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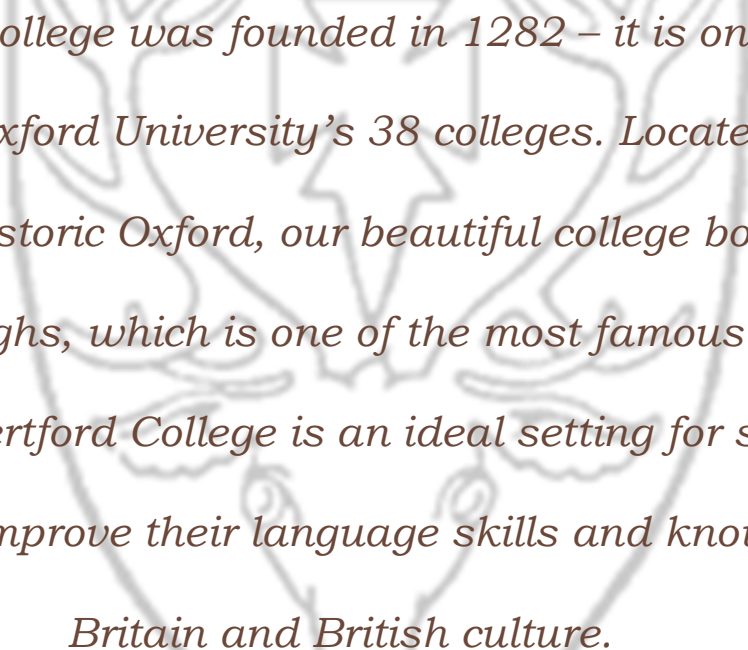


*Two Week British Culture and Society
Programme*
at
Hertford College, Oxford

SPRING 2020

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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

- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London • Travel to Oxford. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation. 						
Sunday 15th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 16th 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 one of Hertford College's historic dining halls	D I N N E R	Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 17th March	Communicative Activities Teacher and students meet in a relaxed 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
Day 4 Wednesday 18th March	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.	B R E A K	Presentation Workshop 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to business presentations and presentation techniques • How to plan and deliver an effective presentation 	L U N C H	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.	D I N N E R	Cultural Activities with RAs

<p>Day 5</p> <p>Thursday 19th 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</p>
<p>Day 6</p> <p>Friday 20th 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 21st 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 <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice on travel arrangements.</p>						

Day 8 Sunday 22nd March	Free Day Free time (as explained on Day 7)					
WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm	Evening
Day 9 Monday 23rd March	Food and Drink 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 N E R Cultural Activities with RAs
Day 10 Tuesday 24th 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 N E R Cultural Activities with RAs
Day 11 Wednesday 25th March	History of Modern Pop Music and Youth Culture Chart the rise of pop music and youth culture in the UK and its influence on society, from the 1950s to the present day.	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 	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 N E R Cultural Activities with RAs

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling questions • Intonation and sentence/word stress 			
Day 12 Thursday 26th March	End of Programme Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience. Each presentation will be followed by a Q and A session.	B R E A K	End of Programme Presentations (continued)	L U N C H	Presentation Feedback and End of Course Assessment	GALA DINNER 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.
Day 13 Friday 27th March	Free Day Free time (as explained on Day 7)					
Day 14 Saturday 28th March	Departure Day You will make your own way to the airport.					



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