



ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

Prospectus 2023



Welcome to St Edmund's College

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Why choose St Edmund's?



St Edmund's College was founded in 1568 and is set in an impressive 400-acre site where our historic campus offers modern facilities in a magnificent country setting, providing a safe and stimulating environment for young minds.

We have a long-established tradition of welcoming students from all over the world and our Summer Schools have been offering programmes for over 25 years.

At the St Edmund's College Summer School, we believe that for children to grow up prepared for life in the 21st century, education must focus on the whole individual. Our programmes offer students a fully integrated experience where they can learn, explore and develop through a mixture of classwork, excursions, artistic expression, sports, fun, relaxation and socialisation.

Our programmes provide 22 hours of class-based and instruction-based teaching per week, a full schedule of on and off-site activities and full day off-site excursions twice a week.

A truly multicultural summer school

With a mixture of students studying English language, students who are already native English speakers and British students attending our summer schools, we create a truly multicultural and international experience for everyone

Fixed course dates for a true community experience

We have fixed course dates, rather than rolling enrolments, which provides a better experience for our students. Everyone has their first day together, grows in confidence together and forms a real community. This avoids the experience of a student arriving on their first day and feeling that everybody else already knows each other.

English tuition and Global Skills options

Some students may be new to learning English language, others might be bilingual, and some may be fluent speakers looking to experience the British boarding school life and culture.

We offer tuition to suit different language abilities. This includes an option for students who already have a high level of English language proficiency with particular focus on Global Skills lesson content.

Why choose St Edmund's?

Fully qualified subject teachers

We have a high standard of staff on our summer school with a year-round management team and many of St Edmund's College's own teachers working with us each summer.

Action packed, fun and engaging personalised timetables

Our programmes have options for different abilities and interests, promising you an amazing experience you will remember for life. We pride ourselves on the variety of activities on offer, ensuring that there really is something to excite and stimulate everyone.

Students supervised at all times by caring, qualified and enthusiastic staff

The welfare of our students will always be our number one priority and our care for them is of an exceptionally high standard with a staff-to-student ratio of 1:4 which is among the best in the industry.

Two educational excursions per week

The opportunity to experience education outside the classroom is always an exciting adventure. Some excursions are educational, others are for sight-seeing but all are met with eager anticipation by students as an opportunity to combine culture with fun as we explore the UK together.



On site accommodation in our boarding houses

All students live in the St Edmund's College boarding houses which are situated in the main buildings and have all reached the high standards required by school inspectors. After a very busy day of classes and activities, there are TV/common rooms and games rooms for the evenings plus computer rooms and full Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the College.

British Council Accredited

Our 'Global Skills in English Summer School' content is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK and was awarded 13 areas of strength in our 2017 inspection, then successfully passed our re-inspection in 2022, which means that this summer school programme and content is ranked in the top 5% of UK English language centres.



Our campus



SPORTS FIELDS

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ASTROTURF PITCHES

TENNIS COURTS

SPORTS HALL

BOARDING ROOMS

MUSIC ROOMS

SCIENCE LABS

CLASSROOMS

REFECTORY

ICT SUITES

SWIMMING POOL

ART STUDIOS

CRICKET PITCH



Living with us



For the duration of our summer schools, St Edmund's College is a student's home and we strive to make their experience an enriching, happy and comfortable one.

Accommodation

St Edmund's College is a fully residential campus during the summer school. Typically, students live on boarding house corridors in the main College building, in twin bedrooms arranged in corridors for boys and corridors for girls with students of a similar age living in the same corridor.

In each bedroom there are 2 students* of different nationality, so that they can make new friends from different countries and practise their English language skills more. Each corridor has its own showers and toilets.

Students have TV/common rooms and games rooms for the evenings, public telephones for receiving telephone calls and a video call room is also available to use. There are also computer rooms for the evening, and full Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the College campus.

House Parents live on all boarding house corridors with the students and are responsible for making sure that everyone is healthy and happy. Each day these House Parents speak to the group to inform them about that day's activities and talk through any problems or concerns they may have.

* Occasionally we may need to move students into single or 3-bed bedrooms.



