


International Baccalaureate



To **advance**
international education
and **understanding**

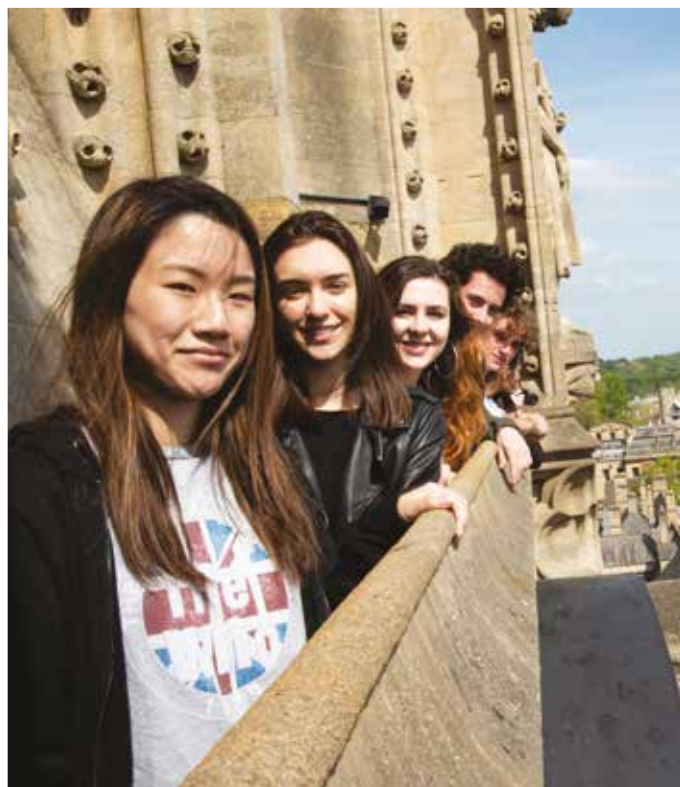


WELCOME

from the Principal



I am delighted that you are interested in studying the International Baccalaureate Diploma, Middle School Programme or Pre-IB course. We are the longest established IB World School in England and have been teaching the IB for more than 40 years. We are therefore in an excellent position to help you maximise your chances of success. One of the many things that makes St Clare's unique is our genuine diversity. Our current students come from over 40 countries. Therefore, you will be living in an international community, studying alongside people your own age who approach life from different and equally valid perspectives. Our leavers are much sought-after by a wide variety of top universities in the



UK, USA and the rest of the world because of their levels of maturity, global perspective and their ability to reflect on their own learning. They are outstanding team-players. Come and explore this remarkable college.

We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford.

Andy Rattue
Principal

WHY STUDY

at St Clare's, Oxford?



The teaching I experienced at St Clare's was unmatched. It helped me to grow and learn independently as well as in groups, building future life skills in classrooms of different sizes with a vast array of nationalities. I would recommend St Clare's to another student because of the world-class education I experienced that shaped me academically and as an individual."

Anna, quadruple nationality
University destination: Durham University

We are an independent, co-educational, day and boarding college located in a beautiful area of north Oxford.

- 1 IB World School:** We have been teaching the IB Diploma for over 40 years, longer than any other school or college in England.
- 2 Academic excellence:** Our strong worldwide reputation stems from the consistent quality of our IB Diploma results. Our 3 year average is 38 compared to a world average of 31 points.
- 3 Quality teaching:** Our latest inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) highlights the quality of our offering and superb outcomes. *'The quality of the students' academic achievement is excellent'* - ISI report 2019.
- 4 State-of-the-art facilities:** Our charity status means all income is channelled back into the school, and over the last 3 years £6.1 million has been spent on new facilities.
- 5 International outlook:** Internationalism is a core part of our values. Our diverse student body of over 40 nationalities creates a welcoming environment to value differences.
- 6 Careers Development Institute (CDI) accredited advisers:** Specialist careers support on options for further study, apprenticeships, internships and gap years around the world.
- 7 Excellent staff to student ratio:** Our small class sizes of no more than 15 students, provides dedicated support to stimulate learning and encourage you to succeed.
- 8 Stimulating learning experience:** We offer a wide range of academic subjects and extra-curricular activities. Learning is not limited to the classroom, but extends to all aspects of student life and supports the development of the whole person.
- 9 Academic location:** Oxford provides a stimulating study environment. This world-famous student city enables you to immerse yourself in the academic resources available.
- 10 Pastoral care:** We cultivate a sense of belonging within our safe and supportive community. Students develop high-quality relationships through an environment of mutual respect.

St Clare's family: We have a strong and loyal cohort of students who recommend us to their family and friends because they've thoroughly enjoyed their experience.





OXFORD is
an **INSPIRING**
academic city



Live, study and meet new people from around the world

Oxford is a thriving multicultural city where you can enjoy beautiful architecture, cultural sites, green spaces and riverside walks.

The academic resources stimulate your learning through free talks, lectures and seminars, as well as world-famous libraries, museums and art galleries like the Bodleian Library, Ashmolean Museum and Modern Art Oxford.

There is lots on offer in the city including a diverse selection of restaurants, theatre shows and local markets. And the city is not short of high street and designer shops; the popular Westgate Centre caters for both retail and leisure interests. For those that are a little more adventurous, punting is a popular pastime in Oxford.

Nearby there are also popular attractions like Bicester Village, Blenheim Palace and beautiful little charming Cotswold villages.

Oxford is only an hour from London by train.



OUTSTANDING IB results



Our students consistently achieve excellent results, which reflects the outstanding work of both students and staff. These results illustrate our successes over the last 3 years.



STUDENTS GAINED THE
MAXIMUM IB SCORE
PLACING THEM IN THE
TOP 1% GLOBALLY

34%

SCORED **40 POINTS OR
OVER** EQUIVALENT TO
A* A* A AT A LEVEL

This score gives students access to top universities worldwide including Oxford and Cambridge

MAX IB SCORE = 45

31

WORLD AVERAGE

38

ST CLARE'S AVERAGE



"Somerville will always be pleased to welcome entrants from St Clare's"
Somerville College, University of Oxford



Nicole, dual nationality **University Destination: Boston University**

Nicole believes that studying the IB Diploma at St Clare's successfully prepared her for the future. She was interested in studying Business at university and she utilised the specialist support available to achieve her dreams.

Nicole's score of 44 points earned her a prestigious Trustee Scholarship at Boston University. She plans to study their 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship' major.

Nicole's parents were grateful for the personalised support she received from the Careers and Higher Education team.

"Melanie and her team are priceless. Her patience with Nicole is second to none and without Melanie we know Nicole would not have achieved her dream of studying in the US!"

Marek and Alicja

University DESTINATIONS

The breadth of top-quality universities our students progress onto is a fantastic success story. Over the last 3 years, university destinations have included University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, London School of Economics (LSE), Imperial College London, The University of Edinburgh, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Leiden University, Bocconi University, University of Amsterdam and many more.



