



Celtic English Academy

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English**

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A warm Welsh welcome

Wales is known as a country full of song, legendary stories, and rich traditions. Its unique culture is inspired by truly breathtaking landscapes, which, when you see them for yourself, will inspire you too!

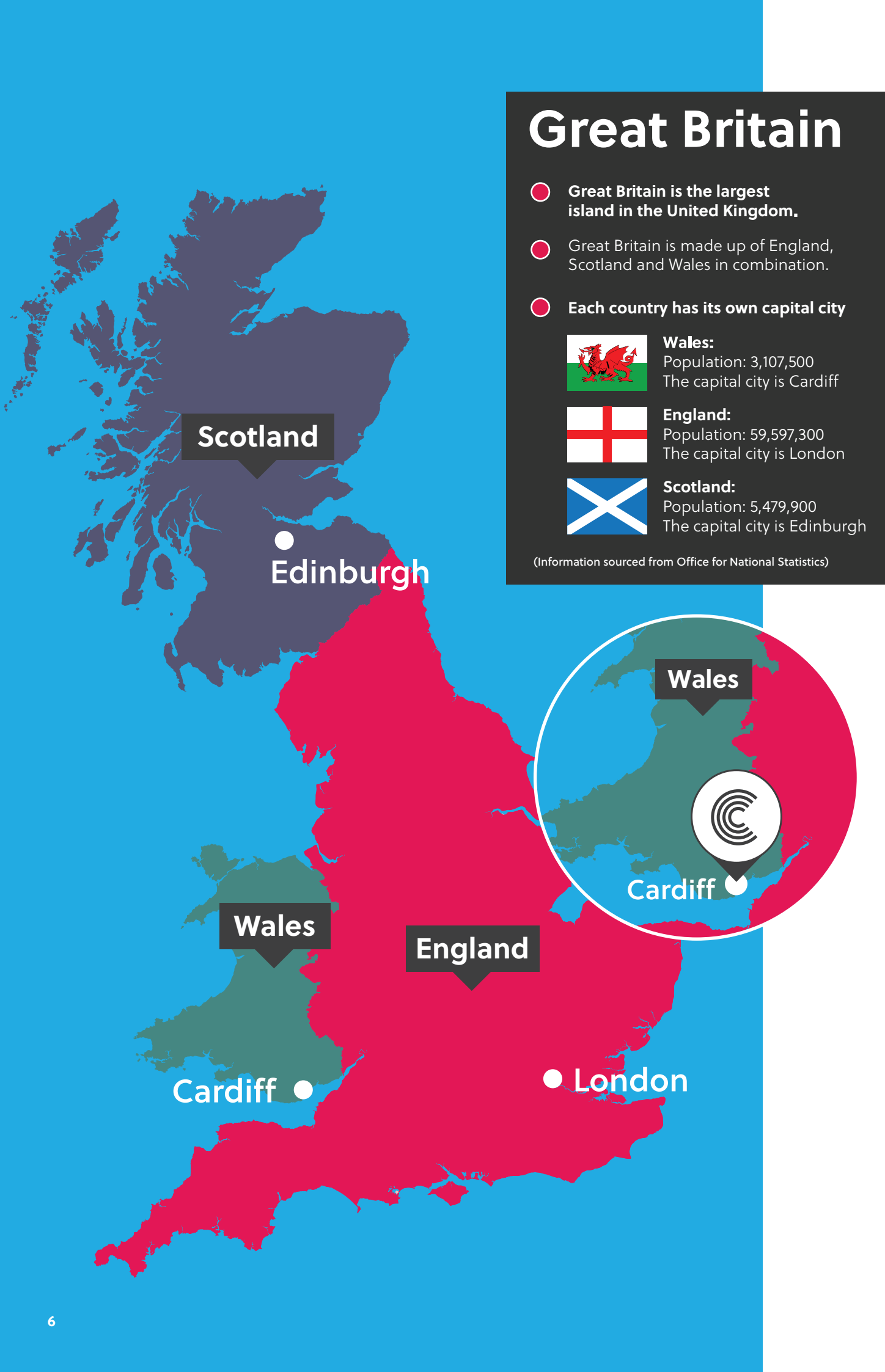
Natural and historic beauty is easy to find in Wales, with waterfalls, rolling green hills, dramatic mountains, ancient castles, unique wildlife, and a coast path that runs along the entire length of the country.

Our cities are compact and easy to get around, while our towns have a warm community feel. Wales, lesser known than the other UK nations, can be considered a 'hidden gem' because of all that it has to offer.

