



Bell

EST 1955



Years of Excellence

1955–2025

Bell Adult Courses 2025

16+ years

Cambridge • London

Welcome to Bell

In 1955, we opened our doors with one vision – a world united by intercultural understanding. This year, as we celebrate our 70th anniversary, Bell continues to embody this vision, welcoming students into a truly global community, with a strong spirit of intercultural collaboration and support. In 2024, we were proud to welcome students from over 80 different countries!

Our teaching has been recognised as ‘excellent’ by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, and all our permanent teachers are DELTA qualified and are ready to support you to achieve your full potential.

We will get to know you as an individual, and give you personalised care and support – both inside and outside the classroom.

Our year-round adult schools are based in the heart of two amazing cities – Cambridge

and London and we have a range of historical buildings with contemporary facilities for you to choose from.

At Bell, we believe in putting your learning into action, which is why we offer excursions and full day trips at no additional cost. Discover a new place in the UK, see world-famous landmarks, experience British life and culture or gain a new passion or hobby, all alongside your studies.

We deliver courses – for all ages and levels – throughout the year, so we’re ready to welcome you to study with us at Bell when it suits you best.

As we mark our 70th year, join us in celebrating this milestone and become a part of our ongoing legacy. We can’t wait to meet you!

1938
Frank was awarded a first-class degree in French and Spanish from the University of Cambridge

1955
Frank established the first Bell school at 9 Cranmer Road in Cambridge

1916
Founder, Frank Bell, was born in Calcutta, India

1939-1945
As a prisoner of war during the Second World War, Frank taught his fellow prisoners Spanish and French, which led to the creation of a secret university. During this time he became convinced that the route to international cooperation and understanding lay in learning

1958
The Bell school moved to its new location on Red Cross Lane in Cambridge, where it remains today

1972
Frank set up The Bell Educational Trust. All profits from Bell courses were reinvested to improve student services and facilities

1986
Bell launches its first young learner programme at The Leys, Cambridge that still runs to this day

1990
Bell Switzerland launches in Geneva, offering adult courses and corporate training

1982
Contract secured with China's Ministry of Agriculture to establish a number of language centres

1993
One world nursery, Geneva, established to deliver pre-school English programmes

2000
Contracts secured with two large corporations in Libya to deliver language training to oil and engineering employees

1991
Contract secured to deliver in-school English programmes with a network of colleges in Thailand, which still operate today

Contract secured with the Ministry of Education, Angola, to establish a national language teaching institute

Bell opened its first London school

2007
Bell runs the largest English language teaching project in the world at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia, teaching 20,000 students and training over 70 teachers

2013
Bell teacher campus Macao welcomes teachers from across East Asia

Bell opened its year-round Young Learner centre, Bell St Albans

2014
The international school of Brussels appoints Bell to deliver its intensive English language summer school programme

2015
Bell launches its first CELTA programme at Bell London taught by ELT expert, Jim Scrivener

2025
Bell celebrates 70 years of excellence

2009
Launch of Bell Teacher Academy in Cambridge, that welcomes teachers from all around the world every summer

2011
A multi-million pound investment in the original Bell Cambridge campus to improve facilities

2010
It is estimated that over one million students have been educated around the world under the Bell brand since 1955

2019
The Frank Bell Residence opens as new accommodation for students

2018
Bell London relocates to the vibrant Bankside area, close to Shakespeare's Globe, Tate Modern and St. Paul's Cathedral



Bell Cambridge 1950



Students in Class 1960



Students in Sitting Room 1973



Dining Room

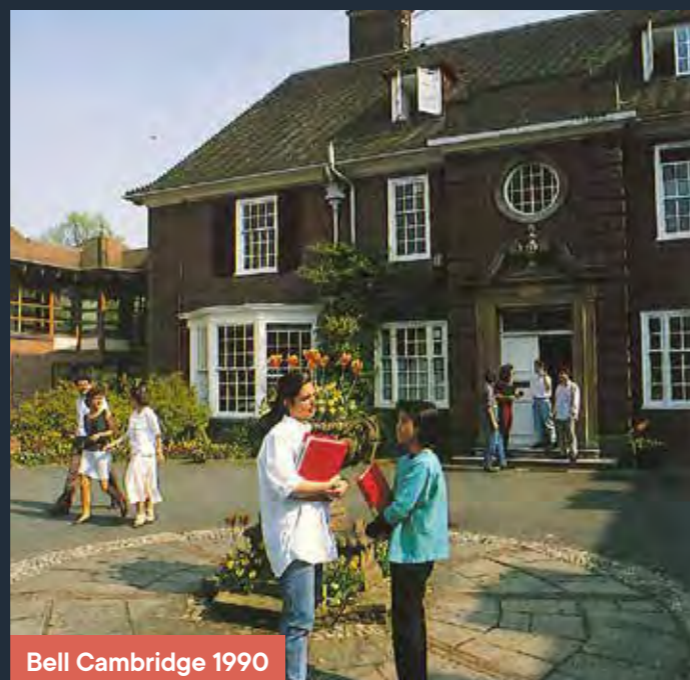
Bell throughout the years



First Bell Class



School Dance



Bell Cambridge 1990



Bell Cambridge 2024

Study at Bell Cambridge

A historic school set in beautiful grounds.

