



Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai) at

Hertford College, Oxford

Advanced English and British Culture Programme

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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

WEEK ONE	9.00 –10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00-4.00pm		Evening
ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Monday 11 th July	 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 12 th July First teaching day	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	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: • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Wednesday 13 th 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: 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)

	British Culture Topic	В	Architecture in Oxford	L	Presentation Workshop 1	D	Cultural activities
Day 4	The United Kingdom	R	Learn about the history and	U	Introduction to student	- 1	with RAs
,	Deepen your knowledge of how	Ε	functions of some of	N	presentations	N	(Suggestion:
Thursday 14 th	the four constituent countries	Α	Oxford's most famous	С	How to plan and deliver a	N	attend an evening
	fit together to form the UK.	K	buildings.	Н	presentation effectively.	Ε	lecture)
July					, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	R	
	Pronunciation workshop:	В	Oxford's Famous Faces:	L	Introduction to London	D	Cultural activities
Day 5	 Word stress and Rhythm 	R	This session explores the	U	Learn about the history and	- 1	with RAs
	Intonation in polite	Ε	achievements of some of the	N	cultural highlights of the capital	N	(Suggestion:
Friday 15 th July	requests	Α	well-known alumni of Oxford	С	city. You will also have the	N	watch a
		K	University	Н	opportunity to study some of the	E	Shakespeare play
	Vocabulary development				treasures in the British Museum	R	in an Oxford
	English neologisms (new words)				and National Gallery in		College garden)
					preparation for tomorrow's visit		
	Study tour: London						
Day 6							
					s of London in the comfort and safety	-	-
Saturday 16 th	will also visit the British Museum a	and Na	ational Gallery. Afterwards you a	re fre	e to spend the afternoon in London w	ith you	ur RAs.
July							
Jany							
	Weekend						
Day 7			ou wish to stay in Oxford, your R	As are	available for Oxford activities, such a	s punt	ing, walking tours,
	shopping, college and museum vis						
Sunday 17 th	Alternatively, some students choo	se to	travel independently to a nearby	/ place	e of interest such as:		
July	• London						
July	 Stratford upon Avon 						
	Warwick Castle						
	 Cambridge 						
	Bath						
	Brighton						
	 Liverpool 						
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	I nese trips are not included in the	prog	ramme price. Your KAs are availa	ob elde	offer advice and support about trave	ı arran	igements.

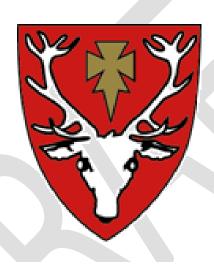
WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2 – 4pm		Evening
Day 8 Monday 18 th July	British Culture Topic Education An overview of the current system from elementary to further education, and a discussion of issues facing students today	B R E A K	British Culture Topic Continued Pronunciation Connected speech in natural English: noticing and practicing assimilation and elision	L U N C	 International Job seeking skills 1: 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 19 th 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 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 20 th 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.				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 21 st 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 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 22 nd July	eighteenth-century. Explore the st	ath. V treets	and shops of this beautiful little	city, g	np Rooms, a very elegant tearoom ma oing on to visit the quintessentially En oach and you will travel back to Oxfor	nglish v	village of Lacock.
Day 13 Saturday 23 rd July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 14 Sunday 24 th 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 25 th 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 Interview techniques and strategies Roleplay 	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: visit a historic Oxford pub)

	Business ethics and corporate	В	Business in Britain	L	Team building and leadership	D	Cultural activities
Day 16	decision-making	R	Case study of a successful	U	Learn how to plan and manage a	- 1	with RAs
•	How companies respond to the	Ε	UK business	Ν	successful, motivated team.	Ν	(Suggestion: enjoy
Tuesday 26 th	ever-changing demands of the	Α		С		N	the famous
-	global marketplace	K		Н		Ε	"Oxford Blue" ice
July						R	cream with your
							RAs in a local cafe)
	British Culture Topic			L	Academic Writing 2	D	Cultural activities
Day 17	The British Film Industry			U	 Comparison/Contrast Essays 	- 1	with RAs
	Find out about Britain's rich cinen		·	N	Active/passive voice in writing	N	(Suggestion: Go
Wednesday	movies and newsreels to the mag		•	С	 References and bibliography 	N	for a river or canal
27 th July	lecture includes analysis and discu	ussion	of video clips from relevant	Н		E	side walk with
27 July	films.					R	your RAs)
	The language of debate	В	Debating Skills	L	Introduction to Blenheim Palace	D	Cultural activities
Day 18	 Dis/agreeing 	R	Mini debate in groups	U	and the Cotswolds	1	with RAs
-	Asking for/ giving opinion	Ε		N	Built for the grandfather of	N	(Suggestion:
Thursday 28 th	Language of persuasion	Α		С	Winston Churchill, this majestic	N	attend a British
July		K		Н	palace is nestled in the hills of the	Е	quiz or popular
July					stunning Cotswolds. Find out	R	games night with
					about this landmark and the		your RAs)
					history of the area.		
	Study tour: Blenheim Palace and	The C	otswolds		<u> </u>		1
Day 19				_			
				ke a to	ur of its beautiful state rooms and you	ı will v	isit The Cotswolds,
Friday 29 th July	an area of outstanding natural be						
-,,		led by	the RAs. Transport will be by pr	ivate c	oach. You will be brought back to Oxf	ord in	time for dinner in
	the evening.						

Day 20	Weekend								
Saturday 30 th	Free time (as explained on day 7)	ree time (as explained on day 7)							
Day 21 Sunday 31 st 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 1 st 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 2 nd 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)		

Day 24 Wednesday 3 rd August	End of Course Review Review all language and topics covered in the programme.	B R E A K	Presentation workshop 3 • Fine-tuning of Presentations • Emphatic language • Handling questions	L U N C H	Vocabulary Development American vs British English. Explore the fascinating differences in vocabulary and pronunciation between these two major variants of English.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: go on a Ghost Tour of central Oxford)
Day 25 Thursday 4 th August	 Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience. 	B R E A K	End of Course Presentations (cont.)	L U N C H	Presentation feedback and end of course assessment	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs (Suggestion: go punting along the river)
Day 26 Friday 5 th August	Free time (as explained on day 7) GALA DINNER Celebrate your success at a memory certificate at the end-of-course certificate at the end-of-course with the second secon	remoi	ıy.		hall at Hertford College where you wi	ll be p	resented with a
Day 27 Saturday 6 th August	Departure day You will be accompanied by the R.	As in a	private coach to the airport.				



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