

CAMBRIDGE B1 Preliminary 2026

Exam preparation course



A **CAMBRIDGE B1 Preliminary for Schools** is an intermediate-level English language qualification accepted worldwide which shows that students have mastered the basics of English and now have practical language skills for everyday use. This exam is the logical step in students' language-learning journey between **CAMBRIDGE A2 Key** and **CAMBRIDGE B2 First**. Bede's Summer School prepare students for the 'for Schools' version of the exam, which is targeted at the same Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) level as **CAMBRIDGE B1 Preliminary** but with content aimed at school-age learners rather than adults. Students sit the exam in an exam centre authorised by Cambridge. For more information, please visit our website.

Centre	Lancing
Hours	25 hours
Preparation during	English Skills & Enrichment
Ages	13-17
Level	B1
Instruction	one teacher per 14 students
Fee	£475 for a two week course
Fee includes	Exam enrollment fee, exam preparation & course materials, transport to the exam centre, certificate
Deadline for enrollments	5th June 2026* *Subject to availability, please enquire summer.school@bedes.org
Dates	12-25 July 2026
Exam date	24 July 2026

Cambridge B1 Preliminary for Schools version of the exam is sat. Confirmation of enrollment is subject to availability and a satisfactory result of an online placement test sent prior to acceptance onto the course.

Overall CAMBRIDGE B1 Preliminary for Schools Course Goals

- To familiarise students with **CAMBRIDGE B1** test format & tasks
- To develop exam strategies to manage time effectively
- To improve all four **CAMBRIDGE B1** skills (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking) for higher scores
- To simulate **CAMBRIDGE B1** practice tests under timed conditions
- To increase test-taking confidence through practice, feedback and mock exams

Test Format: CAMBRIDGE B1 Preliminary for Schools

Paper	Length	Content
Reading	45 mins	6 parts/ 32 questions
Writing	45 mins	2 parts/ 2 questions
Listening	approx. 30 mins	4 parts/ 25 questions
Speaking	10-12 mins per pair	4 parts

All special arrangements requests must be requested in writing with a minimum of 8 weeks advance notice and supported by relevant medical certificates in English.