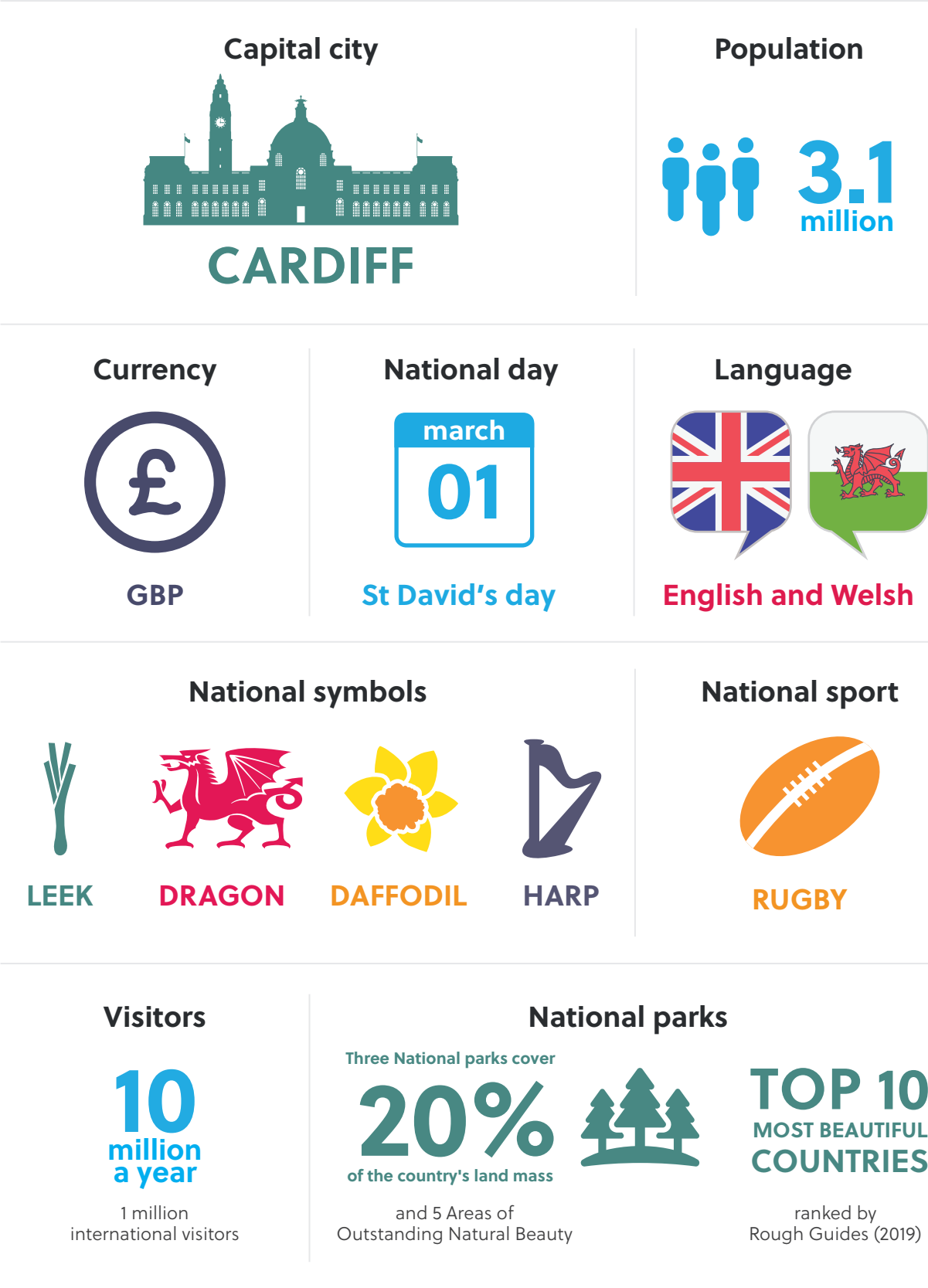
Celtic English Academy is based in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales; a friendly, affordable and safe place to live and study. When you come to study English with us, you don't just learn it, but experience it through a range of activities and excursions.

Would you like to find your 'epic'?





Wales facts





Cardiff, the beautiful capital of Wales

Cardiff is a great place to live and study.

It offers everything you would expect from a capital city: world-class entertainment, historical sites, and excellent shopping, all while still being one of the most affordable places for students to live in the UK.

Wales was voted one of the Top 10 Most Beautiful Countries in the World by Rough Guides in 2019 and is considered a great starting point to get to know the entire UK.



Heritage

Romans, Normans and Victorians all helped shape the Cardiff that exists today. You can learn about Cardiff's rich history at its many historical sites and museums. Cardiff Castle and the beautiful Bute Park castle grounds are only 10 minutes' walk from the academy.



Low Cost & Safe

Cardiff is one of the best value university cities. Throughout the year, regular free festivals and events take place. The Cardiff street food scene has exploded in recent years and there are many 'pop-up' events to enjoy. It is also one of the safest cities in the UK to live in.



Nightlife

Cardiff has great restaurants, nightlife and a well-established pub culture. If you are looking for a night out, the lively St. Mary Street or Cardiff Bay are the busiest areas at the weekend.



Sports

Twice awarded 'European Capital of Sport', Cardiff has fast become a leading city for sport on an international level. The Principality Stadium hosted the 2015 Rugby World Cup and the 2017 UEFA Champions League football final!



