

# INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

For university, for career, for life



# WHYSTUDY

# AT ST CLARE'S, OXFORD?

### **Academic Excellence**

More than 70 years of **experience:** a vibrant Oxford

International environment: over 50 different nationalities each year create an amazing

Academic excellence: consistently positive feedback

> **Personal development:** the and grow confidence in and direction.

Innovative methods: interactive lessons take learning beyond the classroom and focus on topical themes

Academic progression: challenging courses at a variety of levels that combine language support and academic study according to vour needs.

We train the teachers: a track record of successfully preparing and developing CELTA and DELTA qualified

**Educational charity:** we invest any profits in our students, programmes, staff and facilities.

# Your Future Made Possible

Access to world leading universities: our dedicated University and Career Counselling team give you individual support to find the best university for applications for university, around the world.

Track record of career success: students' social and academic progression, make St Clare's leavers more appealing in the range of careers, including business, creative arts, law, international relations, and

**Networking:** Students have the opportunity to network not only via their peers who come from around specially curated events.

# **Student Experience**

Personal support: our friendly and committed your academic, career, wellbeing and health

**Activities and excursions:** a full programme, of living in the UK

**Elegant location:** over 25 buildings in a quiet suburb in the world-famous

St Clare's family: trusted by generations of students who recommend us to their friends and family.



# 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 such as 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 your learning.

Punting on the river is a popular pastime in Oxford, as well as theatres, music events, mini golf and bowling venues, cinemas, and escape rooms for a fun evening or weekend activity.

For the shopping enthusiast there is a wide selection of retail outlets, local markets and places to eat 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 Wildlife 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 and Oxford Street, as well as many Premier League football teams.









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

Our University and Career Counselling provision is among the best in the world. Our team act as coaches, with 1-to-1 guidance alongside a rigorous **careers education 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
- Join 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**



# **Recent Destinations include:**

- University of Amsterdam PPLE
- University of St Andrews
- Bocconi University
- · University of Bristol
- Brown University
- · City, University of London
- · University of Durham
- · EBS Business School
- Ecole Hotelière de Lausanne
- · University of Edinburgh
- Erasmus University Rotterdam

- · ESCP Business School
- Haverford College
- IE University
- · London School of Economics
- Maastricht University
- · Santa Clara University
- · Trinity College Dublin
- · University College Roosevelt
- · University of Utrecht
- · University of Virginia
- · Wake Forest University and more..

