

# INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

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



CELEBRATING  
**70**  
YEARS  
1953-2023

# Why Study

## at St Clare's, Oxford?

### Academic Excellence

- 1 More than 70 years of experience:** a vibrant Oxford institution that blends tradition with innovation.
- 2 International environment:** over 50 different nationalities each year create an amazing cosmopolitan atmosphere.
- 3 Academic excellence:** consistently positive feedback from students, parents, agents and inspection bodies.
- 4 Personal development:** giving the support to challenge yourself and grow confidence in communication, independence and direction.
- 5 Innovative methods:** interactive lessons take learning beyond the classroom and focus on topical themes each week.
- 6 Academic progression:** challenging courses at a variety of levels that combine language support and academic study according to your needs.
- 7 We train the teachers:** a track record of successfully preparing and developing CELTA and DELTA teachers.
- 8 Educational charity:** invest any profits in our students, programmes, staff and facilities.

### Your Future Made Possible

- 9 Access to world leading universities:** our dedicated Careers and Higher Education team give you individual support to find the best university for you, including preparing applications for university, internships, and gap years around the world.
- 10 Track record of career success:** students' social confidence, independence, and academic progression, make St Clare's leavers more appealing in the workplace. Our graduates are successful in a wide range of careers, including politics, entrepreneurship, business, creative arts, law, international relations, and many other fields.
- 11 Networking:** Students have the opportunity to network through holistic processes - not only via their peers who come from around the world but also through specially curated events.

### Student Experience

- 12 Personal support:** our friendly and committed team is available for all your academic, career, welfare and health needs.
- 13 Activities and excursions:** a full programme, organised in-house, enriches your experience of living in the UK and helps you make new friends.
- 14 Elegant location:** over 25 buildings in a quiet suburb in the world-famous university city of Oxford.
- 15 St Clare's family:** trusted by generations of students who recommend us to their friends and family.



LIFE  
in Oxford



### Live and study in Oxford with people from around the world

Oxford is a safe, small and thriving multicultural city where you can enjoy beautiful architecture, picturesque parks, riverside walks and cultural sites as well as world-famous museums, libraries and art galleries. We are lucky to have resources like the Bodleian Library, Ashmolean Museum and Modern Art Oxford on our doorstep, and there are lots of engaging talks, lectures, seminars, exhibitions and theatre shows to stimulate learning.

For those that are a little more adventurous, punting on the river is a popular pastime in Oxford. There are also theatres, music events, mini golf and bowling venues, cinemas, escape rooms for a fun evening or weekend

activity. For the shopper there is a wide selection of retail outlets, local markets and eateries in the city including the popular Westgate Centre and Covered Market. Nearby there is also the famous Bicester Village outlet centre.

For those wanting to explore outside Oxford, there are nearby attractions such as Blenheim Palace, Cotswold Farm Park and beautiful Cotswold villages. London is only an hour away by train, and is the home of many attractions such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower of London, Madame Tussauds, Oxford Street as well as many Premier League football teams.





**Enjoy a home from home**

As you walk through the college, you will hear languages from all over the world being spoken. Students from over 50 countries study with us each year. This cultural diversity creates a welcoming environment for students from 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.

We offer a comfortable and safe residential experience, within college residences or with a homestay provider, close to campus, Summertown and Oxford City Centre. All accommodation options include free Wi-Fi and 24-hour support.

## College residences

### Our college residences for over 18s offer:

- a choice of single or twin room, with either shared or in-flat bathroom
- kitchen for self-catering
- communal spaces, such as common rooms, dining rooms and outdoor green spaces
- a residential manager for student welfare and support

### Our boarding houses for under 18s offer:

- a twin room with shared bathroom
- communal spaces, such as common rooms, small kitchens and outdoor green spaces
- a house parent for student welfare and support
- breakfast and dinner provided

### Benefits:

- make friends with other international students
- learn to become more independent
- find out about different cultures in a shared living environment

## Homestay

### Living with one of our English-speaking homestay host offers:

- a single room with either shared or private bathroom
- breakfast and dinner provided
- a homestay host for student welfare and support

### Benefits:

- immerse yourself in British life and culture
- support to settle into life in Oxford
- practise your English in authentic situations

## Food

Our bright, spacious dining hall provides a comfortable and relaxed space for you to eat and socialise. We offer a wide range of delicious and nutritious meals, which promote a well-balanced diet, including 'International Thursdays' giving a taste of a variety of cultures. We cater for all dietary requirements and lunch is included in the programme fees.

