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Oxford Spires staff and students
in South Park, Oxford





Why choose us?

Oxford Spires International provides an ideal environment for young learners to develop their skills and confidence in using the English language.

Oxford Spires benefits from being part of the Oxford Active family, which has been providing safe and exciting programmes for children in England since 1998.

We have educational experiences operating all year round, which means we have full-time staff focused on the development of our programmes and providing a personal, safe and consistent service for our students.

Our friendly and dedicated team are always happy to help. From enquiries to logistics, specific course requirements, and special requests, we will offer support and guidance wherever possible.

Oxford Spires is proud to be accredited by the British Council, and to be a member of English UK and English UK Young Learners.

Whether through full immersion at a local school, a themed English programme, or simply enjoying fun activities with other local and international students – we provide as many opportunities as possible for students to test and expand their English communication skills throughout their stay. So, talk to us about your next UK visit. Oxford Spires will always aim to deliver the best possible programme; professionally, proudly, and with the Oxford Spires spirit!

Testimonials



“I have nothing but wonderful things to say about Oxford Spires and their programmes. I was there just recently with a group of students on their UK School Integration Programme – my students were completely satisfied and thrilled about the experience. I truly like the experience because it can be tailored to students’ needs. The staff at Oxford Spires are amazing!”



“The accommodation is fantastic! I had such a good time with my English family. I really enjoyed the food – especially the breakfast!”



“I loved the classes! I learned a lot in a short time and I found the love for study again. My teacher was very good. He speaks and explains in a very clear way. Also I think my teacher is very funny. I am really glad to be with my host family! They’re really nice and very kind. I loved the food too.”



Academic Outline

All of our programmes follow a dedicated and carefully designed course syllabus, which covers all levels of the Common European Framework (CEFR).

The key features of our programmes are as follows:

- Entry test on arrival (comprised of multiple choice, written and oral sections) to assess each student's ability
- Students are then placed in an appropriate class of ability
- Small classes of 12-15 students with lots of personalised learning and attention for all students
- 15 to 21 hours of dedicated English lessons
- A variety of teaching techniques to ensure that the learning process is enjoyable and develops confidence in the use of the language, both written and oral
- Students have preparation for excursions in class to maximise their educational experience
- Projects and activities designed and developed to increase leadership skills, teamwork and social interaction
- Integration with both British and international students (on selected programmes)
- Certificate of learning for each student on departure
- All teachers hold the necessary qualifications to teach English at all levels
- All staff are suitably experienced and qualified for social and cultural activities

Social & Cultural Activities

On-site activities

We organise a range of on-site activities, which can include: arts & crafts; swimming; football; basketball; mini Olympics; team building games; cricket; treasure hunts; photography, and more! Students are placed in groups according to their age for the majority of our on site activities, to ensure fair and full participation.

Day trips

Students will enjoy one or two full day excursions plus one half day excursion each week, depending on their programme. We also organise other activities and local visits to places of historic and cultural interest throughout the week. Please see our individual programme pages for more details and sample timetables.

Evening activities

We keep our students busy with a fun-packed schedule of evening activities such as quizzes, movie nights, discos, talent shows, and team building games. Evening activities are included for all students on residential programmes. One optional evening activity per week is available to homestay students, for a small supplement.

Ask us about our 'Spires Plus' options that are also available including: Exam Skills, STEAM, Media, Business & Leadership, Horse Riding and Dance & Performing Arts



Sample bedroom in
Oxford International
College residence

Accommodation

Residential

Our Residential locations provide:

- Great locations near our school buildings and city centre
- Managed accommodation with 24/7 live-in support
- All meals provided on site
- Great social spaces and common rooms
- Suitable for groups and individuals
- WiFi available in all locations

We offer a range of comfortable and spacious residential accommodation to meet the needs of our international students.

Our residential staff live on site at the accommodation and someone is always available to offer support and assistance. Depending on which location you choose, the residential accommodation may offer single, twin, or dormitory-style rooms. Typically, bed linen is provided and rooms are cleaned each week.

Areas for students to relax and socialise are available at each of our residences, such as sitting rooms, common rooms and outdoor areas. WiFi is available throughout and laundry facilities are often available on site as well.

All of our residential accommodation is located on campus or within walking distance of the schools.

Homestay

Our Homestay locations provide:

- Friendly, welcoming hosts
- Available in Oxford and Cheltenham
- Homes in areas with good public transport links
- Regularly inspected by our local organisers and held to British Council standards
- Breakfast and dinner provided by the host family, hot and cold lunch served at school (packed lunch provided by host family on excursion days)
- Suitable for groups and individuals

Staying with a host family is the perfect way for learners to put their English into practice and immerse themselves in British life. Homestay families welcome students as guests and are there to help them.

From busy households with young children and pets, to professional couples, to those whose children have grown up and left home, we have a diverse range of host families to suit all homestay requirements.

