



# HEADINGTON OXFORD INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

FOR STUDENTS AGED 13-16





# WELCOME TO HEADINGTON OXFORD

## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Headington School in Oxford provides the perfect setting for your exciting summer school experience. The school is safe and secure, yet only a 20 minute walk to the heart of one of Europe's finest cities. The school has first class facilities and provides an environment for all our summer students to have a hugely fulfilling stay in the UK. The Headington Oxford Summer School is truly international, offering students from all over the world the chance to improve their English, take part in a wide range of exciting activities and make friendships that will last a lifetime.



## The School & Location

Headington was established in 1915 and is one of the UK's foremost schools. The school is located close to the centre of the city of Oxford, known as the 'City of Dreaming Spires' and famous throughout the world for its university. Nowadays, Oxford is a city that combines centuries of history with a modern way of life. Headington is set in a beautiful, secure location and the school comprises a mixture of historic and modern buildings. It is the perfect place for a summer adventure, offering our students a warm and welcoming environment. The school has fantastic facilities and spacious sports fields, making it an ideal campus for students aged 13 to 16 to spend their summer.

The Headington Oxford Summer School is operated and staffed by Summer Boarding Courses Ltd.

## The School Facilities

Facilities at the school are exceptional and include a fully equipped sports hall, astroturf pitches and an indoor swimming pool. The school also has a modern theatre, which is ideal for presentations and evening activities.

The facilities include:

- Indoor swimming pool
- 200+ seat professional theatre
- Modern, well equipped classrooms
- 12 tennis courts
- Football pitches, basketball and volleyball courts
- Dance studio
- Dining hall
- Wi-Fi

## Accommodation

Headington's accommodation is very comfortable and of a high quality. There are separate boarding areas for boys and girls offering mostly single and twin rooms with some dormitory accommodation of up to 4 students. The facilities are ideal for students aged 13 to 16, enabling the fostering of new friendships and encouraging the integration of students from all corners of the world.

## Meal Times

The Dining Hall at Headington is a light, spacious environment including lovely outdoor tables. Meal times offer a diverse menu, with a continental breakfast each day and the option of a full English breakfast three days each week. For lunch and dinner there is always a choice of two hot meals, including one vegetarian option. There is a great salad bar selection as well as fresh bread, fruit and desserts. In addition, drinks and biscuits are served before bed.



**Summer Boarding Courses has welcomed students from 139 different countries to our courses**



# Overview of Headington Oxford Summer Programme

	15 hours English tuition each week		
	2 full day trips each week* with all transport and entrances included <small>*Except for departure week when there is one full day trip.</small>		
Afternoon & Evening Activity Programme			
	Headington Oxford Summer School T-Shirt	End of course certificate and report	
Laundry Service	Comprehensive Travel Insurance	On campus accommodation	All meals included



**“He really appreciated how this experience has helped him in building up his self-confidence and his abilities to interact with others”.**

**Jose Manuel, Parent Spanish**

# A typical day at Headington Oxford Summer School

## Sample timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
7.30 - Wake up								
8.15 - Breakfast								
Arrival Day or Full Day Excursion	9.00 Lesson 1	9.00 Lesson 1	9.00 Lesson 1	Full day Excursion	9.00 Lesson 1	9.00 Lesson 1		
	10.30 - Break				10.30 - Break			
	11.00 Lesson 2	11.00 Lesson 2	11.00 Lesson 2		11.00 Lesson 2	11.00 Lesson 2		
	12.30 - Lunch				12.30 - Lunch			
	13.30 -House Time				13.30 -House Time			
	14.30 Oxford Afternoon	14.30 Multi-Activity or English Plus	14.30 Multi-Activity or English Plus		14.30 Multi-Activity	14.30 Fete Day		
		15.45 - Break						
		16.15 Multi-Activity or English Plus	16.15 Multi-Activity or English Plus				16.15 Multi-Activity	
	17.30 -House Time				17.30 -House Time			
	18.30 -Dinner				18.30 -Dinner			
	19.15 -House Time				19.15 -House Time			
	19.45 House Night	19.45 Cinema Trip	19.45 SBC Carnival		19.45 Talent Show	19.45 BBQ & Quiz	19.45 Challenge Night	19.45 Disco
	21.45 - House Time							
	22.00 - Lights out							



