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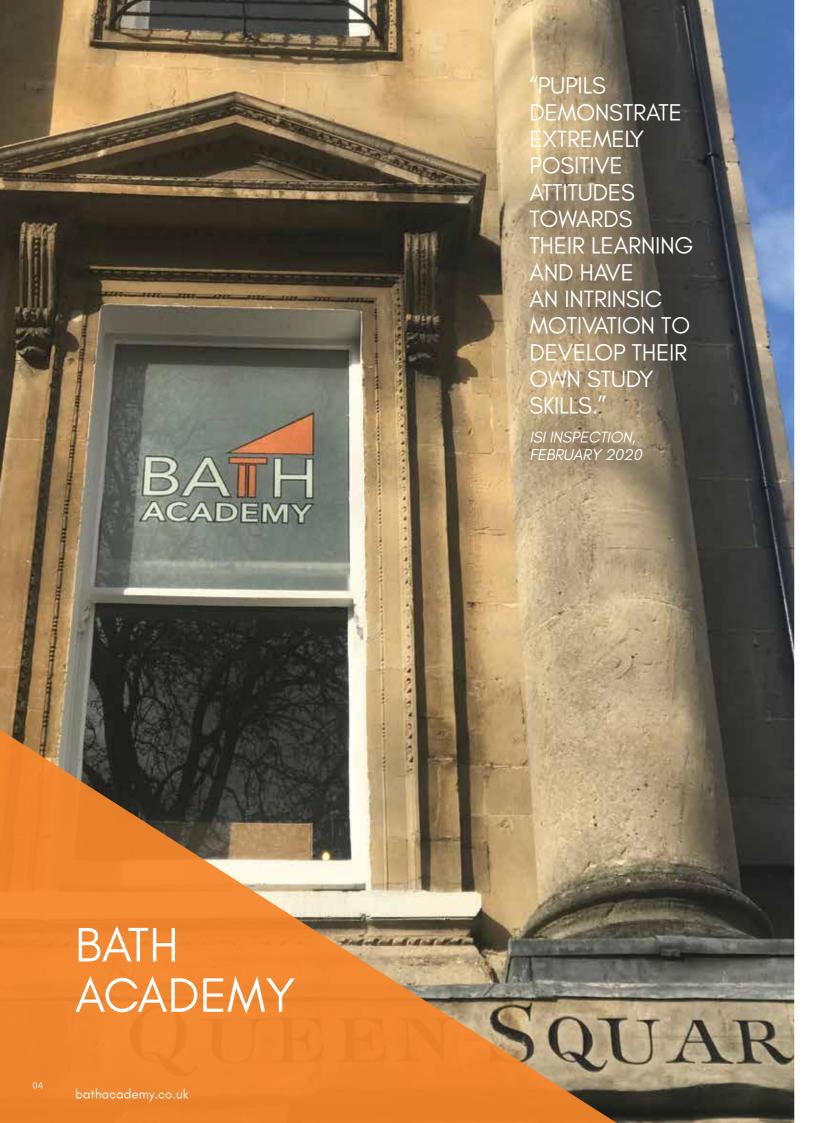




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# WELCOME TO BATH ACADEMY

Welcome to Bath Academy! I hope what you find here will inspire you find out more about the special way in which we help young people to make the most of their education and progress to personally meaningful and rewarding careers.

Bath Academy is an independent college and language school that specialises in a personalised, tailored education. We offer tutorial support in both Academic and English Language courses to match individual needs of students, helping them to achieve their academic potential in any direction they may choose.

Students are individuals with varied abilities, interests, quirks and personalities. In large mainstream schools it is often difficult to take account of these differences and build upon them. At Bath Academy there is only one meaningful criterion for joining us: "Do you really want to learn?"

Like many students and parents, you may be seeking teachers who will know you as individuals, care about you as individuals and work with you as individuals. Our experience has been that knowing students well leads to good teaching, better learning and a positive day-to day community experience. Our aim is to encourage young people to move from a 'felt minus' to a 'felt plus', to direct their lives in ways that creatively express their abilities, interests and personalities.

With tailored teaching and support, we give students the best chance to apply successfully to high quality universities by offering flexible options for GCSEs and A-Levels, as well as Resit courses for those who need a second chance.

As Bath's only independent college to offer both academic and English Language courses, we provide unique opportunities to both local and international students looking for a school that takes their individual needs into consideration, and are able to provide achievable, alternative academic routes to higher education.

At Bath Academy, we believe that our students' passion and commitment together with our interactive approach to teaching, close monitoring of academic progress and focus on individual support, will help them to reach their potential.