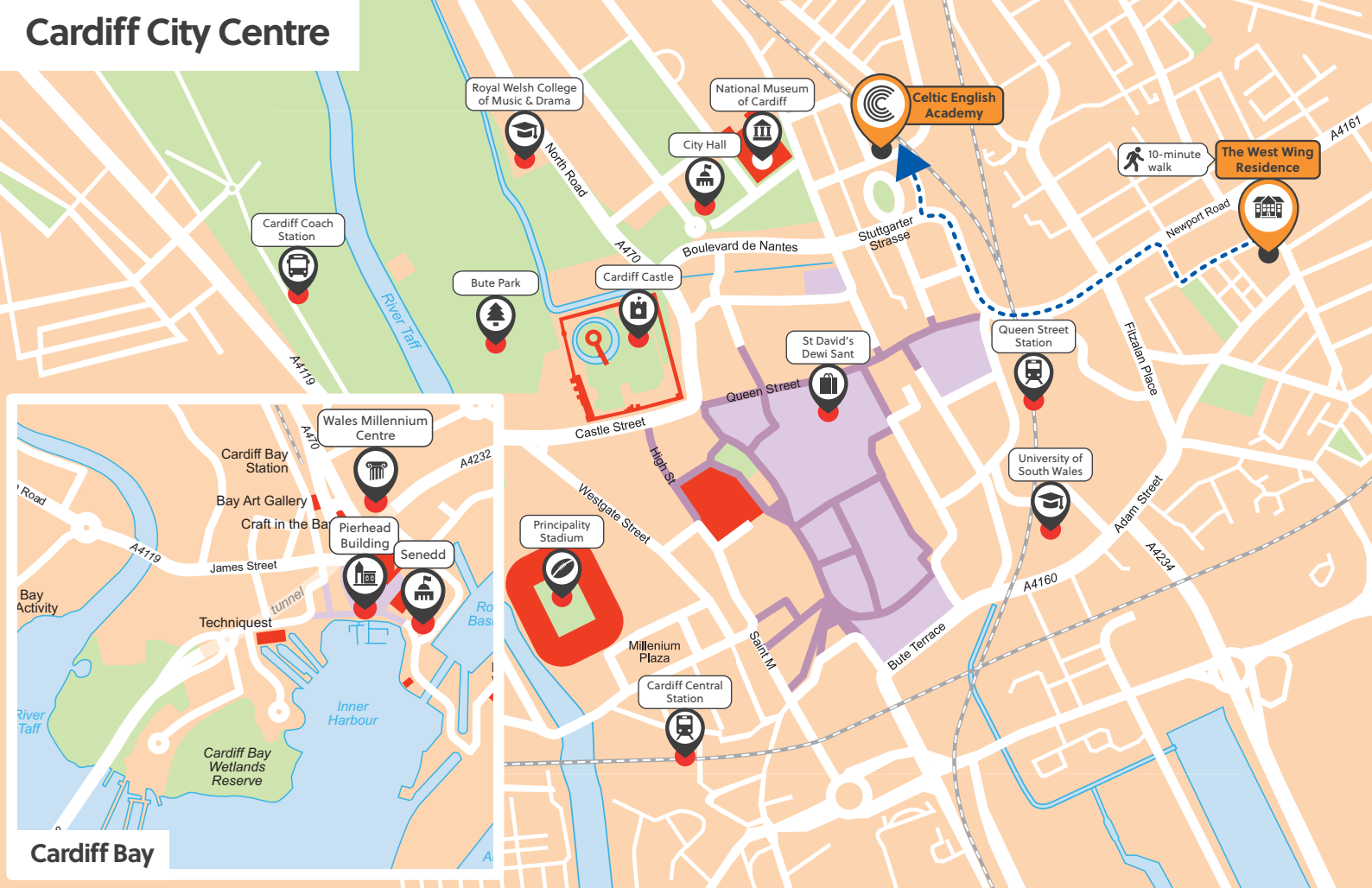
Entertainment & The Arts

You find poetry in the buildings and music in the air when you visit Cardiff. There have been live concerts by world-famous artists like Ed Sheeran, Beyoncé, Taylor Swift, and Harry Styles. You can also enjoy classical music, musicals, and opera at the Wales Millennium Centre or St. David's Hall.



Shopping

Cardiff is one of Europe's top shopping destinations. Celtic English Academy is located right in the heart of the city, only minutes away from the main shopping centres and boutique arcades.



Cardiff

Cardiff is one of the UK's top-ranked big cities for quality of life and one of the best value university cities in Europe!

Capital city of:



Wales

Population

370,000



33% cheaper than London student residence accommodations*



2 hours from London by train

99%

would recommend Cardiff as a destination to visit



Britain's best city for cyclists 2020

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UNIVERSITIES within central Cardiff



welcoming more than 87,000 students every year

Transfer information



from **Cardiff**
International Airport to the city centre



30 minutes by taxi

transfer from Cardiff airport



1 hour by bus

from Cardiff Airport



from **Bristol**
International Airport to the city centre



1 hour by taxi

transfer from Bristol airport



1.5 hours by bus

from Bristol Airport



from **London**
Heathrow Airport to the city centre



2.5/3 hours by taxi

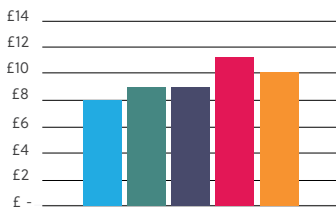
transfer from Heathrow and Gatwick airports



2 hours by train

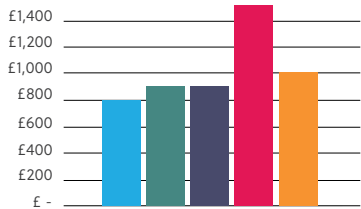
from London Paddington Station

Food



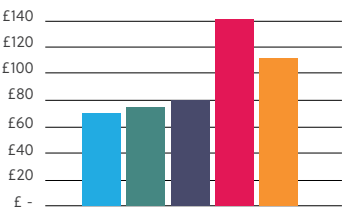
Basic lunchtime menu

Accommodation



Monthly rent for a studio

Public Transport



Monthly ticket

Cardiff Bristol Manchester London Brighton

Cost of living in Cardiff (per week)

Accommodation	£120 - £250
Food	£30 - £50
Travel	£0 - £20
Socialising	£20 - £30
Laundry & Toiletries	£3 - £10
Telephone & Mobile	£3 - £10
Other	£15 - £30

TOTAL: £193 - £323

Cost of specific items in Cardiff

Cardiff Bus (weekly)	£55 - £70
Average Cardiff taxi journey	£10 - £25
Restaurant meal	£7 - £55
1 pint of beer	£4.50 - £6
1 cinema ticket	£8 - £10
1 takeaway coffee	£2.50 - £3.50
Average Cardiff bike rental	£1 - £12
McDonald's Big Mac meal	£6.50

*This estimate is based on the average costs of Standard and Studio rooms in Central London, considering a 20-minute radius, and factoring in the cost of public transport required to reach the accommodation within London. Our residence is conveniently located within a 10-minute walking distance from our academy.

Discover somewhere new today



Studying abroad is not only about learning English, but also having the opportunity to learn about new traditions, immerse yourself in a different culture, and discover exciting places.

