

WYCOMBE ABBEY
SUMMER
PROGRAMME



A chance to live and
learn at one of the UK's
premier boarding schools

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Dates for 2025

2 July – 16 July
16 July – 30 July
30 July – 13 August

WELCOME TO WYCOMBE ABBEY

Since the founding of the School in 1896 by Dame Frances Dove, Wycombe Abbey has become a world leader in boarding education and a place where academic excellence, empathy and integrity thrive.

We are delighted to offer our Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme. Our courses are designed to enable young people to experience first-class tuition as well as provide opportunities to try a number of extra-curricular activities, all within our beautiful campus, which is less than 30-minutes drive from London Heathrow. By attending our Summer Programme, students have the chance to experience living and learning in a world class British boarding school and make new friends while they do so.

Jo Duncan
Headmistress



Tap to watch the film

Immersive

Improve language skills, make new friends and experience boarding life.

Intensive

Comprehensive, fast-paced and getting the most out of each day.

International

Providing global perspectives and learning about other cultures.

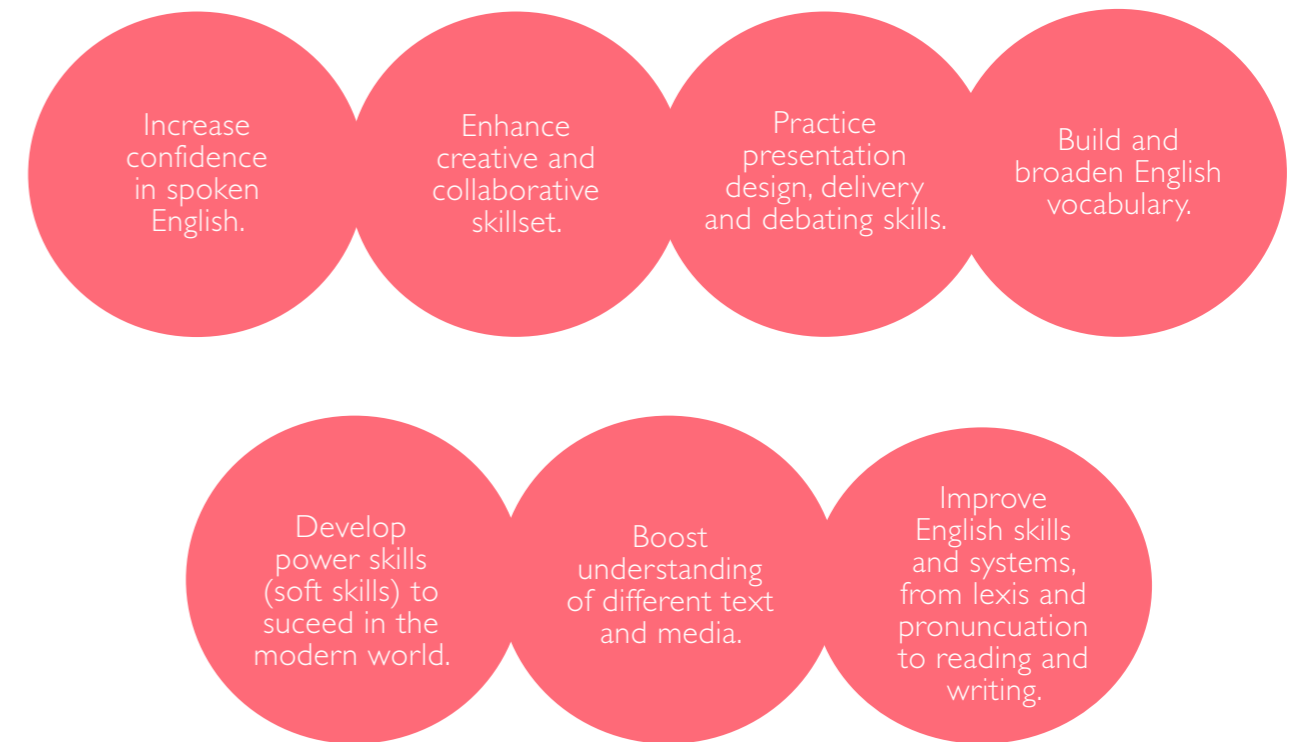
Inspiring

Creating meaningful memories and the desire to make a difference in the world.

