

1. The Core Subject

The core subject is the main topic of study. Students will have seven core subject classes of 100 minutes each during the 2-week course. Students on the 4-week course will study both core subjects for 2-weeks each.

Business Studies

This core subject looks at key vocabulary and structures along with a wide range of business topics, including business strategies, marketing, production methods, government policy and management and trade unions. Activity types include communication activities and role-plays. A previous knowledge of business would be useful, though not essential, as the materials provide plenty of explanation.

Maths

This core subject introduces students to some of the concepts and vocabulary they would need to follow an English-language Mathematics syllabus through a mixture of worked examples, quizzes and communicative games, which are designed to be both informative and fun for the students. Because of the nature of the subject, the course is only really suitable for students currently studying Maths at school.

2. The Elective Subjects

Elective subjects are studied for 70 minutes a day and for a total of seven days during the 2 week course (see sample course programme). Each student will study a different elective each week, based on the preferences they have shown on their application form. This is to ensure that the student benefits from a broader academic awareness and more extensive academic preparation for life at a UK independent boarding school. Students on the 4-week course will study all the elective subjects for 1-week each.

Literature and Art

This option is designed to be both enjoyable and accessible. After looking at some key terms for discussing literature, students are asked to explore and discuss their understanding of a number of poems, short stories and pieces of art, some of which have featured in GCSE syllabuses in the UK. Although students are encouraged to consider symbolic meanings and literary techniques, no specialist knowledge of literature or art is required.

Psychology

The aim of this option is to introduce students to some of the most important approaches in Psychology in an interactive and engaging classroom environment. Students will be encouraged to express their own opinions on major issues in psychology and materials will be taken from various sources, including case studies and exam questions from GCSE texts. No specialist knowledge is required to take this subject.

General Science

Students doing this option will be looking at topics from Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Through a variety of communicative activities, students will become more familiar with the key language used in the study of Science. They will also have the opportunity to look at coursework and sample questions from UK exams. Although very technical materials and language have been avoided, this option should only be taken by students who are currently studying a science in their own country.

Computing and IT

Computers and Information Technology are used by British students for coursework and presentations across the whole range of subjects in UK schools. In order to prepare students who may be studying in the UK, course participants will complete a short project which is designed to help them express information in English through electronic media and develop the language required to communicate on IT-related issues. No specialist knowledge is required, but students should be familiar with Microsoft Word and Powerpoint.