Our Cambridge school offers a picturesque campus environment surrounded by large gardens with impressive study, social and leisure facilities.

Located within easy reach of the beautiful city centre, bursting with culture and history, there is always plenty to do, including punting along the river, watching live music or exploring one of the many famous university colleges.

On-site residential accommodation is available at our Bell Cambridge campus, as well as other great options nearby.

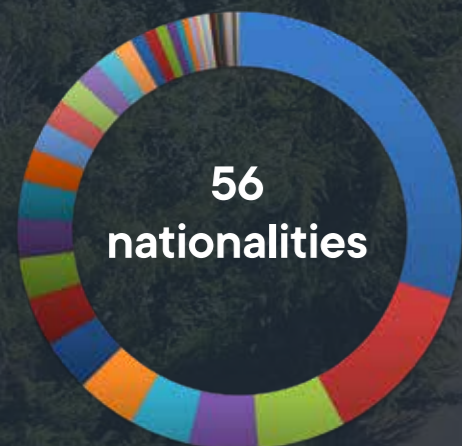
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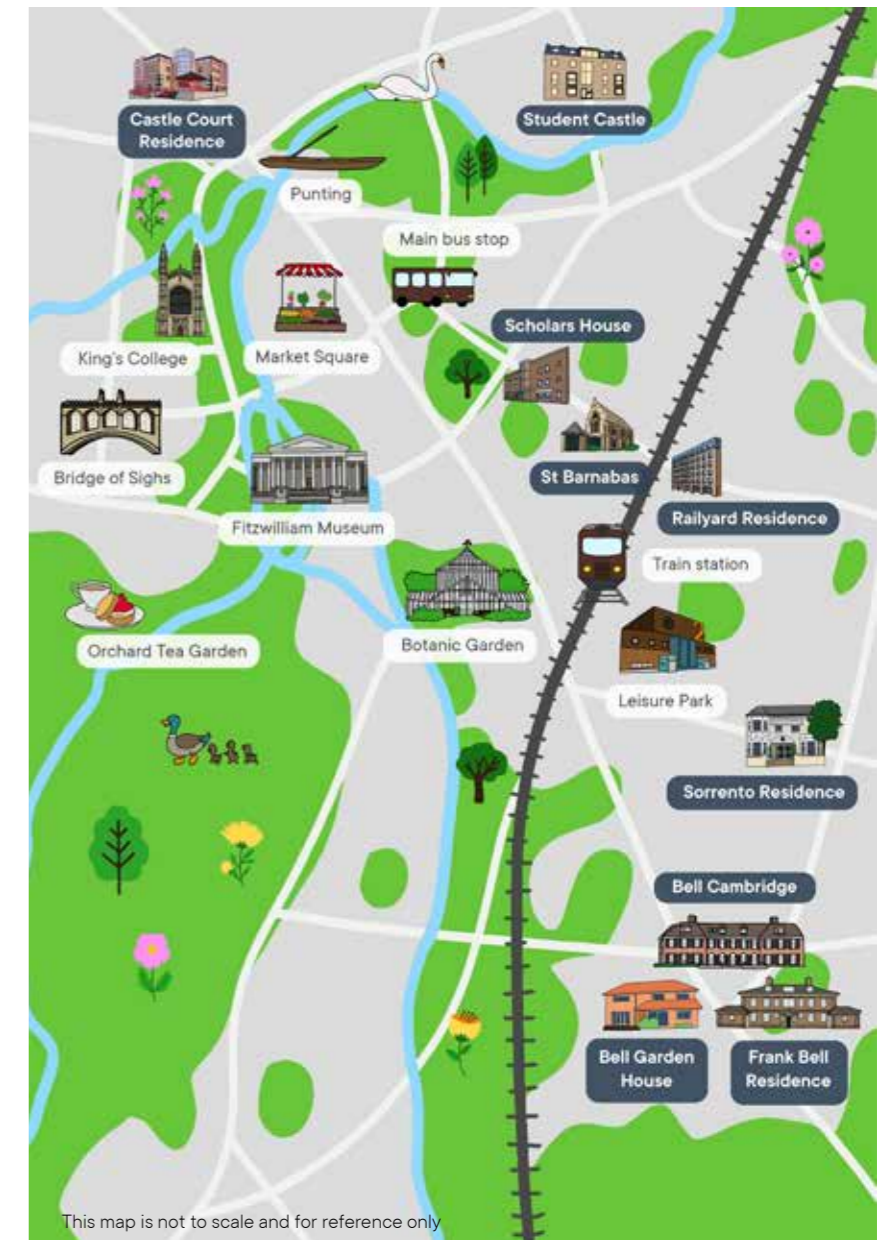
Bell Cambridge Nationality Mix 2024












Top 10 Nationalities:

- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey
- Belgium
- Japan
- Thailand
- Argentina
- Brazil
- France
- China
- Italy

**figures based on student weeks from January to August 2024*



School facilities

-  Large learning centre
-  Two computer rooms
-  On-site sports and games facilities
-  Disabled access/facilities
-  Prayer room
-  Dining room and outside eating area
-  Higher Education Advisory Service
-  Air-conditioned classrooms with interactive whiteboards
-  On-site residential accommodation available



Study at Bell London

A contemporary and modern school in the heart of an iconic city.

