

# Summer Courses for Teenagers

St. Clare's has an international reputation for providing a first class educational experience and every year students from more than twenty countries take part in our summer courses.

- Programmes are specifically designed for teenagers aged 15 – 17
- They operate throughout the summer from mid June to late August, for courses of 2, 3, 4 or more weeks
- They combine a valuable educational experience with a stimulating programme of activities, sports and excursions

## A quality experience at St. Clare's

Your welfare and happiness is of the utmost importance to us, and there is a large team of qualified staff to look after you while you are at St. Clare's.

- Your Course Director is in overall charge of every aspect of your stay
- The Director of Studies designs and monitors your programme of study
- The teachers are experienced and enthusiastic about your progress

- The members of the Activities Team motivate you to make the most of your time outside the classroom
- Our College Nurse is available if you feel unwell
- Course fees include comprehensive medical and travel insurance
- Transfers to and from the airport can be arranged on your behalf

## Living at St. Clare's

- Our residential accommodation is in large houses within easy walking distance of the main College buildings
- You will normally stay in one of our residential, single-sex houses
- We mix nationalities in each house to encourage you to make new friends and speak English
- We provide all bed linen and towels during your stay and card-operated washing machines for personal laundry
- There is a personal safety deposit box for valuables in your room
- Every house has a resident House Warden who looks after you with the support of the Summer Deans
- Homestay accommodation is also available if you prefer to stay with a local family

## Meals at St. Clare's

Breakfast, lunch and an evening meal are provided for all teenage residential students.

- Your St. Clare's Identity Card entitles you to eat in the college dining room
- The dining room has a wide choice of hot and cold meals each day
- The menu is designed to be both healthy and nutritious with vegetarian options, plenty of fresh fruit and salad bar
- You can buy sandwiches, baguettes and other light meals and soft drinks from the Sugar House café throughout the day
- Homestay students have breakfast and an evening meal with their family and lunch at the College



# Summer Courses for Teenagers

## Summer English

This is the most popular course for teenagers at St. Clare's each summer. It combines Integrated Language Skills lessons with Active Language Projects and a wide range of activities and excursions.

- Classes are available at all levels from Elementary to Advanced
- The Director of Studies tests your knowledge of English and places you in an international group of students at the same level
- Morning lessons focus on the language learning skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing
- They also increase your accurate use of the language by practising grammar points and extending your range of vocabulary
- In the afternoon sessions, the focus is on improving your fluency in English through Active Language Projects in a range of interesting subject areas
- Our qualified and experienced teachers will encourage you to communicate with increasing confidence and accuracy
- Your progress is monitored at regular intervals and your Certificate and Report are presented at a special ceremony on your last afternoon

Every week you take part in a different Active Language Project to develop your language skills. Each programme has a clear language outcome which the learner moves towards during the week. There are three basic stages:

**Preparation** – input from the teacher or research by the learner

**Development** – organising and sharing ideas with other members of the class

**Production** – a presentation or a performance which concludes the activity

Here are some examples of our Active Language Projects:

- Oxford Study Visits
- Youth & Culture
- Global Issues
- Drama Workshops
- Film Studies
- News and Media
- College Magazine
- The language of advertising
- Oxford in popular fiction

## Summer English

Class size maximum 15

15 – 17 years

2 – 9 weeks

21 English Language lessons per week

- Morning lessons: 3 Integrated Language Skills classes each day
- Afternoon lessons: 2 Active Language Project sessions on 3 afternoons per week

## Sample Daily Programme

### Summer English

09.00 – 11.00	Accuracy Skills
	Break
11.30 – 12.30	Fluency Skills
	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Active Language Project



# Summer Courses for Teenagers

## Intensive English

The Intensive English Course is an excellent way of getting the most from your summer in Oxford. It focuses on serious language learning in small classes over a 3 week period.

