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# August/September Open Enrolment

*At Hertford College, Oxford*

**15<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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*Advanced English Language and British Culture  
Three Week Programme*

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 forwards to meeting you.



<b>DAY 1</b>  Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>ARRIVAL DAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive at a London airport.</li> <li>• Travel to Oxford. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation.</li> <li>• Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you.</li> <li>• On arrival: meal and welcome information</li> </ul>
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**WEEK ONE**

<b>DAY 2</b>  Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	TEA BREAK	<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	LUNCH	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	DINNER	<b>EVENING</b>
<p><b>Introduction to the Advanced English Language and British Culture Programme</b></p> <p><b>English Language Assessment</b> Students complete a placement test.</p> <p><b>Communicative Activities</b> Teachers and students meet in an informal setting for a chance to get to know each other before the programme formally begins.</p>	<p><b>The History of Oxford University and an Introduction to the Tutorial System</b></p> <p>Explore the development of the leading university in the English-speaking world. The lecture is followed by a Q &amp; A session on the university's application process and student life.</p>		<p><b>Tour of Discovery</b></p> <p>A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of Oxford to help you become familiar with this fascinating city</p>		<p><b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b></p>		

<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>		<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>		<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>		<b>EVENING</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Aspects of Oxford</b> Presentations by students based on the pre-programme task. Each mini presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.	TEA BREAK	<b>Aspects of Oxford</b> continued  <b>British Etiquette</b> Etiquette is the code of polite behaviour in society. Discuss and learn what is considered acceptable and appropriate.	LUNCH	<b>Welcome Tea at 3.00pm</b> Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College’s historic dining hall.	DINNER	<b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b>
<b>DAY 4</b>  Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>The History of the English Language</b> 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	TEA BREAK	<b>Presentations Workshop 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An introduction to student presentations</li> <li>• How to plan and deliver a presentation effectively</li> </ul>	LUNCH	<b>The Monarchy, Society, Family and Class</b> Understand how the Kings and Queens of England have shaped society and culture.	DINNER	<b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b>

<b>DAY 5</b>  Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	TEA BREAK	<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	LUNCH	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	DINNER	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b>
	<b>Food and Drink</b> Learn about local and regional specialities and the history behind some of our famous dishes.		<b>Advanced Social English</b> Colloquial English and successful interaction: how to be 'spontaneous' in your conversation		<b>Introduction to London</b> 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.		
<b>DAY 6</b>  Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Study Tour – London</b> 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 visit the British Museum and National Gallery.  You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs.					DINNER	<b>Cultural activities with RAs</b>

<p><b>DAY 7</b></p> <p>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August</p>	<p>BREAKFAST (Sign up in advance)</p>	<p><b>Weekend</b></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"> <li>• London</li> <li>• Cambridge</li> <li>• Bath</li> <li>• The Cotswolds</li> <li>• Blenheim Palace</li> <li>• Stonehenge</li> <li>• Bristol</li> <li>• Brighton</li> </ul> <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><b>DAY 8</b></p> <p>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</p>	<p>BREAKFAST (sign up in advance)</p>	<p><b>Weekend</b></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><b>Free time</b></p>

**WEEK TWO**

<b>DAY 9</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>		<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>		<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>		<b>EVENING</b>
<p>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Academic Debating Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressing your opinion and comments</li> <li>• Dis/agreeing</li> <li>• Asking for/giving opinions</li> <li>• Language of persuasion</li> <li>• Turn-taking</li> <li>• Rhetorical questions</li> </ul>	TEA BREAK	<p><b>Mini-debate</b></p> <p>Work in teams to improve your intonation and practise your negotiation skills. You will also improve your confidence in public speaking.</p>	LUNCH	<p><b>Phonology Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connected speech in natural English</li> <li>• Noticing and practising assimilation and elision</li> <li>• Intonation as a reflection of politeness</li> </ul>	DINNER	<p><b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b></p>
<p><b>DAY 10</b></p> <p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Contemporary Youth Culture</b></p> <p>Britain has been at the forefront of youth culture since the 1950s. Explore the world of fashion and music enjoyed by young people.</p>	TEA BREAK	<p><b>Youth Language, Slang and Idioms</b></p> <p>Learn how social factors have shaped the language used by young people.</p>	LUNCH	<p><b>Literature and Arts</b></p> <p>Britain has a long and rich literary and artistic heritage. Discover how Britain’s geography, history and society have shaped and influenced its culture and artists.</p>	DINNER	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>