**Tim Naylor BA (Hons) MSc PGCE** Principal

## ABOUT OUR COLLEGE

Bath Academy has two locations in the centre of Bath very near each other, both located on one of the main squares in the city - Queen Square - where students have access to:



• Popular tourist attractions



• Cafes and restaurants



Shopping



Victoria Park



• Museums and Galleries

All are no more that 10 minutes walk from the school!

#### QUEEN SQUARE

Our main college building, Queen Square, is housed in a Grade II listed building on the corner of Queen Square near the main attractions of Bath including the Jane Austen Museum and The Royal Crescent.

Along with our main office and classrooms, this location has a Student Common Room, IT facilities, and a Study Centre where our formative assessments and quiet, focused study takes place.

#### CHAPEL ROW

Our second location at Chapel Row is just a few minutes walk across lovely Queen Square. In another Georgian building, here we have 5 more classrooms, another administration office, a Student Café, and a private garden where students can relax in the open air in between classes.



## WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY

What our students say is the best testimony to what we do at Bath Academy. They have first-hand experience of everything from course work, quality of teaching, college environment, student life, what studying in Bath is like, and so much more.



"Teachers go into extra detail, explaining when and why things change rather than just ticking boxes on the curriculum. They teach beyond the books, using alternative approaches. Instead of a basic equation, what if another variable happens? This is explored and explained for deeper understanding."

**Will** One Year A Level Student now studying Viroloay at Bristol University "You're allowed to express your individuality. The focus isn't on representing the school, it's on you."

GSCE Student



"I am truly grateful for everything you and the staff of Bath Academy have helped me achieve. I would not be at Bath Spa University today without your support. It was an honour to receive the CIFE college prize in such a beautiful location."

Sophie
First-time A Level student and winner
of CIFE College Award 2017

"When you have an issue and ask for help, they will do everything in their power and adapt to your way of learning, if you still don't get it, they'll use another approach. They are patient and precise, focused,accept your flaws and work with them to get the best out of you."

Harry
One Year A Level Student now studying
Medicine at St. George's,

"Thank you for being an excellent Psychology teacher, you make the subject far more interesting and I always looked forward to lessons. I appreciate the way you incorporated me into the already established class so early on and the extra effort you put in to tailor the lessons to my way of working."

Maddie A Level Student

More of our students' testimonials can be found on our website: www.bathacademy.co.uk.

### WHY BATH ACADEMY?

#### HIGH QUALITY TEACHING

Our tutors are qualified teachers and academics who are passionate and knowledgeable about their subjects. The small school community environment at the college enables them to focus on the targeted teaching and individualised learning of each student, without the constraints of mainstream institutions. Many of our teaching staff have postgraduate qualifications in their specialised subject and some are senior examiners for examination boards.

#### **EXCELLENT EXAMINATION RESULTS**

As an independent college, our A-level students' value-added progress is above average, largely due to our personalised approach and system of weekly Formative Assessments which allows students to target specific weak areas and strengthen knowledge. The average grade improvement by re-sit students is two grades, with some achieving 6-8 grade improvements across subjects. Our results for all courses are especially impressive with students from diverse backgrounds, some joining part way through the year on short, intensive courses.

#### A NON-SELECTIVE SCHOOL

We strive to ensure that the academically confident are still challenged and those who need further support and time are also encouraged. We do not admit students on the basis of academic ability but focus on whether we are able to provide an appropriate individual programme of studies to encourage the student's potential achievement. We have been able to support students with a wide range of backgrounds and abilities to progress to the best universities.

#### A DIVERSE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BODY

We embrace diversity in all its forms, welcoming students from all over the world who benefit from our focused teaching, our expert tuition, and our personal approach. As class sizes are so small, international students are placed with students of a similar level academically and within their language fluency, enabling swift and effective progress in their studies.

#### SMALL CLASS SIZES

Our classes are very small, sometimes one-to-one. No academic class has more than eight students and the average class size is three, allowing tutors to focus their teaching on the thinking processes of the student. Careful questioning, regular assessment and follow-up allow students to take ownership of their learning and be able to focus their work where they need to improve.

## INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION, WITH FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE STAFF

We work hard at the enquiry and application stage to ensure that students have all the information they need and we support them in making the best choices to secure the best options for the future. Each student's course structure is negotiated on a bespoke basis and every student is on a personalised programme designed just for them.



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THRIVE IN THE

SMALL SCHOOL

**ENVIRONMENT** 

### STUDENT JOURNEYS

Our students not only have the choice of this world-class selection of universities, they also have the support of our academic team and freedom of preferred choice with any other institution in the UK, giving them the best chance possible to obtain a university place with the most options available.

