Summer in Oxford
2020 Programmes

An exclusive summer abroad residential in constituent colleges of the University of Oxford for high school students aged 13+
We are delighted that you are interested in studying abroad at Summer In Oxford. We understand that students and parents are becoming increasingly focused on the options and decisions to be made after high school. With this in mind, we have designed this booklet, which focuses on our Summer in Oxford programme, to make the process easier by providing an insight into the academic and cultural aspects of our programme.

Studying abroad offers a multitude of advantages for high school students aged between 13-19, particularly through the sense of independence they gain whilst enrolled on an academic course with a diverse group of delegates from all over the world. Our programmes provide the chance for academic, social, and cultural enrichment in the city of dreaming spires, whilst continuing your studies. You’ll experience new teaching styles, whilst gaining knowledge, developing transferable skills such as public speaking and leadership, as well as expanding your international network with like-minded students.

At WorldStrides | CBL International, we have been running academic study abroad programmes for over 15 years, and in that time we have welcomed over 6000 students of more than 100 nationalities. We deliver an intensive programme with a balanced cultural and academic schedule. The Summer Academies have been carefully structured, developed, and delivered by experts in their field.

We understand that choosing a study abroad programme is difficult, and we hope this booklet is informative in providing you with an overview into the different academic electives we offer. Our highly cohesive and experienced team will help you with your application, as well as during your time at Summer In Oxford. Please feel free to contact the Programme Team, all the details can be found on our website www.summerinoxford.com

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Studying in the UK

The high school programme’s wide range of academic electives provides the perfect opportunity to gain insight into a subject you may want to study further at university.

What is Summer In Oxford?

Summer In Oxford offers motivated high school students aged 13 and above the opportunity to spend part of their summer in an academically renowned city, studying a subject of their choice while understanding the process of preparing for university selection and preparation.

Gain Academic Credits
Being part of WorldStrides, the biggest educational travel specialist, allows our students to receive exceptional benefits. Delegates of the summer academy may be seeking high school or college credits, and they are able to earn one after the completion of a two-week programme. There’s the chance to receive four credits for those that extend their stay to eight weeks.

Academic Electives
All subjects offered in Oxford focus on academic teaching, as students select the academic elective of their choice and attend more than 15 hours of teaching during the two weeks dedicated to their subject. Our carefully selected faculty includes members from the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge; ensuring students experience the highest quality of teaching from experts in their field. Electives offered include:

- Economics
- Law
- PPE (Philosophy, Politics, & Economics)
- Natural Science

Options in Cambridge
Not interested in the courses above? Our sister programme, Cambridge Summer Academy, offer the following courses:

- Business & Management
- International Relations and Organisations
- Medicine
- History

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University Preparation & Workshops
At Summer In Oxford, students will have the unique opportunity to experience tailored workshops including leadership training, debating, and mastering the university application process. The interactive workshops amount to over 10 hours of study.

Social & Cultural Activities
As well as providing academic insight, we organise a balanced social and cultural schedule for delegates to enjoy whilst studying in a new city, with new people from different parts of the world. They will visit multicultural London, and an additional two cities to explore and learn more about British history and culture.

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Oxford is home to the world’s oldest English-speaking university, and the poet Mathew Arnold’s ‘dreaming spires’. Summer in Oxford programme takes place at Oriel College, one of the oldest colleges of the University of Oxford, as well as Somerville College, another constituent college.

Students will follow in the footsteps of Nobel Prize winners and legendary explorers as they attend classes in the premises of such colleges, sleep in student dormitories, and take their daily meals in the dining hall. The city itself offers a wealth of culture including the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers museums, punting along the river, and historic walking tours, all of which students will experience.

**Oxford Electives**

**Economics**

Interested in pursuing a degree in economics at university, or simply learning more about the financial world? At the end of the programme, the economics elective will have introduced and deepened your knowledge of economic theories, including micro and macroeconomics, supply & demand, market failure, and game theory. You’ll learn about different countries financial systems, and organisations economic strategies. The Economics Academy offers an invaluable a unique experience in Oxford!

**Law**

The Law Academy presents an array of law topics to provide that all essential insight into the legal area you may want to study at university. Lectures in International and European Human Rights, International Business Law, Criminal Law, as well as a number of other areas are taught during the two-week programme. You’ll have an opportunity to solve your own case, as well as a visit to the Oxford Crown Court to see a real-life case unfolding. The course offers substantial opportunities for students!

**Philosophy, Politics & Economics**

The most famous subject in Oxford offers a combination of three important disciplines: philosophy, politics, and economics. A number of British politicians and world leaders have studied PPE in Oxford, and learned how the subjects are interconnected. Students gain comprehension into how they are interconnected, their importance for good governance, as well as for great political and economical leadership.

