



# Academic Themed Workshops Oxford

Ages 14-17

## About us

We are a leading UK independent school in the centre of Oxford. In 2015 it was ranked 7th in the table of Sixth Form Colleges in the UK by the best-schools website.

In our most recent full inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, we were rated 'Excellent' – the highest possible rating – in each of the following aspects:

- Teaching
- Students' achievements
- Boarding
- Curricular and extra-curricular provision
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Pastoral care
- Welfare, health and safety

## Key Information

- Age:** 14 to 17 years old
- English Level:** Intermediate to Advanced (B1 to C1 on the CEFR)
- Class Size:** Maximum of 11 students
- Duration:** 2, 3 or 4 week programmes available in July 2017
- Nationalities:** Students from over 30 countries in 2015 and 2016



## Why choose our Summer course?

Our summer programme allows international students to experience a UK independent boarding school environment. Each week is themed around a set topic with lessons adapted from the year-round our curriculum. The lessons focus on advanced English skills based on GCSE and A-level subjects.

Several students choose to attend our summer programme before starting at a UK boarding school. In addition, some students decide to attend a UK boarding school after experiencing the boarding school environment at d'Overbroeck's. In 2016, 9 students chose our Summer as a preparation for joining the Sixth Form and 7 students used it as a pre-boarding experience before starting at the International Section.

Our year-round students volunteer to help on the summer programme and interact with our international students.

## What's Included?

- 20 hours of communicative English lessons based on the set academic theme for the week.
- 2 Study in Action excursion days per week
- Accommodation boarding houses and nearby residences.
- Full social programme in and around Oxford, including an Oxford bus pass.
- Airport transfers from Heathrow and Gatwick.
- End of course report and certificate.
- Advice on studying at a UK school or university.
- Full student insurance

## Our Unique Academic Syllabus

The summer school syllabus is designed by the International Section team. It is adapted specially for international students with a high English level from year-round school subjects. Language skills, academic skills and cultural learning are all fully integrated into the summer experience.



Each week's lessons are built around an interesting and motivating educational theme using teaching materials developed from real-world sources. All planned extracurricular activities, workshops and trips link closely to the themes, and the syllabus is updated every year to reflect relevant and topical themes from the UK and the wider world. The social programme and excursions allow students to develop and practice the skills they learn in the classroom.

## The Academic Programme 'Building Blocks'

### English Language

Develop essential communication skills through our academic subject themed approach. Learn key vocabulary relevant to modern life and develop language skills through active learning. Apply the linguistic skills learned in the classroom in our weekly workshops.

### Study skills

Improve important academic skills such as essay and report writing, debating, and conducting experiments in an interactive learning environment. Develop independent learning skills essential to succeeding at a UK school or university.

### Study in Action excursions

Each week includes two academically relevant Study in Action excursion days that form part of the academic programme. Previous trips have included visits to the BBC studios, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Warner Bros studios, and West End theatres.

### Cultural Immersion

Live in the heart of Oxford and study with students from all over the world. Year-round students living in Oxford join the activity programme so international students are completely immersed in the English-speaking environment.

### UK boarding school environment

Live and study in a top UK independent school. Experience life student and learn from materials adapted from the British teaching curriculum by the teaching staff.

### Fun, holistic programme

The social programme and weekly excursions are all designed to link with the academic syllabus each week. Students are always busy and having fun inside and outside the classroom with the extensive social programme in Oxford.

## Course Structure 2017 Dates and Themes

**WEEK 4 - 11 July**  
**1 Science and Technology**

**WEEK 11 - 18 July**  
**2 Communication and Culture**

**WEEK 18 - 25 July**  
**3 Business and Marketing**

**WEEK 25 July - 1 August**  
**4 Psychology and Sport**

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I have really enjoyed the summer course – it was the best experience of my life.  
**MÉLODIE**  
LEBANON



Our year-round international programmes are accredited by the British Council and in the top 4% of language centres of excellence in the UK according to the EL Gazette. Also in its top 3 schools in the UK for Young Learners in 2015.

Accredited by the  
**BRITISH COUNCIL**  
as an international study centre



In 2017, the summer programme will be operated and delivered by Bucksmore Education. Bucksmore are also accredited by the British Council as an English language provider and were listed as one of the Top 20 summer schools in the UK by the EL Gazette at their last inspection in 2013.

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for the teaching of English in the UK



## What to expect during your week

Each week has its own theme and is split into two 3-day parts. Each part starts with two days intensive learning which lead up to a Study-in-Action day outside of the school.



