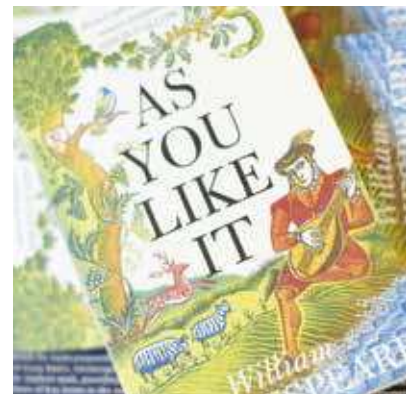




**NEW
PROGRAMME
FOR 2017**
EXCITING THEMED
WEEKS

SPRING EXPLORER

BELL ST ALBANS | 1-4 WEEKS | 02 APRIL - 29 APRIL 2017 | AGE 11-17



COURSE PROGRAMME



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GERMANY

This is my second time at Bell St Albans. I came on the Spring Explorer course last year and I had so much fun that I wanted to come back this year. I want to come back for a third time!



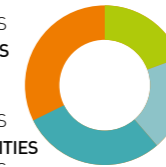
SAMPLE TIMETABLE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8.00 BREAKFAST FOLLOWED BY MORNING MEETING						
Arrivals	Language test	Language lesson	Full day study tour LONDON Science Museum	Language lesson	Language lesson	Departures or full day study tour CAMBRIDGE Punting
	BREAK			BREAK		
	Orientation/ language lesson	Language lesson		Language lesson	Language lesson	
	LUNCH			LUNCH		
	Language lesson	Elective 2		Elective 1	Project presentation	
15.00 BREAK		BREAK				
Elective 1		Elective 3	Elective 2		Elective 3	
17.30 HOUSE TIME						
18.00 DINNER AND FREE TIME						
19.30 Evening activities						
21.00 HOUSE MEETINGS						

COURSE SUMMARY

LOCATION	St Albans
AGE	11-17
MINIMUM LANGUAGE LEVEL	All levels
LENGTH OF COURSE	1-4 weeks
STAFF TO STUDENT RATIO	1:6

COURSE COMPONENTS (2 WEEKS)

LESSONS	30 HOURS
STUDY TOURS	3 DAYS
ELECTIVES	18 HOURS
OTHER ACTIVITIES	27 HOURS



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Designed around four weekly project themes, students learn through project-based lessons, study tours and a choice of academic, active and creative electives.

WEEKLY PROJECT THEMES

- Made in Britain
- Festivals around the World
- City Living
- Imagine Tomorrow

STUDY TOURS

Students enjoy 3 full day study tours per two week course. Study tours include:

- London Science Museum
- Cambridge
- 2012 Olympic Stadium
- Brighton
- Birmingham Think Tank
- London and the London Eye

ELECTIVES

Elective sessions are taught by experienced activity leaders and develop students' skills in their chosen activities in English. A mix of active, academic and creative options are available.

ACTIVITIES

After lessons, electives, and a delicious dinner, students have an evening activity – more chance for your child to learn and practise English.

WEEK	ARRIVAL DATE	COURSE OPTIONS					
1	SUNDAY 02 APRIL	4 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	1 WEEK
2	SUNDAY 09 APRIL				2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	1 WEEK
3	SUNDAY 16 APRIL		2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	1 WEEK		
4	SUNDAY 23 APRIL		2 WEEKS	1 WEEK			
FEES (£)		3300	2475	2475	1650	1650	825

COURSE OUTCOMES

Your child will develop:

- **More confidence** and be more independent as a learner and user of English.
- **Improved English language skills** (reading, writing, listening and speaking).
- **More vocabulary, better pronunciation and an increased understanding of grammar** appropriate to their level.
- **Essential life skills** such as teamwork, independent study, communication and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.
- **A network of international friends.**
- **A portfolio of work** demonstrating progress, achievements and new experiences.

PROGRESS TO:

- ➔ English Explorer at a different school or different time of the year
- ➔ Intensive Academic English
- ➔ Young Business Leaders
- ➔ Young Cambridge Scholars.