## The Academic Programme

### English Course Options

At Headington Oxford Summer School we encourage our students to communicate freely and help them develop their language skills through an innovative syllabus. Students can choose from two English course options:

**General English** - Available for students of all levels of English.

**Summer Study** - Available at an additional cost for students of an Upper Intermediate or Advanced level of English.

Classes take place on 5 mornings each week, with a maximum class size of 15 students. All students will be asked to complete a two-part online English assessment before their arrival at the school, to assess their level of English and ensure they are placed into suitable classes.

### Time to Shine: 21st Century Skills

Across our courses, our aim is to develop not only language skills, but also transferable skills that will help our students to prepare for future academic and career success in the 21st century. Each week our courses have a bespoke Time to Shine research and presentation project, that encourages students to develop the following skills:

**Communication Skills:** All students will develop their ability to communicate effectively with their peers, use a variety of communication forms and learn to work collaboratively as part of a team.

**Expert Thinking & Innovation Skills:** Through carefully selected research projects, students will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, and have the opportunity to devise and act on creative ideas to form their presentations.

**Life and Career Skills:** These research projects will enable students to develop their information literacy skills, by extending their own investigations and using their initiative, assuming greater control over their own learning. By working together on projects, students will also nurture their sense of social and cross-cultural awareness.





#### At a Glance



2, 3, 4 or 5 week courses



15 hours English tuition each week



Focus on English through varied activities and projects



Suitable for all levels

# General English

## Why Choose General English?

*Build English, Build Confidence.*

In our General English course, students will always practice what they have learned during the lesson. Teachers will provide students with fun and challenging speaking activities which allow students to practise the language they have studied during the lesson. Activating language through practice is an important step in the language learning process.

## Learning Language and Using Language

*Using English in a meaningful way.*

In dynamic and fun lessons, students learn vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, reading and writing using our communicative method. Students then use this knowledge in creative activities, collaborative tasks and class projects in which they can apply what they have learned in real-world situations.

## How We Teach: Making English Fun

*Activating what you learn.*

We strongly believe that students respond best to an environment that enables them to produce, practice and create in English. We therefore provide a student-centred environment in the classroom and, through being communicative, students can develop their confidence in using English in meaningful situations.

## Time to Shine

*Fun, collaborative, research and presentation tasks.*

For General English's Time to Shine, students will take part in a series of creative, communicative and challenging tasks and projects which utilise 21st century skills. Examples of such tasks and projects include: giving presentations based on the students' own research; fun and collaborative team challenges, and class competitions.

**“Classes are the best, we had so much fun and at the same time we were always learning.”**

Alanoud, Student, Jordan



#### At a Glance



2, 3, 4 or 5 week courses



15 hours English tuition each week



Focus on English through subjects such as history, science and creative writing.



Suitable for upper intermediate to advanced levels

# Summer Study

## Why Choose Summer Study?

*Build English, Build Confidence.*

Summer Study consists of 15 hours of lessons per week and is available to students of an Upper Intermediate to Advanced level of English. The syllabus has been designed especially for young learners, and students will benefit from a content-based learning approach to enhance their English language development. They will explore a variety of subjects, including English Literature, Creative Writing, History, Science and Geography, in a comfortable and interactive environment.

## Learning Language Through the Study of Other Subjects

*Using English in a meaningful way.*

The course studies English through looking at a wide range of subjects, from famous works of literature to scientific case studies, and covers both classic and modern elements of each subject. Throughout our fun and interactive lessons students will have the chance to actively engage in classroom discussions, debates, and fun topic-based activities.