Located close to the River Thames, just a short walk from Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, St. Paul's Cathedral and The Shard, Bell London provides an inspirational learning environment with high quality facilities.

Immerse yourself in a truly vibrant and multicultural city, rich in history and culture with plenty to explore and excellent transport links to other cities in the UK and Europe.

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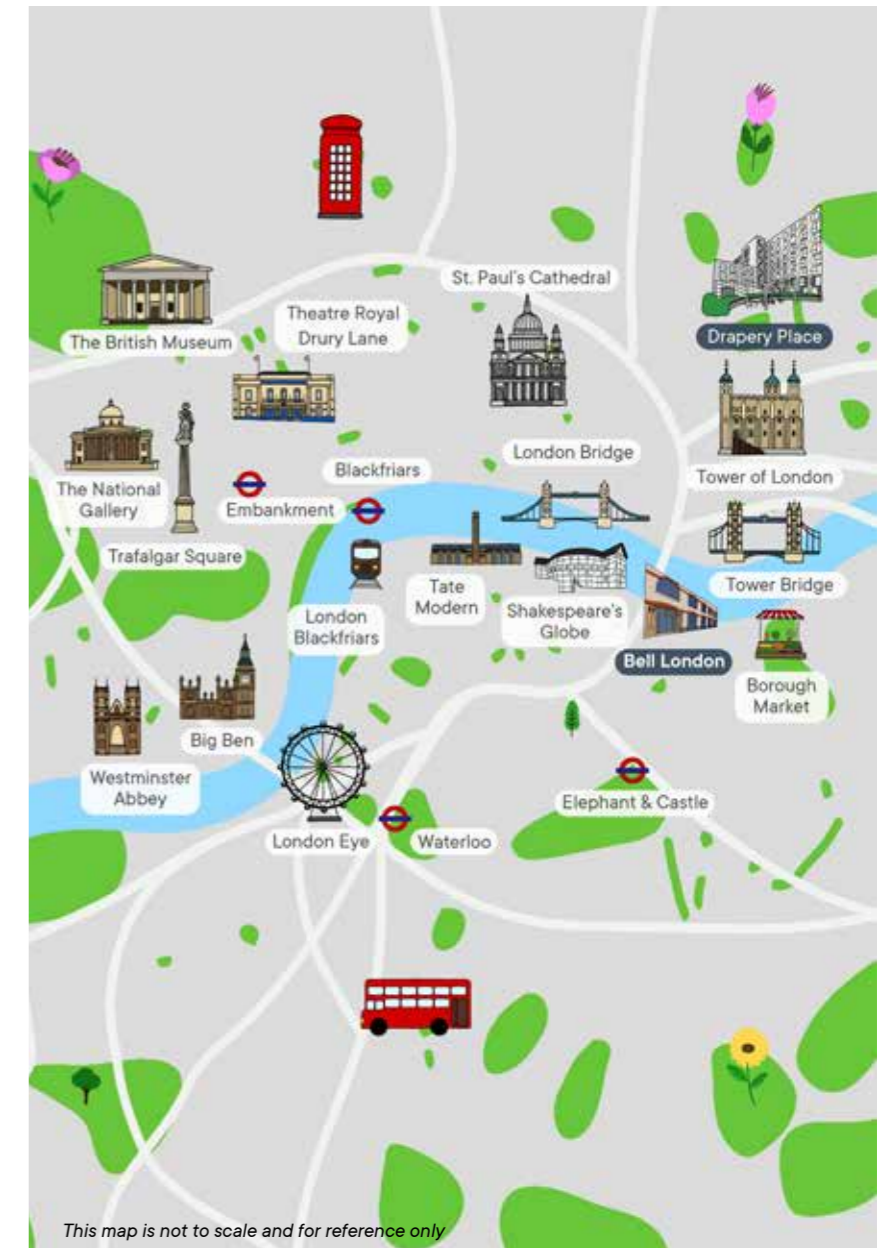
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Top 10 Nationalities:

- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey
- Thailand
- South Korea
- Italy
- UAE
- Brazil
- Japan
- Argentina
- Kuwait

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School facilities

-  Air-conditioned classrooms with interactive whiteboards
-  Learning and social zone with student computers
-  Free wireless internet
-  Higher Education Advisory Service
-  Contemporary communal area with refreshment facilities





Learning the Bell Way

Our approach to learning – The Bell Way – ensures that every course at Bell is consistently delivering a robust educational experience.

It has been influenced by over six decades of experience and shaped by an Emeritus Professor from the University of Cambridge. It will make you a better learner, build your confidence and ensure you achieve your learning goals.



EXCELLENCE

Excellence in teaching and learning is the norm in our schools

Our expert teachers understand the unique needs of each student, and use the most effective teaching methods to make lessons engaging and relevant, so that students stay focused, enjoy learning, and achieve their best.

