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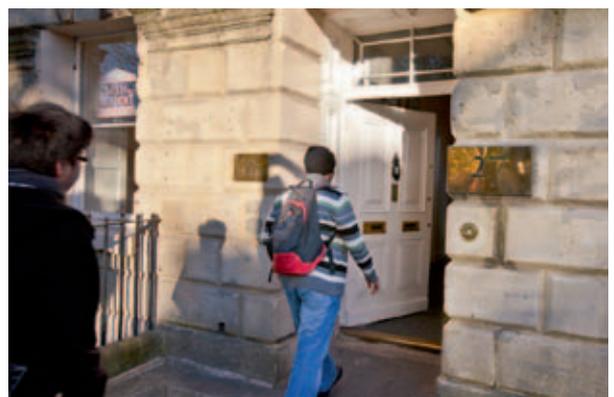


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WELCOME TO BATH ACADEMY

Bath Academy provides students with individual expert guidance and an outstanding bespoke academic education for entry to their chosen university.

The quality of British university education is renowned throughout the world, with 29 UK institutions in the top global rankings. Such high quality educational opportunities have necessarily led to increasing competition for places at UK universities. So, young people today are faced with the difficult decision of where to study in preparation for applying to university. Which college will best help you to fulfil your potential? Bath Academy is a private sixth form tutorial college that specialises in tailoring academic courses of studies to the individual needs of students to maximise their chances of applying successfully to high quality university courses. We also offer a range of English language courses. With the support of their personal tutor, students are sympathetically supported in their personal development, in learning to work in an international community of colleagues, in making informed decisions about future careers and in learning to study at an advanced level.

Bath Academy's focus on the individual is reflected in our method of teaching. It has been our experience that students develop when they receive good quality feedback on their performance with advice on how to improve at each stage. Teaching takes place in small groups to ensure that students and tutors work closely together, and regular testing enables our students to recognise their strengths and weaknesses, and set themselves realistic and challenging goals.

The success of our students in gaining places on their chosen courses, many at high ranking universities, is the best testament to this approach. The experience of our students has been that, with high quality teaching and effective support, ordinary young people have been able to progress to excellent university courses leading to successful professional careers. We believe that together with your passion and commitment and our interactive approach to teaching and learning, close monitoring of academic progress and focused individual support, you also will reach your potential.

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UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSES





