



**International Baccalaureate
Easter Institute
12 to 25 April 2003**

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IB Easter Review Courses

Revision Courses for students who are
about to take the International Baccalaureate Diploma exams

IB Summer Review & Introduction Courses

Revision Courses and Summer Courses for students
already studying for the International Baccalaureate Diploma
Introduction to the International Baccalaureate Diploma
for IB exams in 2004

IB Teacher

Programmes for IB Teachers

**IB Review Courses in one of the
world's best established IB Schools!**

Welcome to our IB Easter Institute brochure!

This brochure gives information about the St.Clare's, Oxford IB Easter Institute for students.

St.Clare's, Oxford IB Easter Institute is for students about to take their final IB Diploma exams, and offers help on passing the exams.

St.Clare's, Oxford IB Summer Institute is for students who have done one year of their IB Diploma (IB Review) and for students who are about to start the Diploma (IB Introduction).

St.Clare's, Oxford IB Teacher Institute provides study opportunities for teachers working with IB students, or who are about to work with IB students.

**IB Review Courses in one of the world's
best established IB Schools,
with full IB resources
... and with 25 years of experience in
teaching the IB!**

**STUDENTS 1
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Why study in Oxford?

- Oxford is a beautiful city with a special atmosphere - it is home to the oldest university in England.
- It has magnificent college and residential buildings, fascinating museums, large green parks, art galleries and a rich cultural life.
- It is also a modern city with excellent shops, cinemas, theatres, boating and sports centres.
- Oxford is in the centre of England, surrounded by peaceful countryside, but also close to many places of interest - Bath, Stratford, Windsor, London (1-1.5 hours away by bus or train) and London's Heathrow airport.
- Oxford is a small (120,000 permanent residents), safe, cosmopolitan city with all the advantages of larger centres

St.Clare's, Oxford was founded in 1953. It is an educational charity with the mission of promoting international education and understanding

St.Clare's, Oxford ...

...a range of quality courses specially designed to meet your needs

- 50 years experience of running courses for overseas students
- Students from over 50 countries worldwide
- Our summer courses take place at the Banbury Road campus buildings all located in a pleasant leafy residential area, just over 1km from Oxford city centre
- During the year we run our IB Diploma courses on this site, September to June. The College attracts about 325 students at any one time, aged 16 and above.
- Other St.Clare's activities include training courses for teachers and school administrators, English language testing and consultancy work.

Please contact St.Clare's if you would like further information about any of these other courses.

Choose St.Clare's for quality all the way

- Your courses provide excellent tuition combined with the highest quality of care and service in every respect.
- Well qualified and experienced teachers As well as teaching you, our teachers are in demand to train other teachers all over the world.
- Excellent facilities for study.
- Interesting, informative and enjoyable lessons.
- Comfortable and attractive college residences, or carefully selected homestay.
- High level of personal attention from our caring and welcoming staff
- Action packed, exciting range of after class and weekend activities, sports and excursions.
- St.Clare's, Oxford has taught over 2,000 IB students, and has been teaching the IB for over 25 years!
- Our central College buildings and student accommodation are in large houses which were built as family homes about 100 years ago, with new buildings for the student common room, classrooms and a large hall.
- Facilities include an outstanding Academic Resources Centre with library, language laboratory and audio-visual and computing centre, and all related IB resources and materials.
- Science courses include practical work and lab work, where appropriate. English courses include a trip to a play.
- You mix and meet with students from many other countries and learn about their cultures and ideas.
- You stay in our student houses on the same site as the course.
- Your courses will encourage you to think about your subjects in new and imaginative ways, helping you to achieve a better understanding and perspective on your future studies.
- You broaden your horizons and enjoy a genuinely international experience - and of course, have a great time!

Accommodation and meals

- Spacious, attractive, full-board, residential accommodation
- Residences combining a family atmosphere with student friendship
- Most students will have a single room.
- Residences are truly international, with students of different nationalities.
- Young, friendly team of activities organisers.

Student welfare

Your welfare and happiness are our concern at all times throughout your stay.

