



HERTFORD COLLEGE
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at

Hertford College, Oxford

Advanced English and British Culture Programme

SUMMER 2017

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*A very warm welcome to Hertford College and to
Oxford!*



*Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the
oldest of Oxford University's 38 colleges. Located in the
centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the
Bridge of Sighs, which is one of the most famous sights of
the city. This is an ideal setting for students wishing to
improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and
British culture.*

**Welcome to
Oxford!**

MEALS

Meals:

- On **class days**, you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- On **trip days** you are offered breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner.
- **Weekend:** Saturday you are offered breakfast. Sunday you are offered breakfast and dinner.
- On **free-weekdays** (Monday-Friday) you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The following pages outline your academic programme

WEEK ONE	9.00 –10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening
ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Sunday 2nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University Accommodation. • On arrival: meal and welcome information. 						
Day 2 Monday First teaching day 3rd July	Introduction to the Advanced English and British Culture Programme English Language Assessment Students complete a placement test.	B R E A K	Introduction to Oxford University and the Tutorial System Followed by a look at the application process and life as an Oxford student with a Q and A session by Oxford students.	L U N C H	Welcome Tea at 3.00pm Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College’s historic dining hall. Please wear smart clothes. Bring your camera!	D I N E R	Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 4th July	Aspects of Oxford Presentations by students based on the pre-course task Each mini presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.	B R E A K	Oxford Famous Faces This session explores the achievements of some of the well-known alumni of Oxford University.	L U N C H	Out and About Tour of Discovery A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of this beautiful city	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: College tour - visit some of Oxford’s most renowned colleges

<p>Day 4</p> <p>Wednesday <i>5th July</i></p>	<p>Lecture Youth Culture Britain has been at the forefront of youth culture since the 1950's. Explore the world of fashion and music enjoyed by young people.</p> <p>The lecture is illustrated with video clips and is followed by a discussion and activities.</p>		<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Youth Language, Slang and Idioms Learn how social factors have shaped the language used by young people.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: attend an evening lecture</p>	
<p>Day 5</p> <p>Thursday <i>6th July</i></p>	<p>British Culture Topic The United Kingdom Deepen your knowledge of how the four constituent countries fit together to form the UK.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Presentation Workshop 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to student presentations • How to plan and deliver a presentation effectively 	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Introduction to London Learn about the history and cultural highlights of the capital city. You will also have the opportunity to study some of the treasures in the British Museum and National Gallery in preparation for tomorrow's visit.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: watch a Shakespeare play in an Oxford College garden</p>
<p>Day 6</p> <p>Friday <i>7th July</i></p>	<p>Study tour: London Enjoy a trip to the capital city and experience all the magical sights and sounds of London in the comfort and safety of your private coach. You will visit the British Museum and National Gallery.</p>						
<p>Day 7</p> <p>Saturday <i>8th July</i></p>	<p>Weekend At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, your RAs are available for Oxford activities, such as punting, walking tours, shopping, college and museum visits. Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to a nearby place of interest such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London • Stratford upon Avon • Warwick Castle • Cambridge • Bath • Brighton • Liverpool <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.</p>						

Day 8 Sunday 9th July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm	Evening	
Day 9 Monday 10th July	British Culture Topic Education An overview of the current system from elementary to further education, and a discussion of issues facing students today	B R E A K	Pronunciation Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word stress and Rhythm • Intonation in polite requests 	L U N C H	International Job seeking Skills 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing successful personal statements, letters of application and CVs. • Researching a company 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: inter-collegiate sports evening
Day 10 Tuesday 11th July	British Culture Topic Food and Drink British food and drink is becoming better known and understood throughout the world. Find out why and how.	B R E A K	Social English How to interact effectively and politely in a variety of situations	L U N C H	Academic Writing 1 An introduction to academic writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note taking • Proof reading • Introduction and conclusion • Paraphrasing 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: go to a gig - jazz, blues, rock, pop - in Oxford with your RAs

<p>Day 11</p> <p>Wednesday <i>12th July</i></p>	<p>British Culture Topic The British Film Industry Find out about Britain's rich cinematic history from the earliest silent movies and newsreels to the magic of the Harry Potter films.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Current Affairs Discover how newspapers capture the interest of their readers by creating effective headlines.</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Presentation Workshop 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language check • Intonation and sentence/word stress • Body language and communicating with your audience 	<p>D I N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: listen to classical music at the Sheldonian Theatre or in an Oxford College</p>
<p>Day 12</p> <p>Thursday <i>13th July</i></p>	<p>British Culture topic The History of the English Language A study of the development of the English language throughout time</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Vocabulary Development English neologisms (new words)</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Introduction to Bath Learn about the history of this beautiful city and World Heritage Site.</p>	<p>D I N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: party with students from other universities</p>
<p>Day 13</p> <p>Friday <i>14th July</i></p>	<p>Study tour: Bath and Lacock Village</p> <p>You will visit the Roman town of Bath. Visit the Roman Baths and also the Pump Rooms, a very elegant tearoom made famous in the eighteenth-century. Explore the streets and shops of this beautiful little city, going on to visit the quintessentially English village of Lacock. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach and you will travel back to Oxford in time for Dinner in the evening.</p>						
<p>Day 14</p> <p>Saturday <i>15th July</i></p>	<p>Weekend</p> <p>Free time (as explained on day 7)</p>						