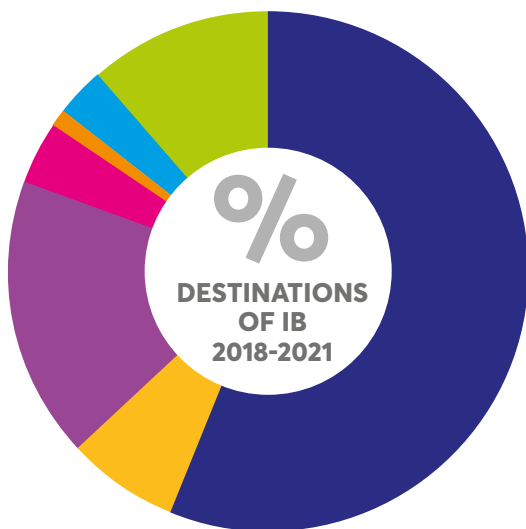
RECEIVED OFFERS FROM UNIVERSITIES RANKED IN THE **TOP 200** GLOBALLY*
*QS World Rankings 2021



RECEIVED OFFERS TO **STUDY MEDICINE**



RECEIVED OFFERS FROM UNIVERSITIES RANKED IN THE **TOP 50** GLOBALLY*
*QS World Rankings 2021



- **55%** UK universities
- **7%** USA universities and Liberal Arts colleges
- **17%** European universities
- **4%** Canadian universities
- **1%** Rest of world universities
- **3%** Still applying
- **11%** Gap year

University destinations data is collated 3 months after graduation

Careers and higher education support

- We offer careers expertise from CDI (Careers Development Institute) accredited advisers
- Our specialist team help to navigate the higher education applications process across the globe. They also provide expertise on a range of career development opportunities including gap year planning, apprenticeships and internships
- We offer higher education and careers guidance from when you apply until 3 years after you graduate

Higher Education Fair



WE WELCOME **OVER 80 UNIVERSITIES** FROM 20 COUNTRIES

- Research into course options
- Meet university representatives
- Discover internship, apprenticeship and gap year opportunities around the world

If I had to choose one word I would say 'life-changing', because it really was for me. It changed my life completely and I could not be more grateful to St Clare's."





International COMMUNITY

Global perspectives enrich the learning experience

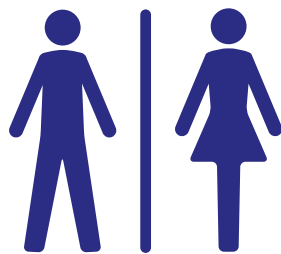
We currently have students from over 40 countries studying with us. The cultural diversity creates a welcoming and supportive environment for all backgrounds, cultures and traditions.

Global awareness is an integral part of the educational experience. We encourage students to value and respect differences as we believe learning is enhanced by the breadth of views and ideas. Our international outlook broadens perspectives and truly prepares students for further study and beyond.

DIVERSE STUDENT BODY



CO-ED



Mission statement

"To advance international education and understanding"

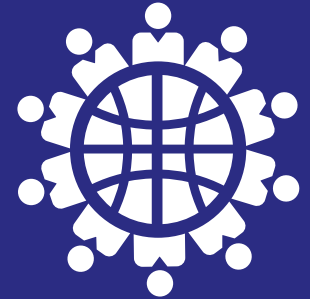
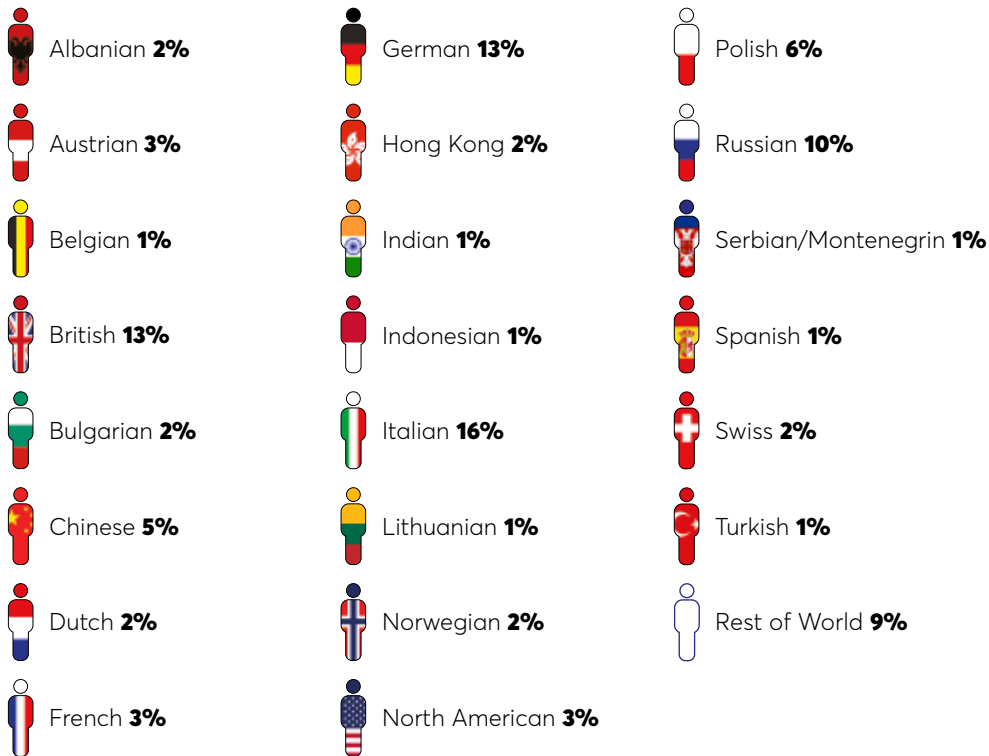


The IB Diploma helps students to develop academically and as well-rounded internationally minded young men and women, ready to face the global challenges and opportunities that lie ahead."

Alastair Summers,
Vice Principal Academic



International student body (%)



The cultural diversity extends beyond these nationalities. We also attract students from Australia, Egypt, Indonesia, Israel, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan and Turkey, among many more.

The diagram is based on student data over 3 years.

Rest of World includes some countries from Europe, Africa, Asia and South America



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I would definitely recommend St Clare's to another potential student, because I believe that this college offers a fantastic opportunity to not only access world class academic support but also develop key character traits that are going to be needed for the rest of your life."

Denis, dual nationality
University destination: University of Cambridge



How to APPLY

Guiding you through the application process

The application process is simple and straightforward:

- 1** Please send us your school reports for the last year or the last 2 years, if possible.
- 2** If these are satisfactory, we will ask you to complete an online application form.
- 3** We will invite you and your family for a tour and you will attend an interview. We ask all applicants to sit our online Mathematics and English placement tests before the interview.
- 4** If you are unable to visit us in Oxford, you can watch the video tour on our website and attend an online interview via Zoom.
- 5** If all goes well and you are successful, we will offer you a place straight after the interview and send written confirmation shortly afterwards.
- 6** The offer letter explains how to accept your place and an exciting new chapter in your life begins!

admissions@stclares.ac.uk
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Scholarships and Bursaries



Join the cohort of successful applicants who have been awarded our notable day or boarding scholarships

We offer a range of IB Diploma scholarships for students who contribute to our thriving learning community, academically as well as through experiences, achievements and interests. We welcome scholarship applications from the UK and overseas.

