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Bell Young Learners 2024

7-17 years



Introduction



Sam Scaife - Head of Young Learners

We live in an ever-changing world and it is critical that young learners develop essential language and life skills to prepare for their learning, life, and work in the future.

Our Young Learner programmes at Bell bring English language learning to life. We encourage our students to aim high, exceed their goals and become confident and capable individuals.

Building confidence to communicate in an additional language takes guided support and practice, practice, practice. That's why we focus on developing core English language skills through project-based learning activities and interactive learning – an effective way to learn language quickly and successfully.

Our programmes are a truly international experience. In 2023, we welcomed 51 nationalities to our centres, giving students the opportunity to make friends and connections all over the world.

With expertly designed lessons, activities, and study tours, students will be inspired to reach their full potential. They will take on new challenges, surpass their expectations and experience what life could be like at an elite boarding school or university, kickstarting their road to academic success.



Why Study with Bell?

We continue to follow the vision of our founder, Frank Bell, who believed in the power of language to transform lives and the world. Our heritage means we have always had education at the heart of everything we do and in almost 70 years, we have never compromised on that.

Learning the Bell Way

Each student's learning is guided by the six principles of The Bell Way, which have been developed by our academic team and an Emeritus Professor from the University of Cambridge.

The Bell Way is core to everything we do at Bell, enhancing your child's progress and ensuring their success.

Our Teaching Expertise

We pride ourselves on the strength and quality of our teaching methods and expertise. Young learner courses are taught using a project-based approach, which allows students to practice skills that go beyond language and communication, incorporating critical-thinking and collaborative tasks.

Outstanding Student Care

Safeguarding and the welfare of our students is the number one priority at all Bell schools. We employ residential staff, at a staff to student ratio of 1:6, to ensure that the pastoral and welfare needs of each individual student are covered. Dedicated houseparents, 24-hour supervision and an emergency helpline: together these create a safe and secure experience that ensures your child's welfare is our highest priority.

Prestigious schools

We have four young learner schools, all traditional, historic English buildings set in their own gardens and grounds in prestigious locations.

Each school has its own special atmosphere and diverse facilities from art rooms, dance studios and theatres to sports fields, swimming pools and tennis courts.

An Inclusive Approach

At Bell, we will always endeavour to accommodate students with additional learning needs. We will work with you before your child arrives in order to ensure we can meet the needs of your child and they will have the care and support they need to thrive during their time with us.

Tasty and nutritious

Your child will be offered a choice of nutritious food at each mealtime: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Snacks are also available during breaktimes. Packed lunches are provided on all study tours.

If your child has a dietary requirement, please let us know.





Sample study tour itinerary

08:30	Meet in classrooms
09:00	Depart for London
11:15	Explore the Natural History Museum
13:00	Coach to Tothill Street
13:30	Begin Walking Tour (Westminster – Covent Garden)
15:00	End of Walking Tour & free time with hourly check in Covent Garden
16:00	Meet at Coaches
16:15	Depart from London
18:00	Arrive back at Bell

Your Bell programme

Students learn faster and more successfully when they use English all the time and in a range of situations. This is why we offer fully integrated courses with lessons, activities and exciting study tours.

Inspiring lessons and project-based learning

Our lessons are carefully planned to improve students’ language skills and build confidence. We focus on developing core English language skills through engaging and relevant weekly project themes, like ‘Protecting the Planet’. Students work in groups and use what they have learned to produce a final project such as a short film or presentation.

- Tuition – 15 hours per week

Your choice of afternoon electives in the Explorer programme

Electives give students an opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, with a choice of active, creative and academic options available at each school. Students have multiple sessions in each chosen elective, allowing them to build confidence and practise elective-specific language. Electives are delivered by experienced activity leaders with a variety of backgrounds, from keen sportspeople to professional actors.

- Two-week course – 6 x 3 electives (total 18 hours)
- One-week course – 4.5 hours x 2 electives (total 9 hours)

*Sample electives can be seen on each location page.

Evening activities

Students get further opportunity to practise their English as one big group or in teams during our evening events, which include quizzes, talent shows, sporting events and movie nights. **A programme of afternoon and evening activities is included in all our courses.**

Specialise with an Academy

Bell Academies give students the chance to specialise in one particular area of interest. On our Explorer programmes, students will have the option to pursue their interests and get high-quality tuition from a professional with many years of industry experience. Students practise their English while focused on learning or developing their chosen skill. This approach of ‘learning by doing’ helps students to learn faster and more successfully.

