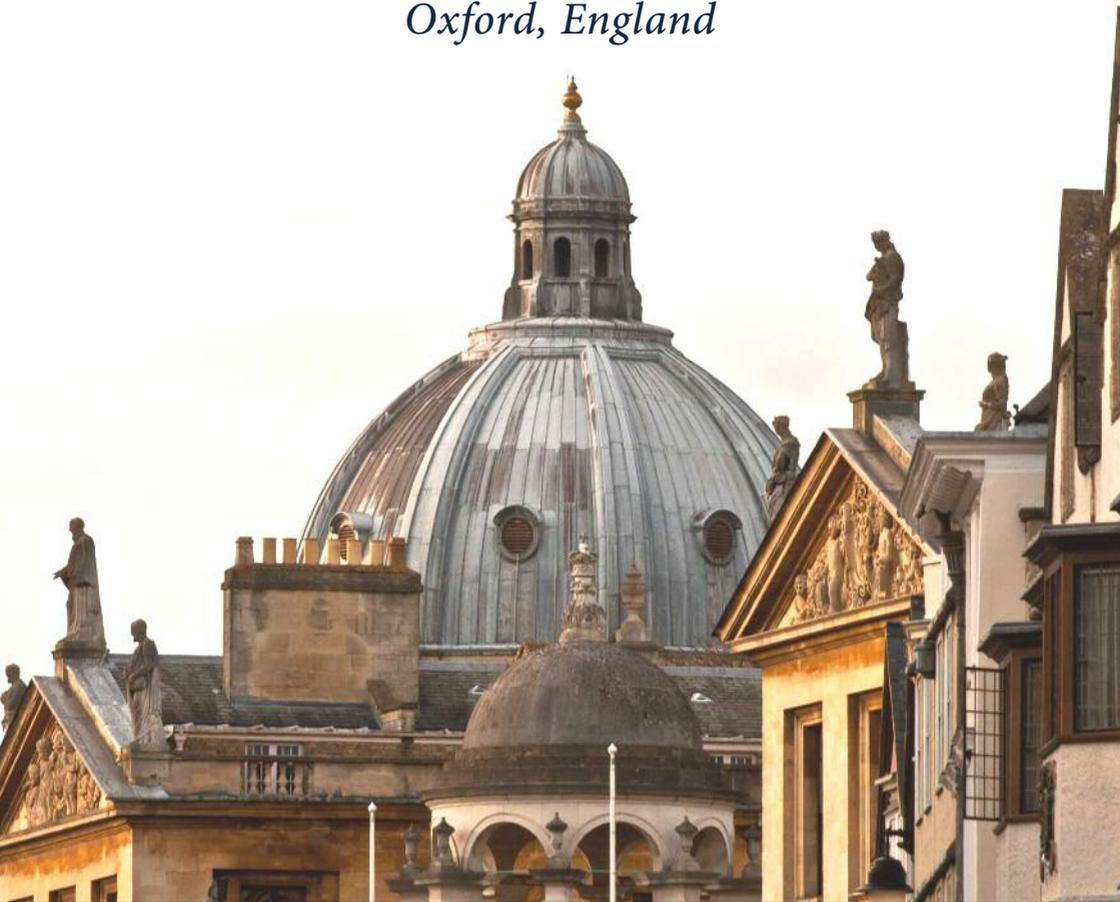




# *Oxford Summer Academy*

*An Academic & Cultural Programme  
for High School Students,  
Oxford, England*



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***The Oxford Summer Academy is a programme designed for high school and college students aged 16-20 years. Participants are introduced to the unique academic and cultural environment of Oxford, England, and experience at first-hand what it is like to study at Oxford.***

The Oxford Summer Academy is a complete package. The programme includes academic tuition during the mornings, participation in electives during the afternoons, and a wide range of cultural activities and excursions. The Oxford Summer Academy is based at St Edmund Hall, Oxford University each July.

The teaching staff at the Oxford Summer Academy are tutors and graduates of both the University of Oxford and other leading universities across the world. Academic tuition gives students the opportunity to consolidate their high school studies, as well as the chance to explore new subjects.

The afternoon electives are designed to broaden students' experience and lead to achievements that can enhance university applications.

The Oxford Summer Academy aims to help every student realise their full potential, and achieve a place at the university of their choice. For those

students considering Oxford, there will be the opportunity to talk informally with university teaching staff and recent graduates.

