

International College



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



OXFORD — a truly GLOBAL academic city

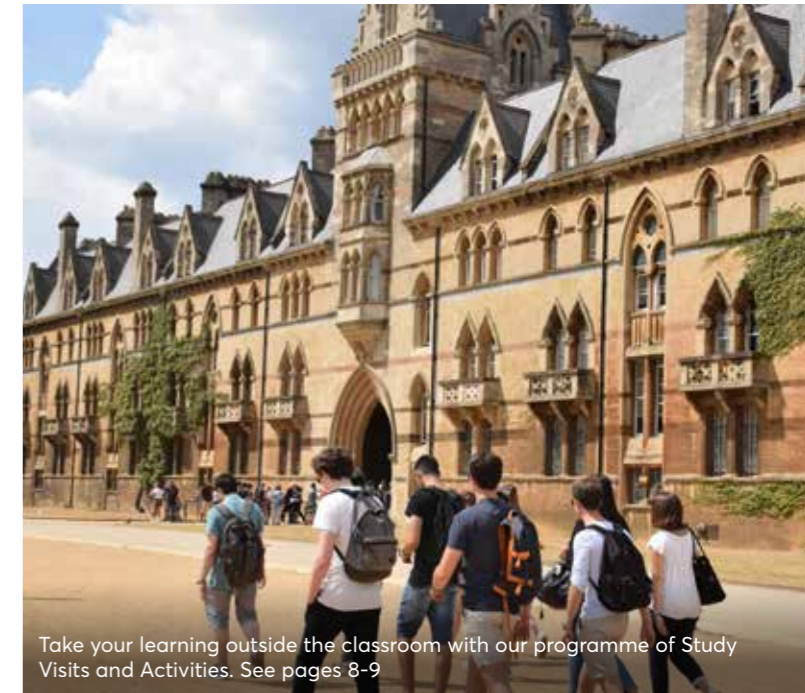
Enjoy Oxford's cultural highlights



Go punting on the river



Try different types of food from around the world



Take your learning outside the classroom with our programme of Study Visits and Activities. See pages 8-9

Explore the beautiful university city with its rich historical traditions and vibrant modern lifestyle

Visit world-famous museums, art galleries, university colleges and parks as well as shopping centres, restaurants and bars.

Oxford is a small, safe city just an hour away from London.



Enjoy the historic sights



Go shopping in the Covered Market or the Westgate Centre



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

Maria from Mexico



Explore the many beautiful buildings and parks



Teaching is excellent and promotes highly effective learning. Teachers are exceptionally knowledgeable and highly experienced.

ISI PFE Report 2021

100%

of students would recommend **St Clare's**

EAS & UFP survey 2020



One of 25 buildings, close to the city centre

A British Council
**accredited
centre**

INTERNATIONAL outlook

Our mission: to advance international education and understanding

10 GOOD REASONS to join the St Clare's family

- 65+ years of experience:** a vibrant Oxford institution that blends tradition with innovation
- Educational charity:** we invest any profits in our students, our programmes, our staff and our facilities
- Elegant location:** 25 buildings in a quiet suburb in the world-famous university city of Oxford
- Academic excellence:** consistently positive feedback from students, parents, agents and inspection reports
- Innovative methods:** interactive lessons take learning beyond the classroom and focus on topical themes each week
- Academic progression:** challenging courses at a variety of levels that combine language support and academic study according to your needs
- International environment:** over 40 different nationalities each year create an amazing cosmopolitan atmosphere, with excellent opportunities for networking
- Activities and excursions:** a weekly programme, organised in-house, enriches your experience of living in the UK and helps you make new friends
- Personal support:** our friendly and committed team is available for all your academic, career, welfare and health needs
- St Clare's family:** trusted by generations of students who recommend us to their friends and family year after year

Welcome to the St Clare's family!

WE HAVE WELCOMED STUDENTS FROM



OVER 65 YEARS

FACILITIES INVESTMENT

OVER 3 YEARS



£6.1 MILLION



Make memories for life



Access a range of resources in our library



Attend free talks, lectures and seminars in Oxford

St Clare's International College is located in elegant North Oxford with well-equipped classrooms, a Student Hub, dining and common rooms and student accommodation.

We welcome students from over 40 different countries each year. As a small independent college, we get to know you well and strive to meet your individual needs.

