



# ABBEY COLLEGE IN MALVERN

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## ACADEMIC & YEAR ROUND COURSES



**140**  
*years*

AS A SEAT OF  
LEARNING

# WELCOME TO ABBEY COLLEGE IN MALVERN



**Situated in the outstandingly beautiful Malvern Hills, near the stunning and culturally rich town of Great Malvern, Abbey College provides an internationally recognised education and pastoral care you can trust.**

Having developed our high-quality education and boarding with a family atmosphere for more than 40 years, today's school welcomes students from around the world onto British academic courses as well as English language courses. Whichever course you wish to study with us, you will become an important part of the Abbey College family.

We are an inclusive school where standards of achievement are high. Our academic courses lead to world-renowned British qualifications. Examination results have been outstanding in recent years.

Our experienced teachers and boarding staff are professionals who go the extra mile to ensure that all students are offered the opportunity to fulfil their potential both in and beyond the classroom. The result is that, whether they are seeking places at top universities in Britain and around the world, or returning to continue their education in their home country, Abbey College students are well-equipped to take the next step in their education.

We are equally proud of our excellent academic performance and of the extra-curricular opportunities for sport and the arts, community service, excursions and activities that are available at Abbey College in Malvern. We take seriously our responsibility to prepare young people to make their way in life as confident, caring and responsible citizens of the world.

If you have any further questions regarding anything detailed in this brochure, we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Daniel Booker**, *Principal*



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## INTRODUCTION

The site of Abbey College was established as a seat of learning in 1874, and the college itself is part of a government recognised "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty". The town of Malvern is renowned as a centre for high-quality, private education, and is statistically one of the safest towns in the UK.

Abbey College is well-situated with the cathedral cities of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester within 30 minutes and Cheltenham, Bath, Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford also close by. The UK's second city, Birmingham, is only one hour away, the capital city of Wales, Cardiff, 1.5 hours and London is 2.5 hours away by car or direct train.

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**Closest Airports:**  
Birmingham  
Bristol  
London - Heathrow  
London - Gatwick  
London - Stansted  
London - Luton



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## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Abbey College prides itself on its small class sizes and high-quality teaching.

On average there are just seven students per class. This allows each teacher to come to know each student on an individual basis, constantly assessing their strengths and weaknesses and ensuring no student falls below expected standards. This has been the basis for a record of strong academic achievement, with a high percentage of our students going on to some of the UK's best universities.

Abbey College students take a variety of exams at varying ages, so we are not published in many of the different performance charts made available by various organisations. We are happy to provide results or statistics when requested showing how well our students have performed, so that parents can see how we compare.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

English Language lessons are integrated into the course for all students who require them, as assessed by our language department.

Having an IELTS or similar English language test minimum score is a standard requirement for all UK universities.

Students who are not yet at the level needed to study academic subjects can be offered an initial intensive course of English. Progressively more academic lessons are introduced over the course of the programme. Each student is regularly reassessed to ensure they are receiving the correct balance of academic subjects and English lessons. This system provides a flexible alternative to the teaching methods of many traditional schools.

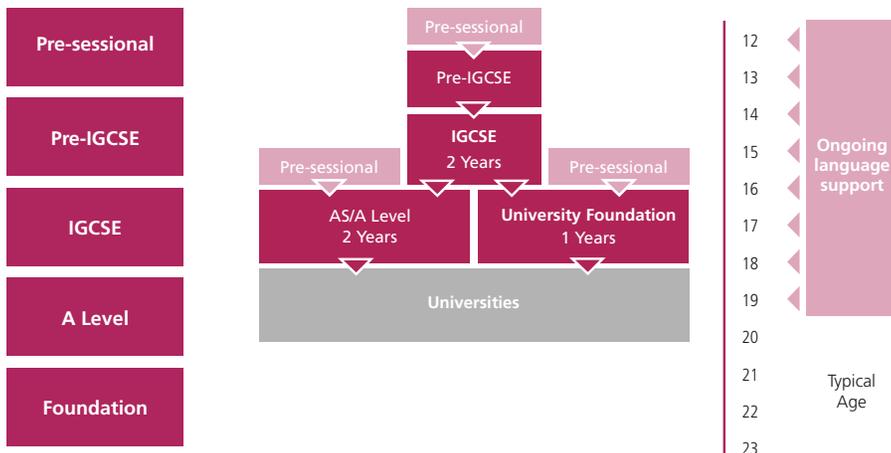
## OUR STUDENT DESTINATIONS FROM RECENT YEARS INCLUDE:

- Cardiff University
- Charles University, First Faculty, Prague
- Charles University, Hradec Králové
- Charles University, Second Faculty, Prague
- Coventry University
- Durham University
- Keele University
- London School of Economics
- Loughborough University
- Masaryk University, Brno
- Palacký University, Olomouc
- Queen Mary University of London
- Queen's University, Belfast
- Rīga Stradiņš University, Riga
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Debrecen, Debrecen
- University of Dundee
- University of East Anglia
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Reading
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Warwick
- University of the West of England



## ACADEMIC COURSES

Academic courses are any that last for eight or more weeks and occur during term time. Academic courses are divided into two main bodies. Our younger students concentrate on preparation for pre-IGCSE/IGCSE examinations. At the higher level, students work towards either the traditional AS and A Level qualifications or our specialist university foundation programmes, both of which lead directly to university entry.





## SHORT COURSES

Short courses are any that occur during Summer School or last for less than eight weeks during term time. Abbey College offers short courses throughout the year to individuals and groups. The main focus of these courses is learning the English language, offering international students the opportunity to study at a British school for two weeks or more.

Group stays can be tailored to specific requests - including a choice of academic subjects, activities and excursions.

Our summer school runs from early June until the end of August for individuals and groups and is an excellent opportunity to study English alongside a wide range of activities and excursions.

Winter and spring courses are also available for individuals and groups. These courses follow a similar format to our summer school.

Summer  
School

High School  
Experience

Year Round  
Groups

Winter and  
Spring Courses



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbey College scholarships aim to reward outstanding achievement and potential. Scholarships are available for academically high-achieving students hoping to study pre-sessional, IGCSE, A Levels or foundation courses. The scholarship committee takes into account both the student's educational background and extracurricular activities. Varying levels of scholarship are on offer, according to the strength of the applicant.



**Moustafa Y (Egypt)**

I loved the course and learning new skills. When I first came I couldn't speak barely any English, but now I can communicate confidently with anyone. There's so many activities you can take part in. One of the best parts of my experience was making friends from different countries. I would absolutely recommend studying at Abbey College. It is like a family; home away from home. I am now moving on to study Business at the University of Coventry.

**Daniir Z (Kyrgyzstan)**

The school helped me to get into the University of Westminster, to study law. The college has great facilities with the gym, football pitch, tennis courts and swimming pool. I learned how to strive in a social community of many different nationalities and cultures. I initially had problems with my behaviour but after 3 months I became more mature and opened up much more with my peers.



## WINTER AND SPRING ENGLISH COURSES

As well as our long-running summer school, individuals and groups can join Abbey College for vacation courses in winter and spring. These courses include 20 hours of lessons per week which are very interactive and help students gain confidence in speaking English. There is also a full activity programme and two excursions per week, much like our summer school.

<b>Age</b>	8-17*
<b>Start Dates:</b>	Any Sunday during course dates

*\*We may be able to offer places to older students on request.*

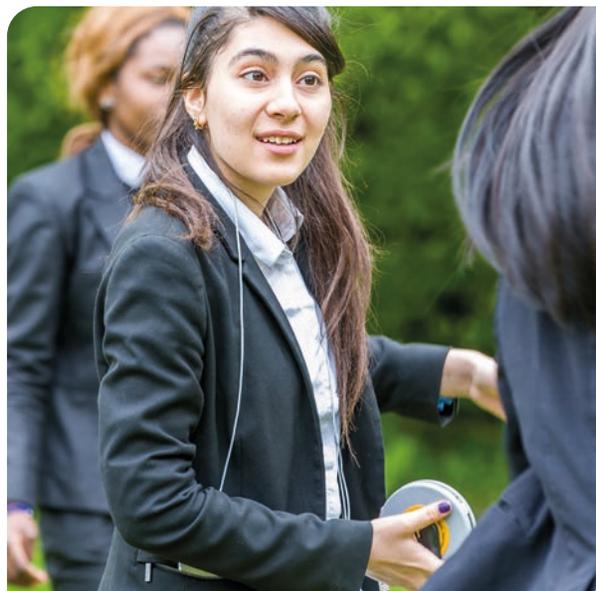


## SPRING REVISION COURSES

In the lead up to exams Abbey College offers pre-sessional, IGCSE and A Level revision courses in mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics. These courses usually take place during Easter school holidays. For further information on dates and subjects available please contact us.

<b>Age</b>	14-18*
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<b>Age</b>	14-17*
<b>Start Dates:</b>	September (January entry may be considered for suitable applicants)
<b>Course Length</b>	Usually 6 terms (3 terms = 1 year)
<b>Hours per Week</b>	3 per subject on average in class
<b>Course Content</b>	Up to 9 subjects, with English lessons provided as appropriate
<b>Progression</b>	AS/A Level and foundation courses

## INTERNATIONAL GCSE

The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) is an English language curriculum offered to students to prepare them for A Level and foundation courses. The IGCSE is an international alternative, and is recognised as being equivalent to the GCSE. Students begin learning the syllabus at the beginning of Year 10 and take examinations at the end of Year 11.

