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Junior Vacation Courses in the UK

Short-Stay, Mini-Stay &
Spring Programmes

2026-2027



Where learning meets adventure!



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 Quality
English

 WHERE
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MEMBER
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Our goal is to be an independent, ethical, and environmentally-aware organisation dedicated to the teaching of English, and more generally to the nurturing of positive values in young people in an international setting. These values underpin our organisation.



Relationships

By delivering quality programmes year after year and maintaining open, clear communication with our partners, we have been able to build positive long-term relationships with key people in our partner organisations; if problems arise, we work closely and quickly to resolve them.



Professionalism

As a British Council-accredited organisation, we are continually focused on raising standards and developing good practice across all areas, with particular attention to student and staff welfare, programme content, and the student experience. Our experienced permanent staff team are often involved in wider professional roles within the EFL language sector.

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Integrity

We believe our integrity is demonstrated through our reliability and accountability. We have built trust, not just with partners, but also with our centres, suppliers, homestay providers, and of course, our students. This feeds through to our centre staff, who are key to our success, with many returning year after year, enabling us to further share our ethos with newcomers.

Staff
management &
development
Area of Strength

BC Inspection
2025

Academic
Management
Area of Strength

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Innovation

We are committed to reflecting on and innovating in all areas of our organisation and delivery. We continue to develop our curriculum with relevant academic materials and programmes based on our partners' and students' needs. We are also constantly evaluating and fine-tuning our programmes to provide the best student experience we can.



Social & Environmental Ambition

We still retain the values and ethos that characterised Elac from the beginning: our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive organisation which nurtures positive values in staff and students alike.

Our not-for-profit Elac Education Trust, with its aim of promoting English language opportunities abroad for less privileged students, further demonstrates our ambitions in this area.

To date, our courses have been in the following places:

- **2015 Iksal, Israel**
- **2016 Saknin, Israel**
- **2017 Nazareth, Israel**
- **2018 Dobra Niva, Slovakia**
- **2024 Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria**

We are driven to build on our environmental credentials and to make positive changes to improve our organisation and the wider world.

We offset our students' carbon emissions by planting trees:

- **Uganda via the UNA Eastbourne Mvule project**



Care of students
Area of Strength

BC Inspection
2025

**Safeguarding
under 18s**
Area of Strength

BC Inspection
2025

Welfare

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority.

As accredited members of English UK, we uphold high welfare standards and work hard to ensure every student's stay in the UK is enjoyable, supportive, and stress-free.

Before Students Arrive

We aim to support all dietary, medical, and educational needs. Please contact us in advance with any specific queries. Relevant information is shared confidentially with staff and hosts.

Staff Recruitment

All staff have a current DBS certificate (criminal record check) and we also request checks from Group Leaders. Staff receive safeguarding training and are available to support students.

Homestay

All hosts are DBS checked and visited regularly. Wherever possible, we carefully match students' needs and preferences. Our homestay team will resolve any problems as quickly as they can. We also provide students with an advice sheet to prepare them for staying with their hosts.

Student Supervision

Students are supervised on site and accompanied by Activity Leaders on excursions (please see our Safeguarding Policy for student/staff ratios).

All students receive an Elac lanyard with an emergency contact card. Travel on Elac transport or excursions is supervised. Transport on public buses is usually unsupervised – however we will explain bus routes and provide maps.

Safeguarding Responsibilities

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Deputy (DDSL), and wider Welfare Team are on hand to advise and deal with issues as that arise.

Medical Issues

Each centre has first-aid trained staff and details of local medical facilities.

Mental health first aiders are also available to signpost students to support.



Our Programmes

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The short courses were tailored to the needs I had outlined and the topics were challenging and enjoyable. I highly recommend this educational institution.

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Cristiana, Group Leader, Italy