You can be sure of a first-class educational experience.

STUDY RESOURCES

Student Hub: a quiet space to work independently with access to newspapers and online educational resources including e-books and academic journals

Library: four floors with study rooms, a computer suite, as well as an extensive range of academic books and online resources

Art Studio: modern art studio with state of the art facilities for traditional techniques like drawing, painting and printmaking, as well as new media like photography, animation, digital and video art

Open Learning Club: develop your language and exam skills after lessons with a teacher to guide you

St Clare's Seminar Series: experience university-style lectures with expert guest speakers on intellectually-engaging topics



College LIFE

You can choose between college residences for over 18s, boarding accommodation for under 18s and homestay accommodation - according to availability. Our accommodation options include free wifi and 24-hour support.

COLLEGE RESIDENCE

Living in one of our comfortable college residences you:

- have a choice of twin or single room with shared or in-flat bathroom
- mix with other international students
- learn to become more independent
- develop new friendships
- find out about different cultures in a shared living environment

HOMESTAY

Living with one of our welcoming English-speaking homestay providers you:

- have a choice of single room with shared or private bathroom
- immerse yourself in British life and culture
- benefit from support to settle into life in Oxford
- enjoy breakfast and evening meal every day
- practise your English with native speakers



Socialise in our comfortable communal spaces



Relax in a safe and welcoming home

Student WELFARE and SUPPORT

We work hard to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging environment to stimulate learning and encourage you to succeed. Our excellent staff-to-student ratio provides dedicated support throughout your studies.



Students' welfare, including health and safety is excellent.

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Supportive and caring relationships with staff

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I love the staff here. Everyone is so kind! I feel acknowledged, safe, and respected! This feels like a home away from home.

Maya from USA



Meet your friends and enjoy a meal together



Enjoy delicious nutritious meals and varied specials



ACTIVITIES and excursions

Study visits, activities and excursions enrich your learning experience

- Join the activities programme each week, created by our in-house Coordinator
- Settle into your new home in Oxford with our orientation tour of the city
- See the cultural sights including London, Bath, Stratford, Warwick, Stonehenge – all just over an hour away
- Let us know what interests you most and we'll do our best to include it in the varied programme
- Visit the Student Hub for advice and support to help you make the most of your time in Oxford and the UK
- Plan ahead and join the weekend excursions to Liverpool, Dublin, Cornwall or the New Forest
- Build a link between the classroom and the real world through Study Visits – recent examples include the law courts, the Ashmolean Museum and a local business



Punting on the River Thames



Discover Oxford's shops, university colleges and clubs



Visit Warwick Castle



What I enjoyed most about studying is the opportunity to do the activities in the afternoon with the new students that you meet here.

Augusto from Italy



The variety and accessibility of all these activities was fantastic. Hands down my favourite part of the programme. So many amazing opportunities made easy!

Josselyn from USA



Visit Bicester Village - the famous designer outlet



Learn about UK culture at Blenheim Palace



Harry Potter inspired Study Visits and excursions to Christ Church and Harry Potter World



Learn new skills



Make memories at Stonehenge



Play team sports in University parks



Have fun at the college in your free time



Travel to a typical seaside town on the south coast



Discover Bath with the beautiful Georgian buildings and Roman Baths

Look out for the Theme of the Week



Environmental Issues, Art and Architecture, Technology and Innovation and many more



ENGLISH Language

Why choose these programmes

- **Different focus:** language learning for career, life or an examination
- **Small class size:** improve your English language skills as an individual in a group of no more than 12
- **Interactive learning:** develop your language competence through structured, communicative activities with classmates
- **Quality teaching:** maximise your learning potential with experienced, supportive teachers
- **Weekly Themes:** consolidate and build your language and your knowledge of the world through culturally, politically and historically interesting topics
- **Study Visits:** take your language learning outside the classroom to local places of interest with your group
- **Academic Tutorials:** review your learning with your **Personal Tutor**, develop new strategies and prepare for your future goals
- **Open Learning Club:** develop your language and exam skills after lessons with a teacher to guide you



Sample timetables on the website



Take learning **beyond the classroom** through topical **Weekly Themes** and **Study Visits** within Oxford

✓ 100%

of students taking the IELTS exam passed with a score of **6.5 or above**
*2021 results

