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# Camps at a glance...



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## Academic Summer



Where:	London, UK Bristol, UK
When:	July & August
Age:	12/13 to 17
Standard courses:	Explorers age 12/13 to 14 Engagers age 15 to 17
Specialist courses:	<b>Get Ready for...</b> Medicine, age 15+ (London) IELTS, age 15+ (London) Computer Science, age 15+ (Bristol)
Hours of learning:	30/25 (medicine 40)
Length of lesson:	60 mins
Max class size:	15

## Academic Adventurers



Where:	London, UK (day only) Bristol, UK
When:	July & August
Age:	7 to 12
Standard courses:	Adventurers age 7 to 12
Specialist courses:	
Hours of learning:	20
Length of lesson:	60 mins
Max class size:	12

## Academic Camp Revision



Where:	Bristol, UK
When:	April
Age:	13 to 17
Standard courses:	
Specialist courses:	<b>Get Ready for...</b> GCSEs A Levels the IB Diploma
Hours of learning:	25 plus independent study
Length of lesson:	60 mins
Max class size:	10 for workshops 6 for surgeries

## Academic Camp Canada



Where:	New Brunswick, Canada
When:	July & August
Age:	12 to 17
Standard courses:	Explorers age 12 to 14 Engagers age 15 to 17
Specialist courses:	<b>Get Ready for...</b> Medicine, age 15+
Hours of learning:	30 (medicine 40)
Length of lesson:	60 mins
Max class size:	10

## Academic Camp Switzerland



Where:	Porrentruy, Switzerland
When:	July & August
Age:	12 to 17
Standard courses:	Explorers age 12 to 14 Engagers age 15 to 17
Specialist courses:	
Hours of learning:	30
Length of lesson:	60 mins
Max class size:	10

## Academic Camp Germany



Where:	Hamm, Germany
When:	July
Age:	12 to 17
Standard courses:	Explorers age 12 to 17 Engagers age 15 to 17
Specialist courses:	
Hours of learning:	30
Length of lesson:	60 mins
Max class size:	15

Minimum recommended English level: age 7 to 11: A2; age 12 to 14: B1 and age 15 to 17: B2  
All courses use the CLIL methodology

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# Switzerland





# The Academic Summer Camp experience...

We offer you an inspiring and challenging academic experience, in a global community of learners from all over the world.

Aim for your Personal Best and let us develop you so you are ready for your future studies. Enhance your subject knowledge and prepare for GCSE, A Level, the Advanced Placement or the IB Diploma.

Go home with a folder of work from the summer, certificates and a full report to add to your academic portfolio.

Study in the heart of London or experience a traditional boarding school experience in Bristol, Canada, Germany or Switzerland. The choice is yours.

## Our methodology

The philosophy for all our programmes is based around CLIL: **Content and Language Integrated Learning**.

You study the content of academic subjects and at the same time, improve your English language skills.

## Academic Juniors – Adventurers aged 7 to 12

Academic Juniors is a challenging and fun-packed learning experience for young learners. Our young adventurers learn English, maths, sciences, social studies and arts. Lessons, trips and activities all fit around a weekly theme bringing everything to life.

## Explorers aged 12/13 to 14

You will:

- study English, mathematics, science, social studies and arts
- develop your IT skills, language skills and study skills
- learn how to deliver an effective presentation

## Engagers aged 15 to 17

You study four study blocks each week and you choose your subjects, depending on your academic needs and interests, from a range of options.

Before you arrive, you will select your subjects online and prior to the course, you can check your timetable and make any subject changes you wish to make. Your timetable is written to meet your individual needs.

## Specialist camps – age 15+

- Get Ready for Medicine (London UK, New Brunswick)
- Get Ready for IELTS (London UK)
- Get Ready for Computer Science (Bristol UK)



## Be a Leader

As part of your Academic Summer experience you participate in our unique CPD accredited Be a Leader Programme. Whether you are a natural born leader or someone that prefers to support the team in the background we will **develop your skill set to help you reach your Personal Best**. We work together to discover and **develop your communication, negotiation, problem solving and presentation skills**. We want you to **be happy, confident** and able to undertake tasks you never **thought yourself capable of**.