In each fortnight, we run a seminar on applying to university in the UK. This includes information on deadlines, entrance tests and writing a personal statement. Students will have the opportunity to visit Oxford's colleges each fortnight. There are optional visits to some of London University's colleges. For students enrolled on the 4-week course, there is a day trip to Cambridge University.

Every student is treated as an individual. We aim to provide the best possible academic tuition and pastoral care. As a result, the number of places at the Oxford Summer Academy is limited each year. We hope that you will share our passion and enthusiasm for Oxford and education.

We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford!

## MAJOR OPTIONS

Students choose one option from the list below each fortnight.

### Oxbridge Preparation

#### Leadership and Management

#### Math and Science

Probability and Statistics

Advanced Algebra

Calculus

Introduction to Particle Physics

Introduction to Medical Biology

Advanced Medical Biology

Inorganic Chemistry

#### Literature and Drama

Themes in Drama Through the Ages

Shakespeare: Poems, Performances & Prose

Perspectives on Poetry

#### Social Sciences

Psychology: Inside the Human Mind

Macroeconomic Issues

Law: An Introduction to Legal Concepts

#### Humanities

History – World Wars I & II

Modern International Relations

Philosophy – Revolutions “What were they thinking?”

Critical Thinking: The Art of Reasoning

Global Crises, Smart Solution

#### Languages

French Language & Culture – Intermediate

German – Beginners

Spanish – Beginners

Latin – Beginners

Ancient Greek – Beginners

## MINOR OPTIONS

Students, in addition, choose one minor option each fortnight.

### Oxbridge Preparation

#### Leadership and Management

#### Math and Science

Geometry and Trigonometry

Algebra

Advanced Calculus

#### Literature and Drama

The Wonderful World of Short Stories

Aspects of Irish Literature

#### Social Sciences

Sociology – Crime and Deviance

Economic Curiosities

British & American Politics – A comparative Study

#### Humanities

History – The Tudors

Classical Mythology

Philosophy – What is a Good Life?

Critical Thinking: The Art of Reasoning

New Economics for a Low Carbon Future

#### Languages

French Language and Culture – Beginners

German – Intermediate

Spanish – Intermediate

Students may take additional coaching in a wide variety of subjects, including:

- Oxford Thinking Skills Assessment
- SAT, UKCAT, BMAT, LMAT, HAT, PAT
- Mathematics Clinic, Essay Writing, Critical Thinking
- Languages, incl. Russian and Mandarin

## ELECTIVE CHOICES

Students follow their electives during afternoons and choose one from the list below each fortnight.

### **Public Speaking and Debate**

Oxford has a long tradition of debate - many UK and US politicians learnt their public speaking skills in the Oxford Union. Students will gain confidence and competence in constructing, rebutting and presenting arguments. Based on a proposition that the students decide themselves, a debate is conducted in front of all the students, and a vote taken, to decide the winning team.

### **Creative Writing**

The skills of writing prose, poetry and journalism are developed as students design, write and create The Oxford Summer Academy Magazine. This will be distributed to all students at the course end, as well as published online.

### **Drama – From Page to Stage**

Students work together with the course leader to write and direct their own play. They then perform this at the end of the course for the rest of the students, which is always a highlight of the course.

### **Photography**

The beautiful architecture, cityscapes and landscapes of Oxford will be used in this elective. Each afternoon, students visit a different Oxford location and build a portfolio of work. At the end of the course,

an exhibition of students' work is mounted. Images also contribute to the Academy Magazine.

### **Extreme Science: Practicals beyond the Classroom**

Science is everywhere and we all study it at school. But have you seen or experienced at first hand just how much fun it really can be? This elective is all about the experiments they don't and won't let you do at school. An interactive laboratory experience that will capture your imagination and show you things you didn't even know were possible!

### **Leadership and Management**

This elective introduces students to the key points of being an effective leader. It includes concepts and skills that participants can employ in development of emotional intelligence, 'self-leadership' and project leadership capability. It addresses the difference between leadership and management and acts as an introductory guide to good management practice.

### **Improvisational Comedy**

Not only is this elective guaranteed to make you laugh, it also gives you invaluable skills for creative leadership and collaboration in a complex and unpredictable world. Through a series of improvisation theatre games you will develop skills in spontaneity, instant responsiveness, building on ideas, and leading without control. You will learn how to create entertaining stories and

scenes out of nowhere by taking inspiration from your co-performers. There will be a chance to perform your own Impro Show at the end of the course.

### **Tennis**

Students may elect to attend a tennis academy held at a local sports gym. Tuition is provided by qualified coaches.

