



Oxford School
of English
Junior Summer
School 2026



24 years, 18,000 students

Since opening in Oxford two decades ago, our school has provided English language courses and activity programmes to some 18,000 students.

We host junior groups throughout the year, while our Oxford Summer School is open for six weeks in July and August. Each year, our Summer School hosts around 600 students from all over the world.



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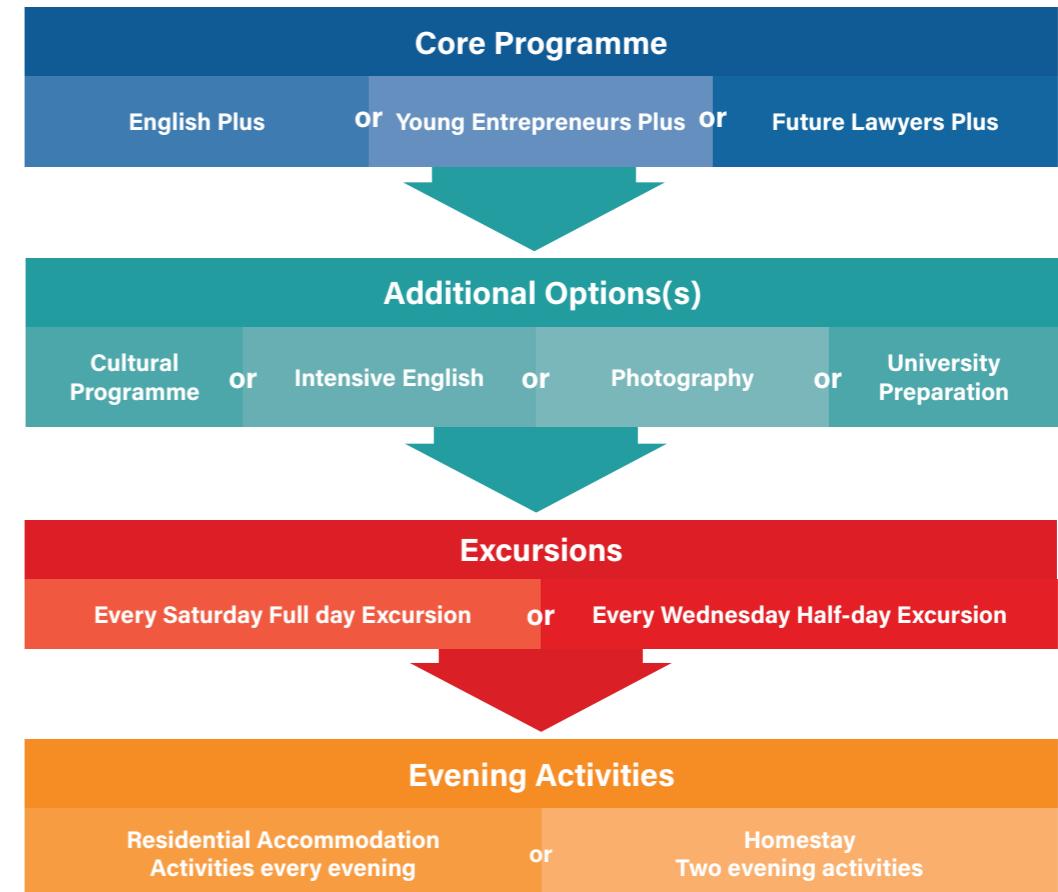
Before coming to Oxford, I was so afraid of 'English Language'. I thought if I said something in English, I would make a mistake and people would laugh at me. English was a subject I didn't like at all.

But I've learnt so much and changed a lot! I've become more brave, now I dare show my feelings, to speak and to answer questions in English. I even dare to share my opinions in English. Thank you, OSE!

Puntita, Thailand



Course Information



- Students can choose only one subject from the Additional options list, although some of these options are combined with the Cultural programme (see below).
- The Photography and University preparation additional options have sessions 4 days per week with students taking part on the halfday and full-day excursions.
- Intensive English is available only to students choosing English Plus as their core programme. Intensive students will have 24 full hours in their first week and 27 full hours in subsequent weeks due to walking tour and half-day excursions.
- For each additional option, we require a minimum number of 10 registered students, if this threshold is not reached we will substitute for the Cultural Programme.

