



# Ellesmere



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# Pre-Sixth Form Course





# Academic Summary

## Pre-Sixth Form

- A minimum standard of 4.5 IELTS is required.
- Students are placed in classes with English students based on ability.

### Students study and take GCSE exams as follows:

English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Economics (either all three sciences, two, or one, may be studied, depending on prior learning).

There is also the possibility of joining classes in a language (these will vary year to year) such as: Spanish, French, Latin, or German. Additional English is available as a chargeable extra.

## Spoken and Written English

Assessment of language levels are made at application. The first week of the first term provides further opportunity for assessment of language levels. During this period pupils are given the time to settle in and show how they perform in classes. After the first week, all students take a reading and writing test.

All students may take extra English lessons if necessary, (a chargeable extra). The focus is on improving spoken and written English before moving on to Sixth Form.

When Pre-Sixth students join the Sixth Form they can feel confident and prepared for their A Level or International Baccalaureate courses.

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**• Bienvenido • 欢迎 • Benvenuto**  
**• добро пожаловать • Bem-Vindo**

**The Ellesmere Pre-Sixth is a one-year course that prepares students from outside of the UK for Sixth Form studies (both IB and A Level) in an English language medium school.**

**We focus on improving spoken and written English and achieving GCSE qualifications in core subjects before moving on to the Sixth Form the following year.**

When Pre-Sixth students join the Sixth Form, they can confidently embark upon their Sixth Form courses of either A Level or International Baccalaureate Diploma without the need for a settling in period, entering fully into life at Ellesmere from the day they arrive.

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“The Pre-Sixth course has really improved my English and has enabled my academic development into the Sixth Form to be much easier. I experienced this in Economics as the support and specialist teaching I received during the Pre Sixth course gave me huge confidence in following the IB Economics course as part of the International Baccalaureate, as my understanding and confidence with the language was much stronger.

**Amelie Bittmann**

“I was not a native English speaker when I came to Ellesmere but the structure and teaching on the course really helped my language development. I struggled at the beginning but the support from the teachers meant that I began to understand the subjects I was being taught. The Pre-Sixth helped me improve my English and this has really helped me with my decision to stay at the school and study the International Baccalaureate”.

**Niklas Hille**



# What level of English do students need to enter this course?

## Pre-Sixth - For those with a good level of English

- The Pre-Sixth students at Ellesmere fully participate in the life of an English boarding school.
- For the Pre-Sixth course, an intermediate to good level of English is necessary. You will be able to cope with overall meaning in most situations and express extended ideas. Students will join mainstream classes with UK students.
- Pre-Sixth students follow a detailed academic syllabus leading to GCSE or IGCSE qualifications at the end of the year.
- The course provides an excellent platform and preparation for the International Baccalaureate and/or A levels.



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