



Hertford College
OXFORD



Advanced Humanities and British Culture

4th July to 24th July 2021

3 Week July Open Enrolment Programme

At Hertford College, Oxford

SUMMER 2021



An Introduction to Hertford College Summer 2021

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!



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 IT provisions.

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: e.g. Mayday, Oxford-Cambridge Boat race, Bonfire Night etc.
- Traditions and Folklore
- Oxford alumni
- Academic research
- Social history

Enjoy your research! We look forward to meeting you this summer.



DAY 1 Sunday 4 th July	ARRIVAL DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at a London airport. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation. • On arrival: meal, orientation and welcome information
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WEEK ONE

DAY 2 Monday 5 th July	09:00 – 10:30	TEA BREAK	11:00 – 12:30	LUNCH	14:00 – 16:00	DINNER	EVENING
<p>Welcome and Introduction to Programme</p> <p>The History of Oxford University and an Introduction to the Tutorial System</p> <p>The Oxford University Application Process A presentation followed by discussion and Q and A session</p>	<p>Christopher Wren and the Architecture of Oxford An exploration of the various forms and functions of Oxford’s historic buildings</p>		<p>Architecture in Oxford Oxford Tour of Discovery A self-guided exploration of Oxford’s historic buildings</p>		<p>Cultural Activities with RAs</p>		

DAY 3	09:00 – 10:30		11:00 – 12:30		14:00 – 16:00		EVENING
Tuesday 6 th July	Aspects of Oxford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by students based on the pre-course Oxford task • Each presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. 	TEA BREAK	British Etiquette The history of customs and manners over the centuries. Explore what is considered acceptable and appropriate.	LUNCH	Welcome Tea at 3.00pm Sample a delicious, traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of one of Hertford College’s historic dining halls. This is a formal event so please dress accordingly.	DINNER	Cultural Activities with RAs
DAY 4 Wednesday 7 th July	Highlights of the Ashmolean Collection Learn about the history and highlights of the University of Oxford’s world-class collections of art and archaeology. Followed by Visit to the Ashmolean Museum The world’s oldest university museum has a fascinating collection of exhibits			LUNCH	Presentations and Public Speaking - Session 1 Learn how to plan and deliver a presentation effectively. This is in preparation for the end of course presentation. We look at planning and structure, engaging the audience, tips, techniques and materials.	DINNER	Cultural activities with RAs

DAY 5	09:00 – 10:30		11:00 – 12:30		14:00 – 16:00		EVENING	
Thursday 8 th July	Introduction to the Libraries of Oxford	TEA BREAK	Bodleian Library Tour (11.30 – 12.30 pm) A guided tour of one of the world’s most renowned libraries. You will visit the beautiful Divinity School, which was used as a location for the Harry Potter movies.	LUNCH	Lecture – ‘The Finest View in England’ An exploration of Blenheim Palace and the magnificent gardens of Lancelot Capability Brown. You will also discover the agricultural heritage of the beautiful Cotswolds area. This is in preparation for the study tour tomorrow	DINNER	Cultural Activities with RAs	
DAY 6 Friday 9 th July	Study Tour: Blenheim and the Cotswolds Blenheim Palace is one of Britain’s most famous historic landmarks. After a guided tour of its beautiful rooms you will visit the Cotswolds, an area of outstanding natural beauty and picturesque villages in rural England. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach.						DINNER	Cultural activities with RAs

<p>DAY 7</p> <p>Saturday 10th July</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. 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 • Blenheim Palace • Stonehenge • Bristol <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 11th July</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>

WEEK TWO

DAY 9	09:00 – 10:30		11:00 – 12:30		14:00 – 16:00		EVENING
Monday 12 th July	<p>Soft Skills This workshop focuses on developing the professional skills valued by potential future employers: communication, teamwork and problem solving. Discussion of the underlying theories will be followed by a range of activities designed to strengthen your ability to apply these ideas in a practical context, including a team building activity.</p>	TEA BREAK	<p>Soft skills (continued)</p>	LUNCH	<p>Lecture: Wonderful Things: an introduction to Egyptology Trace the history of ancient Egyptian artefacts, learn about field-work techniques, pyramids, mummies and pharaohs.</p>	DINNER	<p>Cultural Activities with RAs</p>

