

Ellesmere

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Founded in 1884, the school offers students between the ages of 7 to 18 the chance to achieve success in both their studies and a wide range of activities, including music, art, sport and drama, in a happy, friendly atmosphere.

Great Britain has a world-wide reputation for its high standards of education and here at Ellesmere College we support that tradition by concentrating on the academic and social needs of every student.

We prepare students for their GCSEs, A-Levels and the International Baccalaureate as well as giving them the opportunity to enjoy a full and varied sports and social programme.

Standing in its own stunning grounds covering more than 50 hectares, the school is conveniently located near the small, historic town of Ellesmere, and is **less than 100 kilometres from both of England's second major cities,** Manchester and Birmingham.

This ideal location means students can benefit from the vast range of activities both cities have to offer whilst living and studying in a tranquil English country setting.

Distance from London: 289km
Distance from Manchester: 98km
Distance from Liverpool: 85km
Distance from Cardiff: 215km
Distance from Nottingham: 144km
Distance from Birmingham: 99.7km



Academic Choices

At Ellesmere College we believe it is not enough just to make sure that our students are successful at passing exams – important though this is – but that they also get the best of all that a British education can offer. We aim to provide subjects which appeal to all of our students' interests and academic strengths, while keeping class sizes small.

Fast Facts

- 85% of students achieve their first choice place in a wide spectrum of courses and universities.
- Over 50% of all grades awarded to Ellesmere students were in the top A* to B grades.
- University destinations include:

Oxford
New York School of Visual Arts
Chicago School of Art
Imperial College London
University College London
Kings College London
Cambridge
Edinburgh

English – Intensive Language Development

Age 15+

School Year 11

We offer students an intensive one year English Language Programme, which leads to GCSE or iGCSE in English, Mathematics, Science, **and a language.** Teachers are fully trained to understand the needs of our students.

GCSE

Age 14-16

School Years 10-11

Students study a maximum of 9 subjects at GCSE Level, spread over two years. English, Mathematics and Science are compulsory.

AS and A-Levels

Age 16+

Years 12-13

A-Levels have been the basis of assessment for University entrance in the UK. A-Levels are undertaken in Year 12 and Year 13. Students normally choose to study between four subjects at **A-Level**.

Pre Sixth Level

Age 15+

School Year 11

This is an intensive one year programme designed to prepare students from outside the UK for Sixth Form studies in both A-Level and the International Baccalaureate. The course includes six GSCE subjects which are taught in greater depth. Subjects include: Science, English, Mathematics, and Geography with two additional choices from a variety of subjects.

International Baccalaureate

Age 16-18

Years 12-13

The IB course is also another way into British universities and is also helpful if students are hoping to study overseas. It offers a broader programme of study than A-Levels. Students will take six subjects – three at a standard level and three at a higher level.



English Language Support

Our aim at Ellesmere College is to make sure that international students learn far more than the ability to communicate in English. Specialist teachers offer a variety of individual programmes to help every student develop a depth of understanding, enabling each to get the most from their studies.

English as an Additional language (EAL)

Our specially-trained teachers work closely with students who need to increase their English level as quickly as possible. Each student is supported with classes in small groups to develop their English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. For some students, this means small group sessions are offered instead of some mainstream lessons if staff believe it will be of greater benefit.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

IELTS is the preferred English language qualification of all UK universities. In Years 12 and 13 students have group and one-to-one tuition to prepare them for the exam. To study the International Baccalaureate or A Levels at Ellesmere College an English language level equivalent to A or B1+ is needed.



Accommodation

Ellesmere College provides a friendly and warm environment with family values at its heart. Students from many countries are all part of our boarding community, becoming fully involved in school life. Our modern accommodation provides a high quality, comfortable and secure environment for our students, with residential staff on site to tend to the students' needs 24 hours a day.

There is a close liaison between the boarding and teaching staff to ensure a continuity of care at all times. There are a variety of rooms within the boarding house, the majority of which are single and twin, with en-suite options. Wi-Fi internet connection is available throughout the school. Our students also have access to a common room and TV lounge, which offer a comfortable and safe environment in which students can relax.