		MODULE ONE			MODULE TWO				
		LESSONS	WORKSHOPS	STUDY-IN-ACTION	LESSONS	WORKSHOPS	STUDY-IN-ACTION		
WEEK 1	Science and Technology	<b>Out of this world: Space &amp; science exploration</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A-level curricula in Physics, Maths and Environmental Science.	<b>Practical Science workshop:</b> apply physics and maths to make water bottle rockets and <b>Astronaut Fitness workshop:</b> discover what happens to the human body in space with the team from Medical Mavericks	Visit to <b>Bristol Planetarium</b> and interactive Science Centre Trip	<b>Designing the Future: technology and sustainable architecture/infrastructure</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A Level curricula in Geography and Environmental Science.	<b>Disaster Management Simulation Game:</b> work out how humans can survive the impact of massive climate change and <b>Architectural Structures workshop:</b> use Science and Technology to design buildings for a sustainable future	Visit the <b>Siemens Crystal Centre &amp; Olympic Park</b>	Science and Technology	WEEK 1
WEEK 2	Communication and Culture	<b>From pen to tweet: Mass communication and Journalism</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A Level curricula in Media Studies, Drama & English.	<b>Vlogging workshop:</b> create your own video blog to present your news and <b>Introduction to Journalism workshop:</b> meet a professional journalist and learn about a career in writing for newspapers and magazines	Visit to <b>BBC Television Studios</b> in Birmingham	<b>Faces of Design: Bridging design, identity and culture</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A Level curricula in Communication Studies, Art & Design and English.	<b>Fashion Make-Over Workshop:</b> become a sub-cultures style guru by developing a before and after makeover photoshoot and <b>Product Design Workshop:</b> construct a design board to meet an 'identity profile' and prepare a marketing campaign for your unique product	Visit the <b>London Design Museum</b> in Kensington	Communication and Culture	WEEK 2
WEEK 3	Business and Marketing	<b>Pitch, Product Promotion and Merchandising: Film Production and the Economy</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A Level curricula in Geography, Economics and Business Studies.	<b>Film Location Manager workshop:</b> use your imagination and explore locations in Oxford that can be used as a film set and <b>Branded Packaging:</b> design the packaging for a brand of your choice with a film or TV tie-in	Visit to <b>Warner Brothers' Studios</b>	<b>Fast &amp; Furious: Branding &amp; Marketing in the car industry</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A Level curricula in Business Studies and Design & Technology.	<b>Rubber Band Car Creation:</b> face an engineering challenge and construct a rubber band powered car and <b>F1 Marketing Challenge:</b> design and brand your very own Formula 1 racing car.	Visit to <b>Mercedes World</b>	Business and Marketing	WEEK 3
WEEK 4	Psychology and Sport	<b>Faster, higher, stronger: Sport Physiology and Psychology</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A Level curricula in PE, Sports Science and Psychology.	<b>Team Working Challenge:</b> improve communication and problem solving skills while testing your endurance and <b>Sports Psychology Masterclass:</b> learn what sports psychology is and how professional sports people use it to improve their performance	Visit to <b>Team Bath Elite Sports Village</b>	<b>Sports Stars and Fans: Sport and the Media</b> Lessons draw on GCSE and A Level curricula in PE, Sports Science & Biology.	<b>Sports &amp; Action Photography Workshop:</b> learn from a professional photographer about the theory and practice of motion photography and editing and <b>Meet the Media:</b> a fun workshop, including role play, looking about how sports stars handle media interviews and questions	Visit to <b>Wimbledon</b>	Psychology and Sport	WEEK 4

## Why Oxford?

Oxford is a fantastic place in which to study. The city is beautiful and lively, traditional and modern. Rich in culture and academic history, it is best-known for its world famous university. It is also a busy 21st century city with excellent shops, cinemas and restaurants. You can explore the famous covered market, go punting on the River Thames; watch outdoor theatre performances or explore the 38 Oxford University Colleges. Oxford in the summer is full of things to do and see.

As a summer programme student, you will quickly get to know Oxford and become familiar with a truly English way of life. A major part of the course is meeting and talking to English people – not just your teachers, but also local professionals or graduate students.

## The Location

**Classrooms:** All lessons take place at the Leckford Place site where students in Years 7 to 11 are taught year round. Meals are also provided at this location. The site includes an outdoor area for sports as well as computer rooms, social areas and even a dance and music studio. The Bucksmore off ice is located here and students should arrive here before going to their accommodation.

**Accommodation:** Students will stay in one of boarding houses for international students. All three houses are a short walk or bus ride from the school. Our staff live in the houses with the students and accompany them on the journey. If the houses are full, some accommodation may be provided in nearby colleges. This will be confirmed before the booking is completed. The boarding houses are a mix of single and shared rooms with a maximum of three students in a room. Boys and girls will be in separate accommodation.

## Where we are

**Legend:**

- Teaching Buildings
- Boarding and School Houses
- Stations
- Current host family locations

**SUMMERTOWN**  
Library, Art gallery and Theatre, Restaurants and Cafés, Shops, Sports centre, Swimming pool and tennis courts

**OXFORD CITY CENTRE**  
Libraries, Museums, Art galleries, Theatres and cinemas, Restaurants and cafes, Shops, Ice rink, Outdoor swimming pool



“I found it very interesting trying so many activities that at home I wouldn't have the opportunity to do.”  
ELETTRA  
SWITZERLAND



## The Social Programme

The summer course includes a full activity programme in the afternoons and evenings. Year-round students join some activities in Oxford ensuring students are always communicating in English. There are a wide range of activities. Previous years have included:

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| Basketball    | Hockey                          | Ashmolean & Pitt Rivers Museums |
| Cricket       | Ice-Skating                     |                                 |
| Cream Tea     | Karaoke                         |                                 |
| Disco         | Lacrosse                        | Punting                         |
| Dodgeball     | Modern Dance                    | River Walk                      |
| Dream Catcher | New Theatre                     | Swimming                        |
| Making        | Backstage Visit                 | Talent Show                     |
| Fencing       | Oxford University Colleges Tour | Tennis                          |
| Football      | Oxford University Press Museum  | T-Shirt Painting                |
| Handball      | Oxford University Papier-Maché  | Volleyball                      |
| Harry Potter  | Photography                     | Yoga                            |
| Walking Tour  |                                 | Zumba...<br>...and much more!   |

