Bath

(Prior Park)

Centre Guide

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Bath

The city of Bath is a World Heritage Site, famous for its Roman Baths, Georgian architecture, thriving shopping and excellent leisure facilities. Its iconic features, such as Bath Abbey, Royal Crescent and Assembly Rooms have been attracting tourists for hundreds of years and is still a popular place to visit. It has also been the backdrop to famous TV series and movies such as Bridgerton, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Sherlock Holmes.

Some of what Bath has to offer:

- Historic buildings from Roman, medieval and Georgian times using Bath stone
- Independent shops and major brand stores
- First class sports and leisure facilities, including cinemas, leisure centre, bowling, trampolining, theatres, and a roller disco
- River and canal walks, green spaces and parks to explore
- Half-hourly direct train service to central London (90 minutes)
- Great places of interest nearby: Bristol, Oxford, Stonehenge and Glastonbury
- Beautiful surrounding countryside

Prior Park College

Our courses take place at Prior Park College, an impressive English boarding school, set in 57 acres of parkland with amazing views over Bath.

Location

The campus is situated in a peaceful location on a hill overlooking the city, fifteen minutes by bus from the centre. Elac organises a shuttle bus during the summer for students staying in homestay.

Facilities

SPORTS
Playing Field
Astroturf Pitches
Tennis Courts
Sports Hall
Indoor Swimming Pool

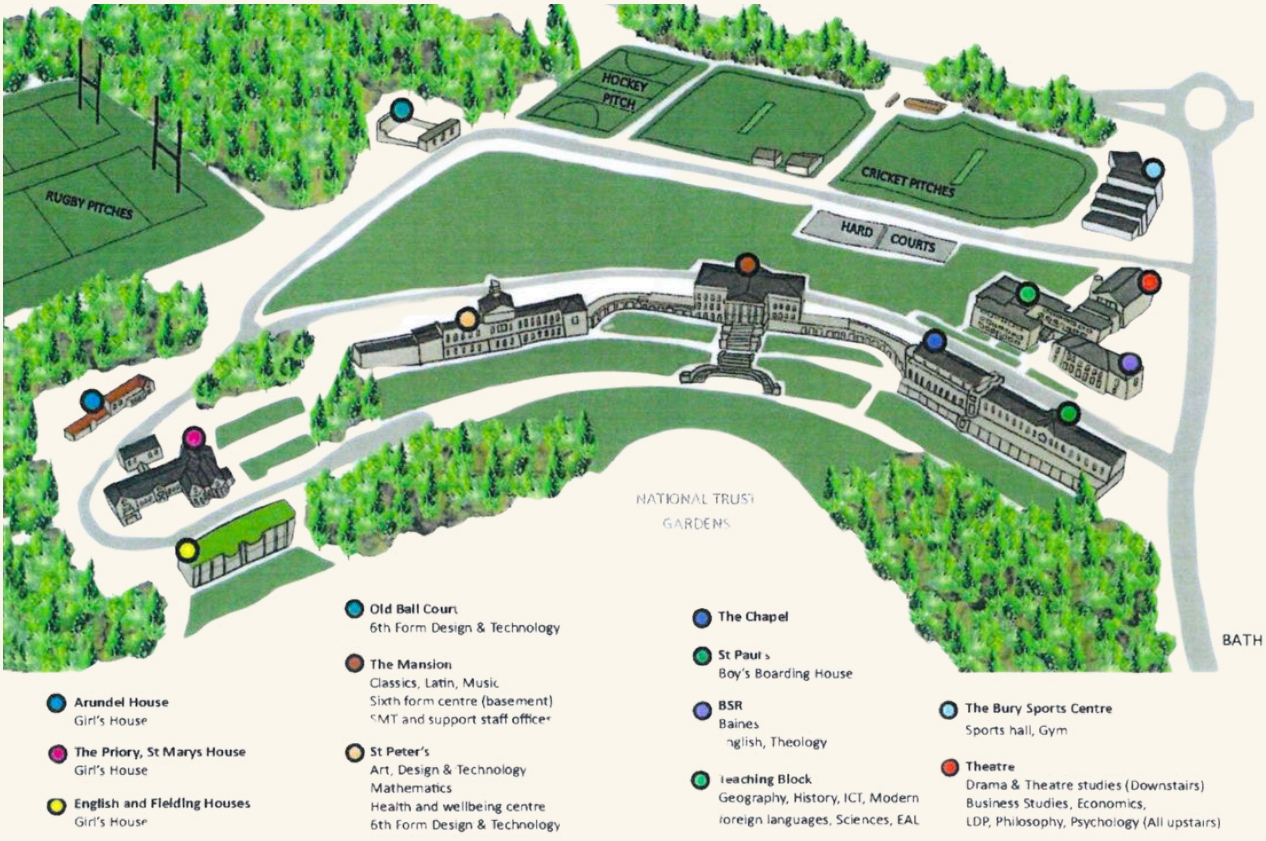
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
Modern Classrooms
Drama Studio
Assembly Hall

