



# ABBHEY COLLEGE IN MALVERN



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# Abbey Buildings



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| 1. Administration Block                 | 6. Residential Houses         | 12. Student Services  |
| 2. Library & Computer Rooms             | 7. Dining Room                | 13. Common Room Area.<br>Includes Disco, Multi Gym,<br>Internet Room & Snooker Room |
| 3. Assembly Hall                        | 8. Sports Pitches             | 14. Badminton Courts  |
| 4. Classrooms & Science<br>Laboratories | 9. Tennis & Basketball Courts | 15. Football Pitches  |
| 5. Art Studio                           | 10. Outdoor Swimming Pool     |   |
|   | 11. Sports Hall               |   |



## Introduction

welcome to Abbey College...

Abbey College in Malvern is a fully residential UK Boarding School set in a 70 acre secure campus in one of the safest and most beautiful areas of central England. This picturesque setting provides a spacious and peaceful UK study destination for students to focus on achieving their full academic potential, whilst allowing us to provide a large range of sporting and social activities and a high level of residential and personal care.

Abbey College offers a variety of high-quality and flexible programmes, in both the Academic field at pre-university level (IGCSE, A Levels and Foundation courses) and in the English language field. As a

traditional, yet modern, UK Boarding School for international students, we provide a coeducational, fully residential package, with fees covering the majority of what students need from the moment of arrival to the moment of departure.

In the Academic field the average class size is only seven, enabling our teachers to understand the needs of each individual student. 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-established universities. Full English language support is built into courses where required.



## Location

a safe town in central England...

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 whole of the UK.

Supervised excursions are arranged to various cities nearby. The cathedral cities of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester are within ½ an hour, with Cheltenham, Bath, Stratford and Oxford close by. London is 2½ hours away by car or direct train.

### Summary

- Long-established campus in central England
- Beautiful, safe town – Malvern
- Close to big cities with excursions provided

## Welfare

full on-site welfare support...

As a fully residential UK Boarding School, the issue of welfare is extremely important to us. Our Student Services department is run by experienced staff who are responsible for every aspect of student health, wellbeing and accommodation. The college welcomes students from all religions and special arrangements can be made for attendance at places of worship.

### Discipline

During the academic year the college's Heads of Year keep a watchful eye on the behavior and self-discipline of all students.

### Summary

- Welfare issues taken care of by specialist staff
- Religious requirements arranged where necessary
- Self-discipline an important part of college life



## Accommodation

on-site residential living...

Various types of accommodation are available to suit different requirements. The majority of students choose to stay on campus in one of our residential houses, divided by age and sex, although homestays and self-contained apartments are also available.

Students receive care 24 hours per day. House Parents deal with in-house matters and both check-in and wake-up all under 18-year olds daily. Under 16's receive particular care and attention.

All A Level and Foundation students are guaranteed single rooms. Rooms with a private bathroom are also available for an extra charge.

Please see the Student Guide for further details and costs.

### Meals

Three meals per weekday are provided daily on-campus for all students, 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. Kitchenettes are available in most houses on campus. Facilities exist on campus for students to purchase food and drink outside of meal times.

### Summary

- Accommodation provided on campus, with other options available
- House Parents in children's houses
- All meals on-campus provided with appropriate options

## Facilities

70 acres of private grounds...

One of the great advantages of Abbey College is our magnificent campus.

70 acres (28 hectares) of private grounds include a library, computer rooms (for academic and personal use), three science laboratories, 15 classrooms, common room areas, a multi-gym and other specialist rooms.

### Summary

- Outstanding 70-acre campus
- Specialist facilities for study and recreation

# Sports & Activities

available on the college campus...

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

- Outdoor swimming
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Football
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Archery
- Fencing
- Unihoc
- Softball
- Aerobics
- Dancing
- Weight training
- Table tennis
- Table football
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Bouncy castle
- Discos
- Karaoke
- Cabaret/shows
- Campfires
- Barbeques
- Themed parties
- Sumo wrestling



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

## Summary

- Activities and events provided year-round
- Wide range of seasonal sports available
- Further activities provided close to college



