



HERTFORD COLLEGE  
OXFORD



Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai)

*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!*

The crest of Hertford College is a shield-shaped emblem. It features a central shield with a cross, flanked by two lions. Above the shield is a crown. The shield is surrounded by a decorative border.

*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
<b>ARRIVAL DAY</b> <b>Day 1</b>  <b>Sunday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London.</li> <li>• Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you.</li> <li>• Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University Accommodation.</li> <li>• On arrival: meal and welcome information.</li> </ul>						
<b>Day 2</b>  <b>Monday</b> <b>First teaching</b> <b>day</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Introduction to the Advanced English and British Culture Programme</b>  <b>English Language Assessment</b> Students complete a placement test.	B R E A K	<b>Introduction to Oxford University and the Tutorial System</b> 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	<b>Welcome Tea at 3.00pm</b> Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College's historic dining hall.  <b>Please wear smart clothes. Bring your camera!</b>	D I N E R	<b>Orientation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• Facilities</li> <li>• Connecting your computers to the internet</li> </ul>
<b>Day 3</b>  <b>Tuesday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Aspects of Oxford</b> 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	<b>Oxford Famous Faces</b> This session explores the achievements of some of the well-known alumni of Oxford University.	L U N C H	<b>Out and About Tour of Discovery</b> A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of this beautiful city	D I N E R	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> Suggestion: College tour - visit some of Oxford's most renowned colleges



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



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

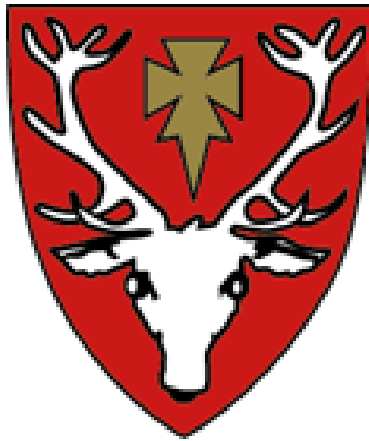




<b>Day 21</b>  <b>Saturday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Weekend</b>  Free time (as explained on day 7)						
<b>Day 22</b>  <b>Sunday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Weekend</b>  Free time (as explained on day 7)						
<b>WEEK FOUR</b>	<b>9.00 – 10.30am</b>		<b>11.00 – 12.30pm</b>		<b>2.00-4.00pm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

<b>Day 24</b>  <b>Tuesday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>British Culture Topic Literature and Arts</b> 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.	B R E A K	<b>Study of a Cultural Icon</b> William Shakespeare: an introduction to the life, language and works of England's most famous dramatist	L U N C H	<b>Vocabulary Development</b> Idiomatic expressions from Shakespeare and how they are still used in everyday speech	D I N N E R	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> Suggestion: Film night
<b>Day 25</b>  <b>Wednesday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Course Review</b> Review all language and topics covered in the programme.	B R E A K	<b>Presentation Workshop 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fine-tuning of Presentations</li> <li>Emphatic language</li> <li>Handling questions</li> </ul>	L U N C H	<b>Vocabulary Development</b> American vs British English Explore the differences in vocabulary and pronunciation between these two major variants of English.	D I N N E R	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> Suggestion: go on a Ghost Tour of central Oxford
<b>Day 26</b>  <b>Thursday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Course Presentations</b> Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience.	B R E A K	<b>End of Course Presentations (cont.)</b>	L U N C H	<b>GALA DINNER</b> 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!	D I N N E R	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> Suggestion: go punting along the river

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



THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT

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