We make the most of every formal and informal opportunity for learning, through face-to-face intense immersion, online self-study, study centres, our Social and Cultural programme, and interaction with the local community.



ROBUSTNESS

Our schools create stable and supportive spaces where our students and staff grow and succeed

Frank Bell's vision to promote intercultural understanding through language education lives on to this day and continues to inspire our schools.

For 70 uninterrupted years we have offered and continue to offer a world-class education, adapting to changes and maintaining the high-quality and integrity of our services through external disruptions and challenges.

Our schools are welcoming, inclusive and sustainable. They provide a safe and secure environment and facilities where students and staff feel physically and emotionally protected, and inspired to grow.



INNOVATION

We adopt and adapt new methods and technologies that improve teaching and learning

Our courses equip students with the latest skills and knowledge they need for future success.

We encourage our students and teachers to be creative, think critically and experiment.

We use cutting-edge research-based methods and technologies to enhance learning.

Our teachers continually learn to better support student success, and teach teachers from all over the world about our successful methods.

Put your learning into practice

Learning at Bell does not stop outside the classroom. Our exclusive Language in Action programme gives you the opportunity to meet new people, try new activities, explore new places and visit famous landmarks – at no additional cost.

We believe that integrating different activities and cultural experiences into your learning programme has multiple benefits for you as a learner and as an individual. That is why we organise these workshops, excursions, and trips to help you develop your skills, experience something new, and see the full range of what the local area and beyond have to offer.

Here is an example of a typical week at Bell Cambridge and Bell London.

Example Cambridge LiA timetable

Monday 17 June Cambridge City Walking Tour for New Students 	Tuesday 18 June Rainbow Walking 	Wednesday 19 June Tea and Scones
Thursday 20 June Race Day Competition 	Friday 21 June King's College Chapel 	Saturday 22 June Free Trip to London

Example London LiA timetable

Saturday 1 June Day trip to Brighton 	Monday 3 June Local Welcome Tour 	Tuesday 4 June Walking Tour: The Ancient City at Night
Wednesday 5 June Free Time 	Thursday 6 June Pub Night 	Friday 7 June Boat trip to Museum of Docklands



What's included in the Language in Action programme?



Weekly tour of the local area for new students






Both Cambridge and London schools run a full-day trip every two weeks to places such as Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford






Weekly local excursion* visiting famous landmarks and local attractions






Regular weekday workshops, clubs and team sports






Regular social evenings discovering the local culture such as theatre and pub visits, and themed parties in school






General English

Overview

Improve your core reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in engaging and interactive activities. This course is tailored to your goals and language level, with regular 1-to-1 tutorials to get the most out of your lessons.

Choose this course to

- ▶ Improve your confidence, fluency and accuracy when communicating in English
- ▶ Enhance your pronunciation, vocabulary and ability to apply complex grammar structures in your everyday communication
- ▶ Learn to voice your opinions tactfully and share your ideas with others
- ▶ Gain useful insights and guidance to become a more independent learner

General English at Bell London

At Bell London, the course will feature a weekly morning class in the city, such as at a museum, marketplace, or along the river. This gives you the opportunity to practise your skills in an authentic (but supported) setting.

Course summary

- ▶ Location - Bell Cambridge and Bell London
- ▶ Min. age - 16 years old
- ▶ Class size (average/max) - London 7/12 and Cambridge 10/14
- ▶ Min. language level - Beginner A1
- ▶ Start dates - Weekly, every Monday
- ▶ Weekly hours - 15 or 20 hours

Add your modules:

Choose between 5 or 10 extra hours

per week

- ▶ Skills
- ▶ IELTS
- ▶ Business Skills
- ▶ 1-to-1 tuition

See p22 for more information on our additional modules.

IELTS exam preparation

Overview

Gain effective strategies, develop useful skills, and strengthen your understanding of exam content, to prepare for your IELTS exam. You will also receive regular 1-to-1 support and advice on your progress, so you always have a clear path to your goals.

Choose this course to

- ▶ Strengthen your understanding of the IELTS exam content and structure
- ▶ Gain effective techniques and strategies to tackle different types of questions
- ▶ Develop useful skills like paraphrasing, analysing or describing data and interpreting meaning from context
- ▶ Learn to effectively communicate and present your opinions when speaking or writing essays for the exam
- ▶ Enhance your pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar structures
- ▶ Improve your confidence, fluency and accuracy

Course summary

- ▶ Location - Bell Cambridge and Bell London
- ▶ Min. age - 16 years old
- ▶ Class size (average/max) - London 7/12 and Cambridge 10/14
- ▶ Min. language level - Intermediate B1
- ▶ Start dates - Weekly, every Monday
- ▶ Weekly hours - 15, 20 or 25 hours

Add your modules:

Choose between 5 or 10 extra hours

per week

- ▶ Skills
- ▶ IELTS
- ▶ Business Skills
- ▶ 1-to-1 tuition

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Cambridge exam preparation

Overview

This course offers extensive preparation for both B2 First and C1 Advanced Cambridge English Qualifications, ensuring a profound understanding of the exam content and structure to improve your confidence and give you the best chance for success.

