

English in Oxford for over 30s – Sample timetable

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND	
09:00 09:55	Welcome to Oxford Programme and course overview <i>St Clare's & International Culture</i>	Confident communication How can we make conversation flow and sound natural. We'll start the course by assessing the areas that you would like to focus on and mapping out some learning plans. <i>Communication</i>	Trending Topics What's going on in the world around us and how do we talk about it? <i>The News</i>	Famous Faces Oxford has played host to many famous faces before you, find out about them and their impact on history. In addition to this you'll learn about the modern population of Oxford and how they impact the city. <i>People of Oxford</i>	Everyday language Focus on the language you've been using on a day-to-day basis. Spend some time with your teacher focusing on areas to improve and idiomatic language. <i>Language</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Activities at the weekend will be chosen dependent on what is happening in the local area at the time.</p>	
10:05 11:00	Culture Culture familiarisation and health & safety <i>St Clare's & International Culture</i>						
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11:30 12:25 (12:25 Fri)	Culture, a problem? How to overcome cultural misunderstandings <i>International Culture</i>	Who's talking? Find out more about your guest speaker, what to listen for, and prepare your questions <i>Prepare for Oxford</i>	Punting, at the right end Learn the history of punting and the area you'll see on your guided punt tour later, As well as the correct technique <i>Prepare for Oxford</i>	Museums of the past & future Learn about the Ashmolean museum as well as the history and controversies of museums and how they're modernizing. <i>Prepare for Oxford</i>	Milestone review Review the weeks learning and present your individual progress at the halfway stage of your course <i>Prepare for Oxford</i>		
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14:00 14:55	Explore Oxford! Take part in a walking tour of the key locations in Oxford. <i>Introductory Tour</i>	Who's talking? Find out more about your guest speaker, what to listen for, and prepare your questions <i>Guest Speaker</i>	Punting Tour Take part in one of Oxford's most iconic activities <i>Punting</i>	Ashmolean Discover Britain's oldest public museum, founded in 1683. <i>Literary Tour</i>	Windsor Home of the Royal Family <i>Example Optional Excursion</i>		
15:05 16:00			Guest Speaker Attend a talk from our expert speaker connected to this week's theme.				
Evening		Live music @ The Bear Relax and listen to some fantastic live music in Oxford's oldest pub, wear a tie if you dare.		Evensong Hear the choir singing and organ playing in one of Oxford's many chapels.			

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09:00 09:55	Modern Britain After a weekend of exploring the UK we'll discuss preconceptions and the realities of what modern Britain looks like. Is it really all afternoon tea and fish and chips?	Cross-cultural and cross-generational communication Understand cultural and generational differences in communication styles.	Ladies & gentlemen Learn how to effectively speak in public, whether that be a presentation at work or a dinner party.	Autonomous Language Learning Delve into the modern world of AI and how it as well as other tips and strategies discussed here can help you take your language learning journey home and further with you.	Final Reflections Have you achieved your goals. Receive personalised feedback from your teacher as well as a plan of action to continue your progress after the course.
10:05 11:00	<i>Modern Britain</i>	<i>Communication styles</i>	<i>Speaking Skills</i>	<i>Autonomous learning</i>	<i>Course Reflections</i>
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11:30 12:25 (12:25 Fri)	A political dynasty Learn about Winston Churchill and Blenheim Palace	Tasting notes Prepare to describe delights you'll try later, as well as some chit chat for the evening.	Science in Oxford Take a look at the history of Science in Oxford, including the evolution debate	Writers in Oxford Discover the many connections Oxford has to the literary world before the afternoon's tour	Wrap up Tie up any loose ends and look back time in Oxford through a variety of mediums.
	<i>Prepare for Oxford</i>	<i>Prepare for Oxford</i>	<i>Prepare for Oxford</i>	<i>Prepare for Oxford</i>	<i>Reflection</i>
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14:00 14:55	Blenheim Palace Explore the Capability Brown designed gardens and stately home of Winston Churchill.	Who's talking? Find out more about your guest speaker, what to listen for, and prepare your questions	Natural History Museum & Pitt Rivers Spend the afternoon exploring the many collections of two of Oxford's most famous museums (which are very handily connected).	Literary Tour Explore Oxford's literary locations on a tour of the city. Ending at Christ Church home of Alice and Hogwart's dining room.	Stratford-Upon-Avon & The Cotswolds Discover the Home of William Shakespeare.
15:05 16:00	<i>Excursion</i>	Guest Speaker Attend a talk from our expert speaker connected to this week's theme.	<i>Out and about</i>	<i>Out and about</i>	<i>Example Optional Excursion</i>
Evening		Local cuisine tasting Sample some local food and drink from the famous Oxford Blue to sausage rolls all with a side of Oxford sauce.		Karaoke Can you solve the riddle to get into the Mad Hatter and show off your karaoke skills.	