons are introduced over the course, so that students can make optimum use of their time. Each individual student is regularly reassessed to ensure they are receiving the correct balance of academic subjects and English lessons. This system provides a clear advantage over the inflexible teaching methods of many traditional schools.





UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

The College is proud of its record of success in improving student grades and in sending them to high quality UK and international universities.

PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Abbey College's students take a variety of exams at varying ages, so despite our success we are not published in many of the different performance charts made available by various organisations. We are happy to provide results or statistics when requested showing how well our students have performed, so that parents can see how we compare.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS AT ABBEY COLLEGE

Abbey College A Level & Foundation students have received offers from the following UK institutions in recent years. Universities with a * have offered courses for our Foundation students:

- Aberdeen
- * Aston
- Bangor
- Bath
- Belfast
- * Birmingham
- * Brighton
- Bristol
- * Brunel
- * Buckingham
- Cambridge
- Canterbury
- * Cardiff
- * City
- * Coventry
- * De Montfort
- * Derby
- * East Anglia
- * East London
- * European Business School
- * Essex
- * Glamorgan
- * Glasgow
- * Gloucestershire
- * Greenwich
- * Guildhall
- * Hertfordshire
- Imperial College
- Kings College London
- * Kingston
- * Lancaster
- * Leeds
- * Leicester
- * Liverpool
- London School of Economics
- * Loughborough
- Manchester
- * Middlesex
- Newcastle
- * North London
- * Nottingham
- * Nottingham Trent
- Oxford
- * Oxford Brookes
- * Plymouth
- * Portsmouth
- * Queen Mary's
- * Roehampton
- * Royal Holloway
- * Sheffield
- * South Bank
- * Southampton
- * Southampton Institute
- Surrey
- Sussex
- University College London
- * University West of England
- * Warwick
- * Westminster

SOME EXAMPLES FROM RECENT YEARS:

- **80% of all A Level results graded as either A*, A or B grades.**
- **90% of Mathematics A Levels taken were A grades.**
- **All of our one-year Medical Foundation Programme students were offered a place to study Medicine or Dentistry at an EU university.**

GCSE & IGCSE Courses

...the first stage of secondary education...

The GCSE, or General Certificate of Secondary Education (formerly 'O' Level) is the standard qualification marking the end of the first stage of high school.

GCSE examinations are taken by all students, normally at the age of 16, and are usually required in order to progress onto AS/A Level and University Foundation programmes.

The IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) is usually recommended for overseas students. This qualification is exactly the same as the GCSE, and has the same value to universities and employers, yet the English language used in the course is more suited to international students.

Courses normally last for three, five or six terms (1-2 years). This period may be longer if an English language preparation course is required. Students normally take a minimum of five subjects, as well as ongoing English language lessons where necessary. Please see the subject choices on the next page.

Study Skills are taught as part of every course, to familiarise students with what is expected of them. Homework sessions, lasting 1½ - 2 hours per weekday evening, are always supervised by a teacher and assistance is given when required. Our rules and disciplinary systems are also stricter for these younger students.



KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 14. Maximum 17.
Start Dates:	September & January. Other times by arrangement.
Course Length:	Normally 3, 5 or 6 terms (3 terms = 1 year).
Hours per Week:	4 per subject on average in class.
Maximum in Class:	15. Average 7.
Course Content:	A minimum of 5 subjects, offering a broad and general first stage of secondary education, with English language lessons provided where necessary.
Appropriate for:	All students preparing for AS/A level or Foundation study who do not yet have the appropriate qualification.
Course Progression:	AS/A Level and Foundation courses.



STUDENT COMMENTS

When I joined Abbey College I was worried that my English was not good enough to study a British curriculum, but within 9 months I had passed 7 GCSEs and been accepted to study A Levels at a UK school.

Ilya Kraynyuchenko (Russia)
GCSEs

The college grounds are big and the student numbers are limited, which is good because we have very small classes. I've got good friends here and the residential staff make sure they look after us so I am very happy here.

Alexandra Bogdanov (Russia)
IGCSEs

SUBJECT CHOICES

Core Subjects	Main Optional Subjects	Other Supplementary Subjects
English	Biology	English Literature
Mathematics	Chemistry	History
ICT	Physics	Geography
	Business Studies	Foreign Languages
	Enterprise	Accounting
	Economics	Further Mathematics
	Art	

* Please ask us for latest subject availability. We can run almost any other subjects if there is enough demand, or as one to one courses with private lessons.

AS & A-Level Courses

...traditional qualifications for the best universities...

A Levels are the traditional standard qualification required to obtain a place at a UK university. International students also have the option of University Foundation courses, which we also offer (see page 16).

A Levels tend to be longer courses and, as well as being an independent qualification, they provide a more in-depth preparation for university study. It is only through A Levels that certain courses, such as Medicine, and the very best universities can be accessed in the UK.

Courses normally last five or six terms (1½ - 2 years), and always finish in June. The period required may be longer if an English language preparatory course is required.

Usually students take three or four AS (Advanced Subsidiary) Levels during the first year, and three A (Advanced) Levels during the second year. AS Level grades obtained contribute to the final A Level grade.

