



UKLC

Bristol, Badminton School

Centre Handbook

2023

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Thank you very much for your interest in our centre at Badminton School. We hope you find everything you need in the following pages but if you have any questions or specific requests then please get in touch with us at Head Office on +44 (0)1244 577995.

We look forward to a successful summer 2023 at Badminton School.

Summary



Amazing city centre location



Classic British Boarding School



Swimming Pool



Intensive English



Drama



Dance



Life Skills



Short Transfers

The Centre

Badminton School is a beautiful, independent boarding and day school set in Westbury-on-Trym, on the outskirts of Bristol – which was ranked as one of the best places to live by the Sunday Times in 2017! The school has a beautiful mixture of old and new buildings surrounded by glorious gardens. It is a closed site with high security. There is CCTV on campus, the residences have key coded access and there is on site- security from 8am until 10pm. There are approximately 180 beds in two houses on-site. In this centre, we accept students travelling as part of a group and as an individual* from 11 - 15 years old.



Location

Badminton School, Westbury Road, Wetbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS9 3BA

Population – 707,000

There are lots of small shops and cafés in close proximity to Badminton school, in the suburb of Henleaze.

The school is located approximately 3 miles from Bristol City Centre.

Bristol is one of Britain’s favourite cities and was voted UK’s best place to live in 2017 by The Sunday Times. It has a proud maritime history, and it is from here that many of England’s great explorers set off to travel the world. The city is situated in the South West of England with the River Avon on each side.

Airport Transfers:

Bristol: 25 minutes

Birmingham: 1 hour 40 minutes

London Heathrow: 2 hours



Building Key

1. Northcote House
2. School House
3. Peace Memorial Hall
4. Casson Library
5. Science Block
6. Gymnasium
7. Art Block
8. Swimming Pool
9. Junior School
10. Sanderson House
11. Sixth Form Centre
12. Tippett Music Centre
13. Tippett Music Suite
14. Maintenance Buildings
15. The Lodge
16. Cote Grange Cottage
17. Little Grange
18. Cote Bank



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Local Amenities

Post Office

Address: 152 Henleaze Rd, Bristol BS9 4NB (0.5 miles / 3 minutes' walk)

Supermarket

Waitrose

Address: 51 Northumbria Dr, Bristol BS9 4HN (0.5 miles / 10 minutes' walk)

ATM

Lloyds

Bank Address: 73 Henleaze Rd, Westbury-on-trym, Bristol BS9 4JS (0.4 miles / 7 minutes' walk)

Chemist

Boots

Address: 55 Henleaze Rd, Bristol BS9 4JT (0.3 miles / 5 minutes' walk)

Hospital

Southmead Hospital

Address: Southmead Rd, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS10 5NB (2.1 miles / 10 minutes by car)

Doctors

Falldon Way Medical Centre

Address: 13 Falldon Way, Bristol BS9 4HT (0.4 miles / 8 minutes' walk) *N.B. If a student is ill and requires a doctor, a group leader and a UKLC staff member will take the student to the NHS medical centre at Royal Berkshire Hospital. The student will be required to fill out a temporary patient form and will be seen on the same day.*

Dentist

Henleaze Dental Practice 130 Henleaze Road, Bristol BS9 4LB (0.4 miles / 8 minutes' walk)

Bus Stops

Turn left out of the school and there is a bus stop approx. 0.3 miles/ 5 minutes' walk away. There are frequent buses that run into Bristol Town Centre and surrounding suburbs.

Train Stations

Clifton Down Railway Station

Address: Clifton Down Railway Station, Bristol BS8 2PN (1.5 miles / 30 minutes' walk or 10 minutes by car)

Regular trains to Bristol Temple Meads.

Taxi Companies

Prestige Cars 0117 950 9999

Greenway Cars 0117 950 0600

Southmead Taxis 0117 909 1540

Coffee Shops

Coffee#1

Coffee#1 is a local chain serving gourmet coffees and snacks.

Address: 75 Henleaze Rd, Bristol BS9 4JP

Walking distance from Badminton School: 0.4 miles (8 minutes' walk)

Restaurants

Kondi Brasserie

A friendly Italian-run restaurant serving classic Italian food.

Address: Kondi Brasserie, 105 Henleaze Rd, Bristol BS9 4JP

Walking distance from Badminton School: 0.4 miles (8 minutes' walk)

Prego

A cosy and authentic Italian restaurant

Address: 7 North View, Westbury Park, Bristol, BS6 7PT

Walking distance from Badminton School: 0.5 miles (11 minutes' walk)

Westbury Park Pub

A British Pub in the heart of Henleaze, serving classic British pub food and quality Sunday dinners.