Living with us

Healthy Eating at the Summer School

Students meet for breakfast, lunch and dinner in our beautiful refectory. We actively encourage healthy eating and attending meal times is compulsory.

Our professional chefs and catering team serve three cooked meals every day when students are at the College.

On Friday nights we have barbecues, with classic favourites such as burgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken.

On excursion days the students take a packed lunch with them or are taken to a local restaurant.

We are happy to cater for any special dietary requirements or allergies and you can make us aware of these during the registration process.



We offer a huge variety of freshly cooked, tasty and nutritious meals. To give you a taster of this, here are a few examples of what is served each day:

Breakfast

- Toast, croissants, pancakes or Danish pastries
- Fresh fruit
- A selection of cereals, muesli or porridge
- Yoghurts or smoothies
- Cooked breakfast including bacon and sausages, eggs, beans, mushrooms, grilled tomatoes and potatoes
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate or fruit juice

Lunch

- Soup & bread as a starter
- A daily selection of freshly prepared salads including home cooked meats, vegetarian choices and chunky breads
- Cooked lunch such as pizza, frittata, fresh pasta dishes, roast chicken and vegetables or fish dishes plus vegetarian options.
- Regular themed meal days such as Caribbean, Thai and best of British themed foods
- Freshly made desserts including chocolate cake, crème caramel, brownies, homemade yoghurts or classic flapjacks
- Fruit juice, squash or water

Dinner

- Soup & bread as a starter
- A daily selection of freshly prepared salads including home cooked meats, vegetarian choices and chunky breads
- Cooked dinner such as cheeseburger and fries, mac & cheese, ratatouille vegetables with rice, pasta bakes and curries
- Once a week there is a large group BBQ
- Freshly made desserts including ice cream, apple pie with custard, trifle or fruit salad
- Fruit juice, squash or water

Snacks

- Students have access to a fresh fruit bar in case they would like a piece of fruit between meals
- There is a summer school Tuck Shop where students can find snacks and drinks as well as gifts and mementoes of St Edmund's College.
- In the evenings, we also provide toasted sandwiches to keep students going until bedtime



Health, support and wellbeing



The health and welfare of our students and staff will always be our number one priority.

Joining an international summer school is an exciting time but travelling far from home and meeting new people can be a nervous or worrying time. Support and wellbeing are the wraparound services we offer to ensure all students feel fully supported to make the most of their time at St Edmund's College.

Students are not just a name on a list, but young people who are well known to the staff and are nurtured to ensure that they achieve their full potential in all areas of summer school life.

Welfare Manager

Our management team includes a dedicated Welfare Manager whose full-time job is to make sure that all students are healthy and happy, and that any problems they may have are dealt with quickly and effectively.

Our Staff

We complete background checks on everyone who works for us, including Safeguarding checks and past employment references. All our staff must complete Child Protection training.

Campus Security

Our campus is not open to the public. All students and staff must wear special lanyards containing ID cards with their names and photographs on them. Anyone found on campus without one is challenged immediately. We also have 24/7 CCTV in all public areas.

Health Centre

All students have access to our own health centre which is situated within the College campus. It is a fully equipped medical surgery, staffed by qualified nurses.

COVID-19

In the midst of global uncertainty, we at St Edmund's College are dedicated to providing all of our students with a consistent and proactive level of care.

COVID-19 has and is testing the whole world to respond in ways not previously experienced. We are committed to the education and welfare of our students and are being continually guided by the UK Government and other organisations in our decision-making to ensure that we are operating in the safest manner possible.

More up-to-date information about our COVID-19 response can be seen on our website at www.stedmundcollege.com

Courses

Our programmes are designed to equip students with a blend of knowledge, skills and values in order for them to be successful agents of change in the world.

We offer two summer school options - in both options the morning session is divided into three distinct areas of focus, knowledge-based, skills-based and values-based.

Global Skills in English

A Global Skills focused programme where English language teaching is integrated into all sessions. This programme is for students who wish to improve their English language ability.

Knowledge-based sessions - Contains subject-specific learning objectives and teaches English through a Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) framework. Students may learn about history or politics, for example, with linguistic development integrated into the study.

