



Celtic English Academy



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for the teaching
of English in the UK



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English





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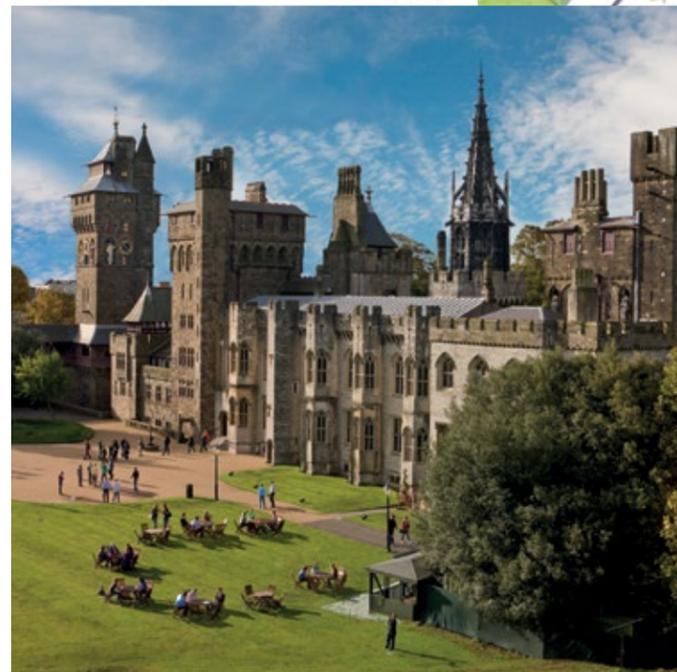
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We teach English today so you can start your tomorrow

At Celtic English Academy, we take care of our students' futures as English speakers.

We want our students to have a better understanding of the English language, be accepted into their desired university, and communicate more effectively with international clients.

Teaching students in small groups means that we can focus on your individual needs. This means that you will make progress faster than in a large class. While you are with us, the extra opportunities to practise English outside of lessons combined with your time in the classroom mean that your English will improve dramatically in both environments.





...
**A warm
Welsh
welcome**

Wales is known as a country full of song, legendary stories, and rich traditions. This distinctive culture is inspired by truly breathtaking landscapes, which, when you see them for yourself, will inspire you too!

Natural and historic beauty is easy to find in Wales, with waterfalls, rolling green hills, dramatic mountains, ancient castles, unique wildlife, and a coast path that runs along the entire length of the country.

Our cities are compact and easy to get around, while our towns have a warm community feel. Wales, lesser known than the other UK nations, can be considered a 'hidden gem' because of all that it has to offer.

Celtic English Academy is based in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales; a friendly, affordable and safe place to live and study. When you come to study English with us, you don't just learn it, but experience it through a range of activities and excursions.

Would you like to find your epic?



Great Britain

- Great Britain is the largest island in the United Kingdom.
- Great Britain is made up of England, Scotland and Wales in combination.
- Each country has its own capital city



Wales:
Population: 3,107,500
The capital city is Cardiff



England:
Population: 59,597,300
The capital city is London



Scotland:
Population: 5,479,900
The capital city is Edinburgh

(Information sourced from Office for National Statistics)



Wales facts

Capital city



CARDIFF

Population

3.1 million

Currency



GBP

National day



St David's day

Language



English and Welsh

National symbols



LEEK



DRAGON



DAFFODIL



HARP

National sport



RUGBY

Visitors

10 million a year

1 million international visitors

National parks

Three National parks cover

20%

of the country's land mass



and 5 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

TOP 10 MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES

ranked by Rough Guides (2019)



Cardiff, the beautiful capital of Wales

Cardiff is a great place to live and study.

It offers everything you would expect from a capital city with world-class entertainment, historical sites and excellent shopping, while still being one of the cheapest places for students to live in the UK.

It was rated the 3rd Capital City in Europe for Quality of Life (European cities survey, 2016) and Wales was voted as one of the Top 10 Most Beautiful Countries in the World (Rough Guides, 2019).



Heritage

Romans, Normans and Victorians all helped shape the Cardiff that exists today. You can learn about Cardiff's rich history at its many historical sites and museums. Cardiff Castle and the beautiful Bute Park castle grounds are only 10 minutes' walk from the academy.



Sports

Twice awarded 'European Capital of Sport', Cardiff has fast become a leading city for sport on an international level. The Principality Stadium hosted the 2015 Rugby World Cup and the 2017 UEFA Champions League football final!



Low Cost & Safe

Cardiff is one of the best value university cities. Throughout the year, regular free festivals and events take place. The Cardiff street food scene has exploded in recent years and there are many 'pop-up' events to enjoy. It is also one of the safest cities in the UK to live in.



Entertainment & The Arts

You find poetry in the buildings and music in the air when you visit Cardiff! There have been live concerts by world-famous artists like Ed Sheeran, Beyoncé and Justin Bieber, or you could enjoy classical music and drama at the Wales Millennium Centre or St. David's Hall.