We offer day and boarding scholarships, as well as partial scholarships which are a percentage of the above. All scholarships are awarded for the full course.

How do I apply for a scholarship and bursary?

Contact our admissions team and they will guide you through the applications process.





How you will LEARN

Teaching approach and support

**OVER 40 YEARS
EXPERIENCE**



SINCE **1977**

Unrivalled experience and specialist knowledge of the IB qualification

As a result of our specialist knowledge, several teachers run IB-approved workshops for teachers in other schools and are involved in the development of the IB study programme. Our students are in exceptionally safe hands!

Facilities which inspire learning

Our experience is matched by our academic resources, including well-equipped science laboratories, art studio and modern teaching spaces. We occupy 25 buildings in elegant north Oxford.

Learn through class discussions, group work, as well as practical and written assignments

We encourage you to take an active role in your learning whilst benefitting from the support of classmates and tutors in a shared teaching environment. Every aspect of our provision creates opportunities to develop and hone IB Learner Profile attributes.

Our high staff-to-student ratio offers dedicated academic support. You will also be guided by a:

- **Personal Tutor** - focusing on skills development as well as academic and pastoral support
- **Careers and Higher Education Advisers** - promoting personal growth through experiential learning and self-reflection

LEARNER PROFILE

thinkers • communicators
caring risk-takers
 inquirers **principled**
knowledgeable
 open minded
balanced reflective





Pre-IB course

Develop your academic knowledge and study skills for the IB Diploma

Why study our Pre-IB course?

Develop your academic English

Our Pre-IB course is taught in English and is ideal preparation for the IB Diploma. You develop both receptive and expressive skills and gain experience of working in groups and giving presentations, attributes which are fundamental to IB study. All students are given the opportunity to sit the prestigious Cambridge IGCSE in English language as part of the course, which has separate versions for native and non-native speakers.

Try subjects within the IB study route

The IB programme consists of 6 subjects which includes **Studies in Language & Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals & Societies, Sciences, Maths and The Arts**. Our Pre-IB course enables you to choose 3 subjects from the following groups:

- **Individuals & Societies:** Economics & Business, Geography, History and Psychology
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Systems & Societies
- **Arts:** Visual Arts, Digital Arts, Music and Theatre.

By sampling nine 12-week courses you gain a head-start on the skills you need to thrive and are in a great position to choose your ideal combination of subjects.

A broad and balanced extra-curricular programme

Our Pre-IB students have access to the same CAS activities as our IB students, so gain familiarity with the programme. You will learn how to plan and reflect on your experiences in the way you would during the IB Diploma.

Outstanding careers and higher education advice

Our careers programme is delivered as part of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and provides a useful start to exploring potential universities and subject choices. You have full access to our annual Higher Education Fair, which is attended by academic institutions worldwide, as well as our work-related learning day.

Pastoral support

Our Pre-IB course helps you self-manage, which is essential for the IB Diploma. Also, our supervised study ensures you develop strong academic habits. Experienced House Parents and Personal Tutors offer personalised care to guide your development.

Superb teaching in an IB World School and flexible progression opportunities

Our teachers are IB examiners, textbook authors and workshop leaders. They know exactly what skills and attributes are needed to thrive, so you are primed for success.

If you do not wish to progress to the IB Diploma, you are well-prepared for the next stage of your schooling in any educational system.

Develop new skills and visit inspiring attractions

Our excellent weekend programme provides both social opportunities and the chance to try new things. You will develop vital leadership skills through the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award and get the chance to explore the UK with inspiring outings to Blenheim Palace, London, Brighton, the beautiful Chilterns and many more.



Course structure

All students study English and Maths throughout the academic year.

English (8 hours per week)	Maths (4 hours per week)	World Literature (2 hours per week)
Separate classes for native and non-native English speakers. All students prepare for the Cambridge IGCSE in English Language	Classes are set by ability and prior experience. Exceptional students may be offered the Edexcel IGCSE in Maths	All Pre-IB students study literature from across the world in translation, a great preparation for the IB Diploma

In Sciences, Humanities and the Arts there is a rotation so you can experience 11-12 weeks of subjects you may wish to select for the IB Diploma. Choose 1 option per term from each of the **Science, Humanities** and **Arts** options below:

Sciences (4 hours per week)	Humanities (4 hours per week)	Arts (2 hours per week)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • Environmental Systems & Societies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics & Business • Geography • History • Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Arts • Digital Arts (Photography) • Music • Theatre

Age:	14-16 years old
Start date:	September, January or April
Length:	1, 2 or 3 terms
Class size:	Maximum 15 students
Lessons:	30 hours of classroom lessons Monday to Friday
Lesson length:	55 minutes

Other components of the Pre-IB course:

- Study a new language from a choice of German, French and Spanish. *This is available to native English students only*
- Participate in at least one activity in each category a week with our CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) programme. A wide range is available
- Take the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award as part of our weekend programme
- Participate in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons which cover a wide range of important topics including careers and higher education
- All students complete a Middle Years Programme (MYP) style personal project and exhibition



Middle School Programme

Excellent preparation for the IB Diploma and study IGCSE's in 5 subjects

Why study our Middle School Programme?

Internationally recognised qualifications

Study our Middle School Programme to achieve **IGCSE's** and **IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)** certificates in 9 subjects.

Flexible progression options

With a core of 5 IGCSEs in English, Maths and Science our programme gives you the flexibility to progress smoothly to A levels or continue onto our IB Diploma.

Excellent preparation for the IB Diploma

All subjects, whether leading to IGCSEs or MYP certificates, are taught in line with IB-style pedagogy. This enables you to develop key transferable skills such as research, self-management and critical thinking as well as delving into subject content. There is an emphasis on examining local and global viewpoints and taking an inter-disciplinary approach to the study of phenomena.

Quality teaching

We are one of the world's longest established IB World Schools and the first school to offer the IB Diploma in England. Many of our teachers are IB examiners, textbook authors and workshop leaders. Our Middle School Programme students benefit from this unrivalled expertise.

Careers and higher education advice with a global perspective

It is never too early to start thinking about future pathways. Our outstanding careers team deliver a preparatory programme to get you thinking about your interests and skills. This helps to open your eyes to the sheer breadth of opportunities available around the world.

Discover new experiences

By participating in CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) you can develop skills in activities you love and try a range of new experiences. Create a bespoke programme based on your interests.

Day or boarding

We welcome both day and boarding students to our Middle School Programme and ensure that everyone feels part of our happy and purposeful community. House Parents create a homely, respectful environment in the boarding houses and offer superb care and support.

Strong pastoral provision with 24-hours support

Students are cared for by teachers, boarding staff, a Personal Tutor, the College Nurse and our specialist pastoral team.

Have fun and explore new places of interest

Our stimulating weekend programme provides educational benefits and promotes a spirit of adventure. You will develop teamwork skills through a variety of activities. Immerse yourself in local culture with excursions to Greenwich, Portsmouth, London, the stunning Cotswolds and many more.