OUR PROGRAMME

Wycombe Abbey has designed its Summer Programme with a team of academic and co-curricular experts from its international schools and its operational delivery partner UKLC. The programme puts the student at the centre ensuring that everything they do is immersive, inspiring and engaging to provide a first-class experience with clear learning outcomes.

We aim to deliver a personalised learning experience, treat every student as an individual and ensure we get to know them, understand them and support their needs. We do this by keeping our group and class sizes low, so there is a high ratio of staff to students of 1:8 on-site and a maximum class size of 12.



A TYPICAL WEEK

The programme is 14 days long and includes 15 hours of language lessons per week, along with a further eight hours per week dedicated to one of our high-quality electives. Sports and activities take place in the evening, and each two-week course includes three full-day and two half-day excursions to some of the UK's top destinations.

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:00 - 10:00	Language Learning	Language Learning	Full-day excursion (First week to London / second week to Cambridge)
10:00 - 10:15	Break	Break	
10:15 - 11:15	Language Learning	Language Learning	
11:15 - 11:30	Break	Break	
11:30 - 12:30	Language Learning	Language Learning	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch and social time	Lunch and social time	
14:00 - 15:00	Elective	Elective	
15:00 - 15:15	Break	Break	
15:15 - 16:15	Elective	Elective	
16:15 - 16:45	Break	Break	
16:45 - 18:00	Sports and Activities	Sports and Activities	
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner / rest and relaxation	Dinner / rest and relaxation	Dinner / rest and relaxation
20:00 - 21:30	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities
21:30 - 22:00	Time in House	Time in House	Time in House



ELECTIVE



SPORT AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Language Learning	Language Learning	Language Learning	Full-day excursion to Oxford (Second week: day of departure)
Break	Break	Break	
Language Learning	Language Learning	Language Learning	
Break	Break	Break	
Language Learning	Language Learning	Language Learning	
Lunch and social time	Lunch and social time	Lunch and social time	
Elective	Elective	Elective	
Break	Lunch	Lunch	
Elective	Elective	Elective	
Break	Break	Break	
Sports and Activities	Sports and Activities	Sports and Activities	
Dinner / rest and relaxation	Dinner / rest and relaxation	Dinner / rest and relaxation	
Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	
Time in House	Time in House	Time in House	



BREAKFAST



LANGUAGE LEARNING



LUNCH



EVENING ACTIVITIES



DINNER

LANGUAGE LEARNING

All of our students receive three hours of language lessons every morning.

Our immersive programme consists of several thematic English language studies. We apply content and language-integrated learning methodology to the teaching, allowing students to learn and develop their language proficiency while studying a range of topics and applying their skills to something interesting and relevant. The teachers will also adopt a problem-based learning model to help the students apply their language proficiency, knowledge and skills to meaningful real-life tasks and challenges. Language learning is supported by the afternoon electives, which create a holistic learning approach that supports the overall progression of each student.

Our Topics



English for Academic Purposes and Examinations

Developing linguistic awareness, focussing on expanding vocabulary and improving pronunciation whilst working on different writing styles.



21st Century Skills

Learn about issues associated with global warming, effective communication and presentation skills.



British Culture

Delve into British history, geography and literature.

ELECTIVES

All of our students receive 16 hours of electives over the two-week programme.

Students have the opportunity to choose from four electives. Each one is designed to stretch and challenge our students so they learn, develop and grow in confidence.



