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INTERNATIONAL

LEARN ENGLISH WITH
ENGLISH CHILDREN

An outstanding residential
summer school for international
students aged 8-14 in Oxford



WELCOME TO OXFORD SUMMER CAMP 2018

Oxford Summer Camp is Varsity International's residential summer school. We are an international English language and activity summer camp based in Oxford. Uniquely, our camp is designed both for international and UK students allowing them to integrate through their shared love for sports, the arts or adventure.



We offer two programme options;

English and Multi-Activity (more on page 13)

English and Specialist Academy (more on page 23)

Both our programme options are designed as week-long courses, with students attending for a minimum of two weeks. This means students have the option of either choosing our packed Multi-Activity programme for their whole stay or opting to specialise for some of their weeks and complete one of our Specialist Academy courses. If you have English as your first language or have an advanced level (C1+) please see page 22 for programme options that do not include English language lessons.

International students benefit from first-class English tuition plus all our activities and academies are delivered in English by British instructors and coaches alongside English-speaking students. British children even join us on one of our excursion each week. True integration!

We have access to brilliant facilities in and around Oxford where we deliver our programmes to the very highest standards. Our staff are committed to ensuring students have a fantastic summer full of memorable experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford in 2018!

WHY CHOOSE OXFORD SUMMER CAMP

We are unique!

Experts at providing high quality activity and learning programmes for younger learners, we offer more than just a normal language school – real integration with British children. Unlike other language schools, we are part of a group of companies who specialise in delivering activity camps, elite sports coaching and outdoor survival courses to British children during the school holidays. This means our international students are immersed in English language, reinforcing classroom learning and continually improving their vocabulary, conversation, pronunciation and other aspects of English.

- Superb Oxford location
- Integration with British children with 1:2 British to international ratio
- Fantastic activity and Specialist Academy programme.
- Engaging English programme with qualified teachers – maximum class size of 12 students.
- Outstanding student care from experienced and approachable staff - overall staff to student ratio at least 1:8
- 3 full-day excursions every 2 weeks
- Brilliant evening programme including spy night, toasting marshmallows around the campfire, discos and more
- Free Wi-Fi access





We have fantastic relationships with great venues in and around Oxford.

"We look forward to welcoming students from Oxford Summer Camp to the Ashmolean Museum in 2018 as part of the relationship that the camp has with the museum and the university through its corporate membership".

Paul Jeffery, Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, University of Oxford.

ENGLISH INTEGRATION

At Oxford Summer Camp, local British children join our Multi-Activity programme on weekdays, we call these children Buddies. They are a key part of camp and aid the English language development of our international students. All Buddies are carefully selected for their interest in the programme and making new international friends.

Buddies join in the last hour of the morning lessons which focus on communication and working as part of a team. The Buddies then participate in the afternoon activities allowing for further integration on camp.

Similarly, international students on our English and Specialist Academy programme will be integrated with native speaking children for the entirety of the Academy. Our partners, Academies of Sport, predominantly run the Academies for local British children which means international students can immerse themselves in the English language whilst doing an activity they love.

By working with native speakers of their own age, our international students practice using English in real-life situations which greatly improves their confidence. Our Oxford Summer Camp Buddies also stay for the evening activities and join the Friday excursion so all international students, on all our programmes, have the opportunity to make friendships that last long after the summer has ended.







OUR SCHOOL

Cothill House is the perfect venue for Oxford Summer Camp. The school is a preparatory boarding school for boys in a small village, only 10 minutes away from the centre of Oxford. The school has a proud history of academic achievement with many leavers going on to top schools such as Eton or Harrow.

The school offers 120 beds arranged in a mix of dorm sizes as well as top-quality facilities including:

- On-site 9-hole golf course
- Indoor heated swimming pool
- Large hall and theatre
- Motor Quad track
- Adventure playground
- 6 tennis courts and outdoor basketball rings
- Extensive playing fields
- Male and female accommodated in separate zones
- Wi-Fi throughout



OUR SCHOOL

ROOMS AND FOOD

Students will be placed in homely dorm rooms sleeping 2 to 6 students. Girls and boys always sleep in separate areas, and nationalities are mixed to ensure everyone gets to meet new friends from different countries with English as the shared language. There are communal areas where students can socialise, relax and access Wi-Fi at specific times of the day. Students are provided with three meals a day, offering a range of healthy and nutritious foods. Food choices vary from classic English dishes to popular international cuisine, with a vegetarian option always available. We can also cater to any specific dietary need.

