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Autumn Explorer

Bell Berkshire College

9 - 29 OCTOBER 2022

1 - 3 WEEKS



Sample Timetable

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
08.00	Student arrivals and welcome activities	BREAKFAST FOLLOWED BY MORNING MEETING					
09.00		Language test / Language lesson	Language lesson	Full day study tour LONDON	Language lesson	Language lesson	Departures or Full day excursion WINDSOR
10:30		BREAK			BREAK		
11:00		Orientation/ Language lesson	Language lesson		Language lesson	Language lesson	
12.30		LUNCH			LUNCH		
13:30		Language lesson	Electives		Electives	Course presentation	
15.00		BREAK			BREAK		
15.30		Electives	Electives		Electives	Electives	
17:00		HOUSE TIME			HOUSE TIME		
18.00	DINNER AND FREE TIME						
19.30	Evening activities						
21.00	HOUSE MEETINGS						

Autumn Explorer

Overview

Our Autumn Explorer course gives students the opportunity to discover British culture while developing their English language skills, through project-based learning activities and interactive learning - both inside and outside the classroom.

On this course, students will:

- ▶ Develop their English in all four areas: reading, writing, listening and speaking
- ▶ Practise new vocabulary, pronunciation and improve their grammar structures, as appropriate to their level
- ▶ Become confident, independent learners with essential 21st century life skills like: communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and cultural awareness
- ▶ Make friends with students from a diverse mix of countries across the globe

Who is this for?

Young learners who want to combine English language study with activities and educational day trips and excursions.

Study Tours

Students take part in three full-day study tours every two weeks to UK destinations.

- ▶ **London** – see the London Eye, Downing Street, Covent Garden, Natural History Museum or the Houses of Parliament
- ▶ **Windsor** – Discover a lively town in a glorious riverside location, best known for the Windsor Castle - one of the Queen's official royal residences and the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world.

Our approach

English lessons

English lessons include projects that are designed around the school's weekly theme. Small groups of students work together on their projects based on the language knowledge and skills development needs.

Activity programme

Students at Bell 'learn by doing', so the activity programme is an integral part of the course and allows young learners to practise and develop what they have learnt in lessons. Our afternoon activities and electives are designed to improve communication and confidence while developing academic, creative and active skills.

All Autumn Explorer students will also enjoy a wide variety of whole-school activities, such as games, competitions, discos and shows.

Minimum staff to student ratio

1:6 

Course summary

Age	11-17
Min. language level	All levels
Course length	1 - 3 weeks
Location	Bell Berkshire College
Start dates	Sunday 9 October Sunday 16 October Sunday 23 October

Course components

1 week

- Lessons
15 hours
- Study tours
1 - 2 days
- Electives
9 hours
- Other activities
9 hours



Electives

Students choose 2 electives per week. Sample electives include:

-  Art and crafts
-  Handball
-  Board games
-  Journalism
-  British literature
-  Music
-  Cricket
-  Orienteering
-  Dance
-  Rounders
-  Dodgeball
-  Drama
-  Film & photography
-  Volleyball
-  Football
-  Health and fitness

Project-based learning

Explore the themes and topics

Project themes have been intentionally designed for students and teachers to take their project in a direction that best meets the group's needs and motivations.

This means that every group of students will learn something different with each student receiving a personalised learning experience. This unique aspect of our Explorer courses ensures they are consistently motivating and engaging, and students often return year after year.

Develop language skills

The content of lessons, study tours and activities are designed with a focus on the project theme, giving the students a holistic experience which accelerates their learning.

Create a personal response

Each project has a theme which begins with a central guiding question to start the students on their learning journey. This guiding question focuses the project and the students work collaboratively towards the production of a tangible project outcome which often combines each of the different aspects of the course.

Practise everywhere

Project-based learning on an Explorer programme is a fully-integrated approach to language learning that provides our students with lots of cross-curricular opportunities for learning everywhere, both inside and outside the classroom.

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Present at the end-of-course show

The end of the Explorer project gives students the chance to share their learning experiences with each other in the form of a course show (presentation).



