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# ADULT ENGLISH COURSES

**2026**

*Delivering excellence for over 70 years*

**Cambridge • London**

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Our locations

**Bell Cambridge**, 1 Red Cross Lane, Cambridge, CB2 0QU  
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# Welcome to Bell Adult English Programmes 2026

With over 70 years of experience, Bell continues to set the standard for excellence in English language education. Founded in 1955 by Frank Bell — a true pioneer in international education — our mission remains rooted in his belief that language has the power to change lives and build a more connected world.

To date, Bell has educated over one million learners worldwide, empowering individuals from all backgrounds to achieve their goals and unlock new opportunities through the power of language.

Today, that vision lives on through our world-class programmes for adult learners, delivered year-round at our flagship centres

in Cambridge and London. Each centre offers a welcoming, multicultural environment where learners can build their confidence, develop their language skills, and achieve their personal, academic or professional goals.

Every course is enhanced by our Language in Action programme — an engaging extension of classroom learning that connects language to real-world use through cultural experiences and social activities. It's an opportunity for students to live the language, not just learn it.

Whether you're preparing for exams, advancing your career, or simply exploring the world through language, Bell is here to help you succeed — and grow — in 2026 and beyond.

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

**1938**  
Frank was awarded a PhD in English from the University of Cambridge.

**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.

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

**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.

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

**1986**  
Bell launched its first young learner programme at the Link, Cambridge, that still runs to this day.

**1990**  
Bell Switzerland launched in Geneva, offering adult courses and corporate training.

**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.

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

**1999**  
Bell launched its first Teacher Academy in Cambridge. Bell welcomes teachers from all around the world every summer.

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

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

**2011**  
A small million pound investment in the original Bell Cambridge campus to improve facilities.

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

**2019**  
The Frank Bell Residence opens as new accommodation for students.

**2025**  
Bell celebrates 70 years of excellence.

**2013**  
Bell launches its first CELTA programme at Bell London taught by ELT expert Jim Scrivener.

**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.



# Study at Bell Cambridge

A prestigious learning environment in the heart of a historic city.

Bell Cambridge provides an exceptional campus experience, set within elegant grounds and offering outstanding academic, social, and recreational facilities. Conveniently located near the city centre, students benefit from easy access to Cambridge's rich cultural heritage — including river punting, live performances, and the renowned university colleges.

High-quality residential accommodation is available on-site, with additional options nearby to suit a range of preferences.