COURSES INCLUDE:

- Tuition, learning materials, course portfolio and end-of-course certificate
- Residential accommodation and all meals
- All social activities and study tours
- Comprehensive supervision by qualified and experienced staff
- Transfers from and to designated airports on scheduled arrival and departure days
- Free internet access
- Use of sports facilities
- Free laundry service
- Comprehensive insurance

EXAMPLE ELECTIVES

ACTIVE ELECTIVES

- ARCHERY
- BRITISH SCHOOL GAMES
- FOOTBALL
- HEALTH AND FITNESS

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

- BRITISH LITERATURE
- CREATIVE WRITING
- JOURNALISM
- PRESENTATIONS AND DEBATES

CREATIVE ELECTIVES

- ART AND DESIGN
- DANCE
- DRAMA
- PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM-MAKING

WEEK 1: MADE IN BRITAIN

SUNDAY 02 APRIL – SATURDAY 08 APRIL



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Students will deepen their understanding of UK culture by looking at what makes Britain great.

This week's topics may include:

- Typical British food
- Agriculture and industry
- International trade

EXAMPLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students develop the vocabulary to critique British food and compare it to their own national dishes
- Students learn to use persuasive language as they promote their British product of choice in a Dragons' Den style presentation
- Students report on historical change in Britain's import and export patterns

WEEK INCLUDES:



VISIT TO THE LONDON SCIENCE MUSEUM

PLUS FULL DAY STUDY TOUR TO CAMBRIDGE

WEEK 2: FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

SUNDAY 09 APRIL – SATURDAY 15 APRIL



Students will explore different holidays around the world, visit the home of the 2012 London Olympics and experience Easter fun!

This week's topics may include:

- Traditional British holidays
- Unusual festivals around the world
- Music and fashion

EXAMPLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students develop their teamwork skills as they plan their own Bell festival
- Students gain confidence speaking in English as they interview each other about national holidays
- Students use their creativity to describe and review music and fashion on the global stage.

WEEK INCLUDES:



VISIT TO THE 2012 OLYMPIC STADIUM

PLUS FULL DAY STUDY TOUR TO BRIGHTON

WEEK 3: CITY LIVING

SUNDAY 16 APRIL – SATURDAY 22 APRIL



Students will learn about England's famous capital city both historically and in contemporary times.

This week's topics may include:

- Rural versus urban lifestyles
- Famous people: past and present
- London through the ages

EXAMPLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students develop critical thinking skills as they question existing stereotypes about city life
- Students improve their listening skills as they are exposed to different regional accents and colloquialisms
- Students develop their writing skills as they write a newspaper article on London's past, present and future.

WEEK INCLUDES:

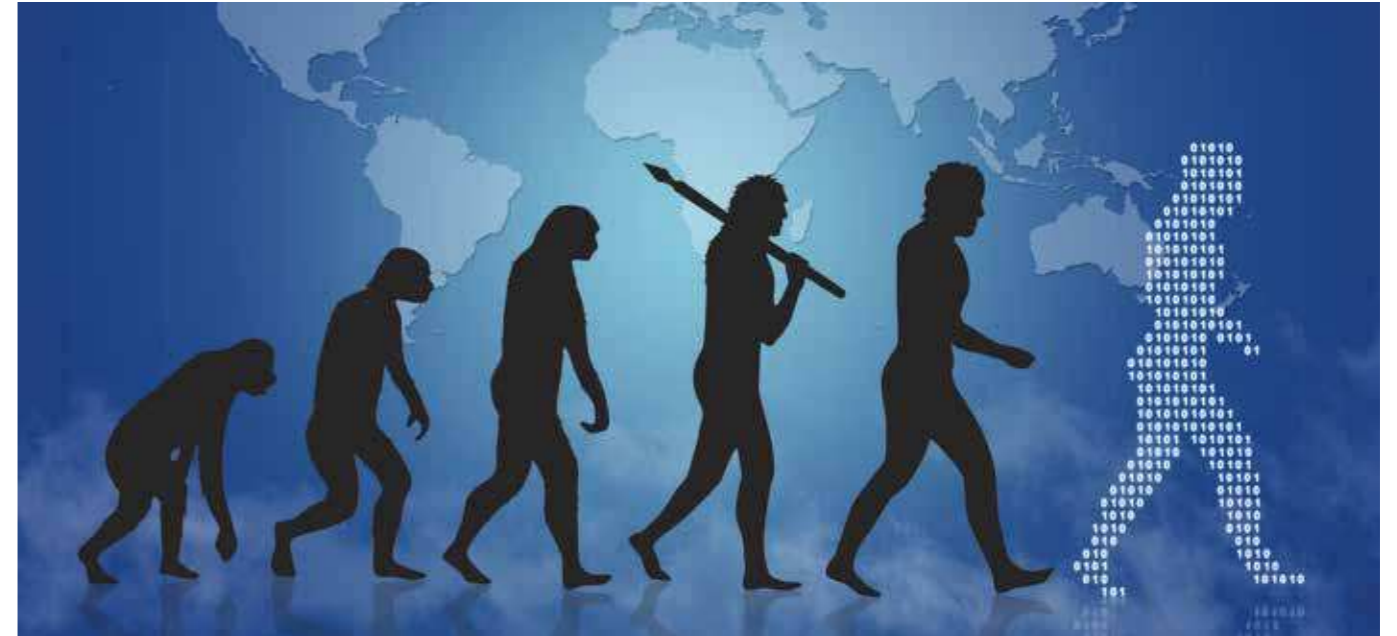
STUDY TOUR TO LONDON



PLUS FULL DAY AT BIRMINGHAM THINK TANK

WEEK 4: IMAGINE TOMORROW

SUNDAY 23 APRIL – SATURDAY 29 APRIL



Students will consider new and old as they imagine life in 2050: from communication to travel, transport to industry.

This week's topics may include:

- Evolutionary change and adaptation
- The changing platform of social interaction
- Space and beyond

EXAMPLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students enjoy an opportunity to work creatively to create a Vine (short film) on life in 2050
- Students debate on the feasibility of travel to outer space
- From the London Eye, students reflect on the world's changing landscape.

WEEK INCLUDES:


STUDY TOUR OF LONDON



INCLUDING THE LONDON EYE

ELECTIVE OPTIONS


Bell electives develop your child's skills and help them practise their English.



ARCHERY

Students will:


- Learn and develop basic techniques such as stance, set-up and aim
- Improve aim and accuracy
- Learn specialist archery phrases and vocabulary.

ART AND DESIGN

Students will:

- Develop skills in areas such as drawing, animation, painting, graphic design, textiles and fashion
- Develop knowledge of art history
- Develop their personal creativity
- Learn specialist art and design vocabulary.



DRAMA

Students will:

- Develop different dramatic techniques such as mime and improvisation
- Learn to use props effectively
- Build and explore characters
- Collaborate in a dramatic stage performance.




FOOTBALL

Students will:

- Develop football skills in the areas of dribbling, passing, shooting and heading
- Learn how to work in a team and the importance of respect and communication
- Learn specialist vocabulary and useful phrases for playing and talking about football.



BRITISH LITERATURE

Students will:

- Explore popular British literature from Shakespeare to Harry Potter
- Learn about popular UK authors for young people
- Improve their reading comprehension
- Develop an understanding of UK culture
- Expand their English vocabulary.



BRITISH SCHOOL GAMES

Students will:


- Learn how to play a wide variety of classic British school games from quick cricket to rounders and more
- Experience British school culture
- Improve confidence and teamwork skills.




HEALTH AND FITNESS

Students will:

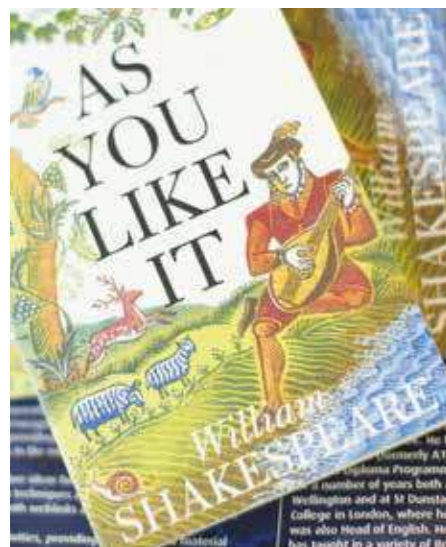
- Increase their understanding of how to stay healthy and improve fitness levels
- Learn about food, nutrition, keep-fit regimes and lifestyle choices
- Learn how to plan and prepare a healthy snack
- Learn specialist vocabulary to talk about fitness.



