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Oxford International Public Speaking Competition 2024

& Cultural Exchange Tour

Rise to English Mastery, Explore the World's Wonders

Premier English Speaking Competition

Prestigious and Renowned Judges

In the Company of Academic Prestige

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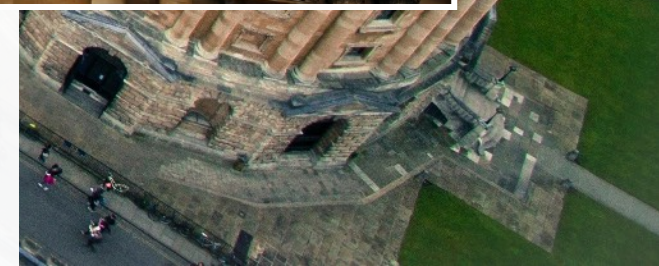
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International Stage

The Oxford International Public Speaking Competition 2024 provides a unique platform for young people to engage with the global community and connect with exceptional peers from around the world. By participating, students have the opportunity to showcase their language skills, broaden their global perspective, and polish their communication abilities, establishing a solid foundation for future international interactions. This competition serves as an excellent avenue for promoting cultural exchange among young individuals from various backgrounds, offering them a chance to elevate their academic experience to a global scale.



Cultural Exchange

By promoting speeches and exchanges, our goal is to boost communication and collaboration among young individuals from around the world, supporting a global mission of fostering mutual understanding among youth. All participating students will act as cultural ambassadors, helping to connect diverse cultures and countries.



Academic Scholars

This year's competition has the privilege welcomes distinguished professors from Oxford University, former presidents of the Oxford Union, and renowned scholars and public figures from the UK as judges. Held at the esteemed Oxford University, this event signifies that participating students will be assessed against rigorous academic criteria, providing them with a robust foundation for their future endeavours.



An Elites Gathering

This event is more than just a competition but a rare opportunity for students to learn and communicate with academic leaders. Under their guidance, students will have the unique opportunity to delve into the intricacies of the English language, comprehend the academic essence behind the language, and showcase their own academic reasoning and language proficiency, seizing valuable opportunities for growth and self-improvement.



PART TWO

Competition Benefits

Participating in public speaking enhances students' skills in key areas

Public speaking and communication skills

Active listening

Resilience and self-confidence

Critical thinking

Leadership and influence

Proficiency in public speaking is a significant advantage for students applying to prestigious universities in the UK and the US, as it enhances their overall presentation and communication during the application process

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Application Preparation

Prestigious universities often incorporate interviews in their admissions process. Strong public speaking skills empower students to express their thoughts and advantages confidently during interviews and to compose clear, engaging, and persuasive personal statements.

2

Interview Skills

Effective public speaking skills enable students to present themselves in interviews confidently and coherently, making a strong impression on the interviewers.

3

Expressing Oneself

In their application materials, students must articulate their academic interests, personal attributes, and future aspirations clearly. Good public speaking skills facilitate more effective and authentic self-expression.

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Cross-cultural Communication

As prestigious universities in the UK and the US host a diverse international student body, adept public speaking skills are essential for overcoming language and cultural barriers, fostering effective interactions and collaborations with peers from various backgrounds

Competition Benefits

01 **Renowned Judge Recommendation Letters**

Outstanding participants will receive recommendation letters from our distinguished panel of renowned judges, offering a significant advantage for future applications to international universities.

02 **Official Competition Certificates**

Contestants will be awarded official certificates from the Oxford International Public Speaking Competition, showcasing their achievements and providing valuable content for their statements in overseas university applications.

03 **Awards and Honors**

The competition will offer various awards and honours, such as Best Speech, Outstanding Articulation Award, and Most Creative, to motivate participants to exhibit their superior speaking skills and gain recognition for their efforts.

04 **Networking Opportunities**

Participants will have the opportunity to network with exceptional contestants and renowned judges from different regions, laying the groundwork for future development and establishing valuable professional connections.

