

CIIE OXFORD

College of International Education



Summer Brochure 2025

Join us for a summer of learning, adventure, and unforgettable experiences. English Language courses for students aged 14 and above.

English for Tomorrow, Today



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About

We aim to provide a safe, positive and stimulating environment

Our promise

The aim of CIE is to enhance the academic and social potential of students, while promoting their understanding and appreciation of the diversity of various cultural traditions. The school provides courses that widen students' social, professional and educational opportunities. CIE is accredited by the British Council and British Accreditation Council to ensure the courses are delivered to a high standard and appropriate to the abilities and needs of each student. We aim to provide a safe, positive and stimulating environment in which students and teachers feel empowered, valued and respected.

All of our staff are supportive and are happy to help with any issues you may have.

Our team

All of our academic subject teachers are qualified, experienced, and professional. Our academic and CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) courses are accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC). Our English language courses are accredited by the British Council, which requires that our teachers have a degree and certificate-level teaching qualifications such as the Cambridge CELTA (Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults) or Trinity TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages). For more information on our staff and to contact us directly, please see our 'about us' section on our website, then 'meet the team.'



Summer Courses

Our summer courses are designed to take care of your learning, your safety, and your enjoyment. All courses include the following:

- 24 hour Emergency Contact number
- Excellent welfare and support before and during your stay
- Study materials and certificates
- Placement tests
- Qualified and experienced teachers

Optional extras:

Airport pick-up, social activities during the week, excursions at the weekend, medical insurance



Senior Summer Course Overview

Campus - CIE (City Centre)

Ages - 15 years+

Dates 7 July – 29 August 2025

Class Size - approx 9 students per class

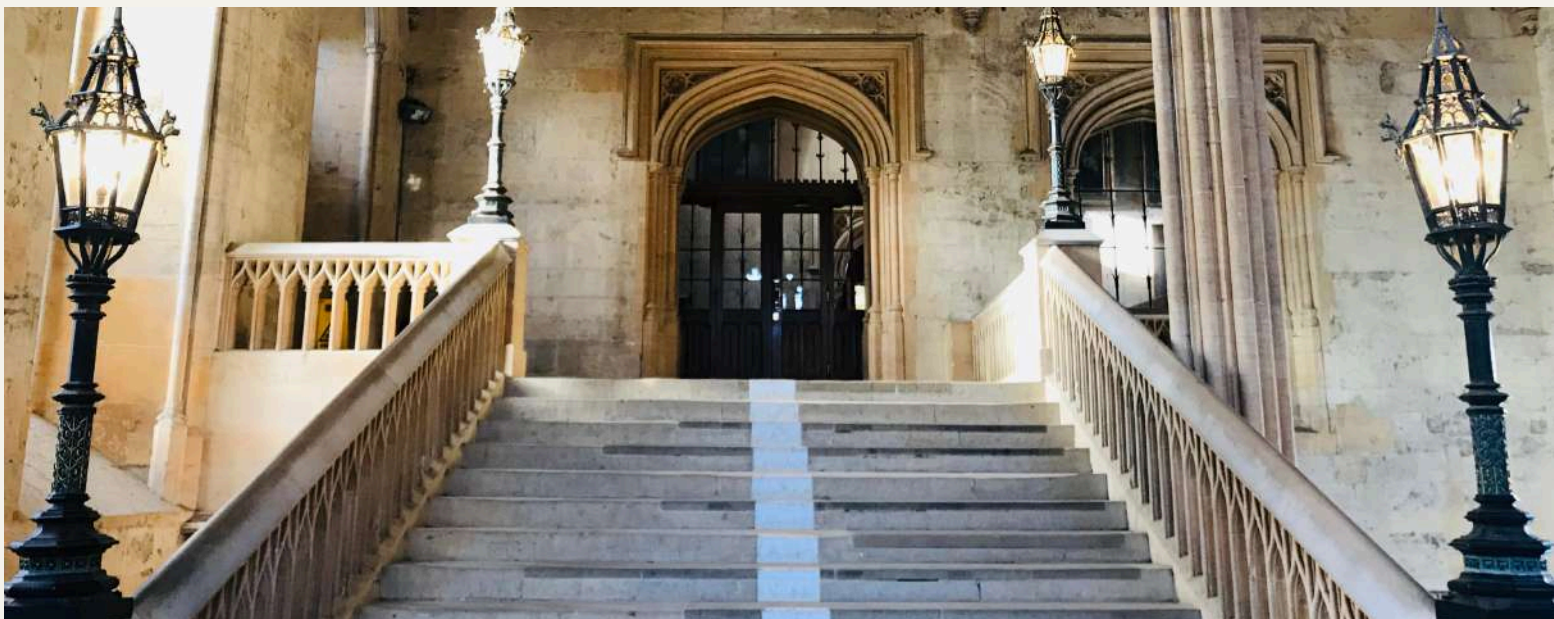
Lessons - 15 hours or 25 hours per week

Day Activities - 2 days a week

Weekend Excursions - Saturday (Optional)