- Classes are available for more serious learners at levels from Intermediate to Advanced
- The Director of Studies tests your knowledge on arrival and monitors your progress throughout
- Lessons focus on the following aspects of language learning:
  - **Accuracy skills** – grammar, listening, speaking, reading and writing activities
  - **Fluency skills** – conversation practice, role-plays, debates, discussions and presentations
  - **English for Academic Purposes (EAP) & Examination skills** – note-taking, research, IELTS & Cambridge exam preparation
- Teachers at St. Clare's have high expectations and encourage you to work hard in class and outside
- Homework assignments and regular tests are integral to the programme
- The emphasis on learner training & study skills helps you become a more independent learner
- You receive a Certificate of Attendance and an Academic Report at the end of your course

### Intensive English

Class size maximum 12                      15 – 17 years                      3 weeks

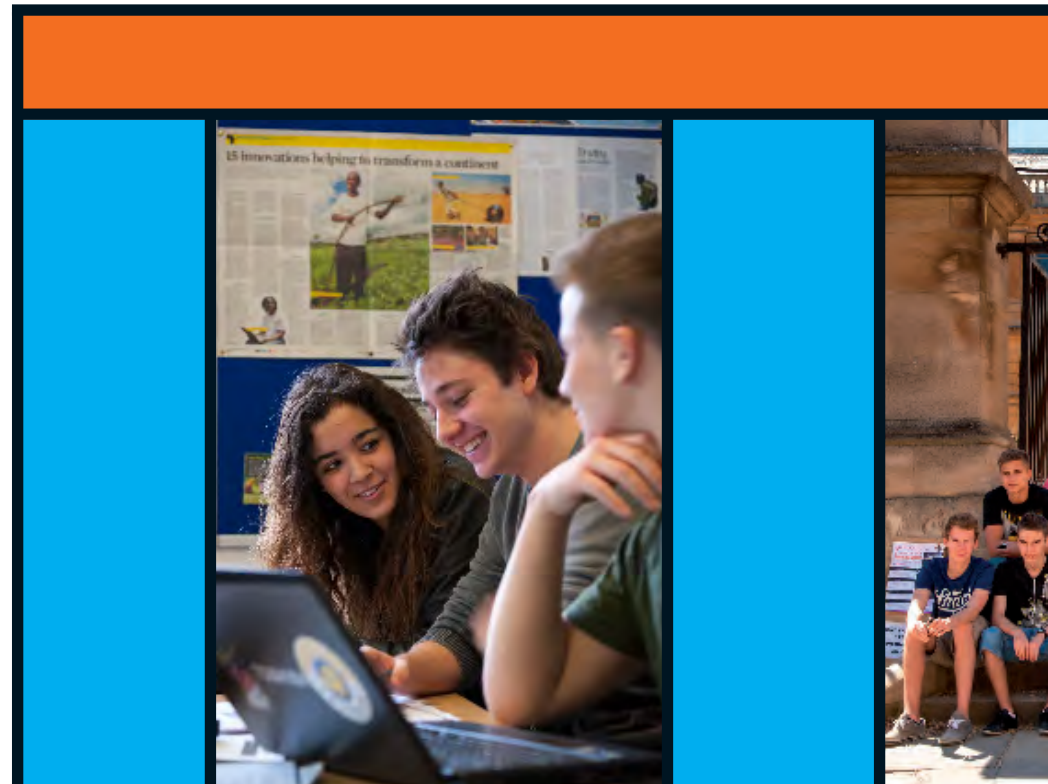
25 English Language lessons per week

- Morning lessons: 2 lessons each day of accuracy skills, EAP & examination focus
- Afternoon lessons: Fluency skills, learner training and study skills (4 afternoons per week)

### Sample Daily Programme

#### Intensive English

09.00 – 10.30	Accuracy Skills
	Break
11.00 – 13.00	EAP & examination focus
	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Fluency skills, learner training & study skills



# Summer Courses for Teenagers

## IB Introduction Course

St. Clare's has been an IB World School for over 30 years. Devised and developed by the Diploma teachers at St. Clare's, this unique three week course is specifically designed for students who are about to embark on a full IB Diploma programme. Students are able to refine and develop their study skills in preparation for the Diploma.

