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WELCOME TO BATH ACADEMY



Bath Academy provides students with individual expert guidance and an outstanding bespoke academic education for entry to their chosen university. The quality of British university education is renowned throughout the world, with 31 UK institutions in the top global rankings. Such high quality educational opportunities have necessarily led to increasing competition for places at UK universities. Young people today are faced with the difficult decision of where to study in preparation for applying to university. Which college will best help them to fulfil their potential?

Bath Academy is a private sixth form tutorial college that specialises in tailoring academic courses to the individual needs of students, maximising their chances of applying successfully to high-quality university courses. With the guidance of their personal tutor, students are sympathetically supported in their personal development, learning to work in an international community of colleagues, making informed decisions about future careers and learning to study at an advanced level.

Bath Academy's focus on the individual is reflected in our method of teaching. Our experience is that students develop when they receive good quality feedback on their performance, with advice on how to improve at each stage. Teaching takes place in small groups to ensure that students and tutors work closely together, and regular testing enables our students to recognise their strengths and weaknesses, and set themselves realistic and challenging goals.

The success of our students in gaining places on their chosen courses, many at high-quality universities, is the best testament to this approach. With expert teaching and effective support our students are able to progress to excellent university courses leading to successful professional careers. We believe that with their passion and commitment, paired with our interactive approach to teaching, close monitoring of academic progress and focused individual support, they will reach their potential.

Tim Naylor BA (Hons) MSc PGCE
Principal



A LEVELS

"COLLEGE LEADERS HAVE
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NURTURED AND
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THEIR POTENTIAL" OFSTED

“STAFF ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE IN HELPING STUDENTS TO PREPARE FOR EXAMINATIONS AND IN EXPLAINING IN DETAIL HOW THEY CAN GAIN MOST MARKS AND ATTAIN THE HIGHER GRADES.” OFSTED

A LEVELS

Bath Academy offers a range of A Level courses including:

- 2 year
- 18 month
- 1 year intensive
- Unit retake courses

A Levels are available for students aged 16+ who have completed their GCSEs or equivalent high school certificate. The minimum level of English for students who speak English as a second language is IELTS 6.0 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill).

SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, Government and Politics, History, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Spanish.





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A LEVELS

2 YEAR

This is the most common route to studying at a UK university. The student studies 3 or 4 subjects over a 2 year period. This course begins in September.

18 MONTH

The 18 month intensive A Level course starts in January. It is ideal for international students coming from countries whose school year ends in December, and who do not wish to wait until September to begin their pre-university studies.

1 YEAR

This is an intensive course designed for students who have already taken A Levels. Students may take this course if they have completed A Levels and need an additional subject or they need to retake a full A Level within a year.

RETAKE

We offer retake courses for students who do not achieve the A Level grades they require to progress to the university or course of their choice. We also run bespoke courses for students with extra requirements. For more information please contact us.

September to June (full-year study):

For students who have fallen substantially short of their target grades and require thorough revision of multiple units, often over more than one subject.

January to June:

For students who have not achieved their required grades. These students often require tuition and revision on a few units in one or two subjects.

“THERE ARE VERY FREQUENT ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS’ WORK WHICH PROVIDES THEM WITH VERY GOOD INSIGHTS INTO HOW WELL THEY ARE DOING AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO NEXT TO IMPROVE.”
OFSTED



UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (UFP)

Established in 1989, Bath Academy's UFP was the UK's first independent foundation programme. Today, the UFP is recognised as one of the leading foundation programmes in the country. It is accepted by more than 100 universities in the UK and around the world for almost all degree courses. Our team has a wealth of experience in preparing students for entry to the top British universities and we have excellent relationships with many UK and international universities.

The UFP is equivalent to GCE A Levels and the International Baccalaureate (IB). It is designed primarily for international students aged 17+ who have already completed their secondary schooling and want to study at a UK university. The course bridges the gap between the different international education systems and the sixth form education of the UK. By taking the UFP, students are able to gain the necessary English and academic knowledge to succeed in undergraduate study at a UK university.