Home from Home

From the day a child starts at Ellesmere College they are assigned to one of our boarding houses where Housemasters and Housemistresses support the younger and new students. Our long term experience with such a diverse community means that our staff are fully accustomed to welcoming students from overseas, helping them to settle in happily, and to quickly feel at ease with school life.

Within this rich mix of people, students come to see themselves as global citizens who enjoy getting to understand different cultures. Living together at Ellesmere, they engage with each other's language, food and traditions as part of their daily life. Events and projects that involve friendly competition between the Houses build bonds across the school years.

Catering

The College provides hot meals at breakfast, lunch and dinner, for all students, ensuring that they benefit from a nutritious and healthy diet every day, including weekends. Our large dining area is the social hub of the school and we make it our duty to ensure a variety of foods are served. In addition there are catering facilities within each boarding house.

Student Support

House Mentors

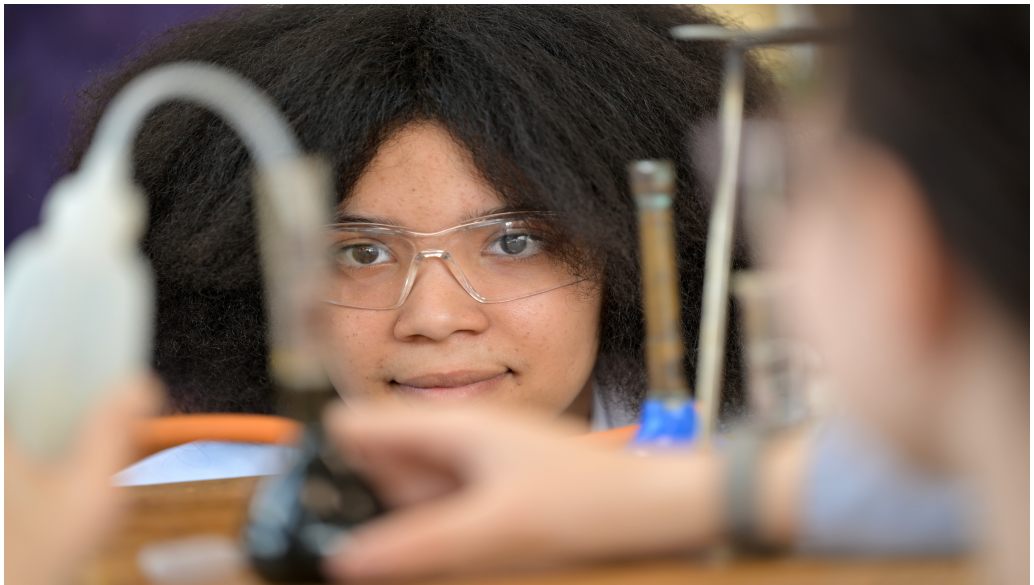
Sixth Form students are selected as Prefects by staff to represent all our pupils. One of the Prefect's many roles is to help younger or newer students settle in to school life and help with any day to day problems or questions. Selected by the School on their leadership skills this role is ideal for those who want to take on extra responsibility and provide themselves with opportunities which will support their university applications. Head Boy and Head Girl positions are also elected in this way.

Personal Tutors

All students are assigned a personal tutor who is responsible for the academic and social welfare of a particular class. When students have to make academic choices at GCSE, A-Level, IB or for University entrance, they each get individual support and advice from our University Entrance Team. The teachers and staff are always on hand to discuss and advise pupils on any problems or questions they may have.

Student Welfare

Housemasters, Housemistresses and Tutors are responsible for each student's pastoral care. A school nurse looks after our pupils' medical needs. In the event of a more serious medical or dental problem the nurse will arrange for the student to see a doctor or be taken to a hospital.



Social Programmes

We recognise that building a sense of community and family within Ellesmere College is important to our students, especially as the school is their "home away from home". We encourage students to develop their social skills and build self confidence.



