

Learning English is your passport to success. For example, if your goal in life is to study and become an expert engineer, we will give you the very best skills to get you to university.



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“WE Bridge Academy, through the International Foundation Programme, has really helped me to reach my goal of becoming an aerospace engineer. I have now been accepted at university to study aeronautical engineering next year.”

Ibrahim (Saudi Arabia)



Welcome to WE Bridge Academy!

At WE Bridge Academy, our commitment to our students is to provide a varied range of well-taught accredited courses, offering progression to study at university in the UK or English speaking country. We give students the highest levels of care and support within our executive facilities. We are confident that studying with us will equip students for the next steps and will bridge the gap to the future. Over 90% of our students progress to university.

We have made the application process as simple and straight forward as possible via our website www.we-bridge.co.uk

We hope the information in this brochure will give you an insight into the courses we offer and provide the relevant information to compliment the student journey.

DAVE HENSON

Dave Henson
Director



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WE Study...

Over 90% of our students from WE Bridge Academy progress to university.



As a centre of academic excellence we offer our students the opportunity to undertake study in higher education in the UK, Australia, USA, Ireland and Canada via our popular foundation programme, which comes with four separate pathways: Computing, Engineering, Business and Science, as well as offering preparation for IELTS, General English classes and English classes for specific purposes.

// Courses and Programmes

// International Foundation Programme

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) has been specifically developed for international students who want to study for an undergraduate degree and comes with four separate pathways: Computing, Engineering, Business and Science. The course has proved to be very successful with 90% of our IFP students securing a place at university.

// General English

Our General English courses provide a professional and relaxed learning environment where students are helped to develop the four essential skills of language communication: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

// General English and IELTS preparation

As well as improving their general language capability, students learn and practise key skills and exam techniques required for the IELTS exam.

// English for Specific Purposes

Each English for Specific Purposes (ESP) course focuses on career-specific vocabulary and contexts, and is combined with a General English programme in order to develop your overall English language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Please visit our website for pricing.

// Placement Test

Every student will take a placement test on their first day at WE Bridge Academy which allows us to determine their level of English, and place them in the most suitable class. The test takes around 90 minutes and forms part of the induction process.

Some of the courses and programmes we offer may require a pre-arrival interview. This is an opportunity for us to get to know the student and answer any questions they might have.



// APPLY TODAY

Applications for our courses can be made today online at www.we-bridge.co.uk. All the information required to calculate the total cost of accommodation, course fees, living expenses and airport transfers can be found on our website.



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// Trinity CertTESOL // Teacher Training

Our Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL) course provides an internationally-recognised teaching qualification in just four weeks.

The course will start daily at 9:00am and finish at 6:00pm. Please see our website for pricing and course dates.

Applications for Trinity CertTESOL Teacher Training can be made via our website.

// COURSE CALCULATOR

We have created a simple and easy to use form on our website www.we-bridge.co.uk to calculate how much a course at WE Bridge Academy will cost per week. The price of the International Foundation Programme, however, is shown for the entire length of the programme. The Course Calculator form will take a matter of seconds to complete and enable students and their parents to make informed plans.

// IFP University Progression

Our IFP offers 4 pathways for progression:

- Business
- Computing
- Engineering
- Science

Successful completion of the IFP allows local students to advance onto one of our university progression routes, including:

- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- University of South Wales
- Bristol University of the West of England
- University of Plymouth
- Cardiff University

// Universities

A number of universities also offer a guaranteed place after successful completion of the IFP:

- Bangor University (UK)
- Birmingham City University (UK)
- Cardiff Metropolitan University (UK)
- Cardiff University (UK)
- Carroll University (USA)
- Central Queensland University (Australia)
- University Centre Croydon (UK)
- University of Chester (UK)

// Standard Entry Routes

These are universities that may not officially guarantee a place, but certainly welcome, and view favourably, applications from WE Bridge Academy students.