General English

IELTS exam preparation

Cambridge exam preparation

1-to-1 courses

## Bell Cambridge Nationality Mix 2025

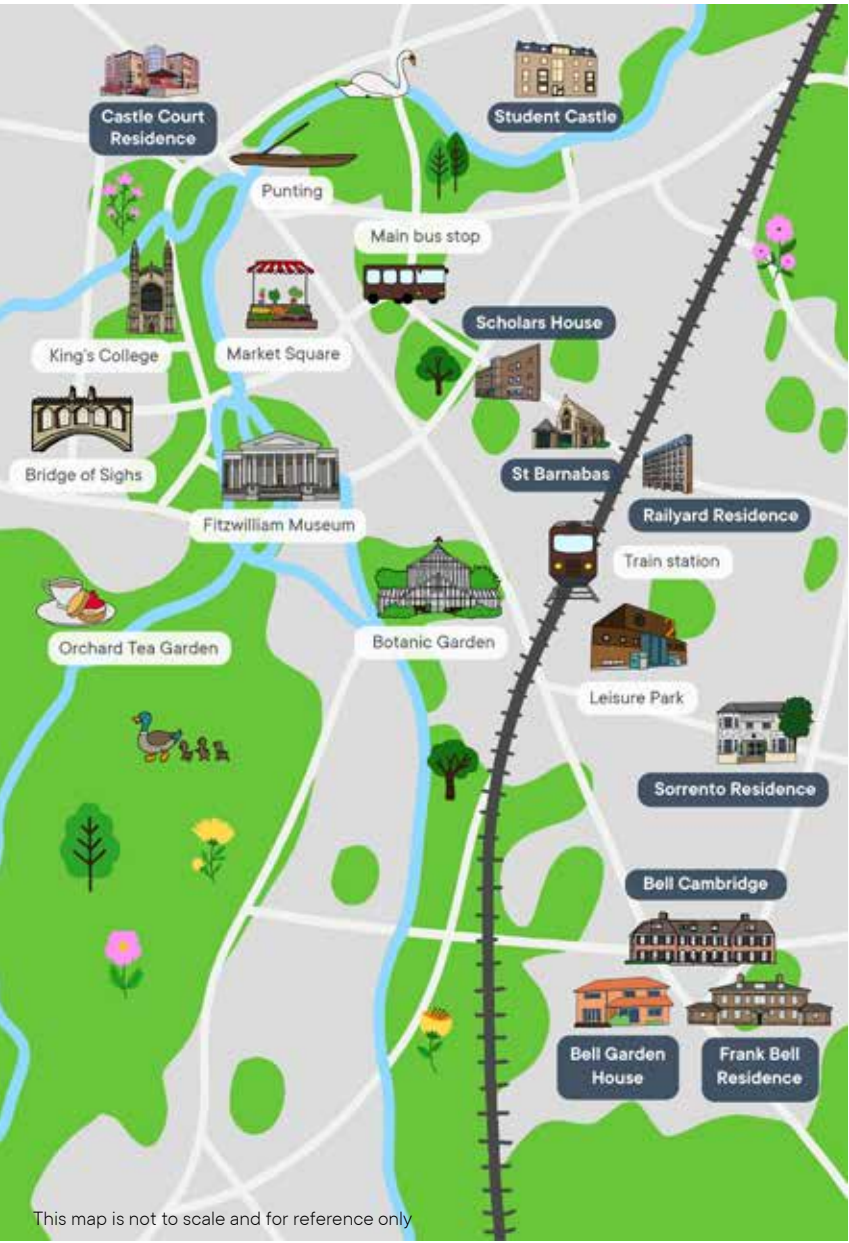


### Top 10 Nationalities:

Saudi Arabia  
Turkey  
China  
Argentina  
Belgium  
Japan  
Thailand  
South Korea  
Brazil  
Italy

*\*figures based on student weeks from January to August 2025*





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 modern school in the heart of an iconic city.

Located near the River Thames, just moments from landmarks such as Shakespeare's Globe, St Paul's Cathedral and The Shard, Bell London offers a dynamic and inspiring learning environment with excellent facilities.

Experience life in one of the world's most vibrant and multicultural cities, rich in history, culture, and opportunity — with outstanding transport links across the UK and Europe.

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Italy  
Switzerland  
Brazil  
Belgium  
Libya  
Argentina






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This map is not to scale and for reference only

### 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*



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BELL WAY OF TEACHING:

[bellenglish.com/about-bell/](https://bellenglish.com/about-bell/)

Our 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

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

## Example London LiA timetable

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



# What's included in the Language in Action programme?



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[bellenglish.com/our-courses/adults](https://bellenglish.com/our-courses/adults)



Weekly tour of the local area for new students



London



Cambridge



Stratford-upon-Avon



Oxford



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



London



Cambridge



Cambridge



Cambridge



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



London



Cambridge





# 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, 20 or 25 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) - London 7/12 and Cambridge 10/14
- ▶ Weekly hours - 20 hours Standard and 25 hours Fast-track

## Add your modules:

### Choose 5 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.*

# 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

See p22 for more information on our additional modules.

## 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 course.



# Build your course

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[bellenglish.com/courses-for-adults](https://bellenglish.com/courses-for-adults)



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 or 10 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 integrated activities and inclusive 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 - 1 week
- ▶ Tuition - 20 hours per week
- ▶ Integrated activities - 6 days a week
- ▶ Min. age - 16 years old
- ▶ Class size (max) - 12
- ▶ Start dates - 21 June, 5 July, 19 July, 2 August 2026





# 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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[bellenglish.com/locations/school/bell-cambridge](https://bellenglish.com/locations/school/bell-cambridge)



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[bellenglish.com/locations/school/bell-london](https://bellenglish.com/locations/school/bell-london)