# **Popular Subjects include:**

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

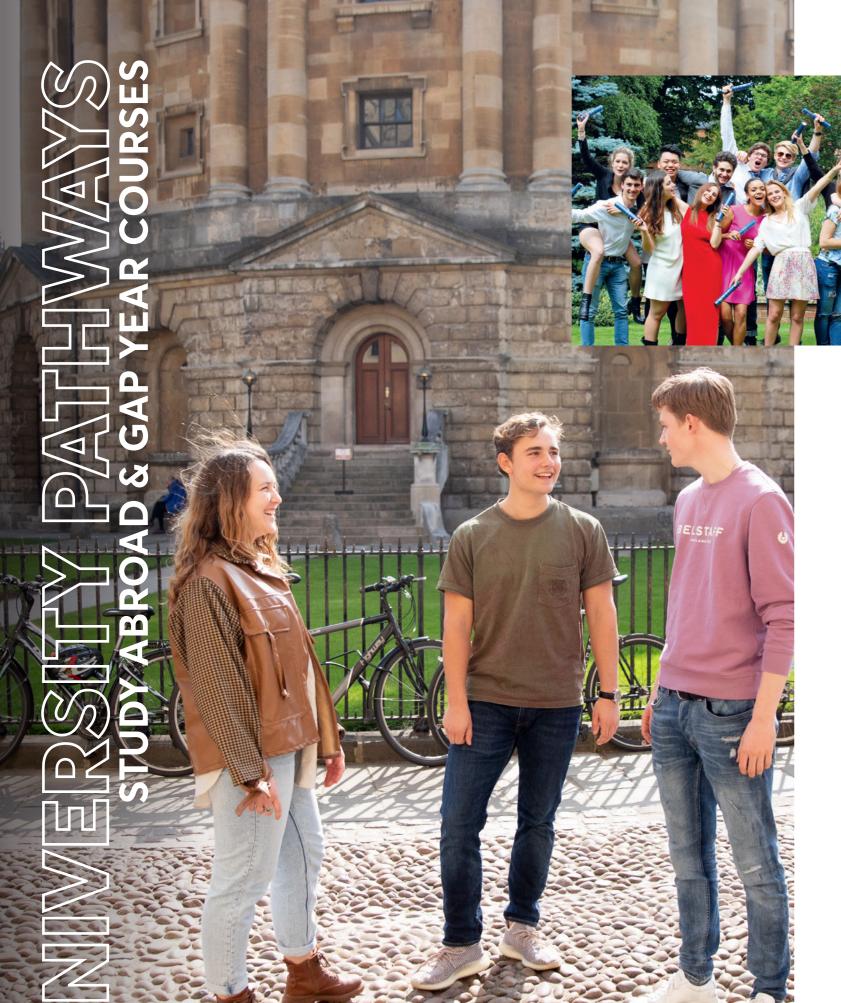
# **Progression examples:**

German student → Abitur → (Politics, Philosophy, Economics) at Bocconi University, Italy Mexican student → HS Diploma → (Business, Economics, Maths) → HAVO Diploma → (Psychology, Business, Economics) American student → US HS Diploma → German student → Abitur London School of Economics (LSE) Political Science at American student 

US HS Diploma



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# University Foundation Programme

Bridge the gap between school and university

Age:	16+
English Level:	B1 – C2 (intermediate to ver advanced)
Class size (max):	15
Lessons:	22 per week minimum (20 hours)
Length:	34 or 27 weeks (depending on English language level)
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# 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 degrees.
  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 university and career counsellors, 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 certain academic subjects
- Advance your self-awareness: make informed decisions about your future career path
- Receive support: for your academic and personal wellbeing needs from your Personal Tutor
- Externally verified: by an examiner to ensure that our grades and processes are equivalent to other courses in the UK

Programme structure	
Core English	Pathways - visit our website for the 8 pathway options
English language and academic study skills, for university and IELTS preparation	Choose 3 academic subjects to form your pathway, from: <b>Business Maths Politics Economics Philosophy Psychology</b>
Supplementary subjects - 2 of the following:	University and Career Counselling
Global Issues Law Statistics	University and Career sessions and 1-to-1 advice



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# **English plus Academic Subjects**

Explore your options for higher education

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



# Why choose this programme:

- Academic subjects in English: explore the academic subjects you might choose at university perhaps something completely
- **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 university and career counsellors
- Receive support: for your academic and personal wellbeing needs from your Personal Tutor

# **Programme structure**

# **English for Academic**

- 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, Russian, Spanish and more...
- Law
- Marketing
- Maths
- Philosophy Photography
- Politics
- Psychology

**Undergraduate** 

Expand your academic knowledge

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C1 – C2+ (advanced to

15 per week (13.75 hours)

14 weeks (1 semester)

4-week programme

available in May/June

September or January

native speaker)

Class size (max): 15 (seminar) or 1-3 (tutorial)

**Programme** 

Age:

Lessons:

Length:

**Start dates:** 

**English Level:** 

University-level study: explore and develop your academic interests at university level and learn alongside undergraduate students from our partner universities in the USA

Why choose this programme:

- **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 higher education: gain support of our expert university and career counsellors, who can help you find the course and university that is right for you in the UK, USA or anywhere in the world.



# **English plus Academic Subjects Compact**

Build skills and university confidence

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





# **Programme 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 Politics

# **Programme 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, from the following subject areas:

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

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# **English for Life**

Enhance your language skills for everyday life

Age:	16+
English Level:	A2 – C2 (pre-intermediate to very advanced)
Class size (max):	15
Lessons:	25 per week (23 hours)
Length:	2+ weeks
Start dates:	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

# Online Personal Language Training

Design your own programme

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

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

# **English for Examinations**

Prepare for IELTS or Cambridge exams

Age:	16+
English Level:	B2-C2 (intermediate to very advanced)
Class size (max):	15
Lessons:	25 per week (23 hours)
Length:	2+ weeks
Start dates:	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

# Why choose these programmes:

- Choose your 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
- 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





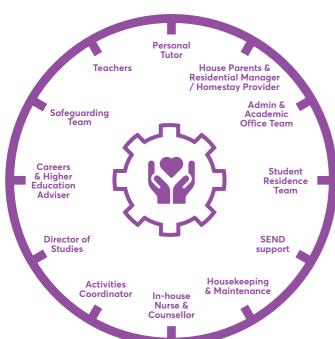




We work hard to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging environment to stimulate learning and encourage you to succeed.