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Excursions and Events

At Ellesmere College we believe that school events and trips are vitally important in the all-round education of our students. We regularly take advantage of the stunning backdrop that our local area provides with visits to nearby towns and cities, both for study and leisure.

Our teachers and staff are all committed to strengthening our sense of community, embracing the international heritage of our students who come from many countries. School trips abroad are organised to complement our local outings, helping to create a wider understanding of the world.



Sports and Clubs

Sport and team games play an important role in physical and mental development. We provide physical education in the curriculum as well as opportunities to play competitive sport during and after school.

A large number of sports programmes and clubs are available so that all pupils can find something to suit their particular tastes. Whether joining in the fun during the summer in the swimming pool, or spending evenings at our onsite gymnasium, the students benefit from the fresh air and physical fitness.

Sports Include:

- Basketball
- Football
- Netball
- Badminton
- Cricket
- Golf
- Rugby
- Swimming
- Pentathlon
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Target Sports

There are also many school clubs outside the curriculum that challenge children mentally.

- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Debating
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
- Drama Club
- Music Lessons
- Photography
- Green Team
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Chess Club
- Arts Award

The Arts at Ellesmere

The Arena Arts programme aims to promote the arts both within Ellesmere College and throughout the wider community.

It covers the established performing arts of dance, drama and music and the traditional visual arts of drawing, painting and sculpture as well as more modern media such as film making, sound recording and digital photography.

Scholarships are available to gifted and talented students in the performing, visual and media arts. Regular master classes by visiting experts and taking part in national competitions and festivals give students the opportunity to further develop their talents beyond the very wide opportunities available within the school.

Students involved in the Arts Award regularly experience varied artistic workshops by visiting professionals, while 'The Edge' Sixth Form talks give our students the chance to listen to the advice and experience of successful artists. The annual concert, coordinated by the pupils, gives all musicians, budding thespians and poets, from Year 9 upwards, a chance to present their own original work.





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Sport Academy Programmes

Rugby

- Ellesmere has a tradition of producing exceptional players who go on to represent National Teams.
- Professional coaching is led by former professional rugby players.
- Players also attend Worcester Warriors, Sale Sharks and Leicester Tigers professional rugby academies.





Swimming

- Our centre for swimming excellence is home to The Ellesmere College Swimming Academy who compete in the Speedo North West League.
- Academy coaching is led by former World and European Championship swimmers.
- Swimmers regularly compete in National Championships.



Golf

- The Golf Academy offers students the chance to combine their ability and passion for golf with their academic studies.
- Our PGA Professional leads the academy and brings his experience of coaching current PGA professional players and England squads.
- Students can access excellent facilities including a challenging 9 hole golf course on campus and two 18 hole golf courses at Hill Valley Course.



Shooting

- The shooting academy helps talented young marksmen and women to realise their ambitions in the national arena.
- Our coaching team of current and previous World Championship winners, provide the support for students wishing to progress in the sport.
- The academy consistently produces students who go onto to represent their country and TeamGB in International competitions.



Tennis

- Professional LTA qualified coaches deliver a fully structured programme to inspire young tennis players.
- Students have access to first class facilities at Ellesmere where they can enjoy 4 Indoor performance courts and 6 outdoor courts.
- National finalists for the last five years and winners of the AEGON Senior Student championships, academy players have represented TeamGB at the World Championships.



Cricket

- Qualified English Cricket Board (ECB) professional coaches provide cricket throughout the year for both girls and boys.
- Students can access excellent facilities and the latest technology to improve their performance.
- Ellesmere are current winners of the Woodard Schools Cricket Festival and players regularly represent National squads in both boys and girls cricket.

NEW From September 2026! PSG Academy Ellesmere

Ellesmere College is proud to announce a ground-breaking new partnership with PSG Academy UK, creating one of the most exciting school-based football pathways in the United Kingdom.

From September 2026, students will have the opportunity to train within a world-class football development programme while pursuing a full suite of high-quality academic pathways.