We work closely with homestay accommodation agencies for our placements to ensure the best experience possible for our students.

Our mission is to provide a safe, enjoyable and enriching learning experience. We aim to be helpful and efficient, honest and reliable, and strive to build students' confidence in using the English language through meaningful experiences.



Oxford Spires
students in Oxford

Student Welfare

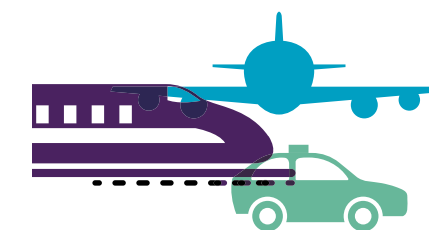
The safety and welfare of our students is a top priority for us. These are some of the ways in which we care for our students while they are with us, and the services we provide to ensure they are safe and happy:

- 24 hr emergency telephone number for students, their parents and group leaders
- Handbook covering all aspects of the programme distributed in advance to students and group leaders
- Qualified First Aiders on site at the school and at the residence
- Thorough student and group leader inductions upon arrival, which outline key safety and welfare elements of the programme
- Regular fire drills carried out at the school and accommodation
- Fully DBS checked staff, including our drivers
- A rigorous job application process for all staff members, and regular Continuous Professional Development (CPD) training
- Compulsory safeguarding training for all of our staff members before they commence employment
- School policies regarding to safety, welfare and safeguarding followed by all staff and group leaders, and available upon request
- Dedicated staff members assigned to students travelling without a group leader
- Regular formal and informal student feedback opportunities throughout their programme, to ensure that they are having a positive experience
- Free NHS service for EU students (we recommend that non-EU students take out their own insurance, which we can advise upon)
- All specialist diets/preferences can be catered for

Transfers

Transfers from all major airports can be arranged. We can also offer transfers to our nominated local airport Monday to Friday – this may incur an additional charge.

All transfers provide a full Meet & Greet service, collecting students from the Arrivals Hall and dropping back at Departures at the end of a stay. We set time limits to ensure that no students are waiting too long at the airport before travelling to the school.



We can also accommodate students travelling with an airline UM service for a small additional charge.

Language

St Edward's School, Oxford, Spring Vacation

*Combine Learning English
with Activities & Excursions*

The beautiful buildings of St Edward's School provide a perfect backdrop for students wishing to sample life at a British boarding school.

'Teddies' is located in the lively urban area of Summertown, and is less than a two-minute walk away from a compact collection of cafés, supermarkets, quirky independent shops and a popular artisan baker.

Summertown is Oxford's most affluent and upmarket area, and St Edward's School has a world-class reputation with excellent facilities, making the location of this programme a highly attractive feature.

Oxford, as a 'world famous' University city, provides inspiration for students aspiring to learn and who are keen to explore. In addition to its academic significance, Oxford is a beautiful, friendly, and lively city, perfect for young people.

As part of this programme, our visiting students have the opportunity to enjoy exploring the city's museums, galleries, University Colleges, shops, cultural sites, and attractions.



Ages	12-17
Date	22 March – 12 April
Accomm.	Residential with shared bathrooms
Capacity	100
Price	£960

What's Included:

- Full board residential accommodation in single, twin, and larger bedrooms with shared bathrooms
- At least 15 hours tuition per week
- Three full day excursions per two week stay (with optional entrances available)
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Local transport, excursions, entrances, activities, and supervision
- Small classes of 15 students on average
- Friendly and supportive staff
- Beautiful location, just a 30 minute walk from the city centre
- Laundry assistance provided
- WiFi available throughout
- 24/7 support available



St Edward's School courtyard and buildings

St Edward's School, Oxford, Spring Vacation

Sample Timetable

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
07:45-08:30	Arrivals/ Departures & Activities at the school	Breakfast					
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting					
09:00-11:00	Day Trip to Bath	Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square) Explore Covent Garden	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
11:00-11:30		Break			Break		
11:30-12:30	Walking Tour (Abbey Church, Roman Baths, The Gavel Walk, Royal Crescent)	English Lesson	English Lesson	*Optional: London Eye	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
12:30-13:30		Lunch			Lunch		
13:30-15:30	Free Time to Explore	Walking Tour of Oxford	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	Explore Covent Garden	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	Ashmolean Museum	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM
15:30-17:30	*Optional: Roman Baths	Christ Church College	Activities: sports, art, drama		Activities: sports, art, drama	Westgate Shopping Centre	Activities: sports, art, drama
18:00-19:00	Dinner						
19:30-21:30	Welcome Party	Quiz Night	Fashion Show	Games Night	Karaoke	Disco	Film Night
21:30-22:30	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:45	Lights Out						



Spires Plus Options at St Edward's Spring Vacation give students the opportunity to benefit from six hours per week of additional learning opportunities across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas, including:

- Exam skills
- Business and leadership skills
- STEAM

Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £150 per week. Please contact us for more information.