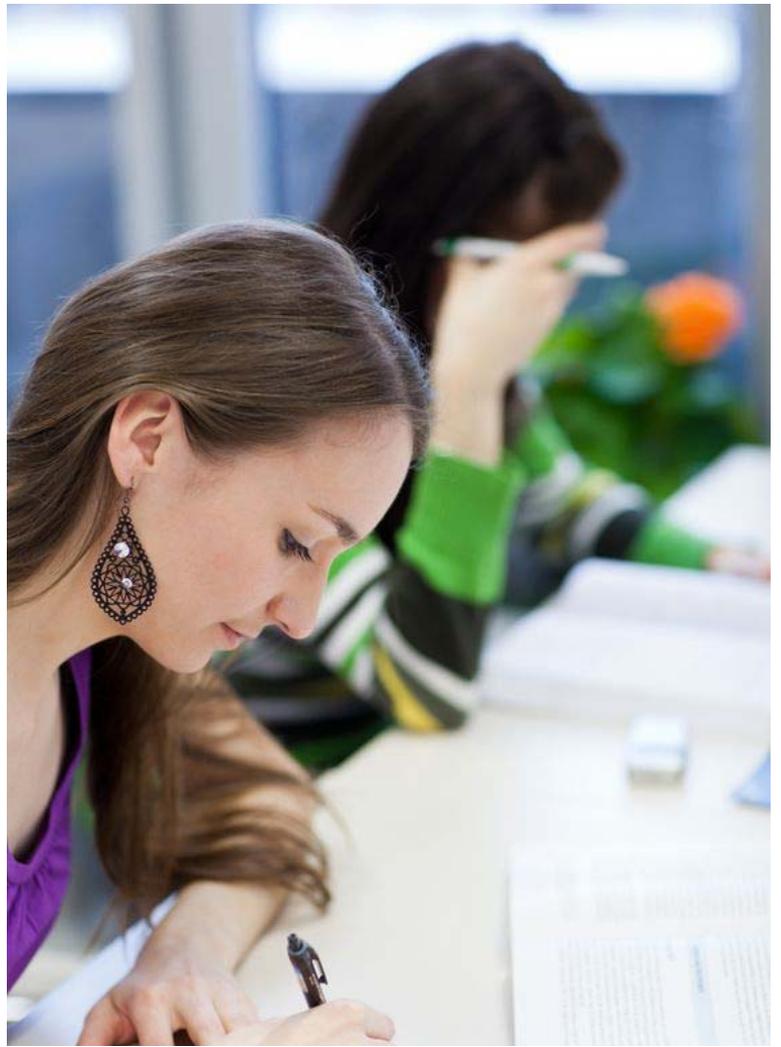
A LEVELS

Bath Academy offers a 2 year A Level programme and intensive courses, as well as the opportunity for retakes.

TWO YEAR A LEVEL PROGRAMME

The most usual route to studying at a UK university, especially for the more competitive courses and high ranking universities, is an AS/A Level programme: a two year course specialising in 3 or 4 subjects. This programme is recommended for students who have successfully completed five GCSE subjects, or completed secondary school education in their home countries.

Entry Requirements	GCSE or Equivalent High School Certificate
English Level	IELTS 5.5 (No less than 5.0 in any skill) or equivalent
Age	16+
Start Dates	September
Length of Programme	2 years



Students for whom English is their first language, or who are fluent speakers, normally take four AS Level subjects in the first year and specialise in three A Level subjects in year two. Students whose second language is English often take three AS subjects alongside English support in the first year, and either continue with three A2 subjects in the second year or may consider adding a further AS subject for the second year. International students need to possess high levels of English and will normally take the IELTS examination as part of their programme of studies. The college will help students prepare for the IELTS examination.

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| Accounting | ICT |
| Art | Law |
| Biology | Mathematics |
| Business Studies | Further Mathematics |
| Chemistry | Philosophy |
| Computing | Physics |
| Economics | Psychology |
| English Literature | Religious Studies |
| French | Sociology |
| Government and Politics | Spanish |
| History | |



JANUARY START (18 MONTH) A LEVEL PROGRAMME

The 18 month intensive A Level course starting in January is ideal for international students coming from countries whose school year ends in December and begins in January, and do not wish to wait until September to begin their pre-university studies. It is an intensive course so students must have already achieved a very high standard in their high school grades and require little English language support. Students applying for this course must therefore already have IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent).

Students study 3 or 4 AS subjects from January to June and then continue with 3 subjects to A Level from September to June.

Entry Requirements	GCSE or Equivalent High School Certificate
English Level	IELTS 5.5 (No less than 5.0 in any skill) or equivalent
Age	16+
Start Dates	January
Length of Programme	18 months



ONE YEAR A LEVEL COURSE

The one year A Level intensive programme is designed for students who find themselves in one of two situations:

- They have already completed A Levels and, for whatever reasons, need an additional subject.
- They need to retake an A Level and the best chance of fulfilling their academic potential is to take all the units again in one year (AS Level from September to January and A2 Level from January to June).

Entry Requirements	A Levels
English Level	GCSE grade C or equivalent IELTS 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in any skill)
Age	16+
Start Dates	September
Length of Programme	1 year

RETAKE A LEVEL COURSES

Each year a number of students do not achieve the A Level grades they require to progress to the university or course of their choice, which can lead to loss of confidence in their abilities. Rather than accept a place through the 'Clearing' system with lower grades, they opt to take a gap year to improve grades and increase confidence, but also to work on areas of weakness that may need attention. Students can retake either individual units from a subject or an entire AS/A Level. There are two opportunities for this:

- A one year AS/A Level course in which all of the units are studied; this option is the most appropriate if an improvement of more than one grade is required.
- Intensive individual unit courses studied from either September to January or from January to June, if an improvement of only one grade is required.



UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (UFP)

The UFP is a course designed specifically for international applicants who have already completed their Secondary School education but may also be an alternative to A levels. Over one academic year it provides students with the necessary English and academic knowledge and skills to succeed in undergraduate study at a UK university. It is important that students already know broadly which academic area they wish to study at university before they apply to join the UFP.

There are 2 options for studying the University Foundation Programme:

- From September to July - the most popular route.
- From January to August - an intensive course for those coming from countries whose school year ends in December and begins in January and who do not wish to wait until next September to begin their pre-university studies.