# Academic Courses

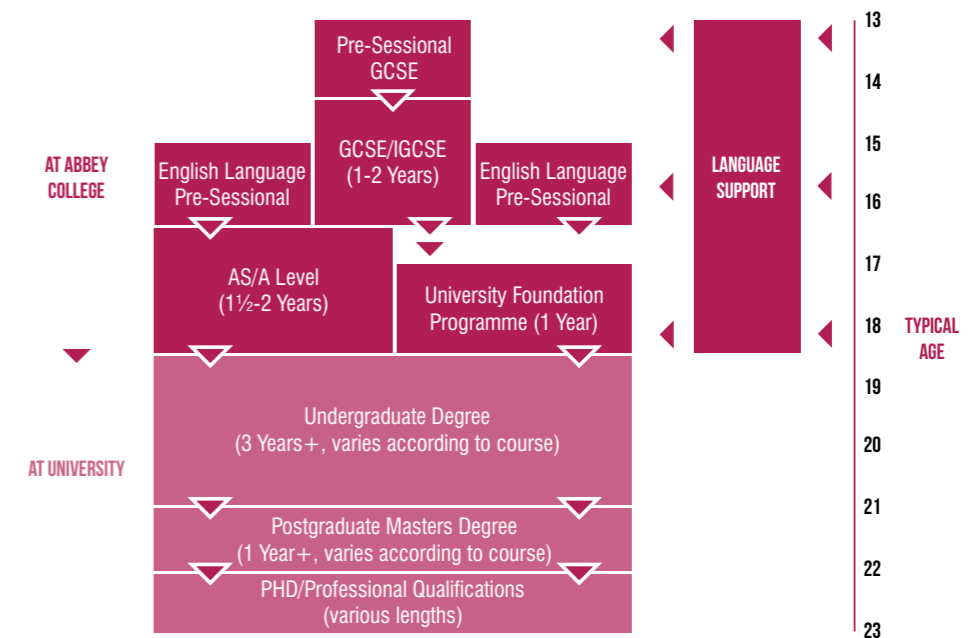
ideal preparation for university study...

## Course Routes

Academic courses are divided into two main bodies. Our younger students concentrate on preparation for GCSE/IGCSE examinations. At the higher level students work towards either the traditional 'AS' and 'A' level qualifications or the specialist University Foundation Programmes, both of which lead directly to university entry.

## Teaching

The college prides itself on its small class sizes and high quality teaching. On average there are just 7 students per class. This allows each teacher to come to know each student on an individual basis, constantly assessing strengths and weaknesses and ensuring no student falls below expected standards.



full English language support and strong academic success...

## 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.

Any student whose English language ability is assessed as needing improvement is initially given English lessons only. 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.



# University Success

The college is proud of its record of success in improving student grades and in sending them to high quality UK and international universities.

## Performance Statistics

Abbey College's students take a variety of exams at varying ages, so despite our success 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.

## University Success at Abbey College

Abbey College A Level & Foundation students have received offers from the following UK institutions in recent years. Universities with a \* have offered courses for our Foundation students:

## Some examples from 2013

**89%** of all A Levels taken were graded A\*, A or B

**100%** of all A Levels taken were graded as C or above

All of our one-year Medical Foundation Programme students were offered a place to study Medicine or Dentistry at an EU university.

- Aberdeen
- Aston\*
- Bangor
- Bath
- Birmingham\*
- Brighton\*
- Bristol
- Brunel\*
- Buckingham\*
- Cambridge
- Canterbury
- Cardiff\*
- City\*
- Coventry\*
- Derby\*
- East Anglia\*
- Essex\*
- European Business School\*
- Glasgow\*
- Gloucestershire\*
- Greenwich\*
- Hertfordshire\*
- Imperial College
- Kings College London
- Kingston\*
- Lancaster\*
- Leeds\*
- Leicester\*
- Liverpool\*
- London School of Economics
- Loughborough\*
- Manchester\*
- Newcastle
- Nottingham\*
- Nottingham Trent\*
- Oxford Brookes\*
- Queen Mary's\*
- Roehampton\*
- Royal Holloway\*
- Sheffield\*
- Southampton\*
- Southampton Institute\*
- Surrey
- Sussex
- University West of England\*
- Warwick\*
- Westminster\*

# GCSE & IGCSE Courses

the first stage of secondary education...

The GCSE, or General Certificate of Secondary Education (formerly 'O' Level) is the standard UK qualification marking the end of the first stage of high school.

GCSE examinations are taken by all students, normally at the age of 16, and are usually required in order to progress onto AS/A Level and University Foundation programmes.

The IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) is usually recommended for overseas students. This qualification is exactly the same as the GCSE, and has the same value to universities and employers, yet the English language used in the course is more suited to international students.

Sample course structures & popular university destinations		
Core Subjects	Main Optional Subjects	Other Supplementary Subjects
English	Biology	English Literature
Mathematics	Chemistry	History
ICT	Physics	Geography
	Business Studies	Foreign Languages
	Enterprise	Accounting
	Economics	Further Mathematics
	Art	

Please ask us for latest subject availability. We can run almost any other subjects if there is enough demand, or as one to one courses with private lessons.