Choose this course to

- ▶ Strengthen your understanding of the Cambridge Exam content and structure
- ▶ Learn to effectively communicate and present your opinions when speaking or writing essays for the exam
- ▶ Enhance your pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar structures
- ▶ Improve your confidence, fluency and accuracy when communicating in English

Course summary

- ▶ Location - Bell Cambridge and Bell London
- ▶ Min. age - 16 years old
- ▶ Class size (average/max) - 10/14
- ▶ Weekly hours - 20 hours Standard and 25 hours Fast-track

Add your modules:

Choose between 5 or 10 extra hours per week

- ▶ Skills
- ▶ 1-to-1 tuition

See p22 for more information on our additional modules.

These courses run on fixed dates, for more information please see our Dates & fees document or visit our website.



Authorised Exam Centre

1-to-1 courses

Overview

Experience a bespoke language programme to suit your individual goals. Suitable for any language level, this course gives you the opportunity to identify specific areas for improvement and create a language programme that gives you the best chance for success. Extra afternoon modules are available to complement your 1-to-1 course.

Choose this course to:

- ▶ Communicate more fluently and accurately in English
- ▶ Improve your English language skills with a focus in the areas you'd like to develop
- ▶ Address specific language needs, including expanding work-related vocabulary, English for university studies, exam preparation, and much more
- ▶ Increase your confidence as a language learner and user of English

Course summary

- ▶ Location - Bell Cambridge and Bell London
- ▶ Min. age - 16 years old
- ▶ Min. language level - Beginner A1
- ▶ Start dates - Weekly, every Monday
- ▶ Weekly hours - 15, 20 or 25 hours

Add your modules:

Choose between 5 or 10 extra hours per week

- ▶ Skills
- ▶ IELTS
- ▶ Business Skills
- ▶ 1-to-1 tuition

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Business English at Bell London

This 1-to-1 Business English option is for working people at any stage in their career, looking for a personalised course to help with specific needs, such as: preparing for an interview, delivering an international presentation, or researching and writing a successful business plan. It will give you the English language skills and confidence to communicate effectively in a working environment.

Our standard programme is 15 or 20 hours per week, but we can be flexible with this to fit your schedule.

Can also be combined with our group General English.

Build your course

Accelerate your progress with additional modules to suit your individual needs and help you reach your goals faster. Choose from 5 or 10 hours of afternoon lessons per week to supplement your core lessons. These modules help you learn faster by focusing on your specific learning needs.



+ Skills - 5 or 10 hours

Focus on strengthening your speaking and listening, or reading and writing skills depending on your goals. Our dedicated team are here to support you in choosing which skills to focus on once you've arrived at the school.



+ IELTS - 5 or 10 hours

Available for students at B1 level or above who want to gain effective strategies and techniques to achieve the best results in your IELTS exam.



+ 1-to-1 tuition - 5 hours

Accelerate your progress with individual support from a Bell teacher so you can concentrate on areas you find most challenging.



+ Business skills - 5 hours

Available for students at B1 level or above who have an interest in business. Gain essential skills to prepare for working in a business environment and learn specialist vocabulary and language.

Bell London



For young adults aged 16-17 years old

London Explorer

Overview

Our London Explorer is designed to improve English language skills for 16-17 year olds - with a choice of either General English or IELTS preparation - while offering a deep dive into the vibrant culture and lifestyle of London. This programme blends project-based learning with a diverse mix of activities and cultural excursions, making for a well rounded and fun experience.

Study Tours

London Landmarks including Westminster, Buckingham Palace, St Pauls Cathedral and more

Course summary

- ▶ Location - Bell London
- ▶ Course length - 2 weeks
- ▶ Tuition - 20 hours per week
- ▶ Min. age - 16 years old
- ▶ Class size (max) - 14
- ▶ Start dates - 22 June, 6 July, 20 July 2025



Accommodation

During your stay with us we want you to be comfortable and feel at home. Here are some of the residential accommodation options we offer our students. Please note they are all subject to availability.

