

Weekly Themes Winter/Spring Term 2024 (11 or 12 weeks)

Week	Thematic focus • suggested sub-topics	Other	Study Visit suggestions
1 08/01	LEARNING & CHANGE Western New Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out with the old, in with the new New Year's resolutions Personal development: life/career paths 		
2 15/01	Education & academic traditions in Oxford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widening access: private vs. state education University timeline & number of colleges Famous alumni: Berners-Lee, Blair, Le Carré... 		Oxford Colleges
3 22/01	Innovations in technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses of technology in committing & detecting crime 3D printing, cloud computing, AI, graphene, etc Social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc 		Museum of the history of science
4 29/01	Cultural diversity in Oxford & the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural self-awareness (the cultural 'iceberg') Places of worship: cathedral/ mosque/temple Multiculturalism – a barrier to integration? 		Cowley Road Oxford Mosque or Synagogue
5 05/02	ALL AROUND THE WORLD Eastern/Lunar New Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different calendars & horoscopes Animals & personality vs Star Signs Superstition: luck, colours, numbers & lanterns 	Saturday 10/02: Year of the Dragon Cross college event – 07/02	
6 12/02	Carnival (10 - 13/02/24) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pagan & religious origins Fasting and celebrating in all religions Masks, costumes & pageants in Venice & Rio 	Half term for EAS / UGP / UFP Pancake Day 13/02	
7 19/02	Travel broadens the mind...? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Package tours vs. Rough Guide / Lonely Planet Eat and sleep "local" – Air BnB or The Hilton? Learn before you land – phrases, gestures, taboos 	21/02 – International Mother Language Day	Pitt Rivers Museum
8 26/02	Waste, a global issue: Reduce, reuse, recycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting nature / our environment Food waste & recycling at St Clare's Heating, electricity, and paper use 		The Trap Grounds
9 04/03	SOCIAL VALUES Politics around the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governments: democracy, anarchy, dictatorship, etc Ways of voting: first past the post, PR, referendums (In)famous politicians: Castro, Gorbachev, Mandela, Mao, Thatcher, Trudeau, Trump, etc 	08/03 – International Women's Day 10/03 – 08/04 - Ramadan	
10 11/03	Charitable work: helping other people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comic Relief – do something active to raise money Homelessness, alcohol / drug abuse & crime OXFAM, volunteers & philanthropists 	Red Nose Day – 15/03 Cross College Event – 13/03	Charity shops
11 18/03	British values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy / rule of law Individual liberty / Freedom of speech Tolerance of different faiths / Mutual respect 		Magistrates court