



# A-level / International Baccalaureate Preparation Programme 2010

An intensive summer course for students aged 16-18 who have secured a place to study for either A-levels or the International Baccalaureate.



## At a glance

<b>Arrival date:</b>	Sunday 1 August
<b>Length of study:</b>	4-5 weeks
<b>Tuition:</b>	25 hours per week
<b>Sports and activities:</b>	10.5 hours per week, plus evening activities
<b>Study tours:</b>	1 full day per week

## Course overview

Combining English language tuition and quality subject teaching with a full programme of sports, activities and excursions, this course gives students an insight into their term-time studies.

The course introduces students to the key concepts and essential vocabulary needed to succeed on either an A-level or International Baccalaureate programme.

## Academic programme (weeks 1-4)

All students study **English** and '**Core Studies**' which consists of ICT and Study Skills, plus a chance to consider global issues such as the environment, education and technology.

Students also study one subject from each of the two option groups\*:

- **Group 1: Maths, Economics<sup>†</sup>, Physics, Art, Geography**
- **Group 2: Maths, Business Studies<sup>†</sup>, Chemistry, Biology, Art**

A-level students will normally follow these option subjects for the full four-week academic programme, while those intending to study for the International Baccalaureate (IB) are encouraged to choose a different option from groups 1 and 2 every two weeks. IB students will also be given an introduction to the '**Theory of Knowledge**'.

## Subject summaries

### Maths

Students will study a selection of the core topics at A-level / IB level, which include algebra, trigonometry, calculus, statistics and probability.

### Biology, Chemistry, Physics

In addition to learning key vocabulary and concepts, students will focus on practical work and investigative skills.

### Art

In addition to developing their artistic abilities, students will focus on the analytical and linguistic skills needed to explore and reflect on the development of their ideas.

### Business Studies and Economics

Students will follow an introduction to these popular A-level subjects and acquire an understanding of some of the main concepts.

## English and activities programme (week 5)

Students study up to 10 hours of academic English in the classroom, with further language development achieved through extra-curricular activities and study tours.

\*Subject choice and option groups may be subject to change.

† Students may not study both Economics and Business Studies at the same time.



## Sports and activity programme

In addition to a busy academic programme, students can choose from a selection of sports and activities including:

- Tennis
- Rounders
- Badminton
- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Trampolineing
- Football
- Basketball
- Kayaking

Evening activities include:

- Disco
- Talent show
- Bingo
- Olympics
- Pool party
- Forest walk
- Obstacle course
- Film night
- Glass painting

## Study tours

Each week, as part of the course, students visit one of the UK's historic towns or cities, such as Cambridge, London, Oxford or Canterbury. These tours give students an insight into British life and culture and are also linked to the study programme; for example, those studying science subjects may visit a science museum.

## Why choose Bell Bedgebury International School?

### Language and academic excellence

With over 50 years of excellence in English language teaching and nearly 100 years of boarding school tradition, Bell Bedgebury International School provides the perfect environment for international students needing the time and space to prepare for school or college.

### Specialist staff

All subjects are taught by staff who are specialists in their chosen field and skilled in teaching the curriculum to non-native speakers.

### Small class sizes

A maximum of 12 students per class ensures staff are able to focus their time and attention on individual students.

### Superior facilities

The school is set in 220 acres of beautiful parkland and offers exceptionally high-quality study and recreational facilities.

### Diverse mix of nationalities

Students from over 40 countries have studied with us since 2007.

## Sample timetable (weeks 1-4)

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
8.00-8.45	Free time (optional breakfast)	BREAKFAST						Full day study tour
9.00-10.00		English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	
10.00-11.00		English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	English Grammar & Skills	
11.00-11.30		BREAK						
11.30-12.30		Core studies	Core studies	Core studies	Core studies	Core studies	Core studies	
12.30-14.00	LUNCH							
14.00-15.00	Sports and activities	Group 1 option	Group 1 option	Group 1 option	Group 1 option	Group 1 option		
15.00-16.00		Group 2 option	Group 2 option	Group 2 option	Group 2 option	Group 2 option		
16.15-17.30		Sport	Sport	Sport	Sport	Sport		
17.30-19.00	DINNER							
19.00-20.00	Free time	Supervised prep.	Supervised prep.	Supervised prep.	Supervised prep.	Supervised prep.	Free time	
20.15-21.45	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities		
21.45-22.30	House meeting	House meeting	House meeting	House meeting	House meeting	House meeting	House meeting	
22.30	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	

Classes
  Supervised prep
  Sports and activities
  Study tour

This is a sample timetable and is meant as a guide only