



General English

Oxford

Summer Courses in Oxford

Come to Oxford

- The beautiful city of Oxford is famous all over the world as a centre for academic excellence.
- The city has magnificent college and residential buildings, fascinating museums, large green parks and a rich cultural life.
- It is located just 1.5 hours from London and close to many other interesting places such as Stratford-upon-Avon, Stonehenge and Winston Churchill's birthplace, Blenheim Palace.
- Oxford is a mix of ancient and modern with excellent shops, cinemas, theatres, restaurants and sports centres.
- It is a small, safe, cosmopolitan city – a great place to live and study!



Summer Courses for Teenagers

The school has an international reputation for providing a first class educational experience and every year students from more than twenty countries take part in our summer courses.

- Programmes are specifically designed for teenagers aged 15 – 17
- They operate throughout the summer from mid June to late August, for courses of 2, 3, 4 or more weeks
- They combine a valuable educational experience with a stimulating programme of activities, sports and excursions

A quality experience

Your welfare and happiness is of the utmost importance to us, and there is a large team of qualified staff to look after you while you are at the school

- Your Course Director is in overall charge of every aspect of your stay
- The Director of Studies designs and monitors your programme of study
- The teachers are experienced and enthusiastic about your progress

- The members of the Activities Team motivate you to make the most of your time outside the classroom
- Our College Nurse is available if you feel unwell
- Course fees include comprehensive medical and travel insurance
- Transfers to and from the airport can be arranged on your behalf

Living at the school

- Our residential accommodation is in large houses within easy walking distance of the main College buildings
- You will normally stay in one of our residential, single-sex houses
- We mix nationalities in each house to encourage you to make new friends and speak English
- We provide all bed linen and towels during your stay and card-operated washing machines for personal laundry
- There is a personal safety deposit box for valuables in your room
- Every house has a resident House Warden who looks after you with the support of the Summer Deans
- Homestay accommodation is also available if you prefer to stay with a local family

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and an evening meal are provided for all teenage residential students.

- Your Identity Card entitles you to eat in the college dining room
- The dining room has a wide choice of hot and cold meals each day
- The menu is designed to be both healthy and nutritious with vegetarian options, plenty of fresh fruit and salad bar
- You can buy sandwiches, baguettes and other light meals and soft drinks from the Sugar House café throughout the day
- Homestay students have breakfast and an evening meal with their family and lunch at the College



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Summer English

This is the most popular course for teenagers at the school each summer. It combines Integrated Language Skills lessons with Active Language Projects and a wide range of activities and excursions.

- Classes are available at all levels from Elementary to Advanced
- The Director of Studies tests your knowledge of English and places you in an international group of students at the same level
- Morning lessons focus on the language learning skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing
- They also increase your accurate use of the language by practising grammar points and extending your range of vocabulary
- In the afternoon sessions, the focus is on improving your fluency in English through Active Language Projects in a range of interesting subject areas
- Our qualified and experienced teachers will encourage you to communicate with increasing confidence and accuracy
- Your progress is monitored at regular intervals and your Certificate and Report are presented at a special ceremony on your last afternoon

Every week you take part in a different Active Language Project to develop your language skills. Each programme has a clear language outcome which the learner moves towards during the week. There are three basic stages:

- Preparation** – input from the teacher or research by the learner
Development – organising and sharing ideas with other members of the class
Production – a presentation or a performance which concludes the activity

Here are some examples of our Active Language Projects:

- Oxford Study Visits
- Drama Workshops
- College Magazine
- Youth & Culture
- Film Studies
- The language of advertising
- Global Issues
- News and Media
- Oxford in popular fiction

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Class size maximum 15

15 – 17 years

2 – 9 weeks

21 English Language lessons per week

- Morning lessons: 3 Integrated Language Skills classes each day
- Afternoon lessons: 2 Active Language Project sessions on 3 afternoons per week

Sample Daily Programme

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09.00 – 11.00	Accuracy Skills
	Break
11.30 – 12.30	Fluency Skills
	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Active Language Project



Activities & Excursions for Teenagers

Members of the activities team are friendly, enthusiastic and always ready to help. They prepare the busy schedule of excursions in advance but are always ready to respond to your suggestions for sports and social activities in the afternoons and evenings. There's a vast range of options available as the sample programme opposite indicates. Remember: 'the more you put in, the more you get out'!

Key Features

- One 'star' excursion per week is included in the price of your course.
- Activities and events are free of charge unless otherwise stated – just sign up and join in!
- Additional 'star' excursions and some events are available at cost price (see sample opposite).

Sample Activity programme

SUN	London Full day excursion of sightseeing and a museum	★	Tennis tournament Team-building games Welcome Disco
MON	Stonehenge Visit the world famous stone circle	★	Explore Oxford by Camera Design your own T-shirt Punting on the Thames
TUES	Zumba Fitness Session Make a Friendship Bracelet Tennis competition		Pizza making £8 Volleyball Casino Night
WEDS	British Culture Club Glass Painting Rugby & Tennis		Big Film Night Table Tennis Tournament Disco @ The Bridge £3
THURS	Volleyball Practice Tennis Session Jewellery design		Basketball Ice skating £6 Talent Show
FRI	Windsor Castle The home of the Royal Family	★	Oxford Colleges Tour Horror at the Movies Disco @ The Bridge £3
SAT	Stratford-upon-Avon Full day excursion to the birthplace of William Shakespeare	★	Football Practice Oxford Castle Unlocked Karaoke Evening



Teenagers (15-17 years)

- Arrival: Sunday. Rooms available from 14.00. Flights should not arrive earlier than 06.00 or later than 21.00
- Departure: Saturday. Please leave your room by 10.00. Flights should not depart earlier than 10.00
- Teaching: Teaching takes place Monday – Friday. 1 lesson = 55 minutes
- Tuition fees include:
 - All tuition, study materials, student folder
 - Study visits as part of tuition programme
 - Full programme of social, cultural and sporting activities
 - Certificate of Attendance
 - Travel and medical insurance (see Terms and Conditions)
 - Supervised accommodation in a house from day of arrival to morning of departure
 - Bed linen and towels
 - Meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) from dinner on day of arrival to breakfast on day of departure
 - Use of computers, college library and free WiFi access
 - Excursions: one per week of study, of student's choice from list available
- Fees do NOT include:
 - Excursions, in addition to those included in the tuition fees: cost varies between around £8 - £30
 - Personal spending money; we advise £70 per week for personal expenses and extra excursions
 - Key/damage deposit of £30 (payable on arrival; refundable at end of stay)
 - Airport transfers (see page 18 for details)
 - Assisted airport check-in service on departure
 - Express courier fee for visa support documents

Airport Transfers for Teenager Courses

- A personal airport transfer can be arranged b. Costs and further information can be found on our website:
- Transfer must be booked and paid for 2 weeks in advance
- There are regular coach services between all London airports and Oxford