England

Aston University, Coventry University ISC, De Montfort University, INTO Newcastle University, INTO University of East Anglia, Keele University ISC, Kingston University London, Kingston University London ISC, Leeds Beckett University ISC, Liverpool John Moores University, London Metropolitan University, Northumbria University, Nottingham Trent University, Oxford Brookes University, Sheffield Hallam University, Staffordshire University, The University of Northampton, The University of Nottingham, University of Central Lancashire, University of Essex, University of Gloucestershire, University of Huddersfield ISC, University of Leeds, University of Lincoln ISC, University of Liverpool, University of Sussex ISC, University of Westminster, University of Wolverhampton, University of Worcester, University of York.

Ireland

INTO Queen's University Belfast.

Scotland

Abertay University, Glasgow Caledonian University, Heriot-Watt University, University of West of Scotland.

Australia

Flinders University Study Centre, Taylors College.

Canada

Fraser International College, Thompson Rivers University.

USA

Berkeley College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Heidelberg University, Humboldt State University, Southern Oregon University, The University of Vermont, University of Idaho, University of North Alabama.

This list is regularly being updated.

// A Levels

// About the Programme

WE Bridge International Study Centres represents Pembrokeshire College, which has been teaching international students on its A-level programme since 1992. Our new campus, extensive experience and exceptional results ensure that our students experience excellence in education whilst living in a truly inspiring and beautiful setting. This programme promises quality preparation for our students' future success.

// WE Offer

At WE Bridge International Study Centres students will be able to choose from 25 subjects:

Art – Fine Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Drama, Economics, English Language & Literature, English Literature, French, Further Maths, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Music, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Spanish.

// Excellent A-level Results (2018)

100% Pass Rate
A*-C 84%
A*-B 50%
A*/A 22%

Students will enjoy the following benefits of studying at Pembrokeshire College

- Small class sizes
- Modern classrooms
- New state-of-the-art campus
- Personal tutor
- Additional one-to-one learning support
- Situated in one of the most beautiful and safest locations in the UK
- More than 400 students progressed to university between 2016 and 2017

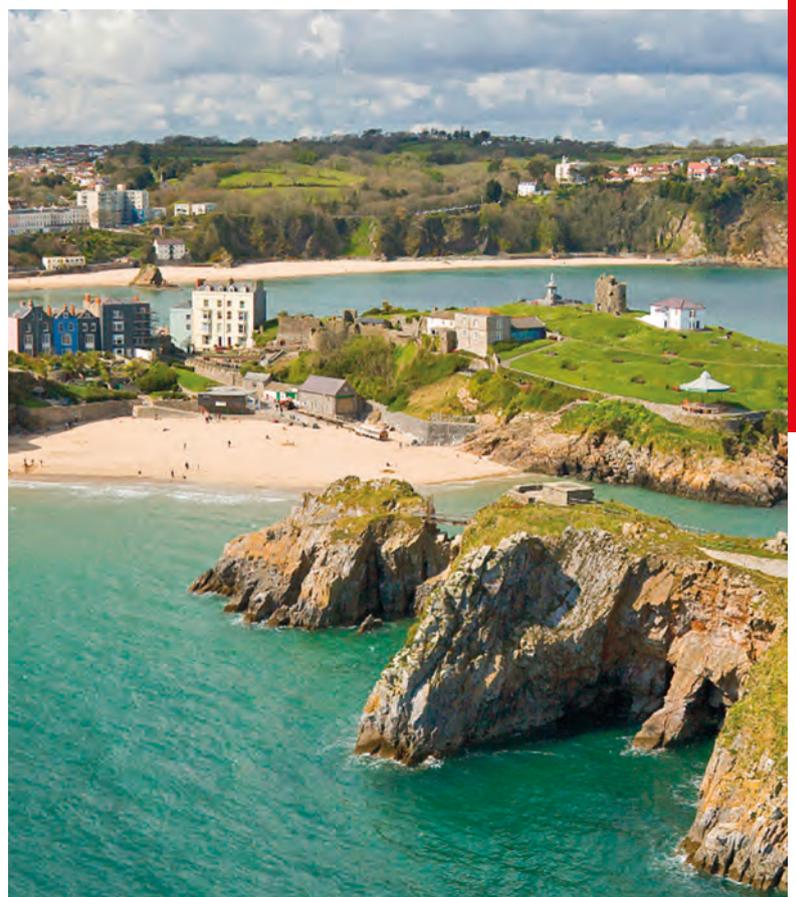
- Specialist university application support
- Gym, sports hall and cardio suite
- Superfast Wi-Fi