Entry Requirements	Completed High School Diploma/Certificate
English Level	IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent) for September course IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent) for January course
Age	16+
Start Dates	September or January

Established in 1989, Bath Academy's UFP was the UK's first independent foundation programme. Today, the UFP is recognised as the leading foundation programme in the country. Our team has a wealth of experience in preparing students for entry into the British university system. Also we have excellent relationships with many UK and international universities.

Why do I need a University Foundation Course?

- A University Foundation Programme is required to bridge the gap between the broad international high school education and the specialist Sixth Form education offered in Britain, bringing students to the level required to be successful at a UK university.
- When students leave secondary school in Britain they have already completed 13 years of education and in their last two years (known as the "Sixth Form") they have specialised, studying only 3 or 4 subjects in depth at A Level. At the end of this period, students are ready to join the 1st year of undergraduate degree programmes offered by UK and many international universities. In most other countries, when students leave secondary school they have normally completed only 12 years of education and they have studied a broader range of subjects in less depth.
- This means that an international Secondary School graduate who applies to a UK university is normally not yet prepared to the same academic level as an equivalent student from the UK.



Course structure and content

UFP is a modular course which allows students entry onto nearly all degree courses. The modular structure provides students with greater flexibility than is offered by other foundation programmes, which is particularly useful for students who are initially unsure about their choice of university or degree course.

Students follow one of four pathways, depending upon the subject they wish to study at university. Students will study 6 subject areas in total:

- 3 compulsory minor modules, which are common to all pathways and provide a fundamental background to academic work at university level, ensuring that students are equipped with the necessary communication, numerical and analytical skills. These core subjects are: Mathematics, IELTS Preparation or Communication Skills and Information Technology
- 3 elective major modules in subjects chosen for the students' career pathway:

Business Finance/Management	Law/Social Science	Engineering/Technology	Science
Accounting Business Organisation Economics Further Mathematics Quantitative Methods	Art Business Organisation Law Media Studies Politics Psychology	Chemistry Computing Further Mathematics Physics (Art must be taken for degrees in Architecture)	Biology Chemistry Further Mathematics Physics

If applicants do not possess an English language ability equal to IELTS 5.0 they should first apply to study one of our English language courses, then apply for the UFP. Courses run from September - December (start UFP in January), January - April (start UFP in September) and April - July (start UFP in September).

Progression from UFP to University

All students applying to British universities must go through the Universities and Colleges Admission Service known as UCAS. The student's Personal Tutor carefully assesses their academic record and future career ambitions before advising which universities and courses would be most suitable. The Personal Tutor helps each student individually to complete their UCAS application form, and writes an academic reference to accompany each UCAS application based on the student's performance on UFP.

THE CORE GCSE PROGRAMME

Students aged 14 who have not previously completed GCSE courses study an integrated educational programme consisting of GCSEs in English Language and Literature, Mathematics, ICT, Science and Additional Science, Art, History, Spanish, as well as Physical Education and 'Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education'. This broad curriculum ensures that all students of compulsory school age are well prepared for advanced studies and have experience in the following areas of learning: linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical, and aesthetic and creative.

A full programme of guidance regarding future careers and options for further study forms an integral part of the programme.

Entry Requirements	Good school report
English Level	IELTS 5.0 (with no less than 4.5 in any skill) or equivalent
Age	14+
Start Dates	September
Length of Programme	2 years

ONE YEAR GCSE COURSES

Intensive GCSE courses can be studied over one academic year, either for the first time or if you have already studied some GCSE courses and need to improve your academic profile.

Entry Requirements	Good school report
English Level	IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent) if not a native speaker
Age	15+
Start Dates	September
Length of Programme	1 year

Our GCSE classes at Bath Academy are small and teachers set regular tests and homework to ensure that all students reach their full potential. Our aim is to help students gain a firm academic foundation before moving on to A Level.

Subjects can be chosen from the following:

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- ICT
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish





ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

IELTS is a globally recognised testing system of the English language. It is a requirement of many British universities that overseas students have taken the IELTS examination (or another formally recognised English qualification). The points below illustrate how Bath Academy prepares students for the IELTS examination, in order for them to reach their potential and achieve a good IELTS score to support their university application.

