

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 12 TO 16



# HEADINGTON OXFORD

SUMMER SCHOOL



ENGLISH LANGUAGE & ACTIVITY SUMMER COURSES

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# Welcome to Headington Oxford International Summer School

Headington School in Oxford provides a fantastic location for an 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 to 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 an interesting 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 first class facilities and spacious sports fields, making it an ideal campus for students aged 12 to 16 to spend their summer.

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



## The School Facilities

Facilities at the school are exceptional, including a fully equipped sports hall, astroturf pitches and an indoor swimming pool. At the heart of school life is the theatre, which is ideal for entertainment, evening activities and fun.

The boarding facilities are very comfortable and each boarding house includes a range of bedrooms and common areas where the students can relax and socialise.

The facilities include:

- Indoor swimming pool
- 200+ seat professional theatre
- Modern, well equipped classrooms
- 12 tennis courts
- Football, basketball and volleyball courts
- Dance studio
- Dining hall
- School shop
- Internet suites

## English Language & Morning Lessons

At Headington Oxford Summer School, we think that learning a language is about more than understanding the words. We encourage our students to communicate freely, helping them to develop through imaginative teaching.

On their arrival, each student is assessed so that they are placed in the correct class for their ability to ensure maximum progression during their stay.

Every student receives 15 hours of lessons each week with qualified and friendly teachers to ensure that they learn at the right pace. Classes take place on 5 mornings each week, with on average 12 students allocated to each class (maximum class size is 15). We also offer an additional 2 afternoons of English classes per week with our English Plus+ Intensive English course. (See English Plus+ Programme for details).

For our Upper Intermediate and Advanced level speakers, as an alternative to the general English lessons each morning, we offer our Summer Study option which combines English language with a range of other subjects.



## Day Trip Preparation & Project Work

Day trips are a chance to have fun and see some fantastic sights. However, they are also a good opportunity for the students to use their English skills in real situations. We therefore have lessons specifically designed to prepare students for day trips, so they can get the most out of the day. The students also undertake some project work during their course that may involve contributing to the school magazine or focusing on an area of special interest.

## Reports & Certificates

As well as keeping our teaching imaginative, creative and enjoyable, we also make sure it is effective. Students are monitored and encouraged to progress throughout their stay. All students receive a Headington Oxford Summer School Certificate and a progress report at the end of their course.

## Summer Study

Our Summer Study option is for students who wish to follow an academic curriculum similar to that used in UK boarding schools. Summer Study is available to students of an Upper Intermediate and Advanced level of English and takes place during the 15 hours of morning lessons.

The subjects studied, all taught in English, include History, Geography, Creative Writing, British Culture and Science.

“Headington Oxford Summer School provides a truly special experience, offering language learning and summer fun to students from all over the world.”



# Afternoon Activities

## Multi Activity Programme

The afternoon 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 in a relaxed and fun setting.

The multi-activity programme takes place on four afternoons each week and the students can choose from a variety of sporting and creative options. There are usually 4 activities each day for the students to choose from. The activity choices include:

- Tennis
- Music
- Swimming
- English sports
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Internet
- Rounders
- Football
- Archery
- Drama
- Arts & Crafts



# 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 activities including:

- punting on the river
- a historical tour of the city
- visiting the famous university
- visiting the science museum



## 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 student to choose from:

- **Intensive English**

This course is available to students of all levels and offers an additional 2 afternoons per week to develop our students' English Language skills. There is a maximum of 8 students per class with a focus on pronunciation and fluency.

- **Dance**

Students of all abilities can enjoy these vibrant classes which include modern styles and street dance. The dancers are led by a qualified instructor and the classes lead up to an end-of-course performance.

- **Tennis**

English Plus+ Tennis is coached by a qualified tennis coach who can help beginners learn, or more experienced players fine-tune their stroke play.

- **Adventure Sports**

This course is for our adventurous students and includes bush craft, indoor sledging, raft building, kayaking, high ropes, indoor rock climbing and laser quest.

- **Horse Riding**

The beautiful local countryside offers plenty of scenic horse-riding routes. The horse riding students are taught by qualified instructors who can cater for beginners as well as more experienced riders.

- **Philosophy and Debating**

A course for Upper Intermediate and Advanced level speakers, who enjoy the challenge of expressing their ideas in English and discussing more complex topics with their fellow students.



## Evening Activities

The evening activity programme is a very important part of the summer school experience and is where all the students get to socialise, usually with everyone taking part in one activity altogether.