Skills-based sessions - English is taught using a Task-Based-Learning (TBL) methodology. In these lessons you will learn how to do certain real-world skills, such as running a business, structuring an essay or conducting research.

Values-based sessions - We encourage you to challenge and develop the way that you see and interact with the world. Featuring activities such as debates, discussions and presentations.

Global Skills International

A programme for students that are native English speakers or already have a high level of English language ability with particular focus on Global Skills but without the English language lesson content.

Knowledge-based sessions - Contains subject-specific learning objectives where students may learn topics like history, politics or International Relations.

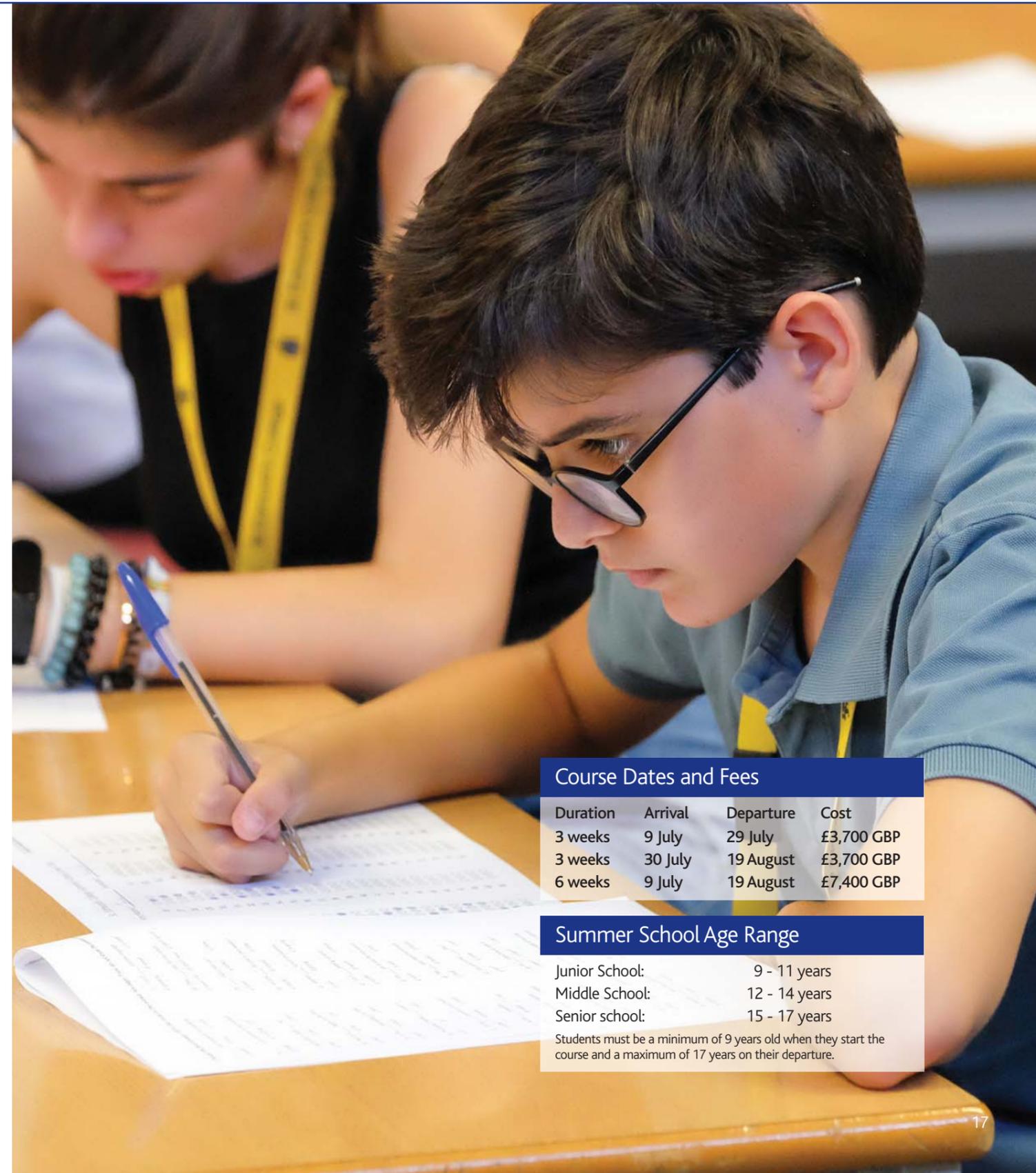
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All non-academic summer school content is shared, all students live, eat and mix together for all Afternoon Activity Sessions, Sports & Social Programmes and off-site Excursions. More up-to-date information about our course options can be seen on our website at www.stedmundscollege.com