// Boarding

Boarding Plus is a fully catered service comprising the following:

- All meals provided through a combination of lunch at the College and two meals at the accommodation on a week day and three meals on weekends and holidays at the host family
- Airport pick up and drop off at designated times of the academic year
- Pick up and drop off facility from host families in the morning and evening
- Access to fully equipped fitness centre
- Trips and activities during term time and half terms

For more information, pricing and details of how to apply, please visit www.we-bridge.co.uk



WE Are...

“The staff have a genuine passion to give their very best”



WE Bridge Academy is located within Southgate House in the new central business district of the Cardiff Enterprise Zone. Our executive facilities offer the highest standards with plenty of classrooms and office space.



// Accreditation

The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) is the body responsible for the inspection of schools in membership of the Associations that make up the Independent Schools Council. The ISI 2018 Report for WE Bridge Academy can be found on our website.

British Council

The British Council gives an assurance of quality to international students who are studying or planning to study English language in the UK. This is achieved by external inspection, ensuring that providers that are accredited through the scheme meet agreed quality standards.

NCC Education

NCC Education is an awarding organisation and global provider of British education. They offer the complete education solution to a global network of Accredited Partner Centres in more than 50 countries worldwide.

Originally a division of the National Computing Centre, which was first established as an IT initiative by the British Government in 1966, NCC started initially offering IT qualifications

over 40 years ago and gradually expanded their higher education portfolio to include Business, English Language, and Foundation level qualifications. In 1997, they were incorporated as an awarding organisation of British qualifications.

English UK

English UK is the national association of accredited English language centres in the United Kingdom. They work to raise standards and to ensure students have a great experience learning English in the UK.

Trinity College London – International

Trinity qualifications are assessed to the same standards across approximately 60 countries by trained panels of examiners who work internationally to ensure the consistent application of criteria and procedures.

Cambridge ESOL Exam Preparation Centre

Cambridge ESOL provide the world's leading range of qualifications for learners and teachers of English. Their expertise, gathered over 100 years of language learning and assessment, has led them to work with educational institutions and local and regional governments around the world.

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// Our Story

WE Bridge was founded in 2009 with the original vision of facilitating communication in English between East and West. WE Bridge Academy boasts a diverse academic team who are ready to deliver education of the highest standard and give you all the advice

and support you need. WE Bridge Academy is located within Southgate House in the new central business district of the Cardiff Enterprise Zone. Our executive facilities offer the highest standards with plenty of classrooms and office space.

// Then And Now

We have changed a lot over the course of our history, this is reflected in our branding.

One thing remains constant; a commitment to excellence.



2009



2013



2018



// Cardiff, Wales

WE Bridge Academy is perfectly situated in the very heart of Cardiff city centre. Cardiff, Wales' capital city offers spectacular shopping, museums, dining and entertainment. Easy to explore on foot you can visit the free National Museum Cardiff and spectacular Cardiff Castle, all within the city itself.

Cardiff is just two hours away from London by train and much closer to the exciting cities of Bath and Bristol. Cardiff is a clean, friendly city with a lot to offer people of all ages.

There are six Victorian arcades in Cardiff, offering an intimate environment for shoppers who enjoy an alternative to the well-trodden path of the high street. The Castle Quarter is made up of High Street Arcade, Duke Street Arcade and Castle Arcade. These are historic structures full of vintage clothes stores, craft shops and coffee shops.

