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Winter Explorer

St Albans

7 JANUARY - 17 FEBRUARY 2024

1 - 6 WEEKS



Winter Explorer

Overview

Our Winter 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. They will also have the opportunity to add optional activities to enhance their experience, available on certain weeks only (see page 8 for more details)

- ▶ **Edinburgh (provisionally 28 - 30 January)** – experience Scottish culture at this famous historic capital, including a tour of Edinburgh castle, ghost walks and Scottish dancing
- ▶ **Cambridge** – tour the city's famous landmarks and university colleges, including the world famous King's College
- ▶ **Windsor** – explore the world's largest and oldest occupied castle, which is also one of the official residences of King Charles III

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 – electives – are designed to improve communication and confidence while developing academic, creative and active skills.

All Winter 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 - 6 weeks
Location	St Albans
Start dates	Sunday 7 January Sunday 14 January Sunday 21 January Sunday 4 February Sunday 11 February

Course components 1 week

- Lessons **15 hours**
- Study tours **1 - 2 days**
- Educational activities / Academy **9 hours**
- Other activities **9 hours**



Educational Activities

Students choose 2 activities per week. Sample educational activities include:

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

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



Residential accommodation and all meals



A full programme of educational and social activities



A full programme of study tours



Access to sports facilities



Comprehensive supervision by qualified staff



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



Free internet access



Free laundry service



Comprehensive insurance

* For arrival and departures between 10am and 5pm or advised train times

Course fees

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

WEEK	THEME	ARRIVAL DATE													
1	Great British Stories	Sunday 7 January	6 WEEKS	5 WEEKS	5 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	1 WEEK	1 WEEK		
2	Eureka!	Sunday 14 January													
3	The United Kingdom (including 3 day trip to Edinburgh)	Sunday 21 January													
4															
5	Sharing the Planet	Sunday 4 February													
6	Magic & Mystery	Sunday 11 February													
TOTAL (£)			7,085	5,985	6,075	4,885	4,975	4,930	3,875	3,830	2,290	2,730	2,200	1,145	1,100

ARRIVAL DATE	DEPARTURE DATE	WEEKS	FEES*	ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:
Sunday 7 January Sunday 14 January	Saturday 13 January Saturday 20 January	1 - 2	£1,145 per week	Thursday 11 January (provisional date) - Stadium tour - £65
Sunday 7 January	Saturday 3 February	1 - 4†	£4,885**	Sunday 14 January - Westfields shopping - £28 Weds 17 January - Dinner & theatre - £90
Sunday 21 January	Saturday 3 February	3 - 4†	£2,730	Sunday 21 January - Brent cross shopping - £28 Sunday 04 February - London walking tour & shopping - £28
Sunday 4 February Sunday 11 February	Saturday 10 February Saturday 17 February	5- 6	£1,100 per week	

* In addition to course fees, all bookings are subject to a £95 registration fee
 † Includes trip to Edinburgh, Scotland (28 - 30 January provisional dates)
 ** Early bird price - book before September 2023

We intend to run the proposed activities and excursions, but we will always be guided by the latest government regulations, so they may be subject to change. However, we will always keep you informed of any changes.

Business Leadership Academy

This Academy option develops a wide range of language, business, leadership and life skills.

This **two-week** programme consists of eighteen hours of business leadership input from specialist EFL-qualified Business Studies teachers and collaborative group work as part of the Bell Business Challenge.

Minimum language level: B1 intermediate or above.*

*Please note: if a student joins the academy and does not have the required language level, we reserve the right to move them from the academy to our elective programme without a refund.

Example Learning Outcomes:

- Language**
 - Learn key business vocabulary
 - Develop grammar and pronunciation skills
 - Practice speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in a collaborative fast-paced environment
- Business studies**
 - Writing a business plan
 - How to bring products to market
 - Develop financial management skills
- Life and leadership**
 - Develop valuable communication and teamwork skills for life in the workplace. Learn negotiation strategies and techniques used by the most effective leaders and managers
 - Grow their presentation skills and confidence in public speaking by delivering a sales pitch as part of the Bell Business Challenge

£215 per 2 weeks of academy
 7 January - 20 January
 21 January - 3 February



Sample Timetable

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
08.00		BREAKFAST FOLLOWED BY MORNING MEETING							
09.00		Language test / Language lesson	Language lesson	Full day study tour LONDON	Language lesson	Language lesson	Full day excursion Oxford		
10.30		BREAK			BREAK				
11.00		Orientation / Language lesson	Language lesson		Language lesson	Language lesson			
12.30	Student arrivals and welcome activities	LUNCH			LUNCH				
13.30		Business Academy	Business Academy		Business Academy	Course presentations			
15.00		BREAK			BREAK				
15.30		Language lesson	Business Challenge		Business Challenge	Business Academy			
17.00		HOUSE TIME			HOUSE TIME				
18.00		DINNER AND FREE TIME							
19.30		Evening activities							
21.00		HOUSE MEETINGS							



WEEK 1:

Great British Stories

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY – SATURDAY 13 JANUARY




Research into the people and moments in history which, via their various contributions, have shaped the world in which we live.