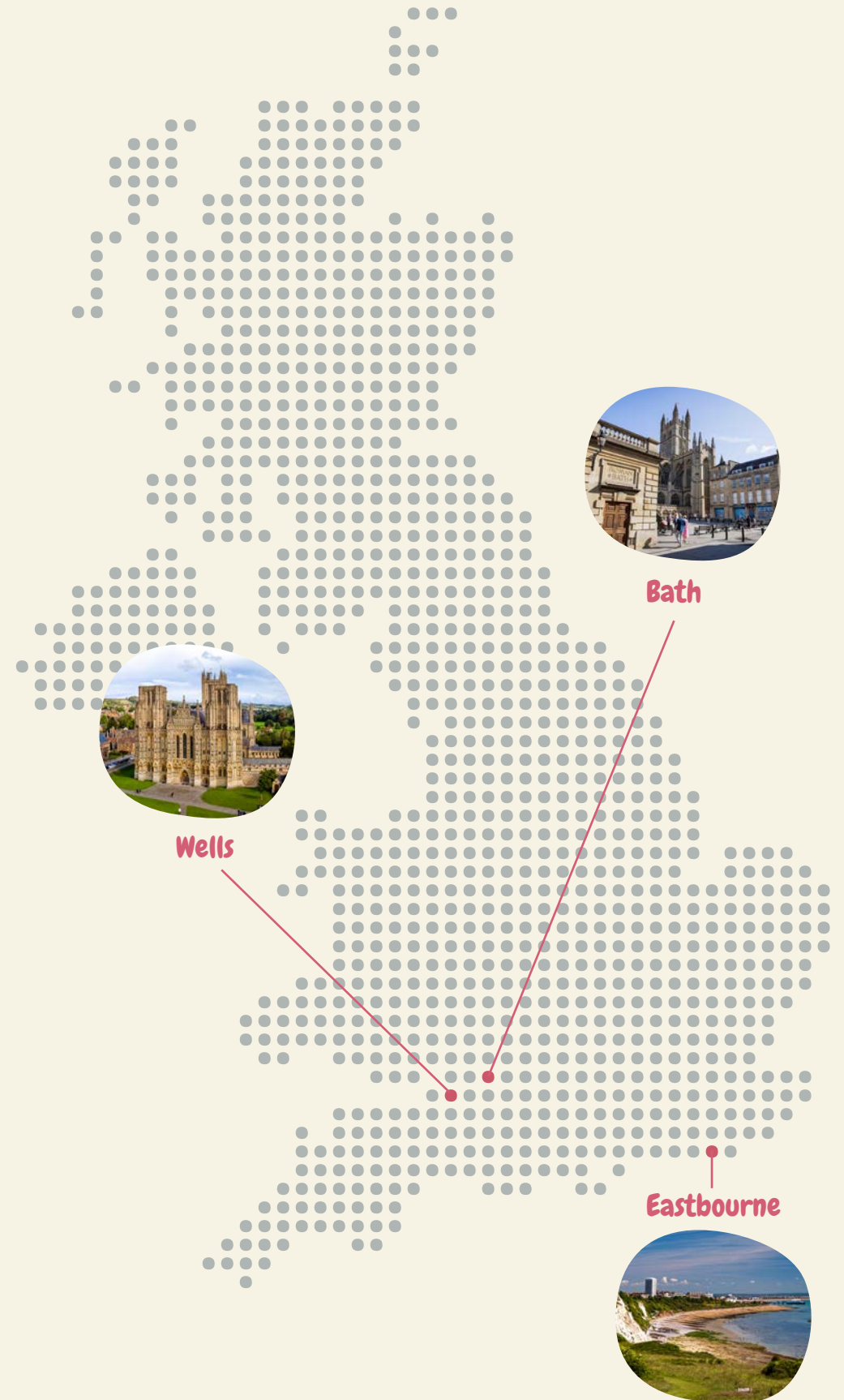


Our Short-Stay Programmes

Our programmes are designed for students aged 11–17 and are fully bespoke to meet your group’s needs. They can be scheduled at any point during the academic year, from September to June, for durations that suit you. Popular short-stay options include 6, 7, 10, 14, and 21 nights.

	Bath	Eastbourne	Wells
<i>Programmes</i>			
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English for Work <i>(page 24-25)</i>	🎓	🎓	
Examination Preparation <i>(page 26-27)</i>	🎓	🎓	🎓
IGCSE <i>(page 22-23)</i>	🎓	🎓	🎓
Language & Culture <i>(page 26-27)</i>	🎓	🎓	🎓
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Online Classes <i>(page 26-27)</i>			
School Integration <i>(page 18-19)</i>	🎓	🎓	🎓
Teacher Training <i>(page 26-27)</i>	🎓	🎓	
<i>Accommodation</i>			
Homestay	🏠	🏠	
Hotel	🏨	🏨	
Residential*	🛏	🛏	🛏

*Available on Spring programme in Bath and Eastbourne



Customise Your Stay



Tailor your stay with complete flexibility – ensuring your programme reflects your group’s goals, interests, and curiosity.



