



Headington Oxford

Oxford

Ages
12–16

English Level
A2+

Academic Hours
15 Hours Per Week

Programme Options
Residential or Day

Maximum Class Size
15



Accredited as Summer Boarding Courses

Embark on a summer of discovery at Headington Oxford, a secure campus where learning and adventure go hand in hand. Themed, project-based lessons bring big ideas to life through real-world problem-solving and creative challenges, while sports, arts, excursions, and whole-school events ensure every day is filled with energy and variety.

Designed to build confidence, teamwork, and independence, it's the perfect place to learn, grow, and create lasting memories in the heart of Oxford.

Looking ahead to college? Headington Oxford is the perfect pre-college experience, helping you build the critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership skills that will set you up for success in future academic programmes.

Duration
2, 3 and 4 Weeks

Start Dates
6th, 20th and 27th July 2026



Available Courses

Future Entrepreneurs

English Level: B1+

Develop business insight through strategic thinking, problem-solving, and real-world projects, building confidence to lead in global contexts.

Future Scientists (STEM)

English Level: B1+

Ignite your passion for STEM with practical projects and problem-solving activities in science, technology, engineering, and maths.

English Adventurers

English Level: A2+

Improve your English fluency and confidence with interactive lessons and engaging activities tailored to students at all levels.

Future Doctors

English Level: B1+

Prepare for a career in medicine with hands-on practical skills, essential medical knowledge, and an introduction to the medical profession.

Future Global Leaders

English Level: B1+

Develop leadership skills, global awareness, and critical thinking through workshops and challenges designed to help you thrive in a connected world.



Example Excursions



London Sightseeing Tour & Attractions

See iconic landmarks, explore museums and cultural attractions, shop big-name stores, capture photos, and experience London's unforgettable energy.



Oxford

Take in the city's history, float down the River Cherwell on a traditional punt, and visit the famous Oxford University colleges.



Thorpe Park

Get your adrenaline pumping with over 30 thrilling rides and roller coasters at this top UK theme park.

Optional Extras:

At Headington you can enhance your child's experience through our **Adventure Sports** programme.

Offering your child the opportunity to take part in activities such as paddleboarding, kayaking, paintball, archery and many more!

To learn more, visit our website.



Social Programme

Our social programme brings the whole campus to life with events and experiences that keep every evening fresh, exciting, and full of energy.

- Badminton
- Cricket
- Drama
- Fashion Show
- Arts & Crafts
- Punting
- Secret Cinema
- Silly Olympics
- and many more



Accommodation

Headington School in Oxford blends traditional and modern architecture in a secure setting, close to the city centre. Accommodation includes separate houses for boys and girls, with comfortable single, twin, and small dorm rooms, shared bathrooms, and common areas. Each room is equipped with a desk and wardrobe.

- Art Studio
- Dance Studio
- Laundry Service
- Lecture Hall
- Modern Dining Hall
- Shared Bathrooms
- Single Room
- Small Dorm Rooms
- Sports Hall
- Student Common Room
- Swimming Pool
- Tennis Courts
- Theatre
- Twin Rooms
- Wi-Fi

A Typical Day at Headington



07.15 Wake Up & Breakfast

The day begins with cheerful wake-up calls from House Parents who help everyone get ready for another exciting day. After a short House Meeting – a chance to check in and share announcements – students head to breakfast in the canteen. There's plenty of choice, setting everyone up for the busy morning ahead.

09.00 – 10.30 Subject Lessons

The first lesson of the day blends theory and practice across a range of subjects – from General English and Business to STEM, Medicine, and Global Leadership. Students take part in interactive discussions, and creative tasks designed to make learning both meaningful and engaging.

11.00 – 12.30 Time to Shine

During Time to Shine at Headington, students work together in small teams to explore real-world issues as part of The Big Solutions Challenge. Whether they're developing health campaigns, designing green technologies, or presenting business ideas, each group uses creativity and critical thinking to find new ways of tackling global challenges, sharing their projects with the wider school community later in the week.

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 17.00 Multi-Activity Programme & Optional Extras

Afternoons at Headington are filled with adventure. Students can choose from a wide range of options – from football, tennis, and swimming to art, crafts, and drama. For those wanting an extra challenge, optional extras provide even more opportunities to learn and explore.