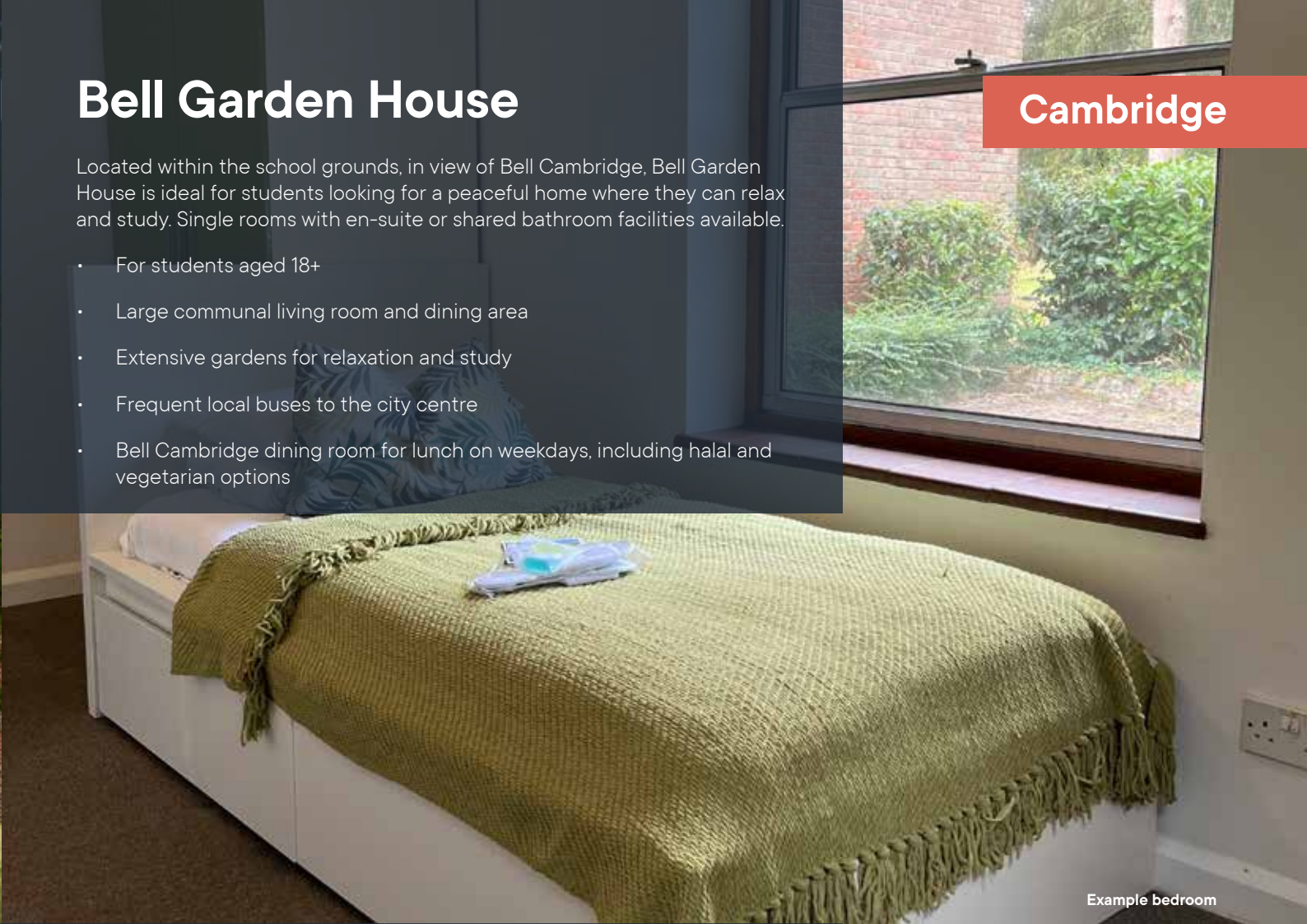


# Bell Garden House

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



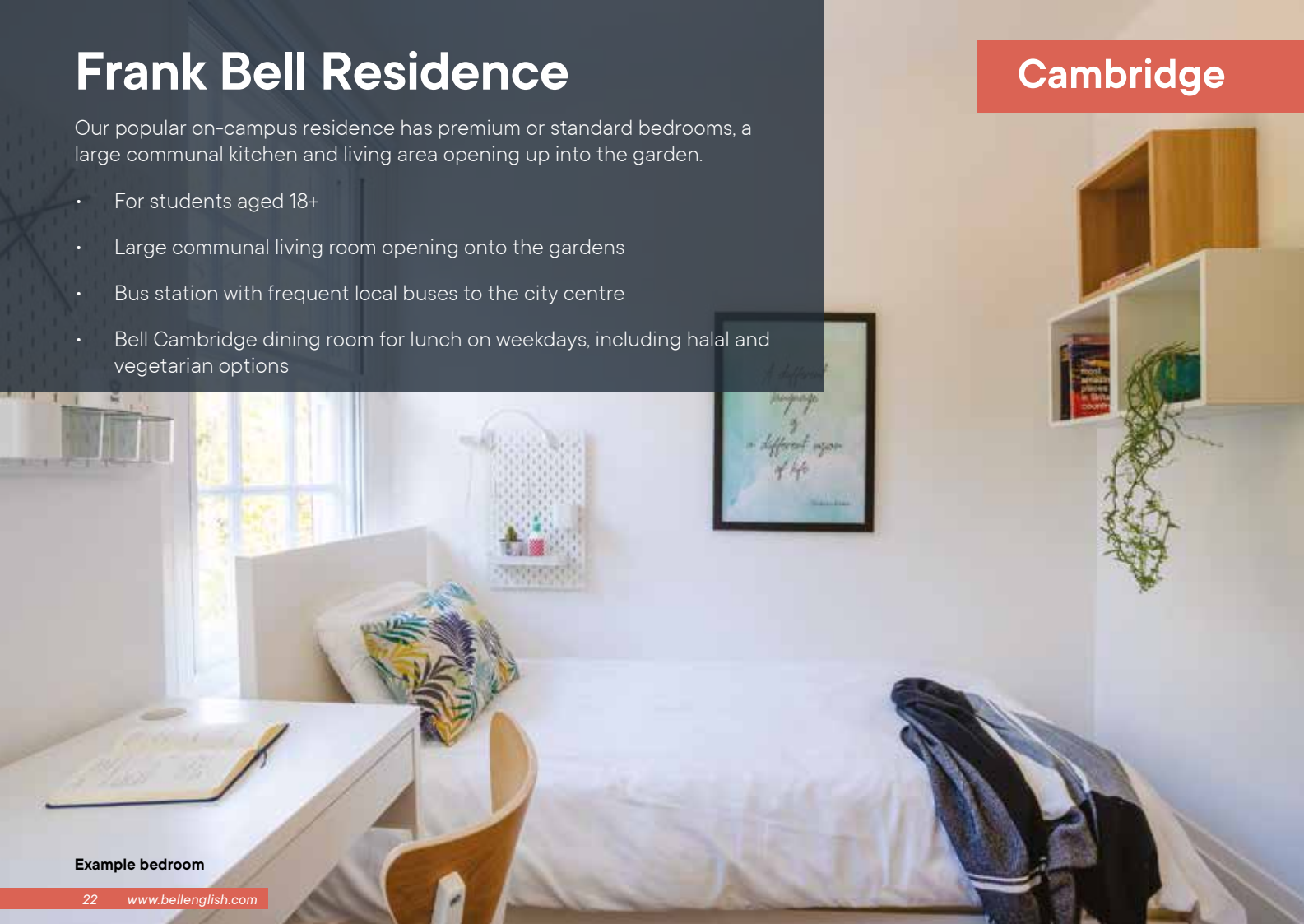
Example bedroom

# 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



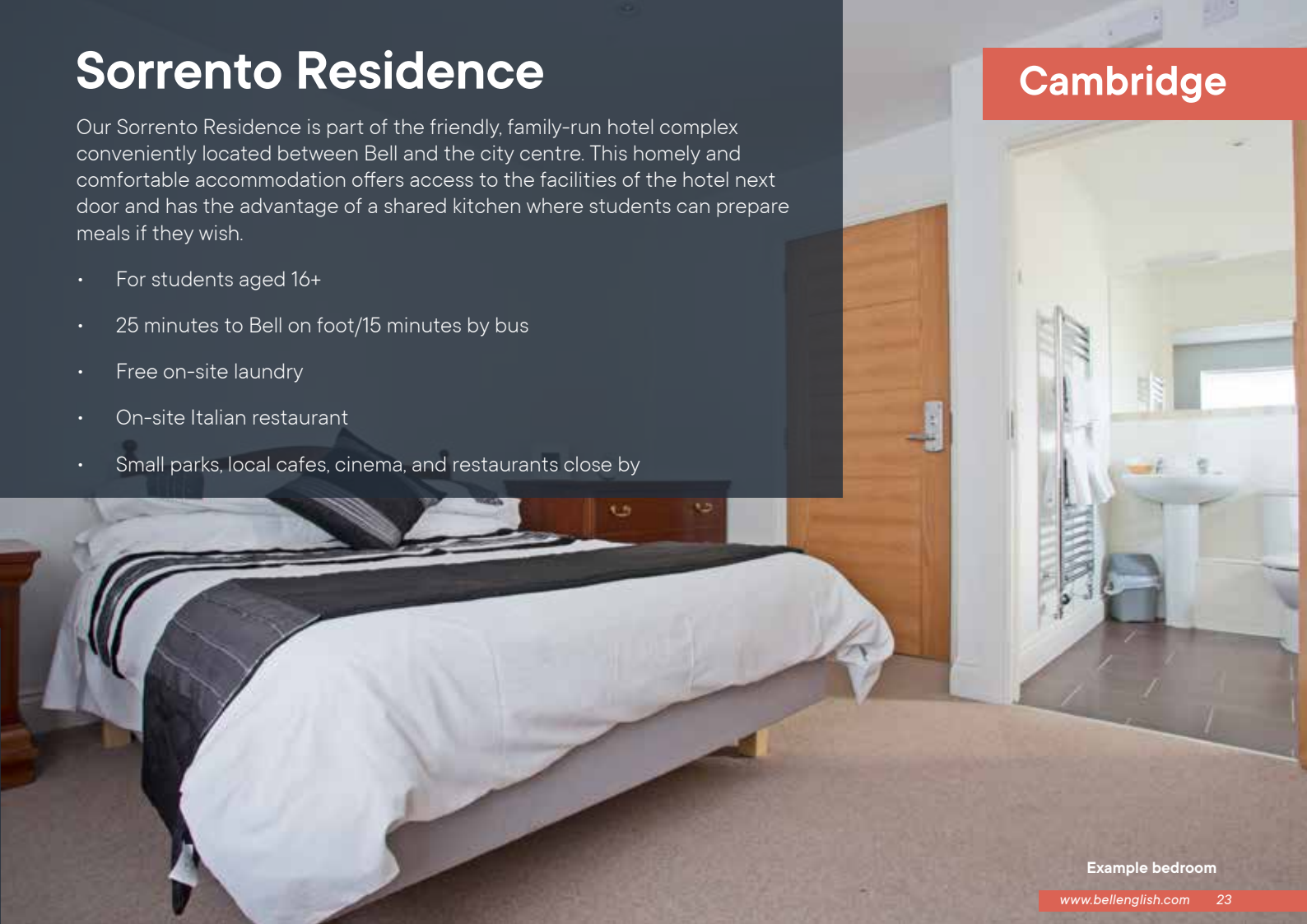
Example bedroom

# 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



## Cambridge



Summer only

Example bedroom