PHONE POLICY

We want students to make the most of the experience that camp offers and believe that they should not always be on their mobile phones. In order to achieve this, we collect student phones when they arrive at camp and allow them access at set times during the day. This ensures that students make the most of the opportunities available to them to speak English and make international friends whilst still allowing them to keep in touch with friends and family.

"I'm looking forward to welcoming international students from Oxford Summer Camp to Cothill House Preparatory School during the summer of 2018. I hope the students enjoy their time here as much as our students do during the rest of the year."

Eddy Newton, CEO, Cothill Trust Group of Schools





ENGLISH LEARNING PROGRAMME

At Oxford Summer Camp we believe that the best way to learn a language is through integration. Both of our courses welcome local British children allowing our international students to make friends, and interact with, native speakers.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Our English language programme is structured to provide an effective and progressive learning experience for students. On camp and during lessons and activities, students are expected to speak English at all times to further improve their language skills. The programme is constructed around the integration between British and international students to allow for language development in a practical, real-life environment. British children will be with us every weekday offering support in conversation classes whether in the academies, joining activities or accompanying us on excursions off-site.

On the first day, students are assessed and placed in small classes according to their age and ability level. Our programme is designed around the CEFR framework with their progress being reviewed and evaluated throughout their stay. Our English teachers are all qualified and selected for their ability to deliver the curriculum in an engaging and enjoyable way.



ENGLISH STUDY

- Every student receives a minimum of 15 hours of English tuition per week
- Class size of up to 12 students
- Experienced and engaging English teachers
- English report and certificate
- Support in the Academy sessions

MONITORING PROGRESS

Supporting students by monitoring their progress is a crucial aspect of language development, which is why our qualified teachers also assist on activity sessions and excursions, ensuring that learning can take place both in and outside of the classroom. All our specifically trained activity instructors have experience working with international students, again to allow for progress to be monitored and for staff and students to play an active role in our students' experience on camp.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORT

All students will be closely monitored in class to ensure that they are making progress with their English language study. On the Specialist Academies students will also keep a log book during their time on the course, in English, to monitor their own development. All work will be marked and feedback will be given by the teacher. At the end of the course all students will receive a report that shows the progress made and offers advice on how best to continue their learning when they are back home.

ENGLISH AND MULTI-ACTIVITY

Suitable for all English language ability levels

Our English and Multi-Activity programme combines our English language programme, with activities provided by Ultimate Activity Camps, all with local British children.

English classes take place during the morning, which includes our hour-long Buddy activity integrating our local English speaking students with our international learners. They work together in small groups on a structured communication task fostering the natural development of English language skills.

During the afternoons, a range of activities are offered, suitable for all interests. From sports, through to creative or adventure activities our Ultimate Activity Camps programme ensures that students can choose something they know or try their hand at something completely new, all the time with local English speakers. Our Ultimate Activity leaders are highly-trained to ensure students have fun, are safe and get to try new experiences – as well as making sure English is the only language spoken!

We round off each day with our evening activity programme which sees students from all courses come together for larger group games and activities. See page 27 for more.

Each week our excursions run on a Friday and Sunday taking students to famous cities or popular attractions. See page 26 for more.



www.ultimateactivity.co.uk



ENGLISH AND MULTI-ACTIVITY

Suitable for all English language ability levels

ULTIMATE CREATIVITY

Cake craft
Watercolour painting
T-Shirt design
Jewellery making
Art masterclass
Clay modelling
Mocktail making
(non-alcoholic drinks)

ULTIMATE SPORT

Volleyball
Fencing
Archery
Swimming
Basketball
Football
Tennis
Trampolining

Softball

Tag Rugby

Ultimate Frisbee

Golf

ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

Zorbs
Shelter building
Quad bikes
Campfire making
Pedal Karts







ENGLISH AND MULTI-ACTIVITY

EXTRA CHOICE ACTIVITIES

These are perfect for students wanting to add a little extra activity and excitement to their English and Multi-Activity programme. Delivered by qualified instructors at venues specific to the activities, they run for two afternoons per week. These optional activities are available every week for all ages and carry an additional cost (see 2018 Price List for more information). Please also note that students will miss the timetabled Multi-Activity sessions whilst taking part in their chosen extra activity.