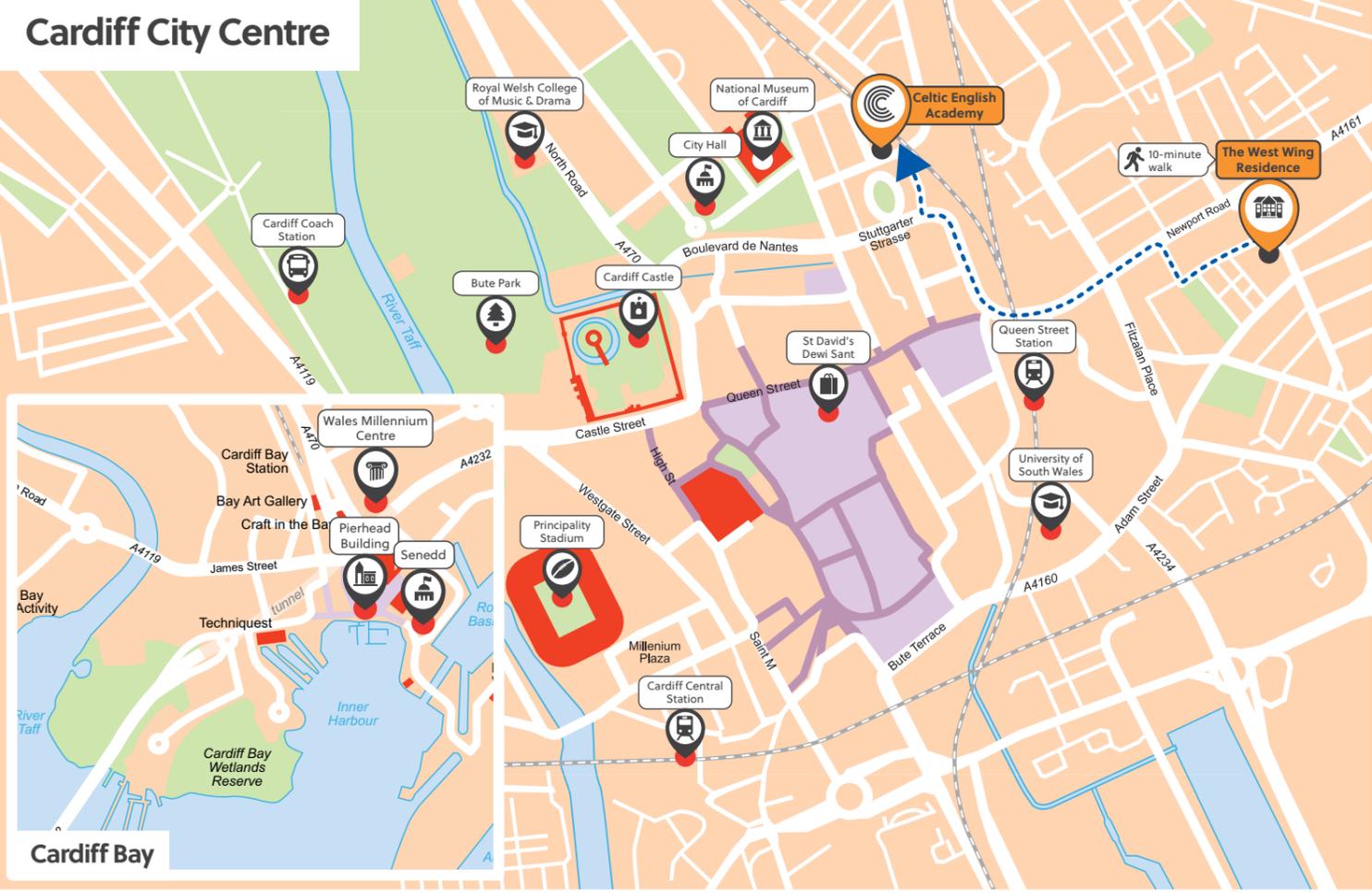
Nightlife

Cardiff has great restaurants, nightlife and a well-established pub culture. If you are looking for a night out, the lively St. Mary Street or Cardiff Bay are the busiest areas at the weekend.



Shopping

Cardiff is one of Europe's top shopping destinations. Celtic English Academy is located right in the heart of the city, only minutes away from the main shopping centres and boutique arcades.



Cardiff

Cardiff is one of the UK's top-ranked big cities for quality of life and one of the best value university cities in Europe!

Capital city of:



Wales

Population

370,000



42% cheaper than London especially transport and accommodation.



2 hours from London by train

99% would recommend Cardiff as a destination to visit



Britain's best city for cyclists 2020

4 UNIVERSITIES

within central Cardiff



welcoming more than **87,000** students every year

Transfer information

from **Cardiff**
International Airport to the city centre



30 minutes by taxi

transfer from Cardiff airport



1 hour by bus

from Cardiff Airport

from **Bristol**
International Airport to the city centre



1 hour by taxi

transfer from Bristol airport



1.5 hours by bus

from Bristol Airport

from **London**
Heathrow Airport to the city centre



2.5/3 hours by taxi

transfer from Heathrow and Gatwick airports



2 hours by train

from London Paddington Station

Life in Cardiff offers the same great features and benefits as living in other major cities, but at a much lower cost.



