

SUMMER & SHORT COURSES

For **Juniors**, for **Teenagers**, for **Adults**



WHY STUDY

AT ST CLARE'S, OXFORD?

- 1. Great Locations:** Our summer courses take place in the academic and historical city of Oxford, or at Merrist Wood campus, which is set within 400 acres of beautiful English countryside in Surrey, on the edge of London.
- 2. 97% student satisfaction:** Many of our students choose to study with us because they have been recommended by friends or family.
- 3. Academic excellence:** We have over 70 years of experience teaching English as a foreign language. We are also an IB World School with over 45 years of experience teaching the International Baccalaureate.
- 4. Accreditations and memberships:** St Clare's is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English, and we are a member of English UK and Quality English. We are also a member of the English UK special interest group for Young Learners.
- 5. Innovative teaching approach:** We blend traditional teaching with innovative study approaches. Our interactive lessons promote learning through topical Weekly Themes. We also take learning beyond the classroom and provide an enjoyable mix of Study Visits, guest speakers, activities and excursions.
- 6. International environment:** Our courses attract students from over 60 countries. The thriving international community creates lifelong friendships from all over the world, with students living and studying together.
- 7. Prepare for your future:** Participate in information sessions delivered by the St Clare's careers team about University admissions and career pathways.
- 8. Activities and excursions:** We offer an exciting programme of cultural, sport and social activities both locally and further afield. These include punting on the River Thames, visits to local attractions like University of Oxford Colleges and Blenheim Palace as well as sightseeing trips to London.
- 9. Supportive service:** We provide a safe environment to live and study. Our support services are available 24/7 for any medical or welfare needs.
- 10. St Clare's family:** We have a strong and loyal group of students and staff who return every summer, because they have enjoyed their St Clare's experience.



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.



JUNIORS

9-15 YEARS



Campus Life

Campus life is vibrant and welcoming, with **students from over 35 countries** creating a diverse and inclusive community. The campus features modern classrooms, IT facilities, woodland, sports fields, sports hall, tennis courts, astro pitch, and an indoor swimming pool. Common rooms and green outdoor spaces provide areas for socialising and relaxation.

Accommodation

Accommodation is comfortable and age-appropriate, with multi-bed rooms for younger students, and single or twin rooms for older students. Boys and girls live separately, and all rooms come with weekly bedding and towel changes. A personal laundry service is available.

Food

The dining hall serves nutritious meals three times a day, catering to all dietary needs. Snacks and drinks are offered during morning and afternoon breaks.

Student Welfare

Safety and support are a top priority, with **24-hour supervision** from the residential team and a secure, closed campus. High staff-to-student ratios ensure individual attention. Students also have access to free Wi-Fi at set times and secure storage for valuables and documents.

Learning Experience

Learning extends beyond the classroom through engaging, **topical weekly themes** that connect lessons to real-world topics. English classes are tailored to each excursion destination, helping students deepen their understanding and get more out of every trip.

Fees and Dates

Students **arrive on Wednesdays** and **depart on Tuesdays**.

The **all-inclusive fees** cover tuition, full-board accommodation, a varied activities programme, up to 3 excursions per week, insurance, and airport transfers to and from Heathrow Airport.



Activities and Excursions

A key highlight of the summer school is its dynamic and **varied activities programme**, designed to keep students engaged, active, and entertained throughout their stay. Activities range from sports like football, swimming, and tennis to creative and social options such as arts and crafts, board games, quizzes, treasure trails, talent shows, discos, film nights, and even circus skills workshops.

The summer school also features an exciting excursion programme, with **up to three excursions included per week** to some of the UK's most popular attractions. Destinations offering students a perfect mix of fun, culture, and discovery, may include the London Eye, Natural History Museum, Warwick Castle, Thorpe Park, Blenheim Palace, a water park and a scenic London River Cruise.





Active English + STEM

Build in all four English language skills while exploring the exciting world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Combine language learning with innovation and discovery, through coding workshops, hands-on engineering challenges, and maths and science workshops at our IB World School.

