



# GCSE Preparation Programme 2010

An intensive summer course for students aged 14-16 who have secured a place to study GCSE or IGCSE programmes at Bell Bedgebury International School or at another school or college.



## 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.

Students prepare to study at GCSE level by:

- learning the essential vocabulary they need to study their subjects in English
- exploring key concepts
- acquiring valuable study skills
- experiencing the style of teaching and learning used in UK boarding schools

## Academic programme (weeks 1-4)

All students study **English, Maths, ICT and Study Skills** throughout the course.

For the first two weeks, students study one subject from each option group\*:

- **Group 1: Physics, Biology, Art**
- **Group 2: Chemistry, Business Studies, Geography**

For the next two weeks, students are encouraged to choose a different subject from each option group. This means that students have the opportunity to focus on up to four subjects over the four-week academic programme.

## 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.

## Core subjects

### English

Students will develop the four key language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, within an academic context.

### Maths

Students will be introduced to key topics such as algebra, geometry, data handling and methods of calculation.

### Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

Students will develop their skills with practical work on word processing, spreadsheets and databases.

## Additional subjects

### Biology, Chemistry, Physics

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

### Business Studies

Students will be introduced to key terms and ideas and learn how businesses operate.

### Art

In addition to developing their artistic abilities, students will develop the analytical and linguistic skills necessary to evaluate their work.

### Geography

Students will learn some important concepts in rural and urban environments as well as aspects of physical geography.

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



## 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		Maths / ICT	Maths / ICT	Maths / ICT	Maths / ICT	Maths / ICT	Maths / ICT	
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