The evening activity programme includes:

- Disco
- Karaoke
- Talent Night
- Sports Tournaments
- Barbecue
- Fashion Shows
- Bouncy Castle Nights
- Games Nights
- Movie Nights
- Swimming Gala

## Evening Trips

To ensure there is as much variety as possible for our students, in addition to the two full day excursions and the weekly Oxford trip, all students spend an evening at the local ten pin bowling centre, where they are able to spend a relaxing evening with their friends.

All students are provided with snacks and drinks.



## Weekly Excursions

In many ways, 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 terrifying roller coasters, enjoy an exhilarating day out at one of the nation's most popular theme parks!

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

- **Warwick Castle and Shakespeare's Stratford**

Stratford-upon-Avon is the birthplace of Shakespeare and the perfect example of historic England. Adding to the fairytale atmosphere, nearby we have Warwick Castle; one of ancient England's finest castles and the scene of battles, dungeons and ghost stories.

[www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com)

- **Whipsnade Zoo And Windsor:**

Enjoy a close encounter in the morning with some of the world's fastest, smallest, cutest and rarest animals at one of Europe's largest wildlife conservation parks. The afternoon will be spent visiting the beautiful town of Windsor, including a trip to the Queen's favourite weekend home - Windsor Castle.

[www.zsl.org/zsl-whipsnade-zoo](http://www.zsl.org/zsl-whipsnade-zoo) | [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk)

- **Bristol & The Science Museum**

There is so much to see and do in Bristol – with its vibrant waterside, fascinating history and fabulous shopping centre. Our students will enjoy the best of Bristol plus a visit to the state-of-the-art interactive science centre.

[www.at-bristol.org.uk](http://www.at-bristol.org.uk)

- **Bath**

Enjoy a day visiting this historic and beautiful city, which as a world heritage site offers some of the finest architectural sights in the UK. Students will spend the day exploring Bath's many iconic attractions, including a trip to the famous Roman Baths.

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

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



## London Excursions

### The London Day

A trip to the UK would not be complete without a visit to the bustling capital city of London. During the 'London Day' all Headington Oxford Summer School students will have a chance to see famous tourist attractions such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square. There will be time to soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant and historical city as well as time to pick up a few souvenirs. The students will also get a panoramic view of London from a ride on the iconic London Eye and there will even be dinner at a London restaurant before heading back to the school.



## Staff and Student Welfare

We care for our students 24 hours a day and their welfare is our main priority. Headington Oxford Summer School staff oversee all student activities, whether that is during mealtimes, break times or on an excursion. With one member of staff to every six students, we are able to offer an extremely high level of supervision.

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



### • Management

Our Management team comprises a Centre Manager and an Assistant Centre Manager, who take responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school. Our Director of Studies supervises the English teaching programme and the Activity Manager takes charge of activities and excursions. Together, all of our managers ensure that every aspect of the school runs smoothly, safely and offers every student the chance to participate fully.

### • House Parents

House Parents are key members of summer school staff 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 English Language lessons are taught by our experienced and professional teachers, with three one hour lessons taking place on five mornings each week. Our teachers also assist in ensuring the general welfare of students, as well as playing their part in leading the 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 practicing their English.



## Accommodation

Headington's accommodation is very comfortable and of a high quality. There are separate boarding areas for boys and girls offering a mix of twin, triple, 4-bed and 5-bed rooms with a small number of single rooms available. The facilities are ideal for students aged 12 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 opened in 2005 and is a light, spacious environment including lovely outdoor tables. Mealtimes 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.

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

## When to book

We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment, as there are a limited number of places at Headington Oxford and we may be full by April.

Headington Oxford is operated by Summer Boarding Courses Ltd who will handle all payments and enquiries.



## Payment

A deposit of £400 is required to secure the booking. The remaining balance must be paid by 21st May. Any bookings made after the 21st May must be paid in full at the time of booking (upon receipt of invoice).

See booking form for details of how to pay.



## 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

We offer an airport transfer service to and from Headington Oxford Summer School on the published arrival and departure dates. Students arriving at Heathrow airport between 09.00 and 17.00 on the arrival days can take advantage of our Coach Transfer Service. Students arriving outside of the above times or at other airports can be offered a Taxi Transfer Service.

On arrival at the airport, all students are met by a member of SBC staff who will be wearing a bright yellow SBC T-shirt. For departures, our Coach Transfer Service is available to students departing from Heathrow after 10.30 and for earlier flights from Heathrow or flights from any other airports our Taxi Transfer service is available.

Our staff 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.

## Parent Transfer

Parents or guardians who would like to bring their children to the school are asked to arrive between 11.00 and 14.00. There will be an opportunity to have a look around the school and help the students settle into their rooms. On departure days parents are asked to collect their children from the school between 09.00 and 11.00.

## Location

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