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*Advanced English Language and British
Culture*

Three Week Programme

July 2019

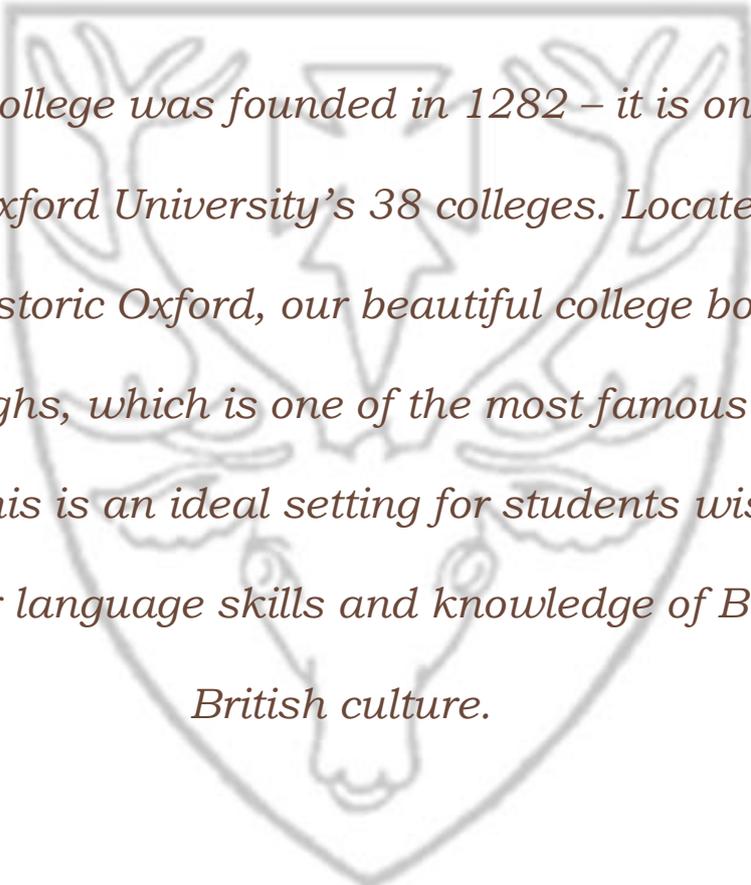
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Hertford College, Oxford

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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!**

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



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 and we ask you to bring any power points on a USB stick, as external equipment is not always compatible with our college system.

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

Traditions and Folklore

Oxford alumni

Academic research

Social history

Enjoy your research and we look forward to meeting you this summer.

WEEK ONE	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Sunday 21st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. • Travel to Oxford. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • On arrival: supper and welcome information 						
Day 2 Monday 22nd July <i>First teaching day</i>	Introduction to the Advanced English Language and British Culture Programme English Language Assessment Students complete a placement test.	B R E A K	Communicative Activities Teachers and students meet in an informal setting for a chance to get to know each other before the programme formally begins.	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 N E R	Orientation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 23rd July	Aspects of Oxford Presentations by students based on the pre- programme task. Each mini presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.	B R E A K	The History of Oxford University and an Introduction to the Tutorial System Explore the development of the leading university in the English speaking world. The lecture is followed by a Q & A session on the university's application process and student life.	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.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

<p>Day 4</p> <p>Wednesday 24th July</p>	<p>The History of the English Language A study of the development of the English language, from the language spoken by the first invaders to the different versions existing around the world today</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Presentations Workshop 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to student presentations • How to plan and deliver a presentation effectively 	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Vocabulary Development Look at the development and use of neologisms in English</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>Day 5</p> <p>Thursday 25th July</p>	<p>Food and Drink British food and drink is undergoing a transformation and beginning to be appreciated globally. Learn about local and regional specialities and the history behind some of our famous dishes.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Advanced Social English Colloquial English and successful interaction: how to be 'spontaneous' in your conversation</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Introduction to Stratford upon Avon Prepare for Friday's study visit. Discover the beautiful historic town of Stratford upon Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, and home to the Royal Shakespeare Company.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>Day 6</p> <p>Friday 26th July</p>	<p>Study Tour: Stratford upon Avon</p> <p>Stratford is both the birthplace and burial place of William Shakespeare. In Stratford you can visit the cottage of Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway. You may also wish to see the school where he was educated and visit his tomb in Holy Trinity Church: a fee is charged to visit the tomb. In Stratford you can also see the theatres used by the Royal Shakespeare Company.</p> <p>You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach.</p>						