- Your progress on your course is monitored by the course director and class teacher.
- While living in one of our houses you are looked after by the resident warden. To enable us to take care of you, you are required to be back in your house by 23h00.
- You will find that the activities team and the Easter course office staff are also available to help you with problems, and will do their best to ensure you enjoy your stay.
- If you become ill, you may see our student services officer or your house warden, who will contact the College doctor,if necessary. Oxford has excellent hospitals and dentists for emergency treatment. Your course fees include travel and medical insurance.
- We inform your parents immediately of any welfare concerns if you are under 18 years of age.

I liked St.Clare's because it has some fun people, beautiful gardens and very good teachers.

*Emmanuele Cacciatore,
Italy*

**DINING ROOM
GARDEN PHOTO**

For once in my life I would like to stay at school! A beautiful school in a beautiful town - it's a paradise for learning. I really liked all of my teachers but best I liked Sheila the literature teacher - fun and clever, always interesting, a nice lady. Thanks to her I learnt some Shakespeare - it touched my heart. So, thanks, St.Clare's

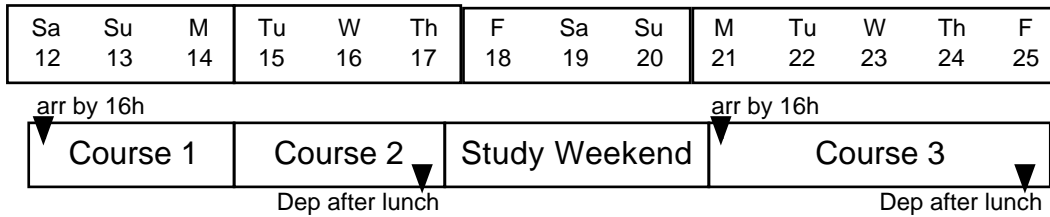
Gabrielle Fabre-Luce, France

For students taking the IB Diploma Exam in May or November 2003

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This is an intensive review course designed to cover work that most students should have completed in their first and second years of the IB Diploma course. Many students find it helpful to review work with a different teacher, and get a new approach to a topic. While we cannot hope to go over everything, teachers will cover the major topics of the subject syllabus and concentrate on those topics that appear frequently in exam papers. Also, due to no fault of your own, you may have missed sections of a syllabus. As the group sizes are small, you will be able to go over gaps in your knowledge with the teacher involved. Where possible, classes will be grouped by ability. In the residential college setting, you will be asked to work hard, but should find the course worthwhile and that it puts you in a good position to tackle your final IB exams.

The following courses are being offered:



You may take a different class in each course. Each class will be suited to your needs. Class sizes will be small, so you can tell us what you would like to cover before you arrive and during the classes. If you would like your current IB teacher to write to us to let us know what he or she feels that you need, please feel free to ask them to do so. Whilst we cannot hope to go over everything, teachers will adapt the courses as much as possible to suit the needs of each group of students.

Courses will include:

- a review of work covered in the first and second years of IB but not understood fully
 - teaching of topics that appear frequently in the IB exams
 - areas which students typically find hardest
 - practice of questions from past exam papers
 - opportunity to apply knowledge and discuss problems
 - timed exam practice
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- 17.5 hours on course 1 and 2
 - 27.5 hours on course 3

Course One [12-14 April]

- Biology HL
- Chemistry SL
- Business & Management HL
- History (Modern European) SL
- English A2
- Maths Methods

Course Two [15-17 April]

- Chemistry HL
- Physics SL
- History (Modern European) HL
- English A HL
- English B
- Maths Studies

Course Three [21-25 April]

- Biology SL
- Physics HL
- Economics HL
- English A SL
- English B
- Maths HL

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Details of courses
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Intensive preparation for your IB Diploma examinations in May or November 2003.

One subject per course, to a maximum of 3 courses. Note that it is possible to take just one course, but it is anticipated that most students taking Course 1 will also attend Course 2.

Classes are very focussed, with all your attention on just one subject for a few days each. Students are able to take a fresh look at the subject as a whole, as well as working on all the different topics within each subject. The intense atmosphere means that all students work hard, which allows students to develop the right balance between a broad overview of the subject and an understanding of the details, whilst dealing with any difficulties. Give yourself every opportunity to maximize your potential in your IB exams.