Cardiff Bay



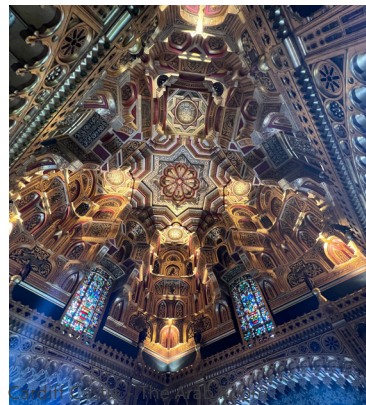
Principality Stadium Tour

Cardiff Castle - The Banqueting Room



Award-Winning Theatre Productions

National Museum of Wales



Cardiff Castle - The Arab Room

Our social activities give you the chance to practise your speaking skills, make friends from around the world, and have fun while exploring a new city and country!

Welsh Cakes



Cardiff International White Water



Welsh Rarebit

St Fagans Museum



Pen & Wig Pub opposite The Academy



Fish and Chips



Nightlife



Barry Island

Other things you can enjoy in Cardiff



Bowling



Cinema



Mini Golf



Escape Rooms

This is Wales: find your epic

Green Man Festival



Caerphilly Castle



Castell Coch



Gower



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct In Llangollen



Big Pit National Coal Museum



Brecon Beacons National Park



Conwy



Royal Mint Museum



Tenby



Swansea



Showcaves

Other popular cities for weekend excursions

Oxford



London - Tower Bridge



Bath - Pulteney Bridge



Costwolds



London - Westminster



Bath - The Circus



Salisbury



Stonehenge



Scan the QR code
to watch our exclusive video
about Wales and Cardiff!



Celtic English Academy

We are a friendly and welcoming English language centre in the heart of Cardiff.

Established:

 **2004**

Location:

 **Cardiff**
Excellent city centre location

Small class size:

10
Maximum



Number of students:

 **300** **150**
High season Low season

 **22**
classrooms

★★★★★
 **Qualified teachers**
with a native-speaker level of English

Accreditations & Memberships

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We teach English today so you can start your tomorrow.

20 years dedicated to bringing a top-quality English learning experience to Cardiff.

Learning English isn't just about a language – it's about unlocking doors to a brighter future.

English is more than a tool for talking; it's the key to helping our students achieve their dreams of university, connecting smoothly with people around the world, and excelling in their careers.

In 2024, Celtic English Academy celebrates two decades of growth. Our student community has expanded, representing various countries and cultures.

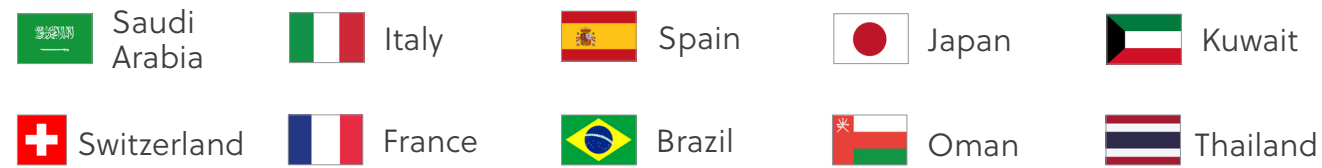
We've witnessed our students evolve into professionals, climbing the ladder in their jobs and companies. They've embraced global opportunities, and some have even become agents, introducing new learners to our community.

Every single day, we're dedicated to improving our range of courses and services. We're here to transform the learning experience and, most importantly, to empower people. We never forget why we're here – to open a world of possibilities.

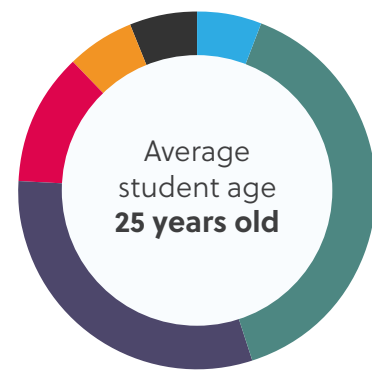


Our students

Top nationalities

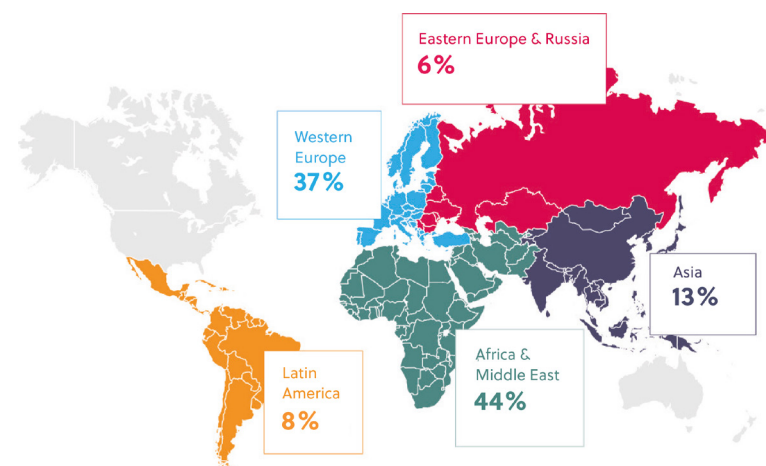


Age range



Junior	6%
16 - 20	39%
21 - 30	31%
31 - 40	12%
41 - 50	6%
51+	6%

Nationality mix

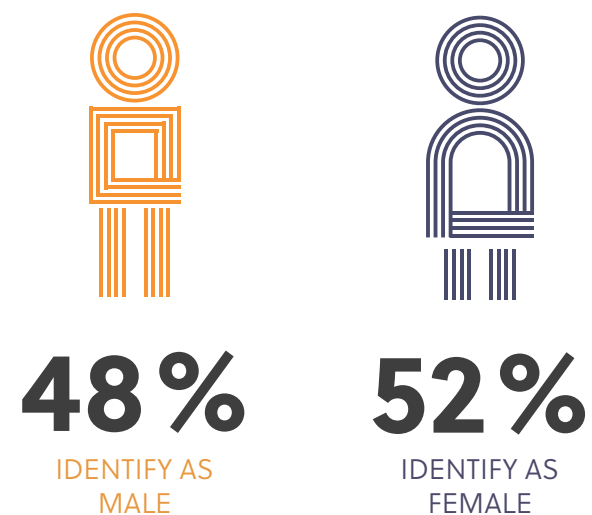


Length of stay



1-4 weeks	51%
5-12 weeks	25%
13-24 weeks	14%
25-40 weeks	8%
41-50 weeks	1.6%
51+	0.4%

Student gender



August 2022 - July 2023 statistics



Facilities



Cafe for Students (New!)