1 What do you want to do?

Our carefully curated programmes each offer their own unique experience (See pages 18–31)



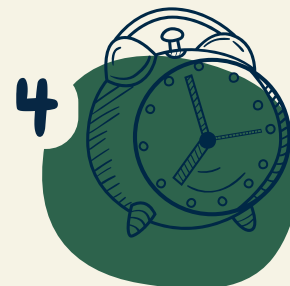
2 Where do you want to go?

Our locations all offer something different, choose to study in Bath, Eastbourne or Wells (see pages 32–39)



3 Where would you like to stay?

We offer a range of accommodation styles to suit different needs (see pages 40–41)



4 How long would you like to stay?

We’re flexible with your stay duration, starting from as little as 3 nights



5 Which activities would you like to do?

Our exciting Social Programme is filled with activities that encourage learning beyond the classroom (see page 42)



6 Where do you want to explore?

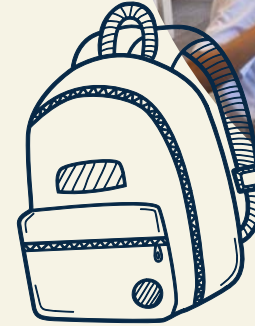
Explore some of the UK’s most iconic destinations during your stay (see page 43)

School Integration

Programme Aims

- to offer students an authentic English school immersion experience
- to follow a real school timetable and attend lessons
- to develop intercultural understanding and communication
- to build lasting friendships with British classmates

Available
in Bath,
Eastbourne,
& Wells



Programme Highlights

- Authentic school life experience alongside British pupils
- Welcome on arrival at school
- Pairing up with 'English Buddies' to enhance learning
- Lunch at school canteen alongside British pupils
- Daily period with tutor group

(Highlights will vary depending on school)

Typical Subjects

- Geography
- History
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Languages
- Art
- Drama
- Physical Education



Communicative English



Programme Aims

- to build students' confidence and ability in English through interaction and collaboration
- to help learners develop much needed soft skills
- to encourage cultural understanding and focus on British culture through engaging projects and classroom discussion

Available
in Bath,
Eastbourne,
& Wells



Programme Highlights

- Communicative language skills and functional English
- Soft skills development e.g., critical thinking, collaboration, leadership, and creativity
- Project-based learning
- Real-world and academic themes
- Excursion lessons tailored to your programme

Example Topics

- Cross-cultural comparisons
- Business innovation
- Storytelling
- Motivation and mindset
- Contemporary British art
- British food and food idioms
- Austen & Shelley's Bath
- London sights



IGCSE

Programme Aims

- to offer students the opportunity to study with specialist subject teachers
- to focus on exam strategies and subject topics and skills which need further consolidation
- to experience practical learning outside the classroom, for example on Geography field trips

Available
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& Wells



Programme Highlights

- Bespoke curriculum based on your school's pre-course needs analysis
- External workshops e.g., art and design, interpreting Latin transcriptions and more
- Practical fieldwork (if required)
- Exam simulation
- Individual exam feedback

Popular Subjects

- Biology
- English as a Second Language
- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- Maths
- Physics
- Latin
- Law

If your subject is not on this list,
we can still provide a programme,
just contact us and ask!



English for Work

Programme Aims

- to build knowledge of the job search process and working world
- to develop skills and language needed in the workplace
- to build students' entrepreneurship and leadership skills and readiness for the world after studies

Available in Bath & Eastbourne.
Suitable for B2 students and above



Programme Highlights

- Entrepreneurship Workshop
- Career Workshop
- Industry visit relevant to programme
- "Formazione Scuola-Lavoro" (FSL) (formerly PCTO) certificate

Example Topics

- Interview preparation and techniques
- Presentation skills
- Intercultural communication
- Entrepreneurship skills
- Business innovation
- Industry case study



Further Programmes

We also offer a variety of other programmes which can be taught in person or online.