## Electives

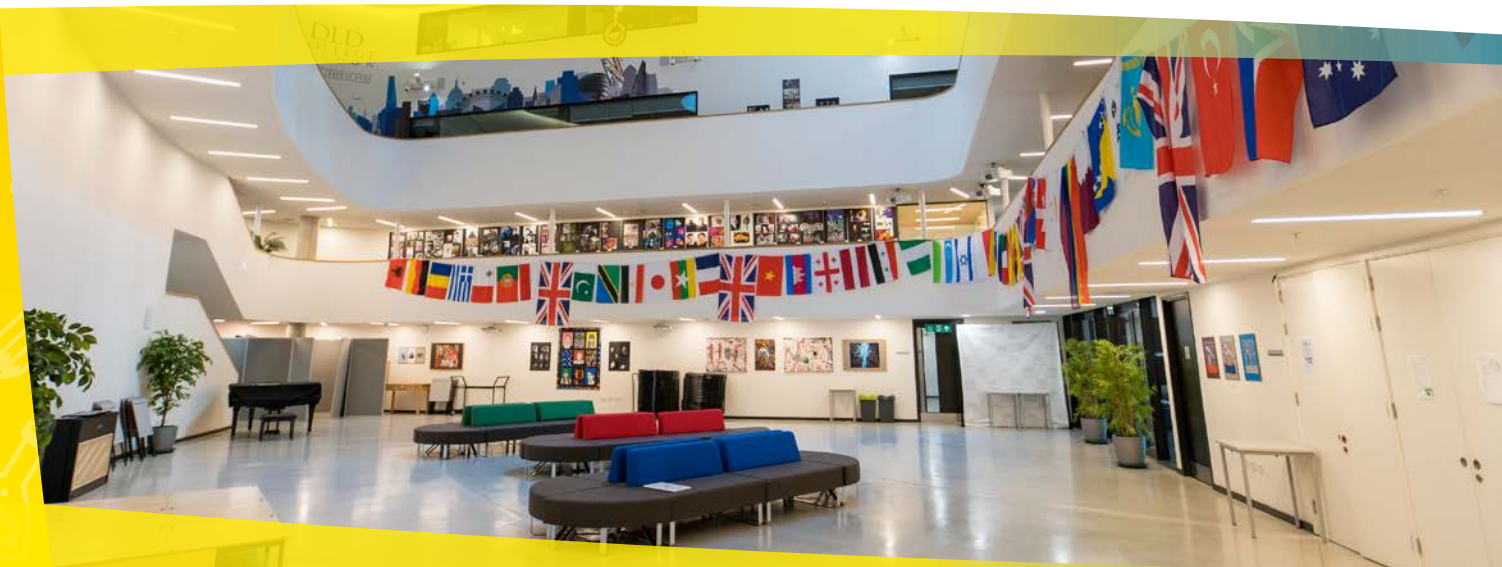
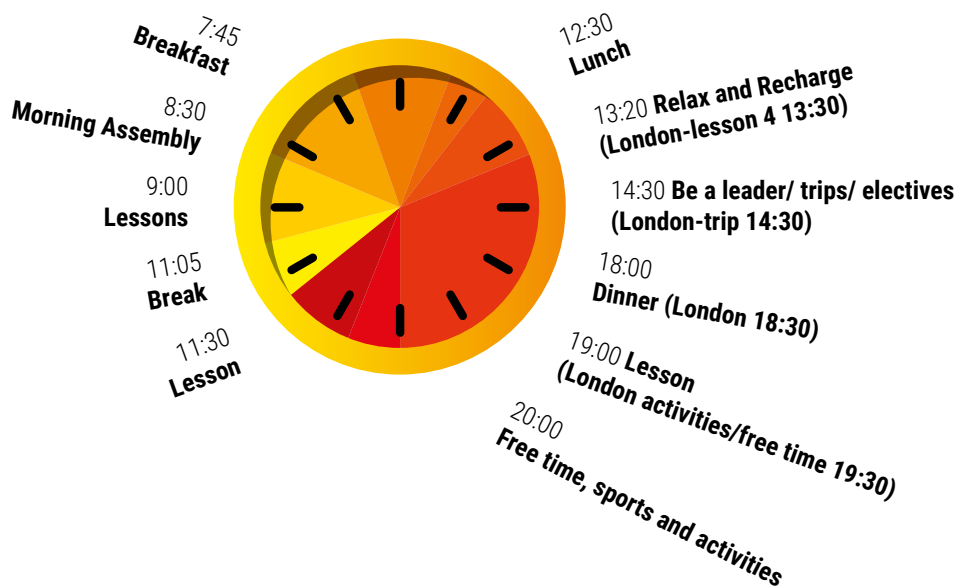
Our elective afternoons allow students to choose their favourite activities so they are only ever doing something that excites them. Options include: **athletics, games, food technology, arts and crafts, drama, outdoor education, English workshop, horse-riding\* or golf.\***

## Your leisure and welfare

You will participate in our exciting and interesting leisure programme. You can try new things, have fun, develop your leadership skills, enjoy cultural visits and socialise with friends from all over the world.

You are looked after 24 hours a day and our qualified and experienced staff will provide you with a secure, caring and supportive environment whatever your age.

## Typical day





# Accreditation

## British Accreditation Council (BAC)



Academic Summer is accredited by BAC as a **short course provider**.

The British Accreditation Council has provided a comprehensive quality assurance scheme in the UK since 1984. BAC accreditation is recognised the world over by students, agents and government officials as the clearest mark of educational quality in the private sector.

BAC is committed to both encouraging the highest standards of education offered by short course providers and providing prospective students with an invaluable guide to quality.

BAC is a UKVI approved accreditation body for allowing non-recreational study on **Visitor Visas**. If you need a visa to travel to the UK to study with us we can provide you with a visa support letter.

The BAC inspector after our last accreditation visit said:

*"Teachers embrace the philosophy of Content and Language Integrated Learning in their lessons so that the teaching and learning of the English language and the subject specific content are fully integrated."*

## Quality Education



Quality Education is a quality brand for leading independent colleges teaching international students in English. Together with its sister brand, Quality English, Quality Education colleges provide high-quality training courses in English-speaking countries. Run by directors and staff who care about education and the individual needs of their students, QED colleges offer a high degree of personal service and individual attention. For academic, professional or career needs, Quality Education independent colleges offer the very best of international education.

Academic Summer was the first UK member of Quality Education.

A quote from the inspector from Quality Education:

*"There is a large body of students who have been with Academic Summer for a number of years, this means they are keen, relaxed and ready to work. This also extends to students becoming members of staff in later years. This all transmits itself palpably to new students and they are immediately wrapped in that warm welcome. Compared to many summer programmes where a hectic, fevered frenzy hangs over everything, the students welfare is dealt with in an almost serene, yet meticulous way. Also the fact that many staff bring their own children as students, really makes concrete the family atmosphere."*

## BC Camps Association

In British Columbia, Canada we are accredited by BC Camps Association. This is a mark of quality assurance for us in BC.





# Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)

Our methodology is centred around **CLIL – Content and Language Integrated Learning** which gives a holistic approach to learning. CLIL has been described by experts as a major methodological revolution in language teaching.

Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) is an approach where students learn a subject and the language at the same time.

According to Coyle (1999), the **CLIL curriculum is based on the 4 Cs**:

- Content
- Communication
- Cognition
- Culture

By studying on one of our camps you will:

- enhance your **content** knowledge and revise key curriculum topic areas in your subjects
- understand **culture** and your role as a global citizen, your beliefs and values enabling you to develop a reflective knowledge base
- develop your **cognition** skills. This is your thinking and learning skills which include your higher order thinking skills (critical, logical, reflective, metacognitive and creative thinking). You will explore the abstract and the concrete.
- work on your **communication** skills in the English language. You use language to learn whilst learning to use language. You will learn to give a good presentation and write an extended essay.

By engaging in the content of curriculum subjects that interest you, you will unconsciously improve your language skills at the same time. It is a far more engaging and motivating way of learning than through traditional EFL text books.

You will develop your communicative use of English as an international language and academic language proficiency, whether you are a native or non-native speaker of English.

You will improve your:

- interpersonal communication skills – spoken interaction to discuss academic subjects informally
- academic language proficiency – skills in formal written work and spoken presentation of subject specific ideas

We will help you to broaden your intercultural understanding and explore your responsibility as a global citizen. We will look at areas such as social justice and democratic ideals, you will find out more about your culture, and learn how to communicate and network with young adults from other cultures.

We encourage a positive atmosphere in CLIL lessons so that the learners' affective filters are lowered and the learning takes place in a relatively anxiety-free environment.

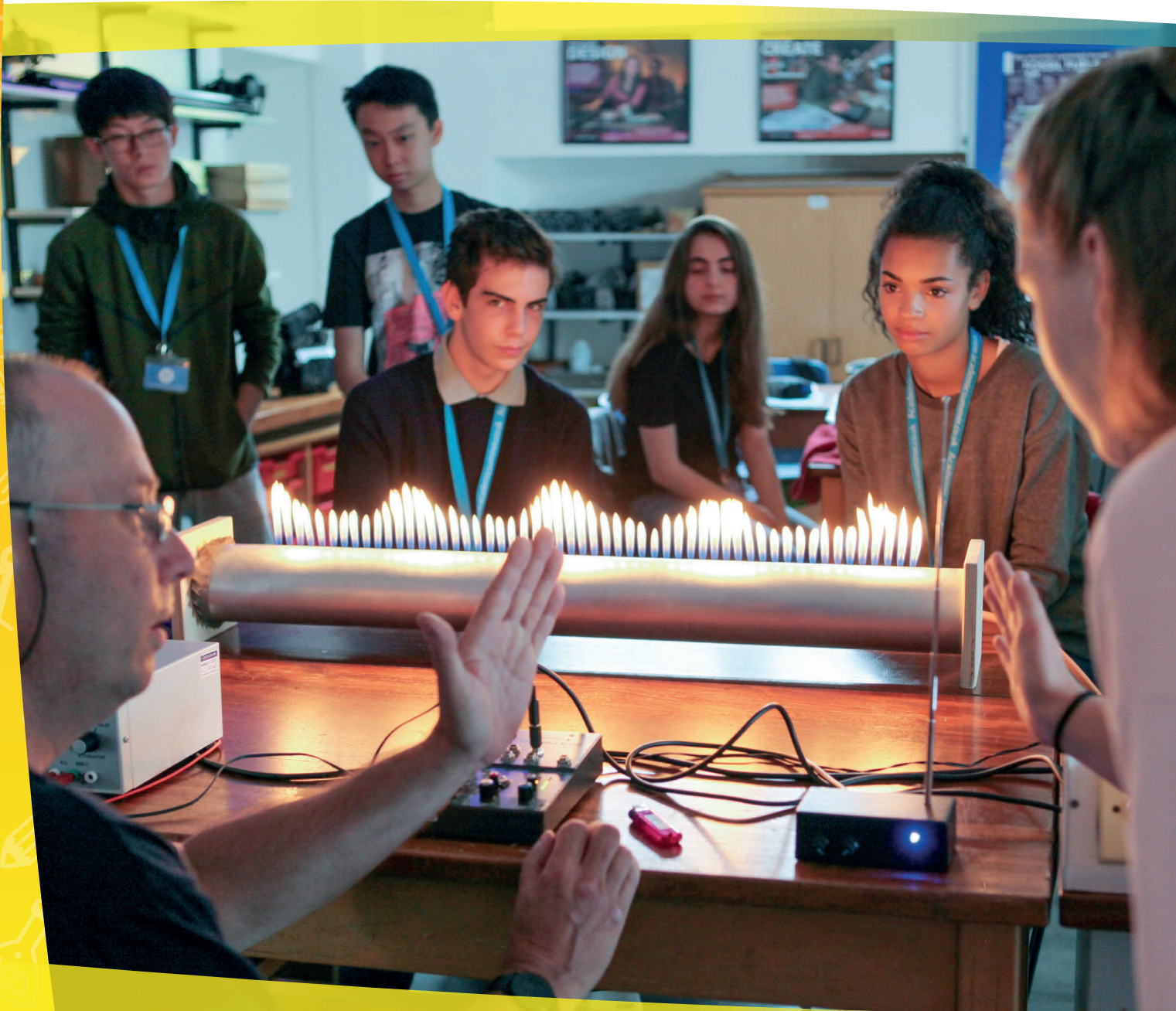


## The benefits of CLIL

- It is a more natural way to improve your language skills. It gives a real context in which to use language and you get more from the subject content if you understand the language around it.
- It will engage you and you will be better motivated to learn
- You are exposed to content and language together so this improves your acquisition
- It encourages you to develop 21 century skills which includes the ability to think critically, be creative, to communicate and collaborate.