Cheltenham Ladies' College building exterior

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Cheltenham, Spring and Summer Vacation

Combine Learning English with Activities & Excursions



Combining tradition with innovation, Cheltenham Ladies' College has been at the forefront of girls' education for over 160 years. The College's heritage and global reputation were founded on a pioneering approach to education.

Our summer vacation programme takes place at this top-ranking college, which was founded in 1853, and is one of the best performing and most prestigious independent boarding schools in the country. The campus is located a short 10 minute walk from the centre of Cheltenham, making it a very convenient location for our students.

Cheltenham is one of England's most beautiful Regency towns and is situated in the Cotswolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The town has much to offer, from its graceful architecture and history to beautiful gardens and diverse shops.



Ages	Juniors 8-13 and Seniors 13-17
Date	Spring: 1 April – 15 April Summer: 8 July – 12 August 2020
Accomm.	Residential with shared bathrooms & Homestay
Capacity	150
Price	£890 (Residential) £760 (Homestay)

What's Included:

- Full board residential accommodation
- At least 15 hours tuition per week
- Three full day excursions per two week stay
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Local transport, excursions, entrances, activities, and supervision
- Small classes of 15 students on average
- Friendly and supportive staff
- Perfect location, a short 10 minute walk from the centre of the vibrant and cosmopolitan town of Cheltenham
- 24/7 support available

SPIRES PLUS STEAM, Exam Skills, Business & Leadership, Horse Riding



Cheltenham Ladies' College, Cheltenham, Spring & Summer Vacation

Sample Timetable

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
07:45-08:30	Arrivals/ Departures & Activities at the school <i>or</i> Day Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon Walking Tour (Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Swan Theatre, Avonbank Gardens, Holy Trinity Church, Shakespeare's Birthplace, New Place)	Breakfast					
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting					
09:00-11:00	Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	English Lesson	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square) Explore Covent Garden	English Lesson	English Lesson	
11:00-11:30		Break			Break		
11:30-12:30	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	*Optional: London Eye	English Lesson	English Lesson	
12:30-13:30	Lunch				Lunch		
13:30-15:30	Cheltenham Walking Tour	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	Group activities & team challenges at Sandford Park	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	
15:30-17:30	*Optional: Shakespeare's Birthplace entrance	Ice breakers & teambuilding games at Pittville Park	Activities: sports, art, drama		Activities: sports, art, drama	Activities: sports, art, drama	
18:00-19:00	Dinner						
19:30-21:30	Welcome Party	Quiz Night	Fashion Show	Games Night	Karaoke	Disco	Film Night
21:30-22:30	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:45	Lights Out						



Spires Plus Options at Cheltenham Ladies' College Spring & Summer Vacation give students the opportunity to benefit from six hours per week of additional learning opportunities across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas, including:

- Exam skills
- Business and leadership skills
- STEAM
- Horse riding

Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £150 per week. Please contact us for more information.



Sibford School building exterior

Sibford School, North Oxfordshire, Summer Vacation

Combine Learning English with Activities & Excursions with the help of our British Day Campers!

Sibford School in Oxfordshire is an independent boarding school located only 45 minutes from the city of Oxford and 90 minutes from London. The school is set in more than 50 acres of glorious grounds and is surrounded by beautiful countryside, making it a perfect choice for younger learners.

Originally established in 1842 as a boarding school, from the outset the school has been a centre of educational excellence.

Our carefully planned experiences for younger learners take a communicative and task-based approach and cover a wide variety of topics. The English lessons are relevant to students' daily activities and excursions included within the programme.

Opportunities to integrate with English-speaking Day Campers



Ages	8-12
Date	7 July – 11 August
Accomm.	Residential with shared bathrooms
Capacity	70
Price	£890

What's Included:

- Full board residential accommodation
- At least 15 hours tuition per week
- Three full day excursions per two week stay
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Local transport, excursions, entrances, activities, and supervision
- Small classes of 15 students on average
- Friendly and supportive staff
- Beautiful countryside location – perfect for younger learners
- 24/7 support available
- Opportunities to mix with visiting local day campers on afternoon activities based at the school*