Examination Preparation

- Cambridge Exams including Preliminary (PET), First, and Advanced
- IELTS
- Trinity Graded Examinations in Spoken English (GESE)

Teacher Training

- Assessment for learning
- Planning, language, and differentiation
- Teacher language development
- Regional & World English
- Contemporary English



Online Classes

- Bespoke one to one
- British Culture
- Communication skills
- Careers & Work
- CLIL
- Public speaking



Language & Culture

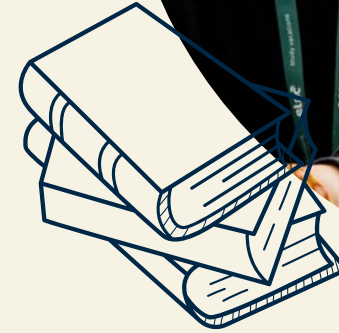
- Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) e.g., History, Drama, and Art (11-14 year olds)
- British Culture
- Language and Literature

Mini Stays

Experience English culture and explore the South of England using Eastbourne as your base.

Our Mini Stay programmes are perfect for school groups who want to discover the UK through historical and cultural day trips with fun and engaging activities

Available in
Eastbourne



Programme Highlights

- Authentic homestay experience with local hosts
- Stunning seaside location close to Beachy Head, Seven Sisters, and more
- Cultural day trips to London, Brighton, Portsmouth, Leeds Castle, etc
- Option to add Communicative English lessons to your stay
- Option to include a social programme including sports, creative and collaborative activities

Example Excursions

- London
- Brighton
- Hastings
- Portsmouth
- Chatham Historic Dockyard
- Canterbury



Spring Discovery Programme

Our Spring Discovery Programme runs in Eastbourne and has been specifically designed for 11–17 year old international students.

Our Voyagers (11–14) and Trailblazers (14–17) programmes combine academic content, a social programme, and educational excursions to create the 'Elac Experience'.



Find out more



Academic Content

Voyagers (A2-C1)

- 27 Academic hours (over 2 weeks)
- Communicative language and functional skills development
- Content & Language Integrated Learning (CLIL); art, history, and drama
- Soft skills development; problem solving, collaboration, and creative thinking
- Global citizenship and environment awareness content and projects
- Excursion and cultural exchange linked lessons

Trailblazers (A2-C1)

- 27 Academic hours (over 2 weeks)
- Communicative language and functional skills development
- Soft skills development; critical thinking, creativity, and debating
- Series of leadership lessons to develop soft skills and identify Elac student leaders
- Global citizenship and environment awareness content and projects
- Excursion and cultural exchange linked lessons

Social Programme

- **Workshops:** Vlogging, podcasting, circus skills, photography
- **Sports:** Football, yoga, dance, rounders
- **Creative:** Trash fashion, t-shirt making, boat building, bracelet making
- **Collaborative:** Walk & talk, scavenger hunts, escape room, student leadership
- **Evening Socials:** Silent disco, murder mystery, talent show, karaoke

Educational Excursions

- 1:25 Student/Leader ratio
- Excursion-linked lessons
- 3 full-day and 2 half-day excursions (2-week programme)

*These are example activities and the final programme may be different.



Locations



I strongly recommend Elac. The integration programme at school has been a great experience for my students as well as the relationship with the host families. I will definitely come back with my students!

Paola, Group Leader, Italy



Bath



Bath is a beautiful UNESCO city in the south-west of England, celebrated for its Georgian architecture, ancient Roman Baths, and thriving cultural scene.

Bath Study Centre is centrally located a short walk from the bus and train stations. It's close to all the major attractions with lots of shops, restaurants and cafes for students and leaders to enjoy in their activities and free time.

Closest Airports

- Bristol
- Heathrow



Bath Abbey



Social Programme options

- The Roman Baths
- Virtual Darts and Shuffleboard
- No.1 Royal Crescent
- Bath Skyline Walk
- Murder Mystery Trail
- Bowling
- House of Frankenstein
- Crazy Golf
- Jane Austen Centre

Educational Excursion options



Eastbourne



A vibrant seaside town holding the statistic for the most hours of sunshine in the UK, Eastbourne has welcomed visitors since Victorian times and has so much to offer, such as cinemas, art galleries, stunning landscape, pier and excellent shopping.

Eastbourne Study Centre is located a short walk away from the town centre and from the stunning South Downs National Park panorama. With 5 dedicated classrooms, students will have the best experience in our newest year-round facility.