17.00 – 18.30 House Time

After an active afternoon, students return to their houses to unwind, and chat with friends. House Parents are always nearby, offering support and ensuring everyone feels at home. This is also the best time for students to check in with home as they will have had limited phone access all day.

18.30 – 22.00 Evenings at Headington

Dinner is followed by Whole School Events – lively community activities that bring everyone together. Some evenings are full of energy and teamwork, with outdoor games like Capture the Flag, while others take a more relaxed pace with movie nights, house evenings, or quiz challenges. It's a time to connect, laugh, and make memories together.

22.00 Lights Out

The day finishes with a calm evening routine. After juice and biscuits with House Parents, students settle into bed, ready for another day of learning and adventure tomorrow.



Sample timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
🕒 07:15 Wake-up								
🏠 08:00 House Meeting								
🕒 08:20 – 09:00 Breakfast								
	📖 09:00 – 10:30 Subject Lesson A combination of theory- and practical-based learning	📖 09:00 – 10:30 Subject Lesson A combination of theory- and practical-based learning	🔍 09:00 – 10:30 FieldWork An opportunity to take learning outside of the classroom and explore real-world links to their studies		📖 09:00 – 10:30 Subject Lesson A combination of theory- and practical-based learning	📖 09:00 – 10:30 Subject Lesson A combination of theory- and practical-based learning		
	🍏 10:30 – 11:00 Break							
	🌟 10:50 – 12:20 Time To Shine Introduction to this week's project	🌟 10:50 – 12:20 Time To Shine Mindmapping ideas in small groups	🌟 10:50 – 12:20 Time To Shine Further development of idea and creation of presentation		🌟 10:50 – 12:20 Time To Shine Presentation rehearsal ahead of tomorrow's ceremony	🌟 10:50 – 12:20 Time To Shine Ceremony Opportunity to present their projects to the rest of the class		
	🕒 12:30 – 13:00 Lunch							
	🍏 13:00 – 13:30 Break							
	👥 13:30 – 17:00 Multi-Activity Badminton Rounders Drama Games Dream Catchers	👥 13:30 – 17:00 Multi-Activity Tennis Football Just Dance Portraits OR Optional Extra	👥 13:30 – 17:00 Multi-Activity Basketball Kwik Cricket Scrap Collage Yoga OR Optional Extra		👥 13:30 – 17:00 Multi-Activity Swimming Volleyball Friendship Bracelets Photo Challenge	👥 13:30 – 17:00 Multi-Activity Ultimate Frisbee Uni Hockey Tote Bags Sketching		
	🏠 17:00 – 18:30 House Time							
	🕒 18:30 – 19:30 Dinner							
	👥 19:30 – 21:00 Welcome Games	👥 19:30 – 21:00 Capture the Flag	👥 19:30 – 21:00 Big Quiz		👥 19:30 – 21:00 Trashion Show	👥 19:30 – 21:00 House Night	👥 19:30 – 21:00 Talent Show	👥 19:30 – 21:00 Prom Night
	🏠 21:00 House Time / Juice and Biscuits							
🕒 22:00 Lights Out								

Sample timetables are given as an example to illustrate a typical week and are subject to change.





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Your Spark.
Shape your
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The UK's Number One
Summer School

Day Camps

English Language

Pre-University Preparation

Academic Summer Schools

Career Experiences

A message from our Director

At Summer Boarding Courses, we believe that learning should be fun, exciting, and full of new experiences. Our programmes help students grow in confidence, discover new interests, and make friends from around the world. Every course is carefully planned to be safe, supportive, and unforgettable.

Choosing the right summer school for your child is an important decision. We want to make this decision simple, positive, and full of opportunities.

Since 2008, more than 20,000 students from 155 countries have joined SBC at our schools across the UK. Every year, we see how learning together helps young people open their minds, build friendships, and create memories that last a lifetime. It's this mix of cultures, ideas, and laughter that makes our summer experiences so special.

This year, we are proud to introduce the SBC Pathway, a clear journey that supports your child's growth at every stage. From the first adventures away from home in our Explorer Programmes, to the collaboration and creativity of our Adventure Programmes, to our College Pathways that prepare older students for university and beyond - each step helps students become more confident, independent, and ready for the future.