Address: Westbury Park Pub, Northumbria Dr, Henleaze, Bristol BS9 4HP

Walking distance from Badminton School: 0.5 miles (10 minutes' walk)

Accommodation

The school has 3 residential houses, 2 of these are available for UKLC. All bedrooms are multi-bedded, spacious rooms accommodating between 1 – 4 students per room.

Each house has communal showers and washrooms on every floor. There is also a communal area and kitchen in each house with fantastic views of Bristol. The houses are called Sanderson House and Sixth Form Centre.

Sanderson House has a total of 91 beds made up of 3 – 4 cabin beds in each room with desks underneath. There are shared bathroom facilities in each wing of the building, on every floor.

Sixth Form Centre has a total of 95 beds made up of spacious single and twin rooms. There are shared bathroom facilities on each floor. Bedding is provided but students must bring their own towels.

Room Allocation

We divide the students up according to their age, gender and group where possible. We take into consideration any specific requests, i.e. friends who want to be close to each other. Group Leaders will stay in the same house as their students. Room allocation is normally done on arrival. If you would like any further information on this, please contact us.

Housekeeping

Bedding is changed once a week. Towels are not provided. Bedrooms, bathrooms and public areas are cleaned 7 times a week, this daily clean consists of tidying and emptying of bins. Student laundry will be done by Group Leaders via washing machines and tumble dryers located in the houses, they will need to supply their own detergent. Staff will have access to the washing machine and tumble dry facilities located in each house to use.

Key Loss

Group leaders and students will be issued with a key for their room. If any key is lost during the stay, there will be a £10 fee for a replacement.

Deposits

We will ask each student for a deposit of €25/£25 on arrival. We will check their rooms before they arrive and before they leave and return the money if everything is in order. If there is damage to the houses and nobody admits fault, we will ask everyone in the house to share the cost.

Meals

When the students are on campus, they will eat their meals in the dining hall on site. When they are out on full day excursions, they will be provided with packed lunches. There is the option of having a cooked breakfast 3 times a week.

Meal times

Breakfast:	08:00 – 08:45
Lunch:	12:30 - 13:30
Dinner:	18:00 – 18:45

If we are aware in advance, we can advise the catering staff of any dietary requirements or allergies and the canteen staff can cater to these.

*Meal times are subject to change

Badminton School, Bristol - Sample Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	Traditional English Breakfast Toast, Cereal, Yoghurt Butter and Jams	Croissants, Baked Rolls and boiled eggs Toast, Cereal, Yoghurt Butter and Jams	Grilled bacon, hash browns and tomatoes Toast, Cereal, Yoghurt Butter and Jams	Scrambled egg, baked beans and hash browns Toast, Cereal, Yoghurt Butter and Jams	Croissants Toast, Cereal, Yoghurt Butter and Jams	Bacon and Sausage Baps Toast, Cereal, Yoghurt Butter and Jams	Croissants Toast, Cereal, Yoghurt Butter and Jams
Lunch *(V) Vegetarian option available	Vegetarian Sausages (V) Or Sausages and mashed potato Sides - Vegetables Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Vegetarian Pasta Bar (v) Or Pasta Bar Sides – Garlic and herb bread and broccoli Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Vegetarian Kiev with Garlic Butter (V) Or Chicken Kiev Sides – Black top tomato and fine beans Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Baked Macaroni and Cheese (V) Or Puff Pastry topped pie Sides – Herb buttered carrots Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Vegetarian Sausage (V) Or Breaded Plaice, Poached Fish with Sides - New Potatoes & Peas, Tartare Sauce Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Vegetarian Pasta Bar (v) Or Pasta Bar Sides – Garlic and herb bread and broccoli Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available	Cannelloni Or Breaded Plaice Goujons Or Cheese & Onion Pasty Mixed salads, Soups and Filled Breads available
Pudding	Sliced Fruit	Summer Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Mousse	Chefs Pudding Choice	Badminton Mess	Summer Fruit Jelly	Sliced Fruit
Dinner *(V) Vegetarian option available	Vegetarian Meatballs (V) or Italian Pork Meatballs Sides – Garlic Bread	Roasted Aubergine with roasted peppers & goats cheese (V) or Roast Chicken with pigs in blankets Sides – Spring Greens	Selection of Pizzas (Vegetarian options available) Sides – Mixed vegetables	Vegetable lasagne (V) Or Lasagne Sides – Garlic Focaccia and mixed salad	Vegetarian Pasta Bar (v) Or Pasta Bar Sides – Garlic and herb bread and broccoli	BBQ Night Burgers and Hot Dogs Or Vegetarian Sausages and Burgers Sides – Salad	Cauliflower and Cheese (V) Or Roast Turkey Sides – Vegetables
Pudding	Chocolate Brownie	Ice Creams	Yogurts	Fresh Fruit	Jelly	Ice Creams	Crumble and Custard

Technology

Wi-fi is available campus-wide and is password protected. We normally only give this password out to Group Leaders / adults. Being a private boarding school, the internet access is firewalled as per the boarding school regulations. It is at the Group Leader's discretion whether they give these details to their students. Wi-fi will be switched off between 00:00 and 07:00.