- At the start of the course, each student sits an IELTS assessment test (of a similar format to the IELTS exam) in order to assess their level of English
- Students are placed in classes according to their language requirements
- Students work through a syllabus designed to improve on existing abilities and address weaknesses
- The syllabus aims to improve the students' abilities in speaking, reading, writing and listening, as well as grammar and vocabulary
- The syllabus also includes specific techniques and approaches to the exam to improve students' performance
- Regular mock IELTS tests ensure that students are progressing towards the desired level for university entry
- All homework is assessed and graded according to the IELTS standards, which gives students a realistic indication of their performance

University Destinations

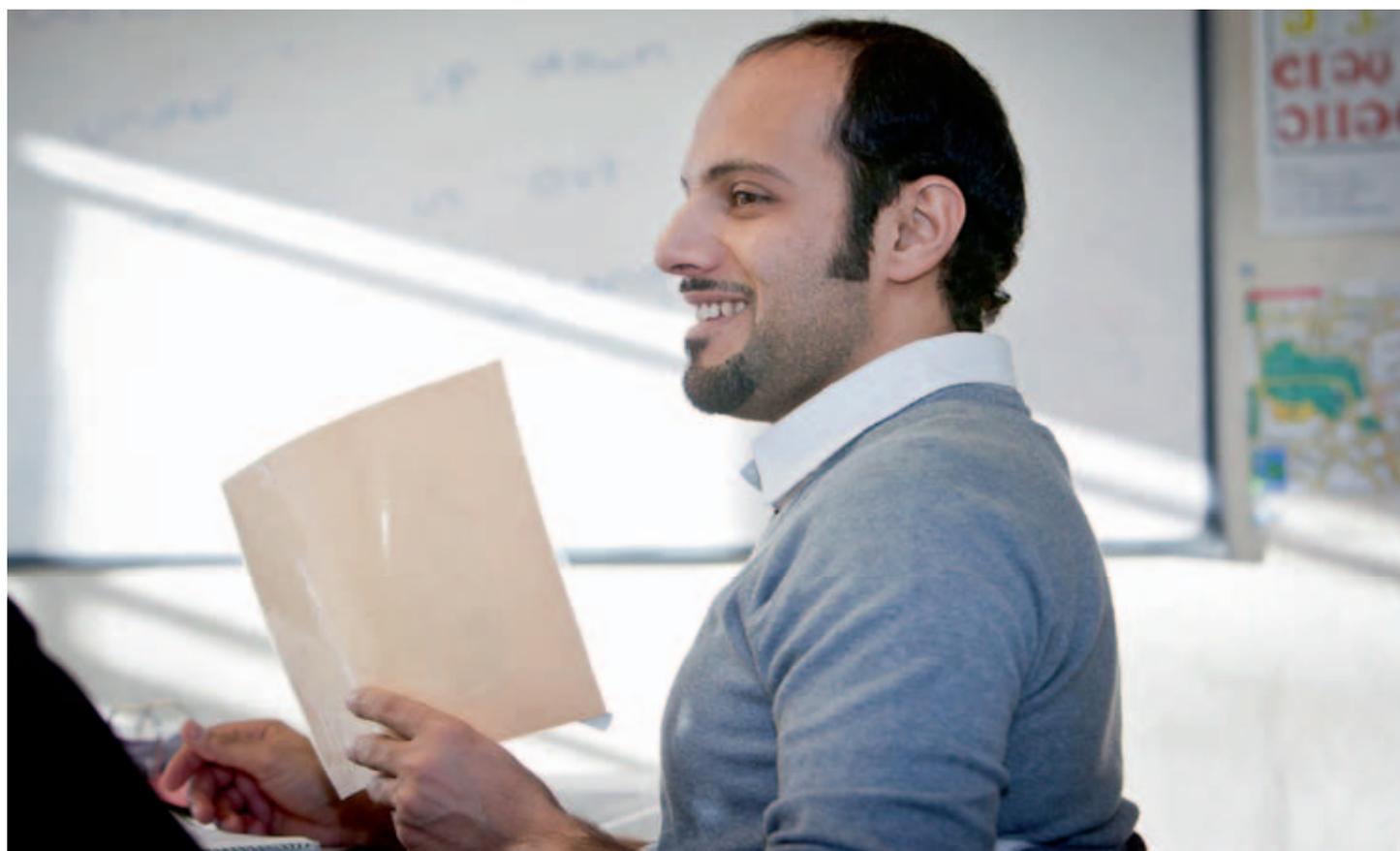
Over 54% of students in the last 2 years have progressed to the Russell Group or the 1994 Group of Universities.

