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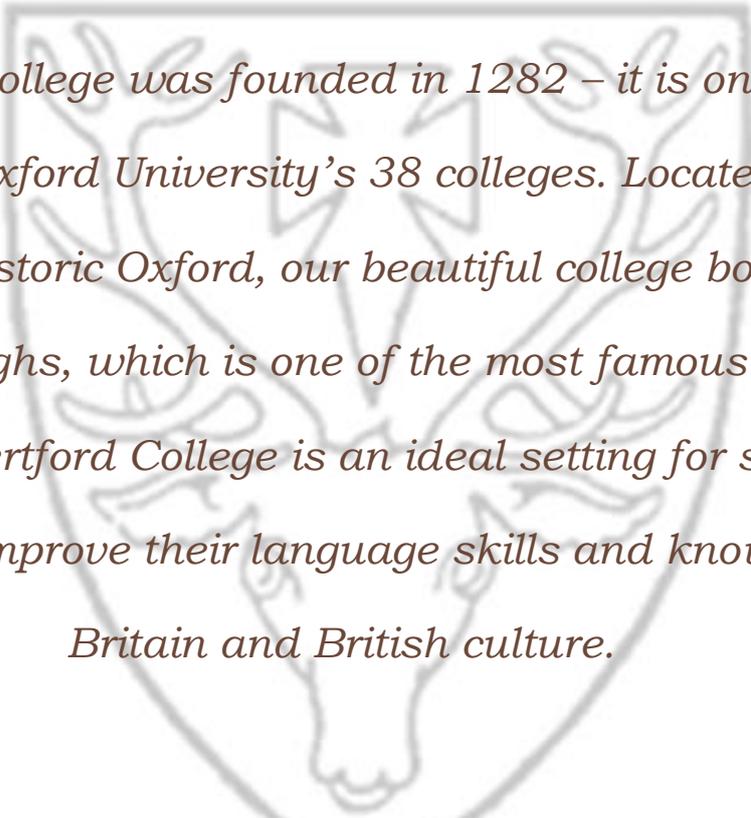


*Two Week British Culture and Society
Programme*
at
Hertford College, Oxford

SPRING 2019

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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. Hertford College is an ideal setting for students wishing to improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and British culture.

**Welcome to
Oxford!**

MEALS

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.

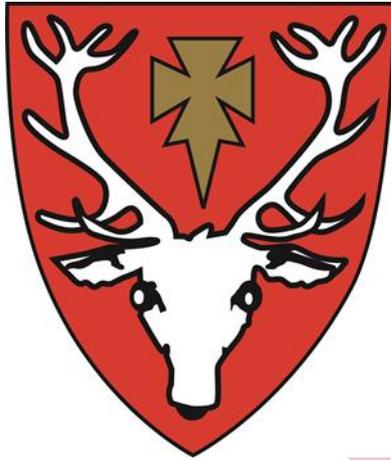
ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Sunday 17th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London • Travel to Oxford. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • On arrival: supper and welcome information 						
WEEK ONE	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 2 Monday 18th March <i>First teaching day</i>	Introduction to the British Culture and Society Programme Formal Language Assessment Students complete a placement test.	B R E A K	Oxford University and the Tutorial System The lecture is followed by a Q and A session. You will have the chance to ask questions about the admissions processes at Oxford and other British universities.	L U N C H	Welcome Tea at 3.00pm A delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College’s historic dining hall.	D I N N E R	Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 19th March	Communicative Activities Teachers and students meet in an informal setting for a chance to get to know each other.	B R E A K	Architecture in Oxford Famous Oxford Buildings – the history and purpose of Oxford’s well-known landmarks.	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	Cultural Activities with RAs Suggestion: go on a Ghost Tour around the centre of Oxford

<p>Day 4</p> <p>Wednesday 20th March</p>	<p>History of the English Language Learn about the development of English, 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>Presentation Workshop 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to business presentations and presentation techniques • How to plan and deliver an effective presentation 	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Alice in Wonderland A chance to explore the world of Lewis Carroll and encounter the wonderful characters in this classic children's story. Discover how the author was inspired by Oxford. Study of the text is followed by an examination of how Alice has become an Oxford tourist attraction.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural Activities with RAs Suggestion: College tour - visit some of Oxford's most renowned colleges</p>
<p>Day 5</p> <p>Thursday 21st March</p>	<p>Media and Communication Learn about Britain's press and practise the language of journalism.</p>	<p>B R E A K</p>	<p>Pronunciation Workshop Connected speech in natural English: noticing and practising assimilation and elision.</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Introduction to London Tomorrow you will visit this metropolitan city. In this session, we introduce and explain the most famous sights and artistic treasures you will see in the National Gallery and the British Museum.</p>	<p>D I N N E R</p>	<p>Cultural Activities with RAs Suggestion: Walk along the river or canal, or go punting</p>
<p>Day 6</p> <p>Friday 22nd March</p>	<p>Study Tour: London</p> <p>You will spend the day in Central London visiting the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and the River Thames at Westminster Bridge, and the British Museum.</p> <p>You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach.</p>						

<p>Day 7</p> <p>Saturday 23rd March</p>	<p>Weekend</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 nearby places 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.</p> <p>Your RAs are available to offer advice on travel arrangements.</p>
<p>Day 8</p> <p>Sunday 24th March</p>	<p>Free Day</p> <p>Free time (as explained on Day 7)</p>

WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 9 Monday 25th March	Study of a Cultural Icon William Shakespeare: an introduction to the life, language, works and influence of England's most famous dramatist.	B R E A K	Vocabulary Development Idiomatic expressions from Shakespeare in current language use today.	L U N C H	Drama Workshop An opportunity to explore the power of language with a drama coach. You will have the chance to study and act out a well-known story.	D I N E R	Cultural Activities with RAs Suggestion: Go to a gig - jazz, blues, rock, pop - in Oxford with your RAs
Day 10 Tuesday 26th March	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 of some famous dishes.	B R E A K	Advanced Social English Colloquial English and successful interaction: how to be 'spontaneous' in your conversation	L U N C H	Academic Debating Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressing your opinion and commenting Dis/agreeing Asking for/giving opinions Language of persuasion Turn-taking Mini debate in groups	D I N E R	Cultural Activities with RAs Suggestion: enjoy the famous "Oxford Blue" ice cream with your RAs in a local cafe
Day 11 Wednesday 27th March	Youth Culture Britain has been at the forefront of youth culture since the 1950s. Explore the world of fashion, music and the uniquely British style enjoyed by young people today.	B R E A K	Presentations Workshop 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn and practise advanced techniques to give your presentations greater impact. Emphatic language Handling questions Intonation and sentence/word stress 	L U N C H	Flash Fiction and Creative Writing Workshop Students work together to create an effective text. Explore the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku.	D I N E R	Cultural Activities with RAs Suggestion: listen to classical music at the Sheldonian Theatre or in an Oxford College

<p>Day 12</p> <p>Thursday 28th March</p>	<p>End of Programme Presentations</p> <p>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</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<p>L U N C H</p>	<p>Presentation Feedback and End of Course Assessment</p>	<p>GALA DINNER</p> <p>Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in the historic dining hall at Hertford College where you will be presented with a certificate at the end-of-course ceremony. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes and bring your camera!</p>
<p>Day 13</p> <p>Friday 29th March</p>	<p>Free Day</p> <p>Free time (as explained on Day 7)</p>					
<p>Saturday 30th March</p>	<p>Departure Day</p> <p>You will make your own way to the airport.</p>					



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