Groups are small, providing you with as much personal help as possible with any academic difficulties. You will cover a wide range of material in a very short time. As a result, you will be able to approach your exams not only knowing more and with greater understanding, but also with the confidence that this brings – and therefore better placed to do your best. Classes will only operate with at least 4 students per class. If not there are not sufficient students in your chosen class by three weeks before the course begins, then you can either cancel or change your subject option.

Using past IB exam papers, classes will work on the best approach to the examination, exploring exactly what the examiners are looking for, and how to approach different question types. This sort of guidance can also be relevant to your other subjects as well! Each class will approach the subject content in a different way, adjusting according to the needs of the students, and providing individual support wherever possible.

Once you have registered, we will send you a questionnaire for each subject. You can complete the form to let us know which areas of the syllabus you have particular concerns over. Our teachers can then put together a unique course for your classes which will include your specific needs.

Some students will attend Course 1 and Course 2, **OR** will attend Course 3. However, please see the next page for details of a Study Weekend to link the courses for students who want to attend all three.

Course 1 : 17.5 hours		
Day One: 12th April Saturday	Day Two: 13th April Sunday	Day Three: 14th April Monday
Arrival by 16h00	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h00 : 1.5 12h30 – 13h30 : 1.0	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h00 : 1.5 12h30 – 13h30 : 1.0
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	2 hours supervised private study	2 hours supervised private study
Total : 3.5	Total : 7.0	Total : 7.0
21h00 - 22h30 Evening Activity	21h00 - 22h30 Evening Activity	21h00 - 22h30 Evening Activity

Course 2 : 17.5 hours		
Day One: 15th April Tuesday	Day Two: 16th April Wednesday	Day Three: 17th April Thursday
Arrival by 16h00	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h00 : 1.5 12h30 – 13h30 : 1.0	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h00 : 1.5 12h30 – 13h30 : 1.0
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	2 hours supervised private study	2 hours supervised private study
Total : 7.0	Total : 7.0	Total : 3.5
21h00 - 22h30 Evening Activity	21h00 - 22h30 Evening Activity	

Departure after lunch
(clear from rooms after breakfast)

Course 3 : 27.5 hours				
Day One: 21st April Monday	Day Two: 22nd April Tuesday	Day Three: 23rd April Wednesday	Day Four: 24th April Thursday	Day Five: 25th April Friday
Arrival by 16h00	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h00 : 1.5 12h30 – 13h30 : 1.0	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h00 : 1.5 12h30 – 13h30 : 1.0	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h00 : 1.5 12h30 – 13h30 : 1.0	08h30 – 10h00 : 1.5 10h30 – 12h30 : 2.0
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Departure after lunch
(clear from rooms after breakfast)

Details of courses
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Study Weekend

For students about to enter the IB Diploma Programme in September 2003 or January 2004

Some students will attend Course 1 and Course 2, **OR** will attend Course 3. However, many students will want to attend all three courses, and we are pleased to be able to offer a special study weekend to bridge between course 2 and 3. This weekend is specially designed to enable you to use the extensive study facilities to continue your revision and other work, whilst giving you more free time to make the most of being in Oxford as well.

Study Weekend

Thursday 17th April in the evening through to Monday 21st April in the morning.

- Access to the St. Clare's, Oxford Academic Resources Centre, including study centre, IT centre, fully resourced library.
- Access to a range of different study rooms.
- Special Study Skills workshop on the Thursday afternoon, with a targeted focus on planning your time and on managing your revision planning.
- A selection of evening social activities.
- Full board accommodation in a St. Clare's, Oxford student residence.

The purpose of the Study Weekend is to give you time to develop the habits and self-discipline which will help you to continue to prepare for the IB Diploma examinations even after you have left St. Clare's, Oxford. Many students find the intensive atmosphere a great help in developing their own study patterns.

When everyone around you is working hard for the same purpose, it is often easier to find the right mental attitude to commit yourself to your own work. Whether you like to work in the same room as others, or to find your own private space, you will find the right environment to suit your own learning styles and frame of mind. Beyond creating revision timetables, this is about actually following through and really getting stuck into the work which is going to make the difference for you personally.