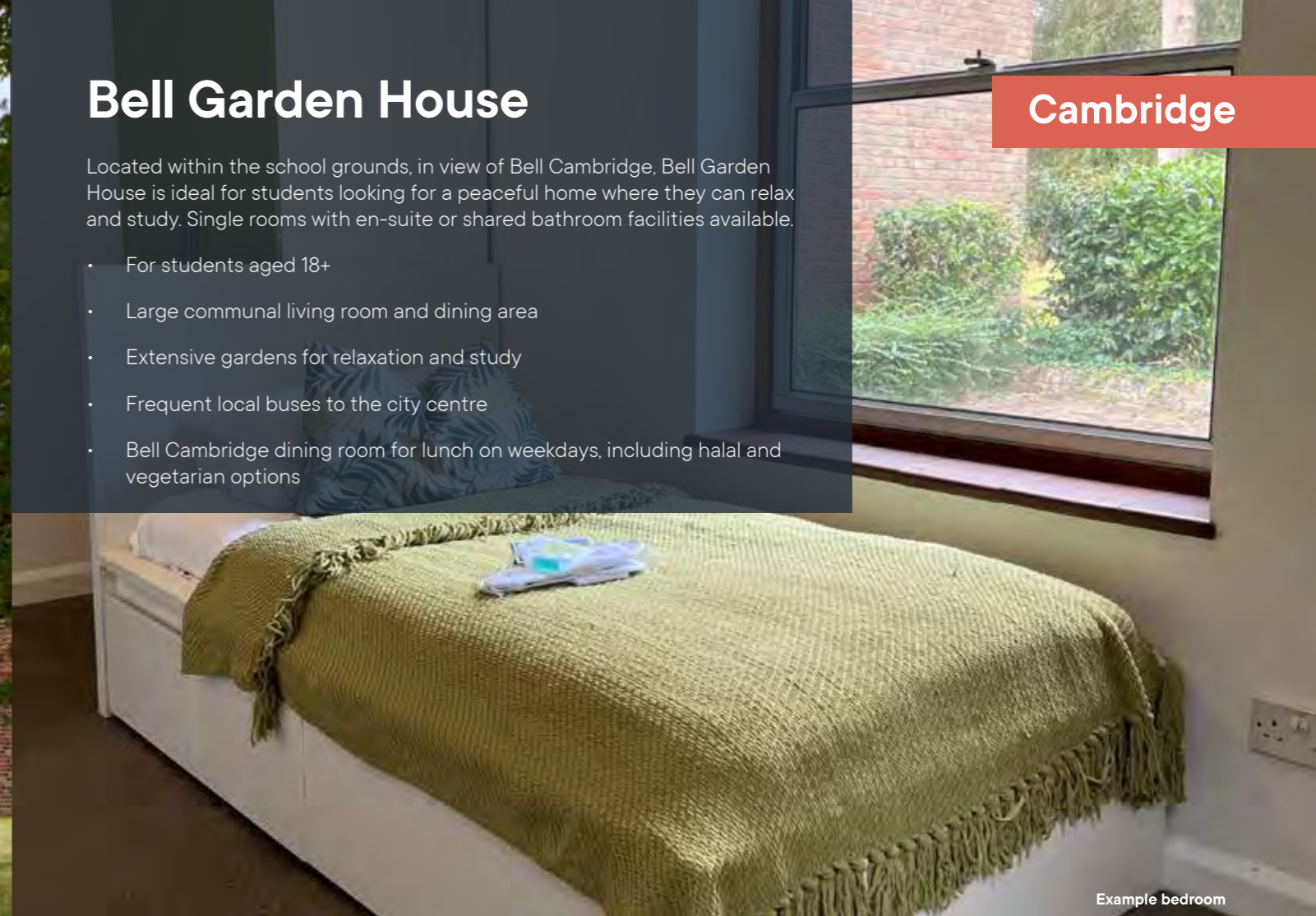


Bell Garden House

Located within the school grounds, in view of Bell Cambridge, Bell Garden House is ideal for students looking for a peaceful home where they can relax and study. Single rooms with en-suite or shared bathroom facilities available.

- For students aged 18+
- Large communal living room and dining area
- Extensive gardens for relaxation and study
- Frequent local buses to the city centre
- Bell Cambridge dining room for lunch on weekdays, including halal and vegetarian options