Introducing our brand-new coffee shop, situated within one of our buildings. Here, students can enjoy a diverse range of coffees, lattes, teas, and a selection of food items, all designed to cater to their tastes and preferences.



Free WiFi

Free wireless internet access throughout our buildings.



2 student lounges

Relax, study or socialise here with your friends during breaks.



Kitchen facilities

Kitchen space for student use with café-style tables.



22 classrooms

Interactive whiteboards available in all permanent classrooms.



IT room

Access to internet-connected computers with Microsoft programmes.



Resources

Books, magazines and a selection of English-language DVDs available.



Reception

Our reception has dedicated members of staff who can assist you during break times.



Self-study space

Our student areas are open daily from 8:00 - 16:00.



Free water

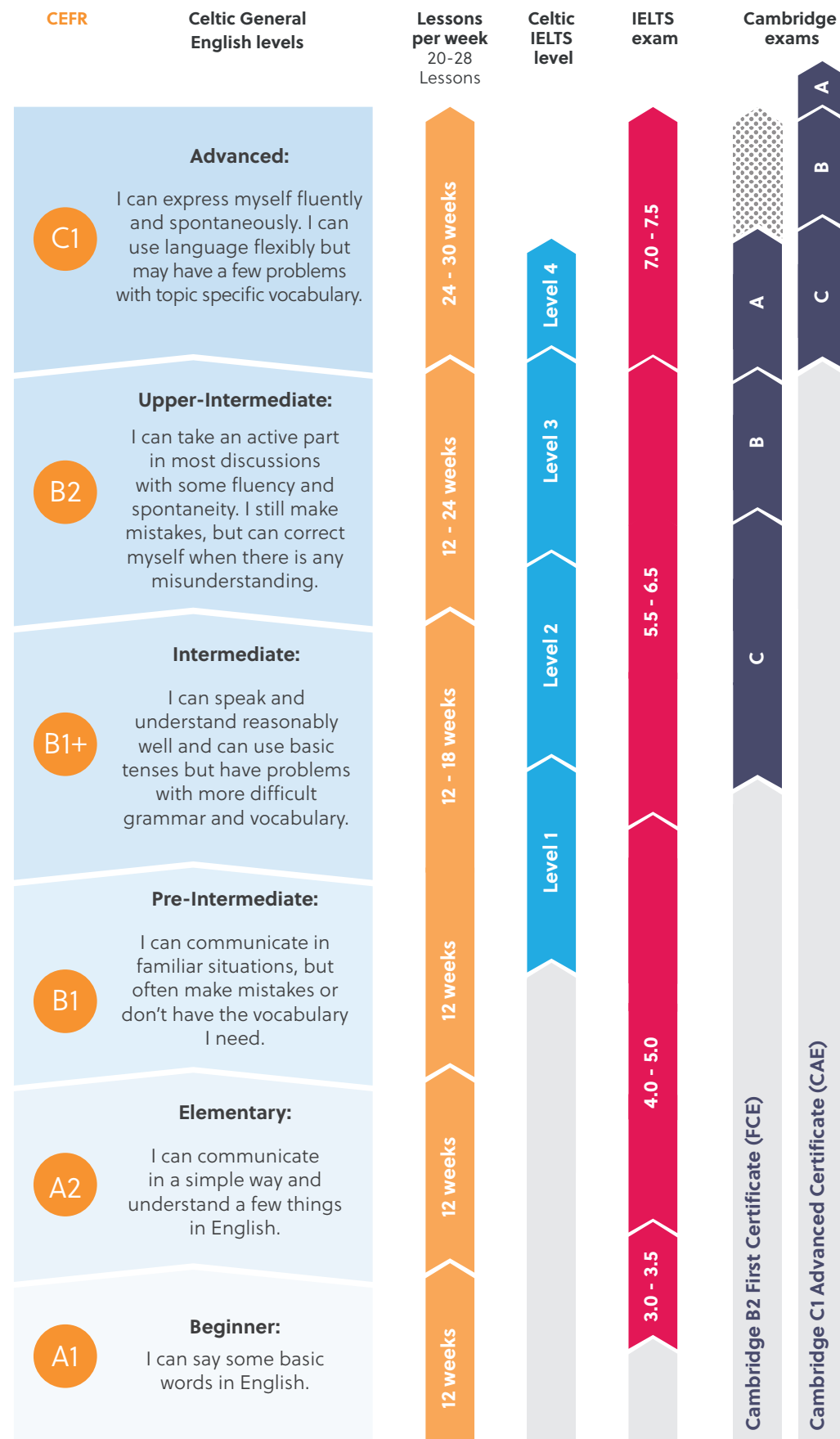
Unlimited free water is available in reception and the student areas.



Prayer room

A multifaith space where people are able to spend time in contemplation or prayer.

Progress planner



Our courses

We offer a range of course options to help you achieve your goals. Here are some of the reasons for studying with Celtic:



Small class sizes

We have a maximum of just 10 students in each class.



Academic counselling

You will have regular tutorials with your class teacher. Our academic team is always available to discuss your progress during your course.



Flexibility & choice

There are a wide range of different options to suit your learning needs. You can pick and choose the length of your course and the number of hours of study that best suits you.



Self-study

With all courses, additional self-study is expected outside of lessons by completing homework, doing assignments, and making sure you hear and use as much English as possible in real-life situations.