Students may have a number of private study periods in their timetables which can be spent in the college library or computer rooms. Study Skills are taught as part of every course. Students typically receive two to three hours of homework per weekday evening.



KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 16. No maximum.
Start Dates:	September and January. Other times by arrangement.
Course Length:	Normally 5-6 terms (3 terms = 1 year).
Hours per Week:	5-6 per subject in class on average.
Maximum in Class:	15. Average 7.
Course Content:	Usually 3, sometimes 4 subjects, studied in detail, including private research time, plus IELTS or general English language lessons where necessary.
Appropriate for:	Students wanting detailed preparation for university; students wanting to go on to a demanding course at an elite university; students who have not completed secondary schooling.
Course Progression:	University. This independent qualification can also be used for employment.



SUBJECT CHOICES

Core Subjects

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Mathematics

Further Mathematics

Business Studies

Economics

Main Optional Subjects

English Literature

History

Foreign Languages

Law

Art

ICT

Geography

* Please ask us for latest subject availability. We can run almost any other subjects if there is enough demand, or as one to one courses with private lessons.

STUDENT COMMENTS

Studying A Levels at Abbey College allowed me to achieve the best possible grades in 4 subjects, while still having time to pursue my other interests. The college helped me to secure a place at the London School of Economics for my undergraduate studies, fulfilling a long held personal and family ambition.

Quang Vinh Nguyen (Vietnam)
A Levels

Since I came here there has been so much that has impressed me. In particular my teachers are excellent - not just the way they teach but they take an interest in my general progress. I have now accepted an offer from Cambridge University to study Aeronautical Engineering.

Jin Leon Ooi (Malaysia)
A Levels

University Foundation / Access Courses

University Foundation courses, also known as Access or Bridging courses, offer students a fast track, one-year route to a wide range of British and other university degree courses as an alternative to A Levels. They are of a similar standard to A Levels and are best considered as the first year of a four-year undergraduate course.

These courses are specifically designed for overseas students who have a high school certificate or other academic qualifications which may not be recognised by British or other universities. A Level courses may be inappropriate and too time-consuming for such students. Foundation courses not only provide the passport to gain university entry, but also help students to understand any differences in the curriculum, acclimatise to the UK, and improve their English.

Students can go on to study a variety of subjects at undergraduate level at a range of universities following a course in one of the Foundation course disciplines – please see below. Different pathways can be combined to provide the ideal course for each individual.

Each course has two areas: the general core section, forming the basis for all courses, and the subject specific section, which varies according to the discipline chosen.



MEDICINE & DENTISTRY FOUNDATION COURSE & DEGREE PROGRAMME

Abbey College offers an exclusive and unique Foundation Programme for Medicine and Dentistry courses at renowned universities in 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 councils of London. This, combined with the lower cost of tuition fees 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 ask for our separate brochure.

KEY FACTS

Age:	Minimum 16, No maximum.
Start Dates:	September and January. Other times by arrangement.
Course Length:	Normally 3 terms. Possibly 2 terms for January entry (3 terms = 1 year).
Hours per Week:	Usually 16 or more in class plus private studies.
Maximum in Class:	15. Average 7.
Course Content:	Study Skills, Information Technology, Mathematics and English where necessary, plus subject-specific lessons.
Appropriate for:	Students who have completed their further education in their own country but have not met the entry requirements for their chosen course or university.
Course Progression:	University.



SAMPLE COURSE STRUCTURES & POPULAR UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

All Subjects	Core Modules: English Mathematics Information Technology	Examples of universities that accept Foundation Course students for these specific subject areas:
Business	Core Modules PLUS: Economics Business Studies Accounting	Cardiff, Kings College, Royal Holloway, Lancaster, Essex
Law	Core Modules PLUS: Law 1 & 2 Business Studies Humanities	Nottingham, De Montfort, Warwick, Kingston, Oxford Brookes
Art / Design	Core Modules PLUS: Art & Design	Hertfordshire, St. Martins, Brighton Reading, Gloucestershire
Engineering	Core Modules PLUS: Mathematics Applied Mathematics Physics	Southampton, Birmingham, Queen Mary's, Liverpool, Sheffield
Science	Core Modules PLUS: Chemistry Biology, Physics	Bath, Aston St. Andrews Coventry, Brunel
Medicine & Dentistry (Czech Universities)	Core Modules PLUS: Chemistry Biology Mathematics Physics	First Faculty, Charles, Prague (exclusively at Abbey College) Masaryk, Brno, Palacky, Olomouc

STUDENT COMMENTS

I have always wanted to join my father's business, designing specialist medical facilities for hospitals. By successfully completing a Foundation in Engineering at Abbey College, I was offered places at 5 excellent UK universities to study Medical Engineering – in 4 years' time I will be working with my father!

Farnam Yaghooby (Iran)
Engineering Foundation

When I received poor results in the first year of my A Levels I thought I had lost my chance of studying Medicine at university. However, by completing Abbey College's Medical Foundation programme I will be studying Medicine at one of the best universities in Europe next year.

