



# BRADFIELD COLLEGE

## SUMMER SCHOOL



**Summer 2024**

## CONTENTS

An Education for Life  
Academic Modules  
School Campus  
Co-Curricular  
Evening Programme  
Excursions  
Dates and Fees  
What's Included



# *Welcome*

Bradfield College is delighted to host its inaugural Summer School. As one of the UK's most prestigious co-educational boarding schools, we are committed to delivering an Education for Life, one that prepares students for the exciting, multicultural world that awaits them.

You will see this most clearly in our own academic curriculum, which sets learning in real-world contexts and develops 21st century skills.

Our Summer School programme offers a balance between academic and co-curricular activities, interwoven with fun, friendship and memories for life.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful school.



**Dr Chris Stevens**  
Headmaster

# An Education For Life

Bradfield College Summer School welcomes ambitious students aged 12–17 with a strong command of English and who want to experience life at one of the UK’s leading boarding schools. The two-week course is based on our highly successful year-round ‘Faulkners Curriculum’, designed to prepare students for life in a fast-changing world and champion interdisciplinary thinking beyond the confines of standard school subjects. Modules are skills-focused and use contemporary, real-world issues to broaden and deepen students’ intellectual curiosity, equipping them with the tools for success in higher education and the modern workplace.

“*A curriculum that equips our young people with the skills and mindset that will help them be successful in 2030 and beyond.*

– Neil Burch Deputy Head of Academics



# Academic Modules

Students study three academic modules taught by Bradfield College teachers. Throughout the modules, they learn about Digital Literacy and how to work effectively and responsibly with digital tools. To optimise learning, students are required to have a B2 English level. Classroom learning is supported by a range of evening activities and excursions throughout the course.



**Complex Problem Solving:** implement a researched plan that addresses a challenge with lots of factors influencing it



**Presentation:** communicate information clearly and in a way that engages a specific audience



**Critical Thinking:** examine evidence and other people’s views to help come to a judgement based on a reasoned argument

# Complex Problem Solving

At Bradfield, we believe that a flexible and multi-disciplinary approach to problem-solving is essential in almost every career, from politics to design. In this module, students learn how to unpack complex problems, identify the contributing variables and where they intersect, and build the confidence to propose well-researched and creative solutions.

Using real-world problems, Bradfield teachers guide students working in pairs or groups through techniques to conduct detailed analyses of the challenges and potential solutions across various disciplines, including identifying risks and benefits and considering wider cultural implications.

## Example session topics:

### BUSINESS ETHICS:

How can a company maintain its competitive advantage while balancing ethical and moral obligations such as environmental and social responsibility?

### GOVERNMENT POLICY:

In a democratic government, how do you enact meaningful and effective solutions to complex long-term problems while maintaining public support?



**Key Skills:** problem-solving, analytical reasoning, teamwork, risk management, decision-making, prioritisation, communication, debating.



**Key Skills:** setting goals, structuring presentations, writing, designing visual aids, public speaking, verbal communication, non-verbal communication and body language, conducting question and answer sessions.

# Presentation

The ability to effectively present ideas is at the heart of this module and applies to every aspect of life. Students are equipped with the skills to engage and captivate an audience, no matter the topic, using visual and verbal techniques to connect and convey meaning with confidence and assurance.

Our teachers understand that confident public speaking rarely comes naturally and we use the same techniques throughout the school to assist students in preparing them to calmly articulate ideas to their fellow students and others, manage performance anxiety and build effective and engaging presentations.

## Example session topics:

How to structure, write and perform a captivating speech.

Performance techniques: vocal warm-ups, stage presence, delivery.



# Critical Thinking

In a world of information overload, skills to effectively evaluate this information and overcome cognitive biases are more important than ever. Critical thinking is also central to intellectual engagement and independent study and so, at Bradfield, it permeates our whole curriculum.

Designed to establish lifelong critical-thinking habits, this module equips students with the tools to exercise curiosity and open-mindedness, independently gather pertinent evidence, systematically analyse and evaluate, and use logical reasoning to reach well-informed conclusions or interpretations.