*Available on specific dates, extra fee



Sibford School, North Oxfordshire, Summer Vacation

Sample Timetable

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
07:45-08:30	Breakfast						
08:30-08:45	Morning Meeting						
09:00-11:00	Arrivals/ Departure & Activities at the school	Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	Day Trip to London	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
11:00-11:30	or Day Trip to Oxford	Break			Break		
11:30-12:30	Walking Tour (Carfax Tower, Bridge of Sighs, Radcliffe Camera, Bodleian Library, St Mary's Church)	English Lesson	English Lesson	(Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square)	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
12:30-13:30		Lunch			Lunch		
13:30-15:30	*Optional: Christ Church College	*Spires Plus: day camp integration, dance & performing arts	*Spires Plus: day camp integration, dance & performing arts	Explore Covent Garden	Oxford Spire Olympics	Media Skills Workshop	*Spires Plus: day camp integration, dance & performing arts
15:30-17:30		Tennis	Rounders	*Optional: London Eye			
18:00-19:00	Dinner						
19:30-21:30	Welcome Party	Karaoke	Treasure Hunt	Film Night	Oxford Spire Has Talent	Disco	Arts & Crafts
21:30-22:30	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:45	Lights Out						



Spires Plus Options at Sibford School Summer Vacation give students the opportunity to benefit from six hours per week of additional learning opportunities across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas, including:

- Dance & performing arts
- Day camp integration*

Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £150 per week. Please contact us for more information.

*Specific dates only



Summer Fields School
building exterior

Summer Fields School, Oxford Summer Vacation

*Combine Learning English with
Activities and Excursions with the
added option of integration!*

This programme has been specially designed for younger learners, for whom this may be their first experience abroad. Our carefully planned lessons are based on a communicative approach, with student confidence at the core of our syllabus and methodology.

The activity programme makes use of the school's stunning 70 acre campus leading to the Cherwell River and extensive sports facilities, including; indoor swimming pool, outdoor sports facilities, sports hall, pavilion, art room, climbing wall, theatre and an adventure playground!

There is also a unique opportunity to integrate with our sister day camp programme, Active Camps. Here local children from Oxford take part in a variety of engaging school holiday activities including, sports, arts & crafts, team games and outdoor exploration activities.



Ages	8-13
Date	6 July – 16 August
Accomm.	Residential
Capacity	50
Price	£1100 per week

What's Included:

- Full board residential accommodation in twin, triple, and larger bedrooms with shared bathrooms
- 15 hours tuition per week
- Three full day excursions per two week stay
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Applied learning on social activities and trips
- Local transport, excursions, entrances, activities, and supervision
- Small classes of 15 students on average
- Friendly and supportive staff
- 24/7 support available

In partnership with
our sister company:

activeCamps

SPIRES PLUS Active Camps integration, STEAM



Summer Fields School boarding house bedroom

Summer Fields School, Oxford Summer Vacation

Sample Timetable

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
07:45-08:30	Breakfast						
08:30-08:45	New student arrivals & activities at the school or English Lesson	Morning Meeting				Day Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon Walking Tour (Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Swan Theatre, Avonbank Gardens, Holy Trinity Church, Shakespeare's Birthplace, New Place)	Day Trip to Oxford Walking tour (Carfax Tower, Radcliffe Camera, Sheldonian Theatre, Covered Market, Cornmarket Street)
09:00-11:00		Induction & Placement Testing or English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson		
11:00-11:30	Break						
11:30-12:30	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson		
12:30-13:30	Lunch						
13:30-15:30	*Spires Plus: Active Camps integration*, STEAM	*Spires Plus: Active Camps integration*, STEAM	*Spires Plus: Active Camps integration*, STEAM	*Spires Plus: Active Camps integration*, STEAM	*Spires Plus: Active Camps integration*, STEAM	*Optional: Shakespeare's Birthplace entrance	*Optional: Christ Church College
15:30-17:30							
18:00-19:00	Dinner						
19:30-21:30	Team Challenges	Musical Bingo	Disco	Treasure Hunt	Karaoke	Leaving Party	Film Night
21:30-22:00	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:00	Lights Out						

*Active Camps day camp integration available from 13 July



Spires Plus Options at Summer Fields School, Oxford Summer Vacation give students the opportunity to benefit from six hours per week of additional learning opportunities across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas, including:

- Active Camps integration
- STEAM

Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £150 per week. Please contact us for more information.



Oxford Brookes University
- John Henry Brookes
building, main campus

Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, Summer Vacation

Combine Learning English with Activities & Excursions

Our Oxford Brookes University Summer Vacation programme combines English lessons with getting to know the historic city of Oxford. We visit the most famous of Oxford's attractions such as Christ Church College, the Ashmolean Museum, and other famous buildings as well as unique experiences such as or going punting on the River Thames.

Oxford is an ideal setting for this immersive, exploratory programme highlighting all the historic city has to offer.

Our carefully planned lessons take a communicative and task-based approach and cover a wide variety of topics, being relevant to students' daily activities and excursions included within the programme.



Ages	12-17
Date	28 June – 9 August
Accomm.	Residential with private bathroom
Capacity	150
Price	£960

What's Included:

- Full board residential accommodation in single ensuite bedrooms
- At least 15 hours tuition per week
- Three full day excursions per two week stay
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Applied learning on social activities and trips
- Local transport, excursions, entrances, activities and supervision
- Small classes of 15 students on average
- Friendly and supportive staff
- 24/7 support available

New for 2020!