Every part of our pathway has a clear purpose. We want every student to feel valued, inspired, and supported as they grow not just academically, but as kind, confident global citizens.

Our mission is simple: to unite the cultures of the world through education. We hope every child who joins us leaves with stronger academic skills, wonderful friendships, and a better understanding of the world. At SBC, learning is about more than lessons - it's about discovering who you are and how you can make a difference.

We can't wait to welcome your family to Summer Boarding Courses, and to share a summer of learning, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Will Finlayson

Director, Summer Boarding Courses



Your Future Starts Here



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SUMMER
SCHOOL
2024**
10 Best Summer Schools 2024
★★★★★

Discover Your Future Pathway

Designed to grow with your child, our pathways support every stage of their educational journey - from first experiences away from home to preparing for university and beyond. Each step builds confidence, develops practical skills, and opens up new ways of thinking - all within a global community that challenges, supports, and inspires.

Explorer Programmes

Adventure Programmes

College Pathways

Ages 6-12

Day Camps

Perfect for young learners wanting to boost English language proficiency at a fun activity-based camp



Ages 8-12

Young Explorers

A nurturing prep-school environment designed for young learners that builds confidence and a love for learning abroad



Camp Dragon

Ages 12-16

Adventure Programmes Plus

Inspiring, project-based learning designed to strengthen critical thinking and independent insight.



SBC at Eton College

Ages 11-16

Adventure Programmes

Blending immersive, hands-on learning focused on problem-solving and creativity with an action-packed schedule of activities.



Canford Headington Oxford

Ages 13-17

College Pathways

A future-focused experience combining academic and career inspiration with engaging off-campus learning through fieldwork, exploration, and networking in a dynamic city-campus setting.



Earlscliffe Dukes Cambridge

Ages 15-17

College Pathways Plus

Live and study at genuine Oxford University college campuses while taking part in both subject-focused and interdisciplinary projects that build expertise, collaboration, and academic confidence.



Oxford College

Our Courses

Explorer Programme

Day Camps

Young Explorers

Adventure Programme

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Future Artists

English Adventurers

Future Global Leaders

Future Doctors

English Adventurers

College Pathways

Business: Mini-MBA

Global Leadership

Uni Prep Think Global!

Science & Technology: Sustainable Futures

Faculty of Art & Design

Faculty of Business

Faculty of Science and Technology (STEM)

English Pathway

Faculty of Global Leadership

Faculty of Psychology

Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Law

The SBC Experience



Perfect British Council Accreditation

SBC achieved a maximum 15/15 areas of strength, recognising the quality of provision we offer across English language teaching, social programmes, student welfare, and facilities.



UK's No.1 Summer School

Ranked as a Centre of Excellence by EL Gazette (2018-2024) for outstanding British Council inspection results.



Prestigious Locations

Experience summer at some of the UK's most iconic institutions, including Oxford University, Eton College, and Headington School Oxford.



Award-Winning Programmes

Our courses are recognised for innovation and quality, setting the standard in summer education.



Future-Ready Learning

Our curriculum incorporates project-based learning, critical thinking, and 21st-century skills for real-world success.



Experienced Leadership Team

90% of our Operational and Centre Managers have worked with SBC for over a decade, ensuring consistency and trusted expertise.



Global Community

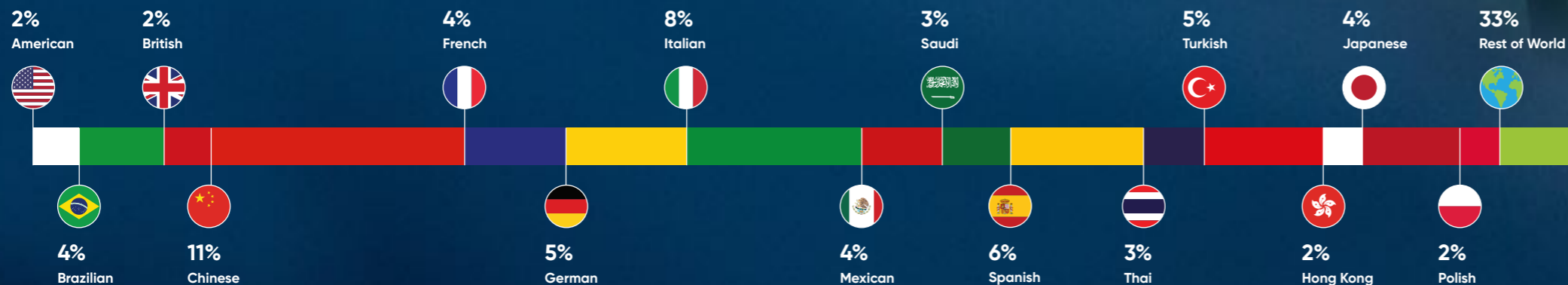
Join a diverse community of students from 155 nationalities, promoting cultural exchange and immersive language practice.