We want you to enjoy learning with us and be able to approach your subjects in a new and interesting way. We will challenge and inspire you.

In the summer we are not restricted by curriculums which means you can explore your subject areas and start thinking like a mathematician, a scientist, an historian, an artist, a social scientist, an economist, a politician or a linguist.





# Switzerland





# Curriculum for Explorers (age 12 to 14)

## This course is for you if you are:

- age 12–14
- studying or planning to study GCSEs (UK years 9 and 10), the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) or the Canadian / USA education system
- wanting to achieve higher academic results
- considering a boarding school education
- planning to use English for study
- looking for a stimulating and enjoyable summer experience
- interested to make friends from all over the world

## Our methodology – Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)

You will:

- enhance your **content** knowledge in all subject areas with a cross-curricular approach
- understand **culture** and your role as a global citizen, your beliefs and values
- develop your **cognition** and work on your thinking and learning skills
- work on your **communication** skills in the English language to help you understand and communicate more effectively in English

## Assessment

Your work is checked and marked by the teachers on a rolling basis and feedback is given. You are assessed on academic performance and attitude towards learning in lessons and this assessment is documented in your weekly report. Students are given an A-D grade with A representing excellent effort and consistent positive attitude to learning and D representing unsatisfactory effort and achievement.

## The Academic Programme

Our Explorers study a range of academic subjects in classes of up to fifteen students. You will study English, applied mathematics, sciences, social studies and art with us.

The medium of instruction is English and there are 30 hours of study a week. Explorers learn valuable study skills to help them in their academic careers and are introduced to different ways of learning which includes attending our weekly lecture.

We integrate content (academic subject matter) and language development following the IB MYP's liberal approach to learning. Discovery and exploration are more highly valued than simply learning what is taught.

We want you to develop your competence in the communicative use of English as an international language whether you are a native or non-native speaker of English.



## English

In this subject Explorers focus on learning to communicate in English in written and spoken form. This is a stimulating subject for native and non-native English speakers who will develop confidence discussing a range of topics including:

- The environment
- Cuisine
- Pop culture
- Debate
- Historical events
- Global issues
- Youth issues
- Climate change
- Social media
- Education

You will develop your skills in listening, reading, writing, speaking and cultural interaction. You explore the language and content of a variety of texts such as:

- Newspaper and magazine articles
- Letters
- Excerpts from plays
- Poetry
- Anthologies
- Online reviews
- Interviews
- Blogs

The emphasis of English lessons is for you to communicate with each and to develop confidence in English which can be applied across the curriculum. Lessons are engaging and make the most of the diversity of the classroom.

## Applied Mathematics

The applied mathematics option employs real life application of mathematical themes such as covers geometry, statistics and trigonometry and is good preparation for the GCSE mathematics as well as a range of other subjects that require sound mathematical application such as economics, computer science and physics. Students from different learning backgrounds will work together to help one another understand stimulating mathematical concepts and functions. The applied mathematics program is designed to develop not just students understanding of mathematical principles but how we can use these in everyday life and study. Learning is both theoretical and practical and students make





use of a variety of learning resources and spaces. The applied mathematics program is made fun and relevant with practical challenges which encourage students to develop mathematical dexterity, improve their teamwork and communication skills. Such challenges encourage students to see the relevance of mathematics to everyday life. Students also focus on their exam technique to help them bring up their assessed grades. A variety of topics are covered such as:

- Statistics and mechanics
- Mathematic applications in technology
- Computational biology
- Theoretical physics
- Trigonometry
- Arithmetic and geometric sequencing
- Mathematics in nature
- Mathematics in sports: numerical analysis
- Patterns and sequencing
- Complex numbers
- Predicting trends in business
- Conditional probability
- Arithmetic and geometric sequencing
- Engineering and design
- Coordinates
- Mathematical language
- Graphs and data sharing

## Science

In science lessons Explorers investigate the world around us. You study a range of topics from biology, chemistry and physics and these lessons will comprise of both theory and practical work, giving you the opportunity to work as real scientists. Areas of study may include:

- Cells in animals and plants
- Waves
- Human biology
- The digestive system
- Properties of living organisms
- Interaction with the environment
- Working in a lab
- Scientific write up
- Preventing, treating and curing disease
- Ecosystems and biodiversity
- Evolution and inheritance
- The periodic table
- Transition metals
- Atoms, elements and compounds
- States of matter
- Metals and alloys
- Nanoscience
- Our solar system
- Acids, alkalis and salts
- Titrations
- Rates of reaction
- Analysing substances
- Changes in energy stores
- Energy and heating
- Electric circuits
- Materials and masses
- Atoms, isotopes and ions
- Forces and elasticity
- Magnetism
- Reflection and refraction

## Social Studies

Social studies bring together a wide range of areas of study in humanities and really encourages Explorers to think about our world. Explorers will learn about the past, discuss our present and make educated projections about our future. In social studies, students develop their critical thinking skills and ability to reason and debate.