Progression

You will be assessed weekly and given feedback on how to improve. Progression to the next level is based on a number of factors including your weekly assessment results, mid- and end-of-term test results, class participation, homework and attendance.



English certificate

When you finish your course, you will receive a Certificate of Attendance which will show your final level and attendance percentage. You need to make sure that you maintain an attendance level of over 80% to get the most out of your course and receive a certificate.



Teaching materials

You will follow a book that we will provide to you on your first day.

English language courses



General English

Improve your all-round ability to communicate in English and increase your confidence.

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1**

Start dates: Every Monday

Minimum length: 1 week

Lessons per week: 20, 28, 40

Course Options:

General English 20 lessons	20 lessons per week
General English 20 lessons Elective: English Language Skills 8 lessons	28 lessons per week
General English AM 20 lessons General English PM 20 lessons	40 lessons per week

Afternoon option available for General English 20 + Elective



IELTS Exam Preparation

Improve your English and develop strategies and techniques to reach the IELTS score you need to progress to university.

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1**

Start dates: Every Monday during the Spring and Autumn terms

Minimum length: 1 week

Lessons per week: 20, 28

Course Options:

IELTS 20 lessons	20 lessons per week
IELTS 20 lessons Elective: IELTS Preparation Skills 8 lessons	28 lessons per week
General English 20 lessons Elective: IELTS Preparation Skills 20 lessons	28 lessons per week

Afternoon option available for General English 20 + Elective



Cambridge Exam Preparation

Prepare for the Cambridge English language qualifications: The B2 First Certificate (FCE) or C1 Advanced (CAE).

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1**

Start dates: Every Monday*

Minimum length: 4 weeks

Lessons per week: 28

Course Options:

General English 20 lessons	28 lessons per week
Elective: FCE / CAE Cambridge Exam Skills 8 lessons	

*Afternoon classes available. If you are booking morning or afternoon classes, please check availability first.



English for Work

Improve your ability to communicate in English in the workplace and gain confidence with practical language skills.

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1**

Start dates: Every Monday

Minimum length: 1 week

Lessons per week: 28

Course Options:

General English 20 lessons	28 lessons per week
Elective: Business English 8 lessons	



Global Citizenship English

Improve your English and develop your understanding of cross-cultural communication skills in today's global world.

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1**

Start dates: Every Monday

Minimum length: 4 weeks

Lessons per week: 22, 30

Course Options:

General English 20 lessons	22 lessons per week
Global Competence Certificate 2 lessons	
General English 20 lessons	30 lessons per week
Elective 8 lessons	
Global Competence Certificate 2 lessons	

global **UP**
Global Competency Certificate



Young Adults Summer Programme

English classes + summer activities all-in-one. For 16-19 years old.

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1**

Start dates: 16-19 only intake dates: 01/07/2024 - 08/07/2024 - 15/07/2024
Mixed age classes: 22/07/2024 - 29/07/2024

Minimum length: 1 week

Lessons per week: 20, 28

Course Options:

General English 20 lessons	20 lessons per week
General English 20 lessons	28 lessons per week
All electives available 8 lessons	

*Exclusive Classes for Ages 16-19 can be confirmed with a minimum of 5 students per class. Contact us for more information.



Adults Beyond Programme

Study English on an exclusive course for adults in their 30s, 40s, 50s and over!

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2**

Start dates: Spring: 06/05/2024
Summer: 29/07/2024 - 12/08/2024
Autumn: 07/10/2024

Minimum length: 2 weeks

Lessons per week: 20, 28

Course Options:

General English 20 lessons	20 lessons per week
General English 20 lessons	28 lessons per week
Elective: English Language Skills 8 lessons	



Afternoon General English

Low-cost classes with the same high standards as our morning courses.

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1**

Start dates: Every Monday

Minimum length: 1 week

Lessons per week: 20, 28

Course Options:

General English 20 lessons	20 lessons per week
Elective: IELTS Preparation - FCE / CAE exam Preparation - Business English 8 lessons	28 lessons per week
General English 20 lessons	



Private Lessons

The premium route to English success with personalised private tuition to support your individual learning needs.

Levels: **A1** **A2** **B1** **B1+** **B2** **C1** **C2**

Start dates: Every Monday

Minimum length: 1 week

Lessons: 60 minutes

Free language workshops



Student Meet-Up

Every week, there's a fun activity to help you get better at English, make friends, and have a good time. Each session can surprise you, with quizzes, board games and new activities.



CV Writing Workshops

Our CV Writing Workshops are designed to help you improve your CV writing skills. Learn about the language and layout of your CV in English.



Language Doctor

Language Doctor sessions are available by appointment so you can get personal assistance with your English language questions from a teacher.



Pronunciation Workshops

Our pronunciation workshops focus on different aspects of pronunciation and could help you to sound more like, and understand native speakers better.

Student services

Our excellent range of services should help make your stay with us comfortable and stress-free.



24-hour assistance

All students are given a 24-hour emergency telephone number so you can feel completely safe and supported during your stay.



WhatsApp service

Send a WhatsApp message to **+44 (0)7803 495154** for any questions you may have during your stay in Cardiff. We will answer within 30 minutes, during UK office hours.



Student app

We have a new range of digital services offering day-to-day support from your phone, including social activity booking, checking your timetable, and sending requests to our staff.



Opening a bank account

We can issue you with a letter to help you open a bank account in the UK if you are going to study with us for over 6 months.



Visa information

Celtic will guide you through the stages of getting your visa and arriving in the UK. You can check visa eligibility from your country at www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa



Student ID

You will be issued with a Celtic Student Card at the start of your course. This shows you are a full-time international student and this can be used to obtain discounts during your stay.



"Going back to school in my 30s was a great surprise. I thought I wouldn't fit with young students but this school and classes are ageless!"