Here are a few examples of our recent student university destinations:

2023 A-LEVEL UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS	COURSE(S) TAKEN	
UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM	ARCHAEOLOGY	
UNIVERSITY OF BATH	PHARMACY	
UNIVERSITY OF CARDIFF	PSYCHOLOGY	
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON	NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES	
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL	BUSINESS ECONOMICS	
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS	DENTISTRY	
UNIVERSITY OF LOUGHBOROUGH	AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING	
2023 UFP UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS	COURSE(S) TAKEN	
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	
UWE	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & MARKETING	
UNIVERSITY OF SURREY	MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS	
UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING	SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY	
UNIVERSITY OF MASARYK	DENTISTRY	



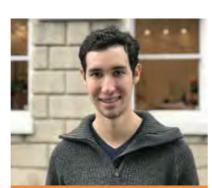
#### Jamie

Now studying Law at University of Exeter after



Natasha

international business with



#### Piero

Aerospace Engineering

**81%** of our students gained places at their firstchoice university

of A-Level students progressed to Russell Group and Times Top 30 universities

### STUDENT SUPPORT

We want our students to feel secure in the knowledge that they are valued members of a community that participates in giving and receiving encouragement, guidance and support. Through our quality of teaching and learning, and the nature of relationships amongst students, teachers and tutors, we aim to promote students personal and social development, fostering positive attitudes within a global community.

#### PASTORAL CARE

At Bath Academy, we focus on the whole student (personal, social, and academic aspects) by engaging all members of the school community as providers of pastoral care. We promote open lines of communication between staff, teachers, tutors, and students to ensure all student concerns are covered. Student support is of the highest priority to ensure our students' happiness and fulfilled ambitions.

#### PERSONAL TUTORS

Students meet regularly with their personal tutors to discuss their progress. These meetings are an opportunity to affirm their strengths and work with them to remove any obstacle to achieving their best. Discussion may include concern for their well-being, (both physical and emotional), learning skills and disabilities, or simply the steps encountered to being an independent university student.

For international students, regular reviews of their progress and the close liaison between the specialist English teachers and academic teachers ensures support is directed to the individual student's needs.

#### UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

Applying for University courses through the UCAS system requires realistic reflections on dreams, ambitions, abilities and personality. We use Futuresmart careers service to prepare a psychometric report for each student. This gives them a positive and helpful starting point which is supported throughout their university application process by their personal tutor.

#### INDEPENDENT LISTENER

Need someone to talk to? At Bath Academy, we have an independent listener available for those who wish to speak to someone outside of the college. Please ask our Welfare Officer for contact details.

### **#SupportingAchievement**

FOR ALL INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT SAFETY & WELFARE, PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE



"THROUGH BEING A GREAT TEACHER AS WELL AS MY PERSONAL TUTOR, I THINK YOU'RE LARGELY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE INCREASE IN CONFIDENCE IN MY OWN ACADEMIC ABILITIES, WHICH HAS 100% HELPED THIS EXAM SEASON. I WAS FAR LESS NERVOUS THAN I HAVE BEEN BEFORE AND WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BE VISIBLE IN MY RESULTS. I COULDN'T HAVE GONE THROUGH THE UCAS PROCESS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT."

A LEVEL STUDENT NOW STUDYING MARINE BIOLOGY WITH COASTAL ECOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

## GCSEs

designed to ensure students progress onto an A-Level course equipped with the academic and language skills required to achieve the top grades necessary for entry to the best universities.

#### CORE GCSE PROGRAMME

- For students aged 14+ who have not studied GCSEs

#### INTENSIVE GCSE PROGRAMME

- For students aged 15+ and over who have studied GCSEs before and need to improve their existing grades, or for
- first time round.
- These courses also work well as a preparation for GCSE

#### WHAT DOES OUR GCSE PROGRAMME INCLUDE?

Personal Tutor - weekly one-to-one mentoring meetings to discuss academic progress and general well-being.

Personal Development Programme - GCSE students attend with a variety of support and learning opportunities beyond the classroom to develop academic and life skills.