Course structure

You will take and prepare for examinations in **5 IGCSE subjects**:

English Language	Mathematics	Science (Double Award)	English Literature
First language or second language options			Or an alternative first language

Age:	14-16 years old
Start date:	September (later start dates considered at our discretion)
Length:	2 years
Class size:	Maximum 15 students
Lessons:	30 hours of classroom lessons Monday to Friday
Lesson length:	55 minutes

You will also take and submit formal assessment for 4 MYP courses:

Individuals and Societies	Language Acquisition	Arts	Personal Project
An integrated course covering Economics, History and Geography	A range of languages available	Prepare for either Visual or Performing Arts assessment	A self-guided research project and concluding exhibition

Additional elements

Our rich academic programme also supports your personal growth beyond the classroom. Develop new skills and experiences from these components:

Physical Education	Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE)	Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)	Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Classes take place within the weekly timetable	Classes take place within the weekly timetable	Select 3 choices per week from a wide range of post-lesson options	Prepare for the Bronze Award as part of our weekend programme





International Baccalaureate Diploma

Education without boundaries

Why study our IB Diploma?

Status as an IB World School

We are the oldest IB School in England with over 40 years experience. There are only 13 institutions in the world that have taught the IB longer than us.

Unique approach to study, student life and personal development

Our teaching style creates culturally aware, inquiring minds who demonstrate a lifelong passion for learning. They are excellent global citizens.

Academic expertise and outstanding results

Our worldwide reputation is due to quality academic results. We consistently achieve above the world average and our students regularly win places at leading UK and international universities.

Internationalism is embraced as one of our core values

Our sixth form attracts students from around the world, including a significant number of British students. This truly international community makes it a special place to live, study and make friends for life.

Strong commitment to students

Our class sizes are capped at 15 students. This high staff-to-student ratio supports the learning process because it helps teachers understand individual learning needs for personal support. You will be cared for by teachers, residential staff, a Personal Tutor and College Nurse.

Specialist careers and higher education support

Careers and higher education is embedded in the learning experience. Our in-house team guide you on all aspects of careers development including CV writing, university applications, gap years and internships.

Accessible education

Our prestigious academic scholarships are open to all UK and overseas students interested in studying the IB Diploma as a day or boarding student.

Breadth of our subject offering

Our wide subject options at higher and standard level makes it an accessible and varied study programme, whatever your interests or academic background. We teach literature face-to-face in a range of languages.

Access to world-class resources

We encourage you to take full advantage of the learning resources that the famous city of Oxford provides.

If you have any questions or would like to apply for our academic scholarships, please get in touch on admissions@stclares.ac.uk

Choosing your subjects

We offer a wide range of subjects at higher and standard level:

- **Standard level (150 teaching hours):** in-depth knowledge of the subject and an opportunity to develop key skills
- **Higher level (240 teaching hours):** a deeper understanding of key topics and concepts as well as the chance to enhance your skills

You need to select **3 at standard level (S)** and **3 at higher level (H)** from **6 subject groups**:



Without the scholarship I wouldn't have been able to study here. I am very grateful for that, because I've had an amazing experience, which otherwise I would not have been able to have - studying the IB has made me much more confident in myself."

Zuzanna, dual nationality
University destination: Arts University Bournemouth

Core elements

These core elements help you develop new skills and support your personal development.

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

promotes intellectual curiosity through critical thinking

4000-word Extended Essay (EE)

develops your research and academic writing skills

Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)

stimulates personal growth through new experiences

Group	Subject area	Course options
1	Studies in Language and Literature	First language or native language <i>If you speak multiple languages fluently, there is also the option to take a bilingual diploma</i>
2	Language Acquisition	Second language
3	Individual and Societies	- S or H: Business Management, History, Geography, Psychology and Economics - S only: Global Politics
3 or 4	Interdisciplinary	- S only: Environmental Systems and Societies
4	Science	- S or H: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Sports & Exercise Science
5	Mathematics	- S or H: Analysis and Approaches - S or H: Applications and Interpretation
6	Arts and Electives	- S or H: Music, Theatre or Visual Arts Or 1 option below: - another language from Groups 1 or 2 - another subject from Group 3 - another science from Group 4

Key

S - Standard level

H - Higher level



GROUP 1 – STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (LANGUAGE A)

Language and Literature

Critical analysis of literary and non-literary works in English (language of instruction)

Entry requirements: Native speaker of English or a near native speaker (oral and written), and an interest in analysing the use of language and style in literary and non-literary works

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject helps you critically evaluate the language and style used in a range of communications. You will explore the approach within various contexts and how this is tied to meaning. You will be assessed on your written and oral analysis of the works.

Literature

Critical analysis of literary works in your language (native speaker)

Entry requirements: Previous experience of literary classics in your own language is advantageous but not mandatory

Standard level languages which have been studied in previous years: Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Mandarin, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish and Turkish

Higher level languages: English, German, Italian and Russian

What you will study: This subject helps you keep in touch with your own culture. You will cover a range of literary genres in your own language. It encourages you to analyse and critically evaluate literary books, prose, poetry or film (including works in translation). You will be assessed on your oral and written analysis of the literary works.



WE TEACH LITERATURE
IN **A WIDE RANGE OF
LANGUAGES**

**Bilingual students may choose a second
Group 1 option to achieve a Bilingual Diploma**

GROUP 2 – LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (LANGUAGE B)

We offer a range of language learning options. If you do not study **English** as a **Group 1** subject, you must take **English** as a foreign language in **Group 2**.

English

Many students choose English B as this supports their other subjects.

Develop your English language skills in the core areas of reading, writing, listening and speaking

Entry requirements: A basic knowledge of English grammar and reasonable command of spoken English. This will be assessed during the English placement test and interview

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject develops intercultural awareness which includes subtleties within British culture. You will learn skills in extracting, summarising and critically evaluating in English using both literary and non-literary media. There will also be a focus on developing vocabulary, accuracy and fluency through classroom discussions on themes like social relationships, communications & media and global issues.

Mandarin, Spanish or German Ab initio

Learn a foreign language from beginner level

Entry requirements: No previous experience in the chosen language

Level: Standard level

What you will study: This course aims to develop language confidence in various situations and contexts. It also involves exploring culture. Grammar and vocabulary are developed through the themes identities, experiences, human ingenuity, social organisation and sharing the planet.

French, German, Mandarin or Spanish

Develop your fluency and accuracy in a foreign language

Entry requirements: Applicants need to have studied the language chosen for at least two years

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: As you have some knowledge of the language, this course aims to develop language confidence, fluency and accuracy as well as expand your vocabulary and intercultural understanding. Both levels cover the themes identities, experiences, human ingenuity, social organisation and sharing the planet. At higher level, there is a focus on studying literary works in the chosen language.



GROUP 3 OR 4 – INTERDISCIPLINARY

You can choose this as either a group 3 or group 4, or both. If you choose it as the latter option, you can study an additional subject from any other group.