What are the key contributions which Great Britain has made to the rest of the world? What are the qualities of a positive role model?

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ The students will develop their reading and research skills whilst learning about the contributions of influential historical figures
- ✓ The students will develop public speaking and presentation skills
- ✓ The students will learn key language structures in order to confidently express their opinions

Topics may include:

-  Celebrities
-  Famous People from history and inspiring role models
-  Historical Events

Types of activities could include:

- Research into the lives and stories of famous personalities whose achievements have had a major influence on culture and society
- A dramatization or reenactment of a famous historical story and/or event




Week includes:

Study Tour: London

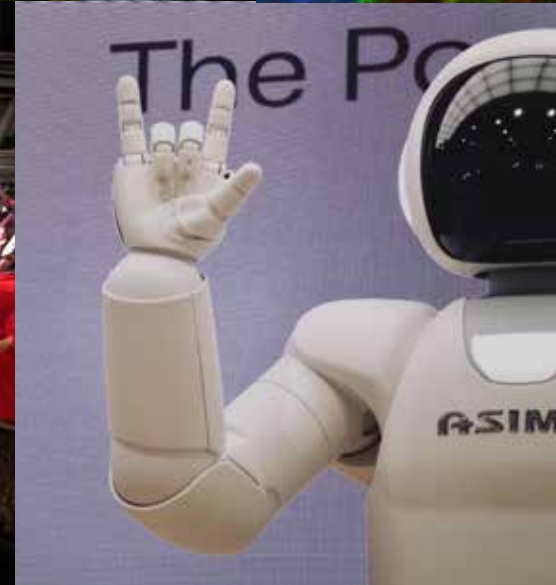
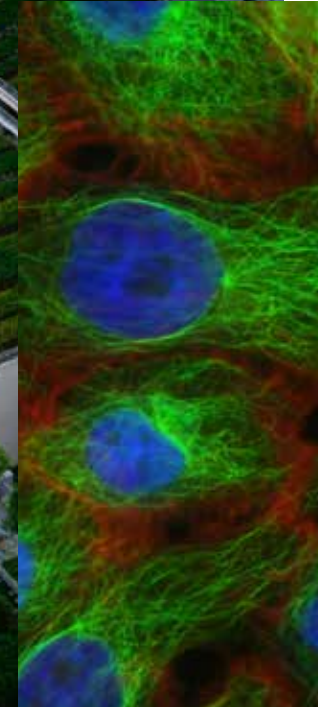
- Harry Potter studios

Excursion: Stratford Upon Avon

Areas of Transdisciplinary Study:

-  Social & Cultural Studies
-  History
-  Geography





WEEK 2:

Eureka!

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY – SATURDAY 20 JANUARY



All things scientific from the past to the present and even the future.

What were the most influential inventions and discoveries of the last century? What will be the most influential scientific developments of this century?

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ Students will learn to accurately use relevant language structures to the topic i.e. tenses, conditional forms, modal verbs etc.
- ✓ Students will effectively use functional language for discussions, making proposals, suggestions and/or giving advice.
- ✓ Collaborative, critical thinking, communication and creative skills will all be developed on this course.

Topics may include:

-  Inventions & Discoveries
-  Great Ideas

Types of activities could include:

- Research into the most influential Scientific discoveries from the past, present and future
- Designing a new invention and/or product to solve a problem or fulfil a need in our daily lives



Week includes:

Study Tour: London

- Science Museum

Excursion: Cambridge

Areas of Transdisciplinary Study:

-  Science
-  History





WEEK 3 & 4:

The United Kingdom

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY – SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY




To coincide with the epic journey to Edinburgh in the middle of the course, the study will learn all about the different parts of the UK.

In what ways is the UK different from my country? How does your national identity influence your personality?

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ Students will learn to use functional language for debate, discussions and giving presentations.
- ✓ Students will be made aware of the writing techniques and conventions used in different types of texts.
- ✓ Cross-cultural communication and collaboration skills will be developed throughout this course.

Topics may include:

-  Diversity and globalisation
-  Transport and Travel
-  Migration and globalisation

Types of activities could include:

- Making a comparative study of the similarities and differences between the students' home countries and the UK.
- Presenting some key features of their own culture.
- Writing a travel blog.





Week includes:

Study Tour: 3 day trip to Edinburgh

Excursion: London

- bus tour of the sights

Areas of Transdisciplinary Study:

-  Geography
-  History
-  Science
-  Social & Cultural Studies





WEEK 5:

Sharing the Planet

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY




This topic will increase the students' awareness of global issues and the effects of human civilization on the planet.

What can we do today reduce our impact on the environment tomorrow? How does the environment affect me and my ability to learn languages?

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ Students will learn to use functional language for debate, discussions and giving presentations.
- ✓ Students will employ critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to tackle 'real-world' issues affecting the planet.
- ✓ Students will develop presentation skills in order to be able to speak confidently in front of others.