The UFP is a three term programme and there are two different routes:

- September to June
- January to August

The most common route taken is September to June where students study minor subjects in the first term and majors for the rest of the course. The second route is an intensive course starting in January and finishing in August. This route is often taken by students whose secondary schooling finishes in December and who do not wish to wait until the following September to continue their studies.

Extended UFP: Applicants who do not meet the English Language requirements for either route (see page 17) may apply to study the extended 18 Month UFP. This includes extended English Language training before the start of the academic modules.

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UK UNIVERSITY”**

Students can choose between a variety of pathways allowing entry into almost all undergraduate degree courses. Our current pathways are:

- Business and Finance
- Law and Social Sciences
- Engineering and Technology
- Science

Students study 6 subjects within their chosen pathway, 3 compulsory minor modules and 3 elective major modules.

The minor modules ensure students are equipped with the necessary communication, numerical and analytical skills for university study. The minor subjects are Mathematics, Information Technology and IELTS/Communication Skills. The major modules are chosen within the student's pathway and should be relevant to their intended degree course.

“STAFF HAVE EXTENSIVE SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE AND ACTIVELY ENGAGE STUDENTS IN LEARNING”

All students apply to British universities through the Universities and Colleges Admission Service, known as UCAS. The student's Personal Tutor carefully assesses their academic record and future career ambitions before advising which universities and courses would be most suitable. The Personal Tutor helps each student to complete their UCAS application form, and writes an academic reference to accompany each application based on the student's performance.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- Accounting
- Business Organisation and Marketing
- Economics
- Further Mathematics
- Quantitative Methods

LAW/SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Art
- Business Organisation and Marketing
- Law
- Media Studies
- Politics
- Psychology

ENGINEERING / TECHNOLOGY

- Chemistry
- Computing
- Further Mathematics
- Physics
- Art must be taken for Architecture degrees

SCIENCE

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Further Mathematics
- Physics



**“SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO
PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH
THE BEST POSSIBLE BASIS FOR
APPLICATION TO MEDICAL
AND DENTAL SCHOOLS”**

International Medical Foundation Programme

The Medical and Dental professions are among the most difficult disciplines to gain entry to, and it is imperative to have a comprehensive grounding in the relevant knowledge before progressing to further stages of education. The International Medical Foundation Programme is a 1-Year programme specifically designed to provide students with the best possible basis for application to Medical and Dental schools. Completion of the Medical Foundation Programme provides students with several pathways to Medical and Dental schools

FIRST ROUTE

Application to selected medical schools including: University of Central Lancashire MBBS (for Tier 4 visa nationals only) and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Or application to English language EU medical and dental schools for their 5 or 6 year courses.

SECOND ROUTE

Direct entry onto the fast track 2-Year BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences with Medipathways College in London, which is validated by the University of Buckingham. Alternatively, students may apply to 3-Year Biomedical degrees at other UK universities. This can be followed by direct entry to the 3rd year of EU medical and dental schools, or application to UK Graduate Entry Medical programmes.

THIRD ROUTE

Direct entry onto the Pre-Med course, a 1-Year Higher Education Certificate in Medical Science with Medipathways College in London, validated by the University of Buckingham. This can be followed by application to UK or EU medical and dental schools.

WHY STUDY THE MEDICAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME?

- An alternative to A Levels as a route into medical and dental school.
- Interviews in the first term for direct entry to the fast track 2-Year BSc in Biomedical Science (Buckingham University) with Medipathways. Conditional offers made.
- Introductory sessions in Pathology, Physiology, Genetics and Pharmacology taught in addition to Biology, Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.
- Highly skilled and experienced teachers.
- Specialist support for: UCAS applications, UKCAT / BMAT preparation, and interview preparation.
- In addition to the three routes above, successful completion of the course will provide progression routes to the first year of various BSc degrees in the UK.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of secondary schooling with strong grades in sciences;
- A good level of proficiency in English (IELTS 6.5, with no less than 6.0 in any skill);
- Applicants whose level of English or scientific knowledge is below the usual requirements may be able to enter our Extended Foundation Programme - please contact the college directly for further information.

GCSEs

Our GCSE classes at Bath Academy are small and teachers set regular tests and homework to ensure that all students reach their full potential. Our aim is to help students gain a firm academic foundation before moving on to A Level.