Age:	9-15
English Level:	A2 – C2
Class size (max):	15
Lessons:	18 per week (16.5 hours)
Length:	2+ weeks
Start dates:	July and August



Active English

Grow in confidence in all four English language skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing), and learn outside the classroom with visits to places of cultural and historical interest in Oxford and beyond.

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English Level:	A2 – C2
Class size (max):	15
Lessons:	18 per week (16.5 hours)
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Afternoon electives - choose 1 option per week:



Football Coaching

Improve your football skills with our professional Football Association qualified coaches.



Tennis Coaching

Receive coaching from professional LTA qualified coaches.



Performing Arts

Develop skills in a range of performing arts including acting, dance, public speaking and improvisation.



Young Leaders in Oxford

Learn about global challenges facing leaders of the future, while developing leadership, critical thinking skills, resilience and mindfulness. Experience the British countryside with outdoor pursuits and a night of camping.

Age:	13-15
English Level:	B2 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	18 per week (16.5 hours)
Length:	2 weeks
Start date:	July and August



TEENAGERS: OXFORD 15-17 YEARS



College Life

With **students from over 45 countries**, the programme offers a vibrant international community set on its own IB World School campus in North Oxford. The campus comprises several buildings and features well-equipped science labs, an art studio, modern teaching spaces, and a large library. Located within walking distance of both Summertown and Oxford city centre, it provides the perfect setting to experience living and studying in Oxford.

Learning Experience

Learning extends beyond the classroom with **topical weekly themes** that connect lessons to real-world topics. Study visits and guest speakers tied to each theme enrich the experience, while English classes tailored to every excursion help students gain a deeper understanding from each trip.



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 residential houses offer:

- A single, twin or triple room, with shared or ensuite bathrooms
- Sociable communal spaces, including common rooms, small kitchens, and outdoor green spaces
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner available in the dining hall
- Boys and girls live separately

Living with a homestay provider includes:

- A single room with a shared or private bathroom
- Breakfast and dinner provided daily at the homestay, lunch served in the dining hall
- A homestay provider for student welfare and support
- The chance to practise English daily and experience the life and culture of modern Britain firsthand

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



Food

All meals are included and served in our modern dining hall, where students can enjoy delicious and nutritious options 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 prioritised with 24-hour support from House Parents and the Welfare Team, access to our College Nurse, a high staff-to-student ratio, and a daily evening curfew to ensure a safe and supportive environment.



Activities and Excursions

A key highlight of the summer school is its **varied weekly sports and activities programme**, offering something for everyone, from punting, football, badminton, volleyball, tennis, and basketball to arts and crafts, quizzes, table tennis, games nights, karaoke, film nights, and even an English tea party (some may incur an additional charge).

One excursion is included each week (choice subject to availability), with the option to join additional trips. Destinations range from London - where students can experience the London Eye, Tower of London, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, British Museum, West End shows, Oxford Street shops, and Covent Garden - to Windsor Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, Blenheim Palace, theme parks, and many more.



Fees and Dates

Students can choose to study for **2+ weeks**, with **start dates** available in June, July, and August.

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



Interactive English

Increase your fluency and confidence through language projects, guest speakers and study visits, all linked to varied, topical weekly themes.

English Level:	A2 – C2
Class size (max):	15
Lessons:	21 per week (19 hours)
Length:	2+ weeks
Start dates:	June, July and August



Intensive English Exam Preparation

Improve your chances of success and prepare for your IELTS or Cambridge English examinations by learning exam tips, practising exam techniques and developing academic study skills.

English Level:	B1 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	25 per week (23 hours)
Length:	3 weeks
Start dates:	June and July



IB Introduction

Explore the IB philosophy and methodology while sampling classes in Literature, Language, Maths, Drama, Humanities, Science, and Theory of Knowledge. Apply multi-disciplinary learning through an in-depth study of Shakespeare across history, literature, and the performing arts.

English Level:	B2 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	25 per week (23 hours)
Length:	3 weeks
Start dates:	June and July



Business & Entrepreneurship

Build your confidence and fluency in Business English while exploring business studies and economics. Put your entrepreneurial skills into action by creating and pitching your very own business plan.

