



**HERTFORD COLLEGE
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National Taipei University of Education
at
Hertford College, Oxford

Advanced English and British Culture Programme

SUMMER 2023

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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!**

Pre-programme task: Aspects of Oxford

This is an opportunity for you to research and present on a cultural, historical, economic, political or social aspect of Oxford's rich heritage to your peers at the start of the programme. It is an enriching experience for everyone involved as it allows the teaching team to find out more about your interests, and for you to find out more about Oxford as soon as you arrive.

Please choose one of the following topic areas and come prepared to offer a 5-minute presentation on your research. If you choose history, for example, you may like to look at a specific period or event in Oxford's history. These topic headings are guidelines only and we welcome presentations on any other aspects of Oxford that you find interesting and would like to share with your peers.

Students work individually on this task. Please bring any power points on a USB stick, as external equipment is not always compatible with our IT provisions.

Here are some possible topic areas:

Music: classical/contemporary/Oxford bands etc.

Culture: the arts/literature

History, including Economic History: e.g., the Rover/BMW plant in Cowley and migration

The university and the collegiate system

Geography

Architecture

Events: e.g. Mayday, Oxford-Cambridge Boat race, Bonfire Night etc.

Traditions and Folklore

Oxford alumni

Academic research

Social history

Enjoy your research! We look forward to meeting you this summer.

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.

The following pages outline your academic programme

ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Saturday	<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: Welcome information
Day 2 Sunday	<p>Weekend</p> <p>At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, there are various activities you can do, such as punting, walking tours, shopping, college and museum visits. Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to nearby place of interest such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• London• Cambridge• Bath• The Cotswolds• Stonehenge• Brighton <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements. Breakfast is served in the morning, but you must sign up with RAs in advance.</p>

WEEK ONE	9.00 –10.30am				2.00-4.00pm		Evening
Day 3 <i>First teaching day</i> Monday	Introduction to the Programme Class Placement Test Students complete the Oxford placement test	B R E A K	Architecture in Oxford Learn about some of Oxford’s most famous and beautiful buildings. The History of Oxford University Explore the development of the leading university in the English-speaking world.	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. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: College tour - visit some of Oxford’s most renowned colleges
Day 4 Tuesday	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	Pronunciation Workshop Awareness-raising session including practical drills and exercises	L U N C H	Out and About Tour of Discovery A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of Oxford to help you become familiar with this fascinating city	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: visit an historic Oxford pub
Day 5 Wednesday	Academic Writing 1 Support with academic writing and research methods in relation to students’ projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note taking • Proof reading • Introduction and conclusion • Paraphrasing 	B R E A K	Presentations Workshop 1 Introduction to student presentations: How to plan and deliver a presentation effectively	L U N C H	Current Education Research in Oxford A guest speaker from the Department of Education will introduce their research and chair a discussion of the issues raised	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: riverside walk

Day 6 Thursday	International Job seeking Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to prepare for a job interview: personal statements, CVs • How to research a company • Role-play 	B R E A K	Creative writing workshop Students work together to create an effective text. Explore the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku	L U N C H	Introduction to London This session is in preparation of your Study Tour tomorrow. You will be introduced to some of the art treasures you will see on tomorrow's study tour	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: attend an evening lecture
Day 7 Friday	Study Tour: London Enjoy a trip to the capital city and experience the magical sights and sounds of London in the comfort and safety of your private coach. You will visit two of London's most famous attractions – the British Museum and the National Gallery and have a chance to see some of the beautiful artwork and artefacts on display						
Day 8 Saturday	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 nearby place of interest such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London • Stratford upon Avon • Warwick Castle • Cambridge • Bath • The Cotswolds • Stonehenge • Brighton • Liverpool • Blenheim Palace <p>These trips are not included in the programme price</p>						

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<p>Day 9 Sunday</p>	<p>Weekend: Free time (as above)</p>

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WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 10 Monday	Academic Writing 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison/contrast essays • Active/passive voice in writing • References and bibliography 	B R E A K	Presentations Workshop 2 Advanced presentation techniques and language Body language and communicating with your audience	L U N C H	Guided Tour of the Bodleian Library The world's most famous university library contains fascinating literary treasures. This tour includes some the most beautiful and impressive architecture in Oxford.	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: visit the Oxford University Music Faculty Bate Collection, one of the most magnificent collections of musical instruments in the world. The collection closes at 5pm and so students would be advised to visit straight after class.
Day 11 Tuesday	Study of a cultural Icon: William Shakespeare An introduction to the life, language and works of England's most famous dramatist	B R E A K	Shakespeare Drama Session A drama coach will help you explore a Shakespearean scene	L U N C H	Contemporary Art in Britain An overview of recent and current trends	D I N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: attend a classical music concert in one of Oxford's historic music rooms or college chapels

Day 12 Wednesday	Academic Debating skills The language of debate: expressing your opinion and comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dis/agreeing • Asking for/giving opinion • Language of persuasion • Turn-taking Mini debate in small groups	B R E A K	The Ashmolean Museum Explore the world of the world's first university museum	L U N C H	Visit to Ashmolean Museum Complete a series of questions as you enjoy the beautiful exhibits	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs Suggestion: watch a Shakespeare play
Day 13 Thursday	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	Feedback on presentations and end of course assessment	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 14 Friday	GALA DINNER Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in one of the historic dining halls 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.						

**Day 15
Saturday**

Departure Day

You will be accompanied by the RAs in a private coach to the airport.

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