

Short Stay Programme

Summer Term 2025



Prior Park
College



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To steward a thriving family of communities with love for the young people they serve at their heart: communities which cultivate creativity, foster integrity, and transform lives.

OUR VALUES

Courage • Generosity • Curiosity

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Summer Term Short Stay Courses

Introduction

Our 6-week Short Stay Course gives international students the opportunity to immerse themselves in a British boarding school, whilst following a tailor-made timetable that is both educational and fun.

For five of the six weeks, students will join small classes during school hours, with lessons taught in English. Some lessons, such as sport, are taken with the other students at the school. During evening and weekends, our short stay students are fully integrated with the other boarders in the school's two boarding houses.

All Prior Park students have a one week break from classroom lessons in the summer term (w/c 23 May). Several of our long-term boarders remain on-site during this period as our boarding houses remain open. House parents arrange a variety of entertaining activities for all boarders, including our short stay students, during this half term break. It is a fantastic opportunity for boarders to build friendships whilst enjoying fun days out together.

Additionally, a broad range of cultural excursions are organised, enabling short stay students to experience some of the many popular attractions available in the UK.

Prior Park's Short Term Stay programme is a truly unique experience, and one that will create memories to last a lifetime.

Overview

A short-stay course for 6 weeks of the summer term (10 May – 21 June 2025)

Targeted exclusively at international students from all over the world.

Students are immersed into school life, including Prior Park's pastoral program, day houses, tutor time, assemblies, sports.

Students are integrated with the 150 boarders at the school (80 in boys' house, 70 in girls' house).



What's included

Lessons

- English as a Foreign Language – in smaller groups
- Food Technology
- Design Technology
- Music Technology
- Activities
- Sport
- Mathematics

Examples of cultural excursions

- Bristol – Banksy art tour
- Stonehenge
- Oxford
- London
- Weymouth
- Big Pit – Coal mine

Activities that could be offered during Half Term

- Paintballing
- Go Karting
- Thorpe Park (theme park)
- Ninja Warrior (activity and fitness venue)
- The Wave (inland surfing)
- Shopping excursions
- Water Park
- Theatre trip
- Cinema trips

Possible timetable: (Evenings & weekends – students join existing boarders' programme)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	Food Tech	Music Tech	DT	Cultural Trip (HP & GAP)	Library Lesson Maths
		EFL	Sport		Sport
PM	Activities (UKLC)				EFL
		EFL Maths	EFL EFL		





Prior Park College

Prior Park College was founded in 1830 and has been described as 'one of the most beautiful boarding schools in the UK'. It is set in 57 stunning acres and overlooks the UNESCO World Heritage City of Bath in south-west England.

The College boasts some outstanding on-site facilities for students to enjoy, including: a fitness suite, indoor swimming pool, theatre, dance studio, all weather tennis courts and sports centre.

Students at Prior Park benefit from both city and countryside locations. Running parallel to the school is the Skyline Walk, which offers a 6-mile round route taking in beautiful countryside, meadows and woodland, and it is just 1 mile from the College to the city centre.



Bath

Bath is rich in Roman and Georgian architecture and boasts a diverse range of museums, galleries, green spaces and leisure attractions. It has long attracted directors and producers eager to feature locations in and around the city, and is particularly popular for period drama – Bridgerton, Poldark, and Jane Austen adaptations, to name a few.

Bath is easily accessible via major road and rail networks and is 1 hour 30 minutes by direct train from London Paddington Station. Bristol International Airport is 20 miles away and London Heathrow is 100 miles (2-hour drive).



View of The Royal Crescent, Bath



The Roman Baths, Bath



A scene from Bridgerton, filmed in Bath



FAQs

What is the age range for students attending the short stay course?

We can accept students aged 11 – 17 years (Class Years 7-12)

What is your mobile phone policy?

Prior Park has a 'no mobile phone' policy during school hours. Phones are handed in at the start of the day and returned at the end of the day.

Phones are also collected before bedtime to ensure all students get a good night's sleep.

What is a PLD?

PLD stands for Personal Learning Device (a school laptop). All students are equipped with a PLD on arrival so they can access lessons, message staff or receive messages (through Microsoft Teams). The loan of a PLD is included in the cost of the course.

Students are expected to take great care of their PLD during their stay. Repairs of any damage to their PLD may be charged to parents.

How many students share a room?

This depends which year group they are in. Younger students will share a room with 3 or 4 other students in large rooms. Older students would typically expect to share a room with fewer students.

Sharing a room is a great way for students to build good friendships quickly.

Do same nationality students share rooms?

Students sharing a common language are not normally roomed together.

What weekend activities are there?

There is a range of activities on Saturday mornings through our Saturday Active Programme, which all boarders are encouraged to participate in between 10.00am – 11.30am. Activities vary but may include archery, sailing, golf, etc.

There are a number of Weekend trips, and these typically take place on a Sunday.

What happens if my child becomes unwell?

We have an onsite Health and Wellbeing Centre that provides outstanding medical care. Our staff are first aid trained and, if necessary, we have the Royal United Hospital, Bath a short drive from the school.

Are there local shops where my child can buy snacks or essential items?

Yes, there is a local shop in the village of Combe Down which is a 2-minute walk from the school.

How much pocket money does my child need?

We would encourage students to not have too much cash as all of their meals and activities are provided by the school. However, we do know they will want cash for sweets and other treats! We ask students to keep cash with their House Parent. This means it can be secured in the house safe. We also ask for passports to be handed in and secured.

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