



Cobham Hall

A day and boarding school for girls and boys aged 11-18

SIXTH FORM FOUNDATION

THREE-YEAR A LEVEL PROGRAMME



INTRODUCING OUR SIXTH FORM FOUNDATION

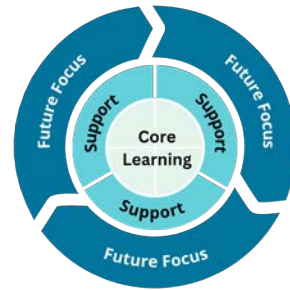
A Levels are highly regarded by universities across the world and form the core of the Sixth Form curriculum at Cobham Hall. But A Level study is a major step up from GCSE or equivalent and can be particularly challenging for those for whom English is not their first language, as to work at this level demands very good understanding and proficiency.

Cobham Hall's Sixth Form Foundation is a unique, three-year programme, specifically designed for international students who are academically able but whose English Language skills are not yet of the standard needed for successful A Level study.

“A small, truly international school which turns out compassionate, confident and worldly-wise global citizens.”

- Good Schools Guide

HOW THE FOUNDATION WORKS



Core Learning: the academic focus of the year

Support: programmes specifically designed to support learning in the year

Future Focus: programmes designed to build a bridge to the next stage of your academic journey



WHO IS IT FOR?

Students aged 15+ who wish to study A Levels and who demonstrate English proficiency at around B1 level (IELTS 4.5) and above. Candidates who are very able academically and whose English level is slightly below this may be considered.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

YEAR 1: BRIDGE YEAR

This three-year programme commences with a unique Year 1 'Bridge Year' which includes:

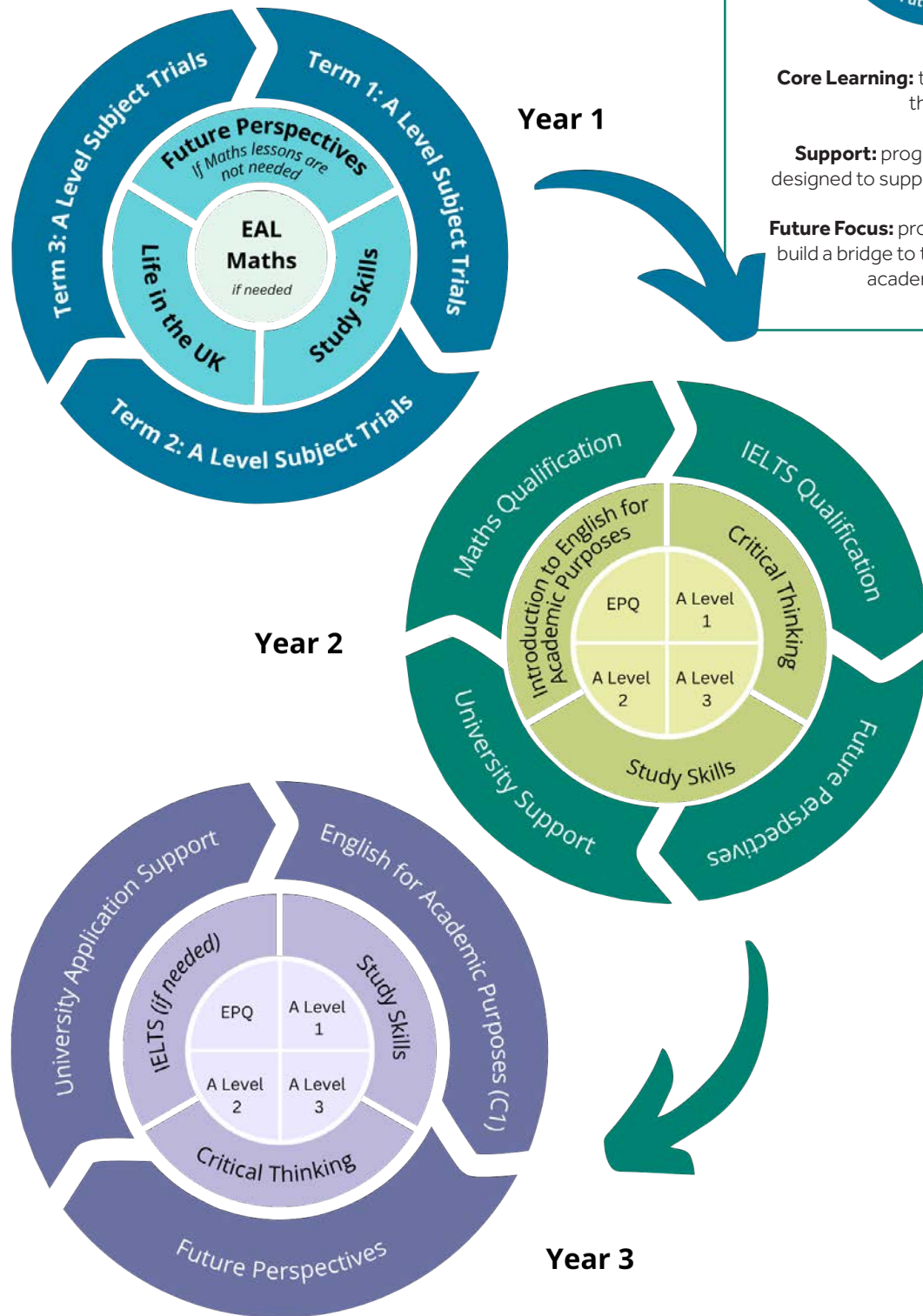
- A tailored English as an Additional Language (EAL) course to refine reading writing and listening skills to the standard required to access the Sixth Form curriculum in Years 2 and 3 of the course.
- The chance to sample two or three A Level subjects per term, both building basic subject knowledge and trialling/refining course choices.
- The opportunity to study for core Mathematics and EAL subjects to be taken at GCSE level the following year and gain the qualifications required by many universities.
- A tailored programme designed to develop the academic and practical skills needed to thrive at A Level and beyond.
- A dedicated Life in the UK course to broaden knowledge of life and culture.