Cost of living in Cardiff (per week)	
Accommodation	£100 - £195
Food	£30 - £50
Travel	£0 - £15
Socialising	£20 - £30
Laundry & toiletries	£3 - £10
Telephone & mobile	£3 - £10
Other	£15 - £30
TOTAL:	£171 - £340

Cost of specific items in Cardiff*	
Cardiff Bus Pass	£35-£53/month
Average Cardiff taxi journey	£10 - £20
Average Cardiff bike rental	£1 - £10
McDonald's Big Mac menu	£6
Restaurant meal	£7 - £50
1 pint of beer	£4 - £5
1 cinema ticket	£7 - £9
1 takeaway coffee	£2 - £3

*Information sourced from www.expatisan.com

Go somewhere new today

Studying abroad is not only about learning English, but also having the opportunity to learn about new traditions, immerse yourself in a different culture, and discover exciting places.

Our social activities give you the chance to practise your speaking skills, make friends from around the world, and have fun while exploring a new city and country!

CARDIFF BAY



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES

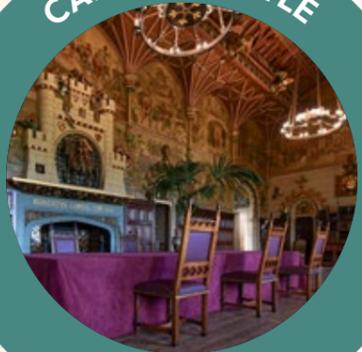


PRINCIPALITY STADIUM TOUR



The home of Welsh rugby.

CARDIFF CASTLE



The richest man in the world once lived there.

ST FAGANS MUSEUM



More like a fascinating village than a museum; a walk through Welsh history.

What a great beach and the funfair rides are epic!

BARRY ISLAND



WHITE WATER RAFTING



I never thought I'd be able to try this in a city.

WELSH CAKES



FISH AND CHIPS



Best eaten out of newspaper and with plenty of vinegar.

NIGHTLIFE



PUB



After a lesson at the Pen & Wig pub directly opposite the academy.

WELSH RAREBIT



...with some delicious melted Welsh cheese.

Other things you can enjoy in Cardiff



BOWLING



CINEMA



MINI GOLF

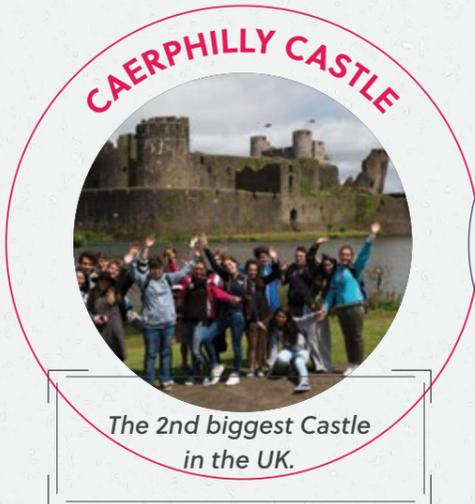


ESCAPE ROOMS

This is Wales: find your epic



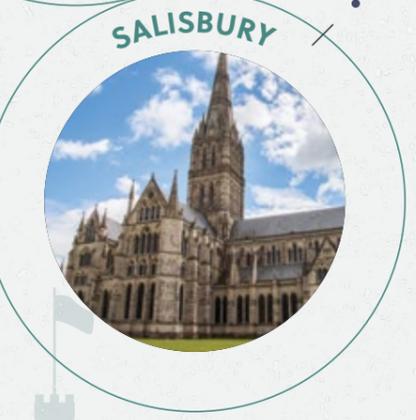
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the best in Britain & top 10 beaches in the world by Tripadvisor.



The 2nd biggest Castle in the UK.



Other popular cities for weekend excursions



Scan the QR code to watch our exclusive video about Wales and Cardiff!



Celtic English Academy

We are a friendly and welcoming English language centre in the heart of Cardiff.

Established:

 **2004**

Location:

 **Cardiff**
Excellent city centre location

Small class size:

10
Maximum

Number of students:

 **300 150**
High season Low season

 **22**
classrooms

 **Qualified teachers**
with a native-speaker level of English

Accreditations & Memberships

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for the teaching of English in the UK



Who we are

We opened as Celtic School in 2004 and we have been welcoming students from all over the world since then. **Our vision is to be a leader in Global education to change the world in positive ways by bringing people together to talk to one another in their shared language.**

Our excellent core teaching team is complemented by our academic and office support teams. These teams ensure the smooth day-to-day running of our friendly and welcoming English academy.



Mission

"We teach English today so you can start your tomorrow."