Accommodation

Homestay (Accommodation) Homestay (Single or Shared
Room) Ages 15 years+ Date 7 July – 31 August 2025



English Language Courses for Seniors (15+)

Intensive English

Our Intensive English Course has been carefully designed to immerse our students in English Language studies while at the same time learn about Oxford and a variety of academic topics. We will aim to help you achieve your goals in a realistic way as quickly as possible. Every day at CIE begins with an hour of functional English practise. Then General English follows to achieve monitored improvements in listening, speaking and writing. Afternoon classes focus on a different specialised topic each week. From History and Architecture to Technology and Sustainable Development Goals; these are all delivered with Oxford in mind as a context for your project work.

General English

We work with a course book to learn vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation in order to improve both receptive (listening and reading) and productive skills (speaking and writing). Every Friday there is a test to monitor weekly progress and an opportunity to review any content that might need more support.

Functional English

Our Functional English lessons focus on practical skills you will use in everyday situations in an English-speaking environment. How do you ask for help in a shop or order politely in a restaurant? How do you express agreement or disagreement in a meeting or discussion? How do you make your point when writing?

Topic

In the afternoon we have topic lessons. Our tutors have designed a portfolio that will broaden student knowledge on a number of topics while improving their language skills. Based in the heart of Oxford, a city steeped in centuries of academic prestige, it serves as the muse for much of our project work. For example, Architecture allows students to understand the different historical influences seen in the amazing Oxford buildings and Sustainable Development Goals includes face to face research with the general public and final presentations on how Oxford can be improved.



Conversation café

Every Friday, students from different levels meet in the common room for a 'Conversation Café'. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know your peers and exchange opinions, experiences and compare each other's cultures. Students will have homework most nights and a test at the end of each week so they can monitor their progress. Long term students have progress tests, tutorials and monthly progress reports. At the end of the course, students receive a certificate stating their level according to the Common European Framework.

Sample Class Timetable

| 9:00 ~ 10:00 | 10:15 ~ 11:15 | 11:30 ~ 12:30 | 13.30~ 15:45 |
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| Functional English and study skills | General English A balance of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills | General English A balance of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills | Topic based classes Project work, educational visits and presentations; developing communication, critical thinking and teamwork |

Senior Homestay Accommodation

Most CIE students stay with host families, providing a unique opportunity to experience daily life with a British family. We consider your accommodation to be a very important part of your stay and we will make every effort to ensure that you are happy and comfortable throughout your time in Oxford. With homestay, you will stay in the home of an English speaking, British family. Our hosts are welcoming, caring, and speak English at home.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Two weeks before you arrive at CIE you will receive a profile of the host family who you will be staying with. You will receive full details of your host and all of the members of the household where you will be staying. We are always happy to help you with any questions regarding your host accommodation.

DURING YOUR STAY

You will have breakfast and dinner with the host family during the week and at the weekend all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided. Students of the same nationality will not be placed in the same homestay unless you request to stay with a friend. As CIE is situated in the centre of Oxford, an excellent bus service is available to and from the homes of all our host families. A member of CIE's accommodation team inspects the homes of all host families at least every two years to ensure that they meet our standards as well as those of the British Council.



WHY HOMESTAY?

The homestay experience lets you immerse yourself in British culture beyond the classroom which is a great way to practise your English and learn about another culture outside of the classroom. The UK is a multicultural nation with a diverse population, and our host families reflect this, representing different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

- Practise English every day outside of the classroom
- Get to know different people, cultures, religions and customs
- Meals with the family
- Good value for money



Senior photo diary



Students enjoy some research outside the classroom



A walking tour of Oxford by professional guides



Did you know Harry Potter was filmed here?



Heads down for project work!



College tours and conversations with Oxford University students



Meet students from all over the world

Junior Summer School Overview

Campus - City of Oxford College (City Centre)

Ages 14 - 17 years

Date 7 July – 1 August 2025

Class Size approx 16 students per class

Lessons 18 hours per week

Day Activities 3 days a week

Lunch for all students, Breakfast for residence
students only

Weekend Excursions Saturday (Optional)



Residence (Accommodation) - Jesus
College, Stevens Close Residence
Facility Single Room (Study Desk,
Wardrobe, Single Bed) Living Space,
Shower and Bathroom shared among 3
students

Residence Dates - 6 July – 20 August
2025 (2, 3 or 4 weeks)

Evening Activities - Every day except
Saturday

English Language Courses for Juniors

Communicative English

Our lessons are interactive and focused, with a strong emphasis on communication. Thanks to the small class sizes, teachers can tailor the lessons to meet your individual needs. This course is designed to help you activate and improve your English knowledge by focusing on spoken fluency and natural language. You will learn how to express yourself better in lessons covering a wide range of engaging topics.

