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Welcome

Founded in the year 1583 by Edmund Grindal, St Bees School is very proud of its established history. We are a co-educational independent school and welcome day and boarding students from the ages of 11 to 18.

Our bespoke Global Awareness Programme is more than just a timetabled subject – it develops our students' emotional intelligence (EQ) alongside intelligence (IQ). This works through practising debating, discussion, presenting, and formulating opinions, ideas and solutions to real-world problems in every subject they study. It is this awareness for the wider world that enhances each student's ability to tackle situations systematically and analytically. As a result, these skills further develop their unique and individual characters to make them who they are.

We also offer a truly unique mentoring experience to our students to ensure that they are fully supported, both academically and emotionally. Each student has regular one-to-one mentoring time with their tutor, where they are able to discuss anything they want to talk about, set themselves targets and develop their characters.

Thanks to our smaller class sizes, our teachers are able to give students a more personal education experience. They can spend more time with each student and recognise their strengths and weaknesses, while providing them with the appropriate help and guidance to ensure that they achieve above and beyond their potential.

The boarding community at St Bees is a melting pot of culture, with students from across the globe joining students from the UK in our comfortable, homely boarding house. This caring, social atmosphere allows boarding students to develop their independence and sense of responsibility, as well as their social and interaction skills with people of different ages and cultures.

St Bees is a member of the Association for Character education, and is accredited by the Independent Schools Council, the Boarding School's Association and The Good Schools Guide.

Roger Sinnett, Headmaster

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"The school is set in 150 acres of picturesque private ground, in the small, safe coastal village of St Bees. We are situated in a very unique location on the edge of the stunning Lake District UNESCO World Heritage site, meaning that our students also have all that the great outdoors has to offer right on their doorstep."











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Programmes & Outline

IGCSE

Students aged 11-16 will work towards their IGCSE exams in the following subjects:

English Language

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- English Literature
- Maths
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Geography
- Computer Science
- Art and Design

PRE A-LEVEL

In order to fully prepare our second language students for what lies ahead, St Bees School offers a unique chance to get to grips with the demands and expectations of A-Level learning within our one year IGCSE course.

From EAL Support, university counselling and preparation, combined with a real focus on building their life skills, there are plenty of opportunities for our students to shine in their studies – and as individuals, too.

AS AND A-LEVELS

At present, senior students at St Bees can study the following subjects at AS and A-Level:

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Maths
- Physics

EAL SUPPORT

All Pre-A students receive additional EAL lessons as part of their course. These lessons vary in terms of structure and content, but enable students to become more natural and confident within their English-speaking abilities. Additional EAL support is also available for students in other year groups through our dedicated International Centre.



CHINESE MANDARIN

All students also learn Mandarin from the moment they start with us. China is a huge influence when it comes to developing the future of our world, and giving our students the ability to speak Mandarin fluently by the time they leave the school gives them a skill that not many other 16 or 18-year-olds have and that will be a massive boost with regards to international job opportunities later in life.

A unique Fusion Maths programme in partnership with School of Education Durham University

FUSION MATHS

St Bees School provides the opportunity to study Mathematics in a highly successful, innovative and pioneering way. With a Fusion Maths programme specifically tailor-made for St Bees by the world-class School of Education at Durham University – students are embracing our Fusion culture and loving it. Fusion Maths combines the depth of the Eastern way of studying, alongside the very strong British methods of teaching.

As a result, our students are performing, on average, two years ahead of their age. Not only are they coping with the advanced work, they are excelling, achieving top grades and laying the foundations for a dynamic future.

IPQ

At A-Level, in addition to taking 3 full A-Levels, students will also complete the Cambridge International Project Qualification – the IPQ. The IPQ is a project-based qualification in which students further develop research skills, independent learning and analysis to produce an in-depth report on a topic of their choice. Students who take the IPQ are required to engage with their topic to greater levels of depth, enhancing their ability to analyse, evaluate and synthesis – all key, transferable skills that are admired by future employers and Universities.

Cambridge International summarises the award as "this sort of deeper engagement will help develop students' ability to be life-long learners."

The IPQ has a designated time allocated each week to allow Tutors to offer guidance and support in a structured way. We have a large computer room for research and offer bespoke help on particular topics from our staff with certain expertise.



Entry requirements

Criteria for acceptance are as follows:

Program	Pre A Level	IGCSE	A-Level
Age	15.5+	14+	15.5+
Academic requirements	Completion of minimum 9 years in home country	Completion of minimum 8 years in home country	4 GCSE passes in appropriate subjects or evidence of good secondary education
Grade requirements	Two terms of school report with satisfactory pass scores	Two terms of school report with satisfactory pass scores	GCSE Grade C or above
Password English score	4.0 or above	4.0 or above	5.0 or above only
Password Maths score	Score C or above	Score C or above	N/A
Length of programme	3 Terms (1 year)	6 Terms (2 years)	6 Terms (2 years)

Additional criteria:

- Interview with the Headmaster of St Bees School
- Entrance exams to be taken (Maths and English)

Russell Group Entry Warranty Scheme

The warranty scheme is offered by Full Circle Education Group. Students who are not able to gain entry to any of the Russell Group or UK top 20 universities after attending two years' A-Level at St Bees School, will be eligible for a free extra year of tuition fully funded by Full Circle. Terms and Conditions apply.