<p>DAY 10 Tuesday 13th July</p>	<p>Lecture – British Film A study of classical and modern film genres, locations and filming techniques</p>	<p>TEA BREAK</p>	<p>Film Making Session Students work in groups to create a storyboard and make a short film in the historic centre of Oxford</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>	<p>Film Making Session Students continue with the filming and editing of their footage</p>	<p>DINNER</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
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DAY 11 Wednesday 14 th July	09:00 – 12:30	LUNCH	14:00 – 16:00	DINNER	EVENING
	Meet the Researchers Current Oxford humanities researchers present and explain their research subject, methodology and goals. The morning concludes with a Q and A session.		Famous Oxford Authors Talk and Walking Tour Learn about classic and contemporary writers who all have a connection to Oxford.		Cultural activities with RAs
DAY 12 Thursday 15 th July	Lecture Giotto to Monet An overview of the Western art styles and key paintings in preparation for the National Gallery visit tomorrow.	LUNCH	Introduction to London Investigate 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 such as The Rosetta Stone. This lecture is in preparation for the study tour tomorrow.	DINNER	Cultural activities with RAs

<p>DAY 13</p> <p>Friday 16th July</p>	<p>Study Tour: London</p> <p>Enjoy a trip to the capital city that includes a walking tour of some of the historical landmarks and cultural sites of London. You will visit two of London’s most famous attractions - the National Gallery and the British Museum. During the visit you will be given the opportunity to engage with the museum and gallery collections.</p> <p>You will be accompanied and guided by your RAs. Transport will be by private coach.</p>	<p>DINNER</p>	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>DAY 14</p> <p>Saturday 17th July</p>	<p>Weekend</p> <p>Free time (As Explained on day 7). Breakfast is offered on this day, but you must sign up in advance with your RAs by Wednesday at the latest.</p>		
<p>DAY 15</p> <p>Sunday 18th July</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 at the latest.</p>		

WEEK THREE

<p>DAY 16</p> <p>Monday 19th July</p>	<p>Free Day Free time (as above).</p>	<p>DINNER</p>	<p>EVENING</p> <p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>		
<p>DAY 17</p> <p>Tuesday 20th July</p>	<p>Poetry Session We explore different genres of poetry, focusing on structure, metre and stylistic devices.</p> <p>The lecture is followed by a guided poetry writing activity</p>		<p>LUNCH</p>	<p>Lecture: Current research from Department of Linguistics</p> <p>A linguistics researcher presents their work and discusses its implications and practical applications.</p>	<p>DINNER</p>

DAY 18	09:00 – 10:30		11:00 – 12:30		14:00 – 16:00		EVENING
<p>Wednesday 21st July</p>	<p>Lecture – Middle English (1100-1500) The emergence of English as a distinct Language.</p> <p>This lecture will focus on key texts and developments in grammar and vocabulary.</p>	TEA BREAK	<p>Textual analysis of an extract from The Canterbury Tales (Geoffrey Chaucer)</p>	LUNCH	<p>Visit to The Weston Library This recently renovated building, with over 40km of storage space above and below ground, houses special collections: including rare books, manuscripts, music and maps. Students will have a guided tour of the library and the chance to view treasures from the cartography department.</p>	DINNER	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>
<p>DAY 19 Thursday 22nd July</p>	<p>Lecture Current Social Issues in the UK Britain is in a period of ever more rapid change and transition. What effect is this having on contemporary society?</p>	TEA BREAK	<p>Oxford's Famous Faces The lives and achievements of some of Oxford's most noted scholars and writers</p>	LUNCH	<p>Presentations and Public Speaking - Session 2 How to deliver a compelling presentation. An analysis of strategies and techniques used in famous speeches.</p>	DINNER	<p>Cultural activities with RAs</p>

<p>DAY 20</p> <p>Friday 23rd July</p>	<p>End of Course Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience.</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>		<p>GALA DINNER</p> <p>Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in one of the historic dining halls at Hertford College where you will be presented with a certificate at the end-of-course ceremony.</p> <p>This is a special event so please dress formally.</p>
<p>DAY 21</p> <p>Saturday 24th July</p>	<p>Departure Day</p> <p>You will be accompanied by the RAs in a private coach to the airport.</p>			



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