

### Years of Excellence

1955-2025

# **Bell Young Learners 2025**

7-17 years

London • Bristol • Banbury • Cambridge • St Albans



## Introduction

This year marks the 70th anniversary of Bell and our unwavering commitment to transforming lives through language education – a journey that has continually evolved to meet the needs of learners worldwide.

As we celebrate this milestone, we also look back on the history that started with our first Young Learner centre at Bell The Leys in 1986, to our newest centre at Bell RMS for 2025. Each step has been guided by our dedication to providing exceptional educational experiences that inspire and empower young learners.

In an ever-changing world it is critical that young learners develop essential language and life skills to prepare for their learning, life, and work in the future. Our Young Learner programmes are the culmination of decades of expertise, bringing English language learning to life in ways that inspire students to aim high, exceed their goals and become confident and capable individuals.

Building confidence to communicate in an additional language takes guided support and practice, practice, practice. That's why we focus on developing core English language skills through project-based learning activities and interactive learning - an effective way to learn language quickly and successfully.

Our programmes are a truly international experience. In 2024, we welcomed 51 nationalities to our centres. giving students the opportunity to make friends and connections all over the world.

With expertly designed lessons, activities, and study tours, students will be inspired to reach their full potential. They will take on new challenges, surpass their expectations and experience what life could be like at an elite boarding school or university, kickstarting their road to academic success, and carrying forward the tradition of excellence that Bell has upheld for 70 years.

For more information on the history of Bell, please see our adult course brochure.









# Why Study with Bell?

We continue to follow the vision of our founder, Frank Bell, who believed in the power of language to transform lives and the world. Our heritage means we have always had education at the heart of everything we do and in almost 70 years, we have never compromised on that.

#### Learning the Bell Way

Each student's learning is guided by The Bell Way, which has been developed by our academic team and an Emeritus Professor from the University of Cambridge.

The Bell Way is core to everything we do at Bell, enhancing your child's progress and ensuring their success.

#### **Our Teaching Expertise**

We pride ourselves on the strength and quality of our teaching methods and expertise. Young learner courses are taught using a project-based approach, which allows students to practice skills that go beyond language and communication, incorporating critical-thinking and collaborative tasks.

#### **Outstanding Student Care**

Safeguarding and the welfare of our students is the number one priority at all Bell schools. We employ residential staff, at a staff to student ratio of 1:6, to ensure that the pastoral and welfare needs of each individual student are covered. Dedicated houseparents, 24-hour supervision and an emergency helpline: together these create a safe and secure experience that ensures your child's welfare is our highest priority.

#### **Prestigious schools**

We have five young learner schools, all traditional, historic English buildings set in their own gardens and grounds in prestigious locations.

Each school has its own special atmosphere and diverse facilities from art rooms, dance studios and theatres to sports fields, swimming pools and tennis courts.

#### An Inclusive Approach

At Bell, we will always endeavour to accommodate students with additional learning needs. We will work with you before your child arrives in order to ensure we can meet the needs of your child and they will have the care and support they need to thrive during their time with us.

#### Tasty and nutritious

Your child will be offered a choice of nutritious food at each mealtime: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Snacks are also available during breaktimes. Packed lunches are provided on all study tours.

If your child has a dietary requirement, please let us know.







#### Sample study tour itinerary

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08:30	Meet in classrooms
09:00	Depart for London
11:15	Explore the Natural History Museum
13:00	Coach to Tothill Street
13:30	Begin Walking Tour (Westminster – Covent Garden)
15:00	End of Walking Tour & free time with hourly check in Covent Garden
16:00	Meet at Coaches
16:15	Depart from London
18:00	Arrive back at Bell

# Your Bell programme

Students learn faster and more successfully when they use English all the time and in a range of situations. This is why we offer fully integrated courses with lessons, activities and exciting study tours.

#### Inspiring lessons and project-based learning

Our lessons are carefully planned to improve students' language skills and build confidence. We focus on developing core English language skills through engaging and relevant weekly project themes, like 'Protecting the Planet'. Students work in groups and use what they have learned to produce a final project such as a short film or presentation.

► Tuition – 15 hours per week

### Your choice of afternoon electives in the Explorer programme

Electives give students an opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, with a choice of active, creative and academic options available at each school. Students have multiple sessions in each chosen elective, allowing them to build confidence and practise elective-specific language. Electives are delivered by experienced activity leaders with a variety of backgrounds, from keen sportspeople to professional actors.