## Key Facts

<b>Age</b>	Minimum 14. Maximum 17.
<b>Start Dates</b>	September & January. Other times by arrangement.
<b>Course Length</b>	Normally 3, 5 or 6 terms (3 terms = 1 year).
<b>Hours per Week</b>	4 per subject on average in class.
<b>Maximum in Class</b>	15. Average 7.

<b>Course Content</b>	A minimum of 5 subjects, offering a broad and general first stage of secondary education, with English language lessons provided as appropriate.
<b>Appropriate for</b>	All students preparing for AS/A level or Foundation study who do not yet have the appropriate qualification.
<b>Course Progression</b>	AS/A Level and Foundation courses.



## Student comments

*“When I joined Abbey College I was worried that my English was not good enough to study a British curriculum, but within 9 months I had passed 7 GCSEs and been accepted to study A Levels at a UK school.”*

**Ilya Kraynyuchenko (Russia)**  
GCSEs

# AS & A-Level Courses

traditional qualifications for the best universities...

A Levels are the standard UK route to gain entrance to a UK university. Students take four subjects in their first year (A/S Level) and three subjects in the second year (A2 Level). It is also possible to study over eighteen months, starting in January.

In the last two years Abbey College students have gained places at many prestigious universities including London School of Economics, University College London, City, King's College, Manchester and Bath and many more.

Students typically receive two to three hours of homework per weekday evening.

Subject choices	
Core Subjects	Main Optional Subjects
Biology	English Literature
Chemistry	History
Physics	Foreign Languages
Mathematics	Law
Further Mathematics	Art
Business Studies	ICT
Economics	Geography

Please ask us for latest subject availability. We can run almost any other subjects if there is enough demand, or as one to one courses with private lessons.

## Key Facts

<b>Age</b>	16. No maximum.	<b>Course Content</b>	Usually 3, sometimes 4 subjects, studied in detail, including private research time, plus IELTS or general English language lessons where appropriate.
<b>Start Dates</b>	September & January. Other times by arrangement.	<b>Appropriate for</b>	Students wanting detailed preparation for university; students wanting to go on to a demanding course at an elite university; students who have not completed secondary schooling.
<b>Course Length</b>	5 or 6 terms (3 terms = 1 year).	<b>Course Progression</b>	University. This independent qualification can also be used for employment.
<b>Hours per Week</b>	5-6 per subject on average in class.		
<b>Maximum in Class</b>	15. Average 7.		

## Student comments

*"Studying A Levels at Abbey College allowed me to achieve the best possible grades in 4 subjects, while still having time to pursue my other interests. The college helped me to secure a place at the London School of Economics for my undergraduate studies, fulfilling a long held personal and family ambition."*

**Quang Vinh Nguyen (Vietnam)**  
A Levels





# University Foundation/ Access 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.

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 improve their English.

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 – please see page 11.

Sample course structures & popular university destinations		
All Subjects	<b>Core Modules:</b> English Mathematics ICT	<b>Examples of universities that accept Foundation Course students for these specific subject areas:</b>
Business	<b>Core Modules PLUS:</b> Economics Business Studies Accounting	Cardiff, Kings College, Royal Holloway, Lancaster, Essex
Law	<b>Core Modules PLUS:</b> Business Studies Humanities Law Sociology	Nottingham, De Montfort, Warwick, Kingston, Oxford Brookes
Art/Design	<b>Core Modules PLUS:</b> Art & Design	Hertfordshire, St. Martins, Brighton, Reading, Gloucestershire
Engineering	<b>Core Modules PLUS:</b> Further Mathematics Physics	Southampton, Birmingham, Queen Mary's, Liverpool, Sheffield
Science	<b>Core Modules PLUS:</b> Chemistry Biology Physics	Bath, Aston, St. Andrews, Coventry, Brunel
Medicine & Dentistry (Czech Universities)	<b>Core Modules PLUS:</b> Chemistry Biology Physics	First Faculty, Charles, Prague (exclusively at Abbey College) Masaryk, Brno, Palacky, Olomouc

## Key Facts

<b>Age</b>	16. No maximum.	<b>Course Content</b>	Study Skills, Information Technology, Mathematics and English where appropriate, plus subject-specific lessons.
<b>Start Dates</b>	September & January. Other times by arrangement.	<b>Appropriate for</b>	Students who have completed further education in their own country but have not met the entry requirements for their chosen course or university.
<b>Course Length</b>	Normally 3 terms. Possibly 2 terms for January entry (3 terms = 1 year).	<b>Course Progression</b>	University.
<b>Hours per Week</b>	16 or more in class plus private studies.		
<b>Maximum in Class</b>	15. Average 7.		