OTHER
Traditional Dining Hall

Residential Accommodation

Accommodation is in two main buildings, in shared or single rooms. Most have shared bathroom facilities. There is an aea where students can gather to socialise in the evenings. Both buildings are on site, within a few minutes' walk from all facilities. Rooms are cleaned regularly and fresh linen is provided weekly.

School Map



Homestay Accommodation

Elac hosts are selected by our Homestay Manager, who visits hosts every two years to inspect the accommodation provided.

Our hosts provide a warm welcoming atmosphere for our students where they can really feel at home. Homestay providers also have to comply with British Council standards, and have a current DBS Certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service).

Students can expect a comfortable bedroom with somewhere to study and shared bathroom facilities. They will often be sharing with other students and will travel by bus to the College.

Most importantly, students are encouraged to speak English at every opportunity within the family setting.

Meals

Homestay students
Most meals are taken with your host. From Monday - Friday students enjoy a hot lunch on campus. The host also provides a packed lunch for the weekend educational excursions.

Residential students
Meals are taken in the dining hall and are buffet style. They comprise breakfast, lunch and an evening meal. There is a choice of food to cater for vegetarians, religious diets, etc. For educational excursions, a packed lunch is provided.

Here is a sample menu at Prior Park College.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Breakfast	Orange & Apple Juice		
	Smoked bacon, Boiled eggs, Baked beans, Grilled tomatoes	Butchers' sausages, scrambled eggs, Sauté potatoes, Spaghetti hoops	Fried eggs, Grilled tomato, baked beans, hash browns
	Porridge Station, Cereal Bar, Yoghurt Station, Toast & Preserves, Whole fruits		
Lunch	Slow cooked beef & bean chilli Pulled jackfruit enchiladas Pasta & Sauce Crunchy corn, peas, Vegetable rice, Salsa, Soured cream, guacamole Apple Crumble	Spanish chicken Red pepper Spanish tortilla Pasta & Sauce Patatas bravas, Spanish rice, Garlic mushrooms Raspberry crumble slice	Spaghetti bolognaise Mushroom risotto Pasta & Sauce Homemade rosemary focaccia Roasted broccoli with tomatoes & red onions Rocket & parmesan salad Dark chocolate brownie
	Fruit		
Dinner	Pulled ham carbonara Vegetable lasagne Roasted Mediterranean vegetables Garlic doughballs Warm panzanella salad Pasta & Sauce Chocolate chip cookies	Jerk chicken legs Sweet potato Stew Rice & peas Fried plantain Vegetable rundown Fried dumplings Pasta & Sauce Fruit jellies	Chunky pork cassoulet Posh beans on sourdough toast Mashed potato Savoy cabbage Garden peas Pasta & sauce Eton mess
	selection of freshly cut & whole fruits		

menu subject to change

Medical Care & Wellbeing

There is a local GP a few minutes' drive away Combe Down Surgery).
Bath Royal United Hospital (RUH) with its Accident & Emergency department is 15 minutes' drive away.

There are local pharmacies nearby if students require medication. Students must hand all medication to their group leader or the Elac Welfare Officer who will then administer it when required.

Safety & Security

Prior Park is an enclosed campus that has a gated entrance and exit. The gates are locked at night and there is a night porter available at night time, if required. The Elac Office can provide an area to store money or valuables securely. Each house has its own security code on the front door lock. These codes will be issued on arrival. Students must lock all windows on leaving their accommodation and follow security procedures explained on arrival.

When out and about, we will explain to students how they can keep themselves and their belongings safe.

Students in homestay travel to and from the College on private or public buses, which is unsupervised.

