

# ST CLARE'S



# OXFORD

## The International College



for **university**, for **career**, for **life**

**Oxford** – a truly **global city**, with

a unique **international atmosphere**

**Full of history  
but looking  
to the future**

The oldest university city  
in the English-speaking  
world, where 1 in 3  
residents is aged 18-29.

*'... it was amazing  
to live in this famous  
university city – and  
so close to London  
too!'*

Sena from Japan

*'... such a beautiful  
school in Oxford...  
the city feels so safe  
and small – but has  
a lot to offer'*

Maria from Mexico

*'... I learnt so much  
in my 9 weeks here. I  
came 4 years ago and  
had to come back. My  
teachers and class-mates  
feel like family'*

Hatem from Saudi Arabia



# A mission: 'to advance international education and understanding'

The International College is part of St Clare's, Oxford. It's an educational charity set up over 60 years ago with four impressive buildings in elegant North Oxford, for classrooms, dining and common rooms, and student accommodation.

You can be sure of a first-class educational experience at St Clare's:

- a warm welcome from our friendly team of teachers, lecturers and support staff
- membership of a thriving international community, where native speakers meet students from more than 20 countries
- a focus on your personal development - the course that's right for your needs
- academic support in the Open Learning Club most afternoons and from your own academic tutor
- advice and support with visa applications, accommodation options, examination choices, university application and career progression.

## Living at St Clare's

You can live in college or a homestay – according to your choice and availability.

- in college, you mix with other international students at St Clare's and learn to become independent
- in homestay, you mix with local people and get more support as you settle into a new life in Oxford.

See website: for details about choice of rooms – superior or standard, single or twin, self-catering or meal plan.

*'I love my room: it is just across the road from the college, and minutes away from the city centre. I like the kitchen, as it's really the centre of the house. Everyone meets there, so it feels like a big family'*

Martin from Germany



Meeting people and making friends from across the world

# The St Clare's experience

## College activities

Make friends and go places! The full-time Activity Coordinator is always ready to help. He organises a programme of activities and excursions every week in Oxford and outside. These really are the best way of getting to know the culture – and getting to know other learners from across the world.

## Learning together

Look out for the Theme of the Week – it encourages students on different courses to learn from each other. Lessons focus on 'activating language'. Study Visits to the law courts, a museum or a local business, build a link between the classroom and the real world. Guest lecturers add fresh insights and experience to classroom learning. Cross-college events create learning opportunities – examples include charity fund-raising or cultural celebrations.

## Lunch in college

Lunch in the college dining room is one of the highlights of the day. Meet your friends and enjoy a meal together before getting back to study in the afternoons.

*'The activities at St Clare's are wonderful. There are fascinating excursions at weekends ... to discover the amazing things the UK has to offer. We recently went on a trip to Liverpool with our activities coordinator – it was so great that my classmates and I went back the following weekend to revisit our favourite attractions!'*

Hannah from USA



Surfing in Cornwall



Visiting Harry Potter World



Raising funds for charity



Socialising over lunch



Sight-seeing in London is so easy: Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square





*'As part of the lessons, I went on Study Visits to the Ashmolean Museum and Blenheim Palace – I fulfilled my goals to learn English in an interdisciplinary way'*

Luisa from Brazil



Focussing on specific needs with your specialist tutor

# Interactive English for the next stage in your life

## English for Exams

Gain a qualification for university, or for your career:

- prepare for IELTS or Cambridge Exams
- focus on exam tasks and strategies
- practise your exam skills 'against the clock'

Age	17+
Level	Intermediate (CEF B1) to Advanced (CEF C1)
Class-size	Maximum 12
Lessons	21 English + 3 guided self-study p/week or 19.25 + 2.75 hours
Length	2 weeks+
Start dates	Available all year (including summer)

## English for Life

Activate your English language skills for everyday life:

- build your confidence in using English
- practise your skills, inside and outside the classroom, with study visits and events

Age	17+
Level	Elementary (CEF A1) to Advanced (CEF C1)
Class-size	Maximum 12
Lessons	21 English + 3 guided self-study p/week or 19.25 + 2.75 hours
Length	2 weeks+
Start dates	Available all year (including summer)

## English Combination

Focus on your specific language and professional needs:

- get the best of both worlds: learn with others in the mornings and one-to-one in the afternoons
- make quick progress in a short time

Age	17+
Level	Elementary (CEF A1) to Advanced (CEF C2)
Class-size	Maximum 12
Lessons	15 group + 5 one-to-one lessons p/week or 13.75 + 4.6 hours
Length	2 weeks+
Start dates	Available all year (including summer)

## Personal Language Training

One-to-one lessons with your tutor:

- design your own programme: academic, professional or for everyday life
- make maximum progress in the shortest time

Age	17+
Level	Beginner (CEF A0) to Advanced (CEF C2)
Class-size	Maximum 1
Lessons	10, 15 or 25 per week 1 lesson = 55 minutes
Length	1 week+
Start dates	Available all year (including summer)

# Pathways to university

## Gateway to University

A pre-Foundation course that bridges the gap between school and university.

An exciting combination of study skills that helps you adapt to the international classroom. These include cultural awareness, topic-based learning, academic literacy, critical thinking and IELTS practice.

### The benefits of the Gateway Programme

- focus on you, the learner
- increase your IELTS score and improve your confidence in using English
- develop the essential study skills for international study
- prepare for a full Foundation Course

Age	17+
Level	Intermediate IELTS 4.0 or CEF B1
Class-size	Maximum 12
Lessons	21 English & Content + 3 guided self-study p/w or 19.25 + 2.75 hours
Length	20 weeks
Start dates	February

## University Foundation Course

This year-long programme prepares you for an undergraduate course in the in the UK, USA or anywhere in the world.