Courses in detail



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My English improved a lot – I had amazing teachers and everyone was always willing to help. I was very happy studying with OSE.

Thanks for everything!

Diego, Venezuela

Core study programmes

Young Entrepreneurs Plus

This course guides students through a range of business and leadership challenges, teaching them to apply rational and critical thinking to the kind of testing situations they may face in the future and to develop new management skills. Working together in small groups, our Young Leaders learn how to present elevator pitches, design a business plan around a product or service, visit the Mini car plant to see how a state-of-the-art factory operates, and meet a successful businessperson for a specialised seminar!

This course is 15 hours per week (3 hours per day, Monday to Friday), and is open to students aged 13+, with a minimum of B2 level English.



English Plus

Our 15 hours per week English Plus course is open to all students, with classes at every level, from Beginner (A0) to Proficiency (C2). Covering every aspect of English language learning – listening, speaking, reading, writing, with additional work on vocabulary and pronunciation – our courses are designed to make significant improvements to students' ability in a short time.

The coursework can be dovetailed into elements of the Cultural programme, enabling students to put their new knowledge into practical use in purpose-designed research and quiz projects.

To ensure a vibrant and student-focused classroom environment, we limit our class size to no more than 16 students. On average we have 12-13 students per class.





Future Lawyers Plus

This course is designed and taught by Masters or PhD graduates who are experts in their field. Students will be taught age-appropriate case studies, learn about various law types and prepare for a final task – a mock trial held in a court room in the centre of Oxford.

Classes will take place in Oxford's historic Town Hall. Each week is comprised of 15 full hours of classes, we recommend students join the Cultural programme in the afternoons.

This course will challenge students with at least a B2 level of English and help in bettering their understanding of UK and international law as well as improve their confidence in presenting, debating, negotiating and public speaking.

+ Additional options

Cultural programme

Oxford is one of the world's most fascinating and beautiful cities, with a huge number of things to see and to do. Our cultural programme guides students through many of the city's historic features.

The action-packed programme ensures that not a moment is lost during the students' stay, filling their leisure time with quizzes, sports (football, badminton, basketball, bowling and volleyball), team challenges, karaoke, film viewings, discos and a farewell party.



Intensive English

Students choosing our English Plus course can add Intensive English to their study programme, so that they study English for six hours per day, four days per week. This maximises their exposure to English language learning and ensures that they make the fastest possible progress.

Intensive English students join the full-day excursion each Saturday, the Wednesday half-day excursion and evening activities (every evening for residential students, and twice per week for homestay students).



University preparation

University is a sudden step up for most students, introducing its own new challenges; and our University preparation course provides clear guidance on how to be a success from the very first moment. Our course is focused on applying for and attending university in the UK, but is equally valuable for students planning to study at university elsewhere.

The course shows students how to:

- Enhance the note-taking skills needed for university lectures
- Focus on how English is used in an academic environment
- Explore the differences between seminars, lectures and workshops
- Learn about the UK university application system



Photography

Our photography course enables students to explore composition, lighting, cropping, contrast, effects, macro and depth of field; to experiment with movement, long exposure and Light Painting; and to use Photoshop to enhance and manipulate images.

Most importantly, the course helps students to increase significantly their understanding of camera work and develop their own style.





Excursions and evening activities

All students join a full-day excursion each Saturday, and a half-day excursion each Wednesday.

Excursion destinations include London, Brighton, Bath, Blenheim Palace, Warwick Castle and Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Evening activities

Evening activities include sports, karaoke, discos, quizzes, films, social events and a farewell party at the end of the course. Students living in our residential accommodation participate in activities every evening, while students in homestay join them twice per week.

