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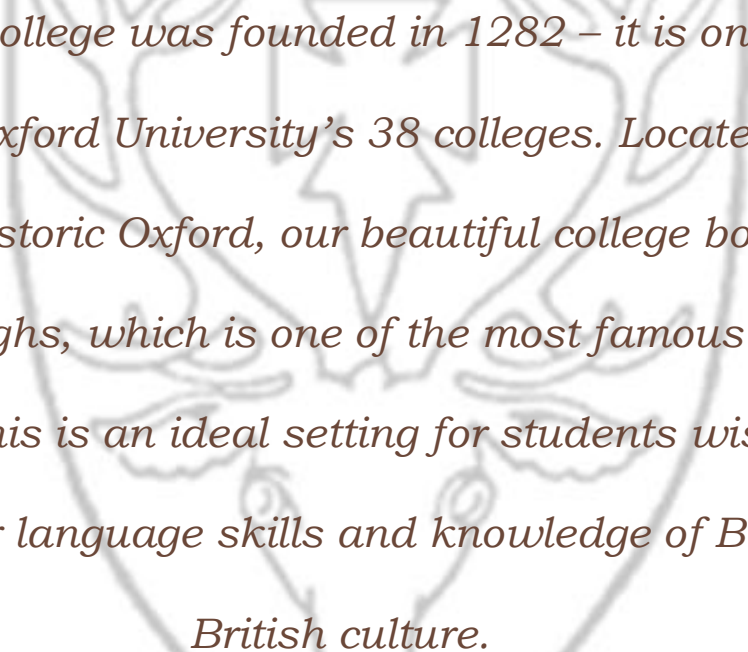
Hertford College, Oxford

Advanced English and British Culture Programme

SUMMER 2016

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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. This 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.
- On **free-weekdays** (Monday-Friday) you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The following pages outline your academic programme

<u>WEEK ONE</u>	9.00 –10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening
ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Monday 11th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University Accommodation. • On arrival: meal and welcome information. 						
Day 2 Tuesday 12th July <i>First teaching day</i>	Introduction to the advanced English and British Culture programme English Language assessment Students complete a placement test.	B R E A K	Introduction to Oxford University and the Tutorial System Followed by a look at the application process and life as an Oxford student with a Q and A session by Oxford students.	L U N C H	Welcome Tea at 3.00pm: Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College's historic dining hall. Please wear smart clothes. Bring your camera!	D I N N E R	Orientation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Wednesday 13th July	Aspects of Oxford Presentations by students based on the pre-course task. Each mini presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.	B R E A K	Academic writing 1 An introduction to academic writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note taking • Proof reading • Introduction and conclusion • Paraphrasing 	L U N C H	Out and About Tour of Discovery: A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of this beautiful city.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: College tour - visit some of Oxford's most renowned colleges)

WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2 – 4pm		Evening
Day 8 Monday 18th July	British Culture Topic Education An overview of the current system from elementary to further education, and a discussion of issues facing students today	B R E A K	British Culture Topic Continued... Pronunciation Connected speech in natural English: noticing and practicing assimilation and elision	L U N C H	International Job seeking skills 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing successful personal statements, letters of application and CVs. • Researching a company 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: inter-collegiate sports evening)
Day 9 Tuesday 19th July	British Culture Topic Food and Drink British food and drink is becoming better known and understood throughout the world. Find out why and how.	B R E A K	British Culture Topic Continued... Social English (Example) How to interact effectively and politely in a variety of situations	L U N C H	Presentation Workshop 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language check • Intonation and sentence/word stress • Body language and communicating with your audience 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: go to a gig - jazz, blues, rock, pop - in Oxford with your RAs)
Day 10 Wednesday 20th July	British Culture Topic Youth Culture Britain has been at the forefront of youth culture since the 1950's. Explore the world of fashion and music enjoyed by young people. The lecture is illustrated with video clips and is followed by a discussion and activities.			L U N C H	Youth language, slang and idioms Learn how social factors have shaped the language used by young people.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: listen to classical music at the Sheldonian Theatre or in an Oxford College)

Day 11 Thursday 21st July	British Culture topic History of modern pop music An exploration of musical influences on modern culture, from the 1950's – the present day	B R E A K	Current Affairs Discover how newspapers capture the interest of their readers by creating effective headlines.	L U N C H	Introduction to Bath Learn about the history of this beautiful city and World Heritage Site.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: party with students from other universities)
Day 12 Friday 22nd July	Study tour: Bath and Lacock Village You will visit the Roman town of Bath. Visit the Roman Baths and also the Pump Rooms, a very elegant tearoom made famous in the eighteenth-century. Explore the streets and shops of this beautiful little city, going on to visit the quintessentially English village of Lacock. You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach and you will travel back to Oxford in time for Dinner in the evening.						
Day 13 Saturday 23rd July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 14 Sunday 24th July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
WEEK THREE	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2-4pm		Evening
Day 15 Monday 25th July	British Culture Topic Money and Work Examine the current state of the economy and the issues facing the employers and the workforce.	B R E A K	British Culture Topic Continued... Vocabulary development Related word groups	L U N C H	International Job Seeking Skills 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview techniques and strategies Roleplay 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: visit a historic Oxford pub)

Day 20 Saturday 30th July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 21 Sunday 31st July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
WEEK FOUR	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2 – 4pm		Evening
Day 22 Monday 1st August	British Culture Topic Multicultural Britain Discover the history of immigration to the UK and the influence this has had on culture and lifestyles.	B R E A K	British Culture Topic Continued... Vocabulary Development A workshop on phrasal verbs	L U N C H	Collaborative writing activity 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 (Suggestion: Traditional British board games)
Day 23 Tuesday 2nd August	British Culture Topic Literature and Arts 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.	B R E A K	British Culture Topic Continued ... Vocabulary Development Idiomatic expressions from Shakespeare	L U N C H	Study of a Cultural Icon William Shakespeare: an introduction to the life, language and works of England's most famous dramatist	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: Film night)

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