Snacks and drinks are available all day at our café, The Globe at 135, and in the Student Hub.

There are many cafes, restaurants and eateries of different cuisines within walking distance in Summertown, or in Oxford city centre.

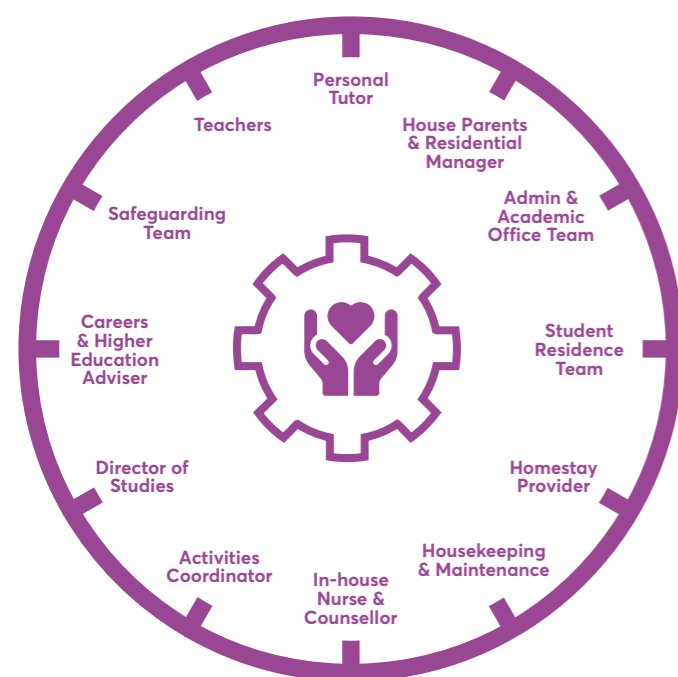


# STUDENT SUPPORT

We work hard to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging environment to stimulate learning and encourage you to succeed.

Walking around, you see individualism and character, engagement with the community, independence, and happy, fulfilled students. Our excellent staff-to-student ratio provides dedicated support throughout your studies.

## YOUR 24 HOUR SUPPORT TEAM



## RESOURCES

**Student Hub:** a dynamic space to socialise, have coffee with friends and sign up to activities

**Academic Library:** four floors with study rooms, 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 such as 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-level lectures with expert guest speakers on intellectually-engaging topics



# ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

## Study visits, activities and excursions enrich your learning experience

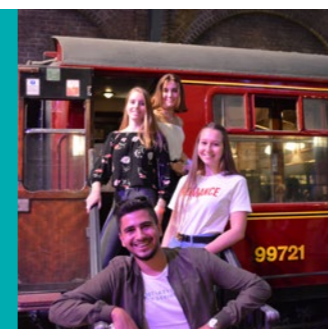
We offer a varied and exciting weekly activities and excursions programme, created by our Activities Coordinator. This gives you an opportunity to enhance your personal and interpersonal development by learning and engaging in fun and worthwhile experiences. Share your interests with us, and we will do our best to include it in the programme.

Our study visits build a link between the classroom and the real world. Recent examples include visits to the law courts, Freud museum and a local business (for example, BMW factory).