Russell Group

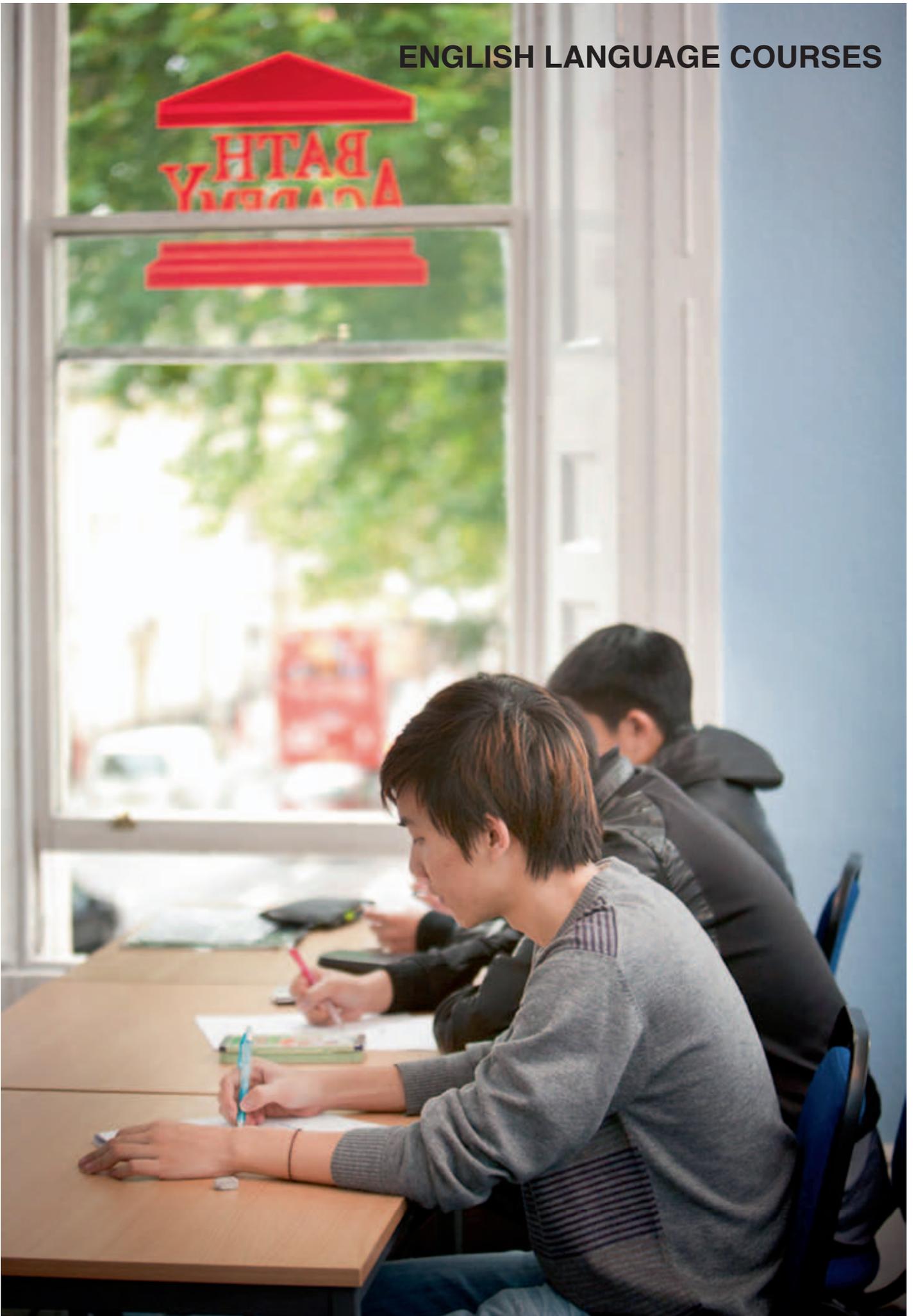
Name of University	Courses Bath Academy students have studied in 2011
University of Bristol	Biochemistry
Cardiff University	Civil Engineering
University of Liverpool	Accounting, Finance and Economics
University of Manchester	Politics
University of Nottingham	Law, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Industrial Economics and Business and Economy of China
University of Sheffield	Biochemistry

