

ABBEY DLD
GROUP OF COLLEGES
CAMBRIDGE • LONDON • MANCHESTER



**OUTSTANDING
BRITISH EDUCATION**

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS 2024/25



WELCOME

We are three independent boarding schools located in Cambridge, London, and Manchester offering a range of academic programmes for students aged 13 – 21 years.

Each of our colleges has their own unique personality, but we are united by a common goal: to help students from around the world achieve the academic success and personal growth needed to progress to the UK and the world's best universities, and to succeed in their university studies and beyond.

As an Abbey DLD student, you can rest assured that your studies will be guided by our principles of strong leadership, governance, and high-quality teaching, and you will benefit from our many years' of experience of helping international students to achieve their best.

WHY STUDY WITH THE ABBEY DLD GROUP OF COLLEGES?



SMALL CLASSES

Class sizes average around 10 students.



UNIVERSITY PREP

Weekly scheduled preparation sessions and dedicated personal UCAS advisors.



EXPERT TEACHERS

Professionally qualified with years of teaching experience.



ENGLISH SUPPORT

Academic English support classes provided at no additional cost.



REGULAR TESTING

To ensure students are on track to achieve their academic ambitions.



5* BOARDING

Well-equipped rooms and communal areas. Over 99% single ensuite rooms.



ENRICHMENT

More than 100 weekly after-school clubs and academic activities available across all colleges.

“TEACHERS WOULD ALWAYS PROVIDE HELP, BOTH IN AND OUT OF CLASS.”

Nasya from Malaysia

Now studying Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge.

Watch more



from Nasya

OUR COLLEGES

Abbey College Cambridge

Courses available in Cambridge:

- Year 9
- GCSE
- A Level
- International Foundation Programme
- Pre-Sessional Programme



Over 400 students from more than 40 countries currently study at Abbey College Cambridge. They are united by one ambition: to enter one of the top universities in the UK. Our students, working with our experienced, professional, and highly skilled staff, form a vibrant community. A place that is dedicated to the love of learning and outstanding achievement for all.

DLD College London

Courses available in London:

- Year 9
- GCSE
- A Level
- International Foundation Programme
- BTEC
- Academic Preparation Programme



At our multi award-winning school we focus on each student as an individual, offering each person the best teaching and educational resources in a dynamic and energetic environment with modern, world-class facilities. Our school is noted for its friendliness and informality; we treat our students as young adults, and aim to build their confidence and raise their expectations of themselves.

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Abbey College Cambridge



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DLD College London

Abbey College Manchester

Courses available in Manchester:

- GCSE
- A Level
- International Foundation Programme
- Sports Training



Abbey College Manchester is a dynamic, exciting college, situated in the heart of Manchester providing high-quality, flexible study programmes. A recent student survey highlighted how much our students enjoy the cultural, educational, and business opportunities afforded by learning in the city centre. Our modern building provides an environment conducive to study, and in our small classes each student can develop their individual aptitudes aided by a strong system of tutorial guidance.



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Abbey College Manchester



College Governance

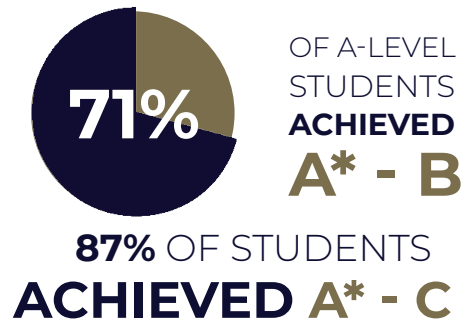
Our College Governors work to ensure that the Abbey DLD Group of Colleges has a clear sense of direction and purpose. They are responsible for helping to create an ethos of high expectation and therefore monitor, evaluate, support, and challenge our Principals and their senior leadership teams.

The Abbey DLD Group of Colleges are expected to support the group's strategic priorities and to discuss their own development plans with the Governors. Three governance visits are held each year, with focus areas linked to the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) framework and statutory compliance.

Each College's boarding provision is reviewed through an annual governance visit and Abbey DLD Governing Board meetings are held at regular intervals.