Golf

Our venue, Cothill House School has its own 9-hole course so some of this Extra Choice Activity will be based on-site with a visiting Golf Pro. We will however also get students off-site to a full course to put into practice the skills they have learnt. We will help students perfect the fundamental skills including swing, grip, stance and ball position.

Horse Riding

Students will be able to see rural England on horseback, riding through the beautiful countryside around Oxford. Led by qualified instructors who are experienced in teaching riders from beginner to advanced level, this Extra Choice Activity is ideal for both the novice rider wanting to do more and the experienced rider looking to further their skills.



EXTRA CHOICE ACTIVITIES

Tennis

Tennis coaching from experienced instructors, ideal for students of all abilities. The lessons include instruction in all areas of the game; technique, positioning and shot selection, ideal to improve all areas of the student's game.

Outdoor Adventure

Experience the thrill of being in a harness amongst the tall tree tops and go wild on the water in the great outdoors around Oxford. This Extra Choice Activity is great for those wanting to raise their pulse. Activities may include high ropes, ziplines, Jacobs ladder, sailing, paddle boarding or raft building.

Additional English

For students looking to work on their English, we offer 5 additional hours of English tuition each week. This will be taught in small groups and allows students to focus on any areas they may be wishing to improve. This additional tuition carries an extra cost, please see 2018 Price List.





ENGLISH AND MULTI-ACTIVITY EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY	Arrivals / Full-Day Excursion Bournemouth Seaside	Arrivals / Full-Day Excursion Bournemouth Seaside	Welcome Party
MONDAY	English Classes and Buddy Activity	Archery • Football Clay Modelling	Team Challenges
TUESDAY	English Classes and Buddy Activity	Rounders • Quad Bikes Art Masterclass	Spy Night
WEDNESDAY	English Classes and Buddy Activity	Football • Jewellery Making Zumba	Cinema Experience
THURSDAY	English Classes and Buddy Activity	Basketball • Swimming Tie-Dye T-Shirts	International Night
FRIDAY	Full-Day Excursion London Walking Tour & Picnic	Full-Day Excursion London Walking Tour & Picnic	Disco Night
SATURDAY	English Classes	Tennis • Zorbs Cookery	Pizza and Quiz Night

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

DINNER

FLUENT ENGLISH SPEAKER PROGRAMME

We are delighted to be able to offer both our Multi-Activity programme and our Specialist Academy programme to native English speakers and very high level non-native speakers (C1 and above). Students who are accepted onto our programmes without the English language element will take part in additional activities wherever English classes are shown on either programme timetable.

We welcome local children as “Buddies” onto the programme who will also take part in the additional morning activities on the Multi-Activity programme. When choosing a Specialist Academy option, in lieu of the English lessons students will join with the students on the Multi-Activity.

This is a brilliant opportunity for students from across the world to be part of our international camp, take part in high quality activities and build friendships with other students from a range of backgrounds and cultures.

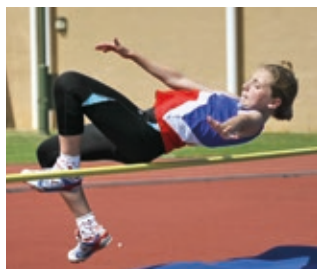


ENGLISH AND SPECIALIST ACADEMY

Suitable for English language ability of intermediate or above



Our Specialist Academies are delivered at stunning locations around Oxford and are perfect for students who would like to do more of the activity they enjoy. Each Academy is four days in length and has local British children attending them which allows for international students to continuously practice their conversational English.



Athletics Academy

Young aspiring sports people are taken through the full range of disciplines both on the track and field. The academy aims to improve running style and speed, teaches how to use blocks for effective sprint starts, sprint relays and baton changes, hurdling technique, throwing technique in shot, discus and javelin, high jump and the use of the Fosbury Flop, long and triple jump as well as races, competitions and multi-disciplinary events.