Marou, from Argentina



"It's the best experience I've ever had. The teachers and staff are amazing, and they helped me a lot during my stay in Cardiff."

Pyntha, from Indonesia

Homestay Accommodation

If discovering the British way of life and culture is important to you, there's no better way than to stay in a local homestay.



Living in homestay accommodation offers a unique experience and is one of the best ways to practise English outside the classroom. It also helps you to experience our culture and the British way of life first-hand.

All of our homestay accommodation providers are carefully selected by our team. We listen closely to our students' feedback and our personal attention helps guarantee both students and homestay providers are happy.

Minimum age: 16

Average door to door travel time: 25-35 minutes

The longest door to door travel time: 45 minutes

Transportation: walking, bike, bus or train

Check in & out: Sundays

Meal plan: half-board
(full-board compulsory for those under 18)

Homestay Accommodation has the following as standard:

- Own room
- Daily breakfast and evening meal
- Bedding and towels
- Communal living area
- Bath or shower (shared facilities)
- Washing facilities



Residence Accommodation

If you would like to have your own space and be more independent, our residence accommodation is the perfect choice. We offer a variety of room options, including Standard, Studio, and Penthouse rooms.

Our modern residence is located in the heart of Cardiff city centre and it's approximately a 10-minute walk from Celtic. There are several cafés, restaurants, bars and pubs near the residence as well.

Why you should stay in residence accommodation:

- City centre location
- Value for money
- Quality, modern accommodation
- More freedom and independence

Minimum age: 18

Location: city centre, next to the central shopping area

Distance from Celtic: 10-minute walk

Check in: Sunday 15:00 onwards

Check out: Sunday 09:00 at the latest

Security deposit: £150 (refundable 7 days after departure)

Residence includes:

- Communal living and study areas
- Games room, cinema room and on-site gym
- Kitchen access
- WiFi
- Indoor bike racks
- Laundry facilities
- Bedding is provided by Celtic English Academy
- Manned reception / security 24 hours a day
- TV with TV licence in the shared kitchen (standard option only)



Communal area - Study Room



Gym



Communal Area - Courtyard

Meet other students from all around the world with a great accommodation experience. You will have your own bedroom with an en-suite bathroom.

Standard room

These modern apartments give you the opportunity to share a kitchen with about 4-9 other students from Celtic and make new friends.

Your room is private with its own bathroom and lockable door.

- Private bedroom
- Private en-suite bathroom with shower
- Shared kitchen with communal dining area
- Self-catering
- Double bed (4 ft / 120 cm wide)
- Desk area for self-study
- Double wardrobe
- Free WiFi
- Bedding provided
- Room sizes can vary from 12 to 16 m²

Ladies-only and 30+ clusters options are available.

Studio room

A great option if you would like your own space but at the same time, still have the opportunity to socialise in the communal areas.

Each studio has its own entrance door, a bedroom with en-suite bathroom, and a private kitchen area. Perfect if you want to enjoy some peace and quiet.

- Private bedroom - Single or double occupancy
- Private en-suite bathroom with shower
- Private kitchen
- Self-catering
- Double bed (4 ft / 120 cm wide)
- Desk area for self-study
- Double wardrobe
- Free WiFi
- Bedding provided
- Room size can vary from 16 to 18 m²

Penthouse Room

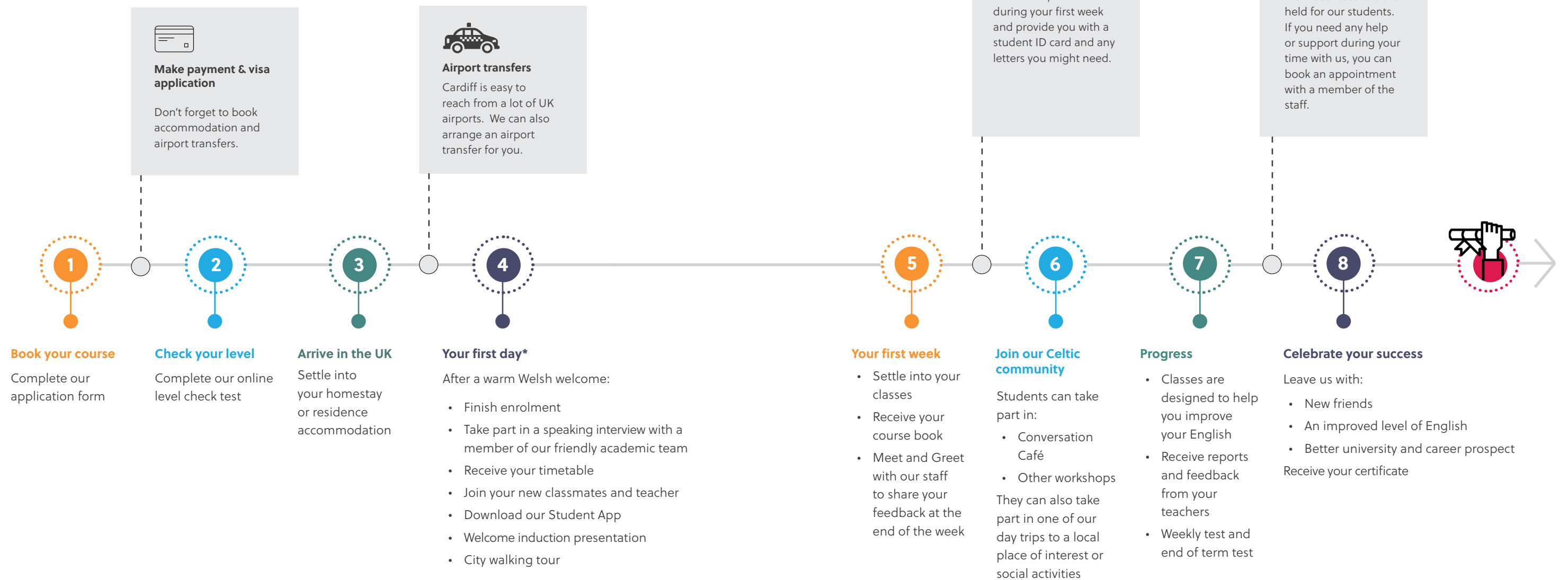
Our most spacious residence option, perfect for long-term students. This room features a separate en-suite bedroom, a double bed, and a dining area. The ample space provided allows you to comfortably settle in and create your own homely environment.