There will be a social activity programme, but only after dinner, and after you have had a chance to fit in some extra private study. A bit of fun, a break from your study, and the chance to let off steam is important in the evening, to make sure that you will have a good night's sleep - and be ready to start again in the morning! Please note that during the Study Weekend, curfew is still 23h00, as for the rest of the IB Easter Institute.

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Extra Information

Choosing your subjects

It may be most important to focus on your weaker subjects, but it may be more important to ensure that you get high grades in key subjects which are important for your future study. To make a choice, you may want to review your current class work, or perhaps discuss different options with your teachers at school. When you have chosen, tick the appropriate boxes on the application form. You can also use the application form to indicate any special subject areas where you feel that you need extra help, so that we can adapt the study programme for each class, addressing the needs of all the students. The application needs to be completed and returned to St. Clare's as early as possible.

Our teachers and classes

Teachers are selected for their academic qualifications and expertise, successful teaching experience, and ability to relate to young people from a variety of different cultural and educational backgrounds. Some are members of the permanent St. Clare's teaching staff, and others come from other IB schools in the UK and other countries. A number will also be examiners for the IB exams. Classes are small and informal. Just as students have different learning styles, so teaching styles differ, and students at St. Clare's experience a variety of teaching methods and approaches. The emphasis in all our teaching is enabling students to take increasing responsibility for their own learning: to learn how to learn. This makes learning more enjoyable while preparing students for work and study at university, and for later life.

Work outside scheduled class hours

The purpose of your time with St. Clare's is to ensure that you will be better prepared for your work when you return home. All our students should ensure that they are prepared for their classes. You will be set various different tasks to complete out of class. These may take up to two hours each day. In addition, it is good general discipline to review the work which you have covered each day, to ensure that you maximize the amount which you will retain. Some tasks may need you to work on your own, and other tasks may require you to work with other students, either in pairs or in a small team.

Reports and Course Certificates

Written reports are prepared for each class you take. You will receive a summary of the work covered in your class, with some notes about your own level of achievement and personal contribution to the class. You will also receive an attendance certificate for the course as a whole. The reports and certificate will be available for collection at the end of the summer school.

Typical Activities Timetable

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. CLARE'S INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE Student Activities Programme, Easter 2003 -sample

Sat 12th	1400	College orientation and walking tour of Oxford City centre
	2000	Latin Dance night in the Campus hall
	2030	Games night in the Sugar House student bar
Sun 13th	1930	BBQ and Welcome meal in the Dining hall lawn
	2030	Table tennis tournament
	2100	Video night in the Student Common Room
Mon 14th	2000	Aerobics in the Campus hall
	2000	Pool competition in the Student Common room
	2100	Karaoke competition in the Campus hall
Tue 15th	2000	Arts and Crafts at 121 Banbury Rd
	2000	Ice Skating at the Oxford Ice rink
Wed 16th	1900	Programme Director's Farewell in the Campus hall followed by BBQ
	2030	Farewell disco in the Campus hall
Thu 17th	1430	Departure from Course 1 & 2
	1900	Latin Dance night in the Campus hall
	1930	Indoor football at Magdalen College
Fri 18th	1930	Games night in the Sugar House student bar
	1930	Laserquest
	2100	Video night in the Student Common Room
Sat	1900	Aerobics in the Campus hall
Sun		Free evening
Mon 21st	1400	College orientation and walking tour of Oxford City centre
	2000	Latin Dance night in the Campus hall
	2030	Games night in the Sugar House student bar
Tue 22nd	2000	Aerobics in the Campus hall
	2000	Pool competition in the Student Common room
	2100	Karaoke competition in the Campus hall
Wed 23rd	2000	Arts and Crafts at 121 Banbury Rd
	2000	Ice Skating at the Oxford Ice rink
Thu 24th	1900	Programme Director's Farewell in the Campus hall followed by BBQ
	2030	Farewell disco in the Campus hall
Fri 25th	1430	Departure from Course 3

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