Due to popular demand, we encourage Academy options to be booked in advance for all centres. All Academies are available at an additional cost.

Academy details can be seen on each location page.

Exciting study tours

As part of our young learner courses, students have the opportunity to explore places of interest in the UK, such as London, Oxford and Cambridge. Study tours are important learning opportunities, which students prepare for during their lessons. Each study tour relates to the weekly project theme on our Explorer courses.

Sample Timetable

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	Full day study tour CAMBRIDGE Punting King's College Shopping
10:30		Break			Break		
11:00		Orientation/ Language lesson	Language lesson		Language lesson	Language lesson	
12:30		Lunch			Lunch		
13:30		Electives	Academy / Electives		Academy / Electives	Academy / Electives	
15:00		Break			Break		
15:30		Academy / Electives	Academy / Electives		Academy / Electives	Academy / Electives	
17:00		House time			House time		
18:00	Dinner and free time						
19:30	Evening activities						
21:00	House meetings						



Winter Explorer

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.

Study Tours

London, Cambridge, Windsor, Edinburgh

Course summary

- ▶ Age - 11-17
- ▶ Course length - 1-6 weeks
- ▶ Tuition - 15 hours per week
- ▶ Max class size - 14
- ▶ Location - Bell St Albans
- ▶ Start dates - Any Sunday from 7 January - 17 February 2024



Spring Explorer

Spring Explorer is a perfect getaway for students to embrace that 'springtime' feeling and freshen up their language at our English countryside school, Bell St Albans. The course focuses on developing core English language skills through project-based learning activities and interactive learning – an effective way to learn language quickly and successfully. Our activity programme is also an integral part of the course and allows young learners to practice and develop what they have learnt in lessons.

Study Tours

London, Cambridge, Warwick, Windsor, Oxford

Course summary

- ▶ Age - 11-17
- ▶ Course length - 1-5 weeks
- ▶ Tuition - 15 hours per week
- ▶ Max class size - 14
- ▶ Location - Bell St Albans
- ▶ Start dates - Any Sunday from 24 March - 27 April 2024





Summer Explorer

Our Summer Explorer course gives your child the opportunity to learn about British culture whilst also developing their English language skills, through project-based learning activities and interactive learning - both inside and outside the classroom. English lessons include projects that are designed around weekly themes, and there are also elective sessions available that can be integrated as part of the course.

Study Tours

London, Cambridge, Windsor, Oxford, Brighton, Warwick

Test your English

Students at Bell The Leys and Bell Tudor Hall will also have the opportunity to demonstrate their language skills by undertaking the Cambridge LinguaSkill General Speaking Test every two-week course and receiving a printed certificate.

Course summary

- Age - 11-17
- Course length - Up to 11 weeks
- Tuition - 15 hours per week
- Max class size - 14
- Location & start dates -
- Bell St Albans - Any Sunday from 2 June - 11 August 2024
- Bell The Leys - 3 July, 17 July, 31 July 2024
- Bell Tudor Hall - 10 July, 14 July, 7 August 2024
- Bell Badminton School - 7 July, 21 July, 4 August 2024



Junior Explorer

Our course for Juniors at Bell Tudor Hall has all the elements of an Explorer series course, but is adjusted to meet the needs and abilities of students aged 7-10 with topics and content tailored for this younger age group. The focus is on encouraging the children to build their confidence, use their language learning, try new things and make new friends.

Study Tours

London, Oxford, Warwick

Course summary

- Age - 7-10 years
- Course length - 1-6 weeks
- Tuition - 15 hours per week
- Max class size - 14
- Location - Bell Tudor Hall
- Start dates - 10 July, 17 July, 21 July, 28 July, 4 August, 11 August 2024





Autumn Explorer

Our Autumn Explorer provides students with English language lessons to improve their skills, as well as an insight into British culture and lifestyle. Combining our project-based learning style with a range of activities and cultural excursions, makes a rounded course for students to benefit from and enjoy.