**Natural Science**

The Natural Science Academy provides an insight into different areas of this multi-disciplinary academic elective, including biology, chemistry, physics, and medicine. Teaching aims to develop your interests to a higher level, as well as providing an insight into different sciences you may pursue later at university. If you loved studying biology, chemistry, and physics at high school this academic elective will give you new knowledge on a number of different areas related to sciences.
University Preparation

An integral part of Summer in Oxford are the tailored workshops preparing students for university. Our faculty includes members of the University of Cambridge to provide insight into their university experience, and to assist with admission interview techniques.

Every two-week session includes more than 10 hours of workshops for the duration of the programme, including:

- **Personal Statements**
  The importance of writing a clear and convincing personal statement is undeniable, as this is an opportunity to demonstrate your enthusiasm and potential. Our workshops are tailored specifically to provide guidance in the composition and structure of personal statements, with the chance to write your own and receive feedback.

- **Interview Techniques & Mock Interviews**
  Personal interviews are part of most university application processes worldwide and require thorough preparation. As a delegate on the programme, you will receive coaching on applications and interview, as well as take part in mock interviews that will be conducted with all students to stimulate real life situations.

- **Debating Workshops**
  Our debating workshops have a strong emphasis on critical thinking, leadership skills, teamwork, effective communication, as well as individual research.

- **Evening Talks**
  During additional seminars after dinner the interdisciplinary work in colleges is demonstrated.

The topics or subject of the workshop may occur due to the availability of faculty members at the time of the programme.

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**SO FAR**

**100+ NATIONALITIES PARTICIPATED**

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"Studying at the summer academy has been the most cultural, international, and life-changing experience for me. I loved the dynamic nature of our workshops, it allowed me to learn about the admissions process and put what we had learned to test."

"The teachers were fantastic. Their academic and professional experience was compelling and provided individualised content to all the lectures."

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The academic electives and university preparation are at the heart of Summer In Oxford. However, it is important that students venture outside of the classroom in order to discover the variety of fun and cultural activities in Oxford, and the rest of England has to offer.

Students will take part in local activities allowing them to socialise, and integrate in the university and city culture. Whereas the day trips allow them to embrace the British lifestyle and history.

There are a lot of social opportunities on campus, whether you want to catch up with new friends, participate in an organised activity or explore the city.

Windsor Castle
Windsor Castle has been the family home to British kings and queens for over 1,000 years. The size of the Castle is breath taking, in fact it is the largest and oldest occupied Castle in the world and it’s where Her Majesty The Queen chooses to spend most of her private weekends. She may even be in residence - Look at the flag flying from the Castle’s Round Tower; if it’s the Royal Standard The Queen will be there too!

Bath
Bath is the largest city in the county of Somerset, England, known for its Roman-built baths. The city became a World Heritage site in 1987. Bath Abbey was founded in the 7th century and became a religious centre; the building was rebuilt in the 12th and 16th centuries. In the 17th century, Bath became popular as a spa town in the Georgian era. In the 18th century the city is famous for its fashion and the population grew. Jane Austen lived in Bath in the early 19th century.

London
There are a number of things to do in multicultural London to suit delegate’s preferences. In the past we’ve organised a number of activities, including a London Walking Tour to learn about its rich history, a visit to Houses of Parliament or to one of its many outstanding museums, shopping in Oxford Street, and much more.
Student Life

Student Welfare

Student life is an important aspect of the Oxford experience. At Summer In Oxford, students receive an authentic taste of what it is like to study and live in these iconic cities.

Accommodation
Participants will live in constituent colleges of the University of Oxford. These are rooms that normally accommodate undergraduate or graduate students throughout the academic year. Summer In Oxford students have shared bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities. There is also the option of upgrading to a single bedroom with a shared bathroom. All student rooms are within walking distance of teaching rooms, the dining hall, and the city centre.

Meals
Summer In Oxford includes full board for the duration of the programme, as well as accommodating different dietary requirements. Students eat their meals in the ornate college dining rooms, adding to the Oxford student experience.

Facilities
Most areas of the college have wireless internet, allowing students to be in touch with friends and family back home. Our team of Programme Directors and Delegate Advisors are always on hand to assist students with any questions or concerns, and where possible we will satisfy any student requests. Laundry facilities (washing machine and dryer) are available on the premises and there is a small fee to be paid to use the machinery.

Please note that some of the premises are not suited to people with mobility restrictions. Participants may not have access to all sports facilities of the colleges.