English Level:	B2 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	25 per week (23 hours)
Length:	2 weeks
Start dates:	July



Science & Experiments

Develop practical investigative science skills using data logging machines and microscopes, explore the University of Oxford's science facilities and museums, and learn from leading researchers. Apply your knowledge by conducting a scientific research project and presenting your findings.

English Level:	B2 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	25 per week (23 hours)
Length:	2 weeks
Start dates:	July



Art & Digital Design

Explore and develop creative art and design techniques in our purpose-built art studio complete with dark room, printing press and a wide range of resources. Be inspired by Oxford's historical and contemporary architecture, museums and art galleries. Showcase learning through the creation of artwork for exhibition.

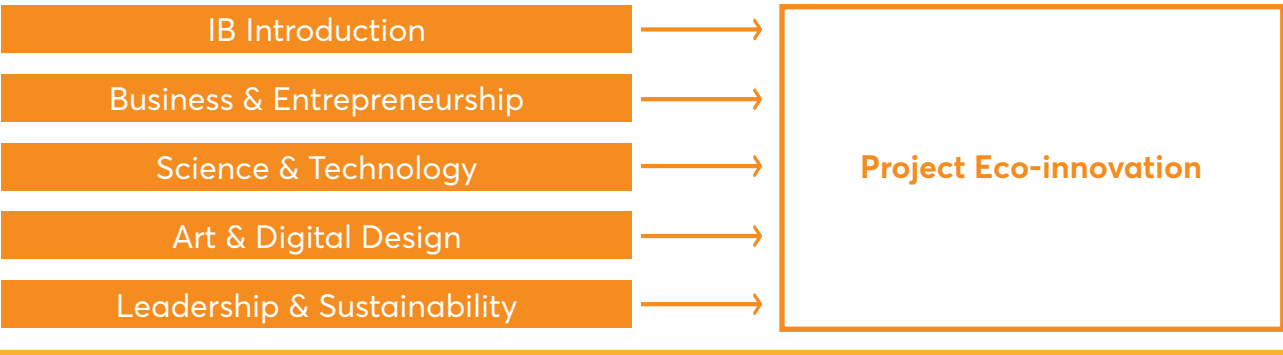
English Level:	B2 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	25 per week (23 hours)
Length:	2 weeks
Start dates:	July



Project Eco-innovation

Where sustainability, creativity, and entrepreneurship come together! In this one-week, multi-disciplinary course, students from different courses collaborate to develop bold ideas for a greener world. You'll research, design, and present innovative, cost-effective eco-solutions to real-world challenges.

English Level:	B2 – C2
Length:	1 week - can add to other course
Start dates:	August



TEENAGERS: MERRISTWOOD 15-17 YEARS



College Life

Merrist Wood Campus is set within **400 acres** of beautiful Surrey countryside, offering a peaceful and spacious environment where students can enjoy both learning and outdoor leisure. The campus features a working farm, licensed zoo, landscaped gardens, sports fields, and ancient woodland, creating unique opportunities for a wide range of outdoor activities.

Located just outside Guildford, a lively town with shops, cafés, and cultural attractions, the campus is also only an hour from central London, making it the ideal setting to study and experience life in the UK.

Learning Experience

Learning extends beyond the classroom with **topical weekly themes** that connect lessons to real-world topics. English language classes are taken alongside a range of afternoon electives, while learning through project work and interactive activities that make lessons engaging and practical.

Accommodation

Students will stay in comfortable residence buildings on campus, designed to provide both independence and support. All rooms are single and include a wash basin, with bedrooms arranged in flats, each featuring a shared bathroom, communal kitchenette, and common area. Boys and girls live in separate flats, with overnight supervision and care provided by dedicated residential staff. All accommodation includes bedding, towels, access to laundry facilities, and free Wi-Fi.

Food

All meals are included and served in the dining hall, where students can enjoy delicious and nutritious options with all dietary requirements catered for. Snacks and drinks are also available between meals at the on-site café, Woody's.

Student Welfare

Student welfare is prioritised with 24-hour support from a team of residential staff and a Welfare Manager, a high staff-to-student ratio, and a daily evening curfew to ensure a safe and supportive environment.