THE CORE GCSE PROGRAMME

The GCSE programme begins in September and is studied over 2 years. It is available for students aged 14+ who have not yet completed their GCSEs.

The core GCSE programme consists of:

English Language and Literature, Mathematics, ICT, Science and Additional Science, Art, History, Spanish, Physical Education, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE).

This broad curriculum ensures that all students of compulsory school age are well prepared for advanced studies both academically and psychologically. Throughout the course the student is also given guidance on their options for further study and future career choices. To study the Core GCSE Programme students must be 14+ and have a good school report.

INTENSIVE GCSE COURSE

The Intensive GCSE course begins in September and is completed in 1 year. Students aged 15+ with a good school report can take the course either to complete GCSEs for the first time or to improve their existing results. Subjects available to study are:

Art, Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, ICT, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Spanish.





Pre A Level Course for International Students

The Pre A Level Course prepares international students for the demands of A Level (Advanced Level) study. Students develop the English language, mathematical and academic skills needed to be successful in their A Level studies and future academic careers.

We find that students who take this course reach a far higher standard than those of the same starting level that apply directly for A Levels. Universities pay close attention to students' scores throughout their A level study, so it is essential to make a good start to the full A Level course. The course is separated into two levels, each lasting one year.

LEVEL 1 (PRE GCSE)

- For 14/15 year-olds to fully prepare them for studying the GCSE programme the following year
- Intensive focus on the English language requirements and development of Mathematics, Science and IT/Business studies for students aiming to study GCSEs and, later, A levels
- If a student shows excellent progress, they may have the option to take a GCSE in the summer term as well as the IELTS exam.

LEVEL 2 (PRE A LEVEL)

- For 15/16 year-olds to fully prepare them for studying the 2-year A Level programme the following year
- Students will prepare for sitting 5 GCSEs
- Intensive focus on gaining a high band score in the IELTS examination (6.5 +) and following 5 GCSE subjects.

Subjects include: English, Mathematics, Physics/Chemistry/Biology (combined into two GCSEs) and Business Studies

Both courses offer students a comprehensive education which includes other social, cultural and physical activities to broaden their learning, including:

- Cultural Programme - a cultural programme designed to enrich understanding of the English language and British culture
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic education
- Physical Education - a weekly programme of extra-curricular sports activities
- Timed Assessment - supervised Timed Assessments based on examination questions to help develop skills
- Personalised Support - a personal tutor and programme of tutorial sessions support students as they adapt to the educational and cultural differences of the UK system.



"I HAD AN EXCELLENT
TEACHER...VERY GOOD
TEACHING METHODS AND
VERY ENTHUSIASTIC!"
DIEUDONNE, CAMEROON

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



“THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME IS A STRENGTH OF THE ACADEMY. STUDENTS ARE CAREFULLY ASSESSED ON ENTRY AND THIS ENABLES STAFF TO PLAN APPROPRIATELY CHALLENGING WORK TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT’S LEARNING.”
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All applicants to British university and pre-university courses need to have a level of proficiency in English language appropriate to their course of study. This is demonstrated by taking a recognised English language test such as IELTS (International English Language Testing System). For entry to courses at Bath Academy, the required levels are:

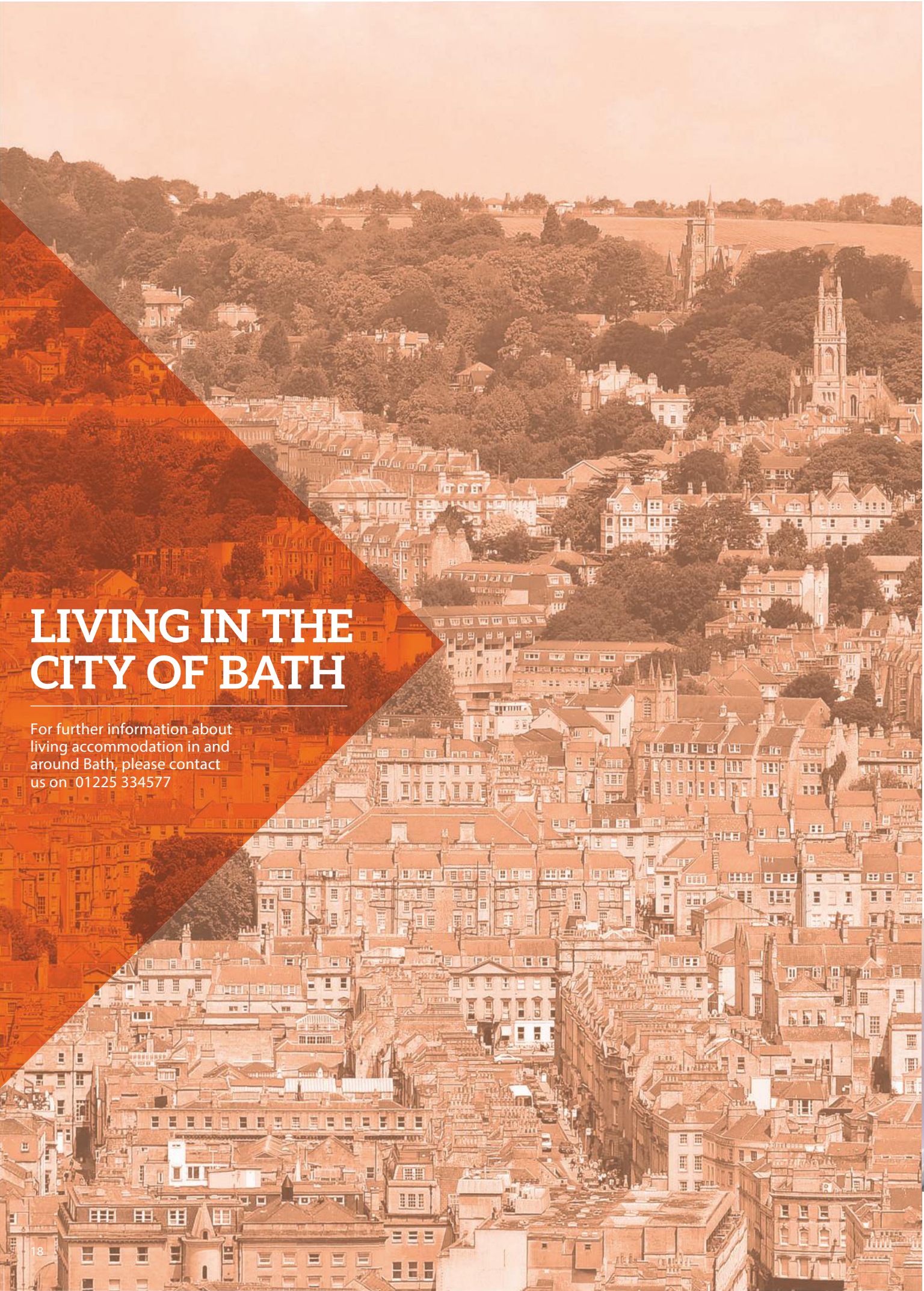
- A Level courses - IELTS 6.0 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill)
- September UFP - IELTS 5.5 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill)
- January UFP - IELTS 5.5 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill)
- GCSE courses - IELTS 5.0 (with no less than 4.5 in any skill)
- Pre A Level, Level 1 - A2+ (CEFR) Cambridge PET (45-59); KET (Pass) Pre A Level, Level 2 – IELTS 5.0 (with no less than 4.5 in any skill)
- Medical Foundation Programme - IELTS 6.5 (with at least 6.0 in each component)

At Bath Academy we prepare our students for the IELTS exam and help them achieve the high scores required by British universities.

At the start of the course every student takes an IELTS assessment test to determine their level of English and place them in appropriate classes. Each class works through a syllabus designed to improve current abilities and address weaknesses. The syllabus improves students’ abilities in speaking, reading, writing and listening. The course focuses on grammar and vocabulary and helps students with techniques and approaches for the exam.

Regular mock tests ensure that students are progressing towards the level needed for university entry. Class work is assessed and graded according to IELTS standards, which gives students a realistic view of their current level and progress.