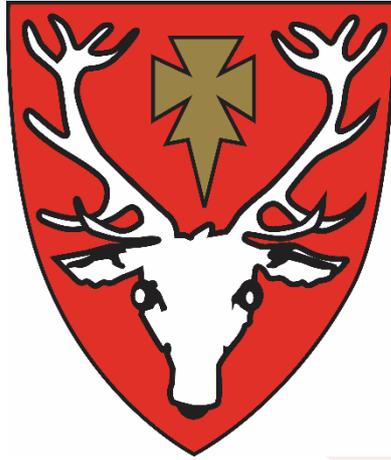
<p>Day 7</p> <p>Saturday 27th July</p>	<p>Free Time</p> <p>At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, your RAs are available for Oxford activities, such as punting, walking tours, shopping, college and museum visits.</p> <p>Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to a nearby place of interest such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• London• Stratford upon Avon• Warwick Castle• Cambridge• Bath• Brighton• Liverpool <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.</p>
<p>Day 8</p> <p>Sunday 28th July</p>	<p>Free Time</p> <p>(as above)</p>

WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 9 Monday 29th July	Academic Debating Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressing your opinion and comments Dis/agreeing Asking for/giving opinions Language of persuasion Turn-taking Rhetorical questions 	B R E A K	Mini-debate Work in teams to improve your intonation and practise your negotiation skills. You will also improve your confidence in public speaking.	L U N C H	Academic Proposal or Personal Statement Learn how to create maximum impact and increase your chances of success.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 10 Tuesday 30th July	Contemporary Youth Culture Britain has been at the forefront of youth culture since the 1950s. Explore the world of fashion and music enjoyed by young people.	B R E A K	Youth Language, Slang and Idioms Learn how social factors have shaped the language used by young people.	L U N C H	Lecture Art in the UK Study the artists who have shaped and challenged our concept of art in Britain today. You will be looking at both gallery and non-gallery art. The lecture followed a Q & A session.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 11 Wednesday 31st July	Collaborative Writing Activity Students work together to create an effective text. Explore the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku.			L U N C H	Phonology Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connected speech in natural English Noticing and practising assimilation and elision Intonation as a reflection of politeness 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

Day 12 Thursday 1st August	Study of a Literary Icon William Shakespeare: an introduction to the life, language and works of England's most famous dramatist	B R E A K	Vocabulary Development A session on the rich idiomatic expressions created by Shakespeare in current use	L U N C H	Introduction to London Learn about the history and cultural highlights of the capital city. You will also have the opportunity to study some of the treasures in the British Museum and National Gallery in preparation for tomorrow's visit.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 13 Friday 2nd August	Study Tour: London Enjoy a trip to the capital city and experience all the magical sights and sounds of London in the comfort and safety of your private coach. You will also visit the British Museum and National Gallery. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach. You will be brought back to Oxford in time for dinner in the evening. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach.						
Day 14 Saturday 3rd August	Free Time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 15 Sunday 4th August	Free Time (as explained on day 7)						

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Day 16 Monday 5th August	Current Affairs The language of journalism - an exploration of daily publications and their journalistic influence on society	B R E A K	Vocabulary Development Explore the appropriacy and use of phrasal words in spoken and written language.	L U N C H	History of Modern Pop Music Chart the rise of pop music in the UK and discuss its influence on society, from the 1950s to the present day.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 17 Tuesday 6th August	Lecture Current Business Issues in the UK and EU Examine the latest trends in the UK macro economy. Consider implications for the economy and businesses. This lecture will include activities and discussions, and followed by a question and answer session.			L U N C H	Effective Interview Techniques Learn how to make a strong impression during an academic or professional interview.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 18 Wednesday 7th August	Presentations Workshop 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine-tuning of Presentations • Emphatic language • Handling questions • Intonation and sentence/word stress • Connecting with your audience • Body language 	B R E A K	American vs British English Explore the fascinating differences in vocabulary and pronunciation between these two major variants of English.	L U N C H	The British Film Industry Find out about Britain's rich cinematic history from the earliest silent movies and newsreels to the magic of the Harry Potter films.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

<p>Day 19</p> <p>Thursday 8th August</p>	<p>End of Programme Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience. Each presentation will be followed by a Q and A session.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>End of Programme Presentations (continued)</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Presentation feedback and end of course assessment</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>Day 20</p> <p>Friday 9th August</p>	<p>Free Time (as explained on day 7)</p> <p>Gala Dinner We celebrate the end of the programme with a formal dinner by candlelight in Hertford College. There will be a certificate ceremony to mark the official end of the programme.</p>						
<p>Day 21</p> <p>Saturday 10th August</p>	<p>Departure Day You will make your own way to the airport.</p>						



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