SPIRES PLUS STEAM, Exam Skills, Business & Leadership



Oxford Spire students walking in Oxford

Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, Summer Vacation

Sample Timetable

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
07:45-08:30	Arrivals/ Departures & Activities at the school or Day Trip to Cambridge Walking Tour (King's College, Trinity College, St John's College, Market Square, Mathematics Bridge) Free Time to Explore *Optional: Visit Kings College	Breakfast					
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting					
09:00-11:00		Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square) Explore Covent Garden *Optional: London Eye	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
11:00-11:30		Break			Break		
11:30-12:30		English Lesson	English Lesson		English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
12:30-13:30		Lunch		Lunch			
13:30-15:30		Walking Tour of Oxford Oxford Selfie Challenge	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM Rounders & Team Games	Explore Covent Garden *Optional: London Eye	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	Visit Christ Church College	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM
15:30-17:30					Visit Pitt Rivers Museum	Free time in the city centre	Media Skills Project
18:00-19:00		Dinner					
19:30-21:30		Welcome Party	Quiz Night	Fashion Show	Games Night	Karaoke	Disco
21:30-22:30	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:45	Lights Out						



Spires Plus Options at Oxford Brookes University Summer Vacation give students the opportunity to benefit from six hours per week of additional learning opportunities across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas, including:

- Exam skills
- Business & leadership skills
- STEAM

Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £150 per week. Please contact us for more information.



Oxford International College student residence building exterior

Oxford International College, Oxford, Summer Vacation

Combine Learning English with Activities & Excursions

Oxford is known as the “City of Dreaming Spires” which originates from the Victorian poet Matthew Arnold’s poem “Thyrsis,” describing the stunning architecture of the University buildings. Oxford is famous all over the world for its University and place in history.

Oxford International College is the number one ranked A-Level College in the UK, and is located just 10 minutes from Oxford city centre.

Our carefully planned lessons take a communicative and task-based approach and cover a wide variety of topics, being relevant to students’ daily activities and excursions included within the programme.



Ages	12-17
Date	28 June – 9 August
Accomm.	Residential with private bathroom or homestay
Capacity	150
Price	£960 (Residential) £690 (Homestay)

What’s Included:

- Full board residential accommodation in single and twin ensuite bedrooms or homestay with a local family
- At least 15 hours tuition per week
- Three full day excursions per two week stay
- Weekly local travel card**
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Applied learning on social activities and trips
- Local transport, excursions, entrances, activities and supervision
- Small classes of 15 students on average
- Friendly and supportive staff
- Great location, 10 minutes from Oxford city centre
- 24/7 support available

** For homestay only



Oxford Spire students

Oxford International College, Oxford, Summer Vacation

Sample Timetable

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
07:45-08:30	Arrivals & Departures & Activities at the school or Day Trip to Bath Walking Tour (Abbey Church, Roman baths, The Gravel Walk, Royal Crescent) Free Time to Explore *Optional: Roman Baths	Breakfast					
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting					
09:00-11:00		Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square) *Optional: Thames River Cruise	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
11:00-11:30		Break			Break		
11:30-12:30		English Lesson	English Lesson		English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
12:30-13:30		Lunch		Lunch			
13:30-15:30		Walking Tour of Oxford	Team Challenges at South Park	*Optional: Thames River Cruise	Punting	Visit Ashmolean Museum Covered Market	Oxford Spire Olympics
15:30-17:30		Visit Wadham College					
18:00-19:00		Dinner					
19:30-21:30		Welcome Party	Games Night	Treasure Hunt	Musical Bingo	Oxford Spire Has Talent	Disco
21:30-22:30	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:45	Lights Out						



Oxbridge Summer



The best of both worlds!



Can't decide between Oxford and Cambridge?
Why not study in both prestigious university cities!

See p. 37 for more information!



Anglia Ruskin University - East Road campus main entrance

Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, Summer Vacation

Combine Learning English with Activities & Excursions

Cambridge is the perfect place to be a student, not only because of its rich academic history, but also because the tradition of learning and academia is still an important part of its culture.

From exploring the university colleges, visiting the museums, strolling across the Mathematical Bridge or trying punting for the first time, the programme gives a truly rounded look at everything the city has to offer.

In lessons students are encouraged to draw on their existing knowledge of English and communicate freely with their international peers. Our teachers aim to create speaking opportunities, encouraging students to activate language and use it in a meaningful context.