Alice Holden (UK)
Medical Foundation

English All Year Courses

...year-round learning for all requirements...

English All Year courses are available to Teens (12-17) and Adults (18+), and from Beginner to Advanced level. Courses run from September to June, excluding four weeks at Christmas and four at Easter, and course start/finish dates are flexible – please see the enclosed course dates.

These programmes are intensive in nature and are flexible to suit individual needs. Teaching staff use course books, computers and other audio-visual technology to motivate and aid students. Homework is set during weekdays for evening study.

Students may also be mixed in-class with students on academic courses.



KEY FACTS

Age:	12-17, 18+
Start Dates:	First and third Sunday of every month during term time (see course dates). Groups can start any time except December.
Course Length:	Minimum 2 weeks. No Maximum.
Hours per Week:	18+ in class.
Maximum in Class:	16. Average 10.
Course Content:	General English, geared towards a particular qualification, or with a particular focus, if required.
Appropriate for:	Any student wanting to learn English in England, for academic purposes or for leisure, outside of the peak holiday periods.



STUDENT COMMENTS

When I started studying English at Abbey College I thought it would take a long time for my English to improve, but after a few months I got an excellent IELTS score and my English is now good enough for me to study on a Business Foundation programme.

Hassan Almisehal (Saudi Arabia)
English All Year

I initially joined to improve my language skills before continuing my studies. I made such good progress that I decided to stay here and take a foundation course. The excursions and sports are really good fun. It's a beautiful place to stay and I've really enjoyed my time here.

Reza Kazerooni (Iran)
English All Year

GROUP PROGRAMMES

An increasingly popular way of choosing to study with us is for groups of students, either from the same school or just from the same country, to travel and stay together as a group, in this way they gain all the benefits of being with friends and a group leader whilst mixing with our many different nationalities on campus. This also allows us to put together genuinely tailor-made courses for each group, depending on what they wish to focus on, whether it is particular sports and excursions or specific academic subjects.

Easter & Summer English Vacation Courses

The Easter and Summer courses provide a wonderful opportunity to combine learning English with the benefit of activities and cultural excursions in a fun, safe, multinational environment. These are the most popular of the language courses we run.

All parts of the programme are thoroughly organised, including the leisure and social activities, which are prepared and supervised by separate staff. Lessons usually take place in the mornings with qualified EFL teachers. The college provides a full sporting and social programme in the summer on-site – please see page 8 for some examples. Every morning, afternoon and evening is taken up by either lessons, activities or organised social events/excursions, so that students have something to do from when they wake up until they go to bed.



Abbey College - Sample Vacation Course Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Morning	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45	Breakfast 8:00 Assembly at 9am Lessons Break 11:00 - 11:25 Lessons Lunch 12:45
Afternoon	Activity programme Tennis Fencing Cricket	Activity programme Football Archery Table Tennis	Full day excursion to London	Activity programme Basketball Badminton Art	Activity programme Volleyball Rugby Dance	Full day excursion to Cardiff	Sports and activities or optional excursion	
Evening	WELCOME PARTY	CAMP FIRE	CASINO AND GAMES NIGHT	MOVIE NIGHT	GAMES	DISCO	TALENT SHOW	

Bed Check 11pm

KEY FACTS

Age:	8-11 (Children), 12-17 (Teens), 18+ (Adults)
Start Dates:	Every Sunday (see course dates)
Course Length:	Minimum 2 weeks. No maximum.
Hours per Week:	16+ in class.
Maximum in Class:	16. Average 12.
Course Content:	General English lessons plus a strong focus on sports, activities and excursions.
Appropriate for:	Students looking for a holiday-style course in the summer who want to have fun outside the classroom as well as in it.



There are separate courses designed for Adults (18+), Teens (12- 17) and Children (8-11), although there may be some overlapping in class. Students in the different age groups have separate social activities, unless there are activities taking place that are appropriate for all ages. Particular care and attention is provided for the youngest students by Abbey College staff. The wide age range also allows us to provide courses for families, so that family members can live close to each other, coming together for meals and excursions whilst enjoying separate teaching and social programmes. Group courses are also available for Vacation Courses. Early booking is advised.

Please note that we publish a separate brochure for these courses, which has further information, including separate application details. Please ask us for a copy.



Abbey College in London

Abbey College in London is set in the heart of the city, a few minutes' walk from the West End's theatre land and the museums and art galleries of Trafalgar Square.

Housed in a quiet Georgian square, adjacent to the British Museum, it too provides university preparation courses (GCSE, A Level and Foundation) and English Language courses (long and short-term) for students from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures.

Please note that we publish a separate brochure for Abbey College in London. Please ask us for a copy.



COURSES AVAILABLE

- GCSE's
- AS/A Level Courses
- Foundation Courses
- Pre Masters Courses
- English language Courses



Our London college's location makes it a superb option for students who wish to live and study in one of the world's most exciting cities. The college is an excellent base for vacation courses for both teenagers and adults who want to both improve their English and take advantage of the cultural and historical capital city's attractions.

Dual centre courses are also available, where students divide their time between both college locations (Malvern and London).



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