Environmental Systems and Societies

Scientific exploration of environmental systems in the context of cultural, economic, ethical, political and social interactions

Entry requirements: No background experience is necessary

Level: Standard level

What you will study: This subject focuses on environmental systems in their structure and function. You will learn how to analyse and interpret data, as well as investigate and evaluate the impact of human societies on the natural world. This course promotes holistic thinking and encourages you to participate in philosophical discussions on environmental issues on a personal, community and global scale.

GROUP 3 – INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES

Global Politics

Explore political challenges in the context of power, sovereignty, international relations, human rights, development, peace and conflict

Entry requirements: No background experience is necessary

Level: Standard level

What you will study: You will learn the key political concepts and theories and evaluate the impact on a national and international scale. You will investigate real-life examples of global politics and use classroom debates to explore a range of perspectives. Our Model United Nations club (CAS) offers the chance to deepen your understanding.

History

Delve into 20th century history including the rise and rule of authoritarian states as well as the effects of war

Entry requirements: No background experience is necessary

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject encourages you to foster an inquiring mind on the concepts of change, continuity, causation, consequence, significance and perspectives. It includes the study of real-life case studies. You will explore international perspectives from places like Germany, Italy, Spain, the USSR, the USA, Cuba and the People's Republic of China through debate, group activities and teacher expositions.





Geography

Delve into physical and human geography and elements of both social and natural sciences

Entry requirements: No background knowledge is necessary

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject focuses on the interactions between individuals, societies and the physical environment in time and space. You will explore different perspectives on global change. This includes examining scientific and socio-economic methodologies, identifying trends and patterns as well as evaluating the process behind them. The class includes field work.

Psychology

Investigate the nature of human beings, as individuals and in social groups

Entry requirements: No background knowledge is necessary

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject covers Psychology in the context of biological, cognitive and sociocultural perspectives. You will learn how to produce psychological research including technical reports.

Economics

Discover how individuals and societies organise themselves in the pursuit of economic objectives

Entry requirements: No background knowledge is necessary. There are mathematical elements, but no specific level is required

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject focuses on the behaviour of individuals, households, firms and markets under different economic conditions. It also examines the impact of private and government actions on larger social aggregates such as price, employment and productivity. You will learn economic concepts like micro and macro factors and develop experience in critical analysis and empirical decision-making.

Business Management

Learn the fundamental components of Business including Human Resource Management, Finance, Marketing and Operations

Entry requirements: No background knowledge is necessary. The syllabus includes mathematical content

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This class takes a holistic view of the internal and external business environments. It explores business challenges from different cultural perspectives. Business decisions are made in the context of change, culture, ethics, globalisation, innovation and strategy. You will use real-life case studies and learn how to research, critically evaluate and interpret quantitative data to support decision-making.

GROUP 4 – SCIENCES

Biology

Study living organisms from molecules to the biosphere

Entry requirements: No background experience is necessary, although some knowledge is useful

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: We explore the interaction between cell and tissues, organs and organisms as well as individuals and populations. You will develop a secure knowledge of the broad biological principles whilst attempting to understand the living world at all levels using different approaches and techniques. Practical work is an essential requirement.

Chemistry

Explore all aspects of chemistry in our daily lives including how it relates to food, fuel, medicine, air and many more**Entry requirements:**

Higher level – GCSE Chemistry or equivalent
Standard level – No background experience is necessary, although some knowledge is useful

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject focuses on experimental science and so involves practical work as well as collecting and interpreting data. Observation is essential. You will investigate and question many theories on the properties and reactions of matter. Themes include 'Atomic Theory,' 'Bonding and Structure,' 'Organic Chemistry,' 'Acids and Bases' and 'Redox Processes.'





Physics

Study the properties and interactions of matter and energy

Entry requirements:

Higher level – GCSE physics or equivalent
Standard level – No background experience is necessary, although some knowledge is useful

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject explores recent scientific thinking and so provides a sound basis for higher education. The curriculum offers opportunities for research and discovery in a range of scientific methods. You will cover the themes 'Measurements and Uncertainties,' 'Mechanics and Thermal Physics,' 'Atomic, Nuclear and Particle Physics,' 'Electricity and Magnetism' and 'Energy Production.'

Sports, Exercise and Health Science

Gain a deeper understanding of the issues related to sports, exercise and health in the 21st century

Entry requirements: No background knowledge is necessary

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject is an experimental science which focuses on anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, psychology and nutrition in an individual and global context. You will explore movement analysis, energy systems, exercise physiology and anatomy as well as skills in sport. The subject investigates the ethical implications of sport and uses practical methodologies to analyse, interpret and evaluate human performance in sport.

GROUP 5 – MATHEMATICS

Analysis and Approaches

Develop analytical expertise in a world where innovation is increasingly dependent on mathematical concepts

Entry requirements: Prior knowledge is required in number, algebra, functions, geometry, trigonometry, statistics and probability

Level: Standard and higher level

What you will study: This course includes topics that are traditionally part of a pre-university mathematics course. These include functions, trigonometry, calculus as well as topics that are amenable to investigation, conjecture and proof like the study of sequences and series. Analysis and Approaches allows the use of technology like relevant mathematical software. However, there is a strong emphasis on constructing, communicating and justifying correct mathematical arguments.

Applications and Interpretation

Discover the increasing role that mathematics and technology play in a data-rich world

Entry requirements: Prior knowledge is required in number, algebra, functions, geometry, trigonometry, statistics and probability

Level: Standard and higher level

What you will study: There is an emphasis on the meaning of mathematics which is explored through applications and mathematics modelling. This course includes topics that are traditionally part of a pre-university mathematics course such as calculus and statistics. Applications and Interpretation solves practical mathematical problems and considers the use of technology to justify conjectures.



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I have amazing memories with my friends and teachers, that will be forever engraved in my mind.”

Romane from France
University destination: Bocconi University in Milan



GROUP 6 – THE ARTS

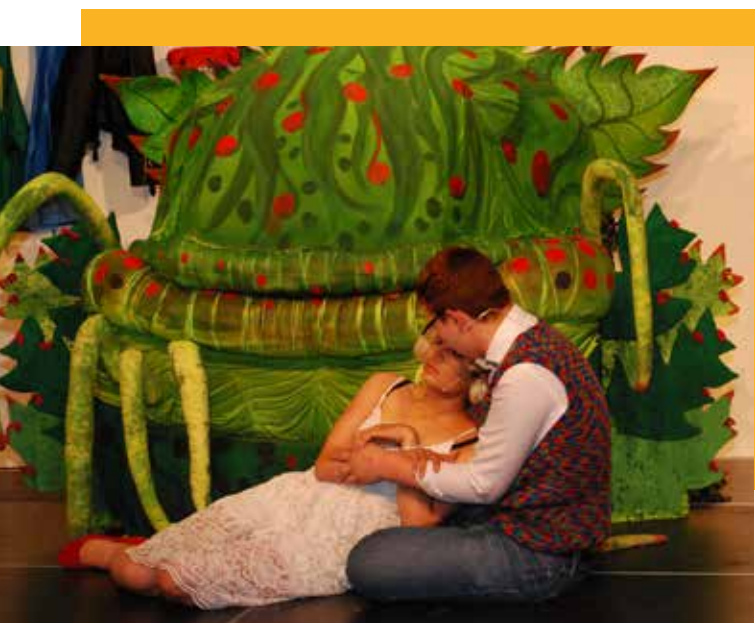
Music

Explore knowledge and understanding of music in relation to culture, place and time as a researcher, creator and performer

Entry requirements: Performance skills on one or more instrument and a working knowledge of music notation practice

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject has a multifaceted approach to appeal to musicians with diverse motivations and musical preferences. You will develop the skills to think in sound and respond to diverse musical stimuli. This course gives you the chance to explore and experiment with musical ideas and concepts, whilst building confidence on the concert platform. You will be taken to concerts and lectures both locally and further afield. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities in Oxford to hear leading musicians and musicologists.