Cambridge



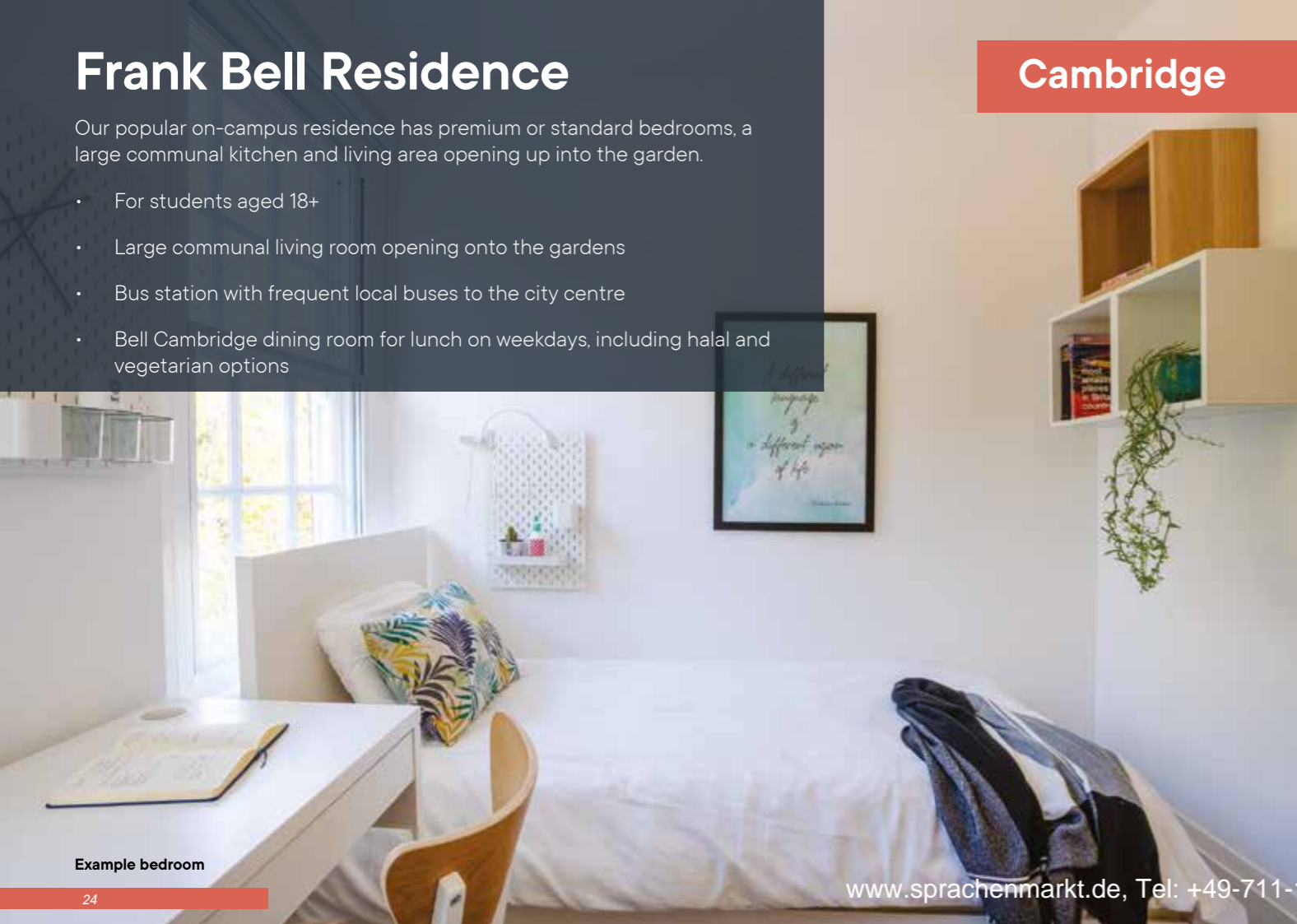
Example bedroom

Frank Bell Residence

Our popular on-campus residence has premium or standard bedrooms, a large communal kitchen and living area opening up into the garden.

- For students aged 18+
- Large communal living room opening onto the gardens
- Bus station with frequent local buses to the city centre
- Bell Cambridge dining room for lunch on weekdays, including halal and vegetarian options