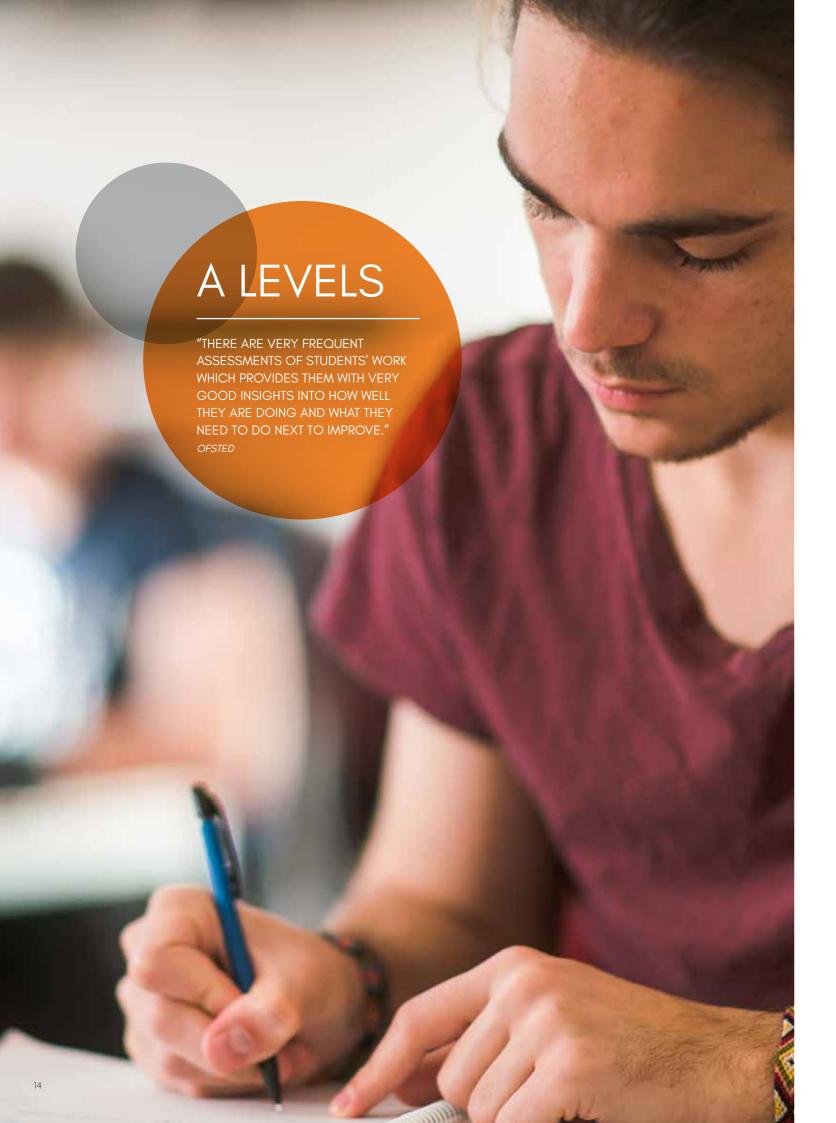
TOM, GCSE RE-SIT STUDENT



#### GCSE SUBJECTS AVAILABLE TO STUDY:

OUR COURSES		
ART	HISTORY	
BIOLOGY	MATHEMATICS	
BUSINESS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
CHEMISTRY	PHYSICS	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	PSHE (PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION)	
ENGLISH LITERATURE	PSYCHOLOGY	
FRENCH	SOCIOLOGY	
GEOGRAPHY	SPANISH	

\*For information about any other subject, please contact the college.



"PUPILS DEVELOP AN EXCELLENT UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN LEARNING. THIS IS BECAUSE FEEDBACK FROM THE TEACHERS, BOTH IN LESSONS AND IN THEIR ASSESSMENTS, ENABLES PUPILS TO REFLECT ON THEIR LEARNING AND BUILD UPON THEIR KNOWLEDGE."

ISI INSPECTOR, FEBRUARY 2020

## A LEVELS

Bath Academy offers a range of A Level courses including:

- 2 year
- 18 month
- 1 year intensive

#### COURSE GUIDANCE

Choosing what to study at A Level can be difficult. Our experienced tutors are here to guide you with making the right choice according to your strengths and interests. We help you to understand the full details of each subject you are considering, and the implications for your future career choices.

#### SMALL CLASS SIZES

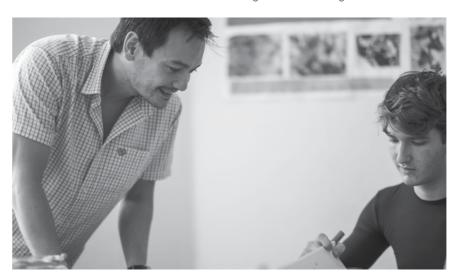
Our A Level students are taught in small tutorial groups and have weekly mock examinations under invigilated conditions to monitor their progress against the grades necessary for them to progress to their desired university course. Our small classes are one of our biggest strengths when it comes to studying A-levels. Students receive more personalised teaching which focuses specifically on the areas where they need improvement.

#### **UCAS PROGRAMME**

Our personal tutors guide A-Level students effectively through the UCAS programme, assisting them through the application, interview and personal statement process. Students are further assisted with comprehensive guidance when making the final choices for subjects and university destinations.

