



# Claremont

PRE-HIGH SCHOOL & PRE-A LEVEL PROGRAMMES



# The Claremont Pre-High School and Pre-A level programmes both aim to meet the needs of our international students, for whom English is a second language.

They are carefully designed for the specific needs of students who wish to progress onto an academic course, with intensive English language lessons in small classes, led by specialist language teachers.

Both programmes meet the educational and emotional needs of our learners and introduce them to the UK curriculum in a supportive and inclusive environment.

The programmes are unique, in so far as they combine a careful mix of intensive English language tuition, alongside whole school classes and a broad co-curricular programme. This ensures that our international students are fully integrated and valued members of our community.

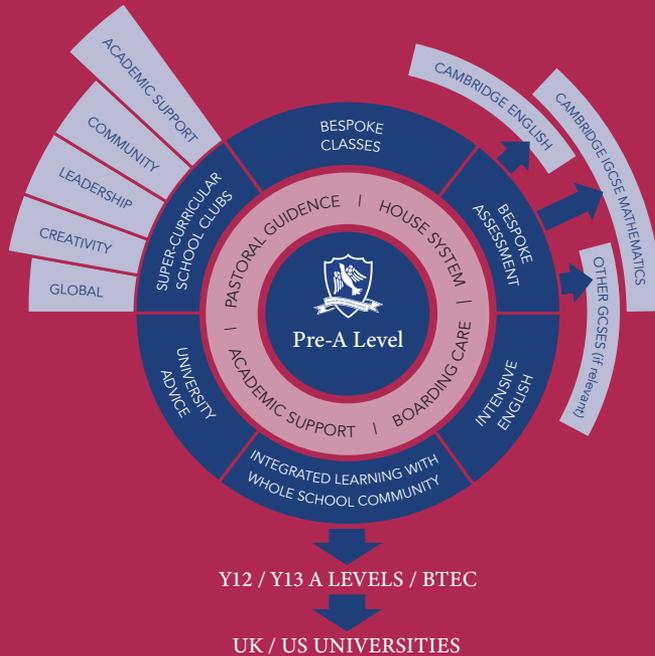


# Pre-A level Programme

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
AGED 15 - 16

This course equips students with the academic foundations needed to progress onto our A level or BTEC courses. It enables students to excel in their chosen university preparation programme and to take full advantage of the Claremont Sixth Form learning experience.

During the Pre-A Level programme, our expert staff develop a strong relationship with the students. This enables them to offer personal and professional guidance when the students choose their Year 12 subjects and, eventually, their university path.



The exceptional care and attention that we offer our students ensures that more than 90% of Sixth Form leavers at Claremont are able to access their first choice destination.

The Pre-A level course is about unlocking our international students' potential by allowing them to make significant progress in English so that they feel empowered to access the next step of their education in Years 12 and 13.

## Entry Requirements

Minimum 9 years of schooling with a good school record

**Ages:** 15-16 yrs

**Language Requirements:** IELTS 4.0+

**Hours per week:** 30+

**Course duration:**

3 terms (September start - July end)

2 terms (January start - July end)

5 terms (January start - following July end)



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# Who is the Pre-A level Programme for?

This programme is ideal for students aged 15-16 whose entry level of English is B1/ IELTS 4.0 and who wish to lay the necessary academic foundations for a rich educational experience in Years 12 and 13. At Claremont they will thrive in a supportive and empowering environment.



## The Pre-A Level Programme Structure



Intensive Academic English towards B2 First (FCE) Cambridge accreditation. Taught in very small classes by EAL expert staff.



Development of learning skills and familiarisation with the school curriculum through bespoke Pre-A level classes in Humanities, Art, Music, Drama and Business. This widens the scope of options for A level and BTEC.



Mainstream classes in Mathematics, Science and Sport to facilitate full integration with the school community.



Access to our extensive co-curricular programme which includes activities around art, music, debating, ecology and sport to name a few, to allow students to add another dimension to their studies and thrive emotionally.



Integration within the school pastoral and wellbeing programme with daily contact with a form tutor, involvement in Academic House events, career guidance and easy access to the Learning Support team.



Support and guidance from the Director of Boarding and Boarding House Leads.

## Assessment

GCSEs are not the main objective in this programme. However, when students demonstrate potential in specific subjects, opportunities to take GCSEs are offered.

Gaining an iGCSE in Mathematics is recommended as it is a requirement to enter a UK university. English is assessed through the world recognised Cambridge accreditations.

Decisions to sit GCSE exams are taken case by case, in collaboration with the students and are guided by the students' university ambitions. B2 in English is needed to access A level and BTEC studies.

We also offer options for students to take exams in their mother tongue to validate their cultural and linguistic background, and prepare students for the challenges of sitting exams in the years ahead.

# Pre-High School Programme

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
AGED 10 - 13



Intensive Academic English towards A2KEY or B1 Preliminary Cambridge accreditations. Taught in very small classes to ensure rapid progress and personalised learning.



Supported familiarisation with the English education system and British culture as part of a small and friendly school.



Small bespoke group teaching in Science and Humanities to allow students to catch up with the academic content of those subjects whilst encouraging a focus on language development.



Integration through mainstream classes in Information Technology, Music, Art, Drama & Sport.



Access to our extensive co-curricular programme which includes activities around art, music, ecology and sport, to allow students to add another dimension to their studies and thrive emotionally.



Integration within the school pastoral and wellbeing programme with daily contacts with a Form tutor. Support and guidance from the Director of Boarding and the Boarding House Leads.

## Entry Requirements

Minimum 6 years of schooling with a good school record

**Ages:** 10 -13 yrs

**Language Requirements:** Near beginner

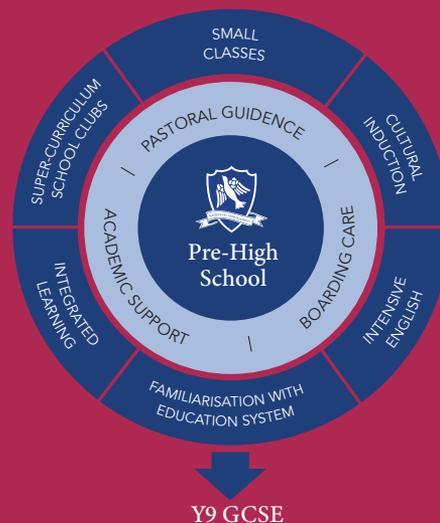
**Hours per week:** 30+

**Course duration:**

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## Who is the Pre-High School programme for?

The programme is ideal for students aged 10-13 whose entry level of English is A1/A2 and who wish to lay the necessary academic foundations for a successful Year 9 entry into the Senior school, followed by a two-year GCSE course.



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