



July 7-July 14, 2020

# Summer Scholars Program England 2020

A one-week London program for high school students

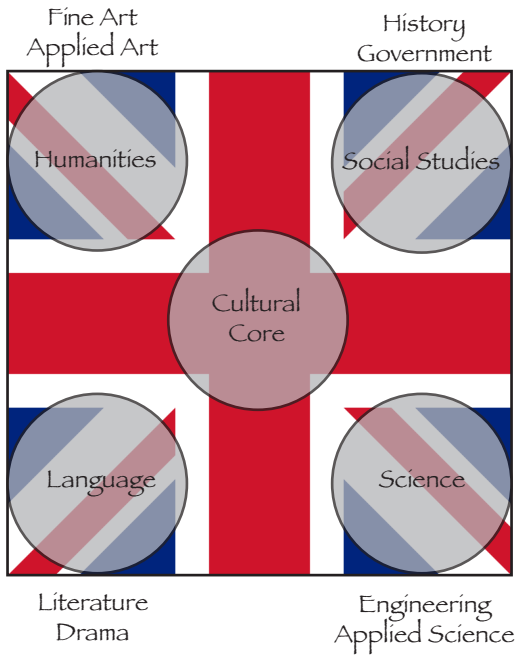


**Summary:**  
Using our world as an exciting lab for learning, this one-week program will allow students to engage their interests in a very fun and real way, using London as our base.

**Sessions:**  
The program is divided into half day blocks. Morning sessions are designed to be topic-specific and will relate to topics like Humanities, Art, History, Architecture, Theater, Language and Science. Students will have an opportunity to chose which session to attend, based on their interests. Afternoon sessions will focus around core experiences and will be for all students. Planned evening events will be scheduled each night to focus on cultural experiences, such as theater, cultural exploration and cuisine.

**Faculty:**  
Our team of enthusiastic, credentialed curriculum faculty are professional educators who have been selected from a variety of Chicago-area schools specifically for their excellence in teaching and their experience in overseas travel.

**Participation:**  
This program is designed to be fun and intellectually engaging. There is no homework, grading or assignments, only experiencing, seeing, listening, discussing and learning! Participation is open to any high school students from any school, including graduated seniors. This pool of participants allows friends and family members from different schools to participate. Students from previous years are also encouraged to enroll, as each session is unique.



Program Price:  
\$2989

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# Sample Itinerary

## Summary

Students will have an opportunity to select a session each morning from those offered, based on their interests. After the morning sessions, all students will participate in the afternoon core activity and evening activity. The following is a sample of sessions currently under consideration and development. Final course offerings will be available for student selection after enrollment. All sessions are subject to confirmation and a minimum enrollment number.

## July 7, 2020

This afternoon, we'll gather at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport for our check-in and flight to Europe. Our group leader and faculty will meet us at the airport and will continue with us throughout our journey. The next morning, we'll arrive in England.

## July 8, 2020

After arriving in London, we'll clear passport control, collect our luggage, and meet our private motor coach. Our first stop will be Windsor Castle, the sprawling royal residence in suburban London. After our visit and lunch, we'll arrive at our hotel in central London for an orientation and an evening walk along the Thames.

## Sample Course Plan

### July 9, 2020

#### Morning Sessions

#### Afternoon Core and Evening Activities

Humanities	Art Masters of the National Gallery	Christopher Wren's St. Paul's Cathedral Soc. Theater performance
Language	West End Theatre - A Behind the Scenes Tour	
Studies	20th C. War Time Britain at the Imperial War Museum	
Science	The Summer Science Exposition at the Royal Society	

### July 10, 2020

Humanities	Joint Session - Peterborough Cathedral	Lunch exchange with British students Burghley House or Cambridge
Language	Joint Session - Peterborough Cathedral	
Soc. Studies	Joint Session - Peterborough Cathedral	
Science	Joint Session - Peterborough Cathedral	

### July 11, 2020

Arts	London Photo Safari	Camden Locks and London Markets London Eye
Language	Hampstead Heath	
Soc. Studies	Suffragettes in the City	
Science	The Science Behind London's Iconic Bridges	

### July 12, 2020

Arts	London Street Art and Urban Sketch	The Tombs of Westminster Abbey Theater performance
Language	Literary London Walk - Knights Templar	
Soc. Studies	London's Guildhall: From the Romans to the Blitz	
Science	Discoveries at the Science Museum	

### July 13, 2020

Humanities	Tate Modern	The Treasures of the British Museum Theater performance and group dinner
Language	Shakespeare's Globe Theatre	
Soc. Studies	Royal Naval College at Greenwich	
Science	Time and Earth at the Greenwich Royal Observatory	

### July 14, 2020

This morning we will enjoy our last breakfast in England, before we pack up our belongings and check out of our hotel. We will travel to the Heathrow International Airport where we will check in for our flight home, with knowledge to last a lifetime!

