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*“Torbay is more than a school.
It’s a family.”*

A school that feels like a home. That is how our students often describe the EF Academy Torbay campus. It’s a place where support and encouragement are paramount — where our students find both academic and personal fulfillment. In short, it’s more than a school. It’s a family.

Located on the South Coast of England, Torbay offers a quiet and tranquil environment perfect for focusing on one’s studies. But it’s the people on our EF Academy Torbay campus that make it such a special place. Our teachers are always available to guide and mentor students, even outside the classroom. Our counselors meet with students one-on-one throughout the year to ensure that students are thriving in their new academic home. And of course, our students are some of the best and brightest in the world. Indeed, though our main goal is to prepare our students for success in the British education system, we know that a true education goes far deeper. As a student at EF Academy Torbay, you’ll gain confidence, independence and responsibility. You’ll inspire — and be inspired — by your fellow students, every single day.

Our newly renovated Torbay campus features state-of-the-art technology like tele-presence screens for communicating with students at other EF campuses, computer laboratories equipped with online libraries, multiple state-of-the-art science laboratories, and a modern art studio. And Torbay is just a short train ride from major university cities like Plymouth and Exeter, offering quick and easy access to university libraries and lectures.

I commend you for your courage in taking the step to invest in yourself and your future. I hope you enjoy learning more about the students and teachers who call EF Academy Torbay “home.”

Trevor Spence
Headmaster,
EF Academy Torbay



“This school changed the course of my future.”

JASIE, TAIWAN

IB Diploma

Jasie faced what seemed to be insurmountable health issues growing up in her native Taiwan. A decade later, she's done more than overcome her illness. She's emerged with a new dream.



Jasie is an **EF Founders Scholarship Award** recipient recognized for her ambition, attitude, leadership skills, and willingness to make a positive contribution to the EF Academy community. To learn more about it, visit ef.com/ia/admissions/founders-scholarship.



Being surrounded by doctors from a young age, Jasie quickly learned the impact that an outstanding physician can have on someone's life.

“I found out how much more there is to medicine,” Jasie says. “My doctors made me laugh, and helped me feel comfortable in a new and different place. Their caring helped me heal.”

Jasie knew then and there that she wanted to study Western medicine, and in her high school years, she turned to EF Academy to make it happen. Through EF's International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, Jasie is studying world-class

chemistry, biology, math, and English courses, while earning a degree respected by top universities around the world. Even better, the IB programme's Creativity, Action, Service component allows Jasie to earn class credits for volunteering in local hospitals. She's already rotated through general and pediatric units to gain perspective and experience for her chosen field.

“EF has given me the outlet — and the relationships — I need to be successful,” Jasie says. “My future has never been brighter.”

UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF CHEMISTRY

One of Jasie's favorite faculty members is chemistry teacher Bob East. Outside of a shared love of science, both share a love of Austria; Jasie studied piano in Vienna, and Bob spent three summers doing geology and geochemistry research in the Austrian Alps. To help students grasp high-level concepts, Bob introduces a wealth of practical work into his curriculum to supplement the students' theoretical learning. From creating crystals, performing chemical reactions, and analyzing the chemical make-up of everyday products, Bob is instilling not just an understanding of chemistry — but a love of it, as well. “The academic standard is high here, for both the students and the teachers,” Bob says. “Students like Jasie are excited to learn. That's why I love coming to school every day.”



“I’m studying real-world issues — and solving them”



SIMEN, NORWAY

IB Diploma

The son of a Norwegian businessman, Simen has long been fascinated by the business landscape in his home country. At EF Academy Torbay, he’s looking at new ways of transforming it — for the better.

As part of EF’s International Baccalaureate program, Simen is able to study a wide range of courses, including international business. Under the guidance of Wyn Morgan, students analyze real-world issues — from the global stock market and mortgage crisis to new trends in social media — to create solutions and best practices that can be applied in real life. Through his courses and case studies, Simen’s gained a new passion for an increasingly important topic in the business world: corporate social responsibility (CSR).

“My classes teach me about international business, but they do more than that,” Simen says. “They encourage me to consider how I would act in different scenarios. They teach me how to be the leader that I want to be.”

For instance, studying alongside students from around the world, Simen is learning about business environments as far away as South Africa and China, and examining industry standards — and how they differ — in developed and less developed countries. Last summer, Simen even interviewed an executive at Friele, the biggest coffee producer in Norway, about the ways in which Friele is adapting to an increasingly competitive industry, and the necessity for businesses to maintain their values in an ever-changing market.