JOURNALISM

Students will:


- Develop important journalistic skills such as researching and gathering information, interviewing, fact-checking, reporting and editing
- Write articles in a journalistic style
- Design and edit a newspaper or magazine.




CREATIVE WRITING

Students will:


- Develop writing skills by learning about and creating stories, poetry and compositions
- Learn about a range of creative writing genres
- Create pieces of work and learn techniques to improve their writing
- Broaden their range of expression.



DANCE

Students will:

- Learn and practise a variety of dance styles and techniques such as zumba, jazz, salsa, ballroom and Latin
- Learn how to choreograph dance routines individually and in groups
- Learn how to describe dance moves and routines in English
- Develop confidence by performing their own routines.



PRESENTATIONS AND DEBATES

Students will:

- Develop verbal and non-verbal techniques to improve their public speaking
- Develop summarising, elaborating and persuading skills
- Learn to give and justify opinions
- Plan and deliver a short presentation on a topic of their choice
- Take part in a class debate.




PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM-MAKING

Students will:

- Develop skills such as planning, storyboarding, sequencing, cutaways, composing and editing
- Learn practical photography and filming skills in order to create a short film
- Develop their personal creativity
- Learn specialist film and photography vocabulary.

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Enjoy discovering the English language in a beautiful and friendly year-round school located close to London.



SAMPLE ELECTIVES

- Archery
- Art and Design
- British Literature
- British School Games
- Creative Writing
- Drama
- Health and Fitness
- Journalism
- Photography and Film-making

FACILITIES

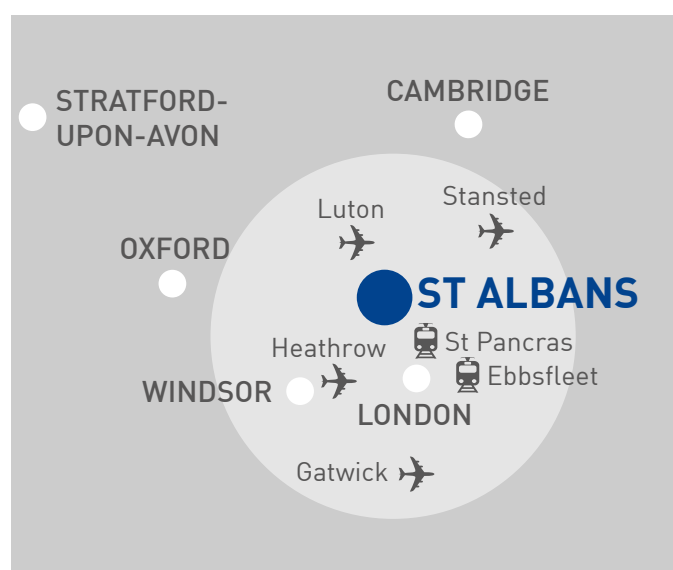
- Bright, spacious classrooms with interactive whiteboards
- Free wireless internet
- Computer study centre
- Dining room
- Student common room
- Art room
- Disabled access/facilities
- On-site sports facilities including sports fields and an archery range
- Peaceful, countryside setting

ACCOMMODATION

- Single, twin and triple rooms
- A dedicated houseparent in every zone
- Separate accommodation blocks for boys and girls

TRAVEL

- FREE transfers on scheduled arrival and departure days from:
- London Stansted
 - London Heathrow
 - London Luton
 - Ebbsfleet Eurostar




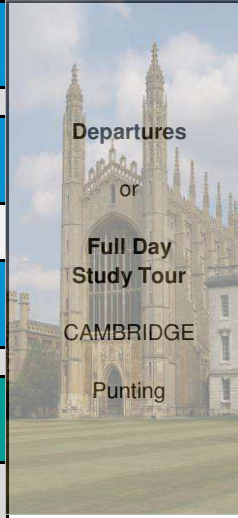


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WEEKLY THEME: MADE IN BRITAIN