1994 Group

University of Bath	Chemical Engineering, Pharmacology
University of Exeter	Medical Imaging and Diagnostic Radiography, Accounting and Finance and Civil Engineering
Goldsmiths, University of London	Drama and Theatre Arts
University of Lancaster	Business Studies
University of Leicester	Law
Loughborough University	Psychology
University of Reading	Quantity Surveying
University of Surrey	Business Management
University of Sussex	Anthropology and International Development
University of York	Electrical Engineering & Business Management



ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES



ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

The advantages:

- Flexible dates – students can start on any Monday*
- Test on the first day to establish the most appropriate class
- Personalised report at the end of the course
- Certificate of attendance

The classes:

- Typically multinational groups
- Maximum 13 students per class
- Regular homework and progress tests
- Minimum age 16 (for 12-16 year olds see our Junior courses)

The teachers:

- All professionally qualified and experienced
- Very aware of student's needs
- Individual tutorials to give feedback and guidance
- Will help and support students in achieving their learning goals

*Apart from Public holidays

GENERAL ENGLISH: MORNING CLASSES ONLY

15 x 55 - minute lessons per week (13.75 hours)
Monday - Friday 09.00 - 10.30, 10.45 - 12.00
(classes may be 30 minutes later in the summer)

Students can expect:

- A friendly learning environment
- All language skills: speaking, listening, reading, writing; also grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation
- A course typically based on a course book supplemented by additional material
- Communication with other class members in pair work and group work
- The opportunity to find out about people from different backgrounds and cultures
- Free afternoons to continue studying or to get to know the city of Bath and its surroundings

GENERAL ENGLISH Sample Timetable (classes are mornings only):

Monday 09.00-12.00	Tuesday 09.00-12.00	Wednesday 09.00-12.00	Thursday 09.00-12.00	Friday 09.00-12.00
Reading Skills	Grammar: Past tenses	Listening: Extended speech	Vocabulary: Modal verbs	Progress test
Vocabulary: Functional language	Writing Skills	Pronunciation: Weak forms	Speaking: Class debate	Listening practice: Video



INTENSIVE ENGLISH = GENERAL ENGLISH + AFTERNOON GROUP CLASSES

23 x 55 - minute lessons per week (21 hours)
 Monday - Friday 09.00 - 10.30, 10.45 - 12.00.
 Monday - Thursday 13.00 - 14.00, 14.10 - 15.00
 (classes may be 30 minutes later in the summer)

Students can expect:

- General English classes in the mornings
- 8 hours in the afternoons per week
- Full time immersion in the English language
- Improved confidence in English
- Topics and projects, e.g. British culture and institutions, creative writing, news and popular culture etc.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH Sample Afternoon Timetable:

Monday 13.00-15.00	Tuesday 13.00-15.00	Wednesday 13.00-15.00	Thursday 13.00-15.00	Friday
Understanding fast spoken English	Writing questionnaires, interviewing university students and reporting on results	Vocabulary: idioms and social English	Fluency practice: preparing and conducting role plays, followed by language feedback	(no class)

**PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH = GENERAL ENGLISH
+ AFTERNOON INDIVIDUAL 1:1 CLASSES**

25 x 55 - minute lessons per week (22.9 hours)

Monday - Friday 09.00 - 10.30, 10.45 - 12.00 group classes

Monday - Friday 13.00 - 14.00, 14.10 - 15.00 private tuition
(classes may be 30 minutes later in the summer)

A range of professional courses including:

- English for Dentists
- English for Pharmacists
- English for Medicine
- English for Business
- English for the Military

ENGLISH FOR DENTISTS Sample Timetable:

Monday 13.00-15.00	Tuesday 13.00-15.00	Wednesday 13.00-15.00	Thursday 13.00-15.00	Friday 13.00-15.00
Needs analysis	Reading and Vocabulary	Grammar	Vocabulary Extension	Reading and writing skills
Describing a dental procedure	Preparation for UBELT exam: Speaking	Writing a dental report	Preparation for UBELT exam: Listening	Exam practice

OTHER SIMILAR COURSES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Students can expect:

- General English classes in the mornings
- 10 hours of one-to-one tuition in the language needed in the student's field
- To improve their ability to discuss the most important aspects of the student's work
- To raise their skills in dealing with customers or patients
- To increase their confidence in communicating with international colleagues
- Exam preparation if required (e.g. UBELT, IELTS)