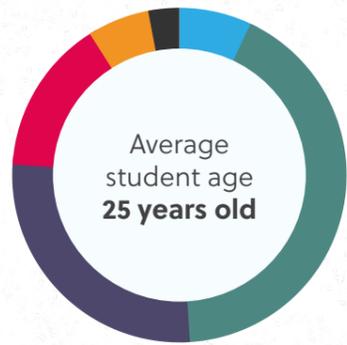
We will help you to communicate more effectively in today's multicultural world, and help you to achieve your goals.

Our students

Top nationalities

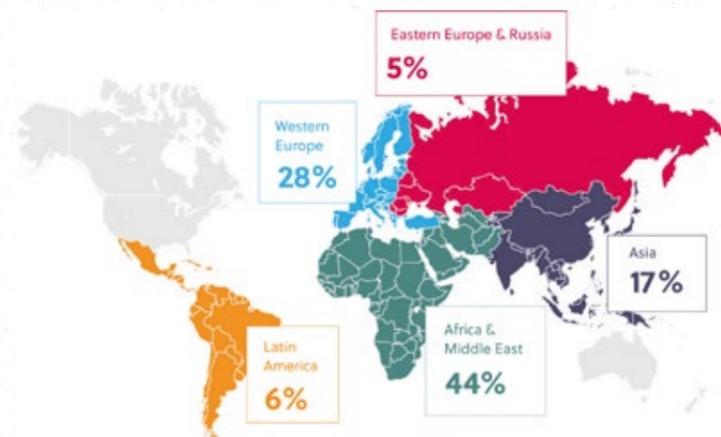


Age range



Junior	7%
16 - 20	42%
21 - 30	27%
31 - 40	15%
41 - 50	6%
51+	3%

Nationality mix

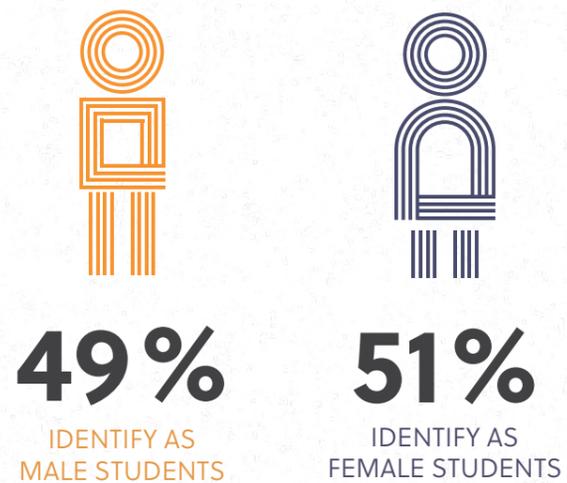


Length of stay



1-4 weeks	7%
5-12 weeks	42%
13-24 weeks	27%
25-40 weeks	15%
41-50 weeks	6%
51+	3%

Student gender



(August 2021 - July 2022 statistics)



Facilities



Free WiFi
Free wireless internet access throughout our buildings.



Free water
Unlimited free water is available in reception and the student areas.



Kitchen facilities
Kitchen space for student use with café-style tables.



22 classrooms
Interactive whiteboards available in all permanent classrooms.



IT room
Access to internet-connected computers with Microsoft programmes.



Resources
Books, magazines and a selection of English-language DVDs available.



Reception
Our reception has dedicated members of staff who can assist you during break times.



Self-study space
Our student areas are open daily from 8:00 - 16:00.



2 student lounges
Relax, study or socialise here with your friends during breaks.



Prayer room
A multifaith space where people are able to spend time in contemplation or prayer.



Social responsibility

Let's be honest...

The study travel industry has a lot to answer for when it comes to taking care of people and our planet. In addition, the word 'sustainability' has become used so widely that it has almost lost all meaning.

The greenest thing you can do?
Not travel around the world by airplane.

But, as we're in the business of international education, we are passionate about the transformative power of education, to help aspiring students study English to be a better global citizen and for better community life.

We support and encourage our staff and students to make ethical decisions, feel fantastic and then let someone else feel fantastic, too. Make memories. Make informed choices. Make life as good as it can be.

We'll just make it all a bit brighter, and try to do it all a bit better.

The Celtic promise:

We donate £1 to our Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives for each student who studies with us.



Here are some examples of what we do



Sponsor refugees to study English

We provide scholarships for refugees to the UK to study with us in partnership with RefuAid.



Green energy suppliers

All of our energy suppliers are green energy.



Support international community

We provide learning opportunities to those who are disadvantaged. Some examples are: helping Rwandan children out of poverty / school project, and sponsoring 5 Sri Lankan female students to go to university.



Offsetting carbon

Assess environmental impacts using the WWF calculator, and offset carbon of unavoidable flights undertaken in support of the business.
(<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>)



Cycle to work/study

We encourage our students and staff to cycle and installed bike racks in our car park. Cardiff is Britain's best city for cyclists (2020), so it's a great place to be an environmentally friendly traveller!