## **EXCURSIONS AND THEATRE VISITS**

An important part of the Oxford Summer Academy is its excursions, theatre trips and our programme of social events. Each week, there is at least one full-day excursion and an evening theatre performance.

### **Excursion Timetable:**

#### **July 5th 2014:**

*"Roman Bath and Prehistoric Stonehenge"*

Travel to Bath and visit the Roman Baths Museum. After lunch, go on to the prehistoric Stonehenge site.

#### **July 9th 2014:**

*"Hampton Court"*

Hampton Court dates from the 15th century and was rebuilt in the 16th century by Cardinal Wolsey for King Henry VIII.

#### **July 19th 2014:**

*"Shakespeare's Stratford"*

A walking tour of Stratford upon Avon and visit Shakespeare's birth place.

#### **July 23rd 2014:**

*"London Sights"*

Visit the gourmet Borough market, The Golden Hinde, St Paul's Cathedral and the vibrant Covent Garden Market.

## **UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE**

Many students who attend the Oxford Summer Academy plan to go on and study at a world-class university. This involves making the right choice, and understanding and preparing for the selection process.

Each fortnight, we run a seminar which covers all aspects of applying to university in the UK. Following on from this, we are happy to give students advice and guidance on an individual basis. In particular, we are happy to help students with the preparation of their personal statement.

Students at the Oxford Summer Academy have the opportunity to live in a medieval college and explore the University of Oxford. For students who are thinking of applying to Oxford, we can arrange informal chats with university staff, and practice interviews.

During their stay with us students also have the opportunity to spend the day in Cambridge, and, visit some of London University's colleges.

Oxford Summer Academy offers coaching in university entrance tests, including BMAT, UKCAT, LMAT, HAT, PAT, STEP and The Oxford Thinking Skills Assessment Test.

## ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Students are resident at St Edmund Hall, a medieval college of the University of Oxford. Accommodation is in twin or single study-bedrooms. Each room has hot and cold running water and a shaving socket. As is usual in UK university accommodation, there are shared bathrooms on each floor.

Breakfast and dinner are taken in the college dining hall. The food at St Edmund Hall is very good! Special dietary requirements can be accommodated – please let us know in advance. Dinner each day is a “formal” – an Oxford term. Students are waited-on at refectory-style tables.

There are laundry facilities within the college. Internet access is available in rooms. Each study-bedroom has a phone which can directly receive incoming calls. Outgoing calls can be made on a card system.

## SOCIAL LIFE

The course starts with a Welcome Reception, where students, parents, staff and tutors can quickly get to know each other. The Oxford Summer Academy entz team often consist of Oxford graduates dedicated to ensure that students enjoy their stay in Oxford. Their role is partly pastoral, and they also co-ordinate a variety of Oxford-based activities for students during their free time. These include visits to Oxford colleges,

museums, gardens, cafés, shops and markets. Activities are planned for evenings, and these typically include punting picnics, croquet matches, film evenings, treasure hunts, mystery games and sports.

The end of each course is marked by students showcasing their work, including the debate, the drama performance, the comedy performance, the photographic exhibition, the magazine, and finally, the gala dinner.

## DATES 2014

4-week course:

Sunday June 29 – Saturday July 26

2-week courses:

Sunday June 29 – Saturday July 12

Sunday July 13– Saturday July 26

## FEES

4-week course: GBP £6,800

2-week course: GBP £3,450

Additional tuition: GBP £350  
for each subject

Fees include:

- Accommodation at St Edmund Hall
- Breakfast and Dinner each day
- All tuition and tuition materials
- All excursions
- The programme of social events
- Theatre Visits
- Insurance

A typical course timetable

A typical timetable of a 2 week course:

	9.15-11.15		11.30-12.30	12.30-13.15		14.15-17.15			19.30-22.30
SUN	Arrival & Registration						Welcome Reception	Welcome Dinner	Welcome Party
MON	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Elective	Free Time	Dinner	Treasure Hunt
TUES	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Private Study		Dinner	Sports Evening
WED	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Elective	Free Time	Dinner	Bowling
THU	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Private Study		Dinner	Lecture
FRI	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Elective	Free Time	Dinner	Theatre
SAT	Excursion								
SUN	Excursion								
MON	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Elective	Free Time	Dinner	Punting
TUES	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Universities seminar	Free Time	Dinner	Theatre
WED	Excursion								
THU	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Elective	Free Time	Dinner	Student Debate
FRI	Major	Break	Minor	Optional Courses	Lunch	Exhibition of students' work & tea	Drama Performance	Gala Dinner	
SAT	Departure day								

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