Security

There is CCTV coverage on campus and duty security officers 6am - 10pm.

Emergency contacts: Each student will be given a wristband when they arrive, and this will have the following emergency telephone number printed on it: 00 44 1244 567695. If you need to contact the centre in the event of an emergency please call this number and follow the options for the relevant centre, this will then put you through to the person on duty.

Certain basic guidelines are common to all centres and students. Students should:

- Never walk away alone!
 - Never leave the residence without permission in the evening!
 - Always make sure they have understood when and where the meeting point is whilst out on excursions!
 - Always wear their identification lanyard and their UKLC wristband! *
- *students found not wearing their lanyard or wristband will be fined £1

Safety

- Remember that there is a 24-hour emergency telephone number on the wristband (**0044 1244 567695**) and that the number for the emergency services (Ambulance/Police/Fire) in England is **999**, or the single emergency number for the EU including the UK is **112** or you can call **101** to report a crime where you do not need an emergency response
- The police are there to help and protect and can be asked for assistance!
- Never respond to someone if you feel threatened, simply walk away!
- Always give your money to the UKLC management team to put in the safe and never to carry large amounts of cash around!
- Be careful crossing the road. Remember that in the UK we drive on the left!
- If you are ill or need a doctor, tell a member of UKLC staff immediately!
- Keep all windows closed when not in your bedrooms!

Insurance and valuables

Although all houses will be accessed via swipe cards, it is suggested that students try to avoid bringing very expensive items with them. If they are bringing valuables with them, it is essential that they have sufficient insurance to cover any loss of damage as neither the centre nor the company can be held responsible if anything goes missing. The Centre Manager will have access to a safe if it is required.

Teaching

We know how important it is for each individual student to find their own path in language learning. We use a wide range of methods to engage and stimulate our students. This is why we have created a programme based on the students' age, level and need. It is called 'You Can Learn 4', or as we like to call it: 'UKL4', and it includes:

UKL4 FUN (Ages 8-11): Highly engaging lessons that offer a wide range of tailored material and activities for our young learners. It makes games into lessons and lessons into games.

UKL4 CONNECTION (Ages 11-14): Highly dynamic lessons that include a variety of topics and media, especially designed to reflect the quick-paced, interactive world our young students are growing up in. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 ACTION (Ages 14-17): Lessons especially designed to engage our older students through more abstract tasks, topics and contemporary issues. Available in levels A1-C1.

UKL4 CONNECTION and UKL4 ACTION programmes consist of three different lessons a day:

1. TBL (Task Based Learning):

During these lessons, students are encouraged to complete a task. Language is therefore acquired through the task as it emerges naturally as the result of the students' communicative needs.

2. S&S (Skills & Systems):

These lessons aim at empowering our students' linguistic awareness and capabilities by working on all language skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) and systems (grammar, phonology, lexis, discourse) as well as using materials relevant to exam preparation (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, TOEFL, IELTS, GESE).

3. CLIL: (Content and Language Integrated Learning):

These lessons merge CLIL and British culture. Students learn about art, literature and science, or about the history and geography of the UK, while activating their linguistic knowledge.

Placement tests

We offer classes at four levels, from elementary to upper intermediate. Students take a placement test on their first day of classes to ensure they are placed at the correct level.

Once the tests have been marked, students won't be told their score unless they specifically ask for it but will be placed into a class based on these results.

If students are not happy with their level, they can speak with the Course Director who can decide if it is necessary for the student to change levels.

We always try to split groups into different classes to mix nationalities, but this does depend on their levels and the numbers of students that we have on site.

We will provide all course materials including a student journal and a pen.

Students are taught in class sizes up to 16.

Programme

All UKLC summer programmes include:

- 15 hours of English lessons
- Full board accommodation in residence or homestay
- Full programme of excursions, activities and evening entertainment
- Evening Conversation Clubs (optional)
- 1 free leader for 15 students
- Placement test on arrival and End of Course Certificate

These are summaries of UKLC English Plus programmes** for Summer 2023 at Badminton School:

English Plus Multi-Activity

The “typical” summer programme consisting of a wide variety of activities and sports. Sessions are structured and are coached by specialist staff. Sessions can include tennis, basketball, volleyball, swimming, photography workshops, dance, football, and drama etc. Students are moved through two or three activities on rotation in each session.