Recycled paper

We try to use recycled paper whenever possible, including this brochure.



Raising funds for charities

We support charities such as Food Bank and Marie Curie. We encourage our staff and students to take part in different activities. These activities range from baking cakes, running a half-marathon, and singing Christmas songs.



Real Living Wage Employer

We became the first Living Wage Accredited organisation in the English language teaching sector in 2018.

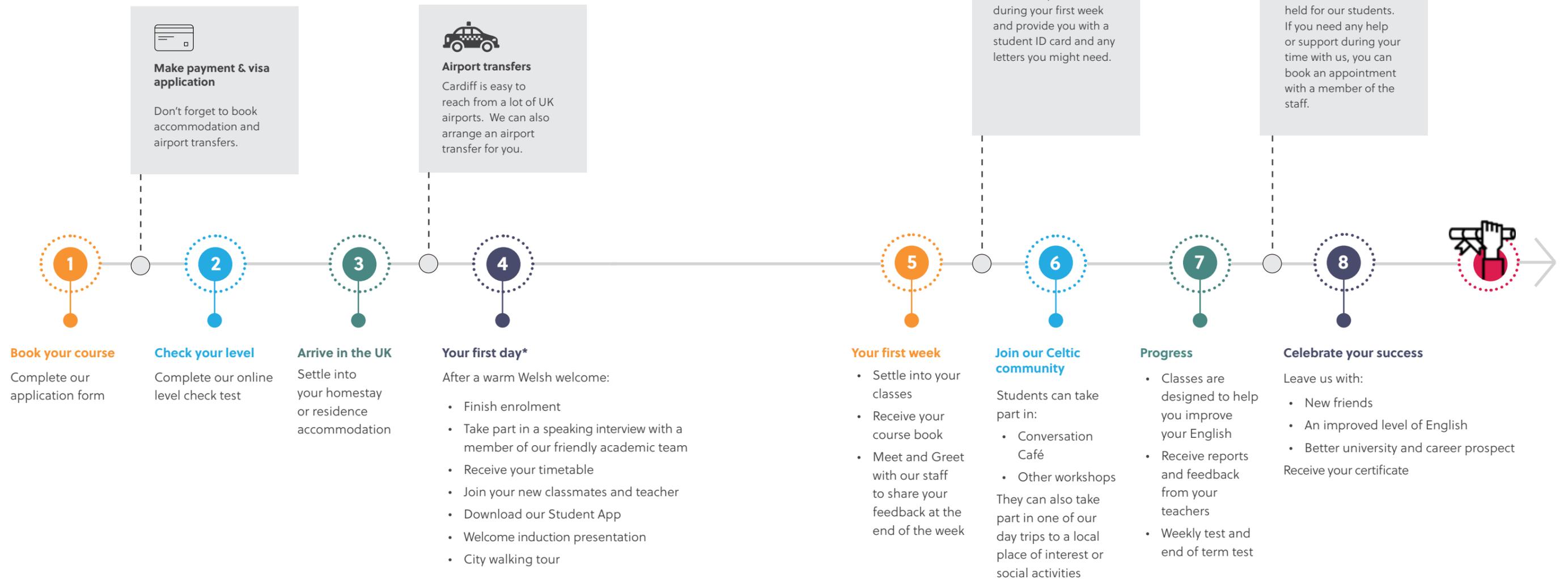


FairPlay Employer Gold Award

We are the first private sector company and first SME organisation in Wales, UK, to be awarded a Gold Standard. We are committed to reducing unconscious bias and gender pay gap, improving recruitment and family-friendly policies to foster a more inclusive working environment.

Our steps to success

When you join Celtic, it's like joining a big family – friendly and welcoming. We are here to support you from the moment you book your course.



Make payment & visa application
Don't forget to book accommodation and airport transfers.