Ages	14-17
Date	30 June – 11 August
Accomm.	Residential with private bathroom
Capacity	150
Price	£960

What's Included:

- Full board residential accommodation in single ensuite bedrooms
- At least 15 hours tuition per week
- Three full day excursions per two week stay
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Applied learning on social activities and trips
- Local transport, excursions, entrances, activities and supervision
- Small classes of 15 students on average
- Friendly and supportive staff
- Great location, a short distance from the City centre of Cambridge
- 24/7 support available

SPIRES PLUS STEAM, Exam Skills, Business & Leadership



Cambridge University buildings,
Cambridge city centre

Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, Summer Vacation

Sample Timetable

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
07:45-08:30	Arrivals/ Departures & Activities at the school	Breakfast					
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting					
09:00-11:00	<i>or</i>	Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	Day Trip to London	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
11:00-11:30	Day Trip to Oxford						
11:30-12:30	Walking Tour (Carfax Tower, Bridge of Sighs, Radcliffe Camera, Bodleian Library, St Mary's Church)	English Lesson	English Lesson	(Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square)	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
12:30-13:30		Lunch			Lunch		
13:30-15:30	*Optional:	Walking Tour of Cambridge	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	Explore Covent Garden	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	Visit King's College	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM
15:30-17:30	Christ Church College		Cambridge Treasure Hunt		Team Challenges		*Optional: London Eye
18:00-19:00	Dinner						
19:30-21:30	Welcome Party	Quiz Night	Mocktail Evening	Games Night	Oxford Spires Has Talent	Disco	Film Night
21:30-22:30	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:45	Lights Out						



Spires Plus Options at Anglia Ruskin University Summer Vacation give students the opportunity to benefit from six hours per week of additional learning opportunities across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas, including:

- Exam skills
- Business and leadership skills
- STEAM

Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £150 per week. Please contact us for more information.



Oxford Spires students in Oxford, in front of the Radcliffe Camera

Oxbridge Summer Vacation, Oxford and Cambridge

Combine Learning English with Activities & Excursions with a stay in both Oxford and Cambridge

Oxford and Cambridge are Britain's two oldest universities, and they are connected in many ways. Our unique Oxbridge programme allows students to spend one week in Oxford followed by one week in Cambridge or vice versa!

Students can experience, explore and compare both prestigious cities, famous for their world-leading universities. Experience some of the finest of British history and academia by taking part in programmes offering stimulating, communicative-based English language learning opportunities.



Ages	14-17
Date	28 June – 9 August
Accomm.	Residential with private bathroom
Capacity	150
Price	£970

What's Included:

- Full programmes as described on Oxford and Cambridge course pages
- Any summer programme in either city can be combined to make up the 'Oxbridge' programme experience
- Transfer between cities is included
- Programme duration can be anywhere from 2 to 6 weeks, with a minimum of 1 week and maximum of 4 weeks in each city
- Suitable for individuals and groups

PLUS Multi Activity, Exam Skills, STEAM, Media, Business & Leadership and Dance & Performing Arts

Integration

Year-Round Academic & Integration Programmes

We welcome a variety of groups throughout the year on our General English and School Integration programmes.

Our innovative School Integration Programmes offer a fantastic opportunity for students from all over the world to experience student life and the British education system in UK primary and secondary schools.

We have partnerships with a variety of schools located across the South and South West of England, who we work with to ensure that our international guests have an interesting and rewarding experience with us.

Our flexible General English programmes can be customised to suit specific group requirements, such as incorporating themes to the lessons and activities.

Why not contact us for more information about our tailor-made academic and integration programmes?

We offer three types of integration programme throughout the year:



Full School Integration*

A full-time school integration programme



English Tuition Plus School Integration

Combine English lessons with school integration



General English

English lessons combined with excursions and activities



**Minimum English requirement (B1)*



Oxford Spires student

Full School Integration

Ages	8-17
Date	September - June
Accomm.	Homestay & Residential
Capacity	Groups
Price	Contact us for prices

For students wishing to take their English studies to the next level, we highly recommend this programme as a chance to use their language skills in meaningful contexts, practise their communication skills, and fully immerse themselves in UK culture and school life. Students will have the opportunity to make new friendships, develop their confidence and create lifelong memories!

A unique opportunity to join classes in local Oxfordshire high schools. International students are paired with a local "buddy," whom they accompany to lessons and join for lunch and breaks.

What's Included:

- Full board residential or homestay accommodation
- Daily integration at a local primary or secondary school (9am-3pm)
- Weekly excursion programme (optional)
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Public or private transport options
- Friendly, supportive staff and 24/7 support

Sample Timetable

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Morning	Arrival & Meet Host Family	Breakfast with Host Family						Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square) Free time to explore Covent Garden	Departure
		Travel to School							
08:30-12:30		Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration		
12:30-13:30		Lunch							
13:30-15:00		Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration		
15:00-17:30		Walking Tour of Oxford	Visit Ashmolean Museum	Visit Christ Church College	Ice-Skating	Visit Natural History Museum			
17:30-18:00	Travel Home								
Evening	Dinner with Host Family								



Oxford Spires students with local schoolchildren

English Tuition Plus School Integration

Ages	8-17
Date	September - June
Accomm.	Homestay & Residential
Capacity	Groups
Price	Contact us for prices

What's Included:

- Full board residential or homestay accommodation
- Daily English tuition (up to 15 hours per week)
- Daily integration at a local primary or secondary school (approximately 3 hours per day)
- Weekly excursion programme (optional)
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Public or private transport options
- Friendly, supportive staff and 24/7 support

In addition to receiving daily English tuition from our dedicated teaching team, students attend various school lessons in the afternoon with an allocated local 'buddy'.