05 **Empowering Start**

Taking the stage at Oxford University allows participants to showcase their talents, expand their horizons, and build a strong foundation for their future academic and professional endeavours.

PART THREE

Introduction to Oxford University



Rich History Founded in 1167, Oxford University stands as one of the oldest universities in the English-speaking world, carrying centuries of academic tradition.

Diverse Disciplines Oxford University boasts 39 distinctive colleges, encompassing nearly every academic field. Each college is renowned for its unique teaching and research traditions.

Worldwide Acclaim Oxford University stands as a renowned hub for research and innovation globally. With 73 Nobel Prize laureates among its alumni and faculty, alongside numerous members of the Royal Society and internationally acclaimed scholars, it epitomizes global influence and excellence.

Birthplace of Leaders Oxford University has played a pivotal role in shaping global leadership, having produced 30 British Prime Ministers.

A Debate Legacy As the home of the world's oldest debating society, the Oxford Union, Oxford University shines as a beacon in fostering public speaking and critical thinking. Former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is just one example of its illustrious alumni.



PART THREE

Oxford Union

Established in 1823, this debating society is not only the oldest in the UK but also one of the most renowned worldwide, celebrated for its long history, high-level debates, and impressive lineup of distinguished guest speakers.



World leaders who have spoken at the Oxford Union in the past

Margaret Thatcher - former British Prime Minister

David Cameron - former British Prime Minister

Winston Churchill - former British Prime Minister

Boris Johnson - former British Prime Minister

John Major - former British Prime Minister

John F. Kennedy - former President of the United States

Barack Obama - former President of the United States

John Forbes Kerry - Former Secretary of State of the United state

World leaders and prominent figures who have spoken at the Oxford Union in the past

Stephen Hawking - Physicist

Albert Einstein - Physicist

Angela Merkel - German Chancellor

Elon Musk - Entrepreneur

Mikhail Gorbachev - Former Soviet General Secretary

Joseph Edwards - President of Ireland

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Alberto Gonzales - U.S. Attorney General

Nelson Mandela - Former President of South Africa

Emma Watson - Actor

J.K. Rowling - Writer

Johnny Depp - Actor

Tim Berners-Lee - Co-Founder of the world wide web





Sir Richard John Gage Heygate FRSA, 6th Baronet

- The sixth-generation heir of the Heygate family in the UK, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Humanities.
- Graduated from Keble College, Oxford University, majoring in Applied Sciences and Technology.
- Formerly held senior positions at IBM, spearheading the digital transformation of the finance sector.
- Successfully led the implementation of online banking services at Lloyd's Bank and the world's first ATM project. Joined McKinsey, overseeing information technology consulting work in the UK, and has founded three technology companies, including Sophron, which focuses on big data analytics and customer information management technology.
- Currently serves as an international consultant for China Railway Construction, providing professional consulting services for the "Belt and Road" initiative.
- Sir Richard John Gage Heygate is an active British writer and technology commentator, frequently contributing to media outlets such as BBC and CNTV.



Chengkai Xie

- Former President of the Oxford Union (2021)
- Holds a degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) from the University of Oxford
- Schwarzman Scholar at Tsinghua University's Schwarzman College, focusing on global affairs.
- Currently employed at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), specializing in research in international relations and policy analysis
- Mr Xie also serves as the UK Youth Delegate for the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)
- He has previously worked at the British Chamber of Commerce in China as a policy assistant, conducting policy analysis and research on the business environment.
- Mr Xie has also worked in the office of Guy Thomas Opperman MP, a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons

Academic Committee Introduction



Adam Roble

- Henry, Procter and Choate Fellowships at Harvard University
- Former President of the Oxford Union (Dec 2020 - Jun 2021)
- Debate Mate Speech Coach
- Worked in the office of former Prime Minister David Cameron
- President of the Political Society at Eton College, Chairman of the European Association
- Global Youth Scholar at Yale University



Oskar Sherry

- Lecturer and Interviewer in Law at the University of Oxford
- Holds a PhD in Law from the University of Oxford
- Coach at the World Schools Debating Championships
- Involved in legal research projects and assisted in establishing the Oxford Public Law Research Group
- Formerly worked at the World Food Program

