

## ACADEMIC PRE-SESSIONAL SUMMER COURSES

4, 6 and 8 week courses available  
July and August 2022

*‘An Etherton residential academic pre-session course is a memorable and intense experience, which greatly benefits the pupil and their onward UK school. It is an investment in the child’s happiness and success in the UK and in their academic studies.’*

**Peter Etherton, Director of Summer Courses.**



**Etherton Education** aims to offer the best possible academic summer courses to prepare international students for their studies and life in British boarding schools. We focus on intensive English, professional academic preparation of British study skills and insist on good manners and self-discipline. Pupils work hard on their studies and make real progress. In addition to academic studies, we also hone in on the personal development of each pupil’s soft skills, such as team work, leadership, communication, creativity and integration. Every part of each course is planned to give pupils confidence in English and to help them integrate into their new school.

Etherton courses are age appropriate and, in addition to subject by subject study skills and technical vocabulary, specialise in key areas such as pronunciation, revision of common grammar problems, English conversation for daily life, academic listening skills, effective study methods, research & presentation skills, essay-writing (including Extended Essays for Pre-A-Level/Pre-IB groups), argumentative debate plus reading for pleasure as well as study. Etherton course fees are all-inclusive for tuition, accommodation and activities, and cover costs for the entire course. Pupils only need to pay for flights and pocket money.

COURSE	LOCATION	AGES	DURATION	RECOMMENDED MINIMUM ENGLISH LEVEL
Pre-A-Level / Pre-IB Course	Lord Wandsworth College, Hampshire	15-17	4, 6 or 8 weeks	B2/IELTS 5.0
Pre-GCSE Course Junior Academic Course	Queen’s College, Taunton	13-15 10-12	4, 6 or 8 weeks 4, 6 or 8 weeks	B1/IELTS 4.0 B1/IELTS 4.0

**Partner Schools:** We have partnership agreements, approved by the Home Office, with over 140 British independent schools. The partnership enables pupils who require a Child Student Route Visa to make just ONE visa application to cover BOTH their Etherton Education pre-session course AND their main course of study at their new UK school (\*see page 2).

**Student Route Visa Compliance:** Etherton Education upholds all Child Student Route Visa sponsor compliance rigorously. We offer first reception in the UK, supervised transport to our course locations (terms & conditions apply), we scan all ID documents on arrival, we collect BRP cards under delegated standing authority from the Home Office and we arrange police registration for over 16s; all of the above, plus arrival and departure information, is reported to sponsor schools. Etherton Education is independent and ethical; we support all partner schools. We do not run GCSE or A-Level / IB courses ourselves.



**British Student Hosts:** We employ many talented Student Hosts to act as friends and mentors for our international pupils. For over 50 hours a week, our pupils have the chance to chat and practise their English with educated young British people, many of whom were privately educated themselves and most of whom currently attend Russell Group universities. They run the daily sports sessions, act as mentors during prep, organise clubs and social activities, and join all of the trips. Our overall ratio is 3 pupils to 1 member of staff.

**Academic & Language Preparation for entry to UK Boarding & Day Schools:** All 4, 6 and 8 week courses include intensive English Language and the study of 10 UK curriculum subjects for Pre-GCSE/Junior Academic and 3-5 for Pre-A-Level/Pre-IB courses. All courses are taught by qualified British teachers; students gain practical laboratory experience in the Sciences; there is a daily introduction to British school sports; plus clubs and unique social activities designed to get students integrating and speaking English and supervised cultural trips and visits. Partner schools, agents and parents receive a detailed academic report at the end of each course.

**Pre A-Level / Pre IB** (ages 15-17), Lord Wandsworth College, Hampshire

The Pre-A-Level / Pre-IB course is suitable for pupils who will be starting A-Levels or the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The recommended full 8-week programme is equivalent to an extra term and will give pupils a great head start at their new school. All students study **English** and **Drama**, and choose between three to five subjects from: **Mathematics, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, History, Geography, Business and Economics, Art and Design, ICT / Computing, Psychology** and **Theory of Knowledge**.

**Pre-GCSE** (ages 13-15), Queen's College, Taunton

The Pre-GCSE pre-sessional summer course is suitable for international pupils coming to the UK to join Y9 or Y10. The more weeks studied over the summer with Etherton Education the stronger the foundation for the child. This course, like all Etherton courses, should be considered an investment in the child's future studies. Pupils study **English Language** plus 10 other compulsory subjects: **Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, ICT / Computing, Art, Drama** and **Business Studies**.

**Junior Academic Course** (ages 10-12), Queen's College, Taunton

The Junior Academic course is designed for pupils who are joining Y7 or Y8 at a British Prep or Senior School. It is also suitable for those who are keen to experience a taste of British boarding and who are considering education in the UK. Our courses for younger students are fun as well as academic, and there is a great deal to learn and enjoy. Subjects studied are: **English Language, Drama, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, ICT / Computing, Art, History, Geography** and **Life Skills**.

**Etherton Education Courses are the Perfect Preparation for a British Boarding School**

**Education:** Each pupil who attends a 4, 6 or 8 week Etherton course arrives at their new school with a much better level of English language and a stronger academic foundation. New pupils will also be happier and more confident after our comprehensive introduction to studying in the UK.

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For more information about our courses, contact our **Admissions Team** below.

*\*Sponsor schools should note that current Home Office guidance allows sponsored students to enter the UK up to 30 days in advance of commencing their course of study at their chosen school; during this time they are able to take advantage of pre-sessional study for four weeks at Etherton Education, for which a partnership does not have to be in place and which does not have to be noted on their CAS. We advise discussing course commencement dates with Etherton before applying for the CAS.*