Theatre

Develop key skills and techniques to perform confidently in a range of styles, as well as establish a breadth of knowledge on practitioners and traditional theatrical conventions

Entry requirements: Some knowledge of theatrical conventions and repertoire is desirable

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject focuses on performance skills and techniques, as well as the philosophy of the theatre arts. Our school activities (including CAS) offer the chance to extend your experience and learn from visiting professionals from the performing arts industry. Performances include 2 college plays and a musical each year.

Visual Arts

A process of experimenting with 2D or 3D visual arts to develop your creative flair and capabilities

Entry requirements: No background experience of the subject is necessary

Level: Standard or higher level

What you will study: This subject empowers you to experiment with a range of creative techniques to become a skilled visual artist. You will benefit from our state-of-the-art studio and the experience of our teachers who are practising creative artists. A skilled critical observer, you will explore inspiration from local architecture, museums and art galleries. A portfolio and exhibition will be prepared for assessment. There are no exams.



Creativity Activity Service (CAS)

Our study programme includes enriching experiences outside the classroom. We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular activities which promote personal growth in a stimulating and informative way. These include team sports, study visits, excursions, CAS experiences as well as Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Many pupils comment how they value the range of opportunities available to them.



Working collaboratively to solve problems



Having fun, making friends and developing new skills



Improving life conditions in a range of communities

CAS enables students to enhance their personal and interpersonal development by learning through experience. Create a personalised programme each term, by selecting at least 1 experience from each category below.

CREATIVITY

THIS ASPECT COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF ARTS & CREATIVE APPROACHES. CREATIVITY IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING NEW OR TAKE ON A NEW CREATIVE CHALLENGE

- ART
- CHESS
- CODING
- COOKING
- DOCUMENTARY CLUB
- ECONOMICS
- MATHS
- MEDICAL SOCIETY
- MODEL UNITED NATIONS
- MUSIC APPRECIATION SOCIETY
- MUSIC PRACTICE
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PSYCHOLOGY
- ST CLARE'S UNION
- STUDIO ART
- THEATRE
- YOUNG ENTERPRISE

ACTIVITY

THIS ELEMENT ENCOURAGES YOU TO DEVELOP NEW SKILLS & A SENSE OF ENJOYMENT FROM PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. IT PROMOTES A CONTINUED INTEREST IN HEALTH & WELLBEING

- BADMINTON
- DANCE FITNESS
- FOOTBALL
- GOLF CLUB
- GYM-BASED BOXING
- GYM SESSIONS
- MIND & BODY BALANCE
- RUNNING
- SPIN CLASSES/STUDIO CYCLING
- SQUASH
- TABLE TENNIS
- TENNIS
- VOLLEYBALL
- WELLBEING WALK

SERVICE

BUILD LINKS WITH INDIVIDUALS, THE COMMUNITY OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS. WORK WITH DIVERSE GROUPS TO ENGAGE, SUPPORT & DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THEM.

- ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTION GROUP
- CLIMATE ACTION NOW
- DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - BRONZE/GOLD
- ECO SCHOOLS
- HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION GROUP
- KNITTING FOR NEEDS
- LANGUAGE NETWORK TEACHERS & STUDENTS
- LOCAL ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP
- MUSIC NETWORK
- NURSERY ASSISTANTS GO DIGITAL
- PEER SUPPORT
- PETS & PLANTS
- POST PALS
- SHARE AND CARE
- STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOOL OFFICERS
- ST CLARE'S MAGAZINE
- TERRACYCLE GROUP
- TUTORING ASSISTANTS

We offer over 50 experiences per week.

This is a sample of our offering; the experiences may vary each term.

and extra-curricular **ACTIVITIES**



Evolving as a person through innovative experiences



Taking part in rewarding team sports



Engaging and interacting with different cultures



Cultivating motivation, discipline and self-sufficiency

Study visits and excursions

Our field trips have an educational, cultural, environmental, sport or social focus. In previous years students have taken part in Biology, Environmental Systems & Societies, History and Languages study visits in both the UK and beyond.



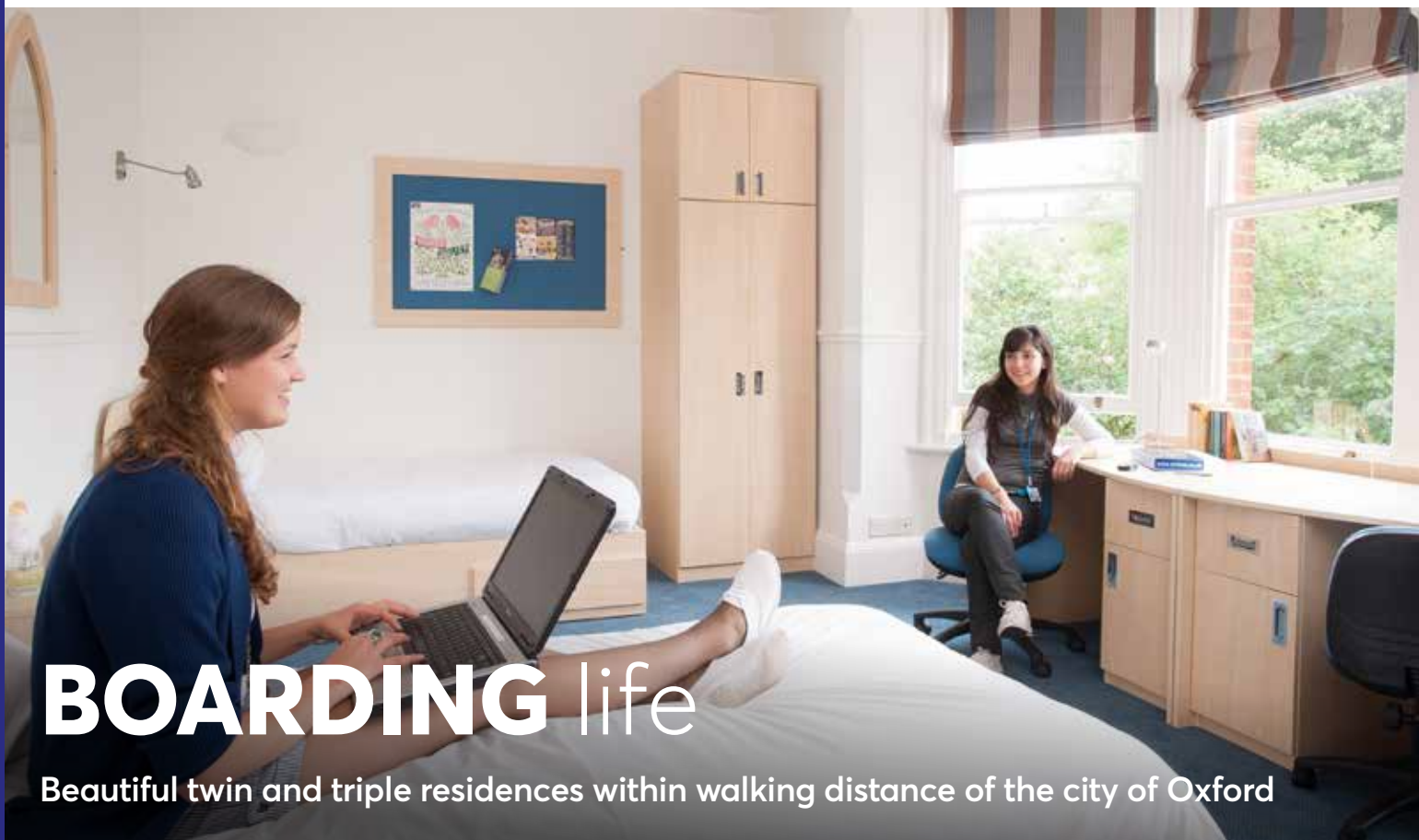
Expressing creativity through inspiring art and performance