Leadership and Sustainability



Performing Arts



Coding and Games Design



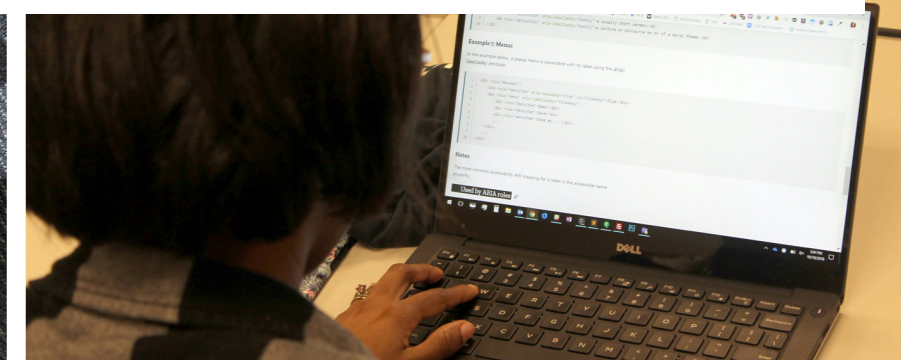
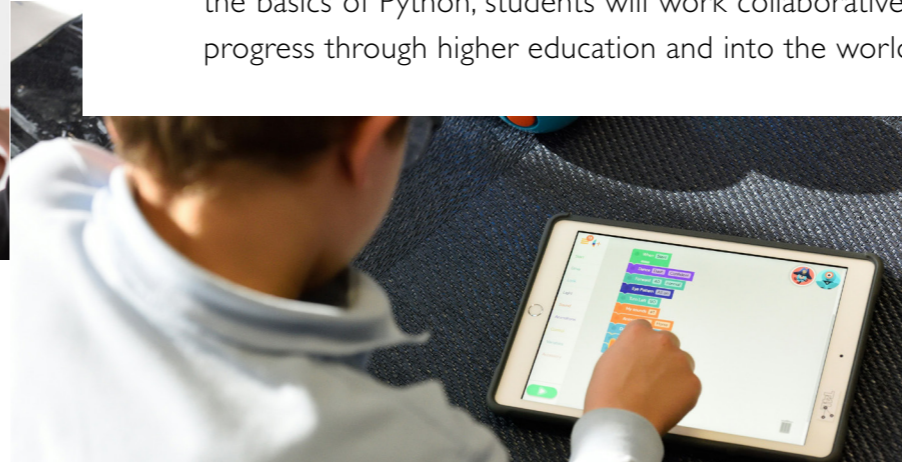
Sports, Health and Wellbeing



CODING AND GAME DESIGN

Delve deeper into the world of coding, robotics and game design, improving critical and creative thinking skills.

This elective gives students the opportunity to delve deeper into the world of coding, robotics and game design as they improve their English communication as well as their critical and creative thinking skills. Through a combination of theoretical learning and practical projects including robotic design, coding, game design and the basics of Python, students will work collaboratively to develop essential skills that will help them as they progress through higher education and into the world of modern work.



LEADERSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY

Embark on a transformative journey, delving into essential leadership skills while exploring sustainability principles.

Students will learn the most important skills needed to succeed in the modern world of business and work, drawing from real-life examples of inspirational leaders throughout history. They will also explore critical aspects of sustainability, covering environmental, social and economic dimensions by examining success stories in creating viable and sustainable alternatives in different industries. This elective will enhance their spoken English while honing leadership skills and prepare them for future roles as responsible and influential leaders.





PERFORMING ARTS

Take a captivating journey through the realms of creativity and expression.

This elective offers a unique fusion of language development and artistic exploration through acting, dance, singing, musical performances, choreography and staging. This course will build students' confidence as well as their ability to express themselves in English. Students will explore a wide range of creative mediums including writing, staging, acting, improvisation, voice projection and control, movement on stage, staging, as well as writing and producing a show.



SPORTS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This transformative course integrates language development with the essential principles of physical health, mental wellbeing and the importance of adopting an active lifestyle.

Students will dive into foundational aspects of fitness, exploring various exercises and sports, vocabulary related to health and fitness, mental wellbeing, and understanding the science behind nutrition. Alongside this, mindfulness techniques, stress management and the correlation between physical activity and mental health will also be looked at. Outside of the classroom, students will engage in different sports from swimming and volleyball to football and hockey, working together as a team and immersing in an active lifestyle.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Taking advantage of Wycombe Abbey's location and excellent transport links.