A typical week

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Global Skills in English or Global Skills International	Global Skills in English or Global Skills International		Global Skills in English or Global Skills International	Global Skills in English or Global Skills International		Sports and Social Programme
Lunch	Lunch	Off-Site Excursion	Lunch	Lunch	Off-Site Excursion	Lunch
Afternoon Activity Sessions	Afternoon Activity Sessions		Afternoon Activity Sessions	Afternoon Activity Sessions		Sports and Social Programme
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Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
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Summer School Age Range

Junior School:	9 - 11 years
Middle School:	12 - 14 years
Senior school:	15 - 17 years

Students must be a minimum of 9 years old when they start the course and a maximum of 17 years on their departure.

Life outside the classroom

We believe that learning happens as much outside the class as inside.

We pride ourselves on the variety of co-curricular activities on offer, ensuring that there really is something to excite and stimulate everyone. These experiences are not just fun and a change from the classroom, but also a great opportunity to try new things, learn new skills and develop independence of thought and action.

This splits into three main areas:

- **Afternoon Activity Sessions** – these include a range of academic, art, sport and vocation-related subjects with each option lasting one week. You select your choices during enrolment and most options are included in the course prices, but a few have an additional fee.
- **Sports and Social Programme** – in addition to our structured educational programmes, these are designed to entertain, engage and provide fun social activities. There is a wide range of choices available.
- **Excursions** – these off-site trips happen twice a week and all students attend. Some are educational, and include trips to museums, zoos, stately homes or historic castles. Others are for sight-seeing, and typically include trips to local tourist attractions, theme parks and shopping centres.

Afternoon Activity Sessions

These courses are presented by specialists and qualified teachers / instructors. Class size varies according to subject with a maximum student to teacher ratio of 12:1.

The classes are pre-booked during the initial enrolment, but changes can be made later. All classes are one week in duration except for some Cambridge examination and IELTS courses, which are 2 weeks long.

The available options are as follows:

Music No fee 10 hours

Our music classes are for students who are already proficient in a musical instrument. Students are encouraged to stretch themselves by learning to recite a popular musical piece together with the other students and performing it at our end of course show.

Art & Design No fee 10 hours

These classes focus on developing student's artistic gifts and talents with focus on using practical skills (such as painting, drawing and sculpture) to produce physical artwork that they can be proud of.

Photography No fee 10 hours

This course offers an introduction to photographic composition and technique. They will study photography in the classroom and then explore the College to put into practice what they have learnt. The best photographs will be publicly showcased for the other students to enjoy.

Film No fee 10 hours

This comprises both Film Studies, where students analyse and learn about film technique and methodology, and Film Making, where they will work together to produce their own short films.

Health & Fitness No fee 10 hours

This course offers a circuit training style curriculum with students completing a range of aerobic and anaerobic exercise designed to show them how to stay strong, fit and healthy.

Pool Sports No fee 10 hours

The highly popular Pool Sports course includes games such as Water Volleyball and Water Polo. They will learn the rules and essential skills required to win. This course takes place in the classroom and in our on-site swimming pool.

International Games No fee 10 hours

Take part in a mixture of different sports each day – for example, Volleyball on Monday, Badminton on Tuesday, Netball on Thursday and Table Tennis on Friday. This course is for students who want to broaden their horizons by learning the basics and practicing a range of sports instead of focusing on just one.

Football / Basketball / Tennis No fee 10 hours

This will involve theory and practical sessions where students will study the skills and techniques of each sport in the classroom as well as engage in practical sessions using our excellent sports facilities.

Drama No fee 10 hours

These sessions encourage students to develop their imaginations and powers of expression in English. Drama is a fun and engaging way of learning by interacting creatively and collaboratively.