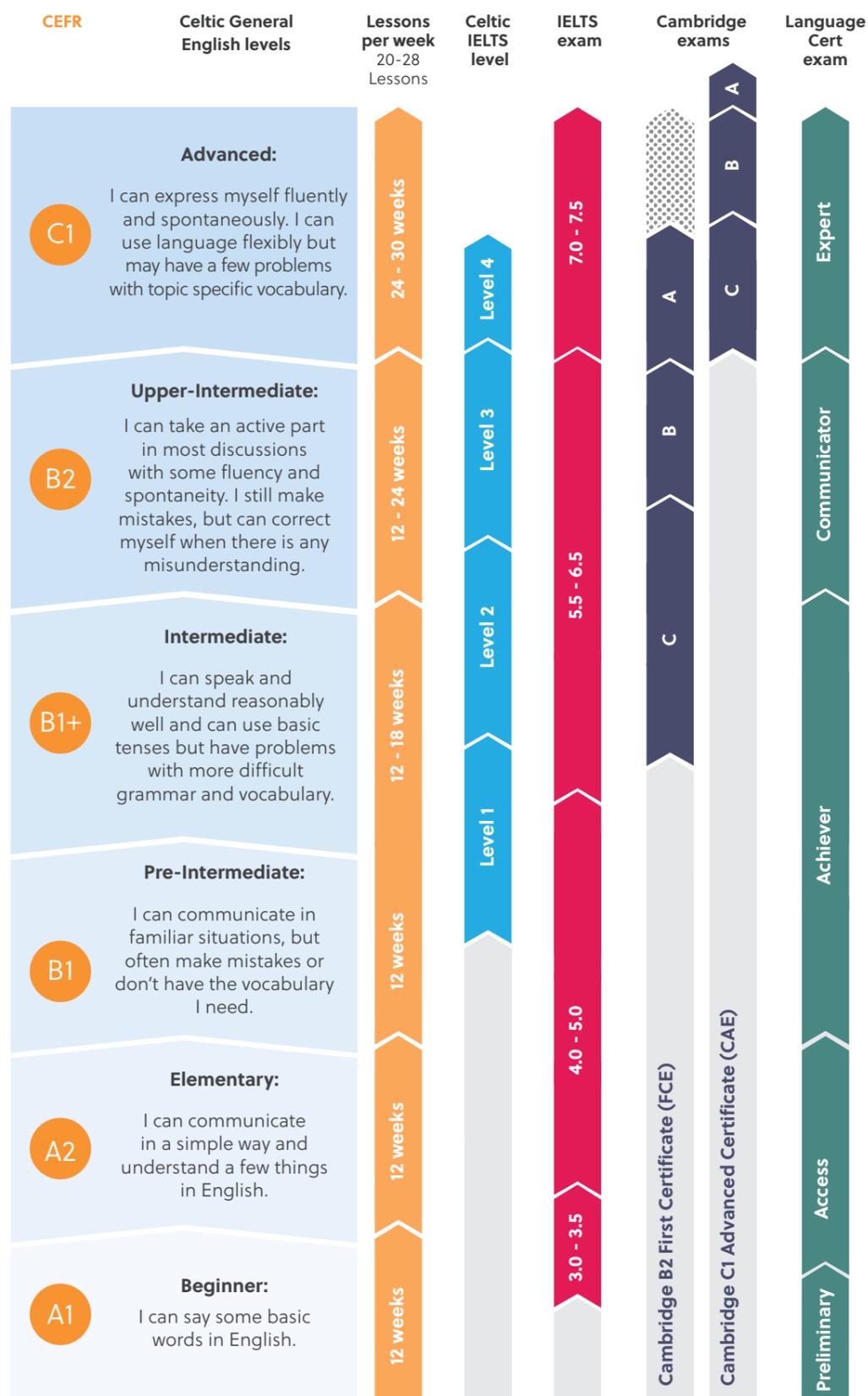
Airport transfers
Cardiff is easy to reach from a lot of UK airports. We can also arrange an airport transfer for you.

Help settling in
We will help you to settle into your classes during your first week and provide you with a student ID card and any letters you might need.

Individual support
Individual tutorials are held for our students. If you need any help or support during your time with us, you can book an appointment with a member of the staff.

*Your first day will usually be a Monday but if Monday is a UK bank holiday, you will start on Tuesday.

Progress planner



Courses

We offer a range of course options to help you achieve your goals. Here are some of the reasons for studying with Celtic:



Small class sizes

We have a maximum of just 10 students in each class.



Academic counselling

You will have regular tutorials with your class teacher. Our academic team is always available to discuss your progress during your course.



Flexibility & choice

There are a wide range of different options to suit your learning needs. You can pick and choose the length of your course and the number of hours of study that best suits you.



Self-study

With all courses, additional self-study is expected outside of lessons by completing homework, doing assignments, and making sure you hear and use as much English as possible in real-life situations.



Progression

You will be assessed weekly and given feedback on how to improve. Progression to the next level is based on a number of factors including your weekly assessment results, mid- and end-of-term test results, class participation, homework and attendance.



English certificate

When you finish your course, you will receive a Certificate of Attendance which will show your final level and attendance percentage. You need to make sure that you maintain an attendance level of over 80% to get the most out of your course and receive a certificate.



Teaching materials

You will follow a book that we will provide to you on your first first day.

English language courses



General English

Improve your all-round ability to communicate in English and increase your confidence.

Levels

A1 A2 B1 B1+ B2 C1

Start dates

Every Monday

Minimum length

1 week

Lessons per week

20, 28, 40

Course Options

General English
20 lessons **20 lessons**
per week

General English
20 lessons **28 lessons**
Elective: English Language Skills
8 lessons
per week

Afternoon option available



IELTS Exam Preparation

Improve your English and develop strategies and techniques to reach the IELTS score you need to progress to university.