Cambridge



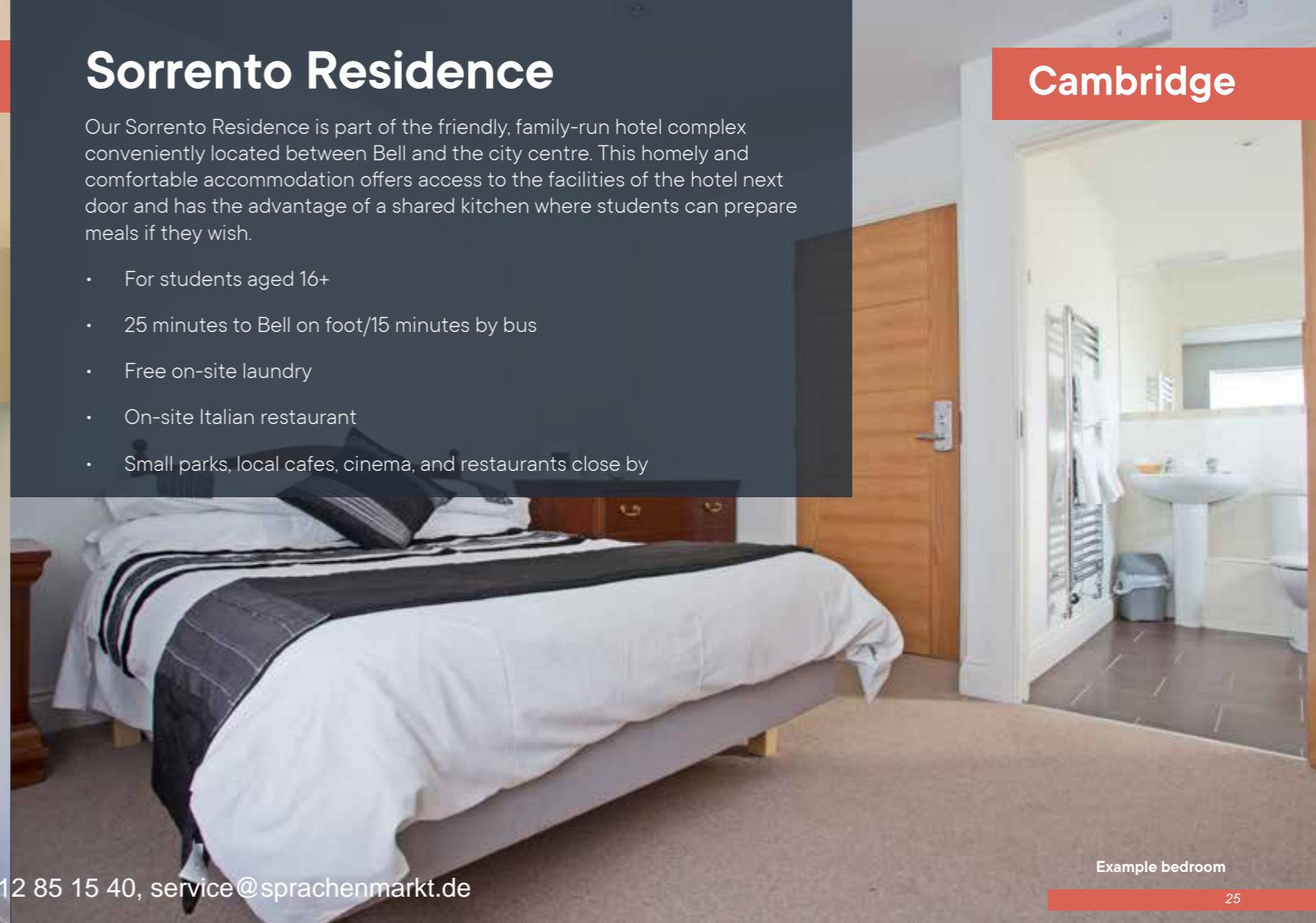
Example bedroom

Sorrento Residence

Our Sorrento Residence is part of the friendly, family-run hotel complex conveniently located between Bell and the city centre. This homely and comfortable accommodation offers access to the facilities of the hotel next door and has the advantage of a shared kitchen where students can prepare meals if they wish.

- For students aged 16+
- 25 minutes to Bell on foot/15 minutes by bus
- Free on-site laundry
- On-site Italian restaurant
- Small parks, local cafes, cinema, and restaurants close by

Cambridge



Example bedroom

Student Castle

This modern student residence is in a fantastic city centre location, close to Jesus Green and the neighbourhood's cafes and boutique shops. There are modern en-suite studio rooms available, as well as a study area, large common area, gym and outdoor courtyard.

- For students aged 18+
- 40 minutes to Bell by bus and on foot
- Free and unlimited use of Student Castle bikes
- Fully equipped gym



Example bedroom

Cambridge

The Railyard

The Railyard offers contemporary accommodation, with a choice of en-suite studio rooms with kitchenette, or en-suite single rooms with shared kitchen. Located next to the Cambridge train station, The Railyard is only a short public transport ride away from Bell Cambridge.

- For students aged 16+
- 11 minutes to Bell by bus/30 minutes on foot
- Close to grocery market, galleries and theatre
- Cafes, bars, restaurants, and shopping a short walk away



Example bedroom

Summer only

Scholars House

A short walk from the city centre, Scholars House offers individual en-suite bedrooms. It is located close to independent shops, cafés and restaurants within a university student community. Single, en-suite rooms available, with communal kitchen and lounge areas.

Students here have half-board (breakfast and dinner) in Kirby's Dining Hall, Monday to Friday only.

- For students aged 16+
- Frequent local buses available to Bell Cambridge
- Walking distance to city centre shops, restaurants, and cafes
- Close to large parks where you can enjoy some peace and quiet, or play sports and game



Example bedroom

Cambridge

St Barnabas Place

Located in the heart of Cambridge, St Barnabas is a great option for summer accommodation. With single and twin rooms available with single or shared bathrooms, there are also communal lounges for students to enjoy. Students stay on a half-board basis Monday to Friday, with breakfast and dinner served in the dining hall here. Weekends are self-catering.

- For ages 16+
- 28 minutes to Bell by bus and on foot
- Close to Cambridge train station
- Cafes, bars, restaurants and shopping a short walk away



Example bedroom

Summer only

Drapery Place

Drapery Place is perfectly located for you to make the most of student life in London. Close to Brick Lane and Spitalfields Market, Aldgate East Underground Station is only a 5 minute' walk away, giving easy access to the rest of the city. Each room has a small double bed, and en-suite bathroom. Students will also share a kitchen and living area with a small group of Bell students. Drapery Place also has an on-site gym, dance studio and an outdoor courtyard garden.

- For students aged 18+
- 34 minutes on foot from Bell/21 minutes by Tube/11 minutes by bicycle
- Within easy reach of a wide range of shops, banks, bars, restaurants and cafes
- 15 minute walk from top London sights such as Tower of London, Spitalfields Market, Sky Garden, The Gherkin and the heart of 'The City'

London



Example bedroom

Vita Lewisham Exchange

Located in the heart of one of London's vibrant boroughs, Vita Lewisham Exchange is a competitively priced modern residence, offering breathtaking views of the city. Each room has a double bed, and en-suite bathroom. Vita also has an on-site gym, dance studio, games lounge and lots of public, and private study spaces.

- For ages 18+
- 27 minutes to Bell by train and foot/28 minutes by bicycle
- Free weekday grab and go breakfast
- The Hub: A large open plan area for students to study

London



Homestay

In homestay accommodation, students have their own single bedroom. All homestays are carefully selected and visited regularly to ensure consistently high standards. Many of our host families have been working with us for a number of years.

- For ages 16+
- Weekly laundry and free Wi-Fi internet access
- Half-board with breakfast and dinner included

Cambridge and London



Example bedroom