There is a different subject emphasis each week over this three week course, for example:

- Week 1. Maths and Humanities
- Week 2. Science and Arts
- Week 3. Language and Literature

- Study visits to Oxford, museums and colleges
- Lectures on international affairs, global issues, politics and development
- Subject introduction classes, emphasising study skills
- An introduction to Creativity, Action and Service
- Theory of Knowledge lectures, introducing this vital component of the Diploma
- Expert careers and university admissions advice

### IB Introduction Course

15+ years

3 weeks

24 lessons of subject study per week

Preparation for students about to start an IB Diploma Programme

- Subject Introduction Classes including Theory of Knowledge lectures
- Expert careers advice
- Study Visits to Oxford, museums and colleges

### Sample Daily Programme

09.00 – 10.00	Mathematics
	Break
10.30 – 11.30	Theory of Knowledge
	Break
12.00 – 13.00	Individuals and societies
	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Careers advice
15.00 – 16.00	IB lecture



# Activities & Excursions for Teenagers

Members of the activities team are friendly, enthusiastic and always ready to help. They prepare the busy schedule of excursions in advance but are always ready to respond to your suggestions for sports and social activities in the afternoons and evenings. There's a vast range of options available as the sample programme opposite indicates. Remember: 'the more you put in, the more you get out'!

## Key Features

- One 'star' excursion per week is included in the price of your course.
- Activities and events are free of charge unless otherwise stated – just sign up and join in!
- Additional 'star' excursions and some events are available at cost price (see sample opposite).

## Sample Activity programme (See Key Features opposite)

<b>SUN</b>	<b>London</b> Full day excursion of sightseeing and a museum	★	Tennis tournament Team-building games Welcome Disco
<b>MON</b>	<b>Stonehenge</b> Visit the world famous stone circle	★	Explore Oxford by Camera Design your own T-shirt Punting on the Thames
<b>TUES</b>	Zumba Fitness Session Make a Friendship Bracelet Tennis competition		Pizza making £8 Volleyball Casino Night
<b>WEDS</b>	British Culture Club Glass Painting Rugby & Tennis		Big Film Night Table Tennis Tournament Disco @ The Bridge £3
<b>THURS</b>	Volleyball Practice Tennis Session Jewellery design		Basketball Ice skating £6 Talent Show
<b>FRI</b>	<b>Windsor Castle</b> The home of the Royal Family	★	Oxford Colleges Tour Horror at the Movies Disco @ The Bridge £3
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon</b> Full day excursion to the birthplace of William Shakespeare	★	Football Practice Oxford Castle Unlocked Karaoke Evening



# Summer Courses for Juniors

There is a great demand for places on this course every summer.

- Fully-inclusive, 3-week programmes are designed to meet the needs and interests of juniors (aged 10 – 15)
- Courses are held at a separate campus in Headington, Oxford, just 10 minutes from the city centre
- The Campus is set in its own private grounds, providing a safe and secure environment for our younger students
- There are excellent facilities including comfortable residential accommodation, an outdoor heated swimming pool, tennis courts, gymnasium and extensive sports fields, gardens and woodland
- A committed team of teachers and activity leaders lives on-site and creates a supportive family atmosphere
- Every day our students are busy, whether in lessons or taking part in our multi-activity programme, which is all included in the price
- This truly is an international environment in which participants learn to live and study together whatever their nationality or background

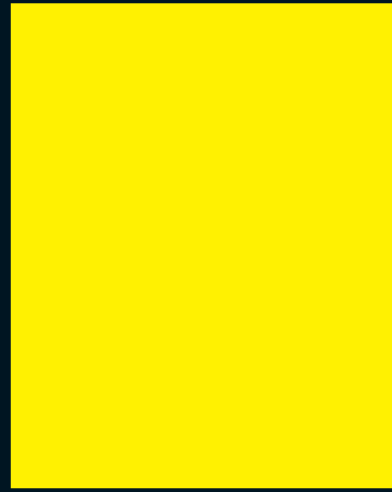
## Welfare, safety and happiness

The welfare, safety and happiness of your child is of paramount importance to us. There is a large team of qualified staff to look after all the children at St. Clare's.

- An experienced Course Director is in overall charge of every aspect of the stay
- The Director of Studies oversees the study programme and monitors your child's progress
- Our teachers are committed to providing interesting, entertaining and valuable lessons that appeal to the age group
- A specially selected team of Activity Organisers is on hand to supervise the sports, social events, excursions and visits
- There is an excellent student/staff ratio – a minimum of one member of staff to every 8 students
- Our course fees include comprehensive medical and travel insurance



# Summer Courses for Juniors



## Arrival & Departure

A St. Clare's representative will welcome your child at the airport and ensure safe departure at the end of their stay.