English for Life

Enhance your language skills for everyday life

Age	16+
English Level	B2 – C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	7+ weeks
Start Dates	September, November, January, February or April

- Build confidence and fluency in your speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Develop your range of vocabulary and improve your grammatical accuracy
- Explore stimulating topics through Weekly Themes



English for Examinations

Prepare for IELTS or Cambridge exams

Age	16+
English Level	B2 – C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	7+ weeks
Start Dates	September, November, January, February or April

- Gain an externally recognised qualification
- Improve your language skills and knowledge for academic study at university
- Focus on examination know-how and strategies to maximise your exam success



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I chose St Clare's because my brother was here 2 years ago and had an awesome experience and I wanted to do the same.

I would definitely recommend to other students because it really helps you develop your English level."

Lasse from Germany



Online Personal Language Training

Design your own programme

Age	16+
English Level	A1 – C2 (beginner to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	1-to-1 online
Lessons	10, 15 or 20
Length	1 week minimum – no maximum
Start Dates	Flexible

- Maximise your progress with an intensive 1-to-1 course
- Create a course to fit your specific academic or professional needs and wants
- Build your confidence and competence in using English



100%

GRADUATING STUDENTS
 enrolled at their first-choice university

UNIVERSITY Pathways

Why choose this programme

Guaranteed entry to university: prepare for university study in the UK, Europe or around the world

Language and Study skills: develop the academic English and study skills required for successful university study

Specialist subject teachers: maximise your learning potential with experienced, supportive teachers

Academic options: select from a range of academic subjects to broaden your university degree choices

Small international classes: study and learn as an individual in a group of no more than 12 students from all over the world

Supportive programme design: study in structured modules to help if you are new to the academic subjects

Expert guidance: succeed with the support of our expert team of careers and higher education advisers, who help you find the course and university that is right for you



Sample timetables on the website

University Foundation Programme

Bridge the gap between school and university

Age	16+
English Level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	19 to 26 (17.42 to 24) per week
Length	35 or 28 weeks (depending on English language level)
Start Dates	September or October

- Receive support for your academic and personal welfare needs from your Personal Tutor
- Improve your academic literacies and your subject knowledge for your future studies
- Develop your critical thinking, essay writing, research and presentations skills through independent study projects
- Advance your self-awareness to help make informed decisions about your future career path

Course structure:

Core subject English language and academic study skills for university IELTS preparation	+	Academic subjects Choose 3 of the following: Business Economics Maths	+	Supplementary subjects Global Issues Basic Statistics	+	Guidance and support Higher Education sessions and 1-to-1 advice
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Philosophy
Politics
Psychology

I have been impressed with the programme and the quality of the provision.

The students are exposed to high quality teaching within a cosmopolitan environment which is caring and supportive.

External examiner from the University of Warwick



Linking classroom and local places of interest



Building international friendships in the Student Hub



Mixing with people from different cultures while speaking English all the time was challenging at first, but it helped me feel really confident about my future studies. St Clare's prepared me for this very well.

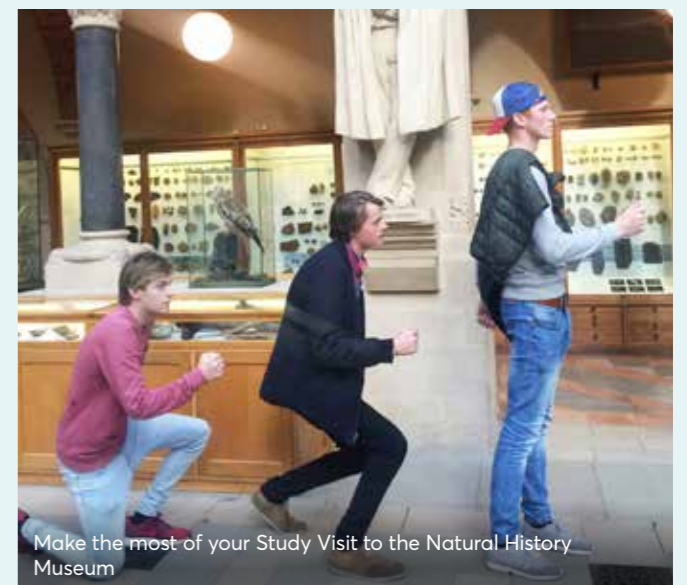
Johanna from Germany

Some examples of degree courses taken by our students:

Business Administration
 Psychology
 Economics, Politics and International Studies
 Law
 International Business
 Media and Communications

Examples of university destinations:

Queen Mary University, London, UK
 University of Warwick, UK
 Newcastle University, UK
 University of York, UK
 Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
 Maastricht University, Netherlands
 Oxford Brookes University



Make the most of your Study Visit to the Natural History Museum



GAP YEAR programmes

Why choose this programme

Academic subjects in English: explore the academic subjects you might like to study at university – perhaps something completely new

English language skills: build the academic literacies you need for success at university

Experience the international classroom: enjoy small interactive classes taught by specialist subject teachers

Go beyond the classroom: take advantage of the academic and cultural life of Oxford

Make connections: build your network as you study with American undergraduates and students from more than 20 countries

Get ready for university: strengthen your academic profile and succeed with the support of our expert team of careers and higher education advisers

Receive support: for your academic and personal welfare needs from your Personal Tutor



Academic courses overview on the website

English plus Academic Subjects

Maximise your options for higher education

Age	16+
English Level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class Size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	19 (17.4) per week
Length	14 weeks (1 semester) Short course available in May
Start Dates	September or January

Examples of university degrees and destinations:

- BA Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- BSc Film and Video Technology, Surrey University, UK
- BSc Liberal Arts and Sciences (PPE major), Erasmus University College Rotterdam, Netherlands
- BSc International Business Administration, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Course structure:

English for Academic Purposes

- academic & study skills for Higher Education
- preparation for IELTS or Cambridge exams
- critical thinking
- using reliable sources
- academic essay writing
- presentations

Academic subjects – a choice of 3

- Art
- Art History
- Business
- Communications
- Economics
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Marketing
- Maths
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

Languages: French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Japanese and more...

Undergraduate Programme

Expand your academic knowledge in your gap year

Age	16+
English Level	C1 to C2+ (advanced to fluent speaker)
Class Size (max)	15 (Seminar) or 3 (Tutorial)
Lessons (hours)	15 (13.75) per week
Length	14 or 28 weeks 4-week programme in June
Start Dates	September or January

- Explore and develop your academic interests as you prepare for university
- Build confidence, independence and academic skills
- Be challenged intellectually while receiving the individual support you require

The quality of the curriculum, teaching and learners' achievements is excellent

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Academic courses overview on the website



St Clare's means international to me, the possibility to meet and study with people from all over the world – and that's a really enriching experience.

Augustin from Belgium



Course structure:

Your programme comprises: **4 seminar courses, 1 tutorial course** and **1 hour of support** from your Personal Tutor per week.

Our wide range of subject areas means you can choose from over 80 introductory and advanced academic courses:

- Art History
- Economics
- Film Studies
- Photography
- Politics
- Maths
- Business
- History
- International Relations
- Drawing
- Psychology
- Religion
- Communications
- English Literature
- Philosophy
- Painting
- Marketing
- Sociology

Languages: French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and more

Special subject tutorials: these are designed to meet your individual needs and interests

SPECIALIST courses

Business & Leadership in Oxford

Prepare for leadership in the 21st century

English level	B2 to C1 (upper intermediate to advanced)
Class size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	21 (19.25) per week
Length	2 weeks
Start dates	July and August

- Discover the attributes of leadership through case-studies, research topics and debates
- Learn vital business and leadership skills including critical thinking, strong communication and public speaking confidence
- Develop lasting relationships with members of the international business community

Summer English for Life

Enhances language skills for everyday life

English level	A2 to C2 (elementary to very advanced)
Class size (max)	15
Lessons	21 per week (19.25 hours)
Length	2+ weeks
Start dates	June, July and August

- Build confidence and fluency
- Gain a wider range of vocabulary with our topical Weekly themes including Global issues
- Apply your language skills through Study Visits within Oxford and Guest Speaker events

English for Exam Preparation

Prepares you for IELTS or Cambridge exams

English level	B1 to C2 (intermediate to very advanced)
Class size (max)	15
Lessons	25 per week (22.9 hours)
Length	3 weeks
Start dates	June, July and August

- Learn and practise exam techniques
- Develop your study and exam skills
- Take learning beyond the classroom through Weekly Themes and Study Visits within Oxford

Fantasy Literature in Oxford

Explore Oxford's contribution to modern culture

English level	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class size (max)	15
Lessons (hours)	25 (23) per week
Length	2 weeks
Start dates	June, July and August

- Combine academic study with site visits to film sets and literary locations around Oxford
- Examine Oxford's contribution to science, business, politics, literature, academic research and ideas
- Learn what makes Oxford a global city through individual research and group projects

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are open throughout the year and specialise in short and tailor-made courses for closed groups.

