



British Life and Culture

2 weeks – face to face (42 hours)

On-campus participants enjoy:

- 15 hours' course content per week (30 total)
- 5.5 hours of workshops and talks per week* (11 total)
- A full social programme

The sample face to face timetable can be found [here](#)

*please note workshops and talks will be on a wide variety of subjects with broad appeal to participants on all Bell Teacher Academy courses and are not specific to this course.

Course summary

This course teaches you about contemporary British life and culture, exploring topics such as the arts, media, politics, and history. It also gives you practical ideas for introducing culture into your classroom and promoting intercultural awareness among your students. You will improve your awareness of the differences between your own culture and those of your peers. This course develops English language competencies by exploring subjects like language change, new English words, humour and contemporary British slang.

This course is for:

- Participants with an **upper-intermediate (B2)** language level or above.
- Teachers who want to develop a deeper awareness of **contemporary British culture**
- Teachers who want to help their students have a better understanding of **cultural differences** and teach English through cultural topics.
- Teachers who want to **expand** their range of expression and **update** their use of **contemporary English**.



What you will gain by attending the course:

- A broader understanding of different aspects of contemporary British culture.
- A deeper understanding of British culture, moving beyond stereotypes and traditions.
- A greater intercultural awareness, including social, linguistic and cultural diversity.
- Practical ideas for helping students compare their own culture with new cultures.
- Improved language competencies and greater confidence in your own English.
- A greater appreciation of the link between culture and language and the ability to share this with your students.

Course content

This course will cover some or all of the following topics:

- British Education, media and institutions
- Family life, youth culture and multicultural Britain
- Eccentric Britain and humour
- The city of Cambridge, the historic university and its life
- The arts, including a visit to some Cambridge museums
- Pubs – a look at everyday life
- From Reggae to Radiohead – the contemporary music scene
- The changing language and teaching culture
- Cross cultural awareness in the classroom
- Exploiting materials to teach culture

Please note that each course we run is tailored by our expert tutors to the professional needs and priorities of the group so content may be adapted to best suit the needs of your group.

Location

This course will take place at **Bell Teacher Academy** in **Cambridge**, based at **Bell Cambridge School**. The Bell Cambridge campus is located in quiet and beautiful grounds with easy access to Cambridge town centre. It has first-class learning and social facilities. The training staff at Bell Teacher Campus are all highly qualified and include published authors, materials writers and conference speakers. Afternoons entail a conference style approach with participants able to join an interesting variety of workshops, cultural talks and a special plenary lecture each week from a prominent speaker.



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