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

**Music Practice Rooms:** individual equipped music rooms for you to practice your instrument

**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







**Jinwoo**South Korea
University Foundation Programme
NOW: City, University of London



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I thought it would be very hard to achieve my goal, but when I arrived I realised I wouldn't struggle. The programme is very enjoyable, the class style is very similar to university, and we can have numerous experiences.



**Lauren**USA
Undergraduate Programme



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This programme has completely changed my life. There's just something so different about being here. I have friends studying abroad elsewhere and it really just does not compare. I plan on going home and raving about it!



**Jimena**Spain
English for Life



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I really like the way the teachers teach us to speak more. It is a very different way to learn English, and with people from different countires, you have the opportunity to improve your English every day in a very fun way.



Chamine
Benin
University Foundation Programme
NOW: University of Manchester



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The courses are interactive, but you also develop autonomy and self-discipline. If you want to acquire the necessary skills to go to university, come here.



**Roosmarijn**Netherlands
English Plus Academic Subjects



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I really like that I could choose subjects which I didn't study in High School, so it is a challenge for me and a small step outside my comfort zone.



# 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 homestays 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. 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 and restaurants of different cuisines within walking distance in Summertown, or in Oxford city centre.

Sport is a vibrant part of life at St Clare's, promoting health, well-being, and community through a wide range of inclusive activities for all interests and abilities.

We offer a variety of sport opportunities, with some offered at a competitive team level. Sports on offer may include:

- Boys football
- Badminton
- Girls football
- Running
- Basketball • Tennis
- Yoga • Table tennis
- Horse riding
- Volleyball

We use **specialised facilities** across Oxford for much of our sport training:

- Oxford City Football Club
- Kirtlington Golf Club
- Ferry Leisure Centre
- Oxfordshire Health and Racquets Club

All students have the opportunity to join the the Oxfordshire Health and Racquets Club at a heavily subsidised rate, where students of all fitness levels have access to top-tier facilities such as swimming pools, fitness studios, and a wide variety of classes.









# **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, the BMW factory).

Activities and excursions have recently included:

# THEATRE & MUSIC

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



# **MUSEUMS & EXHIBITIONS**

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



# **ACTIVE & ADVENTURE**

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



# **LANDMARKS & ATTRACTIONS**

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



London Eye

LONDON

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



**CITIES** 

Brighton

Bristol

Warwick

Stratford



# **CLUBS & ACTIVITIES**

- Coding
- Chess
- Table top gaming
- Cooking club
- · Pottery making



- Cornwall



# WEEKEND TRIPS

- Liverpool
- Dublin
- Whitby









live and study in the historic city of Oxford,

distance of both Summertown and Oxford

city centre, giving students easy access to

fosters a vibrant, international community

where lifelong friendships are made.

students from over 35 countries, the college

shops, cafés, and iconic landmarks. With

heritage. The campus is within walking

surrounded by its rich academic and cultural

The learning experience is enriched through **study visits** and **guest speakers**, bringing real-world context to the classroom.

**Topical weekly themes** are designed to take learning beyond textbooks, encouraging students to engage with current issues and ideas in a dynamic and meaningful way.





# Accommodation

Students can choose to stay in one of our **college residences** or with a trusted English-speaking **homestay provider**, depending on their preference for independence or a more immersive cultural experience.

Our adult college residences offer:

- A choice of single or twin rooms, with shared or in-flat bathrooms
- · Self-catering kitchens
- Sociable communal spaces, including common rooms, dining areas, and outdoor green spaces
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner available in the dining hall

Living with a homestay provider includes:

- A single room with a shared or private bathroom
- Breakfast and dinner provided daily
- · A homestay provider to offer support
- The chance to practise English daily and experience the life and culture of modern Britain firsthand

All accommodation options include bedding, towels, access to laundry facilities, and free Wi-Fi.