21st Century Skills

In the second lesson you will be focusing on 21st century skills to build your confidence and develop fluency. This includes topic based project work, conversation, critical thinking exercises, communication, collaboration, team work, drama, culture exchange, and much more. This lesson will give you a lot of freedom to express yourself in English and be creative with what you have learnt.

Country & Culture

Twice a week in the afternoons, our Country & Culture lessons will give students a chance to practise their English skills as they explore different aspects of English history and culture. These lessons will also provide more information about the destinations students will visit on their weekly trips, allowing the students to benefit even more from their time at these beautiful and historic locations.



Interactive,
focused, and with
an emphasis on
communication.



Sample timetable - Tuesdays & Thursdays

| 9:00 ~ 10:30 | 10:45 ~ 12:15 | 13:30 ~ 15.00 | 15.00~ 17:45 |
|---|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| Communicative English - To improve your listening skills and spoken fluency | 21st C Study skills Critical thinking Problem solving Presentations | Country and Culture lesson | Free Time |

Sample timetable - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

| 9:00 ~ 10:30 | 10:45 ~ 12:15 | 13:30 ~ 15.00 | 15.00~ 17:45 |
|---|---|---|--------------|
| Communicative English - To improve your listening skills and spoken fluency | 21st C Study skills Critical thinking Problem solving Presentations | Activities (sports, museum visits, Oxford tour etc) | Free Time |

Junior Residential Accommodation

Accommodation: Stevens Close Residence, Jesus College, University of Oxford

- Our junior students will stay at Jesus College's Stevens Close based in North Oxford - a part of Oxford University, just 3 bus stops from the city centre where the main campus is. Stevens Close accommodation consists of apartments housing 3 students per apartment, each with their own bedroom and shared lounge and bathroom. Students sleep at Steven's Close but will have their evening meal at the main Jesus College site as well as their evening activities.
- A safe and secure environment: accommodation and gardens are secured by a gate with an access fob for all residents. An onsite caretaker who lives in the adjacent building is responsible for maintaining the area and also the security of the accommodation. CIE staff will stay at the accommodation, too.
- Laundry facilities; bedding changed weekly, bathroom and study area cleaned once a week



Juniors at Jesus College

Exclusively for Residence only!*

Jesus College, founded in 1571 by Queen Elizabeth I, is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford. With a mix of historic and modern buildings, Jesus College provides a picturesque and inspiring setting for study and research.



The first quod at Jesus college has around 500 years of history!



The fellow's library holds the college's 11,500 early printed books.



Jesus College's Elizabethan Dining Hall



Students enjoy a wide range of tasty meals.

Join us for a feast every evening in the beautiful Jesus College dining hall! After dinner, students can relax in the Jesus College common room

Junior photo diary



Relaxing during free time



Making friends



CIE students take to the River Thames!



Proud students show off their well earned certificates



First day in class at City of Oxford College



The traditional Oxford experience of punting

Activities & Excursions

The CIE Activities and Excursions programme allows students to explore British culture and practise their English outside the classroom in a relaxed and informal environment.



From top to bottom: Windsor Castle, Brighton, The Cotswolds, The Natural History Museum. Opposite page: Port Meadow, Oxford City Centre



Activities

Our activities and excursions programme is at its busiest in the summer. Weekday social activities are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons on Junior Summer courses and twice a week for teens and adults who are studying on the intensive course. Our attentive and friendly activity leaders supervise every activity, making sure everything runs safely and smoothly, and are there to help whenever the student requires it.

CIE organises Saturday day trips to Britain's great attractions visiting historic houses and castles, towns and cities or a day at the seaside. Over the years, our students have been to Bath and the Royal Palace in Windsor, had the opportunity to see London while cruising the river Thames, as well as numerous other places of historical and cultural interest.

Activities may include:

- The University museums
- Sightseeing
- Arts and crafts
- Sports and games
- CIE cinema
- Punting
- Ice skating
- Bowling
- Cream tea
- Picnics

Afternoon activities are always something interesting or funny.

It's a great way to make friends from different countries.