Levels

A1 A2 B1 B1+ B2 C1

Start dates

Every Monday

Minimum length

1 week

Lessons per week

20, 28

Course Options

IELTS
20 lessons **20 lessons**
per week

IELTS
20 lessons **28 lessons**
Elective: IELTS Preparation Skills
8 lessons
per week

General English
20 lessons **28 lessons**
Elective: IELTS Preparation Skills
8 lessons
per week

Afternoon option available



Cambridge Exam Preparation

Prepare for the Cambridge English language qualifications: The B2 First Certificate (FCE) or C1 Advanced (CAE).

Levels

A1 A2 B1 B1+ B2 C1

Start dates

Every Monday

Minimum length

4 weeks

Lessons per week

28

Course Options

General English
20 lessons **28 lessons**
Elective: FCE / CAE Cambridge Exam Skills
8 lessons
per week

Afternoon option available



English for Work

Improve your ability to communicate in English in the workplace and gain confidence with practical language skills.

Levels

A1 A2 B1 B1+ B2 C1

Start dates

Every Monday

Minimum length

1 week

Lessons per week

28

Course Options

General English
20 lessons **28 lessons**
Elective: Business English
8 lessons
per week

Afternoon option available



Global Citizenship English

Improve your English and develop your understanding of cross-cultural communication skills in today's global world.

Levels

A1 A2 B1 B1+ B2 C1

Start dates

Every Monday

Minimum length

4 week

Lessons per week

22, 30

Course Options

General English
20 lessons **22 lessons**
Global Competence Certificate
2 lessons
per week

General English
20 lessons **30 lessons**
Elective
8 lessons
Global Competence Certificate
2 lessons
per week

Afternoon option available

global UP
Global Competency Certificate



Private Lessons

The premium route to English success with personalised private tuition to support your individual learning needs.

Levels

A1 A2 B1 B1+ B2 C1 C2

Start dates

Every Monday

Minimum length

1 week

Lessons

60 minutes



International Foundation Year

Prepare to study at a UK university

The course has been carefully designed to give you a balanced grounding in the skills you will need at university.

- Frequent and structured mentoring sessions with a personal tutor
- Personalised guidance and support for careers and university applications
- Personalised and individual attention

Guarantee your place at a UK University in the NCUK group

NCUK is a group of leading universities dedicated to giving international students access to universities worldwide and helping them succeed when they get there.

NCUK qualifications are designed by universities, taught by a global network of Study Centres, and studied by students aspiring to get into some of the top universities in the world.

Your journey to university

Celtic will be offering two pathway options, the **Business Pathway** or the **Humanities Pathway**. You will choose three academic subject modules, as well as one of our English for Academic Purposes modules, which are recognised as proof of English language ability by our university partners.

Course overview

Start date:	16/01/2023
Class size:	Maximum 15 students
Total length:	24 weeks
Min age:	17+
Days:	Monday – Friday
Hours per week:	Approx. 28
Level:	IELTS 5.5 / CEFR B1

Universities that accept the NCUK International Foundation Year programme



Successful completion of the NCUK International Foundation Year **guarantees** you a place at an NCUK University. Choose from 6,000+ degree courses at 45+ NCUK Universities worldwide.

Student services

Our excellent range of services should help make your stay with us comfortable and stress-free.



24-hour assistance

All students are given a 24-hour emergency telephone number so you can feel completely safe and supported during your stay.



WhatsApp service

Send a WhatsApp message to **+44 (0)7803 495154** for any questions you may have during your stay in Cardiff. We will answer within 30 minutes, during UK office hours.



Student app

We have a new range of digital services (i.e. book social activities, check your timetable, send requests to our staff) to support you day-to-day which you can easily access from your phone.



Opening a bank account

We can issue you with a letter to help you open a bank account in the UK if you are going to study with us for over 6 months.



Visa information

Celtic will guide you through the stages of getting your visa and arriving in the UK. You can check visa eligibility from your country at www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa



Student ID

You will be issued with a Celtic Student Card at the start of your course. This shows you are a full-time international student and can be used to obtain discounts during your stay.



"Going back to school in my 30s was a great surprise. I thought I wouldn't fit with young students but this school and classes are ageless!"

Marou, from Argentina



"It's the best experience I've ever had. The teachers and staff are amazing, and they helped me a lot during my stay in Cardiff."

Pyntha, from Indonesia

Free language workshops



Conversation Café

Conversation Café is held weekly to help you make friends and practise your English in a relaxed, informal and friendly environment.



CV Writing Workshops

Our CV Writing Workshops are designed to help you improve your CV writing skills. Learn about the language and layout of your CV in English.



Language Doctor

Language Doctor sessions are available by appointment so you can get personal assistance with your English language questions from a teacher.



Pronunciation Workshops

Our pronunciation workshops focus on different aspects of pronunciation and could help you to sound more like, and understand native speakers better.



TED Talk Thursdays

Watch a TED Talk video and discuss the theme of the talk. A great way to practise speaking, listening and debating skills.



University Presentations

Find out more about going to university in the UK by attending a talk given by a representative from one of our partner universities.

Your home away from home!

Where you live is key to making your stay a happy and positive experience.

Accommodation for students in Cardiff is very reasonable compared to most other major UK cities and can be great value for money.