Some of these topics studied include:

- People and places
- Climate change
- Societies and culture
- War and change
- Human and social geography
- Introduction to sociology
- Understanding politics and law making
- Introduction to Theory of Knowledge: what is knowledge?
- Local study: history and geography
- The impact of people on our planet
- People who have changed history
- Brexit and Europe
- Human evolution and consciousness
- Personal impact
- Communication and language
- Travel and tourism
- Migration and immigration



## Arts

Explorers have access to well-equipped art studios and can make use of a range of stimulating resources to develop both their technical knowledge and their artistic skills. Through both practical and theory work you improve your understanding of the formal elements of Art and Art History, including pencil work, a range of painting techniques and sculpture work. You are encouraged to develop your skills of evaluation of both your own work and that of well-known artists. Topics studied include:

- Art history
- Drawing
- Technique and medium
- Understanding art and its influences
- Study of famous artists and their work
- Colour and composition
- Landscape drawing
- Life drawing
- Expressionism and abstracts
- Textiles
- Sculpture
- Art and politics
- Screen printing



# Curriculum for Engagers age 15 to 17

## This course is for you if you are:

- age 15–17
- wanting to revise a specific curriculum area
- wanting to achieve higher academic results
- are you considering a boarding school education or are studying/planning to study the IB Diploma, Advanced Placement (AP) or A-level
- interested in the ethos of the IB Diploma and studying internationally
- planning to use English for study and work in the future
- looking for a stimulating and enjoyable summer experience
- interested to network and communicate with students from all over the world

## Our methodology – Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)

You will:

- enhance your **content** knowledge in your chosen subject areas
- understand **culture** and your role as a global citizen, your beliefs and values enabling you to develop a reflective knowledge base in your subjects
- develop your **cognition** and work on your higher order thinking skills (critical, logical, reflective, metacognitive and creative thinking) so you become better thinkers and learners
- work on your **communication** skills in the English language to help you communicate more effectively in English. You will learn to give a good presentation and write an extended essay.

## Assessment

Your work is checked and marked by the teachers on a rolling basis and feedback is given. You are assessed on academic performance and attitude towards learning in lessons and this assessment is documented in your weekly report. Students are given an A-D grade with A representing excellent effort and consistent positive attitude to learning and D representing unsatisfactory effort and achievement.

## The Academic Programme

We offer Engagers a good range of academic subjects to choose from. You study in classes of up to fifteen students and there are 30 hours of study a week. You have four 75-minute lessons per day, attend mentor / advisory sessions, assemblies and experience cultural visits. You are also introduced to different ways of learning by attending our weekly lecture.

You choose the subjects you want to study prior to arrival, and we write your individual timetable around these choices. You can check your timetable before you arrive and make any changes. Changes after you arrive need to have parental permission and be made in advance of the week starting. The curriculum is organised into study blocks based on students' choices. We offer the following subjects:



Subject	Location
Academic French	Switzerland and Canada
Applied mathematics	All schools
Art	All schools
Biology	All schools
Chemistry	All schools
Design & technology	Bristol UK
Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship	All schools
English	All schools
Environmental Systems & Societies	Bristol & London UK, Canada & Switzerland
Essay writing	All schools
German Linguistics (in German)	Germany
History & politics	Bristol & London UK, and Canada
Landeskunde (in German)	Germany
Literature	Bristol & London UK
Media studies	Bristol & London UK
Physics	All schools
Presentations & interviews	All schools
Psychology	Bristol & London UK
Social studies	Germany & Switzerland
STEM (in German)	Germany
Theory of Knowledge (ToK)	All schools
World literature	Germany

Specialist Get ready for... programmes	Location
Get ready for Medicine*	London UK and Canada
Get ready for Computer Science*	Bristol UK
Get ready for IELTS*	London UK

\*See our Specialist Get ready for... programme facts sheets

## Academic French

You will develop your French for academic purposes. Students will practice speaking, writing, reading and listening in French, communicating with their peers on a range of stimulating topics. Such topics include:

- Etymology and the history of academic French
- The environment
- Cuisine
- Pop culture
- Debate
- Historical events
- Immigration and the international landscape
- Youth issues
- Climate change
- Law and politics



## Applied Mathematics

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- Statistics and mechanics
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- Theoretical physics
- Trigonometry
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- Mathematics in sports: numerical analysis
- Patterns and sequencing
- Complex numbers
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- Mathematical language
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## Art

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- Art history
- Critical and contextual drawing
- Technique and medium
- Developing reasonable judgement and critical skill in art critique
- Art as propaganda
- Study of famous artists and their work
- Mixed media artwork
- Creating purpose and perspective
- Colour and composition
- Landscape drawing
- Life drawing
- Expressionism and abstracts
- Textiles
- Sculpture
- Art and politics
- Screen printing
- Lost wax jewellery
- Water colour and ink





## Biology

In biology lessons you will explore and investigate the living world. From study of animals to plants, large to small organisms, you will deepen your understanding of our world's inhabitants. The lessons will comprise both theory and practical work, giving you the opportunity to not only think like a biologist, but work like one too. Areas of study may include:

- Microscopy energy and the body
- Chemical energy from food
- Cell biology
- DNA extraction
- Natural history diversity
- Chromatography
- The human nervous system
- The use of experimental apparatus
- Dissection
- Ecology and biodiversity
- Biochemistry
- Scientific write up
- Working in a lab
- Enzymes and their applications
- Diversity and mutation

## Chemistry

Chemistry is an ideal subject choice for you if you who enjoy a rounded learning experience which balances investigation and theory. You will gain hands-on experience through carefully designed practical experiments in our science labs. Lessons are cross-curricular, combining mathematics, physical sciences and humanities. We encourage you to think deeply about the world around us. Some of the topics studied may include:

- Atomic structure
- Chemical bonding
- The Periodic Table
- Acids and alkalis
- Emission spectra
- Stars and their elements
- Creating polymers
- Medicines and drugs
- Classification
- Intermolecular forces
- Working in a lab
- Chemical calculations to solve problems