Students enjoy a combination of our topic-based English tuition and a school integration placement.

Sample Timetable

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Morning	Arrival & Meet Host Family	Breakfast with Host Family							Departure
		Travel to School							
08:30-12:30		Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration	Integration	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square)	
12:30-13:30		Lunch							
13:30-15:00		English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons	English Lessons		
15:00-17:30		Walking Tour of Oxford	Visit Ashmolean Museum	Visit Christ Church College	Bowling	Visit Pitt Rivers Museum	Free time to explore Covent Garden		
17:30-18:00		Travel Home							
Evening	Dinner with Host Family								



Oxford Spire teacher and students

General English

Ages	8-17
Date	September - June
Accomm.	Homestay & Residential
Capacity	Groups
Price	Contact us for prices

Our General English short stay programmes divide each day into EFL tuition and fun and cultural activities. Whether you are looking for a Harry Potter theme, exam preparation or football coaching, the flexible nature of this programme means that it can be adapted to the specific needs and requirements of any group.

Our practical, communicative English tuition focusses on encouraging students to put their language skills into practice in real-life contexts. Lesson content is also related to the scheduled trips and excursions throughout the programme - meaning that learning continues outside of the classroom.

What's Included:

- Full board residential or homestay accommodation
- Daily English tuition (3 hours per day)
- Weekly excursion programme (optional)
- Varied weekly programme of sports and leisure activities
- Local transport, usually public transport or private minibuses
- Optional excursions, entrances, and activities available
- Friendly, supportive staff

Sample Timetable

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	Breakfast with Host Family							
	Travel to School							
08:30-12:30	Arrival & Meet Host Family	Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square)	Departure
12:30-13:30		Break						
13:30-15:00		English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson		
15:00-17:30		Lunch						
17:30-18:00		Walking Tour of Oxford Views from Carfax Tower	Bowling	Visit Pitt Rivers Museum	Visit Christ Church College	Visit Ashmolean Museum	Free time to explore Covent Garden	
Evening	Travel Home							
	Dinner with Host Family							

Academic

Oxford Spires Academic Summer School, Cheltenham Ladies' College

Combine English Language with Academic Electives



Ages	Junior 8-11, Senior 12-17
Dates	8 July - 22 July, Juniors & Seniors 22 July - 5 August, Juniors & Seniors
Accomm.	Residential with shared bathrooms
Capacity	20
Price	£2,100-£2,200 per 2-week programme
Min. Level	Language Level B1

Cheltenham Ladies' College offers an ideal environment for students to experience authentic boarding school life in a top-ranking UK independent boarding school, as part of an intensive English study programme.

Our dedicated junior and senior academic programmes at Cheltenham allow students to choose from a range of Academy electives, taught by teachers at the College, alongside their daily English tuition.

Academy electives allow students to personalise their timetables and practise their English in areas that interest and inspire them, whilst gaining insight into what it is like to be a student at a UK boarding school.

Every aspect of this academic summer programme encourages immersion and further language development, making this the perfect programme for students hoping to take their learning to the next level.

Students can choose from weekly Academy Elective options!



What's Included:

- Full board and residential accommodation (14 nights)
- Academy electives tailored for junior and senior learners (see page 53 for details)
- Qualified subject-specific teachers
- Personalised timetable for every student, based on study preferences
- Top-ranking British independent boarding school locations
- Daily teacher-led homework sessions
- Three excursions per two week stay
- Return airport transfers (see full details for a list of airports available)
- Evening social programme



Oxford Spires students

Oxford Spires Academic Summer School, Cheltenham Ladies' College

The Oxford Spires Academic Summer School aims to provide learners with a balance of inspiring lessons, fun activities and interesting cultural experiences.

The programme timetable is designed to keep students busy and engaged, and maximise their time with us.



All academic programme timetables include:

Assembly

Daily assembly is a great opportunity to bring students together and outline the day ahead.

English Lessons

Our communicative English lessons are designed to encourage confidence and enjoyment whilst developing English language skills. All students will complete a language assessment at the beginning of their programme in order to better identify their language level and learning needs.

Clubs

Students can further personalise their programmes by choosing between co-curricular clubs such as tennis, photography, computer programming and music.