Sample Programme: Junior Summer School 2024 - 2-Week Residential Programme

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Arrival Day	Classes 09:00 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:30	Classes 09:00 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:30	Classes 09:00 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:30	Classes 09:00 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:30	Classes 09:00 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:30	Day Trip to London! 08:00 - 18:00	Choice Day! 10:30 - 18:30
Afternoon	Oxford walking tour 14:00 - 15:30 Guided tour around Oxford with your Activity Leader	Quiz Trail + Carfax 14:30 - 16:30 Follow the clues to learn more about Oxford. Finish the trail with a climb up Carfax Tower for some stunning views of the city	Cotswold Wildlife Park 13:15 - 18:00 A half-day excursion to the home of a fascinating collection of animals!	Sports Afternoon! 14:30 - 16:30 A range of fun activities and sports on South Park!	Bowling! 14:30 - 16:30 A round of bowling at the Kassam Stadium		Full-day excursion to London with walking tour of Buckingham Palace, Westminster, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus and Covent Garden	A day for your group to plan in advance with your Group Leader. If you are an individual student you will be accompanied by an OSE Activity Leader for the day in Oxford.
Evening	Social Evening to make new friends!	20:00 - 22:00 Sports Night	19:30 - 21:30 Bingo!	20:00 - 22:00 Disco	20:00 - 22:00 Cinema	20:00 - 22:00 Disco	20:00 - 22:00 Talent Show Prep	20:00 - 22:00 Talent Show

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Morning	Scavenger Hunt 9:30 - 12:30 Clues, challenges, photo opportunities and competition!	Punting 09:30 - 12:00 Try your hand at one of Oxford's most popular and traditional past times. Balance is key along the Cherwell River	Bourton-on-the-Water 09:30 - 12:30 A half-day excursion to this idyllic town in the heart of British countryside. This town has been voted the most beautiful in England!	Cream Tea and Museum Trip 09:30 - 12:00 Traditional cream tea lots of calories!) and a trip to one of Oxford's many museums to enrich the mind	Sports Morning! 09:30 - 12:00 A chance to blow off some steam and have a bit of friendly competition on South Park or University Parks	Day Trip to Warwick Castle and Stratford! 08:00 - 18:00 Full-day excursion taking in the medieval Warwick Castle and then on to Stratford, Shakespeare's town of birth.	Departure Day
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Evening	20:00 - 22:00 Games Evening	19:30 - 21:30 Karaoke!	20:00 - 22:00 Disco	20:00 - 22:00 Video Journal Eve	20:00 - 22:00 Graduation!	20:00 - 22:00 Post Card Evening/ Farewells	

“ Not only were all the teachers in Oxford School of English very kind, but they always made lessons very enjoyable and I improved my English a lot. I really enjoyed studying in this school!

Mia, Japan



Campus and accommodation

City centre campus

The OSE summer school is based at the City of Oxford College, in the heart of Oxford. Classrooms are spacious and are fitted with projectors and whiteboards, enabling our teaching team to make the best use of modern technology and ensure that lessons are stimulating, varied and highly topical.

At break times students have access to the café, Wi-Fi, and lovely seating areas on the grass beside the mill stream.



↗ Our campus at City of Oxford College

Age range

We welcome students aged 12-17. However, we can accept a small number of students aged 11 but no more than 10 students of this age in total, subject to availability. However, to be certain of finding accommodation for younger students, it is essential that we receive full details of any student below the age of 12 as early as possible.

Sunday to Sunday

All accommodation bookings must be Sunday to Sunday – students are unable to arrive before Sunday, or depart later than Sunday.

Residential accommodation

Our residential accommodation is a 12 minute bus ride from the campus. The accommodation is part of Oxford Brookes University and all the rooms are single en-suite.

Residential students receive a hot lunch apart from on mid-week excursion days, when they will receive a packed lunch. The minimum age for residential accommodation is 14

Homestay families

Homestay is our most popular accommodation option. Living with Oxford residents is a great way to learn more about the UK and British culture, and enables students to practise their English in a typical British home.

Breakfast and evening meals are provided (a packed lunch is provided by the school); any laundry is done; and students have a warm, safe home to come back to after an excursion or an exhausting day in school!

We have more than 400 homestay families, enabling us to choose the right homestay for every student. We have fantastic feedback from students about our homestay service, but in any case our Accommodation Manager is always available if students or parents have any questions or problems.

Homestay accommodation can be provided to individual students only if they are 16+.





Arrivals, departures and key facts

2-Weeks Course

28th June - 12th July
12th July - 26th July
26th July - 9th August

3-Weeks Course

28th June - 19th July
19th July - 9th August

Airport arrivals and departures

We can arrange transfers to and from any London airport. Please check with us first if the arrival and departure point is outside the London area.

All students booking an airport transfer – whether travelling alone or in a group – are met at the airport upon arrival, and taken either by taxi or coach to their Oxford accommodation. Students are also taken back to the airport upon departure.

