



# BEDSTONE

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## PRE-SESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES 2021-2022



## Welcome to Bedstone College's Pre-Sessional & University Foundation Programmes

Bedstone College offers a range of options to enable you to attain the high level of English required to start an undergraduate or postgraduate course.

If you need to improve your English language skills, you can take an English Pre-Sessional Programme.

If you also need to improve your subject-specific knowledge, you can take a University Foundation Programme.

Bedstone's programmes are specifically designed to help international students make a successful entry into the mainstream education system in the UK, leading to an even more successful academic career.

All courses are delivered in an engaging way by supportive teachers with experience of preparing students academically, linguistically and socially from the day that they arrive.

## About Bedstone

Founded in 1948, Bedstone College is situated in the beautiful English countryside on the Herefordshire, Shropshire, Powys borders. It is now a leading independent day and boarding school for boys and girls aged four to 18.

Bedstone is consistently amongst the top Independent Schools in its region. The well-qualified and highly-motivated staff, a hard-working student body and a friendly, family atmosphere make Bedstone College a happy, dynamic and successful school.

Bedstone is a traditional British independent school, with around 200 students, 75 of whom are boarders. This allows the school to benefit from an extremely tight knit and family like community.





# Bedstone College Pre-Sessional Programme

**Programme Length:** Minimum one term

**Programme Content:** English language and academic preparation

**Appropriate for:** Students who need to improve their English or academic ability before beginning their main course of study

## FOCUS

The Bedstone College Pre-Sessional Programme focuses on those students whose level of English and/or academic background does not meet the expected standards for a normal sixth form course.

The majority of this programme focuses on language acquisition and preparation for the Academic IELTS combined with introductory lessons of the desired academic course.

The programme is also designed to enable students to adapt to life and study in the UK. Therefore, Study Skills are part of the curriculum and are essential in aiding students accustom themselves to the British Education system.

The length of the programme could vary from one term to one year depending on your English and academic ability.

Upon completion of the programme and based on your academic achievements, recommendations will be made as to whether to pursue a GCSE course, a one year Foundation Course or an A level Course.

## REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Candidates will be expected to have at least an A2 or IELTS 4.0 LEVEL OF English. This can be determined by producing an IELTS or Preliminary English Test Certificate or an interview with the Head of EAL who will formally assess the candidate's English level
- 2) An assessment test conducted by the College in which the candidate must score a level 2 to 3 in the chosen academic subjects



## Bedstone College Foundation Programme

**Programme Length:** One year

**Programme Content:** Study Skills, Information Technology, Mathematics and English where necessary, plus subject-specific lessons

**Appropriate for:** Students looking for a fast-track route to a wide range of British University Degree courses, who have completed their secondary education but have not yet met the entry requirements for their chosen course or university

### FOCUS

The Bedstone College Foundation Programme offers students a fast-track, one-year route to a wide range of British University Degree courses as an alternative to A Levels.

The programme is specifically designed for overseas students who have a high school certificate or other academic qualifications which may not be recognised by British or other universities.

A Level courses may be inappropriate and time-consuming for such students, so the Foundation Programme not only provides the passport to gain university entry, but also helps students to understand any differences in the curriculum, acclimatise to the UK, and improve their English.

The programme can help you gain entry to 60 different UK universities and HEIs, including 19 of the top 30 in the latest university rankings.

The programme includes three main subjects, which vary according to the discipline chosen. EAL classes form the fourth subject and focus on Academic English in preparation for the IELTS.

The programme is assessed by coursework and examinations. Projects may form part of the programme, always in conjunction with class time, tutorials and self-study.



## REQUIREMENTS

- 1) IELTS LEVEL 4.5. This is determined by either sitting the IELTS exam in your native country or a graded interview with the Head of EAL who will assess your level.
- 2) An assessed exam on the required subjects for your course in which you will need to achieve a band 2 or 3 minimum, depending on the course.

### Art/Design

The Art/Design Foundation programme develops the artistic skills and knowledge of the student. The key element of this course is the production of a portfolio, from both work created prior to attending Bedstone College and from newly-completed work with us. This portfolio is the main criteria that universities use to judge entry suitability.

**Core Subject, EAL and Art and Design, Business Studies, Economics.**

### Law

The Law Foundation programme provides students with some of the skills and knowledge which will help them to be accepted onto, and successfully complete, a qualifying law degree at a British University. As well as Law, some Business and Humanities subjects will form part of the course.

**EAL, Business Studies, Economics, Law**

### Computing

The Computing Foundation programme provides a basic foundation for computer understanding and information technology at university. It ensures a full understanding of the key Microsoft packages and includes a framework of programming skills.

**Core subject, EAL, Computing, Physics and/or Chemistry**

### Business

Students from Business Foundation programmes have progressed to degrees in Business, Management, Business Computing, Economics, travel & Tourism and degrees in Social Sciences.

**EAL, Business Studies, Economics, Accounting, Computing**



## Engineering Route

The Engineering Route covers the Mathematics and Physics requirements of a range of degree programmes in engineering disciplines – Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic. For candidates who plan to study Chemical Engineering, additional Chemistry modules are built into the programme.

**Core subject, EAL, Physics, Chemistry, Design Engineering and/or ICT**

## General Science Route

The General Science Route offers grounding in both pure science degree programmes, and in practical and applied sciences such as Pharmacy and Physiology. For some of those subjects entry standards are extremely high. Students are advised on the requirements of each progression route before they begin their Foundation course at Bedstone College.

**Core subject, EAL, Chemistry, Biology, Physics**



## International 'all inclusive' fee structure (January 2021)

**All-inclusive Fee:** £11,415 per term, which includes:

### Tuition:

- All tuition in mainstream classes (including sports and most activities)
- Up to six lessons in English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- CAS/VISA support
- Shared transfers to and from airports on key term dates

### Boarding:

- Full board and lodging
- Three meals plus afternoon tea each day
- Linen/duvets for beds
- Weekly laundry service
- Unlimited weekend activities programme (does not include extra 'top-ups')

Excluded: Guardianship arrangements + some activities (e.g. one-to-one music tuition)

**For an application form please contact the Admissions Department at Bedstone College: [admissions@bedstone.org](mailto:admissions@bedstone.org) or +44 (0)1547 530961**