Sudents will have at least three full days of excursions that will take them to see the sights of the UK's favourite destinations including London, Oxford, Windsor and Cambridge



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'We enjoyed a fantastic day out in London, seeing the sights and exploring all it has to offer. It was a bonus that it was only a short coach trip away from the School.'



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'I had no idea that the University of Oxford was so large and was made up of several colleges. A highlight was being able to visit one of the colleges and see what was behind the Porter's Lodge.'



Tap to read more



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'It was great to go on the Summer Programme trip to Cambridge and to be able to directly compare it to other universities that I am considering.'



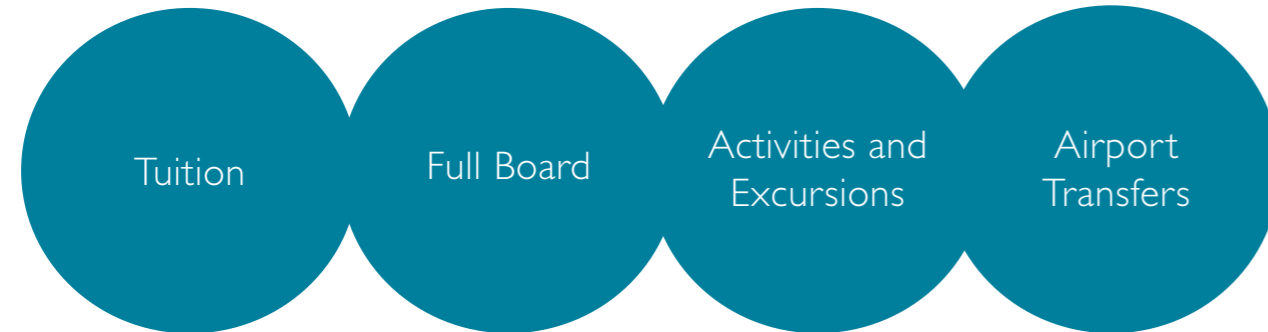
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'Visiting Windsor was a highlight for me, especially seeing the castle where so many important royal occasions have taken place.'

OUR FEES

Course fees are £4,000 for two weeks.

This includes airport transfers arriving at Heathrow Airport at specific times, full board, all activities and excursions. The fee does not include general expenses and pocket money for students, or airport transfers if outside the recommended timings or from an airport other than Heathrow.