Course includes:



Tuition, study materials and course portfolio



Access to sports facilities



Free internet access



Residential accommodation and all meals



Comprehensive supervision by qualified staff



Free laundry service



A full programme of educational and social activities



Transfers to and from designated airports/stations on scheduled arrival and departure days *



Comprehensive insurance



A full programme of study tours

** For arrival and departures between 10am to 6pm or advised train times*



WEEK 1:

Magic and mystery

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER – SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

How can we invent a new magical land for stories?
How can we design a new character to join our favourite story or film?

Explore magical stories and investigate some of Britain's most famous mysteries such as the famous Stonehenge or Loch Ness Monster.

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ Learn how to use the full range of English narrative tenses
- ✓ Improve creative and descriptive writing skills by working on a fantasy adventure story
- ✓ Develop team-working skills by working in groups to create an imaginative and original story

Topics may include:

-  Social Studies
-  English literature
-  History



Types of activities could include:

- Vocabulary building activities for descriptive writing
- Running dictations of short stories to develop integrated language skills
- Role-playing a character from a story to improve spoken fluency

Week includes:

Study Tour: London

- The London Eye

Excursion: Windsor

- Windsor Castle





WEEK 2:

Gadgets and gizmos

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER – SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

How different would my life be without technology? Which types of employment will become automated in the future?

Discover the origins of the technology which we now take for granted. Students will also be encouraged to speculate on innovations which will shape our world in the future.

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ Learn to confidently use modal and semi-modal structures to talk about the possibilities of different electronic devices
- ✓ Develop the ability to write coherently and cohesively by writing short stories on an online platform and reviewing other's work
- ✓ Enhance critical-thinking skills to speculate on future developments in technology and its potential

Topics may include:



Sciences



Design and Technology



Business



Types of activities could include:

- Reading activities into the historical development of computer and communication technologies
- Design and present a new app
- Write a review of the latest new technology or device

Week includes:

Study Tour: London

- The Science Museum & walking tour.

Excursion: Cambridge

- Punting and walking tour





WEEK 3:

Let's celebrate!

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER – SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

How can we create a festival to celebrate our time at Bell? What are the most interesting traditions from the different regions in the UK?

Develop cross-cultural understanding by learning about different festivals and traditions from the UK, the students' home countries and from around the rest of the world.

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ Using relative clauses describe a festival from a student's country to their classmates
- ✓ Use functional phrases to suggest ideas and express opinions while discussing plans for a school festival
- ✓ Develop collaboration skills during lessons focused on planning for a school-wide event

Topics may include:

-  Humanities
-  Intercultural communication
-  Social studies



Types of activities could include:

- Work together to design factsheets or posters on different festivals and traditions.
- Complete vocabulary and listening tasks using a popular music track.
- Write a short biography on a favourite artist or musician.

Week includes:

Study Tour: London

- Madame Tussauds



Bell Berkshire College

Courses available:

Summer Explorer

Winter Explorer

Spring Explorer

Autumn Explorer

Discover the English language through active, academic and creative activities in a beautifully historic school with extensive grounds.

Featuring modern classrooms, spacious common areas, a dining room and modern residential accommodation, this centre is ideal for providing a safe and peaceful environment for your child.

Sample Electives

- Art and crafts
- Football
- British literature
- Handball
- Cricket
- Health and fitness
- Dance
- Journalism
- Dodgeball
- Music
- Drama
- Orienteering
- Film and photography

Facilities

- Bright, spacious classrooms, many with interactive whiteboards
- Free wireless internet
- Dining room
- Art room
- Disabled access/facilities
- On-site sports fields
- Peaceful, countryside setting

Accommodation

- Twin rooms and dormitories
- Separate accommodation blocks for boys and girls
- A dedicated member of staff in every boarding house



Transfers

Free transfers will be available for arrivals and departures between 10am to 6pm, depending on student travel requirements.

Any students travelling as an Unaccompanied Minor are subject to an additional £50 fee (per single journey).

Important:

Arrival details for each student must be sent to Bell at least 10 working days before the start of course to guarantee an airport transfer. Please also notify us at least 7 working days if there are any changes to your departure date.