Senior Summer Activity Timetable Example

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| Mon 30 Jun | Tue 1 Jul | Wed 2 Jul | Thu 3 Jul | Fri 4 Jul | Sat 5 Jul | Sun 6 Jul |
| | St. Mary's Church | | Table tennis tournament | | | |
| Mon 7 Jul | Tue 8 Jul | Wed 9 Jul | Thu 10 Jul | Fri 11 Jul | Sat 12 Jul | Sun 13 Jul |
| | Punting | | Museum visit | | Windsor Excursion | |



Junior Summer Activity Timetable Example

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Afternoon (13:30 - 15:30) | Oxford Tour | Lesson | Museum of Oxford | Lesson | Ice skating | Windsor Excursion | Bicester village & trampolining |
| | Evening (19:00 - 20:30) | Sports | Punting | Disco night | Uni parks Picnic | Games night | | Free time |

*These activities may change due to availability and weather conditions.

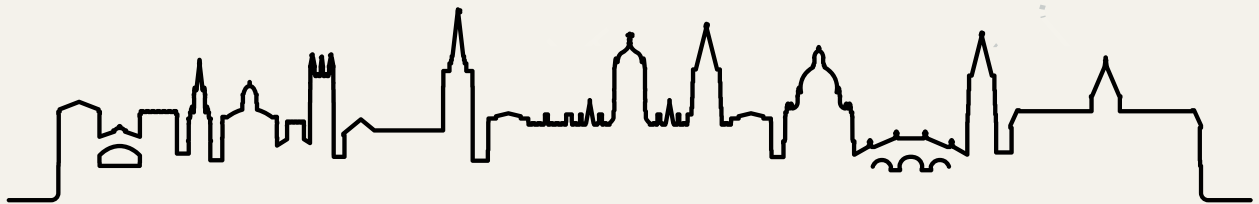
Summer in Oxford

SELF-STUDY

After lessons, you are free to study on your own. CIE's Bocardo House is a 5-minute walk from Oxford City Library, which is open six days a week and offers free internet access as well as many other services for students. If you are in Oxford for 3 months or more, CIE can help you sign up for a library card, so you can borrow books and materials from the library. CIE has a small selection of dictionaries, readers and grammar books you are welcome to borrow while you are studying with us.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Oxford is full of beautiful places to visit, allowing you and your classmates to take in the history and architectural beauty of this medieval city. Visitors come from all over the world to experience the world famous Oxford University buildings, walk through the beautiful parks or even go punting on the River Thames.



TRANSPORT

The Oxford Bus Company and Stagecoach buses connect different parts of Oxford and Oxfordshire with the city centre. The Oxford Tube offers a convenient connection with London, home to some of the world's greatest shopping, dining and culture. It runs 24/7 and takes between 90 and 120 minutes, depending on the traffic. Oxford also has two railway stations which makes getting to and from London even easier and takes just over 1 hour.

SHOP

In Oxford there are shops for all different types of fashion; high-street stores, boutiques, delicatessens, craft shops and even antiques stalls. You can visit the market from Wednesday to Saturday. This is a favourite of our students and is only a 2 minute walk from CIE! At the weekend you can visit Bicester Village, a short train journey from the city where you can find many famous fashion brands. If you want to stay within the city centre, you will find lots of shopping to do in Cornmarket Street, the Westgate Shopping Centre, or the lovely Covered Market. Oxford's oldest book shop, Blackwell's, located on Broad Street, is another place you must pop into.



Clockwise from top left: The public library
 The Radcliffe Camera
 Gloucester Green Market
 The Covered Market
 The bus station
 The King's Arms
 Christchurch Meadow
 The Ashmolean Museum

SPORTS & THE OUTDOORS

Lots of British people love to play sport and be outdoors. Perhaps you'd like to play a game of football in the University Parks, or take a long countryside walk through Port Meadow to the Perch Pub in Binsey. You can find many outdoor and sports opportunities in and around the city.

MUSEUMS, THEATRE, & MUSIC

Of course, a visit to Oxford wouldn't be complete without exploring its cultural landmarks. Spend an afternoon at the Ashmolean Museum, catch an exciting matinee at the Oxford Playhouse, or enjoy live music at a Sunday morning Coffee Concert. You'll find countless opportunities to immerse yourself in the city's vibrant and stimulating atmosphere.

PUBS & CLUBS (18+)

In the evenings, it is an English tradition for British people to enjoy an hour (or more!) in their local pub. Oxford has many "public houses" where you can enjoy a pint of beer and a chat with friends. After dark, the Oxford club scene comes to life. The city offers a range of nightclubs and music venues where you and your new friends can listen to live music being performed, or dance the night away.

EAT

Oxford's vibrant café culture ensures that a cosy spot is always just a short walk away in the city centre where you can unwind with a cup of tea or coffee and a pastry at a local café. As a multicultural city, Oxford's diverse cuisine offers something for every palate. Consider visiting Gloucester Green Market for a delicious, fresh lunch, or try traditional British food at one of the city's many pubs. If you're on the go, you can easily pick up a quick bite from the numerous kebab vans or sandwich delis around town.

HAVE YOUR MOMENT IN MAGICAL *Oxford*



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