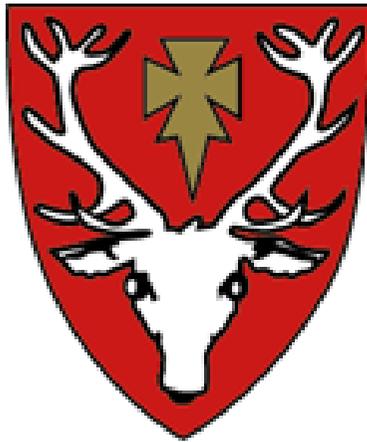
Day 15 Sunday 16th July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
WEEK THREE	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening
Day 16 Monday 17th July	British Culture Topic Money and Work Examine the current state of the economy and the issues facing the employers and the workforce following Brexit.	B R E A K	Vocabulary and Pronunciation Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related word groups • Connected speech in natural English: noticing and practising assimilation and elision 	L U N C H	International Job seeking Skills 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview techniques and strategies • Roleplay 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: visit a historic Oxford pub

<p>Day 17</p> <p>Tuesday <i>18th July</i></p>	<p>Business Ethics and Corporate Decision-making How companies respond to the ever-changing demands of the global marketplace</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Business in Britain Case study of a successful UK business</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Team Building and Leadership Learn how to plan and manage a successful, motivated team.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: enjoy the famous “Oxford Blue” ice cream with your RAs in a local cafe</p>
<p>Day 18</p> <p>Wednesday <i>19th July</i></p>	<p>The Language of Debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dis/agreeing • Asking for/ giving opinion • Language of persuasion 	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Debating Skills Work in teams to improve your intonation and practise your negotiation skills. You will also improve your confidence in public speaking.</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Academic Writing 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison/Contrast Essays • Active/passive voice in writing • References and bibliography 	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: go for a river or canal side walk with your RAs</p>
<p>Day 19</p> <p>Thursday <i>20th July</i></p>	<p>Lecture Self and Identity An examination of how we view ourselves through the aperture of art, from the use of portraiture to ‘selfies’</p> <p>This lecture will include activities and discussions</p>		<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Introduction to Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds Built for the grandfather of Winston Churchill, this majestic palace is nestled in the hills of the stunning Cotswolds. Find out about this landmark and the history of the area.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: attend a British quiz or popular games night with your RAs</p>	
<p>Day 20</p> <p>Friday <i>21st July</i></p>	<p>Study tour: Blenheim Palace and the Cotswolds</p> <p>Blenheim Palace is one of Britain’s most famous landmarks. You will take a tour of its beautiful state rooms and you will visit The Cotswolds, an area of outstanding natural beauty and picturesque villages. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach. You will be brought back to Oxford in time for dinner in the evening.</p>						

Day 21 Saturday 22nd July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
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WEEK FOUR	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening
Day 23 Monday 24th July	British Culture Festivals, Traditions and Folklore Discover the secret histories and myths behind Britain’s best known and popular festivals.	B R E A K	Vocabulary Development A workshop on phrasal verbs	L U N C H	Collaborative Writing Activity Students work together to create an effective text. This includes exploring the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku.	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: Traditional British board games

<p>Day 24</p> <p>Tuesday <i>25th July</i></p>	<p>British Culture Topic Literature and Arts Britain has a long and rich literary and artistic heritage. Discover how Britain's geography, history and society have shaped and influenced its culture and artists.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Study of a Cultural Icon William Shakespeare: an introduction to the life, language and works of England's most famous dramatist</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Vocabulary Development Idiomatic expressions from Shakespeare and how they are still used in everyday speech</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: Film night</p>
<p>Day 25</p> <p>Wednesday <i>26th July</i></p>	<p>End of Course Review Review all language and topics covered in the programme.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Presentation Workshop 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine-tuning of Presentations • Emphatic language • Handling questions 	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Vocabulary Development American vs British English Explore the differences in vocabulary and pronunciation between these two major variants of English.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: go on a Ghost Tour of central Oxford</p>
<p>Day 26</p> <p>Thursday <i>27th July</i></p>	<p>End of Course Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>End of Course Presentations (cont.)</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>GALA DINNER Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in the historic dining hall at Hertford College where you will be presented with a certificate at the end-of-course ceremony. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes & bring your camera!</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: go punting along the river</p>

Day 27 Friday 28th July	Free time (as explained on day 7)
Day 28 Saturday 29th July	Departure Day You will be accompanied by the RAs in a private coach to the airport.



THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT

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