UK universities specify an IELTS level in all offers made to EU and International Students. Until a student has met the conditions of their university choice, we require them to take an Academic English Course alongside their studies.



LIVING IN THE CITY OF BATH

For further information about living accommodation in and around Bath, please contact us on 01225 334577

ACCOMMODATION

COLLEGE RESIDENCES

The Academy has two residential houses, which offer full-board accommodation for students 14+ years of age - one designated for boys and one for girls. Both houses are within 10 minutes' walk from the school and city centre, and have resident members of staff to ensure students' safety, happiness and progress.

Both houses have single and shared rooms which are allocated on a strictly 'first come, first served' basis. The bedrooms are well furnished, centrally heated and are cleaned each week, including bed linen. All houses are non-smoking.

“THEY RECEIVE GOOD CARE AND SUPPORT IN A SAFE, HOMELY ENVIRONMENT, WITH STUDENTS CONFIRMING THAT THEY ARE WELCOMED AS FAMILY MEMBERS.” OFSTED

PLEASE NOTE

All prices can be found on the fee sheet at the back of this prospectus.

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Bath Academy arranges accommodation in Bath with caring and responsible homestay providers. Living in homestay accommodation, students are able to learn more about British customs and traditions, and gain additional conversational practice.

Our Accommodation Officer chooses homestays very carefully; they are visited and interviewed in order to ensure that they satisfy our criteria. We always aim to select homestays who are genuinely interested in learning more about different cultures.

Students have their own room which includes a bed, wardrobe space and space for studying. In most cases students will share a bathroom with the homestay provider. It is possible to request executive rooms which guarantee en-suite facilities but these are subject to availability.

All homestay accommodation is located within the city of Bath and can be reached either by walking or public transport. Some homestays are a short walk from the college but most can be reached within 20 minutes on public transport.

Homestay accommodation is full board (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner) with normal laundry requirements. If students have any medical or dietary requirements it is important to note this on the application form so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Living with a homestay provider is a wonderful experience that most students treasure for the rest of their lives. Students often remain friends with their homestays for many years.



5 STEPS TO BATH ACADEMY ADMISSION

STEP 1

Complete the online application form

This will be sent to our Admissions team who will process the application.
The application form can be found at www.bathacademy.co.uk/admissions/apply

STEP 2

Send your supporting documents to admissions@bathacademy.co.uk

We require copies of the student's:

- Passport
- School reports/certificates
- Academic reference

If the student is an international student we also need:

- A UKVI specific IELTS Certificate (or the date when they will be taking an IELTS exam)
 - Written statement of intent titled: 'Why I want to study in the UK'
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STEP 3

The Registrar will contact you to discuss your offer

- If successful, the student will be issued with an offer letter and registration forms.
 - The student will need to complete the registration forms and return them as soon as possible.
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STEP 4

Payment of deposit and confirmation of place

- The student is required to pay a tuition (and accommodation if required) deposit in order to secure their place.
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STEP 5

Final Step - Confirmation

- If the student is either British or European, they do not need a visa. They will be sent a confirmation letter and welcome pack with the information they need for their first day at Bath Academy.
- If the student needs a visa to study at Bath Academy they will need to prepare their visa documents which include bank statements, guardianship forms and a birth certificate. The registrar will assist them with this process.

"IF YOU NEED A VISA TO STUDY AT BATH ACADEMY THEN YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE YOUR VISA DOCUMENTS. THIS INCLUDES BANK STATEMENTS, GUARDIANSHIP FORMS AND A BIRTH CERTIFICATE. THE REGISTRAR WILL HELP YOU THROUGH THIS"



START YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER WITH CONFIDENCE

Bath Academy of English is an independent, boutique language school set in the heart of the beautiful world heritage city of Bath. Working alongside its sister school Bath Academy, it aims to help international students reach their English Language requirements, whilst also adjusting to a new academic culture and life in the UK.

For more information please contact us on
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COURSES INCLUDE:

- IELTS Preparation
- Academic English Development
- Pre-sessional summer programme
- Junior Summer School and more!