- ► Two-week course 6 x 3 electives (total 18 hours)
- ► One-week course 4.5 hours x 2 electives (total 9 hours)

\*Sample electives can be seen on each location page.

#### **Evening activities**

Students get further opportunity to practise their English as one big group or in teams during our evening events, which include quizzes, talent shows, sporting events and movie nights. A programme of afternoon and evening activities is included in all our courses.

#### Specialise with an Academy

Bell Academies give students the chance to specialise in one particular area of interest. Students on Explorer course at Bell Tudor Hall and Bell The Leys will have the option to pursue their interests and get high-quality tuition from a professional with many years of industry experience. Students practise their English while focused on learning or developing their chosen skill. This approach of 'learning by doing' helps students to learn faster and more successfully.

Due to popular demand, we encourage Academy options to be booked in advance for bothcentres. All Academies are available at an additional cost.

Academy details can be seen on the Bell Tudor Hall and Bell The Leys location pages.

#### **Exciting study tours**

As part of our young learner courses, students have the opportunity to explore places of interest in the UK, such as London, Oxford and Cambridge. Study tours are important learning opportunities, which students prepare for during their lessons. Each study tour relates to the weekly project theme on our Explorer courses.

#### **Sample Timetable**



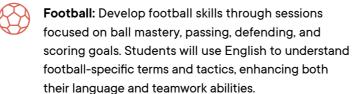
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## **Electives**



### **Sports and Wellbeing**



Archery: Explore archery, starting with the basics of shooting and progressing to scoring and competition. The sessions provide a thorough introduction to the sport, all while using relevant English vocabulary.

Rounders: Cover the fundamentals of rounders, including throwing, catching, and batting skills.

Students will learn the rules of the game and enhance their English communication by interacting with teammates.

Volleyball: Introduction to volleyball, focusing on serving, passing, and setting. Students will engage in games that improve their ability to communicate with teammates in English, boosting both their volleyball technique and confidence in using English in an active environment.

**Badminton:** Through interactive mini-games and a mini-tournament, students will develop their badminton skills while using English to strategise and communicate with teammates, enhancing their overall gameplay and language skills.



Table Tennis: Master skills in table tennis such as serving, rallying, and using forehand and backhand strokes. English will be used throughout to learn game rules and communicate during matches, improving language skills in a fun, competitive setting.



Health & Fitness: This elective allows students to participate in a variety of fitness activities designed to improve their health and physical condition. Students will learn about healthy living, including how to prepare nutritious snacks, all while using English to follow instructions and discuss lifestyle choices.



British School Sports & Games: Experience traditional British school sports like rounders and dodgeball. Students will also improve their language skills through game rules and team interaction.



**Orienteering:** Develop navigation skills by exploring the school's surrounding, while discovering local wildlife and plants. Students will learn about environmental importance and create recycled

musical instruments, blending learning with creative expression.



Yoga: Explore yoga techniques to enhance physical health and mental well-being. Sessions include learning yoga poses and mindfulness practices, and using English to understand instructions and discuss experiences, promoting both relaxation and language development.



Lacrosse: This elective covers the basic skills of lacrosse, a fast-paced team sport involving ball handling, shooting, and defensive skills. Students will use English to communicate strategies and play effectively with teammate, improving sporting and language abilities.



Dodgeball: Discover the exciting game of dodgeball, focusing on throwing, dodging, and team strategy. This elective uses English to explain game rules and facilitate team communication, making it a dynamic way to learn both physical skills and language.



Swimming: This elective teaches various swimming techniques and includes activities like relay races and scavenger hunts. Students will develop teamwork and communication skills in English, learning how to coordinate with team members and understand swimming instructions.



**Tennis:** Improve tennis skills through focused training on strokes, serves, and gameplay. Students will learn tennis-specific English terminology and use it during matches to communicate with partners and opponents, enhancing English and tennis skills.



Hockey (Field): Engage in field hockey, learning essential skills such as dribbling, passing, and shooting. This elective encourages students to use English to discuss tactics and play as a team, ensuring language development.



Tag Rugby: Explore tag rugby, an introductory form of rugby that emphasises teamwork and communication. Students will learn rugby passes and game rules in English, applying them in practice and match settings to enhance both their rugby skills and language use.



**Cricket:** This elective introduces students to cricket, focusing on batting, bowling, and fielding skills. Students will practise teamwork and communication in English, gaining a better understanding of the rules, techniques, and language of the game.



