



Hertford College
OXFORD



Spring Open Enrolment Programme

At Hertford College, Oxford

Two Week British Culture and Society Programme

SPRING 2020



An Introduction to Hertford College

Summer 2020

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, an iconic landmark of the city.

Hertford College is an ideal setting for students wishing to challenge themselves academically and deepen their knowledge of Britain and British culture.

What to expect from our academic programme?

- You will study in the unique atmosphere of Oxford.
- You will be encouraged to discuss ideas and gain new perspectives.
- You will develop valuable academic and communication skills.

Welcome to Oxford!



DAY 1	ARRIVAL DAY						
Sunday 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at a London airport. • Travel to Oxford. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • On arrival: meal and welcome information 						
WEEK ONE							
DAY 2	09:00 – 10:30	TEA BREAK	11:00 – 12:30	LUNCH	14:00 – 16:00	DINNER	EVENING
Monday 16 th March	Introduction to the British Culture and Society Programme Formal Language Assessment Students complete a placement test.		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.		Welcome Tea at 3.00pm A delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of one of Hertford College's historic dining halls.		Orientation •Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting to the internet.
DAY 3		TEA BREAK		LUNCH		DINNER	
Tuesday 17 th March	Communicative Activities Teacher and students meet in a relaxed setting for a chance to get to know each other.		Architecture in Oxford Famous Oxford Buildings – the history and purpose of Oxford's well-known landmarks.		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.		Cultural activities with RAs

DAY 4	09:00 – 10:30	TEA BREAK	11:00 – 12:30	LUNCH	14:00 – 16:00	DINNER	EVENING
Wednesday 18 th 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.		Presentation Workshop 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to business presentations and presentation techniques • How to plan and deliver an effective presentation 		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.		Cultural activities with RAs
DAY 5		TEA BREAK		LUNCH		DINNER	
Thursday 19 th March	Media and Communication Learn about Britain’s press and practise the language of journalism.		Pronunciation Workshop Connected speech in natural English: noticing and practising assimilation and elision		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.		Cultural activities with RAs

<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>DINNER</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>DAY 7</p> <p>Saturday 21st March</p>	<p>BREAKFAST (Sign up in advance)</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 place of interest such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London • Cambridge • Bath • The Cotswolds • Stonehenge • Blenheim Palace <p>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements. Breakfast is served in the morning, but you must sign up with RAs in advance.</p>		
<p>DAY 8</p> <p>Sunday 22nd March</p>	<p>BREAKFAST (sign up in advance)</p>	<p>Weekend</p> <p>Free time (as above). Breakfast and dinner are offered on this day, but you must sign up for them with your RAs by Wednesday (day 4) at the latest.</p>	<p>DINNER (Sign up in advance)</p>	<p>Free time</p>

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DAY 9	<i>09:00 – 10:30</i>	TEA BREAK	<i>11:00 – 12:30</i>	LUNCH	<i>14:00 – 16:00</i>	DINNER	EVENING
Monday 23 rd March	<p>Food and Drink Learn about local and regional specialities and the history of some famous dishes.</p>		<p>Advanced Social English Colloquial English and successful interaction: how to be 'spontaneous' in your conversation.</p>		<p>Academic Debating Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing your opinion and commenting • Dis/agreeing • Asking for/giving opinions • Language of persuasion • Turn-taking <p>Mini debate in groups</p>		<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
DAY 10 Tuesday 24 th March	<p>Study of a Cultural Icon William Shakespeare: an introduction to the life, language, works and influence of England's most famous dramatist</p>	TEA BREAK	<p>Vocabulary Development Idiomatic expressions from Shakespeare in current language use today</p>	LUNCH	<p>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.</p>	DINNER	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
DAY 11 Wednesday 25 th March	<p>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.</p>	TEA BREAK	<p>Presentations Workshop 2</p> <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 	LUNCH	<p>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.</p>	DINNER	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>

DAY 12 Thursday 26 th March	09:00 – 10:30		TEA BREAK	11:00 – 12:30		LUNCH	14:00 – 16:00		EVENING		
	End of Programme Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience. Each presentation will be followed by a Q and A session.			End of Course Presentations continued...			Feedback on presentations and end of course assessment Your teachers will give you feedback on your presentations, and you will be asked to complete a mandatory end of course assessment form.		GALA DINNER Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in one of Hertford College's historic Dining Halls, 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 22 nd June	BREAKFAST		FREE DAY Free day to explore as you wish. Breakfast is the only meal provided on this day.								
DAY 14 Saturday 23 rd June	BREAKFAST		DEPARTURE DAY You will make your own way back to the airport following departure from Hertford College.								



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