July - August 2017



ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

A top British Council Accredited UK Summer School



















St Edmund's College is England's oldest Catholic school



A fantastic way to improve language competence through task-based learning whilst experiencing UK culture.

Welcome to the Summer School at St Edmund's College

St Edmund's College has a long established reputation for welcoming and educating international students. The Summer School is an integral part of the College and promotes high standards of personal achievement, conduct and community spirit. These summer courses are an ideal preparation for transition to the main school or to another British school.

The Summer School was established in 1996, and is currently one of the top accredited Summer Schools in the UK according to El Gazette's rankings. In August 2013 we were awarded 14 areas of excellence in our British Council inspection.

The educational experience provided at our Summer School offers new learning opportunities through classroom and excursion-based activities designed to challenge and extend personal development and language competence. Native speakers and bilingual students are welcome.

The Summer School at St Edmund's takes place in the historic College campus which offers modern facilities in a magnificent country setting in rural Hertfordshire. This safe and stimulating learning environment is only a short distance to London, Cambridge and many other excursion venues.

An excellent feature of the course is the afternoon ETOS (English Through Other Subjects) programme on four afternoons a week, with a wide choice of subjects as diverse as diverse as SCUBA diving, dancing or Shakespeare!



Summer School Age Range

Middle School: 11 - 12 years Senior school: 13 - 15 years Sixteen Plus: 16 - 17 years

Students must be a minimum of 11 years on 1 January 2017 and a maximum of 17 years on arrival.

Our 3 or 6 week education programme is creatively designed to make the most of the English speaking environment, with educational visits, sightseeing, shopping and theatre trips supporting classroom based learning and activities which provide structured opportunities to practice and develop language skills.

The Summer School is a very happy place. The College has thorough safety and security systems to protect your child during their stay. Students travel by College transport and never travel alone or on public transport.



College Life and Excursions

The educational experience provided at our Summer School is intended to complement the child's teaching and learning at home.

Each week is a mixture of in-class learning, vocational activities and off-site excursions. At St Edmund's College we pride ourselves on our blend of educational rigour with diverse opportunities for fun, relaxation and leisure.

The course provides 20 hours of class-based teaching per week plus educational trips and visits.

All of these are included in the fees. There are no extras to pay.

	08:45		10:00		11:15	12:30	13:30		14:45	15:30-21:00
Monday	English 1	Break	English 2	Break	English 3	Lunch	ETOS	Break	ETOS	Social Programme
Tuesday	English 1	Bre	English 2	Bre	English 3	Ē	ETOS	Bre	ETOS	Social Programme
Wednesday	Study Trip Excursions								Social Programme	
Thursday	English 1		English 2		English 3		ETOS		ETOS	Social Programme
Friday	English 1		English 2		English 3		ETOS		ETOS	Social Programme
Saturday	Sightseeing and Shopping Excursions									
Sunday	Sport and Social Programme								Induction	

This is an example of a Week 2 timetable.

Class Visits

Each week there is a full-day class visit to a famous site in England. The site will be chosen for its historical or cultural importance, and is of educational interest to young people.

The students prepare the visit in advance with their class teacher, will have a guided tour of the site and will complete an educational project related to the visit. Visits are chosen to be suitable for the age and ability of the students in the class.

Theatre Trips

Each class will have the opportunity to go to the theatre. The show will be chosen to suit the age and English ability of the student. Shows such as *Wicked*, *War Horse*, and *Matilda* have become legendary around the world. This is both an educational experience and a good exercise in understanding English. The visit is prepared and studied for in class time.

Shopping and Sightseeing

On two out of the five excursion days students will also visit famous sightseeing destinations and have the chance to go shopping in a large out-of-town shopping centre. Recent highlights include The London Eye, the British seaside and Chislehurst Caves!



English Language Classes and Teaching Methods

Your child will receive 12 hours of morning classes and 8 hours of afternoon classes each week.