YEARS 2 AND 3: DEVELOP AND COMPLETE

As students commence A Level study in their chosen subjects, tailored EAL and skills training continues alongside, helping them become fully university-ready:

- Students study for and take the university-required IELTS English qualification, usually in Year 2.
- English for Academic Purposes is taught in Years 2 and 3, preparing students for the demands of Higher Education.
- Students take part in Cobham Hall's outstanding Future Perspectives, Tutorial, Global Critical Thinking and other leadership programmes, as well as preparing the Extending Project Qualification (EPQ), so loved by universities.

In some circumstances, the Year 1 Bridge Year may be offered as a standalone course. Please contact Admissions for details.



THE SIXTH FORM FOUNDATION AT-A-GLANCE

	Year 1 (Foundation Year) BRIDGE
English as an Additional Language	<p>Tailored programme of EAL to refine reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, leading to FCE (Cambridge B2 First Qualification).</p> <p>EAL lessons as required, depending upon English level, including Life in the UK programme.</p> <p>The course bridges the linguistic gap, aiming to deliver proficiency at B2 level by the end of the year.</p>
Academic Learning and Qualifications	<p>Core Mathematics skills lessons, if needed, leading to the opportunity to take GCSE and additional Maths qualifications in Year 2.</p> <p>Join Year 12 A Level lessons, sampling 2 to 3 subjects per term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved English through immersion into language of the class. Building basic subject skills. Opportunity to ensure you are choosing the right subjects for A Level study. Opportunity to sample 'new' subjects, such as Business Studies, Economics, Psychology, Graphic Communication, Photography. <p>Choose A Levels.</p>
Skills Development	<p>Future Perspectives – leadership and life skills (if not taking Mathematics).</p> <p>Study Skills and Tutorial .</p> <p>EPQ (if not taking Mathematics)</p> <p>Model United Nations Debating.</p>
Wellbeing and Cultural	<p>Life in the UK course.</p> <p>Trips and excursions.</p> <p>Timetabled sport and PSHE lessons.</p> <p>Extensive co-curricular activities.</p> <p>Service and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.</p>

Year 2 (12) DEVELOP
<p>FCE (Cambridge B2 First Qualification) exam taken September.</p> <p>IELTS programme commences, with qualification taken at the end of Year 12 (if proficiency allows).</p> <p>Introduction to English for Academic Purposes.</p>
<p>Opportunity to take GCSE and additional Maths qualification.</p> <p>Embark on A Level study for chosen subjects.</p> <p>Usually 2 or 3 A Level subjects are taken, plus the Extended Project Qualification (worth 50% of an A Level). The EPQ delivers outstanding preparation for academic life at university.</p> <p>10 lessons per fortnight for each subject, plus 2 for the EPQ.</p>
<p>Future Perspectives – leadership and life skills</p> <p>Study Skills.</p> <p>Critical Thinking.</p> <p>University Support.</p> <p>Opportunities to take on student leadership roles – House Captain, Guardian.</p> <p>Opportunities to lead Model United Nations.</p>
<p>Timetabled sport and PSHE lessons.</p> <p>Extensive co-curricular activities.</p> <p>Service and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.</p>

Year 3 (13) COMPLETE
<p>English for Academic Purposes course.</p> <p>IELTS continues for any students who have not yet completed the qualification, which they will now do in this year.</p>
<p>A Level study completed.</p> <p>University applications made with extensive support.</p> <p>University offers received.</p>
<p>Operate in student leadership roles, if won.</p> <p>Future Perspectives – leadership and life skills.</p> <p>Study Skills.</p> <p>Critical Thinking.</p> <p>University Support.</p> <p>Lead Model United Nations Debating, if appropriate.</p>
<p>Timetabled sport and PSHE lessons.</p> <p>Extensive co-curricular activities.</p> <p>Service and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.</p>

THE COBHAM HALL DIFFERENCE

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Cobham Hall has vast experience in pre-sessional English, having prepared international students for university study since the 1970s. In 2023, all our international students gained places at their first-choice university.