- Private room - Available for single or double occupancy
- **Separate bedroom with an en-suite bathroom including a shower, toilet, and sink**
- Private en-suite bathroom with a shower
- Fully-equipped private kitchen for self-catering
- Comfortable double bed (4.6 ft/137 cm wide)
- **Dedicated dining area**
- Desk space for self-study purposes
- Spacious double wardrobe
- Complimentary WiFi
- Bedding is provided
- **In-room washer-dryer for added convenience**
- **Average room size of 55m²**



Our steps to success

When you join Celtic, it's like joining a big family – friendly and welcoming. We are here to support you from the moment you book your course.



*Your first day will usually be a Monday but if Monday is a UK bank holiday, you will start on Tuesday.



Social responsibility

Let's be honest...

The study travel industry has a lot to answer for when it comes to taking care of people and our planet. In addition, the word 'sustainability' has become used so widely that it has almost lost all meaning.

The greenest thing you can do?
Not travel around the world by airplane.

But, as we're in the business of international education, we are passionate about the transformative power of education, to help aspiring students study English to be a better global citizen and for better community life.

We support and encourage our staff and students to make ethical decisions, feel fantastic and then let someone else feel fantastic, too. Make memories. Make informed choices. Make life as good as it can be.

We'll just make it all a bit brighter, and try to do it all a bit better.

The Celtic promise:

We donate £1 to our Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives for each student who studies with us.



Here are some examples of what we do



Sponsor refugees to study English

We provide scholarships for refugees to the UK to study with us in partnership with RefuAid.



Green energy suppliers

All of our energy suppliers are green energy.



Support international community

We provide learning opportunities to those who are disadvantaged. Some examples are: helping Rwandan children out of poverty / school project, and sponsoring 5 Sri Lankan female students to go to university.



Offsetting carbon

Assess environmental impacts using the WWF calculator, and offset carbon of unavoidable flights undertaken in support of the business.
(<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>)



Cycle to work/study

We encourage our students and staff to cycle and installed bike racks in our car park. Cardiff is Britain's best city for cyclists (2020), so it's a great place to be an environmentally friendly traveller!



Recycled paper

We try to use recycled paper whenever possible, including this brochure.



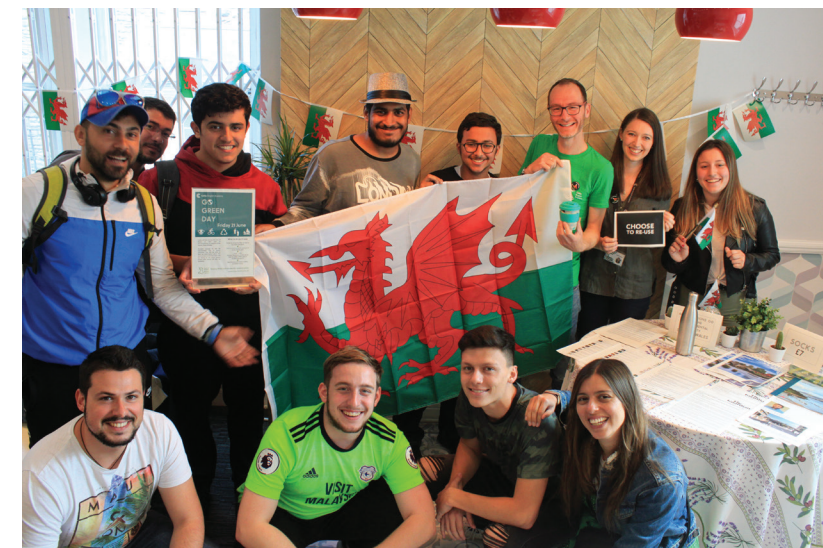
Raising funds for charities

We support charities such as Food Bank and Marie Curie. We encourage our staff and students to take part in different activities. These activities range from baking cakes, running a half-marathon, and singing Christmas songs.



Real Living Wage Employer

We became the first Living Wage Accredited organisation in the English language teaching sector in 2018.



**FAIRPLAY
EMPLOYER
GOLD AWARD**
JUNE 2021 - 2022

FairPlay Employer Gold Award

We are the first private sector company and first SME organisation in Wales, UK, to be awarded a Gold Standard. We are committed to reducing unconscious bias and gender pay gap, improving recruitment and family-friendly policies to foster a more inclusive working environment.

Travel insurance

At Celtic English Academy, your well-being is our first priority. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of the care and support we offer our students.

To make your stay safe and affordable, we have partnered with Endsleigh to offer a travel insurance policy specifically designed to meet your requirements for only £12 per week*.

Key Features and Benefits:

- A 24-hour helpline for medical emergencies
- Emergency medical expenses in the event of illness or injury
- Protection against cancellation or curtailment charges
- Cover for loss or damage to baggage and personal money
- Cover for accidents which happen during a wide-range of sports and other activities
- Cover for irrecoverable pre-paid Celtic course fees
- Extended cover for mental health conditions
- Select cover for Covid-19 risk



For further information, please visit
www.celticenglish.co.uk/student-travel-insurance

* Price estimated September 2023

Endsleigh Insurance Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. This can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting their website at <https://register.fca.org.uk/> Endsleigh Insurance Services Limited, Company No. 856706 registered in England at Shurdington Road, Cheltenham Spa, Gloucestershire GL51 4UE.

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