#### STUDY CENTRE

We have a designated study centre for A-Level students where they have supervised study sessions including formative assessments. These assessments provide consistent progress updates, enabling students to focus on their weak areas and improve knowledge and exam techniques in these areas. Practice Exam Papers are also given at regular intervals to allow students to gain confidence in exam skills and perfect their exam techniques with tutor feedback. International students should have an IELTS score of at least 6.0 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill) before starting A Level study and must take the Academic English course alongside their A Level courses.



"STAFF ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE IN HELPING STUDENTS TO PREPARE FOR EXAMINATIONS AND IN EXPLAINING IN DETAIL HOW THEY CAN GAIN MOST MARKS AND ATTAIN THE HIGHER GRADES."

## WHICH A LEVEL COURSE IS FOR YOU?

#### 2 YEAR

This is the most common route to studying at a UK university:

- Study 3 or 4 subjects over a 2 year period
- Course begins in September

#### 18 MONTH COURSE

This intensive course is ideal for international students whose academic year ends in December, and those who want to get a head start on their pre-university studies before September.

- Study 3 or 4 subjects over 18 months
- · Course begins in January

#### 1 YEAR COURSE

This is an intensive course designed for students who have already taken A Levels. It's also suitable for students who;

- have completed A Levels and need an additional subject
- need to retake a full A Level within a year
- wish to transfer from their school to Bath Academy part way through their A Level studies (to be discussed and agreed with Principal)

Students who have already completed their A Levels may wish to resit one of their subjects if they have missed their required grades, or perhaps they need to take an additional subject for entry into their chosen university. We also run bespoke courses for students with extra requirements.

#### **RESIT OPTION A - SEPTEMBER TO JUNE**

- Suitable for A Level students who wish to improve their grades through comprehensive coverage of the exam
- Suitable for students who need to study an additional

This course includes full in-depth coverage of the specification, weekly exam technique practice, and two

#### **RESIT OPTION B - JANUARY TO JUNE**

- Suitable for those needing to make only a one grade improvement in a subject.
- This is an intensive revision course rather than a course
- If students have not been studying other courses since September the UCAS application will not need to depend on evidence of academic progress made during the revision course.
- Students cover the specification during the course of the six months. Each week there are formal one-hour progress assessments for each A level.

- specification with weekly exam practice.
- subject.
- Students may study between one and three subjects.

sets of mock examinations in the spring term.

- covering gaps in a student's knowledge
- In the appropriate circumstances, January to June courses allow students to undertake at least part of the gap year activities they may already have planned to start in the Autumn term.
- Includes two sets of mock examinations in the spring term.

WE PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE ON THE COMBINATION OF SUBJECTS MOST LIKELY TO LEAD TO A SUCCESSFUL UNIVERSITY APPLICATION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT. THIS ADVICE IS INVALUABLE FOR MANY OF OUR STUDENTS WHO ARE AIMING TO PROGRESS TO RUSSELL GROUP AND OTHER PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES, AS WELL AS FOR COMPETITIVE **ENTRY COURSES SUCH** AS MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY SCIENCE, LAW, ECONOMICS AND ENGINEERING.

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#### A LEVEL SUBJECTS AVAILABLE TO STUDY: **HISTORY BIOLOGY** FURTHER MATHS MEDIA STUDIES **CHEMISTRY ECONOMICS PHYSICS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENGLISH LITERATURE PSYCHOLOGY** FRENCH SOCIOLOGY **GEOGRAPHY** SPANISH

For alternative routes to university, please see our UFP page.

<sup>\*</sup>Minority subjects currently available (subject to change): Accounting, Classical Civilisations, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Classical Greek. For information about any other subject, please contact the college.

## UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Our University Foundation
Programme (UFP) has an
excellent success rate in
placing international students
at top British universities.
Our team has a wealth of
experience in preparing
students for entry into
the top British universities
and we have excellent
relationships with many UK
and international universities.

THE COURSE BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND THE SIXTH FORM EDUCATION OF THE UK.

#### WHAT IS THE UFP?

- A one-year intensive course that prepares students to attend top UK universities.
- An A Level or International Baccalaureate equivalent
- An alternative route to degree-level studies
- A programme that allows you to enter a UK University if you are a UK, EU or international student who has completed secondary school outside the UK.
- Students can choose between a variety of pathways, allowing entry into almost all undergraduate degree courses

#### DIVERSE, SMALL CLASSES

Our small class sizes contain a diverse range of nationalities and allow us to focus more on students' needs, resulting in personalised tuition and exceptional academic performance leading to chosen places at desired universities.

#### **INDEPENDENT**

The UFP is independent of any particular university allowing our UFP students freedom of choice to apply at any university. We offer extensive academic guidance based on our students' preferences, from the start of the course all the way through to their UCAS application and personal statement.