English Plus Dance*

For students with a passion for dance. Sessions take place with a specialist dance teacher and the programme works towards an end-of-course performance to the whole school. Sessions begin with a warmup before learning new steps and techniques needed to put together a dance routine. The second part of the sessions allows students to practise what they have learnt and rehearse any routines for the final performance. Styles covered include street dance, modern jazz, contemporary and West End musical.

English Plus Drama*

For students with an interest in drama and a desire to improve their English through confidence building performances. Sessions take place with a teacher who will guide the students through a programme exploring various elements of acting, including improvisation, mime and role play. They will perform at the end of the course either a part of a well-known play or something they have written themselves.

English Plus Intensive English*

Additional English lessons for those who really want to maximise their language learning during their stay in the UK. Students will build on their lessons through additional taught classes at a level appropriate to their achievement in the placement test. The lesson content will be a continuation of the UKL4 programmes as outlined in the accompanying Academic Summary (see section on “Academic Tuition”).

English Plus Life Skills*

For students aged 14-17 who want more from their summer school experience. The purpose is to develop students in a way that is going to be useful to them as they go on to become young adults. They will undertake seminars and workshops on topics such as “CV writing”, “interview skills”, “presentation skills”, “writing for academic purposes”, “projecting confidence, competence and credibility” etc. Elements of this will be incorporated into project work that will be presented at the end of the course.

*Students aged between 11 and 17 who are enrolled on Multi-Activity or English Plus courses will be divided by age for activities where numbers allow. Students can choose whether to enrol on the Multi-Activity or an English Plus course.

**These programmes vary at each centre. A minimum of 10 students applies to each programme and each student will be asked to select a 1st and 2nd option before arrival which they will join for the duration for their stay. Students who do not choose in advance will join the standard English Plus Multi-Activity.

A typical day for students

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:00	Lesson 1
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15	Lesson 2
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Lesson 3
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Afternoon Activities
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
20:00 – 22:00	Evening Activities
22:00	Bedtime

This centre runs on a 'zig-zag', meaning the order of lessons and multi-option activities/excursions will change after a week. See example below.

Badminton School, Bristol Sample Programme - Summer 2023

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	
Week 1	Monday	English Test	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Message Disco
	Tuesday	Lessons	Bristol Orientation & M Shed	Paparazzi or Conversation Club
	Wednesday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Quiz Night
	Thursday	Lessons	Chepstow Castle	Mini-Olympics or Conversation Club
	Friday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Karaoke
	Saturday	Cardiff with Boat Trip		Attractions
	Sunday	Optional Excursion to London with Walking Tour, British Museum & London Eye		Film Night
Week 2	Monday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Red Vs. Blue
	Tuesday	Lessons	Bristol with SS Great Britain	Trashion Show or Conversation Club
	Wednesday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Oscars
	Thursday	Lessons	Cheddar with Cheddar Gorge	Around the World or Conversation Club
	Friday	Lessons	Multi-Activity or Chosen Programme	Talent Show
	Saturday	Bath World Heritage Site with Roman Baths		Leaving Disco
	Sunday	Departures		

Please note: This is a sample programme and may be subject to change. It may also be necessary to operate a zig zag programme of morning / afternoon lessons.

Facilities

Sports facilities on site:

- Sports hall
- Indoor swimming pool
- Tennis and netball courts
- Gymnasium

Sports available at this centre can include: football, handball, basketball, rounders, volleyball, cricket, lacrosse, and tennis.

Evening entertainment

The UK Language Courses staff plan fantastic activities to make sure the students enjoy their evenings. For example: discos, quizzes, fashion shows, blind date, sports tournaments etc. We ask Group Leaders to encourage students to participate as much as possible and to communicate any special ideas or requests from students.

Here are a few brief descriptions of just some of our activities for students to join in on:

Around the World

Consists of a number of different stations based on activities from different countries. One staff member will be placed at each activity station. They will each represent a country and have to create an activity related to that country (for example: New Zealand – The Haka). Students will be divided into groups and given a time for each station. Students will visit each station.

Oscars Night

Involves students watching a number of scenes from selected films. They will have the chance to re-enact a famous selected scene. Creating their own script, which must be in English and costumes (out of various given equipment). Scenes will be shown on a big screen for everyone to watch. Awards will be given by UKLC staff for the best reproduction.

Speed Dating

Enables students from mixed nationalities to socialise and get to know each other whilst improving their spoken English. Students will have a short period of time to have a conversation on their interests, hobbies etc. Once the given time finishes they will move to another student and begin the same process again.

Talent Show

Gives students the opportunity to perform talents such as singing, dancing and acting in front of the whole centre! Sign-up sheets will be available in the centre a few days before the event. There will be judges who will score the performances and give positive feedback to each student who performs on the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you to Badminton School, Bristol in summer 2023!