### **Creative/Personal Development**



Drama & Performing Arts: Explore fundamental drama techniques and develop performance skills. Students will create short scenes, learn to express emotions, and use English to communicate theatrical concepts. This elective enhances both their creative expression and language abilities.



Dance: Participate in dance sessions and learn routines in street dance, contemporary, and musical theatre. Students will develop choreography skills and use English to collaborate with other students, improving their dance technique and language proficiency.



Photography & Filmmaking: Dive into the world of photography and filmmaking. Students will learn about composition, perspective, and editing. They will also create storyboards and short films, using English to discuss concepts and techniques, which enhance both their artistic skills and language development.



Arts & Crafts: Engage in creative projects like paper marbling, comic strip creation, and stained glass

painting. This elective encourages students to use English to describe artistic processes and collaborate on designs, developing creativity and language.



Board Games: Design and play your own board games. This hands-on elective helps students develop game rules and design concepts while using English to explain and discuss their creations with friends, blending strategic thinking with language practice.



Sculpture & Pottery: Create sculptures and pottery pieces, learning various techniques like clay modelling. Students will use English to follow instructions, describe their artistic choices, and discuss techniques, which promotes both artistic expression and language skills.



Cooking: Learn to prepare a variety of dishes, including English apple pie and pizzas. Students will use English to follow recipes, describe tastes, and discuss cooking techniques, making this elective a delicious way to improve their culinary and language skills.



Performing Arts: Engage in activities that blend acting and musical skills. Students will learn how rhythm and tableau can drive a performance, using English to develop scripts and communicate with their audience and fellow performers.



Music: Try different musical instruments, learn rhythms, and create music in a group setting. This elective uses English to discuss musical concepts and collaborate on performances, enhancing students understanding of music and language.



Design & Textiles: Delve into design and textiles, learning to create patterns and textiles from scratch. Students will use English to discuss design concepts and collaborate on projects, improving their design skills and language proficiency.

### Academic



Journalism: Step into the role of a journalist, crafting headlines and writing news stories. Students will learn the dynamics of a newsroom and use English to conduct interviews, write articles, and deliver news reports, enhancing their understanding of media and language.



Presentations & Debates: Develop skills in public speaking and argumentation through presentations and debates. Students will learn debate formats and techniques, using English to express their viewpoints and engage with diverse perspectives boosting speaking skills.



Exam Skills: Enhance study techniques with sessions on learning styles, revision strategies, and note-taking. Students will use English to explore different academic skills, including creating mind maps and preparing for exams, aiding in their overall educational development.



Creative Writing: Discover the art of creative writing, from poetry to short stories. Students will engage in writing exercises that encourage imagination and the use of English to express ideas creatively. This elective focuses on developing their writing skills and expanding their English vocabulary.



Book Club: Join a book club and read and discuss various literary works. This setting encourages students to share interpretations and critique literature using English, fostering a deeper understanding of texts and language.



Super Science Experiments: This hands-on elective helps students learn scientific vocabulary and processes in English. They will participate in exciting scientific experiments, learning about natural phenomena like volcanoes, enhancing both scientific understanding and language abilities.





# Winter Explorer

Our Winter Explorer course gives students the opportunity to discover British culture while developing their English language skills, through project-based learning activities and interactive learning - both inside and outside the classroom.

#### **Study Tours**

London, Cambridge, Windsor, Edinburgh

#### **Course summary**

- ► Age 11-17
- ► Course length 1-6 weeks
- ► Tuition 15 hours per week
- Max class size 14
- ► Location Bell St Albans
- Start dates Any Sunday from 5 January -15 February 2025



# Spring Explorer

Spring Explorer is a perfect getaway for students to embrace that 'springtime' feeling and freshen up their language at our English countryside school, Bell St Albans. The course focuses on developing core English language skills through project-based learning activities and interactive learning – an effective way to learn language quickly and successfully. Our activity programme is also an integral part of the course and allows young learners to practice and develop what they have learnt in lessons.

#### **Study Tours**

London, Cambridge, Warwick, Windsor, Oxford

#### **Course summary**

- ► Age 11-17
- ► Course length 1-5 weeks
- ► Tuition 15 hours per week
- ► Max class size 14
- ► Location Bell St Albans
- ► Start dates Any Sunday from 23 March 26 April 2025





# Summer Explorer

Our Summer Explorer course gives your child the opportunity to learn about British culture whilst also developing their English language skills, through project-based learning activities and interactive learning - both inside and outside the classroom. English lessons include projects that are designed around weekly themes, and there are also elective sessions available that can be integrated as part of the course.

