

St. Edward's School, Oxford, Spring Vacation

27 March – 18 April 2022



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INTERNATIONAL

Programme duration

1 – 3 weeks

Hours of tuition

15 hours per week

Minimum level

Elementary (A2)

Maximum level

Advanced (C1)

Maximum class size

15 (unless otherwise agreed)

Minimum age

12

Maximum age

17

Accommodation

Residential – single, twin, triple, and quad rooms in boarding houses, with shared bathroom facilities

Class times

Lessons will take place each morning, during two 1.5 hour blocks, with a break in the middle. Students also have the option of joining our additional academic sessions, Spires Plus. Details overleaf.

Course Overview

Students on the Spring Vacation course will benefit from a short but impactful experience in a typical British boarding school, with a real focus on authentic communication and developing study skills. Lessons are based on a communicative approach, with student confidence at the core of our syllabus and methodology.

Who is this course suitable for?

International students who wish to have a taste of life in a British boarding school, and who are academically driven and ambitious. The course offers a mix of academic enrichment, social opportunities with other international students, and cultural visits to some of Oxford's most known sites.



Sample Timetable

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
07:45-08:30	Arrivals/ Departures & Activities at the school	Breakfast					
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting					
09:00-11:00	or Day Trip to Bath Walking Tour (Abbey Church, Roman Baths, The Gavel Walk, Royal Crescent)	Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square) Explore Covent Garden	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
11:00-11:30		Break			Break		
11:30-12:30	Free Time to Explore	English Lesson	English Lesson	*Optional: London Eye	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson
12:30-13:30		Lunch			Lunch		
13:30-15:30	*Optional: Roman Baths	Walking Tour of Oxford	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	*Optional: London Eye	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM	Ashmolean Museum	*Spires Plus: exam skills, business, STEAM
15:30-17:30		Christ Church College	Activities: sports, art, drama		Activities: sports, art, drama	Westgate Shopping Centre	Activities: sports, art, drama
18:00-19:00	Dinner						
19:30-21:30	Welcome Party	Quiz Night	Fashion Show	Games Night	Karaoke	Disco	Film Night
21:30-22:30	Chill Out in the Residence						
22:45	Lights Out						



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Accommodation Options



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Residential Accommodation

- ➔ Single, twin, triple, and quad study bedrooms
- ➔ Shared bathroom facilities
- ➔ Separate boys and girls boarding houses
- ➔ Located on the beautiful St Edward's School campus
- ➔ Sociable common rooms
- ➔ Laundry facilities available
- ➔ Bed linens provided and changed weekly (towels not provided)
- ➔ All meals prepared and served in the school dining hall
- ➔ Free wifi on campus
- ➔ Extensive sports facilities such as indoor pool, cricket pitch, athletics pitch, and sports hall

Spires Plus Options at St Edward's Spring Vacation give students the opportunity to benefit from six hours per week of additional learning opportunities across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas, including:

- Exam Skills - Taking students through planning & preparing for their exams
- Entrepreneurship - Help develop entrepreneurial ideas and entrepreneur characteristics
- Active Camps - Mix with local British children in a range of activities
- Active Adventure - Learn how to survive in the outdoors along side local British children
- Maths - Maths specific tuition in small groups
- Geography - Geography specific tuition in small groups
- Physics - Physics specific tuition in small groups
- Chemistry - Chemistry specific tuition in small groups
- English Literature - Subject specific tuition in small groups
- History - History specific tuition in small groups
- Crime Scene Science - become forensic scientist and carry out a series of chemical tests
- Bot Mazes - Code a BBC micro:bit to control a robot buggy
- Bit Codebreakers - Learn how to use a BBC micro:bit to send messages to each other
- STEAM - Laying the STEAM foundations of inquiry, critical thinking, and process-based learning



Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £150 per week. Please contact us for more information.

What is included in the programme fees?

- Our full academic programme, including a placement test on arrival, 15 hours tuition weekly, a certificate of attendance, and all pedagogic materials.
- Full board accommodation on the St Edward's School campus, in single, twin, and triple rooms with shared bathroom facilities. Students are advised that towels are not provided. Meals are taken in the school dining hall. Dietary requirements must be communicated at the time of booking.
- The full social programme is also included, which consists of afternoon activities and teambuilding exercises, visits to Oxford city centre, as well as one paid entrance/attraction per week. There are two full day excursions to places such as London and Stratford-upon-Avon each week.

What is not included in the programme fees?

- Flights, travel insurance, pocket money, Spire Plus options, and entrances on excursion days are not included in the course fees.
- There is a mandatory supplement payable for transfers to and from the airport, unless alternative arrangements are made, and the school is informed in advance.

Price

£990 per week.

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