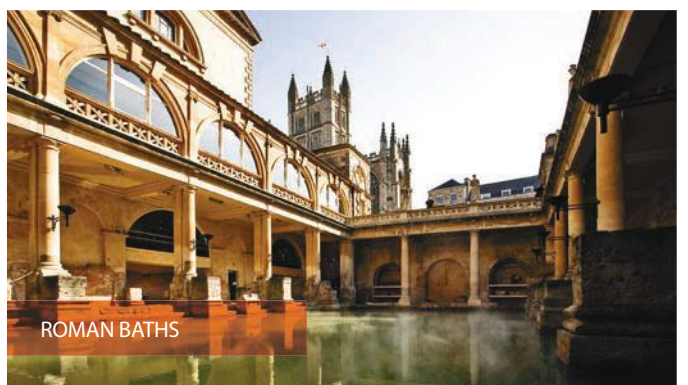
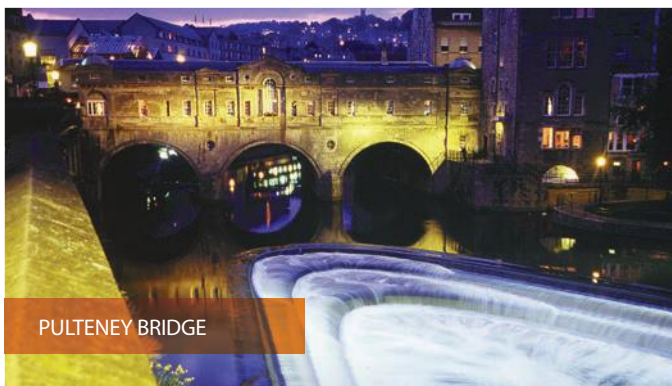
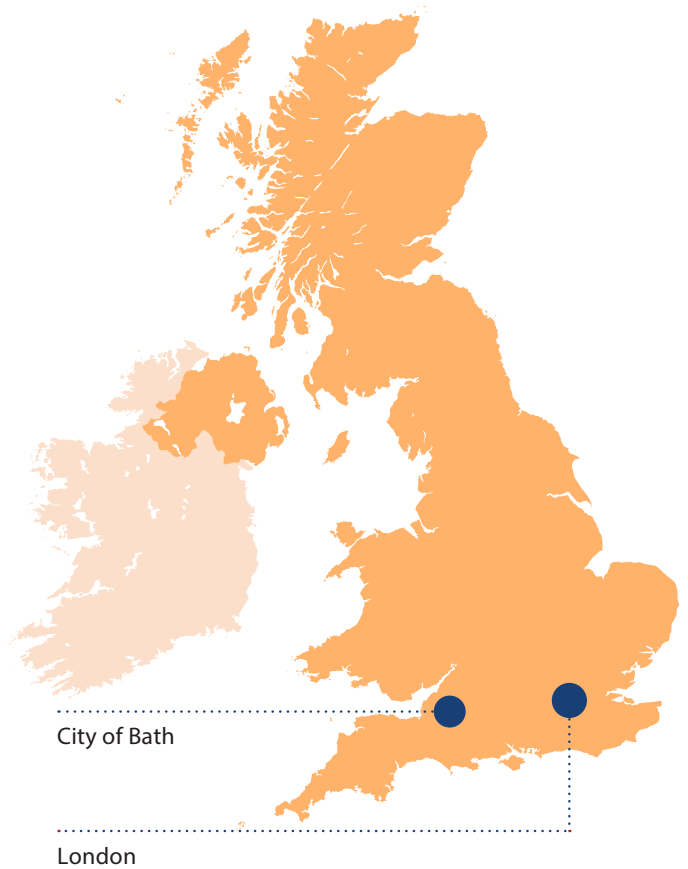
OTHER INFORMATION:

- Students benefit from online learning resources
- Social activity programme
- Accommodation in host families or residences.



KEY POINTS IN THE CITY OF BATH

Bath Academy is in a historic square in the city of Bath. Bath itself is a beautiful, thriving university town with a vibrant community that has a lot to offer students both socially and academically. The city is an architectural treasure and has a rich diversity of museums, galleries, gardens and attractions. There are also plenty of sporting and cultural activities and events available year-round to balance out the pressures of study. Bath is just over an hour by train to London, and is one of the safest cities in the UK.







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