#### SUCCESSFUL

We are proud to say that all of our UFP students have received places at their chosen University, many within the highly regarded Russell Group.

#### **PERSONALISED**

With our various Extended Programme options, we offer more flexibility than most foundation courses.

#### ACCREDITED

The quality of the UFP is moderated by academics from UCL, Brunel University, City University, Royal Holloway University of London and Southampton University. It has articulation agreements with a wide range of universities.



"MY TIME STUDYING AT
BATH ACADEMY WAS VERY
MEMORABLE. I REALLY LIKED
THE TOWN BECAUSE IT WAS SO
PRETTY AND IT HAD A BIT OF
EVERYTHING. TEACHERS HERE
WERE REALLY HELPFUL AND
PATIENT. I HAVE MET A LOT OF
FRIENDS HERE. I HAD A REALLY
AMAZING EXPERIENCE."

BEATRICE, UFP STUDENT NOW STUDYING MARKETING MANAGEMENT & BUSINESS AT DURHAM LINIVERSITY

#### COURSE STRUCTURE

Students study 6 subjects within their chosen pathway, 3 compulsory minor modules and 3 elective major modules.

#### 3 MINOR MODULES (STUDIED BY ALL STUDENTS)

MATHEMATICS

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COMMUNICATION SKILLS/IELTS\*

#### 3 MAJOR MODULES IN SUBJECTS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE STUDENT'S INTENDED DEGREE COURSE

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE** 

ACCOUNTING
BUSINESS ORGANISATION AND MARKETING
ECONOMICS
FURTHER MATHEMATICS
QUANTITATIVE METHODS

SOCIAL SCIENCES

ART (MUST BE TAKEN FOR ARCHITECTURE DEGREES)
BUSINESS ORGANISATION AND MARKETING
MEDIA STUDIES
POLITICS / PSYCHOLOGY

**ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY** 

CHEMISTRY
FURTHER MATHEMATICS
PHYSICS
ART MUST BE TAKEN FOR ARCHITECTURE DEGREES

SCIENCE

BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
FURTHER MATHEMATICS
PHYSICS

All students apply to British universities through the Universities and Colleges Admission Service, known as UCAS. The student's Personal Tutor carefully assesses their academic record and future career ambitions before advising which universities and courses would be most suitable. The Personal Tutor helps each student to complete their UCAS application form, and writes an academic reference to accompany each application based on the student's performance.



You can also study the UFP at David Game College in London, close to iconic buildings such as the Tower of ondon, the Gherkin, the Bank of England and the Shard.

#### EXTENDED LIFE

Our Extended University Foundation Programme (UFP) is a four-term intensive course that prepares students to attend top UK universities. The Extended UFP gives you the opportunity to improve your knowledge and academic English skills before joining a UFP course and is especially suitable for those who require additional Academic English Language Support.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful completion of secondary schooling; good level of proficiency in English (IELTS 5.5 with at least 5.0 in each component).

\*All international students are required to take English Language tuition as part of the course programme, either to prepare them for the IEUS examination or, to ensure that all UFP students meet university English Language entry requirements. Students who are mother-tongue English speakers or have an IEUS score of at least 6.5 study Communication Skills instead of IEUS to help them prepare for the demands of university academics.



Our *International Medical Foundation Programme* is a 1-year programme specifically designed to provide students with the best possible grounding for application to Medical and Dental schools.

The Medical and Dental professions are among the most difficult disciplines to gain entry to, and it is imperative to have a comprehensive grounding in the relevant knowledge before progressing to further stages of education.

Completion of the Medical Foundation Programme provides students with several pathways to Medical or Dental schools. Students can follow more than one of these routes to maximise their individual chances of successful progression:

direct application to medical programmes at;

#### The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

- Internationally recognized medical qualification
- Each year RCSI have 220 non-EU places available

#### The University of Central Lancashire

- Clinical placements in UK NHS hospitals and clinics start in Year 1
- Taught in small, diverse groups by expert, experienced staff

#### St George's University, Grenada, West Indies

- A medical degree taught in the Caribbean
- Problem-based learning in small groups
- 4, 5, 6 or 7 year Medical Degree options

#### 2nd Route

- application to EU Medical schools teaching in English language, e.g. University of Nicosia
- application to Pre-Medical Degree at UK Institutions, e.g. University of Buckingham
- application to Biomedical Degrees at UK Institutions, e.g. Brunel or UCL

SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE BASIS FOR APPLICATION TO MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS.