Around Torbay

Movies, bowling

Sports

Soccer, gym, hiking

Best friends

Host brother and sister

Achievements

Duke of Edinburgh

Award



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RESEARCH — AND RESPONSIBILITY

Growing up in Norway, Simen heard a lot about oil production. Norway is Europe’s largest oil producer, and the second largest producer of natural gas in the world. Still, Simen was interested in learning more about how the oil industry is impacting CO2 emissions in his country, so he decided to focus his Extended Essay on that topic. One of the most distinctive components of the International Baccalaureate Diploma, the Extended Essay is a 4,000-word, two-year research project on a single topic. The project allows students to hone research, writing, and analytical skills they’ll use in university. It also encourages them to explore issues impacting our planet. Simen’s project taught him a lot about ethics and industry regulations, and firmed even more his commitment to running a responsible business when he’s older.

“You define a person by how they act,” Simon says. “You should do the same with businesses.”

“I’m pushing myself to new limits.”



EF’S DUKE OF EDINBURGH PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Chemistry teacher Bob East is an outdoor enthusiast with extensive experience in mountain orienteering. When he’s not in the science lab, Bob trains EF students pursuing the Duke of Edinburgh Award to prepare for the programme’s wilderness expedition requirement. Originally started in 1956, the challenging course is designed to inspire students to discover their full potential. The programme’s expeditions range from 2 to 4 days, forcing students to learn about self-reliance, sustainability, and of course the great outdoors.

To help Simen prepare for the journey, Bob guides students on wilderness tours throughout Dartmoor National Park, located just one hour from Torbay.

“I want to challenge myself to be the best person I can be,” Simen says. “Bob wants to see me succeed. He’s there — literally — every step of the journey.”



ALENA, RUSSIA
IB Diploma

With a wide range of interests — from writing and painting to music and travel — Alena wanted to find a school where she could hone her creative talents — along with her academics. She found it at EF Academy Torbay.

Alena chose to pursue EF’s International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma because its wide-ranging

course of study and international focus aligned well with her creative side. As for why she chose Torbay? It was the school’s intimate, family-like atmosphere that instantly made the campus feel like home.

“Classes are so small that teachers don’t just know the things I’m interested in,” she says. “They actually encourage me to try new things that they think I’ll be good at and enjoy.”

That encouragement has allowed Alena to discover a passion for things like performing arts, videography — and even scientific research — things she’d never have imagined back home.

“Analyzing data to find answers to larger problems is just one more opportunity to put my creativity into action,” Alena says. “I never imagined just how much I’m capable of — until I came to EF Academy.”

“The world is mine to discover.”



“It takes a small school to make big things happen.”

GEMMA, SPAIN
A-Levels

At age 5, Gemma wrote her first fairytale. By age 9, she knew she wanted to be a journalist for the BBC. And at age 16, she put that dream into motion by applying to the media studies programme at EF Academy Torbay.

A-level courses

Media
Sociology
Business

Activities

Music Club (flute and piano)
Basketball
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
News in radio



ANDREA, ITALY
A-levels

Just like Gemma, Andrea is interested in pursuing a career in media. Andrea's dad owns a marketing company in Italy, and Andrea has a passion for advertising and promotion. He's been impressed, he says, with the hands-on experience he's gaining in his A-level media course. Students write press releases and marketing materials in English. They also use Adobe Creative Suite — the same tools used in major international news rooms — gaining not just knowledge, but real-world skills, as well. With guidance from teacher Wendy Haines, he's done everything from create an image campaign for a global pop star to build an entire web site from scratch.

One thing that surprised Andrea most was how much he has grown to love the international aspect of the EF Torbay campus. With classmates from around the world, he's gaining perspectives on the media and marketing environments in dozens of different countries — from Brazil to Iran — setting him up for a career on the international marketing stage.

“Being in an international classroom opens your mind to many things,” Andrea says. “Everything I thought I knew about the world has changed — and it's all because of EF.”

Back home in Spain, Gemma went to a Catholic high school, where there were 30 students in a class, and 14 different courses each semester. Though academics were strong, there was little opportunity for students to pursue the subjects they were most passionate about, forcing Gemma to abandon her love of writing in lieu of other coursework.

At EF Academy Torbay, Gemma changed that. Through the school's A-level programme, she's been able to choose only those topics that relate most to her future in the media business. And with small, intimate classrooms, she's benefited from group discussion, team-work, and teachers who constantly encourage her to pursue her chosen path.

In media studies, for instance, Gemma is studying issues like the representation of women in media, the power structure of global media entities, and the ethical issues surrounding them. And with fellow students hailing from dozens of nations, she's learning a lot about international media regulation — from the way in which different countries monitor the Internet and social networking sites, to the way in which news is distributed in different world political systems. And of course — she's still writing.