Amy Gregg



- Law PhD and Lecturer at the University of Oxford
- Former President of the Cambridge University Debating Society, representing both Cambridge and Oxford in numerous moot court competitions
- Newly appointed full-time Barrister at 3VB
- Formerly employed at Freshfields

Event Venue

PART FIVE
Competition
Information

History and Architecture The Examination Schools of the University of Oxford were established in 1876, boasting Victorian-style architecture crafted by architect Sir Thomas Jackson. This building's exterior exhibits quintessential Gothic Revival characteristics, with stone facades and pointed spires.

Oxford University Graduation Ceremony The Examination Schools of the University of Oxford is one of the venues for Oxford University graduation ceremonies. Here, students receive their degree certificates and celebrate their academic achievements at the university.



The Examination Schools of Oxford University

Academic Conferences and Seminars Oxford University frequently hosts academic seminars, conferences, and lectures at the Examination Schools, attracting scholars and professionals from around the world.

Social and Campus Activities Oxford serves as a hub for literature and the arts, with many colleges and societies organizing various social, cultural, and artistic events at the University of Oxford Examination Schools.



PART FIVE

Competition Information

Schedule

DAY 2

English Public Speaking Skills Workshop
Special Invited Masterclass on Public Speaking Techniques

DAY 5

International Public Speaking Competition -
Finals, Judges' Feedback, Award Ceremony

8.12

8.11

DAY 1

Arrival in London, Check-in Gathering,
Welcome Dinner

DAY 3

Pre-Competition Coaching
Public Speaking Competition (Preliminary Round)

8.13

8.15

DAY 4

International Public Speaking Competition
- Semi-finals + Seminar

8.14

8.16

DAY 6

Departure from Oxford, Commencement
of Culture Exchange Tour

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**COMPETITION
ACADEMIC PANEL**

Chairman: Sir Richard

John Gage Heygate FRSA,

6th Baronet (UK)

Chairman : Chengkai Xie

(China)

PART SIX

Cultural Exchange Tour Information

AUGUST 16TH - AUGUST 20TH: UK TOUR

After the competition, make sure to join the cultural exchange tour across the UK! This tour is designed to maximize the experience for international students, offering a perfect blend of the UK's rich history and vibrant modern culture, making your visit immensely valuable.

AUGUST 16

Shakespeare's Birthplace Tour

AUGUST 18

Big Ben, London Eye, Buckingham Palace, British Museum

AUGUST 20

Return Flights

AUGUST 17

Cambridge University Tour

AUGUST 19

Natural History Museum, Bicester Shopping

Cultural Exchange Tour Information

August 16th

Shakespeare's Birthplace Tour

During the guided tour, you will journey through time as you stroll through the former residence and workspace of Shakespeare. Each room seems to bear witness to his creative inspiration, with the guide vividly recounting Shakespeare's life, providing deep insight into the emotions and creative process of this literary genius.

Exploring Shakespeare's garden, this paradise adorned with flowers and lush greenery served as a wellspring of inspiration for the playwright. Here, you can experience the rustic charm of Shakespeare's era, meandering along winding pathways and delighting in the beauty of the blossoming flowers.



PART SIX

Cultural Exchange Tour Information

August 17th

Cambridge Tour



Founded in the early 13th century, the University of Cambridge stands as one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions of higher learning in the world. Situated in the historic city of Cambridge in the east of England, this venerable university is renowned internationally for its outstanding academic tradition and distinguished alumni.

The University of Cambridge boasts a collection of unique and exquisite buildings, each representing different historical periods and architectural styles. Buildings such as Gonville and Caius College, St. John's College, and King's College are renowned for their magnificent Gothic and Renaissance architecture, exuding the timeless charm and distinctive allure of their rich history.



Cultural Exchange Tour Information

August 18th

London Essence Tour: Exploring the City's Charm



Big Ben

This iconic clock tower of London stands as a testament to time. As you walk near the Palace of Westminster, you'll experience the grandeur of this tower and the challenging months of history up close.