## How We Teach: Making English Fun

*Activating what you learn.*

Our lessons are designed to be communicative, meaning that our students are constantly using English in an interactive way. This focus on spoken interaction enables students to activate what has been learned and further develop their understanding of the language used to describe the subjects studied.

## Time to Shine

*Dynamic and varied projects.*

As part of our Time to Shine programme, our Summer Study students are given the opportunity to apply the subject knowledge they have gained each week to create engaging and thought-provoking presentations. This communicative and collaborative task enables students to utilise a variety of 21st century skills.

**“I really like the Summer Study classes because it was different and interesting.”**

Leo, Student, Switzerland

# Afternoon Activities

## Multi-Activity Programme

The afternoon Multi-Activity Programme gives the students the opportunity to take part in a range of activities on the school campus. All the activity groups are mixed nationality, allowing the students to continue to develop their English speaking skills with new friends from around the world. The Multi-Activity Programme takes place on three afternoons each week and the students can choose from a variety of sporting and creative options. There are a wide range of activities for the students to choose from.

The activity choices include:

- Swimming
- English sports
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Football
- Cookery
- Arts & Crafts
- Yoga
- Fitness circuits
- Music workshops
- Cricket
- Water polo
- Photo challenges
- Blogging

Additionally, on 1 afternoon each week students will participate in a whole school activity, such as a Carnival or Fete Day, involving music, games, inflatable obstacle courses and food stalls.

## Oxford Afternoon

Each week all the Headington Oxford Summer School students spend an afternoon in the centre of Oxford. This gives the students the chance to take advantage of their surroundings by experiencing the beauty, history and culture of this famous English city. Each week our students get the chance to experience a different aspect of Oxford with a range of options including:

- Punting on the river
- An historical tour of the city
- Visiting colleges of the famous University of Oxford
- Visiting museums and galleries
- Souvenir shopping



**“Our son had a great summer at SBC. He met lots of new friends from different parts of the world and different cultures. All this, within a safe environment. The whole experience was great!”**

**Matias, Parent, Argentina**



# English Plus+

The English Plus+ Programme enables our students to try new activities and classes or to develop existing interests and skills. English Plus+ courses are optional and each student can select one English Plus+ course each week, at an additional cost. Where selected, English Plus+ replaces the Multi-Activity Programme for two afternoons each week and allows the students to choose from:

## Intensive English: Speaking

This course is suitable for students with an Intermediate to Advanced level of English. Students will build confidence in English by taking part in stimulating conversations and debates aimed to develop speaking and listening skills with a focus on pronunciation and fluency.



## Intensive English: Writing

This course is suitable for students with an Intermediate to Advanced level of English. Students will develop their written English skills in a fun and interactive way, and focus on producing short stories, journalistic articles and poetry to gain confidence in their written accuracy and flair.



## General English Extra

Suitable for students with an A1 or A2 level of English, this course offers students extra General English lessons so as to achieve a broad improvement in all areas of English. Students will focus on building their vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. A great course for students to quickly build confidence and further improve their English language level.



## Dance

Students of all abilities can enjoy this vibrant course led by a qualified dance teacher which includes modern styles and street dance classes.



## Adventure Sports

This course is for our more adventurous students and can include kayaking, paintballing, mountain biking, laserquest and high ropes. All activities take place off-site and are run by professional instructors.



## Art & Design

This 2 week course is for creative students looking to develop their artistic skills. Students will focus on painting, sculpture and drawing, creating their own portfolio over the 2 week period.



# Evening Activities

The Evening Programme is a very important part of the summer school experience. All students get to socialise together, with everyone taking part in one activity.

Evening activities include:

- Disco party
- Fashion show
- Sports tournament
- Movie night
- Games night
- Swimming party
- Barbecue
- International night
- Colour run
- Masquerade ball
- Photo challenges
- Blogging

These activities provide a great opportunity for students to relax with their new-found friends, have fun and put into practice the day's learning.