Activities and Excursions

A key highlight of the summer school is its **varied weekly sports and activities programme**, offering something for everyone. Students can enjoy football, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, tennis, and basketball, as well as arts and crafts, mini Olympics, karaoke, movie nights, afternoon tea, bushcraft, survival skills workshops, outdoor yoga, and nature crafts.

Up to **three excursions are included** each week (subject to availability). Destinations range from London - with highlights such as the London Eye, Tower of London, Westminster, and the British Museum - to Windsor Castle, Canterbury and Leeds Castle, Oxford, and Portsmouth.

Fees and Dates

Students can choose to study for **2+ weeks**, with **start dates** available in July.

The course fee includes tuition, full board accommodation, a full sports and activities programme, up to 3 excursions per week, insurance, and airport transfers to and from London Heathrow and Gatwick Airports.



Immersive English

Learn English immersed in 400 acres of Surrey countryside, improving your fluency and confidence through language projects linked to varied, topical weekly themes.

Age:	15-17
English Level:	A2 – C2
Class size (max):	15
Lessons:	15 per week (13.75 hours) + 6 hours of afternoon electives per week
Length:	2+ weeks
Start dates:	July



Afternoon electives - choose 1 option per week:



Animal Health & Conservation

Explore the world of animal care and wildlife conservation through hands-on experiences and guided learning. Students will participate in a zookeeper workshop, conduct a biodiversity survey in nature, and gain insights into conservation efforts.



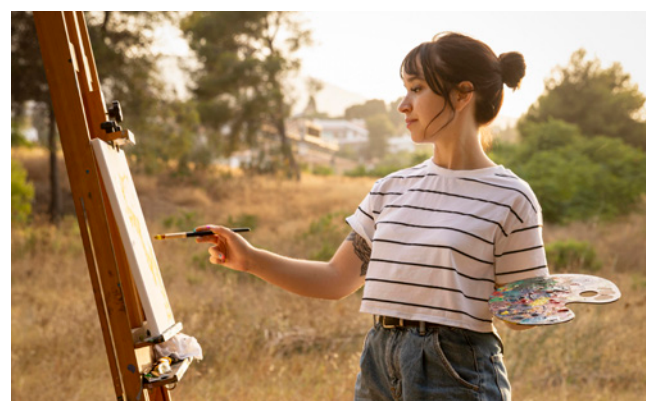
Bushcraft

Step into the wild and master essential outdoor skills! Students will learn to build shelters, light fires, navigate the wilderness, and cook in the great outdoors - all set in beautiful woodland surroundings.



Football Coaching

Boost your skills and confidence on the pitch with expert coaching from a fully qualified FA coach. Sessions cover technique, teamwork, and match play, with fun, tailored activities for every level of experience.



Visual Arts

Unleash your creativity with a range of artistic techniques and media, inspired by the natural beauty of Merrist Wood. Students will experiment with different styles and develop their own unique creative projects.

Leadership & Sustainability

Dive into the pressing challenges of climate change, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and social impact. This course empowers you with practical solutions, essential knowledge, and leadership skills to make a real difference.

Age:	15-17
English Level:	B2 – C2
Class size (max):	12
Lessons:	21 per week (19 hours)
Length:	2 weeks
Start dates:	July



Project Eco-innovation

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ADULTS

18+ YEARS



College Life

College life offers a unique opportunity to live and study in the historic city of Oxford, surrounded by its rich academic and cultural heritage. The campus is within **walking distance** of both Summertown and Oxford city centre, giving students easy access to shops, cafés, and iconic landmarks. With **students from over 35 countries**, the college fosters a vibrant, international community where lifelong friendships are made.

Learning Experience

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. Breakfast and dinner are also available at an additional cost.



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 Legal English 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:	July and August

MORE COURSES

	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE			INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE		SUMMER & SHORT COURSES		TEACHER TRAINING				
	To advance international education and understanding			For university, for career, for life		For Juniors, for Teenagers, for Adults		To advance professional development				
												
Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19+	
	International Baccalaureate											
								University Pathways & Gap Year Courses				
								English Language Courses				
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