Summer camp in London? Unlike other travel experiences, the Summer Scholars Program allows students to select from a menu of faculty-led field trips and sessions each day, so participants can follow their own interests and essentially design their own London experience. Since this is an open enrollment program, students come from a variety of schools. Friends and siblings from different schools can participate. Finally, our veteran students who have participated before are most welcome to repeat, as each week-long session is customizable and subsequently unique.

## Our Summer Scholars Program 2020 Faculty

### Ashley Alcorn - Humanities and Theater Arts

Ms. Alcorn is a Humanities and English teacher at Benet Academy in Lisle, Illinois. She teaches British Literature, Writing and Art History. She is also very active in the Benet Academy theater program, the literary magazine and Shakespeare performance group.

### Colleen Aufderheide - Art

Ms. Aufderheide is a studio artist and art educator with over 25 years of teaching experience. Currently, she is the Visual Arts Chair at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois where she has taught classes including AP Studio Art and AP Art History. Ms. Aufderheide is a veteran of the Summer Scholars 2018 and 2019 Programs.

### Sarah Johnson - Language and Literature

Ms. Johnson is an English teacher at Riverside- Brookfield High School, a position she has held since 2007. Prior to teaching at RBHS, Ms. Johnson taught English at Hinsdale Central High School from 1998-2007. Ms. Johnson is a veteran of the Summer Scholars 2018 Program.

### Mary Kettering - History and Social Studies

Ms. Kettering teaches Social Studies at the Chicago Academy for the Arts. Prior to teaching at CAA, she has taught at Saint Ignatius College Prep, as well as numerous schools overseas, including in the UK. Ms. Kettering is a veteran of the Summer Scholars 2019 Program.

### Charles Pipal - Architecture and Program Director

Charles Pipal is a professor in the Historic Preservation and Interior Architecture Departments at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he has taught drawing, design and practice since 1998. Prof. Pipal's particular professional and academic focus has been on the documentation and rehabilitation of historic buildings and the interpretation of historic sites. Mr. Pipal is a veteran of the Summer Scholars 2017, 2018 and 2019 programs.

### Matt Wash - Science and Engineering

Mr. Wash is a science teacher at Benet Academy in Lisle, Illinois. There he teaches physics and is the coach the school's Science Olympiad team. Mr. Wash is a veteran of the Summer Scholars 2018 and 2019 Programs.

### What parents are saying:

"Our son just returned home from the 2019 Summer Scholars trip to London. Wow! He talked non-stop--he absolutely loved it and will never forget the experience. Blueprint staff was amazing at every step along the way--from my initial inquiry to my son's return. I can't recommend them highly enough! I look forward to sending my other two children on a Blueprint trip once they are in high school!"

"The Summer Scholars program was a perfect fit for my daughter! She was able to pick activities that interest her, attend theater performances, tour sights and experience London with a group of students her own age. The knowledge of Charlie and Sue can not be underestimated. The process was seamless from beginning to end, and I can't believe how much they fit into one exciting week. Blueprint Tours makes traveling easy!"

"My 15 yr old son (sophomore) loved the summer scholars program exploring and learning about the sites of London. Sue and Charlie Pipal of Blueprint Tours, Inc. and the phenomenal teachers leading the courses dive deep into London's culture, arts, science and history. The program offers a perfect balance of structured learning opportunities and down time to explore restaurants, neighborhoods and theater performances."

"Thanks a lot Blueprint Tours....our daughter had such an amazing experience in London that she will find our family trips pale in comparison! New confidence and new friends are what she took away from this experience. Signing up next year!"



## Summer Scholars Program: London 2020

Dates: July 7 - July 14, 2020

Enrollment Cost: \$2989.00 per participant

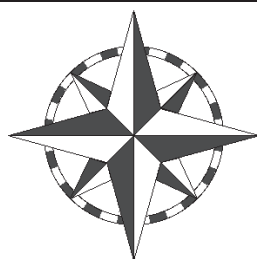
### Inclusions

- + Round-trip air transportation from Chicago to London on regularly scheduled flights via American Airlines, or other IATA carrier
- + Twin, or in rare cases triple, accommodations at centrally located hotels or en-suite university housing at the University of London, Imperial College London, University College London, or similar institution.
- + Breakfast daily
- + Fully escorted from Chicago by program faculty and a full-time program director
- + Airport transfer in the UK via private deluxe coach and private coach transfer to Ely
- + All curricular-related program fees
- + Transportation in central London via the "Tube", London bus system and light rail connections
- + All service charges, airport departure taxes and foreign taxes associated with air transport and all gratuities for group events.
- + Admission to all sites included in selected sessions
- + Tourist information packet including general info, baggage tags, detailed trip itinerary, hotel and flight information
- + Tickets to three theater performances in London
- + Farewell group dinner and London Eye experience

### About the Provider

Since its inception almost two decades ago, Blueprint Tours has been a leader in custom designed, curricular-based travel for teachers and their students. Our mission is to expand the classroom into the world. As young students, we benefited greatly from educational travel and our hope is to continue to offer similar experiences to the next generations. We are very excited to be hosting the Summer Scholars Program for its fourth consecutive year!