What to bring

Documents

- **Passport** and copy of it
- Visa document and copy of it (if required)
- Insurance document (including GHIC card if from EU)
- A copy of any medication prescriptions or certificates
- UK currency - both cash and pre-paid card

Clothing Essentials

- Casual clothing
- Trainers
- Sports clothes
- Swimwear
- Swim towel
- Costume for disco/talent show
- Bag for dirty laundry

For Excursions

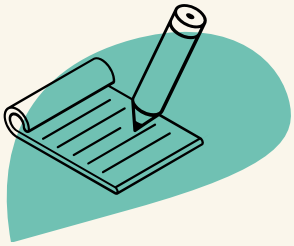
- Small backpack/handbag
- Comfortable clothes
- Shoes for walking
- Umbrella
- Waterproof jacket
- Sunglasses & sunscreen

Toiletries & Medicines

- Toiletries, eg shampoo, soap, toothpaste
- Medicines, eg asthma inhaler, contact lens solution
- Please DON'T bring "disposable" toilet wipes
- Towel (if in residential accommodation)

Gadgets & Electronics

- Electronic devices (camera, mobile phone, ipad)
- Travel adaptor (UK 3 pin, 13A, 220V - 240V
- Hair dryer



Other required items

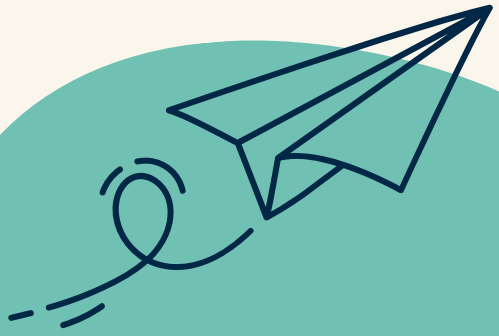
- Pencil case
- Pen & Pencil
- Notepad
- Water bottle
- Hand sanitizer
- Any props, costumes or items needed for the Cultural Exchange (Voyagers and Trailblazers)

Please label all items, in case they get lost

General Information

Student ages

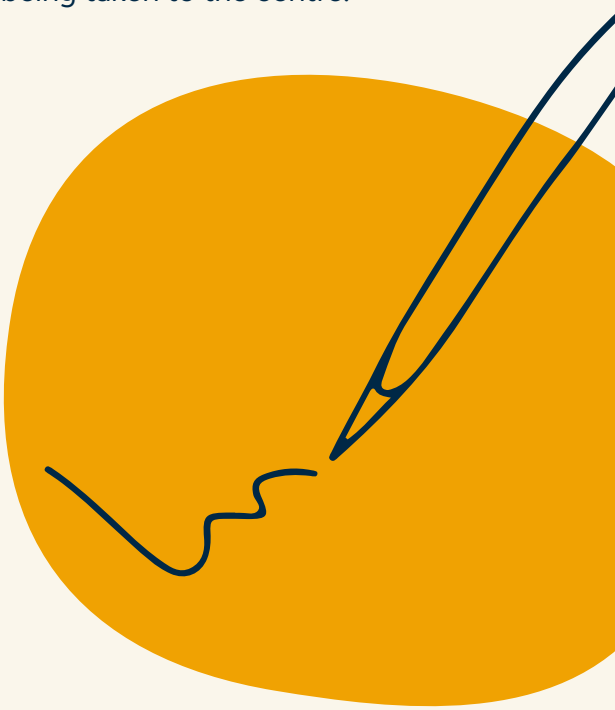
- Residential: 11 - 17 years
- Homestay: 13 - 17 years



Airport Arrivals

Groups and individuals will be met by an Elac representative at the airport.
Travel to the centre will be by private coach or taxi.
Approximate Transfer times: Gatwick (LGW) 2 hours 30 minutes, Heathrow (LHR) 2 hours Bristol (BRS) 45 minutes

*Individuals who have booked a shared transfer, may have to wait at the airport for up to 2.5 hours before being taken to the centre.



Day #1 Welcome & Testing

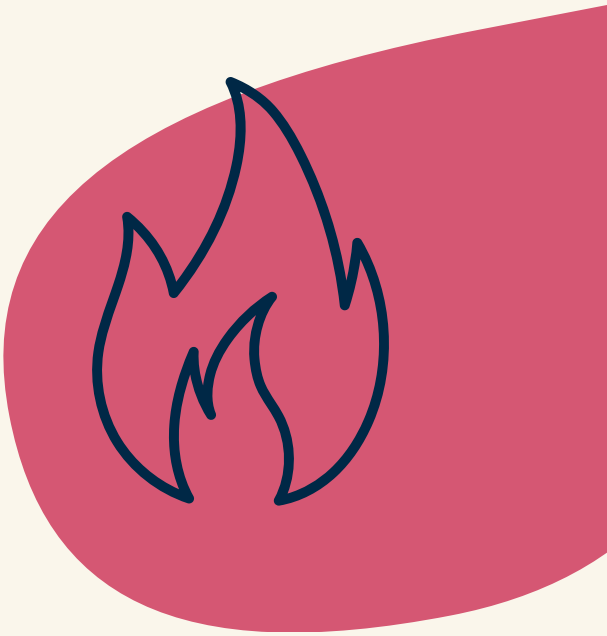
On the first full day of the programme students will:

- have a welcome meeting with the Centre Manager,
- an orientation of the centre
- do an English language test (written and spoken)
- have a tour of the local town and some free time.