You select one of the following academic programmes:

### Business Foundation

English for Academic Purposes	+	Business Studies	+	Mathematics for business	+	Economics
Leads to a university course in Business Management, Economics, Travel & Tourism, Hotel Management etc.						

### PPE Foundation

English for Academic Purposes	+	Philosophy	+	Politics	+	Economics
Leads to a university course in Politics, International Relations, Law, Sociology, Psychology etc.						

### The benefits of the Foundation Programme

- focus on English for Academic Purposes
- increase your IELTS score
- practise essential study skills – researching, questioning, collaborative learning for success at university
- build confidence in subject area

Age	17+
Level	Intermediate IELTS 5.0 or CEF B1/B2
Class-size	12 Maximum
Lessons	21 English and Content p/w or minimum 19.25 hours
Length	35 weeks or 28 weeks
Start dates	September and November

### Advice on university and careers

You receive invaluable support from our two fully-qualified, in-house advisers. They lead training sessions on careers and provide guidance on university applications in the UK, Europe and the USA. There's even a Higher Education Fair at St Clare's every year, attended by over 65 universities, gap-year providers and careers professionals from all over the world.



Celebrating at the Graduation Ceremony

*'The essay-planning skills I learnt at St Clare's have been invaluable to me at my university in the Netherlands'*

Hugo, former student



Exploring your university options



'EAS is really varied ... humanities or sciences. I [have now] progressed to the Undergraduate programme, which will give me a big head start in my future studies'

Ségolène from Belgium

# Experience the International Classroom

## Preparing for English as the Medium of Instruction at university

Many university courses throughout the world are now taught in English - and our exciting programmes prepare high-level students to meet this challenge. Both programmes are one term/semester long and your acceptance on the course depends on your English level:

- Upper Intermediate/Advanced students (CEF B2/C1) = Course 7
- Advanced (CEF C2) = Course 8

## English plus Academic Subjects

This programme is for advanced users of English and some subject classes are taught with undergraduates from the USA.

English for Academic Purposes + Academic subjects

### The benefits of the EAS Programme

- an English Language qualification, externally-validated, either IELTS or Cambridge exams
- focus on study skills for university: research, critical thinking, research, collaborative learning, presentations and essay-writing
- excellent Careers and Higher Education advice on university destinations

Age	17+
Level	Upper Intermediate/Advanced CEF B2/C2
Class-size	Maximum 12
Lessons	19 English and Content p/w or minimum 17.42 hours
Length	14 weeks
Start dates	September and January

### Academic subject options

Business	Art	English Literature	Communications
Economics	Psychology	Photography	Film Studies
Mathematics	Philosophy	International Relations	Art History
Languages: Chinese, Russian, Spanish, French and more .....			

## Undergraduate Programme

These university-level courses are offered at introductory and advanced level. They may be taught alongside undergraduate students from the USA.

### The benefits of the Undergraduate Programme

- a choice of four subject seminars and one tutorial class from the options below
- exploration of new academic disciplines in preparation for your future studies
- development of skills for successful independent study: prepare before class and consolidate afterwards

Age	17+
Level	Advanced CEF C2
Class-size	Maximum 12
Lessons	14 academic contact lessons
Length	14 weeks
Start dates	September and January

Robotics at the MINI car factory



Darwin, evolution and the University Museum



Linking classroom and local places of interest through Study Visits

# Professional Development specialist short courses

The international College is open throughout the year and specialises in short courses, and tailor-made courses for closed groups. Contact us directly if you would like more information.

## Leadership

Our Leadership course prepares you for the challenges of the 21st Century! It explores the question 'What makes a great leader?' – through case studies, research topics, guest speakers, debates, individual and group presentations and Study Visits to successful businesses in Oxford.

### The benefits of the Leadership Course

- developing your communication and critical-thinking skills
- practising your debating, negotiating and presentation skills
- building lasting relationships with members of the international community

Age	17+
Level	Intermediate/Advanced CEF B2/C1
Class-size	12 Maximum
Lessons	21 lessons or 19.25 hours
Length	2 weeks
Start dates	July and August

## Teacher training

EMI, or English as a Medium of Instruction, is widely seen as the way forward for educational policy makers across the world.

St Clare's has proven experience in creating short courses for Ministries of Education as they seek to internationalise their schools. Participants are, typically, practising teachers with an English Language competency at B2 (CEFR) or above. Courses run for periods from one to four weeks.

### The benefits of courses for teachers

- practical tips for the classroom, including methodology sessions and materials development
- hands-on experience: micro-teaching activities, workshops, power-point presentations
- measuring progress: extension tests, adapting to the subject demands of CLIL, confidence building
- linking the classroom and learning opportunities outside through Study Visits in Oxford: for example, The Story Museum for juniors, the Ashmolean and its school visit programmes, Christ Church and literature (Alice in Wonderland and Harry Potter).

### Ask about creating your own specialist short courses, for example:

- Technology in Oxford
- English for Aviation Industry
- Pre-Masters' Foundation
- Cross-cultural training

Full concentration for the guest speaker



*'The guest lecturer gave us an amazing talk about his strategies for success in business'*

Amy from China



Bringing educational theory to life through micro-lessons





St Clare's, Oxford is less than an hour from London and close to four international airports - a great, central location



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