- In order to benefit from the **free** transfer service, your child must arrive at LONDON HEATHROW airport between 09.00 and 18.30
- Transfers from the airport on arrival and to the airport on departure are accompanied by our representatives and take approximately one hour
- On arrival at the school, we look after passports, tickets and pocket money
- Our friendly and welcoming staff will show your child to their bedroom, introduce them to new friends and help them to settle in. Meals are also available all day for new arrivals who will be hungry after a long journey
- At the end of the course we will take your child back to the airport in good time for check-in and the flight home

## Accommodation and Meals

Learning to live together in an international community is, for many, the most valuable part of the experience.

- Older children have a single bedroom whilst larger rooms are reserved for the youngest students
- Boys and girls are accommodated separately and members of the teaching or activities staff live in nearby rooms so there is always someone available at any time of day or night
- We provide all bed linen and towels and there is a regular laundry service provided. Students are encouraged to keep their rooms tidy
- All meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner, are taken together in the school dining room. The menu is designed to be both healthy and nutritious with vegetarian options, plenty of fresh fruit and salad bar
- Packed lunches are provided when your child goes on excursions and there is a small shop on the school campus for snacks at other times

# Summer Courses for Juniors

## English & Activities for Juniors

Summer in Oxford is an experience not to be missed. St. Clare's offers the complete language learning experience for this age group.

- Courses last for 3 or 6 weeks and take place during July and August each year
- Classes are available at all levels from Elementary to Advanced
- Your child will be tested on the first Monday and groups are arranged according to language level and age
- There are 18 lessons of language tuition per week. In the mornings the focus is on the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. In the afternoons the emphasis is placed on project work
- Teachers create a vibrant learning environment in which classroom activities are linked to the excursion programme

### English Courses for Juniors English & Activities

Class size maximum 15                      10 – 15 years                      3 or 6 weeks

18 English language lessons per week

- Language skills lessons on 4 mornings per week
- Project work classes on 2 afternoons per week
- This course is suitable for students with a lower intermediate level of English or above

### Sample Daily Programme

09.00 – 11.00	Language study
	Break
11.30 – 13.00	Language study
	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Project Work
	Break
15.15 – 16.15	Project Work

### English & Activities

- Visits to museums such as the Natural History Museum in London or to sights such as Stonehenge or Windsor Castle are an integral part of the cultural and educational experience. Preparation before the visit and follow-up activities afterwards enhance the learning for your child
- Juniors gain confidence during their course and quickly learn to communicate more accurately and fluently in English
- Progress is monitored discreetly by the teacher and the Director of Studies and regular feedback is provided
- There is a special ceremony on the last afternoon of the course when Certificates and Reports are presented by the teachers and Course Director
- It is a great opportunity for children to improve their grades before returning to school in September





# Activities & Excursions for Juniors

Activities and excursions are vital to the success of the course as a whole. There's an exciting range of sports, cultural and social activities and your child will be busy all day – around the playing fields, tennis courts, sports hall and heated outdoor pool of the campus. Members of our enthusiastic activities team are always on duty to encourage your child to make the most of the busy programme.

The highlights: three superb excursions each week are included in the course fees! You could enjoy the jousting at Warwick Castle, the Hogwarts' experience at Christ Church Great Hall and the thrills of the Theme Park.

## Key Features

- Three 'star' excursions per week – all included in the price of the course.
- All scheduled activities and excursions are free of charge.

## Sample Activity programme (See Key Features opposite)

<b>SUN</b>	<b>London Sightseeing</b> Full day excursion: see the sights and Experience the London Eye.	★	Football Arts & Crafts <b>Karaoke Evening</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>It's a Knockout!</b> Games, teamwork & prizes		Tennis Arts & Crafts <b>The BIG Quiz Evening</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>Swimming Gala</b>		Sports, Arts & Crafts <b>Casino Night</b> Dress up and join the fun!
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>London Covent Garden &amp; Musical</b> Afternoon excursion to the historic market and a live West End musical	★	
<b>THURS</b>	<b>Who's Got Talent?</b> Showcase your skills on stage		Swimming Arts & Crafts <b>Magic Show</b>
<b>FRI</b>	Basketball Arts & Crafts <b>Tennis Tournament</b>		<b>Hawaiian Disco</b> Try out some special dance moves!
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Cotswold Wildlife Park</b> Get up close to the animals!	★	Staff v Students Football Bungee Run <b>Barbecue</b>