## Activities and excursions have previously included:

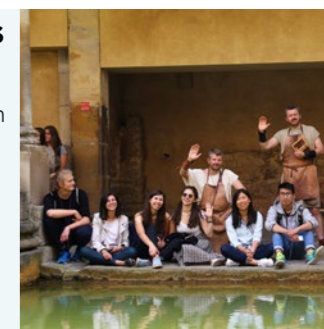
### THEATRE & MUSIC

- London West End
- Royal Shakespeare Company
- Classical music choirs and concerts at Oxford University



### MUSEUMS & EXHIBITIONS

- Ashmolean Museum
- National History Museum
- Roman Baths
- National Gallery
- Bletchley Park
- Law Courts



### ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

- Ice Skating
- Go Ape
- Wet n Wild
- Thorpe Park
- Paintballing
- Cornwall
- New Forest



### LONDON

- London Eye
- Tower of London
- Covent Garden
- Buckingham Palace
- Camden Market
- Westfields
- River Thames boat trip
- Harrods



### LANDMARKS & ATTRACTIONS

- Stonehenge
- Bicester Village
- Blenheim Palace
- Cadbury's World
- Christmas Market



### SPORT

- Football
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Table Tennis
- Basketball



### CITIES

- Brighton
- Bath
- Bristol
- Warwick
- Stratford



### WEEKEND TRIPS

- Liverpool
- Cornwall
- Dublin
- Whitby





# CAREERS and Higher Education

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

Our Careers and Higher Education provision is among the best in the world. Our team act as coaches, with unlimited 1-to-1 guidance alongside a rigorous careers programme. Our students progress to the best and most exciting universities around the world, and we work hard to empower you to find the best fit for you and create the opportunities you want. We start with you, not with piles of prospectuses or endless online searches. This is where aspiration and ambition meet knowledge and experience.

- **Benefit** from 1:1 specialist expertise
- **Apply** to university, apprenticeships, professional internships and gap year schemes anywhere in the world
- **Understand** yourself and your goals better
- **Boost** your professional and self-presentation skills in English
- **Take** specialist SAT tuition courses\* and sit digital tests at our centre
- **Discover** academic enrichment and subject exploration in Oxford and beyond and learn how to use this to your advantage in university applications
- **Become** a member of our bespoke careers platform to unlock career and university learning modules designed for international students

We have progression agreements with a range of international universities, meaning that you are guaranteed an offer if you follow our University Foundation Programme and achieve the required grades. Our courses prepare you for a huge range of universities and courses, and you are not limited to those we have agreements with.



## Careers events

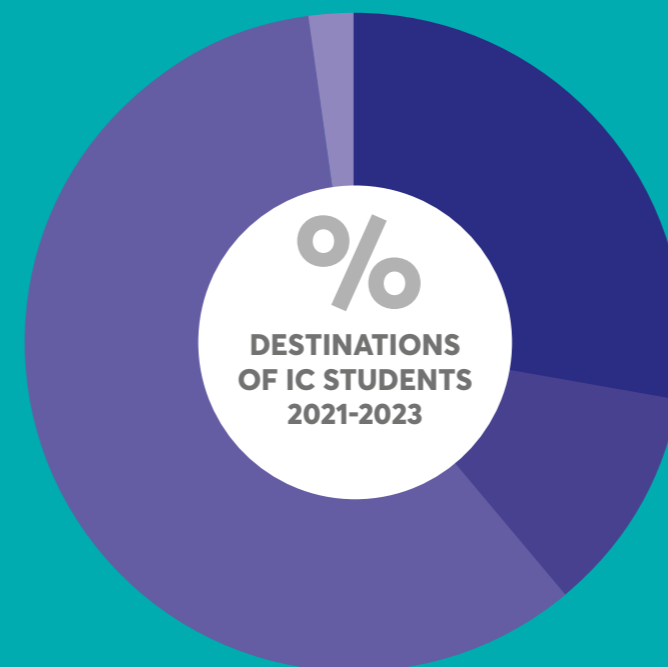
- Higher Education fair: one of the largest school-based fairs outside London, with representatives from over 90 universities and 20 countries
- Meet representatives 1:1 from, for example SciencesPo (France), NYU (USA), McGill (Canada), Cambridge (UK) and many more including specialist art schools
- St Clare's Creates Futures: connect with alumni and mentors to learn about current trends and future developments in the workplace worldwide



\*offered in Spring semester only. Extra fees apply.

# UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

The breadth of top-quality universities our students progress onto globally is a fantastic success story. Our programmes give students the opportunity to aspire to a wide range of **prestigious universities** around the world.



- **28%** UK universities
- **11%** USA universities and Liberal Arts colleges
- **59%** European universities
- **2%** Rest of the world universities

## Progression examples:

German student	→ Abitur	→ University Foundation Programme (Politics, Philosophy, Economics) 1 year	→ Economics and Social Sciences at Bocconi University, Italy
Mexican student	→ HS Diploma	→ University Foundation Programme (Business, Economics, Maths) 1 year	→ Computer Science and Maths Major at Santa Clara University, USA
Dutch student	→ HAVO Diploma	→ University Foundation Programme (Psychology, Business, Economics) 1 year	→ Hospitality Management at Glion/Les Roches, Switzerland
American student	→ US HS Diploma	→ Undergraduate Programme 1 semester	→ Computer Science and Philosophy Double Major at Brown University, USA
German student	→ Abitur	→ English plus Academic Subjects 1 semester	→ Law and International Relations at IE University, Spain
American student	→ US HS Diploma	→ Undergraduate Programme 1 year	→ Political Science at University of Edinburgh UK

## University destinations include:

- University of Edinburgh
- University of Amsterdam
- Brown University
- University of Utrecht
- University of Bristol
- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Maastricht University
- University of Virginia
- Bocconi University
- EHL Hospitality Business School
- ESCP Business School
- University of St Andrews
- City, University of London
- EBS Business School
- IE University
- Santa Clara University and many more...

## Recent subject areas include:

- International Business Management
- Economics
- International Relations
- Politics/PPE
- Psychology
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- English Literature
- Biomedical Sciences
- Law
- Architecture
- Computer Science
- Hospitality Management and many more...

# ENGLISH COURSES



## English for Life

Enhance your language skills for everyday life

<b>Age:</b>	16+
<b>English Level:</b>	A2 – C2 (pre-intermediate to very advanced)
<b>Class size (max):</b>	15
<b>Lessons:</b>	25 per week (23 hours)
<b>Length:</b>	2+ weeks
<b>Start dates:</b>	September, October, January, February, March, April, May

- 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

<b>Age:</b>	16+
<b>English Level:</b>	B2-C2 (intermediate to very advanced)
<b>Class size (max):</b>	15
<b>Lessons:</b>	25 per week (23 hours)
<b>Length:</b>	2+ weeks
<b>Start dates:</b>	September, October, January, February, March, April, May

- 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

## Online Personal Language Training

Design your own programme

<b>Age:</b>	16+
<b>English Level:</b>	A1 – C2 (beginner to very advanced)
<b>Class size (max):</b>	1-to-1 online
<b>Lessons:</b>	10, 15 or 20
<b>Length:</b>	1+ weeks (no maximum)
<b>Start dates:</b>	Flexible

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

### 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 15
- **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





## University Foundation Programme

Bridge the gap between school and university

<b>Age:</b>	16+
<b>English Level:</b>	B2 – C2 (intermediate to very advanced)
<b>Class size (max):</b>	15
<b>Lessons:</b>	22 per week minimum (20 hours)
<b>Length:</b>	34 or 27 weeks (depending on English language level)
<b>Start dates:</b>	September or October



### Why choose this programme:

- **Global university opportunities:** prepare for university study in the UK, Europe or around the world
- **Guaranteed university entry:** on successful completion of the programme. We prepare you for a wide range of undergraduate courses. We also have progression agreements with several international universities, which means you are guaranteed a conditional offer
- **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
- **Language and Study skills:** develop the academic English and study skills (critical thinking, essay writing, research and presentations skills) required for successful university study through independent study projects
- **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 15 students from all over the world
- **Supportive programme design:** study in structured modules to help if you are new to the academic subjects
- **Advance your self-awareness:** make informed decisions about your future career path
- **Receive support:** for your academic and personal welfare needs from your Personal Tutor