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Air Transportation and Price:** Tour includes round trip air transportation via regularly scheduled IATA air carrier. The price from Chicago is guaranteed and includes all airport taxes. A “land only” only price will be available for those making their own air arrangements or those participating from other home airports..

**Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit of \$300.00; second payment of \$1200.00 is due 01 March 2020; balance due by 15 April 2020.

**Cancellations and Refunds:** Deposits and payments are completely refundable through 01 January 2020, provided that notification is received in writing by that date. After 01 January 2020, provided that all due payments have been made to date, refunds will be issued based on the following schedule:

01/02/20 to 02/28/20 inclusive: \$150.00 refund	04/15/20 to 05/01/20 inclusive: \$700.00 refund
03/01/20 to 04/14/20 inclusive: \$900.00 refund	05/02/20 to 05/15/20 inclusive: \$500.00 refund

After 15 May 2020, no refunds will be issued. **Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.** Information on insurance will be provided to applicant after receipt of deposit. **Cancellations in writing are to be sent to Blueprint Tours, Inc.**

**Not Included in the Tour Price:** Personal items such as government documents, food orders and beverages, valet and laundry services, personal grooming services, optional excursions, phone calls, personal tipping, and any other items not mentioned as included. In the event that a participant may require medical attention, any medical costs are the responsibility of the participant. We recommend that you verify the status of your medical insurance to determine coverage for travel. Lost ticket and lost passport fees are the sole responsibility of the participant.

**General:** Blueprint Tours, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Operator, acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. The Operator and their respective employees, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Operator is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects of any individual participating in the tour. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

**Baggage:** One suitcase (backpack, duffel) per person will be permitted. Standard airline weight limits apply. In addition, participant is allowed one “carry-on” piece of luggage small enough to fit under an airline seat. If you have questions regarding baggage and carry-on luggage, you are encouraged to visit the airline’s website to verify their requirements. Operator assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen luggage, personal belongings or excess baggage charges.

**Insurance:** Optional trip insurance is available through our office. Additional information will be sent upon receipt of application and deposit.

**Disciplinary Policy:** On all trips with persons under 18 years of age, the legal guardians will be asked to sign an agreement and pay the costs associated with any disciplinary measures.

**Documents Required:** Each person must have a valid passport and visa if required. All travel documents and costs affiliated with obtaining them are the sole responsibility of the participant. Passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of expiration.

**Responsibility:** The Operator assumes no liability for failure to provide the services and accommodations referred to in this brochure to the extent that such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of the Operator. In absence of negligence on the part of the Operator, the participant agrees that Operator has no liability or responsibility of any persons due to any act, omission or negligence of any carrier, hotel, restaurant, coach company, sight seeing or guiding company, or any other persons rendering any of the services or portions of the itinerary. The participant further waives any claim against Operator, sponsor, and its group leaders for any such damage, loss, injury or death. Operator shall not be responsible for any delays, substitution of equipment, or any act or omission whatsoever by the suppliers of such services, their agents, servants, and employees, and the participant hereby waives any claim arising therefrom. Operator reserves the right to decline, accept, or retain any participant at any time for any reason. Operator reserves the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case full or partial payment will be refunded without further obligation on Operator’s part. If terrorist act, terror threat, war, pandemic, act of God or other event would cause the Operator or sponsor to cancel or delay the tour, Operator shall not be responsible for refund. The passenger contract in use by the airline shall constitute the sole contract between the airline companies and the participant. Blueprint Tours, Inc. does not assume any costs, fees or liability associated with the extension of this tour caused by occurrences such as but not limited to extreme weather, natural disasters, terrorist action or threat, pandemic, or act of God. If a tour participant is required to remain in a country beyond the last day of the tour, all meals, lodging, transportation and other costs shall be the responsibility of the tour participant and /or their legal guardian. By forwarding the deposit and submitting the application, the participant agrees with these terms and conditions and certifies that they are free from any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazardous condition for participant or other participants. All tickets issued by any contractors are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services are offered or provided and the issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the operators shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way in connection with such means of transportation or other services, or for any loss, injury, damage to or in respect of any person or property howsoever caused or arising. Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, acts of God, political conditions, terrorist act or threat, unscheduled or unanticipated closings, mechanical difficulties or other factors beyond the control of the Operator without consulting the participants. In addition, Operator also reserve the right to make such alterations in the itinerary determined to be desirable by the Operator to provide for convenience of parties and smooth operation of tour. Participant has no right to refund or other considerations in the event of changes to the itinerary.