



*Abbey College*  
in  
*Malvern, England*

# *Summer & Easter Vacation Courses*



# 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.<br>Includes Disco, Shop, Multi Gym,<br>Internet Room & Snooker Room |
| 3 Assembly Hall                        | 8 Sports Pitches             | 14 Badminton Courts.   |
| 4 Classrooms & Science<br>Laboratories | 9 Tennis & Basketball Courts | 15 Football Pitches.   |
| 5 Art Studio                           | 10 Outdoor Swimming Pool     |  |
|  | 11 Sports Hall               |  |

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# Introduction

*...to Abbey College Easter & Summer Courses...*

Since 1969, Abbey College has been running high-quality, all inclusive Easter and Summer English Language courses. These programmes provide an excellent opportunity to combine learning English with the benefit of activities, cultural excursions and sports tuition in a fun, residential environment.

Our outstanding fully residential 70 acre (28 hectare) campus in central England has everything the student needs in one of the safest locations in the country.

Separate courses are designed for Adults (18+), Teens (12-17) and Children (8-11). Students can begin courses at the start of any week within the course dates. All students receive over 16 hours per week of general English tuition from

EFL course teachers. Leisure and social activities are prepared and supervised by our dedicated social and sports staff, with a wide variety available on-campus. Two full-day excursions are provided and included each week. The exciting and varied programme ensures students have something to do from when they wake up until they go to bed.

Over 40 different nationalities, represented in one of the largest residential summer schools in England, ensures Abbey College provides an excellent international atmosphere.

We also run English All Year, GCSE, A Level and University Foundation / Access courses at our colleges in London and Malvern. For details please ask for our separate brochures.

## OUR ALL-INCLUSIVE POLICY...

It is our intention to provide every student with everything essential to their stay on-campus in one package price, so that we can take care of students from the moment of arrival to the moment of departure.

We include much more than most summer schools do; something you need to remember when comparing prices. Some additional options are available which do cost extra, such as room upgrades, private lessons and additional excursions.

## OUR FEES INCLUDE...

Our fees include the following for every student:

- Group tuition
- Standard accommodation
- All on-campus meals
- Airport transfers to / from London Heathrow (see details)
- Two full day organised excursions per week
- Basic welfare and healthcare
- Weekly laundry
- All course materials
- Internet, library and self-access facilities
- Additional conversation classes
- All mainstream on-site activities and social events (up to 30 per week)
- An Identification Card
- End-of-course certificate and teacher's report



# Location

The site of Abbey College lies on the lower slopes of the 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 statistically one of the safest towns in the whole of the U.K., and is a cultural centre in its own right. Students with us are living and learning away from the dangers and distractions of many big cities.

Our central location does however provide the opportunity to arrange supervised excursions to various cities around us on a regular basis – please see below. Older students are free to use convenient local transport in their free time.

The cathedral cities of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester are within ½ an hour, with Cheltenham, Stratford, Birmingham, Bath and Oxford also close by. London is 2½ hours away by car or direct train.

## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Transfers to and from London Heathrow airport (2½ hours from the college) are provided free of charge for flights scheduled to land or take off between 10am and 5pm every Sunday within the course dates. A member of staff is assigned to meet students as they enter the public area, between these times.

There are normally two collections and departures from the airport on each travel day, with times varying according to the students' flight times. Students wishing to use this free service should note that there may be a wait due to flight delays and the collection of other students, so some patience may be required. Private collections can be arranged for an additional charge.

The College can arrange transfers to and from any other airport within the UK, at any time, for an additional charge – please see the enclosed documents for details. For all transfers at least three days written notice is required.



## EXCURSIONS...

Two full day excursions each week are included in the price for all courses. These are prepared and supervised by our staff, with under 16's always accompanied. Students normally receive a briefing from teachers during the week about the cities they will visit, with further information available in the library. Our central location allows for a greater choice of interesting locations for excursions.

### Examples of included trips:

Cheltenham, Worcester; Bath, Bristol, Hereford, Cardiff, Gloucester; Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon and London

**Optional trips** (additional charge), Cadbury's Chocolate Factory, Warwick Castle, disco, cinema, bowling, theatre, leisure centre and ice skating rink.



# Welfare



## ACCOMMODATION

Various types of accommodation are available, to suit different requirements. The vast majority of students choose to stay on campus in one of our residential houses, divided by age and sex. Host families, superior and self-contained apartments are also available for an extra charge. All adults over 21 are guaranteed single rooms, with single or twin rooms for those aged 18-20. Shared bedrooms are the most popular choice for Teens and Children. These are normally in 4 bedded rooms, with some in 6 bedded rooms. Bunk beds are provided for these students. The standard of the accommodation is clean and comfortable but fairly basic, since students spend very little time in their rooms due to the full programme we provide. Students normally share rooms with students of a different nationality to produce an international mix. A weekly laundry service is provided. Clean bedding is provided weekly.