<p><b>DAY 11</b></p> <p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>09:00 – 12:30</b></p>		<p>LUNCH</p>	<p><b>14:00 – 16:00</b></p>	<p>DINNER</p>	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>	
<p><b>Collaborative Writing Activity</b> Students work together to create an effective text. Explore the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku.</p>		<p><b>Lecture</b> <b>Current Political Issues in the UK</b> This lecture covers the British Political constitution and the main parties.  The lecture is followed by activities and a Q and A session.</p>					
<p><b>DAY 12</b></p> <p>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Study of a Literary Icon – William Shakespeare:</b> an introduction to the life, language and works of England’s most famous dramatist</p>	<p>TEA BREAK</p>	<p><b>Vocabulary Development</b> A session on the rich idiomatic expressions created by Shakespeare in current use</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>	<p><b>Introduction to Stratford upon Avon</b> 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>DINNER</p>	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>

<p><b>DAY 13</b></p> <p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Study Tour – Stratford upon Avon</b></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>DINNER</p>	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>
<p><b>DAY 14</b></p> <p>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Weekend</b></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><b>DAY 15</b></p> <p>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Weekend</b></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**

<b>DAY 16</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>		<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>		<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>		<b>EVENING</b>
<p>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Current Affairs</b> The language of journalism - an exploration of daily publications and their journalistic influence on society</p>	TEA BREAK	<p><b>Current Social Issues in the UK</b> An overview of the current challenges facing Britain's social policy makers</p>	LUNCH	<p><b>History of Modern Pop Music</b> Chart the rise of pop music in the UK and discuss its influence on society, from the 1950s to the present day.</p>	DINNER	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>
<p>DAY 17 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Lecture</b> <b>Current Business Issues in the UK and EU</b> Examine the latest trends in the UK macro economy. Consider implications for the economy and businesses.</p> <p>This lecture will include activities and discussions, and followed by a question and answer session.</p>			LUNCH	<p><b>Academic Proposal or Personal Statement and Effective Interview Techniques</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn how to create maximum impact and increase your chances of success.</li> <li>• Look at how to make a strong impression during an academic or professional interview.</li> </ul>	DINNER	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>

<b>DAY 18</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>		<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>		<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>		<b>EVENING</b>
<p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</p>	<p><b>The British Film Industry</b> Find out about Britain’s rich cinematic history from the earliest silent movies to the magic of the Harry Potter films.</p>	TEA BREAK	<p><b>Presentations Workshop 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fine-tuning of presentations</li> <li>• Emphatic language</li> <li>• Handling questions</li> <li>• Intonation and sentence/word stress</li> </ul> <p>Connecting with your audience</p>	LUNCH	<p><b>British vs American English</b> Explore the differences in vocabulary and pronunciation between these two major variants of English.</p>	DINNER	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>
<p><b>DAY 19</b> Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</p>	<p><b>End of Programme Presentations</b> Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience. Each presentation will be followed by a Q and A session.</p>	TEA BREAK	<p><b>End of Programme Presentations (continued)</b></p>	LUNCH	<p><b>Presentation feedback and end of course assessment</b></p>	DINNER	<p><b>Cultural activities with RAs</b></p>

<p><b>DAY 20</b></p> <p>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</p>	<p>BREAKFAST</p>	<p><b>FREE DAY</b></p> <p>Free time (as explained on day 7). Please note that breakfast is the only meal you are entitled to on this day.</p>	<p><b>GALA DINNER</b></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.</p> <p>This is a special event so please wear smart clothes!</p>
<p><b>DAY 21</b></p> <p>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September</p>	<p>BREAKFAST</p>	<p><b>DEPARTURE DAY</b></p> <p>You will need to check out of your room in Hertford College by 10am!</p>	

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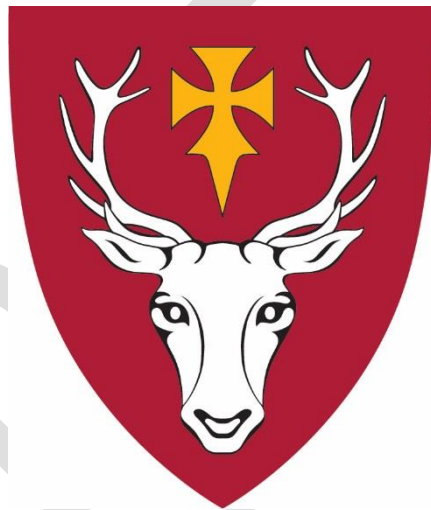
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