## Medicine & Dentistry Foundation Course & Degree Programme

Abbey College offers an exclusive Foundation Programme for Medicine and Dentistry courses at renowned universities in the European Union. These courses are taught entirely in English and are recognised for Full Registration in countries worldwide, including the General Medical and Dentistry councils of London. This, combined with the lower cost of tuition fees and cost of living, makes them a serious alternative to courses at British universities. Entry is guaranteed following successful completion of the course and subsequent examination at Abbey College. For full details, please ask for our separate brochure.

### Student comments

*"When I received poor results in the first year of my A Levels I thought I had lost my chance of studying Medicine at university. However, by completing Abbey College's Medical Foundation programme I will be studying Medicine at one of the best universities in Europe next year."*

Alice Holden (UK)  
Medical Foundation

# English All Year Courses

year-round learning for all requirements...

English All Year courses are available to Teens (12-17) and Adults (18+), and from Beginner to Advanced level. Courses run from September to June, excluding four weeks at Christmas and four at Easter, and course start/finish dates are flexible – please see the enclosed course dates.

Students may be mixed in classes with students on academic courses. Homework is set during weekdays for evening study.

## Key Facts

<b>Age</b>	12+
<b>Start Dates</b>	First and third Sunday of every month during term time (see course dates). Groups can start any time except December.
<b>Course Length</b>	2-30 weeks.
<b>Hours per Week</b>	18+ in class.
<b>Maximum in Class</b>	16. Average 7.
<b>Course Content</b>	General English, geared towards a particular qualification, or with a particular focus, if required
<b>Appropriate for</b>	Any student wanting to learn English, for academic purposes or for leisure, outside of the the peak holiday periods.

## Student comments

*“The college grounds are big and the student numbers are limited, which is good because we have very small classes. I’ve got good friends here and the residential staff make sure they look after us so I am very happy here.”*

**Alexandra Bogdanov (Russia)**  
IGCSEs





# Easter & Summer English Vacation Courses

The Easter and Summer English Language courses provide a wonderful opportunity to combine learning English with the benefits of activities and cultural excursions in a fun, safe, multinational environment. These are the most popular of the language courses we run.

The college provides a full English, sporting and social programme on-site – please see page 8 for some examples. Every morning, afternoon and evening is taken up by either lessons, activities or organised social events/excursions, so that students have something to do from the moment they wake up until they go to bed.

There are separate courses designed for Adults (18+), Teens (12-17) and Children (8-11), although there may be some overlapping in class. Students in the different age groups have separate social activities, unless there are activities taking place that are appropriate for all ages. Particular care and attention is provided for the youngest students by Abbey College staff. The wide age range also allows us to provide courses for families, so that family members can live close to each other, coming together for meals and excursions whilst enjoying separate teaching and social programmes. Group courses are also available for Vacation Courses. Early booking is advised.

Please note that we publish a separate brochure for these courses, which has further information, including separate application details. Please ask us for a copy.

## Key Facts

<b>Age</b>	8+	<b>Maximum in Class</b>	16. Average 12.
<b>Start Dates</b>	Every Sunday (see course dates)	<b>Course Content</b>	General English lessons plus a strong focus on sports, activities and excursions.
<b>Course Length</b>	2-10 weeks	<b>Appropriate for</b>	Students looking for a holiday-style course in the summer who want to have fun outside the classroom as well as in it.
<b>Hours per Week</b>	16+ in class		

# Abbey College in London

Abbey College in London is set in the heart of the city, a few minutes' walk from the West End's theatre land and the museums and art galleries of Trafalgar Square.

Housed in a quiet Georgian square, adjacent to the British Museum, it too provides GCSE, A Level, Foundation and university preparation courses and English Language courses (long and short term) for students from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures.

Our London college's location makes it a superb option for students who wish to live and study in London, one of the world's most exciting cities. The college is an excellent base for vacation courses for both teenagers and adults who want to both improve their English and take advantage of the capital city's cultural and historic attractions. Dual centre courses are also available, where students divide their time between both college locations (Malvern and London).

Please note that we publish a separate brochure for Abbey College in London. Please ask us for a copy.



## Courses available

- GCSEs
- AS/A Level Courses
- Foundation Courses
- Pre Masters Courses
- English language Courses





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