# 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
- Bed and breakfast also available at Bell London



## Cambridge and London



Example bedroom



# 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'



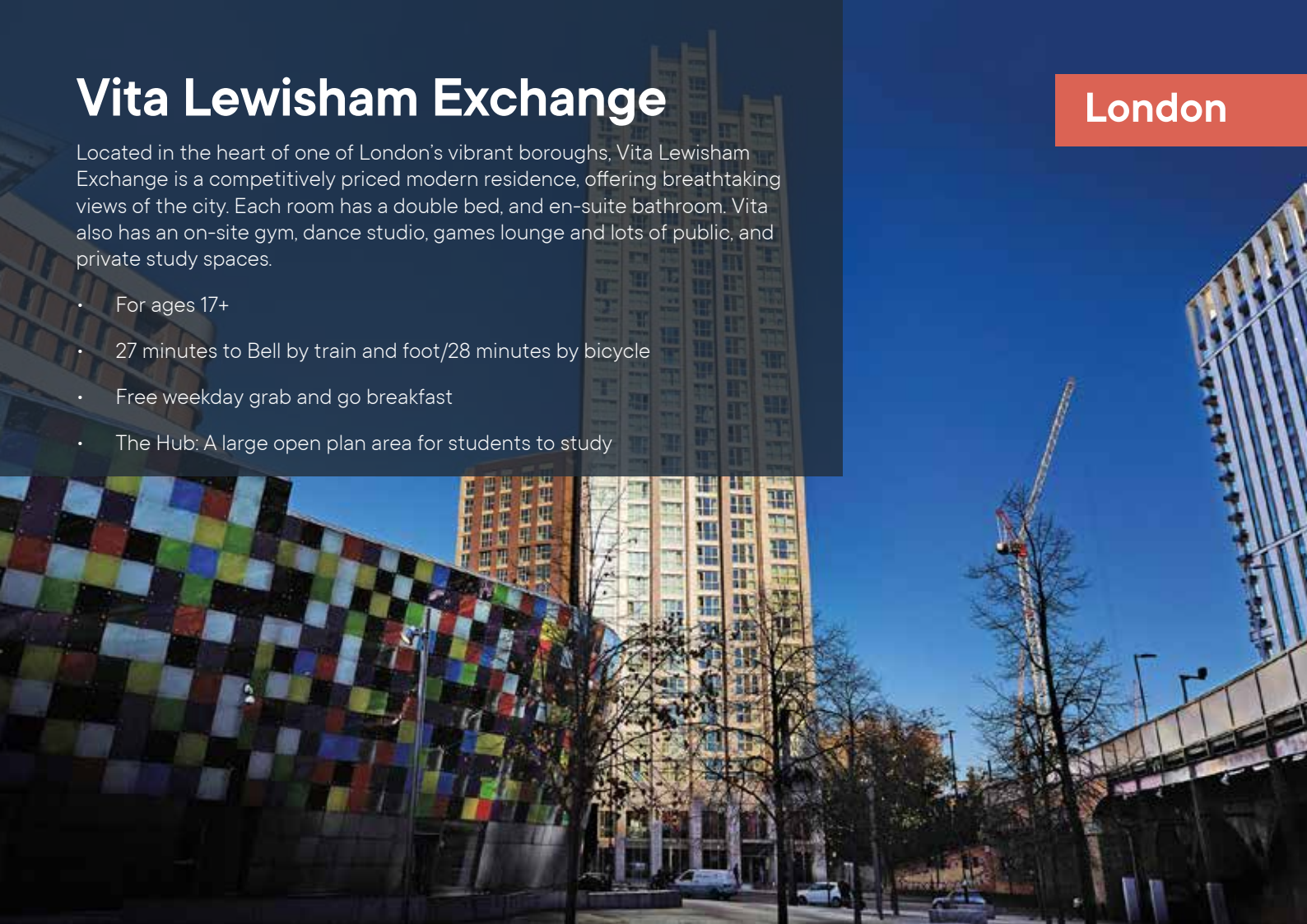
Example bedroom

London

# 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 17+
- 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

# Urbanest Tower Bridge

Located in the heart of historic London, near iconic landmarks like the Tower of London, St Paul's Cathedral, and the Shard, Urbanest Tower Bridge offers students the perfect base to explore our vibrant capital city, and easy access to Bell London.

Accommodation is in single en-suite rooms, with shared kitchen facilities. At Urbanest there is also a cinema and study area, as well as shops and cafes on its doorstep.

- For students aged 16+
- 20 minutes from Bell Tube and foot, or 15 minutes' walk
- Just 3 minutes on foot to Tower Hill Tube Station (Circle & District Lines)
- Within easy reach of shops, cafes and a gym



London



Example bedroom





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courses and locations, please visit:

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Bell Young Learner Courses\*

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