At St Edmund's College Summer School we subscribe to the Task and Content-based teaching styles, whereby children are taught English through interactive learning activities which aim to present and practice language through real-world tasks.

The lessons are closely based around the weekly educational excursions; for example, if a class is going to visit the Tower of London, then the lesson content might be British history with a focus on past tense verbs.

All of our teachers are qualified and experienced professionals. The children in each class will be of a mixture of nationalities and first languages. We pride ourselves on creating classroom environments which are stimulating, inclusive and rich in educational content.

English Through Other Subjects (ETOS)

13:30 to 15:30 four afternoon classes per week



This part of the course provides eight hours of English teaching through a subject of the student's choice. The courses are delivered by qualified specialists. Class size varies according to subject with a maximum student to teacher ratio of 14:1. Courses are chosen on a weekly basis.

There are up to 20 different subjects, most are suitable for all ages, while some are only available for older students. The teachers will help you to choose suitable subjects for study.

ETOS class subjects:

Below are some examples of possible ETOS classes:

- Art
- Ceramics and Pottery
- Climbing
- Dance
- Digital Art
- Drama, Theatre and Film
- Examination Preparation
- Food Technology
- Football
- Horse Riding*
- Intensive English
- Local History
- Music
- Painting and Drawing
- Scuba Diving*
- Shakespeare for Beginners
- Sports Studies
- Swimming & Survival
- Tennis
- Trampolining

*Some ETOS courses are paid optional extras. These can be reserved and paid for when booking your child's place at the Summer School.



Examinations

For an additional fee, we will prepare your child for a Trinity College London ISE or IELTS examination, which they will then take at the end of their course.

Your child will have several hours of examination preparation classes in the afternoons (13:30 to 15:30) so that they are fully prepared.

Dates & Fees 2017

Trinity College London ISE Exam:

2 weeks: 11-21 July or 1-11 August Trinity ISE examinations period: 24-29 July or 14-19 August Trinity ISE examination fee: £100

IELTS Examination:

3 weeks: 11-28 July or 1-18 August IELTS examination: 29 July or 19 August IELTS examination fee: £180

Certificates will be sent to parents after the end of the course.

The fees include all costs and administration, and in the case of IELTS, transport to and from the test venue.

Sports and Activities

After school and at weekends we offer a fully supervised range of sports and activities on campus plus optional local excursions. The programme is designed to be inclusive, and there is always a choice of supervised, free activities to join in.

On campus we have a sports hall for basketball, badminton, 5-a-side football, an indoor heated swimming pool for recreational swimming and water polo, six tennis courts, a table-tennis room and plenty of sports fields where we organise everything from "Mini-Olympics" to volleyball and archery.

Other organised activities on campus include discos, barbecues, international evenings, competitions, Karaoke parties, music practice and talent shows. For the students who prefer quiet time, we have library time, IT club, and arts & crafts.

Off campus we arrange local trips to ten-pin-bowling, ice-skating, rock-climbing, Quasar, golf and canoeing. We can also go out in the school minibus to see the latest movie at the local cinema or a music concert (all in English of course!).





Optional Extras

Horse Riding
Dates & Fees 2017

Duration: From 1 to 6 weeks Available each week

Fee £180 per week

Horse riding courses with British Horse Society / Association British Riding Schools qualified instructors at Contessa Riding & Training Centre.

The course includes four ridden sessions and four practical horse management lectures each week. It is possible to study from 1 to 6 weeks. The sessions cater to all ages and levels of expertise - from beginners to seasoned riders. Each session is divided into one hour's riding and a second hour on horse care and stable management. On the final day the students can try 'vaulting' - which is a kind of gymnastics on horseback! Students will receive a certification of their achievements for the week. We arrange transport to and from the centre, and provide all necessary equipment.

More details are available at: www.contessariding.co.uk

SCUBA Diving

Dates & Fees 2017

Duration: 1 week Available each week

Course fee £120

Your child can take part in a *PADI Discover SCUBA* course with our qualified instructors in the College swimming pool.