We have different accommodation options to suit your lifestyle, budget and needs.



Make new friends with other students from all around the world in our fantastic city centre residence.



You could discover more about the British way of life by living with a local English speaking homestay provider.



Homestay

If discovering the British way of life and culture is important to you, there's no better way than to stay in a local homestay.

Living in homestay accommodation offers a unique experience and is one of the best ways to practise English outside the classroom. It also helps you to experience our culture and the British way of life first-hand.

All of our homestay accommodation providers are carefully selected by our team. We listen closely to our students' feedback and our personal attention helps guarantee both students and homestay providers are happy.

Minimum age: 16

Average distance: 30-45 minutes by bus

The longest travel distance: 45 minutes by bus

Transportation: walking, bike, bus or train

Check in & out: Sundays

Meal plan: half-board (full-board compulsory for under 18)

All accommodation options above have the following as standard:

- Own room
- Daily breakfast and evening meal
- Bedding and towels
- Communal living area
- Bath or shower
- Washing facilities

Residence

If you would like to have your own space and be more independent, choose our standard or studio residence accommodation.

Our modern residence accommodation is located in the heart of Cardiff city centre and it's approximately a 10-minute walk from Celtic. There are several cafés, restaurants, cinemas, bars and pubs near the residence as well.

Why you should stay in residence accommodation:

- City centre location
- Value for money
- Quality, modern accommodation
- More freedom and independence

Minimum age: 18

Location: city centre, next to the central shopping area

Distance from Celtic: 10-minute walk

Check in: Sunday 15:00 onwards

Check out: Sunday 09:00 at the latest

Security deposit: £150 (refundable 7 days after departure)

Residence includes:

- Communal living and study areas
- Games room, cinema room and on-site gym
- Kitchen access
- WiFi
- Indoor bike racks
- Laundry facilities
- Bedding is provided by Celtic English Academy
- Manned reception / security 24 hours a day
- TV with TV licence in the shared kitchen (standard option only)



The West Wing



Communal area - Study Room



Gym



Communal Area - Courtyard

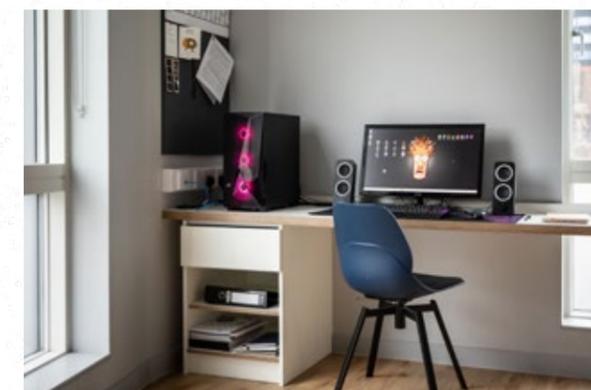
Meet other students from all around the world with a great accommodation experience. You will have your own bedroom with an en-suite bathroom.

Standard room

These modern apartments give you the opportunity to share a kitchen with about 4-5 other students from Celtic and make new friends.

Your room is private with its own bathroom and lockable door.

- Private bedroom
- Private en-suite bathroom with shower
- Shared kitchen with communal dining area
- Self-catering
- Double bed (4ft / 1.2 metres)
- Desk area for self-study
- Double wardrobe
- Free WiFi
- Bedding provided
- Room sizes can vary from 12 to 16 m²



Studio room

A great option if you would like your own space but at the same time, still have the opportunity to socialise in the communal areas.

Each studio has its own entrance door, a bedroom with en-suite bathroom, and a private kitchen area. Perfect if you want to enjoy some peace and quiet.

- Private bedroom - Single or double occupancy
- Private en-suite bathroom with shower
- Private kitchen
- Self-catering
- Double bed (4ft / 1.2 metres)
- Desk area for self-study
- Double wardrobe
- Free WiFi
- Bedding provided
- Room size can vary from 16 to 18 m²



Travel insurance

At Celtic English Academy, your well-being is our first priority. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of the care and support we offer our students.

To make your stay safe and affordable, we have partnered with Endsleigh to offer a travel insurance policy specifically designed to meet your requirements for only £6 per week*.

Key Features and Benefits:

- A 24-hour helpline for medical emergencies
- Emergency medical expenses in the event of illness or injury
- Protection against cancellation or curtailment charges
- Cover for loss or damage to baggage and personal money
- Cover for accidents which happen during a wide-range of sports and other activities
- Cover for irrecoverable pre-paid Celtic course fees
- Extended cover for mental health conditions
- Select cover for Covid-19 risk



For further information, please visit
www.celticenglish.co.uk/student-travel-insurance

* Price estimated September 2022

Endsleigh Insurance Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. This can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting their website at <https://register.fca.org.uk/> Endsleigh Insurance Services Limited, Company No. 856706 registered in England at Shurdington Road, Cheltenham Spa, Gloucestershire GL51 4JE.

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