“EAL provision is extensive [and] ambitious....Innovative teaching makes good use of the latest technology.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate, December 2023

A ‘ONE SCHOOL’ APPROACH

Unlike many boarding schools, boarding and day students are fully integrated. There are plenty of opportunities for our day students to stay over in boarding and for students to learn independence in a safe environment, learning to cook and even to throw a dinner party.

Our whole school is very diverse, with students from different countries, cultures, religions and backgrounds, and internationalism is at the heart of our ethos.

“Cobham Hall is a school with both a strong international focus and a huge spirit of adventure...The boarding community lies at the heart.... and gives a genuine family-feel.”

Muddy Stiletto, February 2024

A CURRICULUM FOR THE FUTURE

Our Sixth Form programme is centred around A Levels but is broad and significantly skills-based, offering a range of unique educational strands; including Global Critical Thinking, Study Skills and University application support.

These strands are further enhanced and supported by our bespoke Perspectives course designed to prepare students for life beyond school.



FUTURE PERSPECTIVES: LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The Future Perspectives course equips Sixth Form students with essential life skills and self-awareness to prepare them for their future. It covers a range of topics, including:

- Personal goal-setting and life-planning.
- Time management, personal strengths, leadership, first aid, decision making, effective communication, self-confidence, career options.
- Engaging activities to allow students to apply their skills in real-life contexts, such as working with the elderly, helping the homeless and exploring car maintenance.
- A curriculum that delves into financial literacy, including budgeting, salaries, financial aid, and living independently.
- Entrepreneurial thinking and setting up a business with a limited budget.

“The ‘perspectives’ programme... includes skills that range from managing personal finances to changing a car wheel.”

- Independent Schools Inspectorate, December 2023

IDEALLY SITUATED

Though surrounded by 150 acres of stunning grounds, Cobham Hall is only 30 minutes by train from central London and ten minutes by weekly minibus (or taxi) from one of the biggest shopping malls in the UK, Bluewater.

Our Sixth Form Foundation students join the Sixth Form from the outset, enjoying its many privileges and use of our fabulous new Sixth Form Centre, "ideally suited to 21st century education" as a recent review put it.

We are also just an hour or so away from both Gatwick and Heathrow airports.



"The building and grounds are idyllic... that epitome of story book British boarding at its finest."

Muddy Stilettos, February 2024





A LEVELS AVAILABLE*

*subject to sufficient student numbers

Art, Craft and Design
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama and Theatre
Economics
English Literature
French
Geography
Graphic Communications
History
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Music
Music Technology
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Spanish



“Project qualifications such as the EPQ offer an unparalleled introduction to the skills needed for students to thrive in Higher Education.”

University of Southampton

EPQ EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

(in a subject of student's choosing)

EPQ provides students with the opportunity to plan, research and develop their own project idea. The project can be in a variety of forms, including:

- A research-based written report
- A production (for example, a charity event, fashion show or sports event)
- An artefact (for example, a piece of art, a computer game or realised design)

The EPQ encourages independent learning and demonstrates that students have strong research skills and can reflect upon and evaluate a project, while the deeper understanding of a topic of interest it gives can also be a good discussion point in interviews. Furthermore, undertaking the EPQ trains students to manage their time and teaches planning techniques, desirable skills not only at university but also in the work environment.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Examples of clubs and activities we offer:

- Amity Club
- Art Club
- Artist-in-Residence Workshops
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Benesonantes (Chamber Choir)
- Bible Study
- Book Club
- Boxfit
- Business and Economics
- Choir
- Classics Play
- Cobham Hall Pantomime
- Cobham Hall Sound Collective
- Computer Club
- Connection Theatre Festival
- Craft Club
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Diversity
- Drama
- Drama, Voice and Communication
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Film Club
- Football
- Games Club
- Greek Club
- Hockey
- Horse-Riding
- Media Team
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Musical Instruments & Singing
- Music Makers
- Netball
- Orchestra
- Rock Band
- Spanish Film Club
- STEM Club
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Textiles
- Trampolining
- University Challenge



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