Global Studies

(Seniors, B2 minimum)

Taught by lecturers and industry professionals, subject areas include:

- Globalisation
- Political Leadership
- International Environmental Protection
- Transitional Justice

Homework Session (Seniors)

Teacher-led study sessions are a great way for Senior students to consolidate new information and speak to their teacher if they need any additional support.

Academies

Students can choose from a variety of interesting and engaging academy electives to complement their study programme across the two-week course.

Social Programme

Our fun and lively evening activities, such as discos, quiz nights and talent shows, encourage students to wind down, communicate and socialise in a more relaxed environment.

Excursions

Three exciting excursions per fortnight allow students to visit new places and attractions in the UK and learn more about our rich culture and history.



Cheltenham Ladies' College courtyard

Oxford Spires Academic Summer School, Cheltenham Ladies' College

Sample Timetable

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
07:45-08:30	Arrival/ Departure & Activities at the school or Day Trip to Oxford Walking Tour (Carfax Tower, Bridge of Sighs, Radcliffe Camera, Bodleian Library, St Mary's Church) *Optional: Christ Church College	Breakfast					
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting					
09:00-11:00		Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson/ Global Studies	English Lesson/ Global Studies	Day Trip to London	English Lesson/ Global Studies	English Lesson/ Global Studies
11:00-11:30		Break				Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square)	Break
11:30-12:30		English Lesson/ Global Studies	English Lesson/ Global Studies	English Lesson/ Global Studies	English Lesson/ Global Studies		English Lesson/ Global Studies
12:30-13:30		Lunch			Explore Covent Garden	Lunch	
13:30-15:30		Cheltenham Walking Tour	Academic Elective	Academic Elective		Academic Elective	Academic Elective
15:30-17:30		Explore the city	Clubs	Clubs	*Optional: London Eye	Clubs	Clubs
18:00-19:00	Dinner						
19:30-21:30	Welcome Party	Homework Club	Homework Club	Homework Club	Oxford Spires Has Talent	Homework Club	Homework Club
		Quiz Night	Mocktail Evening	Games Night		Karaoke	Film Night
21:30-22:30	House Time						
22:45	Lights Out						



Oxford Spire students

Oxford Spire Academic Summer School, Cheltenham Ladies' College

Students may choose from the following options to personalise their timetable and focus on specific areas of interest alongside their English study programme. Each academy is subject to availability and early booking is encouraged. Please contact us for further information about which academies are available during your chosen programme dates.

Science

A practical academy covering areas in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Learners aim to achieve their CREST certification, which can be included in their Record of Achievement when applying for university.

Learners should be interested in science and have a good understanding of English. The course is very hands-on and practical, making this a highly enjoyable option.

Mathematics

An option for those wishing to develop their problem solving skills. Experienced academics have created a modern blend of tasks, assignments and project work to test the full range of levels and abilities.

Performing Arts*

This fun academy is perfect for aspiring actors! A local performing arts company delivers fun and engaging sessions culminating in an evening show on the final day of the programme.

Sports & Recreation

For students interested in combining language and literature learning in the morning with sporting activities in the afternoon. Traditional British boarding school sports are all included such as:

- Badminton
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Volleyball

All sessions are led by our activities team, who are trained and guided towards providing the best possible instruction. A perfect preparation for those planning to study at a UK school in the future.

Extra English (Senior programme)

This option is for learners who wish to take additional English lessons that are *not* English language lessons. Instead, classes are centred around key subject areas in order to prepare students for further study in the UK. Subjects such as Geography, History or, Anthropology and opportunities to engage in debates, develop terminology and study-specific language.

Art

A practical academy aimed at creative learners who are interested in pastels, paints, clay and felt. Learners work towards a final weekly project. All abilities are accommodated.

Tennis (Senior programme)*

Run by qualified LTA tennis coaches, this academy offers private classes to set new challenges and teach new techniques.

*Incur an additional charge. Please contact us for more details.



Burford School building exterior

Boarding School Integration, Burford School

This unique opportunity offers learners an authentic British boarding school experience in one of Oxfordshire's leading schools, studying and socialising with both British and international students.

Consistently achieving top A-Level and GCSE results, Burford School provides an ideal setting for learners to immerse themselves in the British education system and English language for 1, 2 or 3 weeks this summer.

Students will combine EFL tuition (optional) with integration into the regular school timetable alongside local student peers. Lessons will include maths, science, geography and history and are an excellent way for students to experience the British education system and surround themselves with the English language and culture.



Ages	11-15
Date	June and July for 1, 2 or 3 weeks
Accomm.	Residential with shared bathrooms
Capacity	50
Price	£1,100 per week
Min. Level	Intermediate (B1)

What's Included:

- Full board and residential accommodation
- Full integration into lessons and school activities with British and international students
- Lively social programme with Burford School students
- Return airport transfers
- Three excursions per two week stay
- WiFi on campus
- Laundry facilities





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