Study Tours

London, Cambridge, Windsor

Course summary

- ▶ Age - 11-17
- ▶ Course length - 1-3 weeks
- ▶ Tuition - 15 hours per week
- ▶ Max class size - 14
- ▶ Location - Bell St Albans
- ▶ Start dates - Any Sunday from 13 October - 27 October 2024



Business Leadership Programme

This course is designed for students who wish to develop business and work life skills, as well as enhancing their English. With iGCSE-level Business Studies classes, motivational business talks, participation in our Bell Business Challenge and business-themed study tours, this course is sure to inspire any budding entrepreneurs.

Study Tours

Students will visit local businesses and topical destinations such as: Museum of Brands, Bank of England Museum, Cambridge Science Park

Course summary

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| ▶ Age - 13-17 | ▶ Exam - Cambridge LinguaSkill Business (Speaking only) |
| ▶ Min language level - B1 | ▶ Max class size - 14 |
| ▶ Entry req. - Online Placement Test | ▶ Location - Bell The Leys |
| ▶ Course length - 2 weeks | ▶ Start dates - 3 July, 17 July, 31 July 2024 |
| ▶ Tuition - 30 hours | |
| ▶ Bell Business Challenge - 15 hours | |



Bell The Leys



Bell Tudor Hall



University Preparation Programme

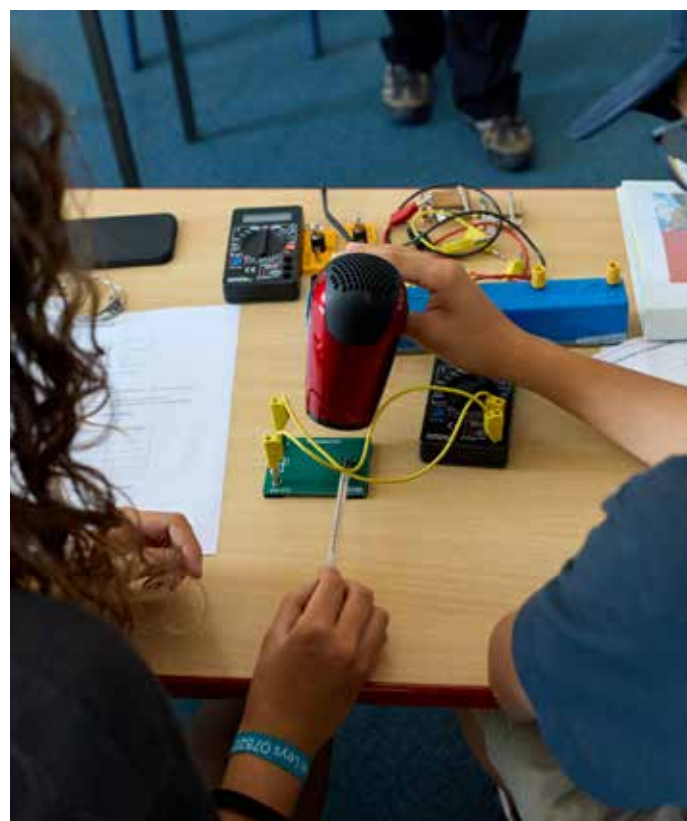
This course is designed for the older range of students with higher English language levels (B1+), who are already thinking of studying at a university in the UK or another country. Delivered with a university-style approach, students will choose to take either a Science or Humanities programme, combined with English, study skills and an extensive activity and excursion programme.

Study Tours

London, Cambridge

Course summary

- ▶ Age - 14-17
- ▶ Min language level - B1
- ▶ Entry req. - Online Placement Test & Short Bell Questionnaire
- ▶ Course length - 2 weeks
- ▶ Tuition - 46 hours
- ▶ Lecture Programme - 10.5 hours
- ▶ Max class size - 14
- ▶ Location - Bell The Leys
- ▶ Start dates - 3 July, 17 July, 31 July 2024