### Course structure

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

## English plus Academic Subjects

Maximise your options for higher education

<b>Age:</b>	16+
<b>English Level:</b>	B2 – C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
<b>Class size (max):</b>	15
<b>Lessons:</b>	19 per week (17 hours)
<b>Length:</b>	14 weeks (1 semester)
<b>Start dates:</b>	September or January



### 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

### 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 from the following areas

- Art
- Art History
- Business
- Communications
- Economics
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Languages: Chinese, French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and more...
- Marketing
- Maths
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

## English plus Academic Subjects Compact

Explore your options for higher education

<b>Age:</b>	16+
<b>English Level:</b>	B2 – C2 (upper intermediate to very advanced)
<b>Class size (max):</b>	15
<b>Lessons:</b>	19 per week (17 hours)
<b>Length:</b>	5 or 6 weeks
<b>Start date:</b>	May



### 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 from the following areas

- Art
- Art History
- Business
- English Literature
- Marketing
- Philosophy
- Sociology

## Undergraduate Programme

Expand your academic knowledge

<b>Age:</b>	17+
<b>English Level:</b>	C1 – C2+ (advanced to native speaker)
<b>Class size (max):</b>	15 (seminar) or 1-3 (tutorial)
<b>Lessons:</b>	15 per week (13.75 hours)
<b>Length:</b>	14 or 28 weeks (1 or 2 semesters) 4-week programme available in May/June
<b>Start dates:</b>	September or January

### Why choose this programme:

- **University-level study:** explore and develop your academic interests at university level and learn alongside undergraduate students from our partner universities in the USA
- **Interactive learning:** study in small seminars of 3-15 students taught by university-based academic staff
- **Tutorial research:** deepen your understanding of a subject you are passionate about with a tutorial designed to meet your interests, or choose from a wide range of options
- **Go beyond the classroom:** take advantage of the academic and cultural life of Oxford with university lectures and study trips to our world class museums in Oxford and London
- **English language study:** continue towards an IELTS or Cambridge exam with our 3-hour tutorial option
- **Quality assurance:** our academic programme is accredited by the University of San Diego
- **Self-development:** build confidence and independence whilst being challenged intellectually with individual support
- **Academic mentor:** your Personal Tutor supports your learning and oversees your welfare needs
- **Progress to college and university:** our in-house college counselor will get to know you personally and help you present yourself in the strongest possible light to the courses and universities that are right for you, anywhere in the world. St Clare's is also a centre for SAT and other admissions test



### Course structure

Your programme comprises: **5 seminar courses (or 4 seminar courses and 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
- Business
- Communications
- Drawing
- Economics
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Languages: Chinese, French, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and more...
- Marketing
- Maths
- Painting
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology



# SUMMER COURSES

## 18+ YEARS

### COLLEGE LIFE

- Students from over 35 countries
- Small groups/classes: 15 max
- Within walking distance of Summertown and Oxford city centre
- Lunch is included, served in our Dining Hall which serves delicious and nutritious meals. All dietary requirements catered for
- Snacks and drinks available in-between meals at our café, The Globe at 135
- Experience living and studying in Oxford



### LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- Study visits and guest speakers to enhance the learning experience
- Topical Weekly Themes to take learning beyond the classroom



### ACCOMMODATION

- Students can stay in one of our college residences or with a homestay provider
- Our college residences offer:
  - a choice of single or twin room, with either shared or in-flat bathroom
  - kitchen for self-catering
  - communal spaces, such as common rooms, dining rooms and outdoor green spaces
  - breakfast, lunch and dinner served in the dining hall

Living with one of our English-speaking homestay providers offers:

- a single room with either shared or private bathroom
- breakfast and dinner provided
- a homestay provider to offer support
- the chance to practise your English and immerse yourself in British life and culture
- All bedding, towels and laundry facilities are provided
- Free Wi-Fi