2023 RESULTS AND DESTINATIONS HIGHLIGHTS



97% PASS RATE
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME



14 STUDENTS PROGRESSED TO **OXBRIDGE OR MEDICINE**

57 STUDENTS JOINED A **TOP 10 RANKED UK UNIVERSITY**

57% OF STUDENTS PROGRESSED TO A **TOP 50 RANKED UK UNIVERSITY**

TOP 20 RANKED UK DESTINATIONS 2023

RANK*	UNIVERSITY	NO OF STUDENTS
1.	University of St Andrews	1
3.	University of Cambridge	4
4.	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	5
5.	Imperial College London	9
6.	University College London (UCL)	17
7.	Durham University	3
8.	University of Bath	10
9.	University of Warwick	5
10.	Loughborough University	2
11.	University of Exeter	3
12.	University of Glasgow	3
13.	University of Edinburgh	3
14.	Lancaster University	6
15.	University of York	4
16.	University of Bristol	3
17.	University of Southampton	9
18.	University of Sheffield	2
19.	University of Aberdeen	1



*Ranking Source: Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024.

TOP 50 GLOBAL UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2023*

University of Cambridge (2)	Imperial College London (6)
University College London (UCL) (9)	University of California Berkeley (10)
University of New South Wales (19)	University of Edinburgh (22)
The University of Hong Kong (26)	The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) (29)
University of Manchester (32)	The University of Michigan (33)
King's College London (40)	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (45)

* Ranking Source: QS World University Ranking 2024.

COURSES AND SUBJECTS

We offer a range of academic programmes for students aged from 13 - 21 years.

COURSES AVAILABLE

COURSE	FOR STUDENTS AGED	AVAILABLE AT	PROGRESS TO
Year 9	13 years	Cambridge, London	GCSE
GCSE	14 – 16 years 15 - 16 years	Cambridge, London Manchester	A Level, IFP, BTEC
A Level	16 – 19 years 16 – 20 years	Cambridge, London Manchester	University
International Foundation Programme (IFP)	17 – 21 years 17 – 20 years	Cambridge, London Manchester	University
BTEC	16 – 19 years	London	University
Academic Preparation Course	14 – 15 years	London	GCSE, A Level, IFP, BTEC
Pre-Sessional Programme	13 – 16 years	Cambridge	GCSE, A Level, IFP

Abbey College Manchester offers students the chance to combine academic studies with sports training at one of our Sports Academies. See pages 10 & 11 for further information.



Learn more



Courses and Subjects

Year 9

Available at our Cambridge and London colleges, our Year 9 curriculum is designed to spark a love of learning in younger students, preparing them for the careers of tomorrow, whilst at the same time providing a solid bedrock of knowledge and skills to move on to GCSE study.

GCSE

General Certificates of Secondary Education (GCSEs) provide a great academic 'grounding', offering students a wide breadth of subjects, time to familiarise themselves with the UK education system and improve their English (English Language is a compulsory GCSE subject).

GCSEs also provide a natural pathway to A Levels, and students who have taken them tend to perform better in higher level examinations. Our colleges offer 1 and 2 year and 18 month GCSE Programmes.

A Level

Advanced Level courses, commonly known as 'A Levels' are the most widely recognised qualification for entry into UK universities.

Most students will take 3 or 4 A Level subjects over the duration of their studies (2 years or 18 months). A Levels offer a good balance between subject specialisation and choice, allowing students to focus on the subjects that really interest them with the option to maintain breadth of subject choice.

A Levels offer progression to the widest range of universities, and are the best option for students looking to join a top-ranked university.

International Foundation Programme

Our International Foundation Programme (IFP) is an intensive Year 13 academic programme that offers international students direct entry to a wide range of UK universities. Our foundation is a modular programme, with the overall score based on three examinations taken through the course.

Unlike many foundation programmes, our destinations are not limited to a choice of one or two partner universities. This means students are free to progress to a wide range of UK universities, including many top-ranked Russell Group institutions.

BTEC

Available at DLD College London, Business and Technology Education Council Diplomas (BTECs) offer an alternative route to study at university. They provide a more practical, real-world approach to learning, alongside delivering a key theoretical background to the subject.

Preparation Programmes

Our Pre-Sessional Programme and Academic Preparation Course are designed to raise students' ability in general, improve their subject-specific English, and provide academic training to enable them to successfully join one of our full academic programmes.



COMBINE ACADEMIC STUDIES WITH SPORTS TRAINING

Abbey College Manchester allows students who have a passion for sports to combine their GCSE, A Level, and Foundation studies with high level sports training.

Sport Academies available in Manchester:

- Basketball
- Cycling
- Football
- Tennis

Students will study on academic programmes in the morning, and attend training sessions led by professional coaches at one of our Sports Academies in the afternoon.

Facilities

Football training takes place at our modern, state of the art training facilities located a short distance from the college. Basketball training takes place at the National Basketball Performance Centre, home of the British Basketball League (BBL) club the Manchester Giants. Cycling training takes place at the home of British Cycling, the National Cycling Centre. Tennis training takes place at high-quality court facilities in Manchester.