Global Skills Programme

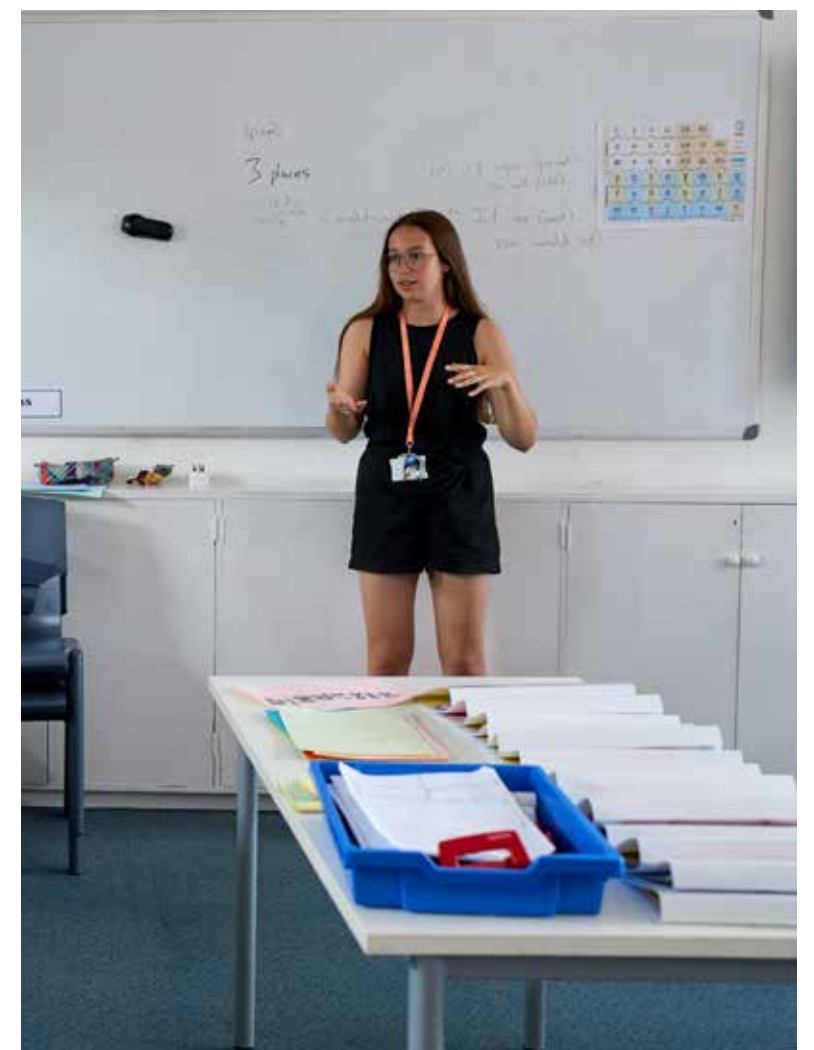
This course is for students in their middle school years, aged 11-13 years, and gives them a taste of life at a British boarding school. This immersive programme is centred around CLIL (Content Language Integrated Learning) and offers the opportunity to study standard secondary school topics, such as Maths, Science and Geography, alongside fun activities and excursions.

Study Tours

London, Cambridge, Oxford, Warwick

Course summary

- ▶ Age - 11-13
- ▶ Min language level - A2
- ▶ Course length - 2 weeks
- ▶ Academic Study - 30 hours
- ▶ Max class size - 14
- ▶ Location - Bell Tudor Hall
- ▶ Start dates - 10 July, 24 July, 7 August 2024





Explore More

Our multi-centre course is perfect for students wanting to maximise their time in the UK. Combining two weeks at our Bell Badminton School, with one week at Bell St Albans, the three-week course promises an extraordinary experience, blending language learning with exploration and adventure. Discovering the wonderful city of Bristol and the West Coast of the UK, as well as the opportunity to enjoy our capital city of London, students really do get to **Explore More!**

Transfers between Bell Badminton School and Bell St Albans included.

Course summary

- ▶ Age - 11-17
- ▶ Course length - 3 weeks
- ▶ Tuition - 15 hours per week
- ▶ Max class size - 14
- ▶ Location - Bell Badminton School & Bell St Albans
- ▶ The Bell St Albans week can be either week 1 or week 3



Bell St Albans

Discover the English language through active, academic and creative activities in a beautiful and friendly school - all year round.

This elegant Victorian building, with its traditional courtyard garden, is set within 60 acres of English countryside, providing a safe and peaceful environment.