**“The perfect organization of all the activities and the wonderful setting and facilities of the college. The multicultural mix of the group!”**

**Federica, parent – Italian**



# Excursions

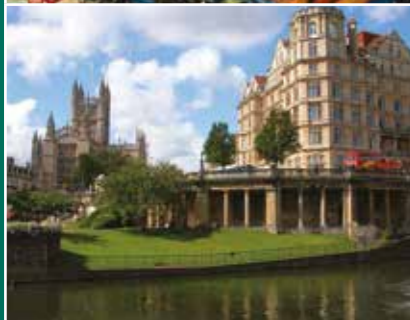
Oxford is the perfect location for our international students to experience all the UK has to offer; it is close enough to visit London, it is a beautiful city in its own right and it also has a number of attractions nearby. With 2 full day excursions each week\*, we can offer students a variety of day-trips to fantastic places including:



## Thorpe Park

With over thirty extreme rides and attractions, and one of the world's most exciting roller coasters, enjoy an exhilarating day out at one of the nation's most popular theme parks!

[www.thorpepark.com](http://www.thorpepark.com)



## Bath

A visit to the wonderful city of Bath with its beautiful architecture, fascinating history and great shopping. Entrance to the famous Roman Baths is included, which provides a unique experience to visit the natural hot spring and learn its history, before some free time to explore the city with friends.

[www.romanbaths.co.uk](http://www.romanbaths.co.uk)



## Bristol

There is so much to see and do in the vibrant city of Bristol. Students will enjoy the best of Bristol, including its thriving art scene, a visit to one of the city's museums and fabulous shopping centres.

[www.visitbristol.co.uk](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk)



## Royal Windsor

Students will spend the day visiting the beautiful and historic town of Windsor, including a trip to see one of The Queen's favourite residences, Windsor Castle. The day also includes crucial time for souvenir shopping!

[www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/windsorcastle](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/windsorcastle)



## Brighton

A trip to the famous seaside town of Brighton! The day begins with shopping time around the Lanes shopping district. After, students will take a ride on the British Airways i360, a 162 metre observation tower, for a panoramic view of Brighton.

[www.visitbrighton.com](http://www.visitbrighton.com)

\*There is one full day excursion during the departure week.



# London Excursion

A trip to the UK would not be complete without a visit to the bustling capital city of London. All Headington Oxford students will have the chance to see some of the iconic attractions this city has to offer.

During the London excursion all Headington Oxford Summer School students will enjoy a walking tour to see famous tourist attractions such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square. Students will also visit a world-class attraction such as The Shard or the London Dungeons for an iconic experience.

During the day, students will have time to shop on London's famous high streets, where they can experience the many big brand shops as well as independent boutiques London has to offer. The day will finish with dinner in a London restaurant, before heading back to the school.





**“Scarlett loves her boarding house. Her house parent and teachers in the house are very caring and nice. As many evening activities are competition between houses, the girls are very united and close to each other.”**

Yi Ling, Parent, China



# Student Welfare

We care for our students 24 hours a day and welfare is our main priority. From the moment you book, you will have your own dedicated Student Support Manager, who will help you through the whole process, from initial booking to supporting you during your child’s stay with us in the summer.

With 1 member of staff to every 6 students our Headington Oxford Summer School staff oversee every aspect of the programme, whether that is during lessons, activities, meal times, break times or on an excursion.

All Headington Oxford Summer School staff are friendly and helpful professionals, who ensure our students feel supported and cared for whilst away from home.

## Student Support Managers

Student Support Managers answer your questions and ensure your child is ready for their exciting summer ahead. During the summer, they are the point of contact between the School and parent. Their role is to help with any welfare issues, communicate frequent updates and to provide general ongoing help to parents. The team are highly experienced, with many having worked at our courses previously. Throughout the year, Student Support Managers are committed to processing bookings and answering your questions within 1 working day maximum, providing quick and thorough assistance.