20,000+ Students Strong

We've welcomed over 20,000 students to SBC, providing unforgettable summers and lifelong connections.

Our nationalities in 2025:



After a summer with SBC I feel a lot different. When I came here I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do with my future...by experiencing all of these subjects I've got a better picture of what I want to do now.

I have learnt a lot and I am ready for my future.

Jasper
Student from Germany



Grow Here, Take Your Skills Everywhere

Over the summer you'll build confidence, unlock new skills, and gain experiences that stay with you long after the classroom.

Boost Your English Skills

Our dynamic, immersive English courses help students of all levels build communication skills, teamwork, and leadership.

Develop Vital Skills

Our programmes empower students to excel academically and develop key 21st-century skills.

Future Readiness

Strengthen the skills that prepare you for the next stage of your academic journey.

Become a Global Citizen

Join a diverse community of students from 155 nationalities and gain a deeper understanding of the world.

Immerse Yourself in Local Culture

Discover the UK through excursions to museums, galleries, and local attractions.

Confident Communication

Build the confidence to express yourself clearly in conversations, discussions, and presentations.

Experience British Boarding School Life

Our residential courses provide a safe space to develop independence and confidence in an authentic setting.

Pursue Your Passion

With over 15 subjects and a wide range of social activities, SBC lets you design your ideal summer experience—both in and out of the classroom.

Personal Growth

Experience life in a supportive international community. Gain independence, build lasting friendships across cultures, and discover new perspectives that will stay with you long after summer.



We chose SBC for our summer school programme because of the strong partnership with some of the most prestigious schools in the UK. Our goal was to ensure that our students experience not only the highest standards of learning but also meaningful cultural immersion, and SBC delivered on both fronts.

Sam
Parent from Thailand



Our Locations



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Eton College

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- Future Scientists



Earlscliffe Summer

Ages 13-17

- Business: Mini-MBA
- Global Leadership
- Uni Prep
- Think Global!
- Science & Technology: Sustainable Futures
- Easter - English Language



Dukes Cambridge

Ages 14-17

- Faculty of Art & Design
- Faculty of Psychology
- Faculty of Business
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science and Technology (STEM)
- English Pathway



Oxford College

Ages 15-17

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Global Leadership
- Faculty of Business



Quintessentially British. Unforgettable Summers.

The UK's leading summer school experience

Study and live in some of Britain's most iconic schools and university colleges. At SBC, students join a global community, learn with expert teachers, and discover the best of British culture through academics, activities, and unforgettable excursions.



Who Are SBC Summer Schools For?

Ambitious students aged 8–17 who want more from their summer. SBC welcomes learners ready to improve their English, explore new ideas, and connect with peers from around the world.



Future-Facing Skills

Our programmes go beyond academics. Students develop critical thinking, teamwork, and confidence in an international environment—skills that stay with them long after summer ends.



Empowering Knowledge and Confidence

Learning is interactive and hands-on. Through projects, teamwork and our signature Time to Shine presentations, students practise public speaking and sharpen their English in real situations. They leave not only with subject knowledge but with the confidence to share ideas clearly and persuasively.



Adventures Beyond the Classroom

Every day brings something new. Sports, arts, cultural trips and campus activities spark creativity, build friendships, and strengthen leadership. The social programme is as valuable as the academics - broadening horizons and building a global outlook.



It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I made friends from all over the world which is more than enriching and I hope to stay in touch with most of them. I am coming back home with a head full of memories and I feel more confident about life and the future

Eleonore
Student from France





Part of the Dukes Education family.
Together we're extraordinary.



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