Entry Requirements

To be considered for sports training, students will need to meet the academic and English level requirements of the course they wish to study (GCSE, A Level, or International Foundation Programme).

To be considered for our Gold Football Programme, students need to provide evidence that they have previously played football and have a commitment to the sport.

SUBJECT SELECTION

We offer the following Year 9, GCSE (Years 10 & 11) and A Level subjects to choose from:

	CAMBRIDGE		LONDON		MANCHESTER	
	GCSE/ Year 9	A Level	GCSE/ Year 9	A Level	GCSE	A Level
Accounting		✓				✓
Arabic		✗				✗
Art & Design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business (Enterprise) BTEC			✓			
Business Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chinese		✗		✓		✗
Computer Science	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Drama and Theatre Studies				✓		
Economics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
English Language	✓		✓		✓	✓
English Literature	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Environmental Science						✓
Esports BTEC			✓			
Film Studies			✓	✓		
French	✓			✓	✓	✓
Further Mathematics		✓		✓	✓	✓

	CAMBRIDGE		LONDON		MANCHESTER	
	GCSE/ Year 9	A Level	GCSE/ Year 9	A Level	GCSE	A Level
Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓		
German				✓		✓
Graphic Communication				✓		
History	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Italian				✓		✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Media Studies				✓		
PSHEE	✓					
Performing Arts BTEC			✓			
Photography				✓	✓	✓
Physical Education (PE)	✓					
Physics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Politics		✓		✓		
Psychology		✓	✓	✓		✓
Religious Studies					✓	✓
Russian		✗		✓		✗
Sociology			✓	✓		
Spanish	✓			✓		✓
Sport BTEC/Sport Science	✓		✓			
Textiles						✓
Urban School Project			✓			

Key: ✓ Always Available, ✓ Subject to Demand, ✗ Exam Only.

Abbey College Manchester allows students to combine their studies with sports training at our Sports Academies.

SUBJECT SELECTION

We offer the following International Foundation Programme and BTEC Pathways:

	CAMBRIDGE	LONDON	MANCHESTER
Art & Design/Creative Art		✓	✓
Biomedical Science		✓	
Business (BTEC)		✓	
Business and Economics		✓	✓
Business and Mathematics			✓
Business Management and Economics	✓		
Computer Science & Mathematics		✓	
Creative Digital Media Production (BTEC)		✓	
Engineering	✓	✓	✓
Environmental Science			✓
Fashion Management		✓	
Humanities			✓
Mathematics & Economics		✓	✓
Medicine	✓		✓
Science	✓		
Social Sciences		✓	
Sport			✓



“TEACHERS HERE ARE SO SUPPORTIVE, THEY MADE SURE WE UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING, AS WE WERE LEARNING IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE FROM OUR MOTHER TONGUES.”

Saba from Iran

Foundation student, now studying Medicine at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan).



BOARDING AT ABBEY DLD

We know how important it is to have a place to call your own whilst you study, and that is why we have invested to provide our students with some of the best quality boarding accommodation found anywhere in the UK.

Our bedrooms are designed to offer a quiet haven where students can relax and study. We offer a range of different room options, but all come with standard features such as Wi-Fi, study desks, and ample clothes and belongings storage. 99% of our student bedrooms are single, ensuite facilities.

Outside of your room, we offer communal areas to meet with friends, socialise, and study. Our common rooms feature well-equipped kitchens, lounges, and games facilities.

Our live-in house parents provide 24/7 support and care, making sure that students feel safe and supported, make friends, and keep on track in their studies.

All our boarding houses are secure buildings, with controlled access, on-site security, and CCTV.



COLLEGE BOARDING OPTIONS

Our colleges offer a wide range of boarding rooms for students.

Abbey College Cambridge

Abbey College Cambridge offers boarding accommodation in more than 400 student rooms, all located either on-campus or within a few minutes walk of the college.

Boarding Houses and Room Types

Abbey House	Purbeck House	Tripes Court	Orchard House
Standard Single Room	Studio Single Room	Standard Single Room	Standard Single Room
Superior Single Room	Apartment Single Room	Superior Single Room	
Standard Twin Room	Studio Twin Room		
Superior Twin Room			



DLD College London

At DLD College London we offer innovative 21st century Urban Boarding. Students live directly above the school.

Boarding House and Room Types

On-campus Boarding
Single Room
Premier Single Room
Platinum Single Room
Twin Room

DLD College London Rooms



Abbey College Manchester

For students aged 16+, our Clydesdale House boarding house is located in central Manchester, offering high-quality, safe accommodation within a 10 minute walk of Abbey College Manchester.