BELL BERKSHIRE COLLEGE	10AM - 6PM	OUT-OF-HOURS
London Heathrow	Free	£70
London Stansted	Free	£140
St Pancras (based on advised train times)	Free	£140

Bell Berkshire College

London Heathrow 31km

London Stansted 113km

Ebbsfleet Eurostar 118km

Bedrooms

All bedrooms contain bunk beds and can accommodate between two and five students. Every room also has a wardrobe, chest of drawers and chair. **Please note:** towels and hair dryers are not provided.

Bathrooms

Shared showers and toilet facilities, which are situated at convenient points throughout the accommodation.

Housekeeping

Bedrooms and bathrooms are cleaned regularly. Fresh bed linen is provided every week.

Meals

Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the school and a packed lunch is provided on study tours). As well as a variety of global cuisines, students will experience traditional British meals such as roast dinners and fish and chips.

Laundry

Free laundry service for machine washable clothes once a week. Bell can not take responsibility for any items lost or damaged during the laundry process.

Pocket Money

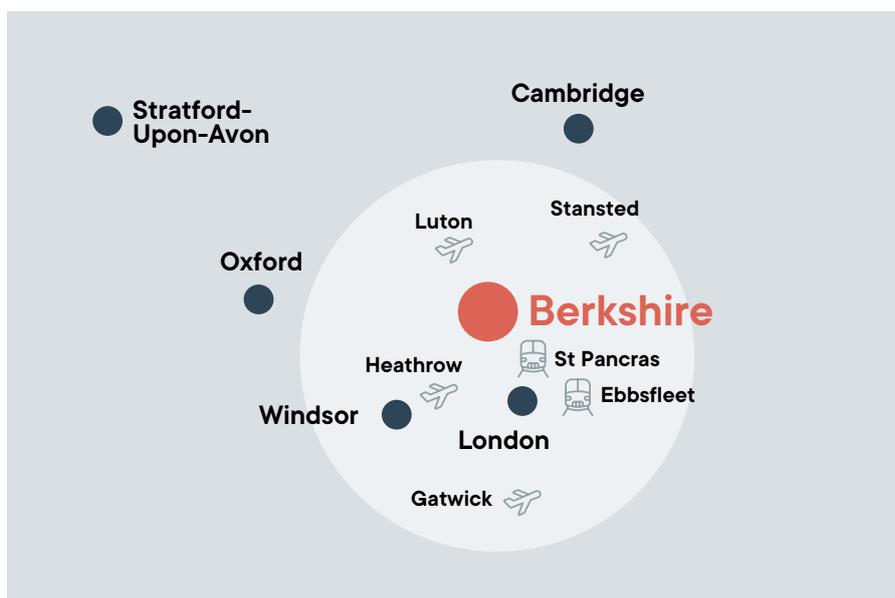
£150-200 per week (recommendation).

Electricity

220-240V, 50Hz AC. UK-type 3-pin plugs are used.

Curfew

Lights are switched off between 22:30 and 23:00. Students are not allowed outside the school site without supervision.



Supervision

- ✓ School team available 24 hours a day, all week
- ✓ Staff responsible for student welfare
- ✓ Bell team available for support and advice at any time
- ✓ Staff:Student ratio is at least 1:6
- ✓ All onsite staff are police checked

Local Area Information

Burchett's Green

- ✓ Nearest town: Maidenhead is a 10-min drive with shopping centre and supermarket
- ✓ Nearest train station: Maidenhead
- ✓ Nearest airport: Heathrow is a 30-min drive
- ✓ Travel time to London: 30 mins by train and taxi, 60 mins by coach

Maximum Capacity

144
students

at Bell
Berkshire
College

Course fees

Our course fees are fully-inclusive, including tuition, accommodation, airport transfers and learning materials - so everything is taken care of before your student arrives.

WEEK	THEME	ARRIVAL DATE	DEPARTURE DATE	COURSE LENGTH			
				3 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	1 WEEK
1	Magic and mystery	Sunday 9 October	Saturday 15 October	3 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	1 WEEK
2	Gadgets and gizmos	Sunday 16 October	Saturday 22 October				1 WEEK
3	Let's celebrate!	Sunday 23 October	Saturday 29 October		1 WEEK		
TOTAL (£)				2,790	1,860	1,860	930

* In addition to course fees, all bookings are subject to a £95 registration fee



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