

Cherwell College Summer Vacation

2 July – 13 August 2023



OXFORD SPIRES
INTERNATIONAL

Programme duration

1 - 6 weeks

Hours of tuition

15 hours per week

Minimum level

Elementary (A1)

Maximum level

Advanced (C1)

Maximum class size

15 (unless otherwise agreed)

Minimum age

12

Maximum age

17

Accommodation

Residential – twin, ensuite bedrooms, a 15 minute walk from the city centre classrooms

Class times

Lessons will take place each morning or afternoon, 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

Our Cherwell College Summer Vacation programme combines English lessons with getting to know the historic city of Oxford. Our lessons place emphasis on activating students' existing language skills, while putting 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. The social programme complements the academic programme, with visits to some of Oxford's most famous attractions, colleges, museums, and historical sites.



Who is this course suitable for?

International students who wish to have a taste of life in Oxford during the summer vacation. The course offers a mix of academic enrichment, social opportunities with other international students, and a rich activity and excursion programme with activities and visits in and around Oxford, and visits to nearby cities such as Cambridge, Bath, and London.

Sample Timetable

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
07:45-08:30	Arrivals/ Departures & Activities at the school or Day Trip to Cambridge Walking Tour (King's College, Trinity College, St John's College, Market Square, Mathematics Bridge) Free Time to Explore *Optional: Visit Kings College	Breakfast						
08:30-08:45		Morning Meeting						
09:00-11:00		Induction & Placement Testing	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	Day Trip to London Walking Tour (Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Leicester Square) Explore Covent Garden *Optional: London Eye	
11:00-11:30		Break						
11:30-12:30		English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson	English Lesson		
12:30-13:30		Lunch						
13:30-15:30		Walking Tour of Oxford	*Spire Plus: Exam Skills & IELTS Preparation	*Spire Plus: Exam Skills & IELTS Preparation	*Spire Plus: Exam Skills & IELTS Preparation	Visit Christ Church College	*Optional: London Eye	
15:30-17:30		Oxford Selfie Challenge	Rounders & Team Games	Rounders & Team Games	Visit Pitt Rivers Museum	Free time in the city centre		
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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Residential Accommodation (Oxford Only)

- ➔ Twin, ensuite accommodation
- ➔ Located a short walk or Bus ride from the beautiful City centre academic 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



Spires Plus options at Cherwell College gives 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 and preparing for their exams
- IELTS Preparation - Prepare for the test with targeted, specific IELTS tutoring. Take your test with confidence

Spires Plus options are available for a supplement of £200 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 of tuition weekly, a certificate of attendance, and all pedagogic materials.
- Full board accommodation in the Cherwell College residence in twin ensuite rooms. Students are advised that towels are not provided. Meals are taken in the college 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 three full day excursions to places such as London and Cambridge per fortnight.

What is not included in the programme fees?

- Flights, travel insurance, pocket money, Spires 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

Summer Residential: See fees and dates

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