## Example session topics:

**FALSE INFORMATION:**  
Fake news, deep fake technology and how to navigate the future of information.

**BIAS IN THE MEDIA:**  
How culture and experience affect the way information is presented and how bias can impact the interpretation of information.



**Key Skills:** critical analysis, evaluating evidence, logical reasoning and inference, problem-solving, mental agility and curiosity, open-mindedness, and identifying bias in decision-making.

# School Campus

Located in the heart of the beautiful Berkshire countryside, yet only 45 minutes from London Heathrow, Bradfield College enjoys a well-established reputation as one of England's leading private schools. A mix of impressive historic buildings and extensive modern facilities are set in acres of picturesque school grounds, providing an inspiring setting for learning. Living on campus, students gain a valuable insight into life at Bradfield College and the experience of attending an English boarding school.

## Accommodation

Fully equipped modern houses  
Single and twin en-suite bedrooms

## Facilities

Modern classroom facilities  
State-of-the-art music centre  
Extensive art block  
Outdoor amphitheatre  
Grass and astro-turf sports pitches  
Flood-lit tennis courts  
Indoor sports centre  
25m swimming pool  
Student common rooms in all boarding houses  
Free Wi-Fi  
Laundry facilities



## Address

Bradfield College, Bradfield, Reading,  
United Kingdom, RG7 6AU

## Transport Links

London Heathrow 48km  
London Gatwick 88km

# Co-Curricular

After a day of learning in the classroom, students choose between various activities to enjoy before dinner. These always include something sporty and something creative. Offering a relaxed and informal break from learning, activities allow students to make the most of the facilities on offer and find additional common interests with other students.



**Example activities include:** Swimming, Tennis, Yoga, Art, Basketball, Drama, Music, Pottery



# Evening Programme

The evening programme enables students to connect with each other in a fun and dynamic way. This is an essential part of the course, encouraging a family atmosphere and sense of belonging that stays with a student long after returning home.

To create a friendly but competitive atmosphere, students join a house team for the duration of their stay. These teams form the basis of the evening activities and are designed to encourage international friendships and develop key leadership skills.



**Evening programme includes:** Team Trials, Casino Night, Talent Show, Fashion Show, Mission Impossible, Disco, Capture the Flag



# Excursions

## **London** *(Full Day)*

On the first Sunday of each course, students visit the famous sites of London such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and The London Eye. This is followed by some time for shopping at Westfield, one of Europe's largest shopping centres.

## **Thorpe Park Theme Park** *(Full Day)*

Just 45 minutes from the College, Thorpe Park is the ideal place for students to take a day off from the academic programme to relax and have fun. The resort is filled with rides, attractions and live events, featuring some of the UK's most popular rollercoasters and rides.

## **Windsor** *(Half Day)*

A residence of the British royal family for nearly 1000 years and the largest, oldest inhabited castle in the world, the group will be taken on a guided tour, exploring the castle's extraordinary history.

## **Oxford** *(Half Day)*

Students explore the historic city of Oxford, home to the oldest university in the English-speaking world, with magnificent architecture and academic history around every corner.



# Dates and Fees

Each 2-week programme runs for 13 nights from Monday afternoon to Sunday morning. Airport transfers are available from London Heathrow and Gatwick airports on the first day and last day of the course.

## Dates

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August

## Fees

£4400 per 2-week course (13 nights)  
*Additional charge for airport transfers if required.*

# What's Included

## Academic Modules

- 40 hours of tuition in 3 skills-based academic modules
- Teaching by Bradfield College teachers
- Small class sizes
- Report and certificate to take home

## Accommodation

- On-site accommodation in single en-suite bedroom
- 3 meals a day and an evening snack
- 24/7 welfare support staff
- Access to a full range of school facilities

## Co Curricular

- Daily choice of afternoon activities
- Varied and exciting evening social programme
- Trips to London, Thorpe Park Theme Park, Windsor and Oxford





**Book Your Place Today**

VISIT [bradfieldcollegesummerschool.com](http://bradfieldcollegesummerschool.com)

EMAIL [info@bradfieldcollegesummerschool.com](mailto:info@bradfieldcollegesummerschool.com)

CALL +44 118 227 4110