#### WHY STUDY THE MEDICAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME?

- The course provides students with an alternative to A Levels as a route to medical and dental school.
- Students will study Biology, Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Physics or Psychology, as well as having introductory sessions in topics such as: Pathology, Physiology, Genetics and Pharmacology.
- The course is taught by highly skilled and experienced teachers in a specialised medical and dental school stream.
- Specialist staff provide support with UCAS applications, personal statements, university entry research, UCAT\* / BMAT preparation and interview preparation.
- \*The UCAT stands for University Clinical Aptitude Test, (previously named UKCAT, UK Clinical Aptitude Test), and is required for entry to a medical/dentistry degree at many UK universities. As of 2019, the UCAT replaces UKCAT.

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

- International students who currently hold high school diplomas or A-levels, but would like to strengthen their application for medical school.
- · International students who do not currently meet the academic requirement to apply to medical school through UCAS.
- International students who did not pass the UCAT/BMAT examinations and would like to build on their existing knowledge before re-applying for medical school.

#### **COURSE SUMMARY**

TERMS:	MODULES:	SUBJECTS:
Term 1	Minor Modules	Core Mathematics Core ICT IELTS Preparation or Communication Skills Medical Sciences
Term 2 & 3	Major Modules	Biology Chemistry Medical Sciences and one elective module in either Psychology or Quantitative Methods

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be considered for our Medicine pathway, students need to have graduated from High School. Check the Table 1 below for the grade/score requirements for your qualification type. In addition, students will need to have an overall IELTS score of 6.5, with a minimum of 6 in reading/writing (Table 2).

TABLE 1

QUALIFICATION TYPE:	GRADE/SCORE REQUIREMENT:	
GCSE/High School Equivalent	5 A – B with the following: Chemistry A; Biology B; Maths B	
Baccalaureate/High School Diploma	Overall 16* with at least the following: Chemistry 16*; Biology 16*; Maths 16*; (*score of 17 for Iranian students)	
Qualifications graded out of 100	Overall 85% with at least the following: Chemistry 85%; Biology 80%; Maths 80%	

#### TABLE 2

QUALIFICATION:	SCORE:	
IELTS	Overall 6.5 with a minimum of 6 in reading/writing	

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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Bath Academy welcomes students from all over the world to join our diverse and global college. The smaller campus atmosphere gives a feeling of unity across all our nationalities, the sense of a family community, a home away from home.

We are proud of our global reach from such a small academy and our team of vibrant international staff who all work hard to ensure each student feels supported in all aspects of their student life at Bath Academy.

#### BE PART OF OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

The best part of being an international student at Bath Academy is the opportunity to study alongside British students and experience all aspects of British life. By studying and socialising together, international students are part of a rich, diverse environment, incorporating a unique life experience with a comprehensive education both inside and outside of the classroom.

#### WE HAVE THE ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE

International students get to experience first-hand what learning at an academic college is like which is a great foundation for university. Our small classes enhance their learning experience and allow for more interaction with our academic tutors as well as other students. Many of our students go on to gain university places at esteemed universities such as University of Bath, University of Exeter, Queen Mary (University of London), and many others.

#### PERSONAL TUTOR & ADMISSIONS SUPPORT

Each student is appointed a personal tutor who work with them regularly to discuss their academic strengths and challenges as well as their physical and emotional wellbeing. Expert advice and personalised support is given with university applications to ensure they are making the best choices for their individual goals and learning styles.

Students who require a Tier 4 Visa to study at Bath Academy will be assisted by the admissions team during their application

#### FUN & FRIENDLY COLLEGE CULTURE

Studying in the UK can be daunting, but also very exciting! Making new friends, experiencing a new culture and new places is all a part of the international student experience. We encourage our students to embrace this by:

- organising specific events for international students, such as international parties and celebrations
- organising social events throughout the year which include the whole college
- organising team-building and enrichment activities with their British classmates
- offering day trips to explore the UK and expand their learning beyond the classroom

Our smaller college culture makes getting to know each other easier, and our friendly, supportive front office is always ready to listen and help.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS

#### Alessia – Italy

A-Level student Alessia ranked in the top 10% in Biology, Chemistry and Logic at University San Raffaele in Milan where she is now studying Medicine.

#### Kenechukwu - Nigeria

Kenny studied Chemistry (A), Economics (B), Physics ( C ), and Maths (A), now studying Chemical Engineering at University of Manchester.

#### Chi - China

Chi studied Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths with us to go on to University of Nottingham to study a Medical Physiology with Therapeutics degree.



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"THE FNGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME IS A STRENGTH OF THE ACADEMY. STUDENTS ARE **CAREFULLY ASSESSED ON ENTRY AND** THIS ENABLES STAFF TO PLAN **APPROPRIATELY CHALLENGING WORK TO** SUPPORT THE STUDENT'S LEARNING."