In addition to her classroom studies, Gemma has enjoyed a wide range of guest speakers focused solely on her passion — from digital publishing to radio news production. She's even spent a week in London as part of her media class, where she had the chance to visit her future home: the BBC.

“I never imagined I'd be living my dream at such a young age,” Gemma says. “EF is more than a family. It's a place where dreams come true.”

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REAL-TIME LEARNING

As part of her media studies course, Gemma had the opportunity to spend an entire week in London, visiting theatres, cinemas, radio stations, and even the BBC Headquarters. During the trip, students were more than passive observers. They attended screenings, analyzed performances, and learned the ins-and-outs of news production. It's just one example of the many excursions EF Torbay students take to get real-world insights on the topics that matter most to them — be it chemistry, law, or mathematics.



ADA, NIGERIA

A-levels

Growing up in oil-rich, Nigeria, Ada wanted to find a way to help her country manage its valuable resources without sacrificing the country's natural environment. Set on a career in chemical engineering, she looked to EF Academy Torbay to provide the world-class math and science courses she'd need to bring those innovations to light.

"I always wanted to make a difference in my country — with EF, I know can."



A-levels

Math
Chemistry
Biology

Activities

Fitness Club
Coffee Club
French Club

Favorite excursions

Shopping in Exeter
Beach
Arcade
Swimming
Cooking
Reading

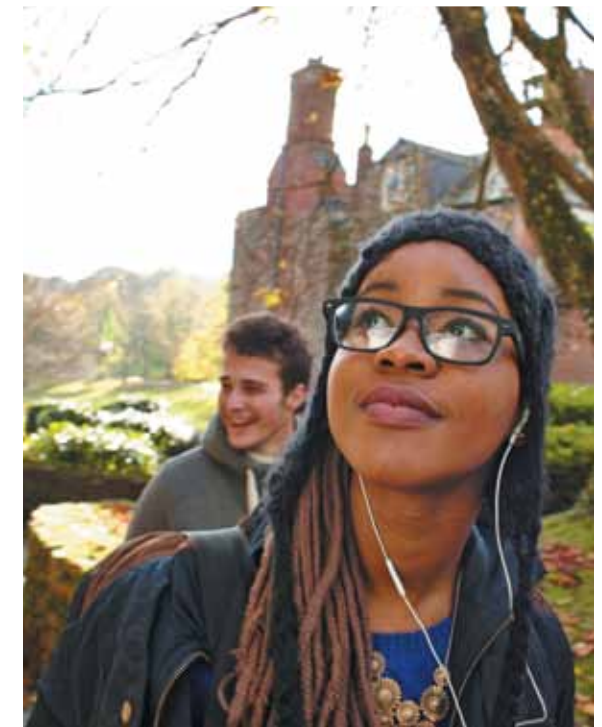
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"Oil is one of the best things Nigeria has to offer," Ada says. "But we rely on it too much. It makes me want to find a better way."

Ada's brother was already studying at EF Academy Oxford, so she knew EF's A-level curriculum was world-class. But it was Torbay's intimate campus — and the warmth of its many teachers — that convinced her Torbay was the right place to study.

"The teachers here are committed to helping me understand," she says. During a very challenging math section, for instance, Ada's

teachers offered additional study sessions to ensure she thoroughly understood the course material. They also regularly encourage students to work in small groups, using hands-on models to solve laboratory problems together, such as performing chemical reactions and determining the products and properties of various reactants. They're skills Ada will be able to put to use in university — as well as in Nigeria's oil fields.



THEORY AND PRACTICE

As part of her A-level studies, Ada undertook the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), a 5,000 word essay and research project. Not only does the EPQ allow for extra points in UCAS selection, it offers Ada a chance to put learning into practice, under the support and guidance of an EF faculty member. Ada chose to study malaria and the reasons it impacts Caucasians more than other ethnic groups. She looked at statistics, the effects of malaria medication and treatment, and geographical information related to malaria outbreaks. She then evaluated the data to create her own theories on the topic at hand, gaining even more analytical experience before heading off to university.

“I found the freedom to make things happen.”



RENA, HONG KONG

IB Diploma

Born in Canada, raised in Hong Kong, and educated in Malaysia in her early years, Rena grew up amidst a mix of different cultures and people. Maybe that's why EF Academy Torbay instantly felt like home.



Rena decided to attend high school at EF Academy Torbay to prepare herself for a future at a top university in the United Kingdom. It wasn't long before she became one of the most active members of the EF Torbay campus, joining sports and activity clubs, and even creating some of her own with help from new friends from more than 40 nations. "The small size of the campus makes it easy to get involved with new projects," Rena says. "It's also easy to encourage other people to get inspired."