- Designed for you, planned together. Our specialist courses explore topics to support your desired outcomes
- Benefit from an interactive learning environment
- Link the classroom with the city of Oxford through Study Visits and Guest Speaker events
- Immerse yourself in British cultural life in Oxford

Ask about creating your own specialist/tailor-made short course. Examples include:

- English for Aviation
- English with Banking and Finance
- English plus Leadership

Teacher Training

Improve your skills in the university city of Oxford

Content	Each course is tailored to your needs
Class size (max)	Minimum of 9 for a closed group
Lessons (hours)	21 (19.25) per week for 1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks
Start dates	Flexible

- Professional development for teaching English or academic subjects in English
- Improve your English language and teaching skills through language development, teaching methodology and insights into cultural awareness
- Learn through doing; put theory into practice through practical classroom management and teaching strategies



SUPPORT for your FUTURE

University success, career progression and personal development

Careers support is embedded into the learning experience.

Benefit from advice on university choices, higher education applications, apprenticeships, entry to professional careers, internships and gap year schemes.

- **personalised support:** through 1-to-1 meetings and group sessions which help you explore future education and career options
- **learn professional skills** for the competitive jobs market: including CV writing, presentation and interview skills

We promote personal growth through experiential learning and self-reflection

HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Talk to over 100 universities from more than 20 countries as well as gap year providers.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Our students have achieved places at prestigious universities. Examples include:

- City University of London, UK
- Lancaster University, UK
- University of Sussex, UK
- University of York, UK
- Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Maastricht University, Netherlands
- WHU Otto-Beisheim School of Management, Germany



Build your professional network with over 1000 alumni on stclaresconnect.com

Which is the right course for me?

What do you want to achieve?

What is your current level?

How long can you stay?

Objective	Your Level	Length of stay					Course Option	Page
		2-8 weeks	< 3 months	< 6 months	< 9 months	< 1 year or more		
University Success	A2-C2	•	•	•			English for Exam Preparation (EfEP) EfEP >> EAS	10-11
	B2+	•	•	•	•		English for Examinations EFE >> UFP	12-13
	B2-C1					•	University Foundation Programme (UFP)	12-13
	B2-C2		•			•	English plus Academic Subjects (EAS) EAS >> UP	14-15
	C1+		•				Undergraduate Programme (UP)	15

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Career Progression	A2-C2	•	•	•	•	•	Summer English for Life Online Personal Language Training	10-11
	B2+	•	•	•	•	•	English for Life EfL >> UFP	12-13
	B2-C1					•	University Foundation Programme (UFP)	12-13
	B2-C2	•					Business and Leadership English plus Academic Subjects (EAS)	16 14
	C1+		•			•	Undergraduate Programme (UP) EAS >> UP	14-15

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Personal Development	A1-C2	•	•	•	•	•	Online Personal Language Training Summer English for Life	10-11
	B2+	•	•	•	•	•	English for Life English for Examinations	10-11
	B2-C2	•					English plus Academic Subjects Compact	14
	B2-C2	•					Fantasy Literature in Oxford	16

More courses available



What students say about us...

SUPPORT GREAT EXPERIENCE
FAMILY RECOMMEND IMPROVED
FRIENDS INTERESTING
FANTASTIC TEACHERS ARE GREAT
LOVED MY COURSE
 MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE
THANK YOU!

English Language Course
Autumn term

English plus Academic Subjects
Spring term

St Clare's is an amazing place to learn. I would recommend this experience to everyone.

Marleen from Germany
Ines from Spain



Book your place:
www.stclares.ac.uk/our-courses/internationalcollege

All information is correct at the time of going to print. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date details





Oxford – a truly global academic city

Approximate travel times from Oxford

Heathrow Airport 1 hour
Luton Airport 1.5 hours
Birmingham Airport 1.5 hours
Gatwick Airport 1.5 hours
Stansted Airport 2 hours



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