Cardiff Castle lies within the city centre and many local points of interest are all within walking distance of the WE Bridge Academy. Cardiff Bay is less than 10 minutes from the

academy using local transport with a wide selection of bars, restaurants and home to the Welsh Assembly Government.

Need to know:

- Voted No. 1 UK city for young people to live in (The Independent , 2013)
- More than 78,000 students in Cardiff each year
- 10% of the city is parkland – more than 330 parks and gardens
- No. 1 Peaceful Major Urban Area in the UK (The UK Peace Index, 2013)
- Cardiff is 35% cheaper than London
- 99% of people would recommend Cardiff as a destination to visit – more than 20.9 million visitors each year
- The most popular attractions are Cardiff Bay, shopping, Cardiff Castle and The Millennium Centre
- Popular location for sporting and music events



WE Live...

“It is very important for me to improve my English as I want to work in retail and foreign trade. I would recommend WE Bridge Academy as a very good place to study. There are so many different people of different nationalities studying here, we speak English all the time!”

Leandra (Germany)



It is important for students to choose somewhere to stay before arriving in the UK and our Housing Officer can advise on finding the best kind of accommodation to suit each student's requirements.

// Accommodation

Most students choose from homestay, residential, private accommodation or a hotel/bed and breakfast. WE Bridge Academy homestay accommodation availability is limited and must be booked at least two weeks before arrival (subject to availability).

We understand how important it is to secure the right accommodation and we ensure that our extensive network of homestay providers offers accommodation that is pleasant, comfortable and safe.

Our English-speaking hosts provide an opportunity to practise English language skills.

A single room on a half-board basis with breakfast and evening meal.

A single room on a full-board basis for students aged under 18.

Each home is inspected to meet British Council quality standards.

A maximum of one student per nationality will be placed in each home.

A payment for the first 4 weeks accommodation is required to secure homestay.

Our Housing Officer will provide students with all the information needed prior to their arrival in the UK and if they have any questions regarding homestay accommodation during their stay we are always happy to help.

In order to secure homestay accommodation we have devised the following checklist:

1. The form must be completed at least two weeks before students arrive in the UK.
2. Homestay accommodation cannot be booked without a completed form.
3. Homestay fees are payable in addition to course fees.
4. Students aged under 18 must stay with a WE Bridge Academy homestay provider, or with a family member with the written permission of their parent/guardian.



// Pre-Arrival

// Travelling to the United Kingdom

First time visitors to the UK are advised to consult the following useful websites:

- UK Government
- British Council – Studying in the UK
- Visas

Information about visas can be found at gov.uk and we advise that all students check to see if a visa is required before travelling.

Airport Transfers

An airport transfer can be requested when applying to study with us, and prior to arrival, as long as we are given at least 7 days' notice. The prices may change depending on arrival time, any airport delays and exact destination.

Please see our website for transfer costs from your arrival airport to Cardiff

Airports

Most students will arrive in the UK at London Heathrow or Gatwick airport. WE Bridge Academy can offer advice on getting from the airport to Cardiff and for a fee, we can arrange a taxi transfer*. Any students wishing to make their own way from the airport to Cardiff may find the following sites useful**

- By train: National Rail
- By coach: National Express** or megabus**
- By taxi: Dragon**

*There may be a 'waiting charge' and car parking charges made by taxi firms if a flight is delayed.

**Advanced booking required

Medical Treatment

We advise students to visit their doctor, dentist and optician before travel to ensure they are fit to do so and check to see if any vaccinations are required. If a course is less than 6 months in duration, students will receive free accident and emergency hospital treatment but will have to pay for any other medical treatment as a private patient.

Travel Documents

When travelling to the UK, students need to make sure that they have the following documents:

- A valid passport
- A visa or UK-entry clearance (non-EU students)
- Vaccination or medical certificates if required
- A letter of acceptance to study at WE Bridge Academy
- Name, address and contact details of where they will be staying in the UK
- Details of any transfers, travel documents and tickets

If the student is under 18, they will need a signed letter from their parent or guardian that gives permission for them to travel.