This collaboration merges the professional sporting philosophy of Paris Saint-Germain with Ellesmere College's outstanding educational and extracurricular environment — creating a truly unique development pathway for aspiring young footballers.

A New Era of Elite Football & Academic Excellence (Launching September 2026)



Why Choose the Ellesmere PSG Academy UK Pathway?

- A Complete Dual Career Pathway
- Students follow a timetable that fully integrates academic study with elite football development, ensuring that no player has to choose between their education and their sporting ambition.

Balancing Academic Excellence with Elite Football Development (Ages 11-18)

Ellesmere offers one of the most flexible and comprehensive curriculum pathways of any UK boarding school, enabling students to choose from a range of academic programme that suits their academic needs, age, and ambition.

The Ellesmere × PSG Academy UK timetable is designed to ensure that every student can pursue high-level academic study alongside a professional training programme. Our curriculum week is structured to integrate lessons, training sessions, strength and conditioning, analysis, and recovery in a balanced and sustainable way. This tailored approach means pupils can maintain strong academic progress while benefiting from daily access to elite coaching. By aligning academic commitments with football development, we create a genuine dual-pathway environment—one where students are supported to achieve their potential both in the classroom and on the pitch, without compromise.

Professional Standard Coaching

Coaching at PSG Academy UK is explicitly based on the club's official training model. Training sessions, player development structures, and coaching behaviours follow plans designed by PSG's Technical Department in Paris. The Coaching team is made up of several top-level coaches all who hold a UEFA A or B License.

This ensures that young players in the UK are being taught by experience coaches in the "PSG way", aligned with the club's emphasis on possession, creativity, intelligent decision-making, and game understanding.

Facilities Include:

- Full-size senior football pitches and additional junior training pitches and dedicated playing pitch.
- 2 floor Gym with free weights and modern cardiovascular equipment for S&C and team sessions
- 25-metre indoor swimming pool for conditioning and recovery work
- Floodlit AstroTurf pitch
- National-standard indoor sports hall
- 9-hole on-site golf course (useful for cross-training and wellbeing)
- 4 Indoor Acrylic Tennis Courts, Six floodlit outdoor tennis courts and nine indoor/artificial courts (multi-sport agility use) Hockey field, multiple rugby fields and extensive outdoor training grounds
- Access to six specialist sports academies, including Football, structured to balance sport and academic timetable





World Class Football Experience

- Daily training led by UEFA A and B License, certified PSG Academy UK coaches
- Training programme sessions mirror the professional PSG coaching methodology
- Strength & conditioning, athletic profiling and performance tracking
- Full match programme against high-level school, academy and club opponents
- Video analysis and development of player c/v profiles.
- Opportunities for showcase events, talent ID, and extended PSG Academy pathways
- Annual tour to Paris, which includes a PSG stadium, tour, training session with PSG coaches and a select set of match fixtures
- This collaborative model provides a high-performance environment uniquely suited to the modern student-athlete, promoting excellence both in the classroom and on the football field. The programme promotes key values including teamwork, respect, discipline, resilience and ambition - core pillars of the PSG philosophy

Ellesmere is a truly global school community, offering:

- Full, weekly, and day boarding
- A caring environment and excellent Pastoral care
- Specialist international admissions support
- Airport transfers and full guardianship guidance available
- Whether joining from the UK or overseas, students receive a personalised programme to support academic success, football development, and pupil wellbeing.

Academic Success



Oksana Trefanenko 40 Points
International Baccalaureate
International Relations
Harvard College, USA



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A Levels
Computer Science and Maths
Durham University



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International Baccalaureate
Law
University of Miami



Hacho Sun AABB
A Levels
Finance
Durham University



Lukasz Bazcwicz 40 Points
International Baccalaureate
Natural Sciences and Law
Minerva University, San Francisco



Sofiia Avramidi 37 Points
International Baccalaureate
Geography
Durham University



Moritz Hartinger 44 Points
International Baccalaureate
Gap Year



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