## Summer School Management

Our Management team take responsibility for every aspect of student welfare, along with the day to day running of the school. The Summer School Director, supported by the Welfare Coordinator, Office Coordinator, Student Director and House Parents ensures that the students are fully engaged in summer school life and are happy and well during their stay. The Director of Studies oversees the Academic Programme, whilst the The Social Programme Coordinator leads the team of Activity Leaders to provide a dynamic and engaging Activity Programme. Together, all of our Managers see that every aspect of the school runs smoothly, safely and offers every child the chance to participate fully.

## House Parents

House Parents are key members of the summer school team whose main duty is overseeing the welfare of our students. The House Parents are always available in the boarding houses and also help during break and meal times. They offer our students a friendly face with whom they can discuss any specific welfare issues.

## Teachers

The different English course options are all taught by our professionally qualified teachers, with two 90-minute lessons taking place on five mornings each week. Our teachers also assist in ensuring the general welfare of students, as well as helping deliver activities and excursions.

## Activity Leaders

Our Activity Leaders are responsible for implementing the Activity Programme and Excursion Programme. The Activity Leaders ensure that the students are enjoying the activities, that they are having fun and practising their English.

## Safeguarding

Summer Boarding Courses is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We have a comprehensive Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which all employees, volunteers and contractors must adhere to.

**“My houseparent was perfect. One of the best summers I ever had.”**  
Ruben, Student, Italy

# Booking your child's visit to Headington Oxford Summer School

## Prices and Dates

Prices, dates and supplementary fees information can be found on our website at [www.headingtonoxford-summerschool.co.uk](http://www.headingtonoxford-summerschool.co.uk)

## Application Form

We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment, as there are limited places at Headington Oxford Summer School and we may be full by April. Booking can be made online on our website - [www.summerboardingcourses.co.uk/make-a-booking](http://www.summerboardingcourses.co.uk/make-a-booking).

Once your form has been received, one of our Student Support Managers will be in touch to confirm your booking.

## Confirmation of Place

Upon receipt of your completed booking form, Summer Boarding Courses will send you confirmation of the student's place, alongside an invoice and a Headington Oxford Summer School welcome pack.

## Payment of Fees

A deposit of £700 is required to secure your booking. The remaining balance must be paid by 13th May 2019. Any bookings made after 13th May must be paid in full at the time of booking (upon receipt of invoice). Please see the booking form for details of how to pay.

## Preparation for Summer

Our Student Support Managers are on hand to answer any queries you may have about the summer from questions about the school, travel to the UK, hotel recommendations to visa applications and much more. We will also stay in regular contact to ensure that we have all the information we require from you.



# Travel Information

Students' travel to and from England must be booked and paid for independently. Once your booking with us has been confirmed, we will ask you to provide us with your child's travel information as early as possible. This is very important so that we can arrange airport transfers if required.

## Transfers

For an additional cost we offer an Airport Transfer Service to and from Headington Oxford Summer School on the published arrival and departure dates. Students arriving to and departing from Heathrow airport can use our Airport Coach Transfer Service which operates between 09.00 and 16.00.

On arrival at Heathrow airport, all students are met by a member of SBC staff who will be wearing a bright yellow SBC t-shirt. Similarly when departing from Heathrow airport our staff will accompany all students and assist with the check-in procedure at the airport.

If your child will be flying to the UK without a parent or guardian we recommend you request Unaccompanied Minor assistance direct from the airline. For more details on airport transfers please visit our website. For students arriving on flights before 09.00 and after 16.00 Summer Boarding Courses can arrange a taxi transfer. Please contact us for a quotation and further information. The deadline for booking a transfer is the 21st June, unfortunately a transfer may not be guaranteed after this date.

## Welcome Club

Students using our Coach Transfer Service will be accompanied from the main Arrivals Terminal to our Welcome Club. Our Welcome Club is conveniently located at one of the airport hotels and gives students a chance to relax after their flight, enjoy some light refreshments and meet some of the other new students, before taking the next Coach Transfer to Headington School.

## Parent Transfer

Parents or guardians are also welcome to bring children to the school and collect them themselves. Set arrival and pick up times are published in the welcome pack.



## Location

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