Summer Explorer

Autumn Explorer








Winter Explorer

Spring Explorer








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 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	32 km

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

Sample Electives

-  Arts and crafts
-  British sports
-  Football
-  Journalism
-  Health and fitness

***Contact us for special group rates throughout the year at St Albans**

Bell St Albans Nationality Mix 2023



Top 10 Nationalities:

Chile
Argentina
Peru
France
Italy
Thailand
Spain
Japan
Germany
Switzerland

*figures based on student weeks from January to August 2023

Bell The Leys

Cambridge

Follow in the footsteps of great Cambridge scholars with an inspiring academic and cultural experience in this famous university city.

This prestigious school is set in the centre of Cambridge, close to the Fitzwilliam Museum and several of the University of Cambridge Colleges.

Summer Explorer









Business Leadership Programme

University Preparation Programme







Facilities



-  Bright, spacious classrooms with interactive whiteboards
-  Free wireless internet
-  Computer study centre
-  Dining room
-  Student common rooms
-  Cookery room
-  Art room
-  On-site sports facilities including tennis courts and a synthetic football pitch

Accommodation

-  Single, twin rooms and dormitories
-  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 Stansted 48 km
-  London Heathrow 121 km

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

Sample Electives

-  Basketball
-  Drama
-  Football
-  Journalism
-  Photography in Cambridge

Academies

-  Tennis
-  Robotics
-  Horse-riding

Bell The Leys Nationality Mix 2023



Top 10 Nationalities:

China
Argentina
Saudi Arabia
Italy
Turkey
Brazil
France
Taiwan
Switzerland
Belgium

*figures based on student weeks from January to August 2023

Bell Tudor Hall

Oxfordshire

Tudor Hall is nestled in the Oxfordshire countryside and is the perfect mix of the old and the new.

Founded in 1850, the school opened in its current location in 1946. Tudor Hall has beautiful buildings and grounds as well as first-class modern facilities for sport, crafts and performing arts.

This summer school is ideal for students who want a safe campus experience with lots of space to learn, play and make new friends, all whilst enjoying the fantastic range and quality of food on offer!

Summer Explorer

Junior Explorer

Global Skills Programme





Facilities

- Free wireless internet
- Common rooms
- Swimming pool
- Sports Centre
- Tennis courts
- Cookery room

Accommodation

- Single, twin rooms and dormitories
- Shared showers and bathroom facilities and common area in each house
- Accommodation in modern boarding houses

Sample Electives

The following educational activities are always on offer at this location:

- Art and crafts
- Dance
- Drama
- Film and photography
- Football
- Health and fitness
- Journalism
- Basketball

Academies

- Tennis
- Cookery
- Intensive Academic English

Travel

FREE transfers* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:

- London Heathrow 109 km
- London Stansted 188 km
- St Pancras 127 km

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

Bell Tudor Hall Nationality Mix 2023



Top 10 Nationalities:

- China
- Argentina
- Saudi Arabia
- Italy
- France
- Spain
- Portugal
- Monaco
- Germany
- Turkey

*figures based on student weeks from January to August 2023

Bell Badminton School

Bristol

Situated in the heart of Bristol, Bell Badminton School is a beautiful and peaceful campus, with a range of impressive facilities, making it a wonderful home for our Summer Explorer. With easy access to explore the city and surrounding areas, students can enjoy a varied and immersive summer programme, improving their English skills and making memories that will last a lifetime.







Summer Explorer

NEW FOR
2024














Facilities

-  Free wireless internet
-  Common rooms
-  Swimming pool
-  Astroturf football pitches
-  Tennis courts
-  Sports centre




Accommodation

-  Single, twin rooms and dormitories
-  Shared showers, bathroom facilities and common areas

Sample Electives



-  Tennis
-  Swimming
-  Arts & crafts
-  Hockey
-  Dance
-  Drama
-  Film & photography

Academies

-  Art & Design
-  Basketball
-  Football

Travel

FREE transfers* on scheduled arrival and departure days from:

	Bristol	16 km
	London Heathrow	165 km

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



Groups

Here at Bell, we welcome dozens of adult and Young Learner groups every year. We are experts in working with you to create packages and itineraries which work for you and your clients.

Did you know that we can offer special group prices throughout the year? All you have to do is contact your friendly Bell representative and we'll be happy to work with you on the perfect package and price for your group, based on your budget and educational needs.





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