So far, Rena has helped organize International Day and the Student Olympics. She's spent weekends in the wilderness as part of Ashcombe Adventure. She's taken up

basketball, started learning film production, and has even launched a new Social Club to encourage students to get involved in campus events. Better yet, because Rena is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, she receives course credit for her social contributions to the school through the IB's Creativity, Action, Service component.

"Entrepreneurism and social planning are in my blood," Rena says. "EF Torbay is the perfect place for me."



Activities

- Beach
- Football
- Fitness Club
- Music Club
- Zumba
- Social Club
- Sailing



WHERE A HOUSE IS A HOME

The majority of students at EF Academy Torbay live with host families within Torbay and the surrounding community. Aside from practicing their English or experiencing British home life, they find love, support, and the encouragement they need to excel academically and socially while far from home. Some EF host families have been welcoming students as long as 20 years, and have a special understanding of what children need when living and studying in a new country.

Host families welcome students to join their family at mealtime, and are always ready with a cup of tea if students need someone to talk to. They also maintain strong communication with students' families back home so that they are always in the loop regarding their child's accomplishments in the United Kingdom.

"The students' parents are entrusting me with the care of their child," host mum Linda says. "I treat every student just as my own."

“This is a school where learning is for life.”

TINA, IRAN

A-levels

With her heart set on a career in dentistry, Tina chose EF Academy Torbay for both its stellar math and science programmes, and its quiet campus location, perfect for focusing on her life's work.

Tina hails from a long line of doctors, and she always knew dentistry was her calling. Her parents had both studied in the United Kingdom, and encouraged Tina to consider school in England as a means of improving chances for admission to a top UK university. But according to Tina, EF has offered much more of an edge in the university application process.

Back home in Iran, Tina says, she attended school six days a week, but despite the wide range of course material, there was little emphasis on retaining material long term. At EF, teachers are committed to ensuring

that students fully understand — and retain — their course material. Through hands-on laboratory experiments, and the chance to study orthodontics through her Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Tina is solidifying the concepts she'll need in dental school. Indeed, she received three A* grades on her last round of exams, and hopes to do the same on her final results.

In addition to her coursework, Tina's university advisers recommended that she gain work experience in the dental field to give an edge to her dental school application. Over the summer, she shadowed a paediatric dentist, spending 4-5 hours each day with his patients and gaining a true idea of what it means to work in the industry. She held their hands, helped explain complex procedures, and found a new love: working with children.

“Torbay has given me everything I was looking for, and more,” Tina says. “The courses, my teachers — and a real sense of family.”

A-level Courses

Math
Biology
Chemistry
Sociology
Activities
Zumba
Dance club
Art club
(oil painting, drawing)
Skiing
Swimming
For fun
Walking on the beach
Weekend trips to London



ENSURING A FUTURE IN MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

For students pursuing a future in medicine or dentistry, UCAS advisers take extra care to ensure that students receive the exam results they need, make time to work experience in local hospitals, and experience mock interviews to prepare them for the university interview process. **30 percent of EF students applying to medical and dental programmes receive university offers.**

“EF is my foundation for success.”

SINING CHINA

A-levels

A quiet and focused student with a passion for mathematics, Sining was looking for a school that would instill a foundation for success — not just in high school, but in the UK university system, as well. She found it at EF Academy.

Sining participated in one year of EF High School Prep before heading into her A-level studies at EF Academy Torbay.

“The course wasn’t just about learning English,” Sining says. “It was about preparing me to be successful in my studies in the United Kingdom — both at EF, and in university.”

Following EF High School Prep, Sining undertook EF’s stellar A-level courses including Maths, Further Maths, and Economics, to prepare for a career in finance. Her hard work — and the support of her teachers and college advisers — paid off. Sining has already received conditional acceptances from her top university choices: University of Warwick and University of Durham.

“EF Academy showed me that — with the right support and guidance — anything is possible,” Sining says. “My teachers gave me more than a foundation. They gave me a future.”

A-level courses

- Math
- Further Maths
- Physics
- Economics

Spare time

- Day trips to Exeter, Cardiff, London
- Drawing, calligraphy
- Sketching
- Japanese cartoons

Future Plans

Finance at a Top 10 UK university



“My theory is that if students come to school happy, they will do well.”

