



HERTFORD COLLEGE
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Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai)

at

Hertford College, Oxford

Advanced English and British Culture Programme

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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 15th 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 16th July First teaching day	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	Out and About Tour of Discovery A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of this beautiful city	D I N N E R	Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 17th 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	Social English How to interact effectively and politely in a variety of situations	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.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: College tour - visit some of Oxford's most renowned colleges

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bath • Brighton <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 22nd 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 23rd July	British Culture Topic Education A discussion on the current theories on education and the issues facing students today in the global market	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 24th July	Soft Skills This workshop focuses on developing the professional skills valued by potential future employers: communication, teamwork and problem solving. Discussion of the underlying theories will be followed by a range of activities designed to strengthen your ability to apply these ideas in a practical context.			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

Day 15 Sunday 29th 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 30th July	Current Affairs Discover how newspapers capture the interest of their readers by creating effective headlines.	B R E A K	International Job Seeking Skills 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview techniques and strategies Roleplay 	L U N C H	Shakespeare Drama Workshop Practise your acting skills in a variety of Shakespeare based group activities.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: visit a historic Oxford pub
Day 17 Tuesday 31st July	Business Ethics and Corporate Decision-making How companies respond to the ever-changing demands of the global marketplace	B R E A K	Business in Britain Case study of a successful UK business	L U N C H	Youth Leadership This workshop consolidates and offers the opportunity to showcase innovation and entrepreneurship in Youth Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Team building Cross-cultural communication skills Product placement 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: enjoy the famous “Oxford Blue” ice cream with your RAs in a local cafe

Day 22 Sunday 5 th August	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
WEEK FOUR	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 23 Monday 6 th August	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	British Culture The Media and Communication Learn about Britain's press and practise the language of journalism.	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 N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: Traditional British board games
Day 24 Tuesday 7 th August	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.	B R E A K	Film Making Learn some basic film making and editing techniques, write your own storyboard and produce your own short film!	L U N C H	Film Making (continued...)	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: Film night
Day 25 Wednesday 8 th August	Vocabulary Development American vs British English Explore the differences in vocabulary and pronunciation between these two major variants of English.	B R E A K	Presentation Workshop 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine-tuning of Presentations Emphatic language Handling questions 	L U N C H	End of Course Review Review all language and topics covered in the programme.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: go on a Ghost Tour of central Oxford

Day 26 Thursday 9th August	End of Course Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience.	B R E A K	End of Course Presentations (cont.)	L U N C H	Presentation feedback and end of course assessment	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!
Day 27 Friday 10th August	Free Time (as explained on day 7)					
Day 28 Saturday 11th August	Departure Day You will be accompanied by the RAs in a private coach to the airport.					



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