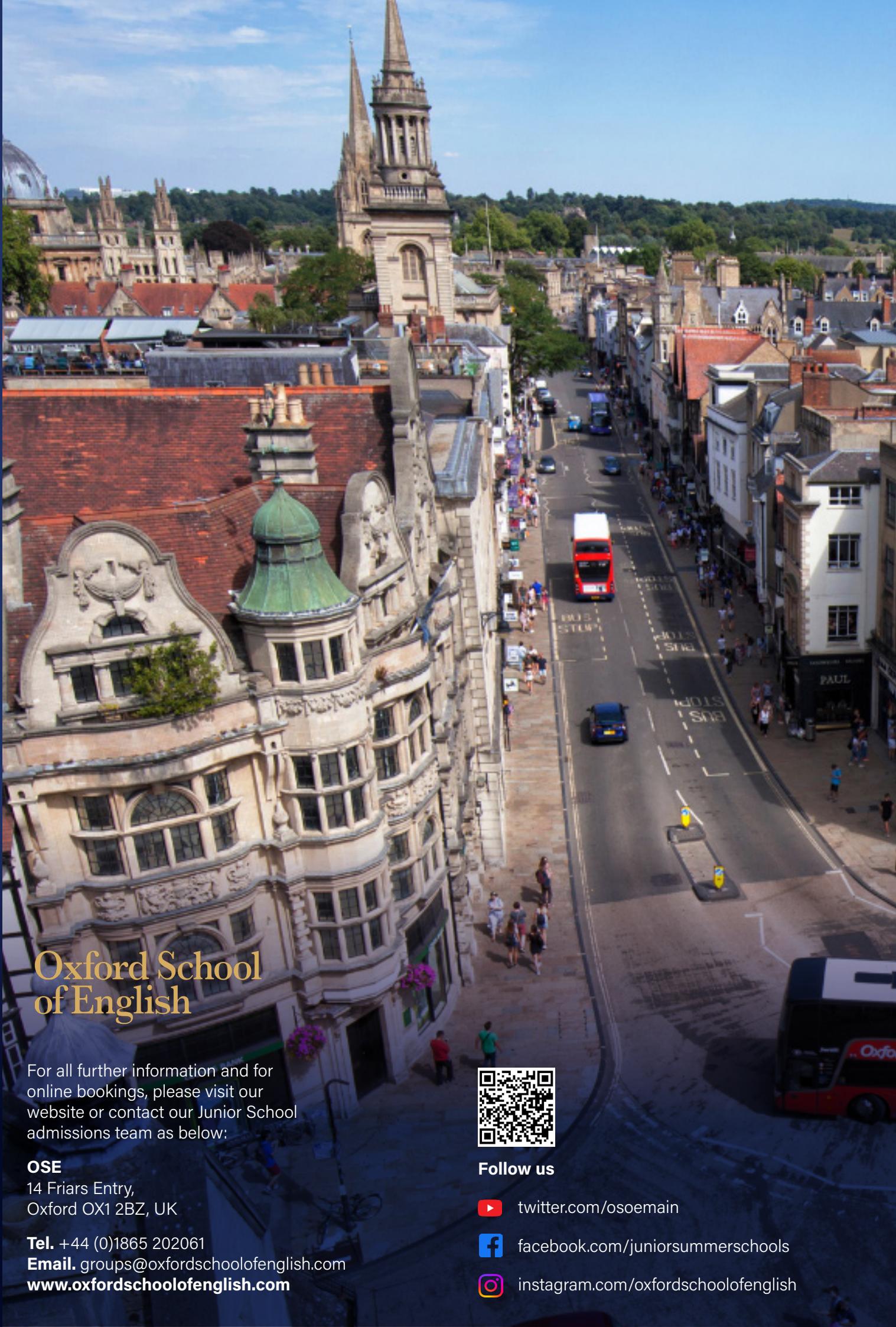
For all students aged 14 and under travelling alone, an Unaccompanied Minor service (where students are met upon arrival, and escorted from the taxi to the departures hall and checked in upon departure) is compulsory. Please see separate charges for this in the price list.

Oxford is easy to get to from all London airports and only 45 minutes by car from Heathrow. After your flight – especially if it's a long one – it's always good to know that you have only a short journey to our summer school in Oxford.

Please note that all students must arrive at their accommodation before 21:00. We always do our best to provide a meal to any student arriving after dinner, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Terms and conditions

Please see our separate price list for full details of our terms and conditions.



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