



La Dante in Cambridge, European Cultural Centre
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Frequently asked questions

Studying at La Dante in Cambridge



La Dante in Cambridge is a European Cultural Centre, recognised by the Dante Alighieri Society with 500 offices around the world. A not for profit cultural organisation offering Italian, Spanish and English language and culture classes to all ages.

Cambridge is home to the world-renowned [University of Cambridge](#), which was founded in 1209. The university includes [King's College Chapel](#), [Cavendish Laboratory](#), and the [Cambridge University Library](#). It's safe and easy to get around on foot, by bike or by bus.

La Dante is located by the river Cam in a residential area, close to the park and just 20 min walk from the city centre.

What to expect at La Dante:

Mother language teachers: The teachers are all mother language qualified and trained teachers so for teaching English we would only have **CELTA qualified British teachers**.

Class sizes: maximum 8 mixed nationalities

Methodology: communication approach aimed at improving spoken English and for children activities themes like Harry Potter, interactive English games, songs, acting, miming, storytelling, creative activities

Playscheme in schools close to La Dante: this is an activity-based scheme where British people send their children to during the summer camp. It's a great opportunity for your child to experience such a cultural experience as it's the most natural way for them to learn and improve their English. La Dante has a special agreement with two international local schools to give you this *special unique opportunity*.

This is available from the 23rd July until the 15th August every year.

Tennis summer camp: learning English through sport is something that we encourage parents to consider as the children and teenagers learn a new sport, mix with British students and make friends. A natural way to learn both a new sport and language. We have **an agreement with an established Tennis Academy in Cambridge very close to La Dante, reachable on foot in 15 min. Available in the summer from the 23rd July until the 15th August every year.**

a) **English course organisation**

Young learners: Daily lessons from 10-12 based on communication, games, role play, creative activities and songs. Outings to museums are arranged in advance with the parents and the teachers for an interactive experience like the one at the Polar Museum in Cambridge.

Teenagers: Daily lessons from 9.30-12.30. English teachers use a communication approach aimed at improving their spoken English. Outings to museums, IT centres are organised as part of the course.



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Adults: Daily lessons from 9.30-12.30. English teachers use a communication approach aimed at improving their spoken English. Outings to museums, bilingual lunches and aperitapas are offered extra so that the students meet our British students learning Italian and Spanish to make friends and for a cultural experience.

International students mix

We have a variety of international students coming from Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, China, Taiwan and Japan.

b) **Accommodation**

Homestay accommodation: We have a selected number of families and we ensure they take good care of the students, welcoming and with a good social background. These are vetted for DBS to ensure they can operate as host families for our students.

B&B: [there are some close to the school which we recommend.](#)

Residencies and short let apartments close to the school: [this listing is managed by the University of Cambridge](#) and you need to look for the area CB4 1BT as it's in Chesterton Road

c) **Social events**

Teenagers: We organise sports events with English students from a secondary school in Cambridge to create a natural situation where students can communicate, have fun and form friendships. Our students are also involved in interviewing locals during the afternoon as part of the study programme. In the evening we organise films, punting tours on the river, tours in the colleges.

Students also have the opportunity to do a daytrip to London and other cities with Travelsights during the weekend.

Practical tips:

How to get to Cambridge:

Nearest airport:

London Stansted (with cheap flights from Ryanair and Easyjet) is the nearest

How to get to Cambridge:

By train: only takes 40 minutes by train and costs less than £10. The train station is placed underneath the airport, you don't need to exit.

Bus to Cambridge: You can buy a ticket on the bus or book online at

www.nationalexpress.com

Travelling from Gatwick or Heathrow

Both journeys take around 2 hours and involve changes. For train timetables

visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Getting around Cambridge



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- **By bus**
Bus services around the city are fairly regular, but expensive. You can save money by buying weekly or monthly passes on board the bus.
 - **By bike**
Travelling by bicycle is a popular way to travel in Cambridge, but can be dangerous. We recommend that before you hire a bike, you consult the Student Services manager for more information on bicycle hire and safety.
 - **By train**
To explore the UK and visit places outside Cambridge, such as London, Oxford and Bath, national train timetables and information can be found at www.nationalrail.co.uk
 - **By coach**
Coach travel is often better value than train for trips around the UK. For further information, visit www.nationalexpress.com
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Pocket money for students:

- We recommend that your child brings about £75 a week pocket money either in cash or card.
You can also send money in advance - bank transfer to:
La Dante in Cambridge: Santander Business Banking
SORT CODE 09-06-66 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 43449092
IBAN: GB73 ABBY 090666 43449092 SWIFT CODE ABBYGB2L
- Please note that bank transfers can take up to 2 weeks and you will be liable for all bank transfer charges. Please write your child's name and booking reference number on the transfer documents and send us a copy of the banking papers.
- Your child can also obtain cash from your bank account while they are in Britain by using a credit/debit card. Please enquire at your bank in your own country if you wish to arrange this.
- We are unable to accept credit card payments for pocket money, or pass on money before we receive it. Because of the time taken to transfer money, we recommend that adequate funds are sent before the course starts.