## Design and technology

From graphics to woodwork, metal work to product design, this subject offers you the chance to try something new whilst building on your skills. Design & technology is a largely practical subject which allows learners to develop their technical language. Topics of study may include:

- Graphics and typography
- Carcase construction
- Creating an MP3 amplifier
- Circuit construction
- Graphics: creating a board game
- Perspective drawing for design
- Principles of fashion design
- Designing and making clothing
- Creating a working sketchbook
- Designing and making toys
- Risk assessment in a business

## Economics, business and entrepreneurship

Engagers will develop a strong understanding of business studies, economics and entrepreneurship both as academic subjects and their relevance on a personal level. The international environment of the student body is the ideal backdrop as it allows you to explore the global nature of the subjects first-hand. You explore how and why economic growth takes place and how business success can be predicted. You are encouraged to think like an economist or a business manager, discussing not only how marketplace success can be measured and predicted but debating whether economic growth is always a good thing. This module aims to equip you with the tools you need to be the business



leaders and entrepreneurs of tomorrow. You explore what it means to run a business, from choosing an industry to developing a marketable product. You learn through practical and theory work and put into practice what you have learnt by creating presentations, taking part in debates and carrying out economic tasks. Areas of study include:

- Macro and microeconomics
- Managing a business venture
- Start-ups
- Supply and demand
- Unemployment and inflation
- International economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Measuring economic success
- Transfer of wealth
- Personal economics
- Globalization
- Putting together a successful proposal
- Delivering a business presentation
- Dealing with customers
- Company structure
- Researching the business market
- Choosing an industry
- Efficiency and adaptability

## English

In this subject Engagers focus on learning to communicate in English in written and spoken form. This is a good option for native and non-native English speakers, and we encourage you to communicate confidently so you can study and engage in English internationally. You study a wide range of interesting topics such as:

- The environment
- Cuisine
- Pop culture
- Debating
- Historical events
- Immigration and the international landscape
- Youth issues
- Climate change
- Law and politics

You will develop your skills in listening, reading, writing, speaking and cultural interaction. You explore the language and content of a variety of texts such as:

- Newspaper articles
- Journals
- Letters
- Excerpts from plays
- Reviews
- Interviews
- Blogs
- Short stories
- Testimonies

The variety of sources will help you develop a strong understanding of the differences in formal and informal language and the importance of communicating with purpose.



## Environmental systems and societies

Environmental systems and societies combine geography, anthropology and science in a multidiscipline area of study. You will develop critical thinking skills through the study of thought provoking and relevant topics that give you a greater understanding of our world and the impact of our presence. The diverse nature of our student body gives an excellent opportunity for real and relevant comparison of environmental systems and global issues. From group debates on the use and management of non-renewable energy to small group study of marine ecosystems, this subject option gives you an excellent opportunity to develop a greater awareness of environmental issues whilst building on your communication and analytical skills. Topics that may be studied include:

- Managing energy resources
- Human population growth and control
- Ecosystems
- Global warming and climate change
- Pollution and populations
- Carbon footprint and individual responsibility
- Individual and collective value systems
- Population growth and environmental damage
- Tradition and modernity
- Future trends

## Essay writing skills

Essay writing is an excellent choice for our Engagers who are focusing on their academic future and exams. You learn how to write an extended essay and the fundamentals of creating a well-planned and well-written essay. Confidence in essay writing is a valuable skill for all subjects and one which will help you at university and beyond. In this module you cover topics such as:

- Choosing the right topic
- Structuring your essay
- Understanding the aims of your essay
- Current themes and focuses in essay writing
- Research and development
- Organising your writing
- Constructing an introduction
- Creating a discursive narrative
- Creating 'flow' and effective linking
- Engaging the reader and creating a 'hook'
- Developing your 'voice' in your writing
- Writing an effective conclusion
- Understanding grading systems
- Improving your marks

## German linguistics (in German)

This course, taught in German, focuses on the study of language, essay writing and presentation skills and is the ideal choice for students intending to take on their higher education at a German university. Students will study the nuances of linguistics from how language develops to external influences on language and will focus on spoken and written communication in a range of mediums. Students will develop a sound understanding of linguistics as well as developing their German communication skills. Areas of study within German Linguistics include:

- Critical thinking skills and communication
- Planning and delivering oral presentations
- Debate and defending an idea
- German literature and language
- The development of culture and identity
- Essay writing in German
- Communication in a multilingual society
- Social factors in the development of language
- Language in the political arena
- Communication with a purpose
- The meaning of language
- Speech pathology



## History and politics

Our past is relevant to our future. This is an ideal option for historians and future politicians who want to contextualise our current civilisation and be part of our future. This subject promotes critical and analytical thinking as you explore the different methods for interpreting evidence from history, handling a range of sources and analysing them from social, economic and political views. You benefit from working with peers from different countries and cultures. Learning takes place through individual investigation, group research, presentations and relevant field trips, all of which help you to become well rounded historians and politicians. Topics of study are chosen for their ability to spark debate and higher-level thinking. Such topics may include:

- Conducting historical enquiry
- The Cold War
- Women in 20th century history
- Comparing Millenniums
- Medicine through time
- The world wars
- Understanding different political groups
- Studying the past and changing the future
- How events are told from different perspectives
- Canada's history including First Nations
- British history
- Britain and the slave trade
- Brexit and the EU
- UK Parliament
- US Presidents and significant events

## Landeskunde (in German)

Students at Academic Camp who are planning to study in Germany will benefit from choosing landeskunde at Academic Camp. Students will study of the geographic, regional and cultural aspects of Germany, drawing on various disciplines including geography, history, economics and politics. For students who want to understand people and places, societies and culture as well as gain insight into Germany as a country, this is the ideal subject choice. Some of the areas of study include:

- Comparing local and national culture
- Culture clashes: the meeting of German and international cultures
- The impact of immigration
- Dialect: the impact of culture in language
- Historical impact on regions
- Community identity: food, language and traditions
- 100 years of history: the impact of national and world events
- North-South divide
- Regional borders and cultural division
- The impact of the global and national economy
- Rich-poor divide and class structure
- German identity: culture and pride

## Literature

This course focuses on developing oral and written communication skills and performing literary analysis of works of literature. You will experience literature from a range of periods, genres and cultures, developing a clear world perspective in literature. You will develop the ability to give both oral and written assessment to the literature you experience. Engagers who enjoy challenging their



critical thinking skills will enjoy this subject along with students who want to improve their English in a stimulating environment. Areas of study include:

- Extended reading
- Comparing and contrasting similar works
- Delivering a presentation
- Seminar work
- Comparing works from different cultures and times
- The great American novel
- English literature
- Language and pop culture
- Political pieces
- Literary commentary
- Text analysis
- Critical thinking
- Essay skills
- Creative writing
- War poetry

## Media studies

Media studies focuses on the development and use of the various forms of media we have available to us today. You will explore the production and processes of different media forms and their applications. Subjects may include:

- Stop motion animation
- Politics and media
- Digital storytelling
- Advertising
- Creating brand and influence
- Social media and its effects
- Newspaper, magazines and print media
- Analysing genre
- Gender representation
- Narrative techniques
- Ethnic, national and regional identity
- Audience
- Ethical concerns
- Freedom of speech and duty of care

## Physics

Physics is good for Engagers who have a hunger to understand our world. With a focus on investigation and analytical thinking, you will explore a range of interesting and relevant themes in physics. Learning will take place through a mixture of practical lab based work and theoretical. You will develop an advanced understanding of principles in physics whilst improving your technical English, preparing you for scientific study in an international environment. Topics may include:

- Forces and motion
- Electricity (Kirchoffs laws)
- Energy equations
- Circuit systems
- Partical, atomic and nucleur physics
- Mechanics
- Thermal physics
- Measurements and uncertainties
- Circular motion and gravity
- Magnetic field
- Practical exploration of further mechanics
- Wave phenomena

## Presentation and interview skills

The ability to deliver a presentation and put your best self forward in an interview are essential skills for all Engagers. You will develop your confidence and awareness of how to deliver a strong presentation including being aware of body language, communicating clearly and having confidence in your topic. You learn how to conduct yourself in an interview, from what to say to impress the interviewer, how to sell yourself and how much to say when answering a question. Topics may include:



- Choosing the right topic for presentation
- Planning a presentation
- Preparing for an interview
- The importance of research
- Practising and rehearsing
- Effective use of ICT
- The type of questions you should prepare for
- The basics of delivering a strong presentation
- Connectives and structuring
- Body language and intonation
- 'Signposting' and capturing your audience's attention
- Achieving clarity in the information you deliver
- Answering questions with confidence and relevance
- How to convey the information you want your interviewer to know

## Psychology

In psychology we introduce you to the study of the human mind, its functions and the way it influences human behaviour. You will explore the different approaches in psychology, including social, cognitive, psychodynamic and biological. Psychology combines science and humanities and is a good subject choice if you are interested in the human mind and want to understand more about what makes us 'tick'. You consolidate your learning with practical activities such as lab work and research projects. Group learning will help you to develop a thoughtful approach to your work as you draw from different perspectives and develop a more holistic method of research. Topics may include:

- The principles of psychology
- The biology of the brain
- Memory and learning
- Disorders and psychology
- Developmental psychology
- How people behave within society – social psychology
- Ethics of psychology
- Personality testing
- The science of conformity
- Study of notable psychologists
- Psychopaths and sociopaths
- Experiments in psychology

## Social studies

Engagers who are interested in society and its people will find social studies a stimulating subject choice. Encapsulating a range of themes from politics to psychology and anthropology to environmental studies, The curriculum covers topics that you can really engage with. The areas of study include:

- People, place and environment
- The rise and fall of societies
- Human and social geography
- Sociology
- Political science
- History and politics
- Philosophy
- Psychology and development
- Understanding knowledge
- Anthropology and decoding the past
- Human impact



## STEM (in German)

STEM- science, technology, engineering and mathematics- is the ideal subject choice for students who are passionate about learning about how the world around us works. Students will enjoy the academic study of scientific disciplines as well as practical study including carrying out experiments, hands-on learning and physical problem solving. As well as developing their subject knowledge, students will develop their German language skills and get an insight into how STEM subjects are covered within the German higher education arena. Some of the topics studied will include:

- Computer science and robotics
- Programming
- AI and its implications
- Mathematics principles
- Problem solving and reasoning
- The age of intelligence
- The future of tech
- Technological development and their implications
- Essay writing skills
- Chemical bonding
- Investigating in chemistry
- Human biology
- Natural sciences
- Environmental concerns
- Debate
- Engineering solutions
- Architecture

## Theory of Knowledge

You will explore the central question, 'How do we know what we know?' in a variety of ways. You will develop your understanding of the acquisition of knowledge in a wide range of educational and cultural settings. You will learn to appreciate your own and others' knowledge gained through language, reason, emotion and sense perception. The content of this option may include:

- How do we know what we know?
- Learning via language and communication
- Learning through our emotions
- Learning by applying reason
- Learning through sensory perception
- Areas of knowledge
- Ethics
- Self-awareness
- Sense perception
- Communicating knowledge
- Adapting and change in knowledge systems
- Debate and consensus
- Linguistics
- Global issues in knowledge
- Ethics