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

	Sun April 02	Mon April 03	Tue April 04	Wed April 05	Thu April 06	Fri April 07	WEEK ONE Sat April 08		
8:00-9:00	Arrivals								
9:00-10:30		Language Test	Language Lesson	 <p>Full Day Study Tour LONDON Science Museum</p>	Language Lesson	Language Lesson	 <p>Departures or Full Day Study Tour CAMBRIDGE Punting</p>		
10:30-11:00									
11:00-12:30		Orientation/Language Lesson	Language Lesson		Language Lesson	Language Lesson			
12:30-13:30 Lunch									
13:30-15:00		Language Lesson	Elective 2		Elective 1	Project Presentation			
15:00-15:30									
15:30-17:00		Elective 1	Elective 3		Elective 2	Elective 3			
17:30-18:00		House Time			House Time				
18:00-19:30	Dinner and free time								
19:30-21:00	Welcome Activities	Boys vs Girls	Human Cluedo	Ghost Hunt	Pamper Night	James Bond Ball	Mini Olympics		
21:00-21:30	House Meetings								



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WEEKLY THEME: FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	WEEK TWO	
	April 09	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	
8:00-9:00	Breakfast							
9:00-10:30	Late Breakfast	Language Test/Language Lesson	Language Lesson		Language Lesson	Language Lesson		
10:30-11:00								
11:00-12:30	Easter Egg Hunt	Orientation/Language Lesson	Language Lesson		Language Lesson	Language Lesson		
12:30-13:30 Lunch								
13:30-15:00	Easter Cooking	Language Lesson	Elective 2		Elective 1	Project Presentation		
15:00-15:30								
15:30-17:00	Orienteering	Elective 1	Elective 3		Elective 2	Elective 3		
17:30-18:00	House Time			House Time				
18:00-19:30	Dinner and free time							
19:30-21:00	Welcome Activities	Crazy Quiz	Record Breakers	British Food Challenge	Chill Zone	Black and White Disco	Games Night	
21:00-21:30	House Meetings							





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WEEKLY THEME: CITY LIVING

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	WEEK THREE	
	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	Sat April 22	
8:00-9:00								
9:00-10:30	Late Breakfast	Language Test/Language Lesson	Language Lesson	 <p>Full Day Study Tour LONDON Walking tour</p>	Language Lesson	Language Lesson	 <p>Departures or Full Day Study Tour BIRMINGHAM Think Tank!</p>	
10:30-11:00								
11:00-12:30	Photography	Orientation/Language Lesson	Language Lesson		Language Lesson	Language Lesson		
12:30-13:30 Lunch								
13:30-15:00	Capture the Flag	Language Lesson	Elective 2		Elective 1	Project Presentation		
15:00-15:30								
15:30-17:00	Easter Crafts	Elective 1	Elective 3		Elective 2	Elective 3		
17:30-18:00	House Time			House Time				
18:00-19:30	Dinner and free time							
19:30-21:00	Welcome Activities	Egg Events	Challenge Night	Karaoke	Bonfire	Mad Hatter's Disco	Ball Run	
21:00-21:30	House Meetings							




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WEEKLY THEME: IMAGINE TOMORROW

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	WEEK FOUR	
	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	Sat April 29	
8:00-9:00	Breakfast							
9:00-10:30	Late Breakfast	Language Test/Language Lesson	Language Lesson	 <p>Full Day Study Tour LONDON London Eye</p>	Language Lesson	Language Lesson	Departures	
10:30-11:00								
11:00-12:30	Egg painting	Orientation/Language Lesson	Language Lesson		Language Lesson	Language Lesson		
12:30-13:30 Lunch								
13:30-15:00	Nature Walk	Language Lesson	Elective 2		Elective 1	Project Presentation		
15:00-15:30								
15:30-17:00	Dodgeball	Elective 1	Elective 3		Elective 2	Elective 3		
17:30-18:00	House Time			House Time				
18:00-19:30	Dinner and free time							
19:30-21:00	Welcome Activities	The Cube	Ghost Hunt	Sculpture Night	Chill Zone	Masquerade Ball		
21:00-21:30	House Meetings							