LOTS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The mother of two teenage children, EF Torbay student counselor Shirley Lyden understands what high school children need. Far more than a confidante, Shirley is a true friend to Torbay’s students, routinely having coffee and lunch in the student cafeteria to make sure they know she’s available to talk, and running a fitness group on Monday nights to get even the newest or quietest students out and moving. During “Drop-in” Fridays, she provides hot chocolate and cookies, and the door is open for anyone to talk about anything and everything — from missing friends back home to weekend plans with their host families.

“My theory is that if students come to school happy, they will do well,” Shirley says. “If I focus on making sure they’re happy, everything else will fall into place.”



A CAMPUS THAT CARES

EF Academy's Torbay campus underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation in 2012, maintaining the warm, family-like learning environment students have come to love, while incorporating state-of-the-art equipment. The campus is now equipped with top-notch science laboratories, art and music studios, comfortable student lounges and cafeterias, and advanced teleconferencing equipment that allows students to communicate with fellow EF students around the world. It's a campus that invites camaraderie and collaboration, and allows each and every student to feel at home.

Because most Torbay students live with host families within the surrounding community, the Torbay campus is a centre of student activity. Outside of the classroom, a full-time student activities coordinator works to arrange a wide variety of clubs on campus.

CLUBS

- Chess
- Zumba
- Science
- Cooking Club
- Table Tennis
- Ballroom
- Dancing
- Swimming
- Sailing
- Surfing
- Tennis
- Football
- Basketball
- Photography
- Dance Club
- Social Club
- Model UN

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT AT EF ACADEMY TORBAY

Many students at EF Academy Torbay begin their studies with plans of later attending a top university in the UK or abroad. University Placement Coordinator Mandy Meek and her team of university advisers work with students to make that happen.

Each adviser at EF Academy Torbay works with just 11 students, focusing specifically on UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) procedures.

UCAS advisers create a 12-month plan to research the most fitting universities and programs, and to develop personal statements that will draw top offers during the application review.

"We start with where students are now, ask where they want to go, and create a plan to get them there," Meek says.

Students in the UK may only apply to a total of five UK universities, making the selection process critical. To help, advisers arrange university visits and

organize excursions to major university fairs to ensure that students are aware of all available opportunities. For those with Oxbridge aspirations, the UCAS team also helps with mock interviews to give students a true expectation of what the interview process will be like.

For those students wishing to apply to schools in the United States, Europe, or other locations, a dedicated adviser focused solely on international placement is also available.



Students at EF Academy Torbay have received offers from the following outstanding universities:

University of Oxford
University of Cambridge
Imperial College London
London School of Economics
University of Durham
University College London
University of Warwick
King's College London, Dentistry
University of Leicester, Medicine

A small town with a big heart

The small and tranquil town of Torbay exudes the same atmosphere of warmth and family found on the EF campus. Located on the South Coast of England, known as the English Riviera, students find that the beachside town is the perfect place to focus on one's studies, while also enjoying proximity to some of England's most popular attractions.

So what do students do for fun in Torbay?

Surf and Sail: With 22 km of sandy shoreline, there's plenty of room to surf, sail, paddleboard, or just cozy up with a book by the sea.

Shop: Torbay's own city centre is ripe with shops and restaurants. It is also a short train ride away from metropolitan hubs like Exeter and Plymouth.

Study: The quiet coastal town is perfect for focusing on one's subjects and revision, with lots of coffee and tea shops and libraries for studying.

Scout: The school is walking distance to the village of Cockington, the perfect place for exploring British history or grabbing a cup of traditional milk tea. It's also just an hour from Dartmoor National Park, a wonderful spot for hiking, running, camping, or soaking up the great outdoors.



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Get Started!

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Mandy Meek

COURSES OF STUDY

A-levels
International Baccalaureate
Diploma
IGCSE
High School Preparation
Programme

AT A GLANCE

Student-teacher ratio: 10:1
70% of teachers with
Masters or Doctorates
Diverse student body
representing 40 countries
20 Student Clubs

EXAME GRADES AND UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS

IB exam score: 10% higher
than world average
A-level grades:
45% achieved A*/A
41% acceptances to
top 10 UK universities

FACILITIES

Three fully equipped science
laboratories
Hi-tech computer suites
Art studios
WiFi internet access
Classrooms with
smartboards, projectors
Telepresence
Access to extensive sports
grounds, fitness facilities, and
dance studios within the
nearby community



Academy

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EF Academy local admissions offices around the world

Seoul, South Korea
Taipei, Taiwan
Jakarta, Indonesia
Bangkok, Thailand
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Hanoi, Vietnam
Hong Kong
Shanghai, China
Beijing, China
Bangalore, India

Almaty, Kazakhstan
Dubai, UAE
Moscow, Russia
St. Petersburg, Russia
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