*Please ask us for the latest subject availability. We can run a variety of other subjects if there is enough demand or as one to one courses with private lessons.*

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## CORE SUBJECTS



English



ICT



Mathematics



Geography

## ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS



Physics



Chemistry



Biology



Art



Economics



English Literature



French and German



Business Studies



Sociology



Psychology



<b>Age</b>	16-19*
<b>Start Dates:</b>	September (January entry may be considered for suitable applicants)
<b>Course Length</b>	Usually 6 terms (3 terms = 1 year)
<b>Hours per Week</b>	5-6 per subject on average in class
<b>Course Content</b>	3 or 4 subjects, studied in detail, including private research time, plus IELTS or general English language lessons where appropriate
<b>Progression</b>	University. This independent qualification can also be used for employment

## A LEVEL

A Levels are the standard UK route to gain entrance to a university. Students choose three subjects which they will study for two years.

A Levels give you the UCAS points you need to study at the undergraduate level. Besides their pivotal role in accessing higher education, they also give you the essential skills you need to flourish academically and professionally.

*Please ask us for the latest subject availability. We can run a variety of other subjects if there is enough demand or as one to one courses with private lessons.*

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## AVAILABLE SUBJECTS

-  **Art**
-  **Business Studies**
-  **Economics**
-  **Computer Science**
-  **Mathematics**
-  **Further Mathematics**
-  **Biology**
-  **Chemistry**
-  **Physics**
-  **Law**
-  **French & German**
-  **Psychology**
-  **English Literature**
-  **Design & Technology**
-  **Geography**

# BRITISH UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COURSES

University foundation courses offer students a fast track, one-year route to a wide range of British and other international university degree courses as an alternative to A Levels. We have been teaching these courses since 1981 and were one of the first UK institutions to offer such courses.

These courses are specifically designed for overseas students who have a high school certificate or other academic qualifications which may not be recognised by British or

other international universities. Foundation courses not only provide the passport to gain university entry, but also help students to understand any differences in the curriculum, acclimatise to the UK, and achieve English qualifications required for university.

Students can go on to study a variety of subjects at undergraduate level at a range of universities following a course in one of the foundation course disciplines.

## SAMPLE COURSE STRUCTURES AND POPULAR UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Subject	Modules	Examples of universities that accept foundation course students for these specific subject areas
 Business	Economics, Business Studies, Accounting	Cardiff, Kings College, Royal Holloway, Lancaster, Essex
 Law	Business Studies, Economics, Law	Nottingham, De Montfort, Warwick, Kingston, Oxford Brookes
 Art/Design	Art and Design	Hertfordshire, Brighton, Reading, Gloucestershire
 Engineering	Physics, Chemistry	Hertfordshire, Brighton, Reading, Gloucestershire
 General Science	Chemistry, Biology, Physics	Bath, Aston, Coventry, Brunel
 Computing	Computing, Physics, Maths	Cardiff, Royal Holloway, Solent, UWE Bristol

All foundation courses include Core Modules in English, Mathematics and Computing



<b>Age</b>	16-19*
<b>Start Dates</b>	September (January entry may be considered for suitable applicants)
<b>Course Length</b>	Usually 3 terms. Possibly 2 terms for January entry (3 terms = 1 year)
<b>Hours per Week</b>	16 or more in class plus private study
<b>Course Content</b>	Study skills, computing, mathematics and english where appropriate plus subject-specific lessons
<b>Progression</b>	University

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## MEDICAL FOUNDATION

Abbey College offers an exclusive and unique science foundation programme which can be used to access science related degrees in the UK (such as Pharmacy, Psychology, Health and Social care and many more) or Medical and Dentistry degrees at renowned universities in Central Europe.

The Medical and Dentistry degree courses offered in Europe are taught entirely in English and are recognised by the GMC and GDC in the UK and also by many other medical councils worldwide. The shortage of Medicine and Dentistry places in the UK, combined with the lower cost of living in some of the EU countries makes these degree courses a serious alternative.

### **Bahar (Iran)** **Medical Foundation**

Abbey College is one of the most delightful places to study foundation medicine. The college is full of facilities, such as labs, a library and a computer class which makes my studies even more pleasant. The hills right next to the college give me a chance to enjoy the beauty of Worcestershire and to relax between my studies. I'm pleased and honoured to be a part of the Abbey College.



