

Pre-International Baccalaureate & Pre-Boarding Packages

If you are under the age of 17 and would like to enrol in an International Baccalaureate programme or boarding school in the United Kingdom, but your English level does not meet the standards required, CIE can help.

You will attend group English language lessons in the mornings, and in the afternoons, you will have lessons in Science and Maths to help you improve your English for academic purposes (EAP). Optionally, you may instead study any specific subject linked to your future International Baccalaureate, GCSE, or Advanced Level (A-level) courses with a private tutor, one-to-one.*

If you have not yet selected an International Baccalaureate course or boarding school in the UK, your personal tutor will help you research the various options and choose the programme and school that is best for you. Our principal, John Hudson, has many years of experience in English education, having been deputy head of a large comprehensive school in Oxford for 30 years as well as an A-level teacher at Wycombe Abbey School, one of the top boarding schools in the UK. Our staff will help ensure that you find a place in a school that meets your individual needs and expectations.

We will also help you prepare for any examinations required by the school(s) that you choose. We have a proven record of success in helping students prepare to study for the IB diploma or to attend other UK boarding programmes, having sent students on to schools such as the Magdalen College school in Oxford, St Clare's in Oxford, and Roedean in Brighton.

Success Story

Tamara: Pre-Boarding to Roedean School

After completing CIE's pre-boarding course in 2006, Tamara went on to enrol at Roedean School in Brighton. We caught up with her in the summer of 2008, just before her summer break.

Tamara is happy to report that she is enjoying her time at Roedean very much. Her favourite class at the moment is Psychology. Taking advantage of the cosmopolitan atmosphere at the school, she has made new friends from many different countries, such as Ukraine, Hong Kong, and Indonesia... and of course, the United Kingdom!

Of course, she also manages to keep in touch with friends from home via Internet tools such as email and Facebook. She also returns to Russia for every holiday break to see her family and friends.

Although she loves being at Roedean, Tamara says she will always remember her favourite teachers at CIE, such as Elisabeth, Kerri, Ellen, Clare, and a lot of others—adding that the class sizes were “usually just right.”

“I love Oxford and the CIE staff,” she said. “I met a lot of interesting people and new friends.”



Tamara (left) with her friend and classmate Dina at the CIE Christmas party

What's Included?

Tuition

- 36 weeks of full-time tuition
- 30 lessons per week: English in the mornings and Science and Mathematics in the afternoons*
- Three 12-week terms, with a break for Christmas and Easter†

Activities

- Weekday afternoon social activities and/or supervised library study sessions for 36 weeks
- One excursion each weekend for 36 weeks, to places such as Bath, Stonehenge, Brighton, Cambridge, Canterbury, and Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, plus football matches and holiday shopping trips

Accommodation

- A private room with a screened, professional host family for 36 weeks
- Half board for 36 weeks: breakfast and supper every day, plus lunches at weekends

Personal Support

- Arrangement of a maximum of 3 boarding school interviews
- One-to-one help with opening a bank account, buying a bus pass, applying for visas, etc.
- A personal tutor providing pastoral care throughout the course

* It is possible to customise the content of afternoon lessons upon request. An additional fee may be required for specialised lessons.

† If the student does not wish to go home during the Christmas and/or Easter breaks, we will be happy to arrange for tuition and/or accommodation over the break(s) for an additional fee.

And more...

- Return airport transfer, including a personal escort
- All initial fees (registration fee, bank fee, accommodation booking fee)

What's Not Included?

Students and their families are responsible for:

- Lunches during the week
- Pocket money
- Purchase of local bus pass, if needed
- Transport to and from boarding school interviews
- Visa application and extension fees as needed
- Other expenses above and beyond what is expressly included in the package

Package Fees

1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010

September to June

36 Weeks (3 terms)
£19,854

January to June

24 Weeks (2 terms)
£13,356

This package is designed for students who are able to join the course for only two terms, with a January start.

July & August

8 Weeks (Summer only)
£4,757

This package is designed for students who can study only over the summer, starting on the first Monday in July. This package includes boarding school interviews only as they are able to be arranged, given the late circumstances. We will of course do our very best to accommodate students' needs.