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## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

#### COURSES AVAILABLE (WITH ENGLISH LEVEL REQUIREMENTS)

All applicants to British university and pre-university courses need to have a level of proficiency in English language appropriate to their course of study. This is demonstrated by taking a recognised English language test such as IELTS (International English Language Testing System). Below are a list of our available courses and the required levels for entry:

- A Level courses IELTS 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in any skill)
- September UFP IELTS 5.5 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill)
- January UFP IELTS 5.5 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill)
- GCSE courses IELTS 5.0 (with no less than 4.5 in any skill)
- Medical Foundation Programme IELTS 6.5 (with at least 6.0 in each component)
- Pharmacy IELTS 6.0 overall and in all disciplines

At Bath Academy we prepare our students for the IEUS exam and help them achieve the high scores required by British universities. How do we do this?

- At the start of the course every student takes an IEITS assessment test to determine their level of English and place them in appropriate classes.
- Each class works through a syllabus designed to improve current abilities and address weaknesses. The syllabus improves students' abilities in speaking, reading, writing and listening.
- The course focuses on grammar and vocabulary and helps students with techniques and approaches for the exam.
- Regular mock tests ensure that students are progressing towards the level needed for university entry.
- Class work is assessed and graded according to IELTS standards, which gives students a realistic view of their current level and progress.

UK universities specify an IEUS level in all offers made to EU and International Students. Until a student has met the conditions of their university choice, we require them to take an Academic English Course alongside their studies.



## **ACCOMMODATION**



WITH STUDENTS CONFIRMING

THAT THEY ARE WELCOMED AS

FAMILY MEMBERS.

OFSTED

We believe that a comfortable, clean and safe place to stay whilst students study is extremely important, therefore we provide high standard accommodation options for students to make the most of their time studying in Bath.

#### STUDENT RESIDENTIAL HOUSE

Our accommodation for long-term students consists of a charming, Georgian residential house set in the heart of the city.

Oxford House offers:

- Full board accommodation for students who are 14+ years
- · Both single and shared rooms (allocated on a strictly 'first come, first served' basis)
- Well-furnished bedrooms with central heating
- Weekly cleaning (including new bed linen)
- Security alarms and cameras on all entry and exit points to ensure our students safety at all times.
- · An ideal location in a residential area with a 10 minute walk to school and city centre.

All houses are non-smoking. Resident members of staff are always present to ensure students' safety, happiness and progress.

#### HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Bath Academy arranges accommodation in Bath with caring and responsible homestay providers. Living in homestay accommodation, students are able to learn more about British customs and traditions and gain additional conversational practice.

Highlights of Homestay:

- · Hosts are genuinely interested in learning more about different cultures.
- Students have their own room which includes a bed, a wardrobe, and space for studying.
- located within the city of Bath and can be reached either by walking or public transport.
- full board (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner) with normal laundry requirements

#### STUDIO APARTMENTS

For students aged 18+ spacious and modern self-catering studio apartments are available in nearby private student halls of residence. This is an excellent choice for those who value their own independence along with access to a social space and weekly social activities.

- 15 minute walk from the college.
- Each studio comes with a double bed, a mini-kitchen, ensuite bathroom, loads of storage space, and a great
- Features vary between accommodation options; city views, natural light, balcony access and en-suite showers.
- TV lounge, pool table and outdoor social space.

## LIVING IN BATH

town with a thriving and vibrant community, which has much to offer to students both socially and academically. There is a year-round variety of festivals, theatre and music events, and plenty of sporting and cultural activities available locally to balance the pressures of study.

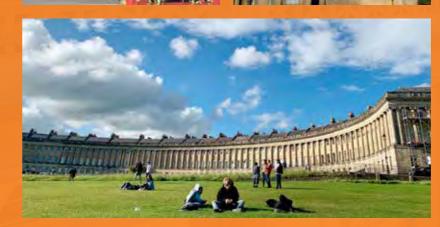
Bath is an ideal place to study as it's small enough to navigate easily but bustling with activity to keep students occupied outside of college.

#### DISCOVER WHY YOU'LL LOVE BATH...

and many sporting options for the adventurous.







#### STUDENT FAVOURITES:

- Bath Abbey Tower Tour (best Shopping in Southgate
- on the River Avon

- Boating & Cycling along
- Picnics at the Royal



Named one of the safest cities in the UK

## How to find us



Bath Academy is located in the historical centre of the small, but vibrant, city of Bath, in the South West of England. Shops, museums, two universities, parks and all the Roman and Georgian sites are located within walking distance of the College. The city also has excellent bus and railway links with the larger town of Bristol, which is only 11 minutes away by train.

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Bath is located only one and half hours from London by train and is well served by road and rail networks. The public bus system is easy to navigate, though the city is easily walkable.



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