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award builds these aptitudes and personal characteristics

- Encourages a spirit of adventure and discovery
- Generates a sense of resilience by accomplishing new challenges
- Develops orientation skills like map reading, cooking meals and route planning
- Builds friendships and sense of togetherness through teamwork activities
- Develops self-awareness through reflections on strengths and weaknesses
- Improves time-keeping and problem solving skills
- Builds confidence and enables personal growth through innovative new experiences

These skills are truly valued by employers and can be advantageous well into your future career.





BOARDING life

Beautiful twin and triple residences within walking distance of the city of Oxford

Boarding students

We offer a beautiful, comfortable and safe boarding experience. The environment combines secure twin and triple residences with outdoor green spaces. Over half of our rooms have ensuite bathrooms. All houses have communal spaces like common rooms and kitchens. WiFi is available in the residences.

Each residence has a House Parent, responsible for student welfare and support 24/7. Our dedicated team help you settle into life in the UK and work with you to make the living environment feel like home. House Parents arrange social events and activities. These events create enjoyable experiences, so you feel truly fulfilled outside the classroom.

Day students

We welcome local day students into our thriving boarding community. You can join boarders for breakfast, lunch and dinner and socialise with friends until curfew. The costs of all meals are included in your fees.

If there is room availability, you can request to stay in our residence for a short period of time for specific family circumstances.





Over the last 3 years £6.1 million has been invested in new facilities. These include our renovated dining hall and café, known as The Globe at 135.

The new restaurant, servery and café provide comfortable and relaxing spaces for students to meet friends and socialise. We offer a wide range of delicious nutritious meals, which promote a well-balanced diet. We also cater for vegan and gluten free diets.

FACILITIES INVESTMENT OVER 3 YEARS



£6.1 MILLION

Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner 7 days a week, with varied specials every day

Sample daily menu

Breakfast

Continental breakfast with fresh fruit, bread, cereals and pastries
Cooked breakfast with eggs, sausages, bacon, mushrooms and tomatoes

Lunch

Chicken Wings with chili and lime
Thai-style Tofu with chili and lime
Thai-style Pickled Shredded Cabbage with chili, lime and coriander
Lamb Kofta Sandwich with shredded red cabbage, mint and lime yoghurt dressing
Smoked Salmon and Dill Pasta

Side dishes: Steamed herb vegetables and sauté lyonnaise potatoes

Deli bar: Fresh salads and fruit are available every day

Dinner

Lamb Tagine with apricots, chickpeas and cinnamon
Parsnip, Spinach and Mushroom Wellington with red onion sauce
Bacon and Mushroom Pasta

Side dishes: Couscous, parmentier potatoes roasted vegetables and steamed broccoli

Deli bar: Fresh salads and fruit are available every day

We cater for allergy and food intolerances. Please notify us ahead of your arrival.



STUDENT WELFARE and support

Positive preparation for life

Our safe and engaging environment nurtures individuals into self-assured, open-minded people with truly meaningful friendships.

Our Personal Tutors, House Parents, College Nurse, pastoral team and teachers work together to help you flourish during your time here. They also encourage you to embrace all of the opportunities ahead of you.



GLOBAL HEALTH
EMOTIONAL HEALTH
STUDY HEALTH
TECHNOLOGICAL HEALTH
FUTURE HEALTH
PHYSICAL HEALTH

We provide positive preparation for university and your professional life. Our college-wide initiative **Healthy World, Healthy College, Healthy You** encourages you to create a well-balanced and fulfilled life during your studies and into the future.



The atmosphere is informal and friendly, with an emphasis on achieving your best. We have a non-uniform policy and students are on first-name terms with teachers. Our provision fosters independence of mind and personal responsibility.

The friendships you develop whilst studying here promote international-mindedness, improve linguistic as well as intercultural competence and strengthen social skills - vital attributes for life.

We focus on developing the whole person into confident, resilient, healthy and independent young adults.

Guardianship: All residential students must have an educational guardian in the UK for any emergencies.

The Boarding Schools Association (BSA) website has a list of guardians who have the BSA Certified Guardian certification which is an assurance of professional quality.



Your CAREER DEVELOPMENT journey

Personalised support to help you make informed decisions about your future career path

Careers and higher education guidance to complement your academic goals and support your future career aspirations:

- Benefit from specialist advice on applying to university, apprenticeships, professional internships and gap year schemes
- Explore future education and career aspirations through experiential learning and self-reflection
- Boost your professional skills including CV writing, presentation and interview skills so you are competitive and ready for the professional jobs market around the world
- Assessment centre for SAT exams, BioMedical Admissions Tests (BMAT) and Oxbridge Admissions Tests
- Guidance from when you apply until 3 years after you graduate

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



CDI (Careers Development Institute) accredited advisers



Thank you for showing me that if I set my mind to something I can do it. Before I came to St Clare's I had never considered applying, let alone getting into very competitive universities, but with your support and feedback I was able to do just that."

Ricarda, German
University destination: London School of Economics



WE HELP STUDENTS
APPLY TO **UNIVERSITIES**
AROUND THE WORLD



Global alumni NETWORK

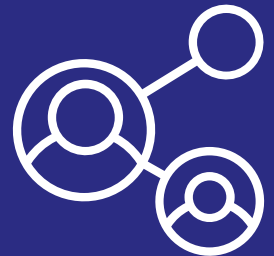
Become a lifelong member of our international alumni community

We provide a range of benefits to support our alumni on a personal, academic and professional level. These include:

- **Specialist careers and higher education support** - We offer expert guidance on professional job opportunities including mentoring, internships and gap year schemes. We also provide references
- **College tours** - We offer personalised tours so you can see how things have changed. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that you be able to see your favourite teacher. Please contact us to arrange an appointment
- **Reunion events** - We arrange social activities hosted at St Clare's like reunion events

Why join St Clare's Connect?