Golf Academy

Developed to improve students who already have the basics, we work with students to create and control the energy needed to develop a reliable and consistent swing. We work on grip, stance and ball position developing both long and short game. We focus on putting as well as getting out on the course to improve their knowledge of the rules and etiquette required to play.



Rugby Academy

Our Rugby Academy has been prepared by senior coaches in the game and is designed to develop both the individual player as well as their ability to operate in a unit and team. Focusing on students aged 11-14, the academy looks to improve ball handling, ball movement, field positioning, tackling, evading the tackle and kicking. Students will grow in confidence and improve in all aspects of their game.



Dance Academy

Students are introduced to a variety of dance themes and choreography techniques. Our professional dance teachers guide students through every aspect of devising, constructing and creating routines and performances in an energetic environment. This fun and inspiring course will culminate in a small performance during the final session allowing students to proudly showcase all they have learnt.



Survival Academy

Our Survival Academy is delivered by our partner Ultimate Survival who are specialists at delivering outdoor programmes that are fun and adventurous. With three programme options (each delivered once within the six week Oxford Summer Camp period) this academy truly gets students into the great outdoors. Safari Ranger, The Survival Games and Survival Island all offer differed elements of bush craft from real animal encounters to water purification to shelter construction. Students also get to camp out on the final evening rounding off a truly memorable experience.

ENGLISH AND SPECIALIST ACADEMY EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY	Arrivals / Full-Day Excursion Bournemouth Seaside	Arrivals / Full-Day Excursion Bournemouth Seaside	Welcome Party
MONDAY	Specialist Academy with English Students	Specialist Academy with English Students English Classes	Team Challenges
TUESDAY	Specialist Academy with English Students	Specialist Academy with English Students English Classes	Spy Night
WEDNESDAY	Specialist Academy with English Students	Specialist Academy with English Students English Classes	Cinema Experience
THURSDAY	Specialist Academy with English Students	Specialist Academy with English Students English Classes	International Night
FRIDAY	Full-Day Excursion London Walking Tour & Picnic	Full-Day Excursion London Walking Tour & Picnic	Disco Night
SATURDAY	English Classes	English Classes Tennis • Zorbs Cookery	Pizza and Quiz Night

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EXCURSIONS

Students will enjoy the best that England has to offer with visits to cultural sights and attractions. We'll also bring the excursions into the classroom with projects and work based around the places we visit to gain context and understanding of the significance of the locations. Excursions are a real chance for students to immerse themselves in British life from the hustle and bustle of London to the majestic grandeur of Windsor Castle, to the traditional British seaside.

During a two-week course, students will go on three full-day excursions in total. Excursions take place every Friday and Sunday to a range of cultural attractions/ cities.

Every student will visit London at least once during their stay, as a trip to the capital is unmissable! Each two-week course will also include an excursion to a big attraction such as The Making of Harry Potter Studio Tour or Thorpe Park theme park.



EVENING ACTIVITIES

The fun doesn't stop once the afternoon activities are over. Students on all programmes come together to relax, have fun and get to know each other. We have a wide range of evening activities on offer, which our Buddies also attend, including:

Disco

Campfire & BBQ

Mixology - Juice Cocktail Making

Movie Night

Casino Night

Spy Night

Scavenger Hunt

Mini Olympics

Jewellery Making

Street Dance

Talent Battle

The Art Studio

Quiz Night

Themed Party

Karaoke



OUR VALUES AND OUR STAFF

OUR STAFF

We believe students learn best in a relaxed and fun environment. We bring lots of different nationalities together, mixing in with local British children, to create a camp that delivers true integration.

We select the best staff and understand this is paramount to giving students the most fulfilling and fun Oxford Summer Camp experience possible. We pick our staff for their experience, skills, enthusiasm and friendliness and ensure we maintain a high ratio of staff to students. This in turn allows our staff to give every student a high level of attention in all aspects of our camp and look after their individual needs.

STUDENT WELFARE

Oxford Summer Camp provides a safe and secure environment for students to thrive in, and all our staff are completely dedicated to their welfare and happiness. Resident staff are available 24 hours a day to resolve student issues or questions, and to provide support outside of tuition and organised activities. All activities, whether on or off-site, are closely supervised by staff to ensure student safety, well-being and enjoyment. First aid qualified staff are on-site at all times, and a 24-hour telephone number is provided to parents in case of emergency.

