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## Pre-A level Programme

**Our one-year Pre-A level Programme is a tailor-made course for international students, designed to provide the very best foundation for A level study.**

The course prepares students academically, linguistically and socially for life and academic study in the sixth form at Giggleswick. Students taking this programme are better prepared

and more likely to achieve at a higher level than those who apply direct for A levels.

Students are immersed in school life from day one with a well-structured programme of

academic study (in classes with UK students), intensive English language lessons, and a wide range of social, cultural and physical activities to broaden their learning and experience.

### Course aims

- To improve knowledge and confidence in spoken and written English
- To build knowledge in core subjects in the GCSE curriculum
- To develop academic reading and writing skills ready for A level study
- To encourage independence - taking a Higher Project Qualification
- To provide an enriched understanding of British culture
- To encourage participation in a wide range of co-curricular activities



## Academic study

Students are introduced to the core subjects in the GCSE curriculum including Maths, English and Science. Students will also be able to enhance their creative and reflective skills in weekly Art, Drama, Food Technology and Cultural Studies sessions.

Lessons are taught in English with the majority of classes taken alongside UK students. Subject to satisfactory progress, students will be able to sit GCSE or equivalent examinations at the end of their year.

Academic study will also include a Higher Project



Qualification (HPQ) in which each student will plan, research and carry out a project in an area of personal interest.

### Weekly Timetable\*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
English	English	English	English	English	Cultural Visit	Activities/ Trips with other boarders
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths		
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science		
HPQ	HPQ	HPQ	Grammar	Science	Sport/ Activities	
Sport	A Level Prep	Sport	Cultural Studies	Cooking/ Art/ Drama		
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*\*Outline example of timetable only – subject to change*

## Intensive English teaching

Each student follows an intensive English language programme with lessons every day taught by our highly experienced EAL (English as an additional language) teachers. Using a variety of teaching methods, students are taught in small groups to ensure they make optimum progress and develop English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

All students will be assessed with an English test upon arrival and will follow a personalised learning plan with the opportunity to sit formal English exams at the end of the year, depending on their level.



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## Cultural programme

An important part of the Pre A-level programme is helping our international students to prepare and adjust to life in the UK. Our cultural



programme introduces each student to both the daily aspects of life at a UK boarding school and the opportunity to explore British culture and heritage in more depth.

School friendships, boarding life and a wide range of clubs and activities all help our international students to settle quickly at Giggleswick. The weekly timetable also includes Cultural Studies sessions as well as trips, visits and social activities to explore the art, architecture, literature, music, design and popular culture that shapes our country.

## Clubs and activities

At Giggleswick, life and learning does not stop at the classroom door and we believe strongly in the benefits of participation across a wide range of activities. Our extended day and boarding ethos gives all of our students the chance to take part in over 60 clubs and activities every week. From sports to music, drama and outdoor pursuits, we run a daily programme of co-curricular activities



that encourage our students to develop their personal interests and passions, explore new horizons and challenge themselves.





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## Boarding life



Our international students find that daily life in a boarding house is one of the best ways to improve their English and build their cultural awareness. Over 60% of our pupils are boarders and more than 80% of all students are British.

Our seven Houses provide a warm and welcoming home away from home for our international pupils with a strong family feel across the whole school. Here, our students make friends for life and enjoy a lively social programme both during the week and at weekends.

## Personal support

Every student has a Housemaster or Housemistress who is responsible for their pastoral care and a Matron in each House helps with all day-to-day domestic, wellbeing and health matters. In addition, all students are assigned a personal tutor who they meet with

every week to discuss academic and pastoral issues. We have an International Student Counsellor, who is responsible for the welfare of all our EAL pupils and an International Student Council that arranges trips and social occasions throughout the school year.

## Progressing to the Sixth Form



Upon satisfactory completion of the Pre-A level programme, our international students will be eligible for direct entry onto an appropriate A level or BTEC programme of study.

During the Pre-A level year, our international students are provided with continuous guidance and advice on their A level subject choices with weekly sessions to help them prepare for A level study.

## How to apply

To find out more and apply for our Pre-A level programme please contact the Admissions Office:

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