We take students’ health and safety very seriously. The following measures and procedures ensure students and their parents can put their minds at ease:

- Summer In Oxford takes place in secure locations on supervised premises. The colleges have 24-hour porters for any emergencies.
- Students are given a Delegate ID, which they are required to wear at all times. The ID provides essential contact information for students.
- Delegate handbooks inform students of the health and safety requirements at Summer In Oxford, including useful information about the programme, extra-curricular activities, maps of the locations, and much more.
- Our team of Delegate Advisors and Programme Directors can assist with a wide variety of concerns such as currency, mobile phones, or illness to make students feel confident and reassured, as well as various languages spoken by our team members.
- WorldStrides | CBL International is accredited by the British Accreditation Council.
- All scheduled activities and excursions are supervised by WorldStrides | CBL International staff that follow protocols in the case of emergencies, or unforeseen circumstances.
- Before launching any programmes, we follow the latest news closely and remain up to date in regards to the programme location to ensure it is safe to go. More information about safety is available on our website.
- Students are advised to have International Health Insurance in order to cover themselves in the event of any accidents, injuries or illness during the programme period. A copy of the respective insurance policy must be provided to WorldStrides | CBL International upon request.

If you wish to learn more or have concerns relating to safety and health issues, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone: +44 203 922 1998 or by email: apply@summerinoxford.com
Scholarships & Tuition Fees

We provide a variety of scholarship options for students to take advantage of, with the aim of reducing their cost of tuition.

Early Bird Discount
The Early Bird Discount is available to any applicant who has registered and paid for all their tuition and accommodation more than three months before the start date of Summer In Oxford. You’ll receive 100 GBP off your tuition fee.

Photography Scholarship
If taking pictures and sharing them with friends is one of your hobbies, this is the perfect scholarship opportunity for you. You will receive 100 GBP after all your blog entries have been submitted and approved.

Group Discount
Why not bring your friends and save on tuition? When four friends or more apply and participate together in the programme, you will each receive 150 GBP off your tuition. The more the merrier!

Bloggng Scholarship
You are expected to write blog entries on a daily basis about your experiences and thoughts of our programmes, lectures, excursions, company visits, etc. – perfect for the future journalists or keen writer. You will receive 100 GBP after all your blog entries have been submitted and approved.

Tuition Fees
The tuition fee includes full board, accommodation, programme materials, all excursion, day trips, and social activities.

Two-week session: £4,380
Extending your programme for an Additional two weeks: £3,880

For Parents: FAQs

Academic Courses

How can I apply?
We want to make applying for the summer academy as easy as possible, please visit www.summerinoxford.com/apply for more information about the different options to get your application started.

Are there any prerequisites for taking part in the Summer Academies?
No previous knowledge on your subject choice is required. The contents of different modules may appear wide-ranging but lectures are designed to engage participants who have had no prior knowledge of topics covered. Taking account of the diversity of participants disciplinary backgrounds, the Summer Academies are designed to be informative for all attending delegates.

What happens outside of lectures?
Besides the interactive lectures, participants are kept fully engaged through a variety of extra-curricular activities, excursions to historical and iconic landmarks, as well as guest speakers covering prominent & thought-provoking topics. It’ll one of the most memorable summers you’ll ever have, we promise.

Will I receive a Certificate of Attendance and Achievement?
Yes, the Programme Director will present you with a certificate at the end of the programme during the Farewell Meal and Certificate Ceremony. This certificate will earn you one US High School Credit. You also have the option of obtaining one US College Credit, awarded by the University of California San Diego (UCSD), WorldStrides’ partner university institution.

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Can I extend my stay?
Most participants of Summer Academies extend their stay to four-weeks in order to experience both Oxford and Cambridge. We ensure students arrive at their next location safely, as well as the tuition fee covering transport to Oxford/Cambridge. Each location offers a different academic elective, as well as new content for workshops to ensure maximum learning whilst enrolled in our programmes.

What is included in the tuition fee?
The tuition fee includes:
- Lectures & seminars including material, hand-outs, etc
- 1 high school credit per 2 weeks
- The Summer Academies Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- Accommodation in a college of Oxford
- Full board
- Social activities
- Internet connection
- London excursions
- 2 additional excursions
- Transport to tourist attractions & historical landmarks
- Evening talks
- Welcome Reception & Farewell Dinner

Arrival & Departures

When do the Summer Academies programmes start?
Students are required to arrive at the campus on the Sunday of each start date, as lectures & workshops commence on Monday. Sunday is arrival day when students will be checked into their rooms, and are invited to attend an evening meet and greet activity facilitated by our staff.

What happens on the day of departure?
The programmes end on a Saturday. All participants are invited to the “Farewell Dinner” where certificates will be awarded; our professional photographer will take pictures to document the night, as well as food and drinks being served. This takes place on the Friday before the end of the programme, with delegates celebrating the end of their time together with new friends.

You can find more answers to common questions at: http://summerinoxford.com/faqs/
Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Academic Advisors in Oxford at: +44 203 922 1998.