As hosts 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 and well-being, as well as accommodation and transport.

Staff are aware that they are dealing with young people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. Regular meetings ensure all staff are kept up-to-date on issues involving students. The college also 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. All students are given a campus tour at the start of the course to familiarise them with their surroundings. All under 18's are individually checked into their bedrooms at night and woken up for breakfast in the morning. There is always at least one member of staff in residence in every house containing under 18's.

## MEALS

Three meals are provided daily on campus during the week, for all students, and are included in the fees. Brunch may be offered as an alternative to breakfast and lunch at weekends. Students going on full-day excursions do need to purchase their own lunch, since meals are not provided off campus.

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.

We also have a 'tuck shop' on campus, which serves additional hot and cold snacks and drinks every day.

# Lessons & Activities

The day after arrival students take a written test and are placed in classes according to age and English language ability.

EFL teachers teach general English, involving the key skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. A new topic and grammar point are introduced every week, allowing new students to start afresh from the week they arrive. Lessons tend to focus on communication skills.

All students receive at least 16 hours per week in class, with adults receiving over 20 hours. Attendance is compulsory for all students. Lessons normally take place in the morning, with afternoon lessons for younger students.

Additional conversation classes can be taken on some days, free of charge, for any student, in addition to activities. The maximum class size is 16, with 12 being the average. At the end of the course every student receives an Abbey College certificate, together with a teacher's report on his or her progress.

## 1:2:1 TUTORION

The college offers optional private one-to-one tuition at an hourly rate for students who wish to spend more time with teachers. Students can cover work they've not fully understood, or go through entirely new topics. As many private lessons as required can be arranged. It is also possible to study academic subjects such as Mathematics, Art or Computing in this way – please ask us for details.

## ACTIVITIES, SPORTS & FACILITIES

One of the greatest advantages of Abbey College is our magnificent campus, which is one of the best in the country for a privately-owned residential language school. 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), 15 classrooms, common room areas, a multi-gym and various other specialist rooms. Students do not need to travel or pay for mainstream on-campus activities, which are supervised by our staff in a safe environment.

Activities are organised on a daily basis. Sporting activities normally take place in the afternoon, although for younger students we often have them in the mornings (with lessons in the afternoons) so that we can focus on specific activities for them. Social events take place in the evenings. We always encourage all students to get involved, regardless of ability.



## SUPERVISED SPORTS, ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL EVENTS...

The following supervised sports, activities and social events are available on the college campus:

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

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. The provision of all activities varies according to student age, numbers and the time of year.

# For all ages



## ADULTS (18+ YEARS)

The specialised Adult programme combines the benefits of our facilities and excursions with lessons in small class sizes, appropriate for the mature student. At all times the majority of students in the class are over 18. Students can either join activities with our younger students or choose from a variety of leisure interests to them, organised by the Adult activities co-ordinator.

## TEENS (12 - 17 YEARS)

Our Easter and Summer courses for Teens, the most popular age group, enable teenagers to improve their English language skills, to experience life in Britain and to participate in fun and social activities with a wide variety of friends from our international community. Mature students over 16 may on occasion be moved to adult classes.

## CHILDREN (8 - 11 YEARS)

For the youngest students we provide an opportunity to learn English in a highly structured and closely supervised environment. Teachers, activity leaders and welfare staff are all chosen for their ability to deal sympathetically with young students. Children can improve their English, participate in special activities, make friends and enjoy life in England in a friendly and safe atmosphere

## COURSES FOR FAMILIES

The English courses and facilities available at Abbey College offers an opportunity for whole families to enjoy a holiday in England, while at the same time participating in a well-organised programme of English lessons, social activities and cultural excursions.

## COURSES FOR GROUPS

An increasingly popular way of studying languages abroad is for groups of students of any age, 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 at the same time mixing with our many nationalities on-campus. Group bookings also allow us to create tailor-made courses for each group, depending on what they want.

## LONDON AND MALVERN DUAL CENTRE COURSES

These courses are available for groups who wish to divide their time between our two colleges (Malvern and London). Please contact us for further details.

## INTERESTED IN AN ACADEMIC COURSE?

- GCSE's
- AS/A Levels
- Foundation Courses
- Pre Masters
- English All Year

Abbey College offers a variety of academic courses in Malvern and London. Please visit our website or ask us for our academic brochures.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

The College has a range of recognised agents across the world that can assist you with your application. Please ask them directly or ask us for your nearest agent. Alternatively, simply fill in and send the completed application form enclosed, together with the Registration Fee of £50 and two passport-sized photographs. You may wish to check with us first by email to see if we have places available. If so we will send you a booking confirmation together with an invoice for the course fees. Further details are enclosed.



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