STUDENT SUITABILITY

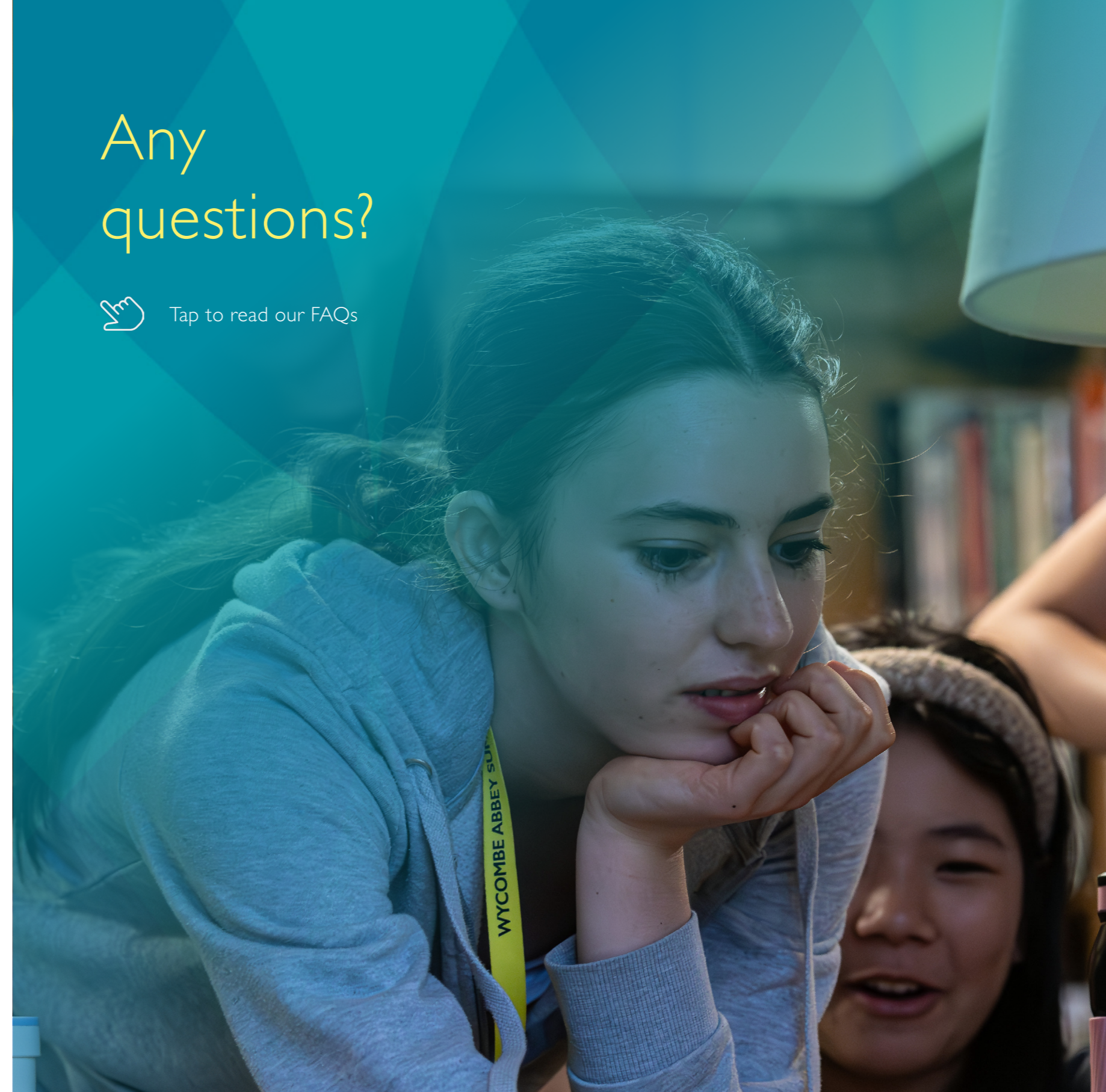
The Wycombe Abbey Summer Programme is suitable for students, both boys and girls, aged between 12 and 17. To get the most from our courses, we recommend that students have a level of English equivalent to at least B1 on the CEFR scale, but our courses are accessible to those with a minimum level of English equivalent to A2 and our skilled teaching team will ensure that the course content is updated as required.

Students enrolled on the course will be asked to take an online English test before departure from their home countries. This will enable our programme team to determine each student's English level and allocate them to the appropriate group.

Any questions?



Tap to read our FAQs





Home away from home

A British Boarding Experience



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in our residential boarding houses, Pitt and Rubens.

The boarding houses offer high quality and comfortable bedrooms for two to four students, and an ensuite bathroom. The kitchens are well-equipped, and there are common areas for relaxing at the start and end of the day. The accommodation also benefits from outdoor space to enjoy during the summer months.



CATERING

Students will be provided breakfast, lunch and dinner in our main school dining room, along with nutritional snacks throughout the day.

Our caterers are able to cater for dietary requirements and ensure that all meals are healthy and nutritious. Packed lunches are available for excursion days.



COMMUNITY

Students will be part of the Wycombe Abbey community when they stay at School, creating lasting friendships and memories.

We have a dedicated pastoral team on-site all day and night consisting of a Matron and two House Parents, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of each student. They will be the student's first port of call for anything related to living at Wycombe Abbey during the duration of the Summer Programme.



LOCATION

An excellent location close to London and Oxford.
30 minutes from Heathrow and 90 minutes from Gatwick.



Tap to view our interactive campus map and online tour.



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academic excellence, empathy and integrity thrive.