Boarding House and Room Types

Clydesdale House
Standard Room
Corner Room
Premium Room



Host Families

Abbey College Manchester students aged under 16 years at the start of the academic year must stay with a host family unless they live with a parent or other blood relative. Manchester host families are carefully selected to ensure a friendly, safe environment in which students can relax, integrate, and study.

Abbey College Cambridge and DLD College London can arrange high-quality local host family accommodation for students upon request.



ABBEY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Your pathway to an elite university.

Since its foundation in 1994, Abbey College Cambridge has developed a reputation for academic excellence. As Cambridge's leading international college, we are experts in teaching and supporting international students, and we do so in a community that is energised by the love of learning.

At Abbey College Cambridge, students make friends from all over the world, share unforgettable experiences, and go on to achieve amazing things together.

Why choose Abbey College Cambridge?

- One of the UK's top-performing international colleges.
- Unique Pre-Degree Diploma programme helps students prepare for competitive university courses.
- Enrichment Programme offers more than 50 weekly extra-curricular clubs and activities.
- Students excel in national and international academic competitions.
- Live and study in the heart of the World's most prestigious university city.

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Abbey College Cambridge

“EVERY DAY OF YOUR STUDIES AT ABBEY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE WE WILL CHALLENGE YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR ABSOLUTE BEST.”

Dr Elena Hesse, Principal





DLD COLLEGE LONDON

An award-winning school in the heart of London.

DLD College London is a co-educational, independent day and boarding school of diverse thinking and influences. Housed in a futuristic building with cutting-edge facilities and with 5* urban boarding on-site, it sits opposite the Houses of Parliament on the vibrant South Bank. London is very much our classroom!

With a caring, supportive, and student-focused environment, our students benefit from amazing learning and teaching opportunities, with many students progressing to join some of the finest universities.

Our multi-award-winning provision is available to students age 13-21 years, with Year 9 now open.

In addition to a number of significant national award wins, DLD College London is also proud to be named by The Good Schools Guide, Tatler, and Talk Education as one of the top schools in the UK.

Why choose DLD College London?

- Wide choice of courses and subjects.
- Experts in progression to top London and international universities, including in the US.
- Central London's only purpose built on-campus boarding school.
- Winner of Independent Boarding School of the Year, and the Special Judges' Award for Boarding School of the Year at the 2020 Independent School of the Year Awards.
- London is our classroom, we will help you to make the most of the amazing learning experiences the city has to offer.

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DLD College London

“AT DLD WE FOCUS ON EACH STUDENT AS AN INDIVIDUAL, TEAMING HIGH QUALITY TEACHING WITH AWARD-WINNING PASTORAL AND LEARNING SUPPORT TO BUILD THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE THAT ENABLES OUR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED.”

Irfan Latif, Principal



ABBEY COLLEGE MANCHESTER

Exceptional learning in the heart of Manchester.

For the past thirty years we've been proudly based in the heart of Manchester, and in that time we've grown to showcase some of the city's best qualities; innovation, pragmatism, a sense of humour, and a practical spirit.

We have welcomed thousands of students from around the world into our friendly college community, and we take pride in helping our students to achieve personal and academic development and move on to world-class universities, many of which, like our local University of Manchester, are based in our region.

We are the smallest of the three Abbey DLD Colleges, and also have the highest proportion of British students studying with us, which makes classes and life in college an interesting and invigorating mix of local and international cultures.

Awarded 'excellent' in every category by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) in March 2023, the college continues to go from strength to strength.

Why choose Abbey College Manchester?

- A small, friendly, welcoming college community.
- British and International students integrate and learn together.
- Innovative and flexible course offering.
- A pathway to world-class universities.
- Experts at preparing students for medicine.

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Abbey College Manchester

“OUR TEACHING STYLE IS RIGOROUS, CREATIVE AND CENTRED ON THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT. EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES, EVERYONE IS APPRECIATED, EVERYONE IS WELCOME.”

Chris Randell, Principal





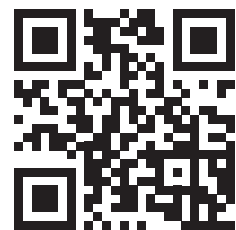
TERM DATES AND FEES

For term dates and tuition and boarding fees for the 2024/25 academic year, please visit our website using the links below.



Term Dates

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Fees

<https://bit.ly/3Q0P6ZP>



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Simply scan the code below to start your online application.





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