Closest Airports

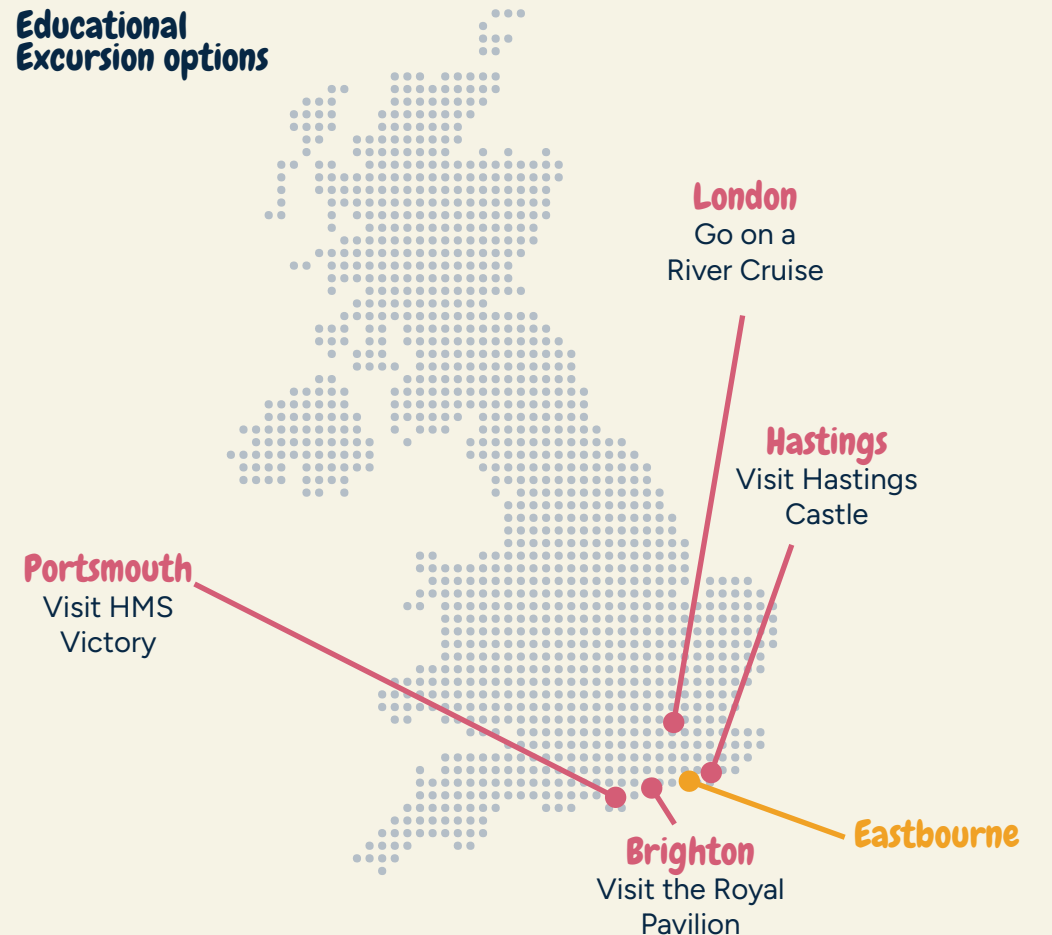
- Gatwick
- Heathrow



Social Programme options

- Seven Sisters and Beachy Head Walk
- Treasure Trail
- Virtual Darts and Shuffleboard
- Bowling
- Skate World
- Arlington Reservoir
- Board Games Café
- Pottery Painting

Educational Excursion options



Wells



Wells is a charming cathedral city in the south-west of England, known for its stunning medieval architecture, magnificent Wells Cathedral, and picturesque streets lined with historic buildings.

We're proud to partner with Wells Cathedral School - a historic school is set in the heart of the city, just a short walk from Wells Cathedral and the beautiful city centre. You'll experience life at a Private Boarding School founded in 909 AD, and enjoy a safe and welcoming environment for study, activities, and relaxation.