- Reconnect with classmates
- Benefit from networking opportunities
- Find out about reunion events
- Stay up-to-date with College news
- Access career development opportunities
- Become a mentor
- Keep in touch with us



Join our alumni network: www.stclaresconnect.com

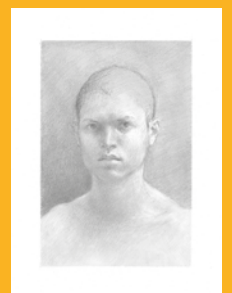


Alumni case study

Xavier Robles de Medina
Graduation year: 2008

Xavier won a prestigious scholarship to develop his creative talents at Savannah College of Art and Design. He has since gone on to study an MA in Fine Art at Goldsmiths, University of London.

His work has achieved public acclaim in solo exhibitions in Bucharest, Miami, New York, Los Angeles and Paris. In 2022 Xavier will participate in Senegal's prestigious contemporary art exhibition, Dakar Biennale.



IB Introduction

Get off to a flying start by studying our summer IB introductory course

Age:	14-17 year olds
English level:	B2 to C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
Class size:	Maximum 12 students
Lessons:	25 lessons per week (22.9 hours)
Length:	3 weeks
Start dates:	July

A British Council
**accredited
centre**



97%

of students
would recommend
St Clare's

**WE HAVE
WELCOMED**

over
50,000
students

over
60
countries

over
65
Years

- Gain a head-start academically. Our varied subject offering aligns with the IB study route and includes skills development which assists your progression to the IB Diploma
- Benefit from the specialist knowledge of our International Baccalaureate teachers
- Study introductory classes in English Literature, English Language, Maths, Arts, Humanities, Science and TOK
- Learn the IB philosophy and methodology whilst immersing yourself in student life in England's longest established IB World School
- Be inspired by local Guest Speakers on topical themes
- Choose between college accommodation or a carefully chosen homestay within the city of Oxford
- Enjoy our exciting extra-curricular programme of sports, activities and excursions
- Summer package price includes tuition, accommodation, meals, insurance, sports, activities and up to 2 excursions per week
- Strong pastoral care with 24-hour support

Other short courses in Oxford

Take a Spring or Summer course to boost your confidence in English and to help prepare you for the start of the academic year



Students really appreciate the way in which they learn to adapt and relate to others, so preparing them for the next stage of their lives as global citizens.” ISI Report 2019

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



Book an appointment

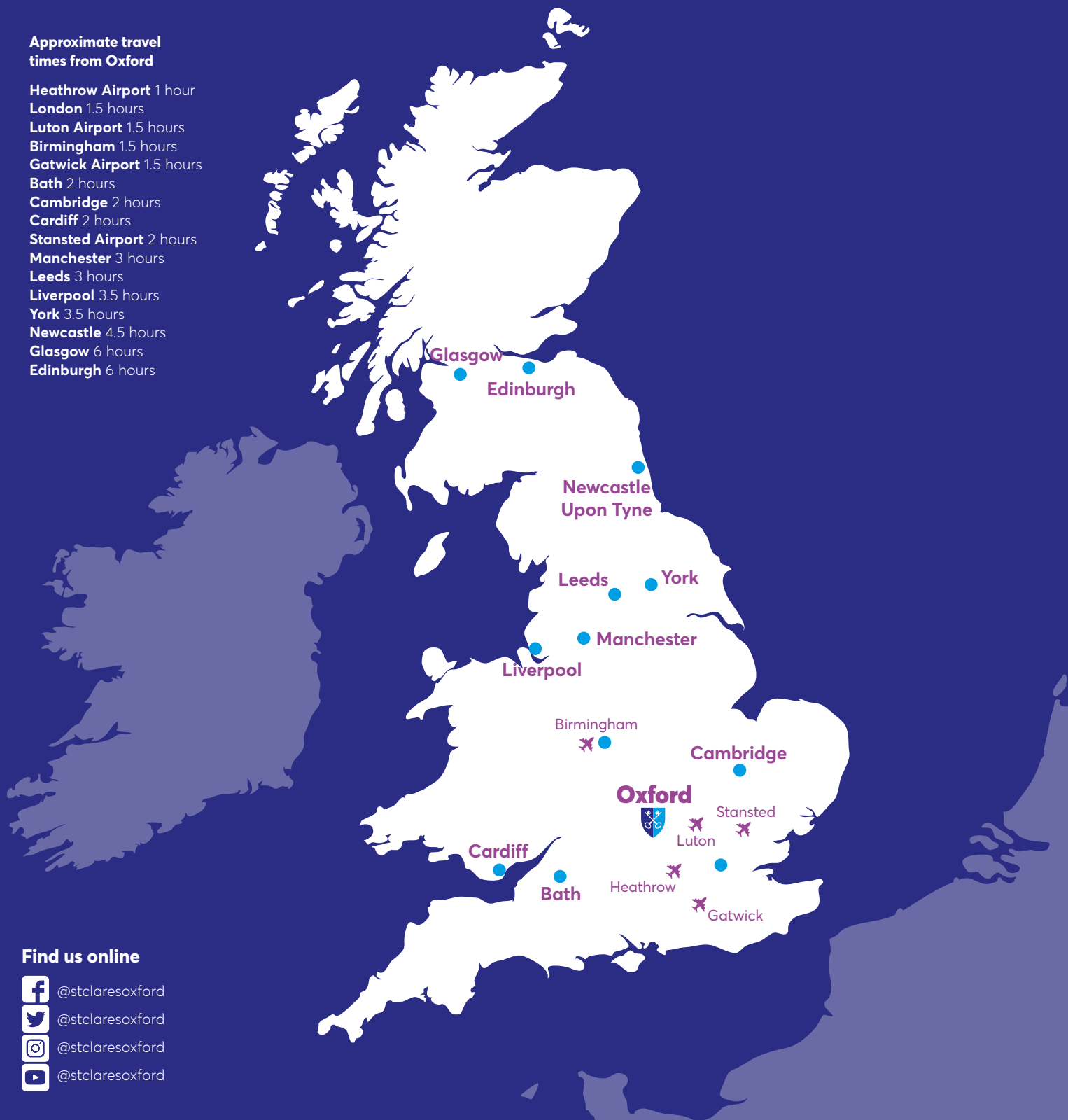
We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford for an Open Day or a College tour. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact our admissions team.

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Telephone: +44 (0) 1865 517336

Approximate travel times from Oxford

- Heathrow Airport 1 hour
- London 1.5 hours
- Luton Airport 1.5 hours
- Birmingham 1.5 hours
- Gatwick Airport 1.5 hours
- Bath 2 hours
- Cambridge 2 hours
- Cardiff 2 hours
- Stansted Airport 2 hours
- Manchester 3 hours
- Leeds 3 hours
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- York 3.5 hours
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