#### **Study Tours**

London, Cambridge, Windsor, Oxford, Brighton, Warwick

#### **Test your English**

Students at selected centres will also have the opportunity to demonstrate their language skills by undertaking the Cambridge LinguaSkill General Speaking Test every two-week course and receiving

a printed certificate. Please check our website for participating centres in 2025

#### **Course summary**

- ► Age 11-17
- ► Course length Up to 9 weeks
- ► Tuition 15 hours per week
- Max class size 14
- ► Location & start dates -
- ▶ Bell RMS 13 July, 27 July 2025
- ► Bell Badminton School 6 July, 20 July, 3 August 2025
- ▶ Bell Tudor Hall 9 July, 23 July 2025
- ▶ Bell The Leys 2 July, 16 July, 30 July 2025
- Bell St Albans Any Sunday from
   15 June 16 August 2025



# Junior Explorer

Our course for Juniors at Bell Tudor Hall has all the elements of an Explorer series course, but is adjusted to meet the needs and abilities of students aged 7-10 with topics and content tailored for this younger age group. The focus is on encouraging the children to build their confidence, use their language learning, try new things and make new friends.

#### **Study Tours**

London, Oxford, Warwick

#### Course summary

- ► Age 7-10 years
- ► Course length 1-4 weeks
- ► Tuition 15 hours per week
- ► Max class size 14
- ► Location Bell Tudor Hall
- Start dates Any Wednesday from 9 July 5
   August 2025





# Autumn Explorer

Our Autumn Explorer provides students with English language lessons to improve their skills, as well as an insight into British culture and lifestyle. Combining our project-based learning style with a range of activities and cultural excursions, makes a rounded course for students to benefit from and enjoy.

#### **Study Tours**

London, Cambridge, Windsor

#### Course summary

- Age 11-17
- ► Course length 1-3 weeks
- ► Tuition 15 hours per week
- Max class size 14
- ► Location Bell St Albans
- ► Start dates Any Sunday from 12 October 1 November 2025



# **Business Leadership**

**Programme** 

This course is designed for students who wish to develop business and work life skills, as well as enhancing their English. With iGCSE-level Business Studies classes, motivational business talks, participation in our Bell Business Challenge and business-themed study tours, this course is sure to inspire any budding entrepreneurs.

#### **Study Tours**

Students will visit local businesses and topical destinations such as: Museum of Brands, Bank of England Museum,
Cambridge Science Park

#### Course summary

- ► Age 14-17
- ► Min language level B1
- Entry req. Online Placement Test
- ► Course length 2 weeks
- ► Tuition 30 hours
- Bell Business Challenge- 15 hours
- Exam Cambridge
   LinguaSkill Business
   (Speaking only)
- ► Max class size 14
- Location Bell The Leys
- Start dates 2 July,
   16 July, 30 July 2025





# **Explore More**

Our multi-centre course is perfect for students wanting to maximise their time in the UK. Combining two weeks at our Bell Badminton School, with one week at Bell St Albans, the three-week course promises an extraordinary experience, blending language learning with exploration and adventure. Discovering the wonderful city of Bristol and the West Coast of the UK, as well as the opportunity to enjoy our capital city of London, students really do get to **Explore More!** 

Transfers between Bell Badminton School and Bell St Albans included.

#### Course summary

- ► Age 11-17
- ► Course length 3 weeks
- ► Tuition 15 hours per week
- May class size 1
- ► Location Bell Badminton School & Bell St Albans
- ► The Bell St Albans week can be either week 1 or week 3







For young adults aged 16-17 years old

**Bell London** 

#### Overview

Our London Explorer is designed to improve English language skills for 16-17 year olds - with a choice of either General English or IELTS preparation - while offering a deep dive into the vibrant culture and lifestyle of London. This programme blends project-based learning with a diverse mix of activities and cultural excursions, making for a well rounded and fun experience.