Over four, 2-hour sessions, the students will cover:

- Basic safety guidelines and skills needed to dive under the direct supervision of a PADI professional
- SCUBA equipment you use to dive, and how easy it is to move around underwater
- What it is like to breathe underwater
- Key skills that are used during every dive.

Students will also have fun swimming around and exploring underwater, in the safety of our own pool!

Cambridge Insight Programme
Dates & Fees 2017

Course dates: 21 to 23 July or 4 to 6 August

Course fee £480

In collaboration with our partners at Oxbridge Academy Courses, we have designed a weekend programme for students who would like to experience first-hand what it is like to live and study at Cambridge University.

During the second weekend of either the July or August course, the students will travel to Cambridge to live in the Halls of a historic Cambridge University College for two nights.

They will study under the expert tuition of Oxbridge Academy Courses, performing experiments, attending lectures and engaging in project work.

This course is only available to students aged 15 or over, and with a B2 level of English.













Middle School - Educational Visit Itinerary 2017

Saturday 15 July

Burghley House & Peterborough We visit this classic stately home with its exquisite sculpture garden — and let our Summer School pupils try some sculpturing themselves! Followed by a ride on a steam train on the heritage Nene Valley Railway.

Wednesday 19 July

The Lion King & Shopping A matinee performance of the world-famous *Lion King* musical in London's West End, followed by shopping at Westfield White City shopping centre.

Saturday 22 July

Greenwich A trip to the recently re-built Cutty Sark clipper boat, followed by a visit to the National Maritime Museum in the Royal Borough of Greenwich in London.

Tuesday 25 July

Buckingham Palace A unique opportunity to visit the Queen's residence, which is only open for a few weeks a year!

Saturday 29 July

Southend & Shopping A trip to see the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island seaside funfair, with rides, Candy-floss and ice-cream. Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

Saturday 5 August

Natural History Museum & Hyde Park pupils see the world-renowned Natural History Museum, followed by a trip around one of London's most iconic parks.

Wednesday 9 August

Matilda & Shopping Roald Dahl's classic novel adapted for the West End Theatre, followed by Shopping at Westfield White City in the afternoon.

Saturday 12 August

The Golden Hinde & Sealife Aquarium A day on the Thames in London! We start off learning about Sir Francis Drake on the Golden Hinde boat in London Bridge, followed by a trip to the aquarium in Westminster.

Wednesday 16 August

Ely Cathedral & Cambridge A guided tour of the medieval Ely Cathedral, including a climb up to the very top! Followed by a trip to university town Cambridge in the afternoon.

Saturday 19 August

Clacton & Shopping A visit to the seaside on the Essex coast – the classic Clacton Pier. Plenty of retro fun, and a chance for the children to see a side of England that tourists don't usually see! Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.















Senior School - Educational Visit Itinerary 2017

Saturday 15 July

Chatham Dockyards We take the students to the historic dockyards in Chatham and learn about historic warships, lifeboats and life at sea.

Wednesday 19 July

Hampton Court Palace & Regents Park Open Air Theatre

One of the world-famous residences of Henry VIII! The afternoon is spent exploring this classic palace and its extensive opulent gardens. Then, dinner out in London followed by a show at Regents Park Open Air Theatre.

Saturday 22 July

Southend & Shopping A trip to see the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island seaside funfair, with rides, Candy-floss and ice-cream. Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

Tuesday 25 July

Greenwich Planetarium Pupils learn about the universe at the Greenwich Planetarium, followed by a boat trip down the River Thames.

Saturday 29 July

Central London & Shopping A walking tour of central London, going from Oxford Circus to Westminster: See the most iconic of central London's landmarks, followed by shopping at Westfield White City.

Saturday 5 August

Museum of London One of London's most engaging and accessible museums; the Museum of London is built for young people who are eager to learn. After lunch, a bus tour of London with a commentary explaining the local sights.