On - Demand Courses

We arrange courses to meet specific needs for groups or individuals. Examples have included:

- English for Royal Air Force Officer Training Colleges
- 50+ (English and culture for more mature students)
- Pre-Masters preparation
- Business School English

EXAM PREPARATION



PREPARE FOR IELTS = GENERAL ENGLISH + AFTERNOON IELTS GROUP CLASSES

23 x 55 - minute lessons per week (21 hours)
 Monday - Friday 09.00 - 10.30, 10.45 - 12.00.
 Monday - Thursday 13.00 - 14.00, 14.10 - 15.00

Students can expect:

- General English classes in the mornings
- 8 hours of IELTS preparation and practice for the exam in the afternoons
- Enormous experience preparing students for IELTS (several Bath Academy teachers are IELTS examiners)
- Course target of IELTS 6.5 or above (this is generally the level required by universities)
- Students must be IELTS 5.0 before starting. If not, we recommend an Intensive English course first
- Help with their application for the exam. Please note that the cost of the examination is not included in the Bath Academy course fees.

Other Exams

We provide preparation for most English Language exams including the Cambridge suite of exams (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, CPE, TOEFL and UBELT), please contact us for details

PREPARATION FOR IELTS Sample Afternoon Timetable:

Monday 13.00-15.00	Tuesday 13.00-15.00	Wednesday 13.00-15.00	Thursday 13.00-15.00	Friday
Discussion questions (speaking part 3)	Essay structure & planning	Understanding statistics (writing tasks)	Dealing with unknown vocabulary	(no class)
Academic vocabulary	Listening skills development	Practice speaking test	Practice reading test	

BATH ACADEMY JUNIOR SUMMER SCHOOL

English the fun way!

Sample timetable - A split timetable may be organised during peak times and trip times may vary depending on the destination.

Monday 09.00 - 12.15	Tuesday 09.00 - 12.15	Wednesday 09.00 - 12.15	Thursday 09.00 - 12.15	Friday 09.00 - 12.15	Saturday 09.00 - 20.00
Welcome Registration	Getting to know you	Survival English	Food and drink	Mini - test	Oxford Trip: Walking Tour
		Household objects	Habits and national dishes	Geography of UK	
	JSS booklet: interactive activity	Asking permission, making requests (being polite)	Mini presentations	British customs	
	Classroom language	Helping and thanking			
Role plays		Map reading and asking for directions			Visit an Oxford College
Class Placement Test					
	Agreeing, disagreeing and interrupting	Rules for volleyball, badminton, table tennis and football	Compare rules and regulations with UK and home country	Students create a "streetwise guide"	
		Discussing and comparing national sports			
		Cheddar Gorge preparation			
13.30 - 16.30	13.30 - 16.30	13.30 - 18.00	13.30 - 16.30	13.30 - 16.30	
Orientation Walk and Big Bath quiz	Avon Boat trip & Bath Abbey	Half - day trip to Cheddar Gorge	Cinema	Sports Centre	



Stonehenge



Chocolate making workshop

- Multi - national classes
- All language skills practised
- Student centred
- English immersion
- Beautiful setting
- Safe environment
- Perfect location
- Interesting activities



Bowling



Summer School students 2011



Punting in Bath

ACCOMMODATION



OXFORD HOUSE



HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Bath Academy arranges accommodation in Bath with caring and responsible homestay providers. Living in homestay accommodation, students are able to learn more about British customs and traditions, and gain additional conversational practice. Our Accommodation Officer chooses homestays very carefully; they are visited and interviewed in order to make sure that they satisfy our criteria. We always aim to select homestays who are genuinely interested in learning more about different cultures.

The student will have a bed, wardrobe space, a chair and a desk for studying. Some rooms are en-suite but in most cases students will share a bathroom with the homestay provider. It is possible to request executive rooms which guarantee en-suite facilities (subject to availability).

Some homestays are located quite close to the college in the city centre, but most of them can be reached within 15 minutes by local transport.

Homestay accommodation is full board (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner and normal laundry requirements). If students have any medical or dietary requirements it is important to note this on the enrolment form (we need to know these before the commencement of the course, in order to make all the necessary arrangements with the homestay provider).