Closest Airports

- Bristol
- Heathrow



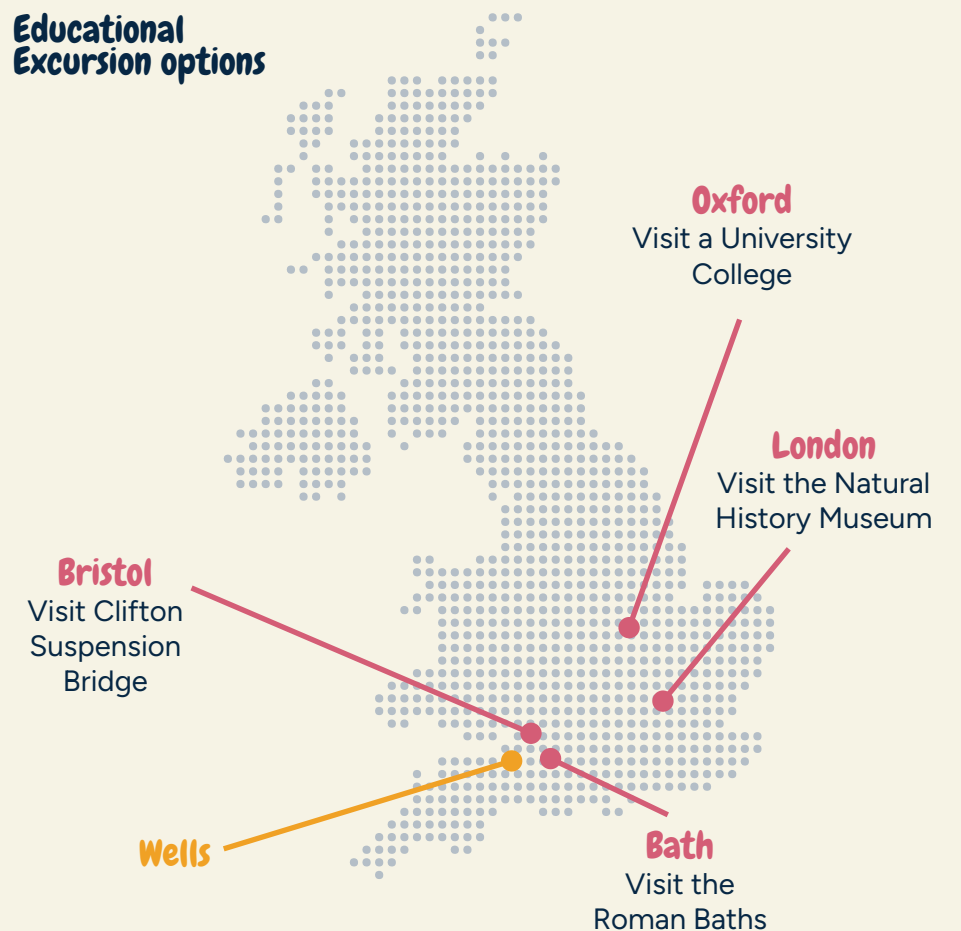
Wells Cathedral School



Social Programme options

- Wells Cathedral
- The Bishop's Palace and Gardens
- Boules
- Archery
- Cinema
- Cheddar Gorge and Mendip Hills for Outdoor Activities

Educational Excursion options



Accommodation

Homestay

For our students, staying with a local host can be a great way to experience British Culture. Typically, 2-4 students will share a homestay provider with 2 students per room. Students will have breakfast and evening meals with their host and spend some time with them on certain evenings and the weekend. Groups will be asked to provide their sharing preferences on enrolment.

Homestay providers vary in terms of the family members, some have children and pets, and others may live alone, but all will offer a warm welcome and a home from home.

Bath, Eastbourne



Residential

Our residential accommodation comprises of a variety of room styles including shared and ensuite bathrooms and shared and single rooms.

In our full board residential packages, all meals are provided on site at one of our partner boarding schools or universities.

Bath*, Eastbourne*, Wells

*available during school holidays only



Hotel

We can offer this to either group leaders only or for the entire group and we can cater to a variety of needs. Rooms are singles, twins or triples and depending on location, budget and need we can provide half or full board options, with meal allowances at a variety of levels.

Bath, Eastbourne



Excursions

Our students can experience and immerse themselves in British Culture and history while visiting places of interest on our educational excursions.

Educational excursions include a guided sight-seeing tour to see the most important sights of the towns and cities being visited. All excursions include a limited amount of free time for the students to safely explore in small groups and practice their English whilst buying souvenirs and snacks.

We can offer your group a full or half day experience and offer destinations outside of the ones mentioned on our location pages.

Social Programme

Our social programme aims to enhance the academic content of your programme by showing you the main sites of your destination. It gives your students the opportunity to explore the area in which they're staying and have fun.

Our social programme can include a variety of cultural, physical, and collaborative activities, tailored to meet the needs and interests of your group. Here are some examples of what we can organise for you:

- **Cultural:** Roman Baths (Bath), Pevensey Castle (Eastbourne), Wells Cathedral (Wells)
- **Physical:** Nature walks, football, basketball, cricket
- **Collaborative:** Murder Mystery Treasure Trail (Bath), Photo Challenge (Eastbourne), Fun Olympics (Wells)



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awaits!**

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