## World Literature

The course focuses on developing oral and written communication skills and performing literary analysis of works of literature produced in that language. Students experience literature from a range of periods, genres and cultures; a clear world perspective in literature and an oral assessment and study of works in translation. Works of literature are chosen for their relevance both to the texts students will study outside of Academic Camp and to the world we live in. World Literature topics include:

- Extended reading
- Core themes in literature
- Exam technique
- Comparing and contrasting multiple texts
- Expanding genres
- The modern novel: cultural relevance
- Writing with a purpose: literature that sends a message
- How literature shapes the world: a socio-political review
- Academic presentation
- Writing development – academic and creative writing
- Analytical skills
- Critical thinking



# Switzerland





# Academic Camp Switzerland (age 12 – 17)

Join us in Switzerland for an exclusive academic camp. Enjoy the lakes, rivers and the breathtaking beauty of Switzerland and taste the wonderful Swiss cheese and chocolate.

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9. 7. 2022	10. 7. 2022	11. 7. 2022	12. 7. 2022	13. 7. 2022	14. 7. 2022	15. 7. 2022
Arrivals / Explore Porrentruy and its magnificent castle	Explore Zurich, Switzerland's economic heart.	Be a leader/elective activity	Gruyere Chocolate and Cheese Factory	Be a leader/elective activity	Climbing & abseiling in Delémont	Be a leader/elective activity
16. 7. 2022	17. 7. 2022	18. 7. 2022	19. 7. 2022	20. 7. 2022	21. 7. 2022	22. 7. 2022
Sunset in Paris	Sunrise in Paris	Be a leader/elective activity	Horse-riding	Be a leader/elective activity	Watch factory- see the world's highest quality watches being made	Be a leader/elective activity
23. 7. 2022	24. 7. 2022	25. 7. 2022	26. 7. 2022	27. 7. 2022	28. 7. 2022	29. 7. 2022
Arrivals / Neuchatel Foxtrail	Explore Geneva, worldwide centre for diplomacy- Host of UN and Redcross HQ	Be a leader/elective activity	Golf in Lararague	Be a leader/elective activity	A taste of Switzerland- ChocolatesCamille Bloch	Be a leader/elective activity
30. 7. 2022	31. 7. 2022	1. 8. 2022	2. 8. 2022	3. 8. 2022	4. 8. 2022	5. 8. 2022
Glamping in Franches- Montagnes	Glamping in Franches- Montagnes	Be a leader/elective activity	Swatch and Omega Museum	Be a leader/elective activity	Tubing on Aar River	Be a leader/elective activity

Be a leader: CPD accredited leadership course – lecture style learning and group activities designed to develop life-long leadership skills.

Our elective afternoons enable you to chose your favourite activities. Options include: athletics, games, food technology, arts and crafts, drama, outdoor education and English workshop.





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## Airport transfers



**Porrentruy**



If arriving directly to the school please arrive between 15:00 - 17:00 on arrival Saturdays.  
For direct departures from school please leave before 11:00.

Please discuss any transfers not within the above times or to the designated airports with us on [info@academiccamp.org](mailto:info@academiccamp.org) before booking your transport. Additional fees may apply.



# Dates and fees 2022

Academic Adventurers – UK (age 7 to 12)	Dates	Fees (per week)
Bristol – boarding	9 July to 20 August 2022	1 350 GBP
London – day only	4 July to 12 August 2022	675 GBP

Academic Summer – UK (age 12/13-17)	Dates	Fees (per week)
Bristol – boarding (age 12-17)	9 July to 20 August	1 350 GBP
London – boarding (age 13-17)	2 July to 13 August 2022	1 650 GBP
London – day (age 13-17)	4 July to 12 August 2022	675 GBP
London – English Academy for groups (age 13-16)	2 July to 13 August 2022	Contact us

Specialist weeks – UK (age 15+)	Dates	Fees (per course)
Get ready for Medicine (London)	2 July to 16 July 2022 30 July to 13 August 2022	3 750 GBP
Get ready for IELTS (London)	16 July to 24 July 2022	1 950 GBP
Get ready for Computer Science (Bristol)	23 July to 6 August 2022	2 700 GBP

Academic Camp Canada (age 12 to 17)	Dates	Fees (per week)
New Brunswick – boarding	17 July to 28 August 2022	2 000 CAD
Get ready for Medicine (age 15-17)	17 July to 31 July 2022	2 000 CAD

Academic Camp Switzerland (age 12 to 17)	Dates	Fees (per week)
Porrentruy – boarding	9 July to 6 August 2022	2 775 CHF
Porrentruy – day	11 July to 5 August 2022	950 CHF

Academic Camp Germany (age 12 to 17)	Dates	Fees (per week)
Hamm – boarding	2 July to 30 July 2022	1 500 EUR

Academic Tutor Online (any age)	Dates	Fees (per hour)
Online tuition – any level / any subject	year-round	From 50 GBP per hour

## Extras

Airport transfers outside of included times  
All flights  
Extra days, trips and nights  
Horse-riding (Bristol) – £55 per hour  
Golf (Bristol) – £100 per hour

Premium rooms (UK) – £50 per week  
Visa letter sent by courier (UK) – £75  
Custodian declaration (Canada) – \$100  
Bank charges  
Change in name/dates of booking – £50

## Fees include

<b>Boarding</b>	Tuition, teaching materials, accommodation, food, laundry, insurance, airport transfers, activities and trips
<b>Day</b>	Full programme Monday to Friday (tuition, teaching materials, lunch and afternoon activities)