Abbey College International Pre-University Foundation Science Programme (Medical and Dentistry Route) is a one-year programme providing students with an alternative to A levels as a progression route to universities which provide medical related course via entrance examinations.

On occasion a two-year course may be offered to students whose English or depth of knowledge and understanding requires further development and additional tuition may be provided to meet the needs of the applicant. The duration and structure of the course is dependent upon the applicant's academic background and English at the time of application. It is an appropriate route into international universities for these specific undergraduate medical, dentistry, nursing and physiotherapy programmes.

**This is our own developed programme, internally assessed and delivered at NQF Level 3. For more than 30 years students on the foundation programme have progressed to universities including:**

- Charles University, First Faculty of Medicine - Prague, Czech Republic
- Charles University Second Faculty, Prague, Czech Republic
- Charles Hradec University, Czech Republic
- Masarysk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- Palacky University, Czech Republic
- Debrecen University - Hungary

**The same curriculum studied in the UK is called Science for Medicine and dentistry related courses.**

**The course can also be the basis of an appropriate academic route to study a science-based degree at a university, with students, in the last few years, progressing to:**

- Aston University
- Birmingham University
- University of East Anglia (UEA)
- Coventry University
- Manchester University
- Herriot Watt University
- Lancaster University
- Nottingham University
- Exeter University
- Leeds University
- Liverpool University
- Queen Mary's, Belfast
- UCLAN
- Worcester University



## PRE-SESSIONAL COURSES

A pre-sessional course is a preparatory course which directly precedes the student's main course of study in the UK. It is designed to enable students to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to adjust to study in the UK. Courses of English leading to an academic programme are gradual, with the introduction of more academic subjects as the student's English improves. For some students, the pre-sessional courses will be an essential requirement for their acceptance onto a subsequent academic course.

<b>Age</b>	12-18*
<b>Start Dates:</b>	Termly
<b>Course Length</b>	Up to 1 year
<b>Hours per Week</b>	16 or more
<b>Course Content</b>	General English plus additional subjects, geared towards particular qualification, or with a particular focus, if required.
<b>Progression</b>	All academic courses

*\*We may be able to offer places to older students on request.*



## HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Students can join Abbey College for two weeks or longer to study a range of academic subjects in line with British curricula.

Alongside other academic subjects, English language lessons are provided.

Students will be mixed in classes with students on academic courses and follow the same activity and excursion plan offered to academic students.

Homework is set during weekdays for evening study. This course is available for students with at least a pre-intermediate level of English.

<b>Age</b>	12-18*
<b>Start Dates:</b>	Any Sunday during term time
<b>Course Length</b>	2 weeks to 1 term
<b>Hours per Week</b>	16 or more
<b>Course Content</b>	A minimum of 5 subjects, with English language lessons provided as appropriate.

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<b>Age</b>	8-17*
<b>Start Dates:</b>	Any Sunday during course dates
<b>Course Length</b>	2 – 10 weeks
<b>Lessons per Week:</b>	16 hours
<b>Course Content</b>	General English lessons combined with activities and excursions

## SUMMER SCHOOL

The summer school provides a wonderful opportunity to combine learning English with the benefits of activities and cultural excursions in a fun, safe, multinational environment.

The college provides a full English, sporting and social programme on site. Every morning, afternoon and evening is taken up by either lessons, activities or organised social events or excursions, so that students have something to do from the moment they wake up until they go to bed. Age appropriate care and attention is provided for all our students, be they 8 or 17. \*We may be able to offer places to older students on request.

**Please note that Abbey College publishes a separate brochure for these courses, which has further information, including separate application details. Please ask us for a copy, or download it from our website.**



### COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

- Standard accommodation on campus
- All on-campus meals (lunch is not provided on full day trips)
- Two organised excursions per week
- Weekly laundry
- All course materials
- Wi-Fi, library and self-access facilities
- All mainstream on-site activities and social events
- An end-of-course certificate and report

# ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Depending on the time of the year and student numbers the following supervised sports and activities are available on the college campus:

Tennis	Yoga	Karaoke
Basketball	Weight Training	Talent Shows
Football	Table Tennis	Camp-fires
Badminton	Hill Walking	Barbecues
Volleyball	Table Football	Themed Parties
Archery	Art	Croquet
Fencing	Music	Dance
Unihoc	Bouncy Castle	Outdoor Swimming
Softball	Discos	



There are other activities available in close proximity to the college which can be arranged for an additional charge, including horse riding, golf, indoor swimming, squash, climbing, canoeing, bowling, go-karting and paintball.