### STUDENT WELFARE

- 24-hour support from a team of Residential Managers, Night Security and Welfare Officers
- Access to our College Nurse



### ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

- Varied weekly sports and activities programme
- Activities include: Punting, horse riding, axe throwing
- 1 excursion included per week, with additional optional excursions available

Excursions include: London (including London Eye, Tower of London, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, a River Thames Cruise, West End shows, Harrods and Covent Garden), Windsor Castle, Stratford upon Avon, city of Bath, and many more

### FEES AND DATES

- 2, 3 or 4+ weeks, with start dates in June, July and August
- Fees include: tuition, accommodation, lunch, sports and activities programme, 1 excursion per week, insurance



For more details about our Summer Courses, please see our Summer brochure.

### English for Life

Build confidence and fluency in speaking, listening, reading and writing, develop your grammatical accuracy, and apply your language skills through study visits and guest speaker events.

**English Level:** A2 – C2

**Class size (max):** 15

**Lessons:** 21 per week (19 hours)

**Length:** 2+ weeks

**Start dates:** June, July and August

### English for Exam Preparation

Learn exam tips, practise exam techniques and develop study skills for IELTS or Cambridge exams.

**English Level:** B1 – C2

**Class size (max):** 12

**Lessons:** 25 per week (23 hours)

**Length:** 3 weeks

**Start dates:** June, July and August

### Business and Leadership in Oxford

Aimed at university students and early career professionals, this course will help students gain a competitive edge and discover attributes of effective leadership through case-studies, research topics and debates, alongside study visits to successful enterprises in Oxford and insightful guest speakers from a variety of industries.

**English Level:** B2 – C2

**Class size (max):** 12

**Lessons:** 25 per week (23 hours)

**Length:** 2 weeks

**Start dates:** July and August



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.

**Why join St Clare's Connect?**

**ADVANCE**

- Advance career prospects by working with mentors, former St Clare's students who give advice and guidance

**NETWORK**

- Expand your international network
- Attend Alumni reunion events and book personalised tours at St Clare's

**PROMOTE**

- Stay up-to-date with all our latest news and announcements, receive newsletters and hear about future events
- Promote yourself through your St Clare's Connect profile

**Help us by...**

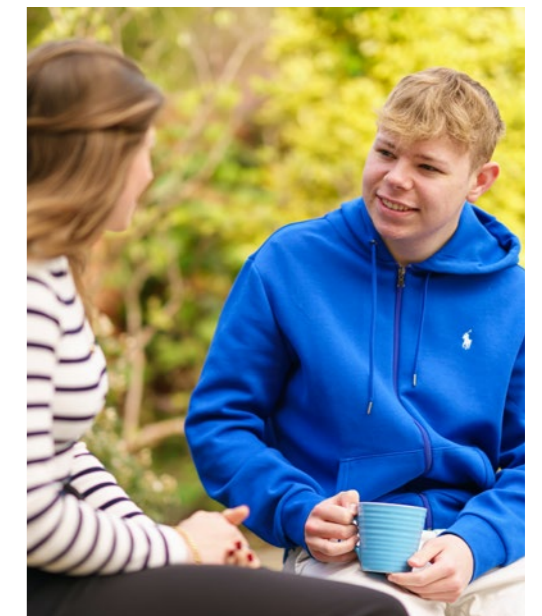
- Becoming a mentor to current and former students
- Creating an alumni profile
- Promoting our news and events

Join our alumni network:  
[www.stclaresconnect.com](http://www.stclaresconnect.com)

# WHICH COURSE? AT A GLANCE

Programme	Age	Your English Level					Goal
		A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	
English for Life	16+	—————→					English Language Development and Examinations
English for Examinations	16+	—————→					
University Foundation Programme	16+			—————→			University and GAP Year Success
English plus Academic Subjects	16+			—————→			
English plus Academic Subjects COMPACT	16+			—————→			
Undergraduate Programme	17+				—————→		

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# MORE COURSES

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