Living with a homestay provider is a wonderful experience that most students treasure for the rest of their lives. Students often remain friends with their homestays for many years.



COLLEGE RESIDENCES

Bath Academy has two self-catering residential houses: Bathurst House and Oxford House, both within walking distance of the college and the city centre. Students who take advantage of this accommodation are able to fully enjoy college life.

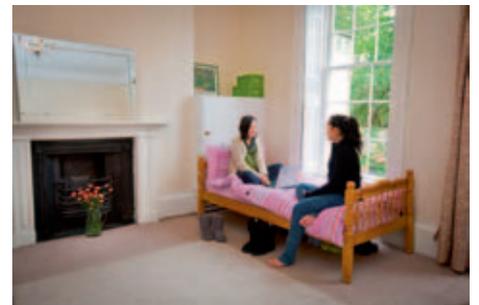
- Each house has a Warden who lives with the students to ensure that students' welfare needs are met
- Bedrooms are well furnished and centrally heated
- A room cleaning service is provided and bed linen is laundered each week
- All houses are non-smoking
- The houses are happy and secure places to live

Bathurst House

Located close to the college and city centre. Bathurst House accommodates 16 students in single or shared rooms. Two rooms have en-suite facilities available at a supplement, on a first-come first-served basis. Bathurst House has a small garden exclusively for the use of the students, with shrubs, flowers and a pleasant patio where students can relax.

Oxford House

Located very close to the college and city centre, Oxford House has 4 single rooms and 9 double rooms. Two en-suite rooms are available at a supplement and on a first-come first-served basis.



SOCIAL PROGRAMME



Students at Bath Academy enjoy a wide range of social events and activities. Regular occasions include seasonal parties, day trips to major cities, an International Evening and the Summer Ball. Student Services work closely with students and their social activity representatives to create the social programme they want. Thus, Bath Academy offers a unique programme tailored to the students' needs.

Sample social programme Spring Term 2012	
Welcome Party	January
Full day excursion to Oxford (for new students)	February
London	February
International Evening	March
Thorpe Park	April
Summer Ball	May
Football or other sports tournaments Drama Club Conversation Club Cinema Evenings Photography Competitions	On-going events

Our students' studies and friendships are developed and strengthened with the help of an active social life. The college supports this with our designated student areas: a place to study and a place to relax, to chat, listen to music and find out what's going on. Outside of the school, Bath is a safe, but fun and cultured place to be, with a great choice of shops, cafés, restaurants, night clubs, sporting facilities, parks, theatres, cinemas and music venues.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

ELT courses

Academic courses

Submit your application and send supporting documents to admissions@bathacademy.co.uk

- passport
- evidence of English level (preferably IELTS or TOEFL)

- passport
- IELTS/TOEFL/PTE score
- High School Transcripts/ Certificates (Predicted Grades)
- Academic Reference: contact details
- Statement of Intent: why do you want to study in the UK and why in particular the chosen degree course?

The College will consider your application and inform you as to whether you have a **Conditional/Unconditional Offer**

- Pay fees
- Return Terms & Conditions / Medical / Guardian Forms

Allow 5 – 10 working days for bank transfers

- Meet the conditions of the offer and return all relevant documents
- Pay deposit
- Return Terms & Conditions/ Medical / Guardian Forms

Allow 5 – 10 working days for bank transfers

The College will confirm your place on the course and issue an invoice

A letter is issued for visa nationals or a confirmation email for EU students

Tier 4 visa students: You will be issued a CAS & arrival pack once we have checked your bank statements <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/adult-students/evidence/>

Please send a copy of your visa to the college when it is issued (if applicable) and provide arrival/flight details as soon as they have been arranged. Any accommodation and travel arrangements will then be confirmed.



THE CITY OF BATH

Bath is one of the most picturesque towns in England and the perfect place to live while studying. Bath's unique mix of natural and manmade wonders have created one of the world's loveliest cities. It is one of only three cities in Europe, and the only one in Britain, to be designated a World Heritage City by UNESCO. Bath offers an intriguing blend of ancient and modern, set in peaceful Cotswold hills and countryside. The City of Bath also boasts two universities.

Bath can offer:

- A modern sports complex
- Extensive shopping
- Luxury Spa
- Variety of restaurants
- Cinemas and theatre
- Boating on the River Avon
- Ancient and historically significant buildings





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