#### **Study Tours**

London Landmarks including Westminster, Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral and more

#### Course summary

- ► Location Bell London
- ► Course length 2 weeks
- ► Tuition 20 hours per week
- Min. age 16 years old
- Class size (max) 14
- Start dates 22 June, 6 July, 20July 2025







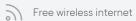














Swimming pool



Sports centre



24/hr CCTV across the campus

#### **Accommodation**



Mainly twin and triple rooms available



Shared showers and bathroom facilities, kitchen and common area in each house



Accommodation in typical boarding houses

#### **Sample Electives**



€ Rounders

Volleyball

Badminton

Health & Fitness

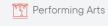














Arts & Crafts

Board Games

Sculpture

Journalism ...



















Creative Writing





Exam Skills

#### **Travel**

FREE transfers\* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:

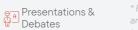












and 7pm or advised train times. Custom transfers can be arranged – ask us for details.

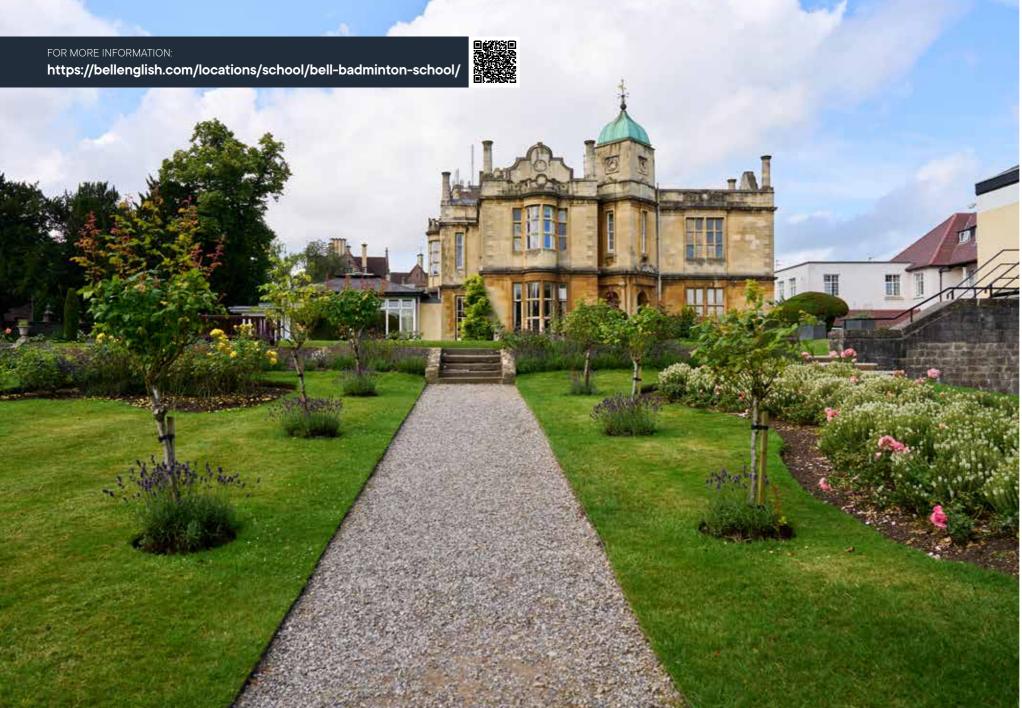
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39 km















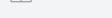
Swimming pool











#### **Accommodation**



Single, twin rooms and dormitories



Shared showers, bathroom facilities and common areas

### **Sample Electives**

**Swimming** 

*№* Rounders

Volleyball

Dodgeball



> Cricket



Health & Fitness

Performing Arts



Photography & Filmmaking







Football

Board Games



Design & Textiles

Sculpture & Pottery



Journalism











Experiments

#### **Travel**

FREE transfers\* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:





London Heathrow

16 km

\* For flight arrival/departures between 7am and 7pm or advised train times. Custom transfers can be arranged – ask us for details.

### **Bell Badminton School Nationality Mix 2024** Top 10 Nationalities: Saudi Arabia Italy Mexico 19 China France nationalities Taiwan Poland Switzerland Spain Turkey \*figures based on student weeks from January to August 2024









Free wireless internet



Swimming pool









#### Accommodation

Single, twin rooms and Single, twin in dormitories

Shared showers and bathroom facilities and common area in each house

Accommodation in modern boarding houses

#### **Sample Electives**

The following educational activities are always on offer at this location:



Volleyball

Badminton



🧩 Dance







Exam Skills













Arts & Crafts

Board Games

Journalism 4 de la company de

Presentations & Debates

Music





A Health & Fitness

British School Sports & Games











#### **Academies**



#### **Travel**

FREE transfers\* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:

London Stansted

London Heathrow 109 km

188 km

127 km



St Pancras

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### **Bell Tudor Hall Nationality Mix 2024**

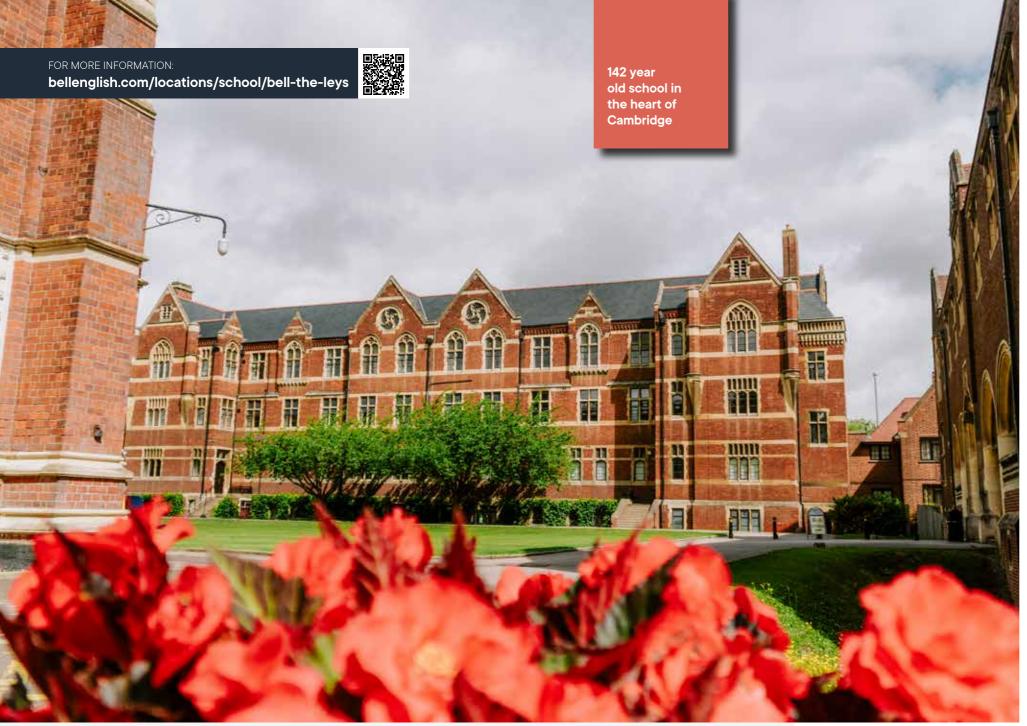


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Free wireless internet





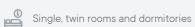






On-site sports facilities including tennis courts and a synthetic football pitch

#### **Accommodation**









#### **Travel**

FREE transfers\* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:

London Stansted 48 km

London Heathrow

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### **Sample Electives**

₩ Swimming

Volleyball

Badminton

Tennis

\*Yoga

Football

Hockey (Field)













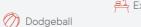












### Creative Writing





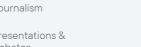


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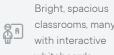
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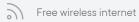








classrooms, many with interactive whiteboards













Peaceful, countryside setting

#### **Accommodation**



Twin rooms and dormitories



Separate accommodation blocks for boys and girls



A dedicated houseparent in every boarding house

#### **Travel**

FREE transfers\* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:



London Heathrow 47 km



London Stansted



St Pancras

32 km

60 km



#### **Sample Electives**

































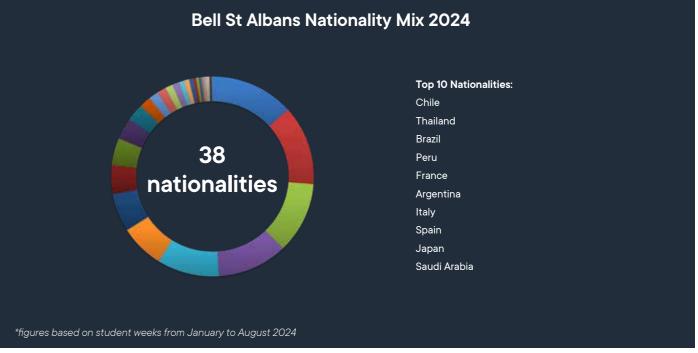








Super Science Experiments



7pm or advised train times. Custom transfers can be arranged – ask us for details.