Wednesday 9 August

Cambridge tour & Open Air Theatre A guided tour of Cambridge city centre, followed by dinner in town and a show at Cambridge Open Air Theatre!

Saturday 12 August

Clacton & Shopping A visit to the seaside on the Essex coast – the classic Clacton Pier. Plenty of retro fun, and a chance to see a side of England that tourists don't usually see! Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 16 August

Kew Gardens The world famous Botanical Gardens at Kew have to be seen to be believed – over 300 acres to explore!

Saturday 19 August

Chislehurst Caves & Shopping A guided tour underground in the dark and spooky Chislehurst Caves! Followed by shopping at Bluewater Shopping Centre in the afternoon.













Sixteen Plus - Educational Visit Itinerary 2017

Saturday 15 July

Houses of Parliament A guided tour of the UK Government's headquarters, followed by a walk through and around historic Westminster.

Wednesday 19 July

National Theatre & Evening Theatre We spend the afternoon and evening at the National Theatre. We begin with a guided tour of the building, followed by an educational workshop. Then, we have an evening meal on the South Bank and see a show at the Theatre!

Saturday 22 July

Southend & Shopping A trip to see the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island seaside funfair, with rides, Candy-floss and ice-cream. Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

Tuesday 25 July

Greenwich Project A full-day class project at the Royal Borough of Greenwich – one of London's most historic and prestigious locations.

Saturday 29 July

Windsor & Shopping A peaceful boat trip from Runnymede to Windsor to see the famous castle, followed by a little time to wander around the town then shopping at Westfield White City.

Saturday 5 August

Cambridge A guided tour of this famous university city, followed by punting on the River Cam.

Wednesday 9 August

Shakespeare's Globe A unique opportunity to be shown around this world-famous theatre and do an acting workshop run by real life Shakespearean actors. Then dinner by the Thames, followed by a show at the theatre in the evening.

Saturday 12 August

Clacton & Shopping A visit to the sea-side on the Essex coast – the classic Clacton Pier. Plenty of retro fun, and a chance to see a side of England that tourists don't usually see! Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 16 August

Thames River Project A day-long field project on and around the River Thames. The classes themselves will design and conduct their own project work based on London's iconic river.

Saturday 19 August

The Shard & Shopping A chance to go to the top of London's tallest building. The views have to be seen to be believed! Afterwards, lunch next to Tower Bridge — followed by shopping at Westfield Stratord.



Additional Information

Location and arrival

St Edmund's is set in an impressive 400 acre site, with excellent transport links to London and the surrounding counties. The school is only 20 minutes from London Stansted Airport.

We can collect your child from London Stansted (STN), London Luton (LTN) or London Heathrow (LHR) on the Monday they arrive, and escort them back to the airport on their final Sunday (between 09:00 - 17:00). There is no extra fee for this.

Accommodation

St Edmund's College is a fully residential campus during the Summer School. Students live in the main building in twin study bedrooms according to their age and gender, sharing with a student of a similar age but different language, so that the children can make new friends and practise their English more. Each corridor has its own showers and toilets. House Parents are responsible for the students and liaise closely with teachers regarding their progress and general well being.

After a very busy day of school classes and activities, there are TV/common rooms and games rooms for the evenings, and public telephones for receiving telephone calls. There are also computer rooms for use in the evening and controlled Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the College.

Food

Students choose from a selection of three main meals freshly cooked and served by our kitchens each day. We actively encourage healthy eating and attending meal times is compulsory. Special dietary requirements can be catered for by prior request.

31 July - 20 August £2,900

Fees include: Full-time 3 week education programme including 3 full-day educational visits, 2 sightseeing and shopping trips and one theatre visit. Full board accommodation in twin bedrooms in the College, sharing with a student of similar age but different nationality. Weekly laundry, Enrolment Fee and Educational materials. Escorted arrival on Monday and departure Sunday (between hours 09.00 - 17.00 only).









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