The Eye of London

The London Eye, resembling a vast magical eye, stands majestically along the Thames. Up close, its design invites you into a celebration of modern architectural art, where technology and creativity merge, offering a distinct visual experience.

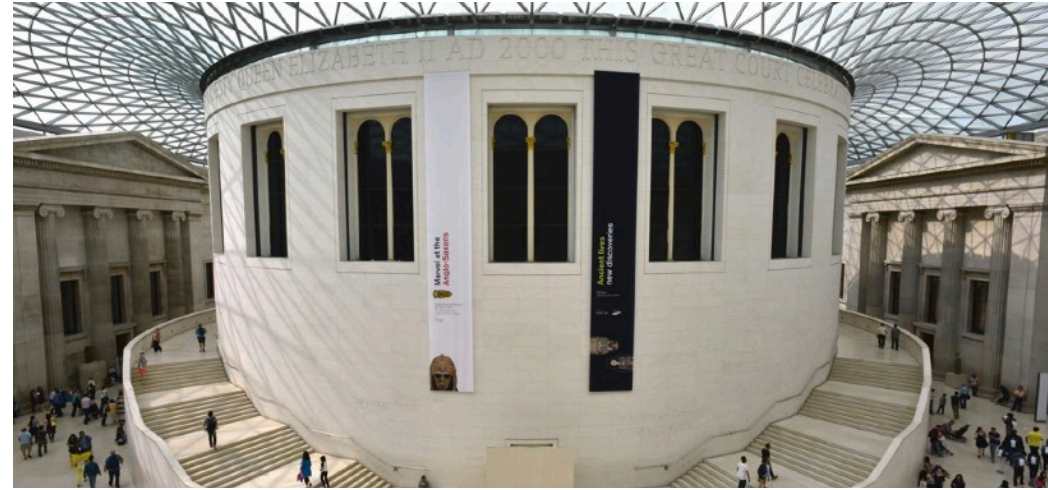


Buckingham Palace

Experience the splendor of British monarchy, including the historic Changing of the Guard ceremony. You'll witness the grandeur of the British monarchy and immerse yourself in the solemnity and rich history of the royal family.

PART SIX

Cultural Exchange Tour Information



August 18th

The British Museum August

Upon entering the British Museum, you'll find yourself amidst the treasures of world civilization. Your guide will lead you through the ages, exploring the museum's precious artifacts, from ancient Egyptian relics to Greek sculptures, and on to Asian artistic treasures. Each exhibit serves as a vivid testament to human history and culture. Your guide will narrate the stories behind these treasures, providing you with a deeper understanding of civilizations throughout the ages.

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August 19th

Natural History Museum

At the Natural History Museum, you'll explore the mysteries of the natural world. From awe-inspiring dinosaur fossils to ancient fossil specimens, and on to breathtaking gemstones and minerals, the museum houses a fascinating journey through the evolution of life on Earth. Your guide will showcase the grandeur of natural history, allowing you to experience the wonder and beauty of the natural world.

PART SIX

Cultural Exchange Tour Information



Bicester Village is one of Europe's largest designer outlet shopping villages. You'll have ample free time to explore the luxury brand stores, chasing the latest trends and selecting fashionable items that catch your eye.

August 19th

**Bicester Village
Shopping**

Registration Information

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Age Requirements

Participants must be at least 12 years up to 19 years of age by the start date of the competition.

2

Student Status

Participants must be current middle or high school students or home-schooled students at a comparable education level.

3

Language Requirements

All speeches must be delivered in English. Participants are required to demonstrate fluent oral and written English skills.

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Registration Fee

Pricing Details

Full Participation	£5,500	10Days9Nights	Covers all expenses during the UK itinerary. For participants only attending the competition, any independent activity outside the group itinerary requires signing a detachment agreement.
Competition Only	£3,500	6Days5Nights	

- For the specific registration process and competition details, please refer to the official “Oxford International Public Speaking Competition Guidelines.”
- Global Vision Education reserves the right to the final interpretation of these competition rules