Abbey College has a variety of student clubs aimed at improving the students' experience and developing their personal and academic skills. These clubs, which may include music, drama, film, first aid and cooking, are designed to help students develop their English and other skills in a positive and creative way.



## EXCURSIONS

Supervised excursions are arranged to various cities nearby every 3 weeks during the academic term. The cathedral cities of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester are within ½ an hour, with Cheltenham, Bath, Stratford-Upon-Avon and Oxford close by.

Other places visited recently have included Weston Super Mare, Birmingham and Cardiff. Optional trips are also available for a fee with Alton Towers and London as top favourites.



## WELFARE

As a fully residential boarding school, student welfare is extremely important to us. Our Student Services Department is run by experienced staff who are responsible for every aspect of student health, well-being and accommodation. The college welcomes students from all religions and special arrangements can be made for attendance at places of worship.

The students' safety is our top priority. All staff are trained to make sure students are safe. House Parents are available at all times and all staff are given first aid training. A personal tutor system is in place so that any personal issues can be dealt with quickly and effectively.



## MEALS

Three meals per day are provided on campus, and are included in the fees. Brunch may be offered as an alternative to breakfast and lunch at weekends.

Care is taken to provide not only a balanced diet but also meals that suit international tastes in general. Vegetarian and other special diets, including religious dietary requirements, are catered for upon request and a choice is always available.

The school has a small shop for students to purchase food and drink outside of meal times.



# FACILITIES

Abbey College has everything a student needs on our scenic 70 acre campus. The College facilities include the following:

- Library
- Computer Rooms
- Three Science Laboratories
- 15 Classrooms
- Common Room Areas
- Multi-gym
- 20 Seat Cinema
- Games Room
- Sports Hall
- Stage for Performances
- 4 Tennis Courts
- Basketball Court
- Football Pitches
- Art Studio
- Snooker Room
- Outdoor Swimming Pool



## ACCOMMODATION

All of our students are accommodated on site in a number of boarding houses. Male and female students live in separate boarding houses and students over 18 are also accommodated separately from the other students.

All A Level and foundation students are guaranteed single rooms; all other students are accommodated in single or twin rooms depending on availability. All rooms have a single bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers, desk and chair for each student. There are a number of communal toilets and showers to share for students in standard accommodation.

Rooms with a private bathroom can be requested but are subject to availability and at an extra charge. Fridges for the bedrooms are also available on request. All boarding houses have a kitchenette equipped with kettle, microwave, cutlery and crockery and a common room with a TV. Each house has house parents who are on duty over night to meet any welfare needs. Please see the Student Guide for further details and costs.





- 1 Administration Block
- 2 Library & Computer Rooms
- 3 Assembly Hall
- 4 Classrooms & Science Laboratories
- 5 Art Studio
- 6 Residential Houses
- 7 Dining Room
- 8 Sports Pitches
- 9 Tennis & Basketball Courts
- 10 Sports Hall
- 11 Student Services
- 12 Gym
- 13 Common Areas
- 14 Swimming Pool
- 15 Football Field

# TESTIMONIALS



**Callum (UK)**  
**Year 10, 2019 – 2021**

At first, I didn't know what to do with myself but I have now settled in and know my way around. Everyone is really friendly here and it is also really homely. For me, personally, this school is brilliant. It has a mix of nationalities who are all keen to learn. I would recommend this school over and over in a heartbeat.



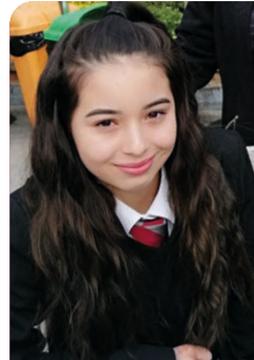
**Daniel Nzeribe (Nigeria)**  
**Business Foundation, 2020-2021**

It was an easy transition for me to come and study in the UK. I've really enjoyed meeting new people and having fun, playing football and basketball. I feel I am now ready to study Politics and Economics at the University of Bristol in September, thanks to Abbey College Scholarship I was offered.



**Tayga (South Africa)**  
**Year 10, 2019 – 2021**

It has been the most amazing experience I've had. The students come from all around the world and are mainly boarders but some, like me, are day students. Abbey College overlooks the most amazing scenery. They have so many sports to choose from, some I hadn't even heard of before! They have a wide range of food choices and the food is always the best.



**Heidi (UK)**  
**Year 10, 2019 – 2021**

My experience so far has been amazing. I have made lots of friends and I have learnt about many cultures. Everyone is like family, a large community where you can fit in no matter what. The class sizes are brilliant- there are about eight people per class, which is very good because you can get extra help on topics you don't know; also, having a small class means you get work done quicker.



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