We look after students' money through our on-site 'bank' where money is locked in a secure safe, carefully accounted for and it can be accessed for shopping trips and excursions.

BOOKING

Once you have decided dates and programme options please fill out our online booking form to proceed with a booking. Upon receipt of your booking form we reply to you within two working days with confirmation and an invoice. A deposit of £200 per week is required to secure the booking, with the remaining balance due no later than 16th May 2018. Bookings made after 16th May 2018 must be paid in full at the time of booking.

We will send out reminders when payment deadlines approach. Once full payment has been made, we will send you our pre-arrival Welcome Pack with all final details for the programme.

Programme cost includes;

- Accommodation
- All meals
- A full programme of activities, lessons and excursions
- Travel insurance

We are always happy to answer any questions or queries you may have. We are very excited about our 2018 programmes and look forward to welcoming you to Oxford in the summer.

TRAVEL AND TRANSFERS

Bringing your child to our Summer Camp.

You are welcome to bring your child to Oxford Summer Camp yourself; the best time to drop off is mid-afternoon. Please contact us for directions if you need them.

Airport transfer service

For an additional fee we can arrange for one of our Oxford Summer Camp staff members to collect your child from Gatwick and Heathrow airports or London St Pancras for Eurostar. This service is for flights/trains arriving/ departing between 10:00 and 20:00. Please contact us if you require a service for a different airport/station.

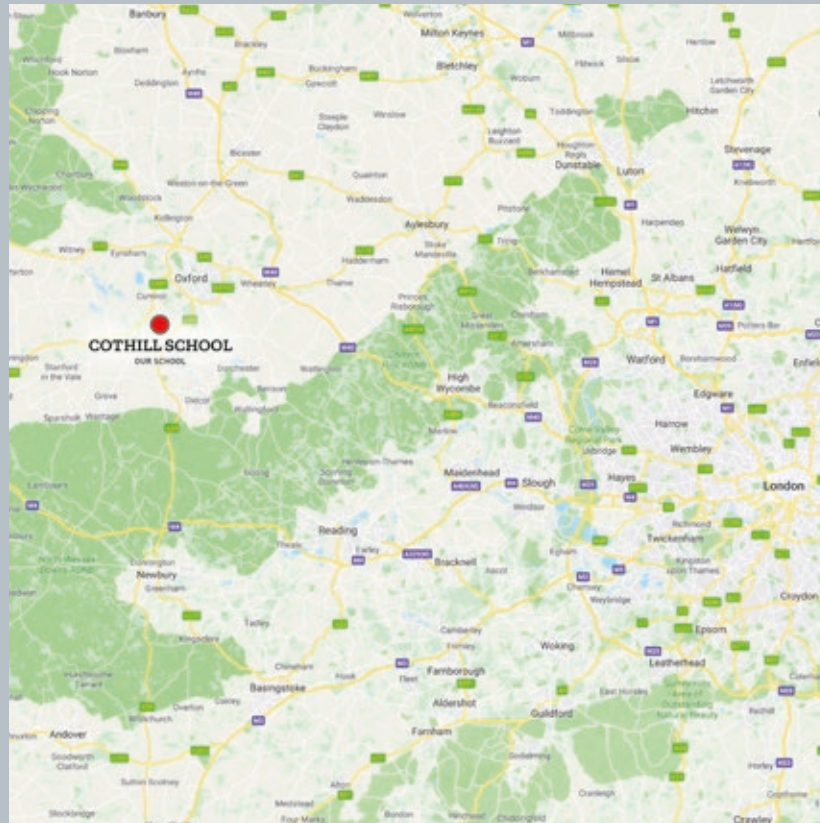
Our staff will transport your child using either a private car, taxi or public transport.

Our Oxford Summer Camp staff member will meet the student at arrivals holding a sign showing the student's name.

For departures, our staff member will assist with check-in and see the student safely through security. The staff member will remain in the airport/station until the flight/train has departed.

All arrivals/departures are treated as unaccompanied minors.





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