### Food

**Lunch is included** and served in our Dining Hall, offering delicious and nutritious meals with all dietary requirements catered for. Snacks and drinks are also available between meals at our on-site café, The Globe.

# **Student Welfare**

Student welfare is a top priority, with **24-hour** support provided by a dedicated team of Residential Managers, Night Security, and Welfare Officers. In addition, students have access to our College Nurse for medical support and wellbeing guidance, ensuring a safe and supportive environment throughout their stay.



# **Activities and Excursions**

Students enjoy a varied weekly social and cultural programme, with activities such as punting, horse riding, and axe throwing (some may incur an additional charge).

One excursion is included each week (choice subject to availability), with the option to join additional trips. Destinations include London, Windsor Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon, the city of Bath, Warwick Castle, Thorpe Park, and many more, offering the perfect balance of culture, history, and adventure.





# **Fees and Dates**

Students can choose to study for **2**, **3**, **or 4**+ **weeks**, with **a range of start dates** available in June, July, and August.

The course fee includes tuition, accommodation, lunch, a full sports and activities programme, 1 excursion per week, and insurance.







# **COURSE STRUCTURE**

**MORNING** 

English for Life

AFTERNOON

English for Life Plus

English for Business

English for Law English for Exams

No elective (free time)

# **English for Life - Morning:**

# **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:	15 per week (13.75 hours)
Length:	2+ weeks
Start dates:	June, July and August



# **English for Life - Afternoon Electives:**

If you wish to continue your studies in the afternoon, you can choose from the following electives:

# + English for Life Plus

Continue your studies into the afternoon for a more intensive programme with a smaller group class.

English Level:	A2 - C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	6 per week (5.5 hours)
Length:	2+ weeks
Start dates:	June, July and August

# + English for Law

Improve your English legal language skills and vocabulary using authentic materials. Gain confidence explaining points of law and making legal arguments in a 'moot court' setting, and drafting sample legal documents for business and court.

English Level:	B2 - C2
Class size (max):	6
Lessons:	6 per week (5.5 hours)
Length:	2 weeks
Start dates:	June, July and August

# + English for Business

Develop your Business English skills, increasing accuracy and fluency to feel more confident in a business environment. Improve essential skills in business communication including presentation, negotiation and report writing.

English Level:	B2 - C2
Class size (max):	6
Lessons:	6 per week (5.5 hours)
Length:	2 weeks
Start dates:	June, July and August

# + English for Exams

Learn exam tips, practise exam techniques, improve your test-day strategies and develop study skills for IELTS or Cambridge exams. Receive individual feedback from practice exams, and gain confidence through discussions and presentations.

English Level:	B1 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	6 per week (5.5 hours)
Length:	3 weeks
Start dates:	June, July and August

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# 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

# **Advance Your Journey**

- Enhance your career prospects by connecting with mentors and experienced alumni
- Deepen your knowledge and passions through exclusive access to our seminar series

# **Grow Your Network**

- Connect with a global community of St Clare's alumni
- · Attend our annual Alumni Reunion events
- Share your expertise by participating as a guest speaker or career event contributor

# **Stay Connected**

- Book a personalised tour of the St Clare's campus
- Stay up-to-date with all our latest news and announcements, receive newsletters and hear about future events

# **Give Back**

- Share your Success Story to inspire others
- Become a mentor for current and former students
- · Help promote our latest news, stories and events

# WHICH PROGRAMME?

# AT A GLANCE

Programme	Age	Your English Level					Goal		
		A2	B1	В2	C1	C2	Godi		
English for Life	16+	$\longrightarrow$				English Language Development and Examinations			
English for Examinations	16+	<del></del>							
University Foundation Programme	16+					University and Gap Year Success			
English plus Academic Subjects	16+	$\xrightarrow{\hspace*{1cm}}$							
English plus Academic Subjects Compact	16+	<del></del>							
Undergraduate Programme	17+					<b>→</b>			

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











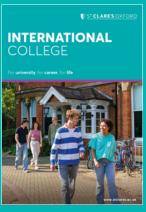


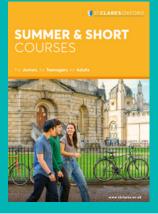














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University Pathways & Gap Year Course

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Teacher Training