Students will receive an Elac lanyard with Emergency Contact Card

Fire Safety

- Fire safety procedures on first day
- Practice fire drill for students.
- Fire signage throughout building
- Group leaders explain safety procedures to students in their own language.



Mobile Phones

- All mobile phones must be put on silent and placed in the box provided at the front of the classroom at the start of every lesson.
- Mobile phones must not be used during activities unless required as part of the session.
- Staff may confiscate phones if rules are not followed.

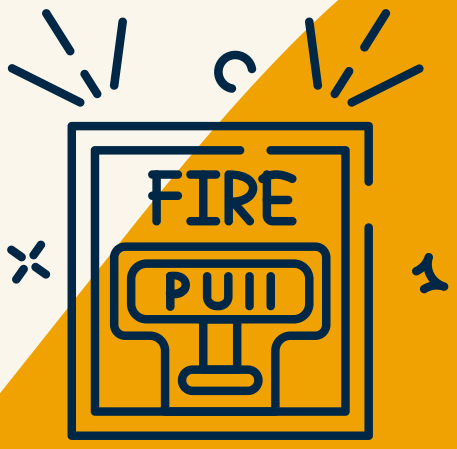
Noise

- Students must keep noise to a minimum when returning to their accommodation
- Curfew is 10pm.

Damages & Replacements

- Fire alarm set off between 9.00 am and 5.30 pm: £75.00
- Fire alarm set off between 5.30 pm and 9.00 am: £100
- Replacing/refilling fire extinguishers: £100
- Replacement of lost fob/key: £100

The school imposes the above call-out charges for deliberate acts of misuse. Costs for other damages will be handled on a case-by-case basis.



Smoking, Drugs, Alcohol & Vaping

- It is illegal to smoke in any indoor public places - this includes vaping.
- There is no smoking allowed on the campus.
- No alcohol or drugs are permitted in any of our junior vacation courses regardless of age.

Computer and WiFi Access

- Wifi available throughout the site
- Student access to computer room during activities.

Shop

There is a small supermarket nearby.
Water bottles can be refilled on site.

Laundry

- A Laundry Service is provided on site. Students fill one netted bag per week (small fee)
- Bed linen is washed once a week.

Bank & Post Office

- Selection of banks nearby (Bath town centre)
- Post Office in Bath.
- Alternatively, currency exchange can be done whilst on excursions.

Hospital & Medical Care

Royal United Hospital, Combe Park, Bath, BA1 3NG, tel. 01225 428331
Combe Down Surgery, The Avenue, Bath BA2 5EG, tel. 01225 832226

Local Transport

- Private direct shuttle buses to/from Bath centre.
- Direct trains to London from Bath Spa train station (1 hour 30 minutes),
- Taxis can be organised by the Elac management team.

Quiet/Multi Faith Room

- All students and Group Leaders can have access to a quiet room for religious observance.

- Please speak to the Elac management team for more information.

Places of Worship

- St Michael's Church (Anglican), Broad Street, Bath, tel. 01225 447103

- St Johns Church (Catholic), South Parade, Bath, tel. 01225 464471

- Bath Islamic Society (Muslim) 8 Pierrepoint Street, Bath, tel. 01225 460922

- Bristol Progressive Jewish Congregation, 43/47 Bannerman Road, Bristol, tel. 0117 9541937

Useful information

Contact numbers

- Elac Prior Park Office: TBC
- Elac 24 hour emergency: 07579 831426
- Elac Homestay number: TBC
- Police, Fire, Ambulance: 999 (emergencies only)
- Police – non emergencies: 101
- Elac Head Office (Bath): +44 1225 443261

School Address

Elac Study Vacations, c/o Prior Park College, Ralph Allen Drive,
Bath, BA2 5AH

If sending post, please ensure the letter/package is clearly labelled with the student's name and group.

Head office

22 Milsom Street,
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If you have any queries about this course, please get in touch with our head office.
Further information and photos can be found on our website (www.elac.co.uk).
We hope you enjoy your course in Prior Park College.

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