Topics may include:

-  The Environment
-  Animals and their habitats
-  Global Warming and Renewable Energy

Types of activities could include:




- Discovery learning and practical tasks highlighting impact of human civilization on the environment and ways of reducing the negative effects.
- Making posters and information leaflets.
- 'Webquest' style research into the effectiveness of different types of renewable energies.

Week includes:

Study Tour: London

- London Walking Tour & Natural History Museum

Areas of Transdisciplinary Study:

-  Natural Sciences
-  Environmental Studies
-  Social & Cultural Studies





WEEK 6:

Magic and Mystery

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

The students will discover the stories that lie behind some of the greatest historical figures, moments that changed our world and the literary works that have shaped British culture.

What is a hero? Do ghosts really exist?

Example learning outcomes

- ✓ The students will obtain a better knowledge of language structures, vocabulary, style and genre and how all of these are used in different literary contexts
- ✓ Students will improve their reading skills by studying and analysing extracts of a variety of literature
- ✓ The students will be encouraged to think critically about the various factors that influence literature and what influence literature has on culture and society

Topics may include:

- 📖 Britain's Medieval History
- 📖 Classical and Contemporary English Literature
- 👥 Inspiring Role Models

Types of activities could include:

- Researching the historical facts behind some of the key figures in British history
- A performance of a piece of Shakespearean theatre
- Reading tasks involving both classical and contemporary literature

Week includes:

Study Tour: London

- Harry Potter Studios





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

- Separate accommodation blocks for boys and girls
- A dedicated houseparent in every boarding house



Travel

FREE transfers* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:

- London Heathrow 47 km
- London Stansted 60 km
- St. Pancras 31 km

* For flight arrival/departures between 10am and 5pm or specific trains. Custom transfers can be arranged – ask us for details.

Transfers

Free transfers will be available for arrivals and departures between 10am and 5pm, depending on student travel requirements.

Any students travelling as an Unaccompanied Minor are subject to an additional £60 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 St Albans

London Heathrow 47km
London Stansted 60km
St. Pancras 31km

Bedrooms

All bedrooms contain bunk beds. 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 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 cannot take responsibility for any items lost or damaged during the laundry process.

Pocket Money

£150 per week (recommendation).

Electricity

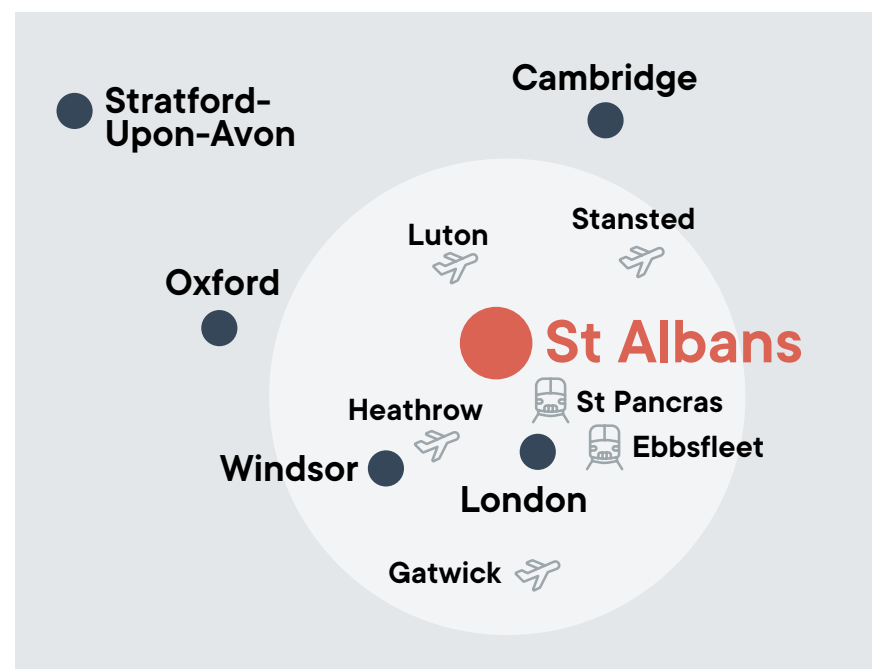
220-240V, 50Hz AC. UK-type 3-pin plugs are used.

Curfew

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

BELL ST ALBANS	10AM - 5PM	OUT-OF-HOURS
London Heathrow	Free	£95
London Stansted	Free	£160
St. Pancras	Free*	£160

*based on advised train times
prices valid for a one-way journey



Supervision

- ✓ School team available 24 hours a day, all week
- ✓ Houseparents responsible for student welfare
- ✓ Houseparents 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

- ✓ Nearest town: St Albans is a 15-min drive with shopping centre and supermarket
- ✓ Nearest train station: St Albans City Train Station
- ✓ Nearest airport: Luton is a 20-min drive
- ✓ Travel time to London: 1 hour and 30 mins by train and 41 mins by taxi

Maximum Capacity

180 students

available at
Bell St Albans

For more information:



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