APPLICATION PROCESS

At St Bees, we've aimed to make the application process as easy and straight forward as possible.



Get in touch

Please get in touch with your St Bees School representative by email or phone or by visiting us in person (COVID restrictions permitting)



Complete the application form with all your details and send it back to us with past school reports and results (must include Maths and English results).



After reviewing your application form, we may invite you for an interview and to complete a set on online assessments in Maths and English.

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Await your feedback - if we think that we can help you go above and beyond your potential, this is the stage in which we would offer you a place.

STEP 5

Offer

Your place will be confirmed with an acceptance letter, which would then require the receipt of the deposit.

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Acceptance

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15 Over 15 different subjects covered

Student population









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Results and outcomes for St Bees students

St Bees School has a longstanding history of academic excellence with many of our alumni in the past progressing to top University destinations such as Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, LSE, St Andrews, Warwick, Durham and Edinburgh.

Between 2010 – 2020, more than 80% of A-Level results were A or B and St Bees School is confident to uphold this strong academic tradition.

The school has in the past achieved 100% pass rates and 43% A*-A. These outstanding results placed the school as one of the highest achieving boarding schools in the North West*

Since our school newly reopened in 2018, our first A-Level student will be graduating in the Summer of 2021, with predicted grades of A*A*A.

*(Telegraph A-Level Results Table 2013)



Extra-curricular

The School's stunning location provides excellent opportunities for a varied outdoor pursuits programme including climbing, canoeing, sailing and mountain biking. We have a Golf Academy based around the School's own links golf course. The Academy offers personal oneto-one programmes of coaching, by a PGA Golf Professional, as well as instruction for small groups utilising a newly equipped golf studio which houses the latest computer software for analysing driving and putting techniques.

We have an on-site heated swimming pool, which gives our students the opportunity to undertake a low-impact, fun sport during PE and outside of school hours.

For students who want to learn an instrument, we also provide music lessons for piano, guitar and cello.

St Bees Students also have the opportunity to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award during their time at St Bees. This world-renowned youth achievement award which develops a wide variety of skills through activity-based learning. These could be anything from outdoor survival skills to beekeeping, to blogging and sport.

With three awards to work through, starting at Bronze, the Duke of Edinburgh Award works perfectly alongside our dedication to developing the character of all of our students.





We have a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for students to get involved with at St Bees. These currently include:

• Art Club • LEGO Club • Eco Club • Science Club • Craft Club • Eton Fives • Fitness Club • Swimming Club



Boarding







"The boarding community at St Bees is a melting pot of culture, with students from across the globe joining students from the UK in our comfortable, homely boarding house."

St Bees School has had boarding students for hundreds of years. Boarding today is focused on pastoral care and providing a holistic education outside of normal school hours.

Being a boarder at St Bees means being part of a big family of students and staff. We study, dine and play together, we look after and support each other and we help each other develop as individuals and as a group.

Being away from home is an important educational experience. We believe that boarding encourages independence, unselfishness, responsibility, tolerance of and respect for others and a spirit of camaraderie. Boarding also promotes self-reliance, resilience and resourcefulness. These attributes will stand boarders in good stead throughout their personal and professional lives.

There is one boarding house at St Bees School: School House. The boarding house comprises single, twin and triple rooms in single-sex corridors and has shared common rooms.



Finance and funding

International Student Fees (Tuition and Boarding)

Years 7 – 8

Full

Per Term **£9,880**

Per Year **£29,640** Per Term **£10,880**

Years 9 – 12

Full

Per Year **£32,640**

Registration Fee for all applicants: £100 (non-refundable)

Extras

- Airport transfers approx. £250/trip by taxi or £200 for 1 student private hire, £120/student for a group pick up (2+ students, not necessarily booking together)
- Discounted places at our partner Summer and Easter courses – Our World and Studio Cambridge
- · Homestay during holidays approximately £35/night

Scholarships

We are delighted to offer a new array of scholarships for September 2021 entry. There are five different scholarship types available. These are:

- Academic Scholarships
- Creative Arts Scholarships
- Sports Scholarships
- Engineering Scholarships
- The Full Circle Scholarship for exceptional students

Term dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6 September to Friday 15 October 2021

Half Term – Monday 18 October to Friday 29 October 2021

Monday 1 November to Friday 10 December 2021

Christmas – Monday 13 December to Tuesday 4 January 2022

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5 January 2022 to Friday 11 February 2022

Half Term – Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

Monday 21 February to Friday 1 April 2022

Easter Holiday – Monday 4 April to Monday 18 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 April to Friday 27 May 2022

Half Term – Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022

Monday 6 June to Friday 8 July 2022

Summer Holiday – Monday 11 July 2022





St Bees School is located in one of the most beautiful regions of the UK, Cumbria, in the North West of England. World famous for its stunning lakes but also close to the sea and mountains. It is the perfect location for those seeking adventures but also tranquility. The cities of Manchester, Glasgow and Newcastle are easily reached for daytrips.

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Glasgow

Manchester

St Bees, Cumbria















Travel to St Bees

St Bees is fortunate enough to be served by many Northern airports, all within a 2-3 hour drive of St Bees. The nearest is Manchester Airport, for which we are able to offer a pick-up service from. Other options include Liverpool Airport, Newcastle Airport and Glasgow Airport.





St Bees train station, is a mere two-minute walk away from the school with regular trains to all airports, and a five hour journey from all London stations.



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