General Travel Advice

Students need to make sure that all their travel arrangements are booked at least 5 days in advance and confirmed with us.

WE Listen...

We are always listening and love to hear feedback. We are here to discuss any student's individual requirements in more detail or any questions about our courses or career-specific programmes. Feedback is very important to us and we always encourage feedback from our students in relation to their lessons, homestay and life at WE Bridge Academy as a whole.



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We are open Monday to Friday between 08:30 and 17:00. Please leave a message if contacting us outside of these times and a member of the team will respond to the message the next working day.

// FAQs

How do I apply for a course at WE Bridge Academy?

Applications can be made online using our website, through an agent or by requesting a form by emailing info@we-bridge.co.uk

What information do you need from me when I apply?

For General English applications, we require a fully completed and signed application form along with a copy of the student's passport photo page.

For those applying for our International Foundation Programme, we will need to have a completed application form, copy of the student's passport, evidence of secondary education and IELTS. Please advise us if the student is unable to provide any of the documents requested.

For all other courses, including our Trinity CertTESOL Teacher Training Programme, our Academic team will advise as to what we require in order to process an application.

Can anyone study at WE Bridge Academy?

We accept students aged 16 and over. If a student applying for a course with us is under the age of 18, additional documentation will be required including a Parental Permission form.

Do you provide accommodation?

We are pleased to be able to offer students homestay accommodation as part of the application process. Accommodation availability may be limited, particularly during the summer months, but we will always discuss this with the student when they apply. For students over the age of 18 who wish to consider private-rented or student accommodation, our Housing Officer will be able to supply more information.

Students aged 16 and 17 are required to stay in WE Bridge Academy homestay accommodation or with a responsible family member aged over 18, with written consent from the legal parent or guardian.

What happens once I have applied for a course?

Providing all the evidence requested is provided, the student will be issued with an offer letter to study at WE Bridge Academy. Once accepted to study, students are requested to please visit our Pre-arrival page on our website which contains useful links, including applying for a visa.

What time are my classes?

Your class times will vary depending on the course and number of hours you study. All classes start at 09:30 and you can view a sample timetable on the Current Students page of our website.

What happens on my first day?

Students are asked to arrive at the academy for 9am. The first day will be a little different from a typical day in the classroom as students will be introduced to the team and the other students, asked to complete the placement test and take part in an induction to inform students about life at WE Bridge Academy, Cardiff and the UK! Students are asked to please remember to bring their original passport, visas and travel documents with them.

Our address is Floor 10 Southgate House, Wood Street, Cardiff CF10 1EW. Our main telephone number is +44 (0)2920 225 656.

How do I make a payment?

Details of how to pay and the methods of payment accepted can be found on our website.

We always encourage feedback and ask all our students to comment in our feedback book at reception. We love reading how we have influenced the lives of everyone that studies with us, and here are just some of the lovely comments we receive:

“I’m very happy that I met such amazing staff and teachers – always ready to answer my questions and give me the attendance paper that I kept forgetting to sign the first week! Don’t worry, I’ll be back.”

Alessandro, July 2018

“It was incredible to meet people from other countries here while I was improving my English. I really enjoyed all the trips, especially to Tenby. Thanks so much to my teacher for her patience and effort.”

Carlota, July 2018

“We spent a great time here in WE Bridge Academy and it was a fantastic month! All the teachers and staff are very kind. We hope to see you all again – thank you for everything”

Romina & Fabrizio, 2017





// Why Study At WE Bridge Academy ?

- To improve general and academic English
- To obtain a guaranteed place at university on an undergraduate programme in the UK, Australia and USA
- To enhance study skills and cultural understanding for university life

// What Next?



1. Go to we-bridge.co.uk



2. Apply for a course



3. We'll be in touch



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