Dance No fee 10 hours

Our Dance sessions integrate listening, balance, strength and dexterity to offer a course that is fun, dynamic and different. They will learn a series of modern dance sequences to be performed at the end of course show.

Food Technology £80 10 hours

Taking place in our cookery classroom, students learn about the basics of cooking and food hygiene. Each day they will learn how to make a delicious meal or snack which they can take away with them.

Golf £130 10 hours

Students will get to grips with the basics of driving, pitching and putting at a local golf course. Over four afternoons they will play under the expert guidance of a PGA pro golfer.

Horse Riding £400 10 hours

This highly popular session is held at our local centre 15 minutes away from the College and caters to all ages and levels of expertise - from beginners to experienced riders. Each session is divided into one hour's riding and a second hour on horse care and stable management.

Outdoor Adventure Activities £140 10 hours

We offer a variety of dry and wet activities at our local aquatic adventure park. They will do a mixture of activities such as raft-building, rowing, paddle-boarding, sailing, kayaking, high ropes and team building.

Cambridge English course & exams £275-375 10 hours

The Cambridge English qualifications are widely recognised as trustworthy evidence of English language proficiency. We offer a one-week or two-week preparation course followed by an examination at a local assessment centre in Cambridge.

First (FCE) course and exam

£275 (one-week/10 hours) or £375 (two-weeks/20 hours)

Advanced (CAE) course and exam

£275 (one-week/10 hours) or £375 (two-weeks/20 hours)

IELTS course and exams £425 20 hours

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is an examination aimed at those who are intending to apply for a university in an English-speaking country. This session offers a preparation course and entry into an examination at a local assessment centre in Cambridge.

IELTS course and exam - £425 (two-weeks/20 hours)

One-to-One Tuition £70 1 hour

We offer one-to-one tuition with an experienced and qualified English language teacher and sessions can be designed exactly to your individual needs. Each tuition session lasts 1 hour and you can choose as many as you like.

Examples of subjects these sessions could include are academic writing, grammar, conversation and error correction, creative writing or pronunciation: listening and speaking.

We are happy to discuss any other options, ideas or topics you might have and full details for these sessions can be viewed on our website.

Life outside the classroom

Sports and Social Programme

We believe that the perfect complement to a rigorous academic syllabus is a comprehensive programme of sports, social activities and fun.

Our Sports and Social Programme sessions take place after Afternoon Activity Sessions and continues into the evenings after dinner.

Unlike the academic sessions and Afternoon Activity Sessions, our Sports and Social Programme is less structured, allowing students to come and go between different activities - or, if they prefer, they can sit and relax or socialise.

These take place all over our campus with sports on the front lawn and in our Butler Hall, arts and crafts in our historic Ambulacrum hall and daily movie night on a large screen in our King Room.

On Friday and Saturday nights we like to do something special like our popular Front Lawn Festival or discos and karaoke. On Sundays we have big group activities such as Capture the Flag and Sports Day.

We also have a lot of exciting off-site activities which students are given the option of attending one or two days beforehand.

On-site

- Arts & Crafts
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bingo
- Cricket
- Saturday night festival
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Gym
- IT room
- Library time
- Movie night
- Music
- Netball
- Pool party
- Quiz night
- Rounders
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water Volleyball
- Yoga

Off-site

- Bowling
- Cinema
- Crazy golf
- Go-karting
- Ice-skating
- Laser Kombat
- Aqua Splash fun park

Please note that availability is limited for off-site activities.



Excursions



Off-site excursions are an important part of the Summer School experience.

Our academic session content is linked to our weekly excursion venues. Additionally, most weekday afternoons and evenings some of our students will go to fun local venues.

We have 3 main types of off-site excursions that students can enjoy:

- **Full-day excursions** happen twice a week and all students attend these. Some are educational, and include trips to museums, zoos, stately homes or historic castles. Others are for sight-seeing, and typically include trips to local tourist attractions, theme parks and shopping centres.
- **Local excursions** are part of the Sports and Social Programme and involve trips to fun local venues such as cinemas, ice rinks, go-karting, bowling alleys and crazy golf. These are attended by smaller groups and students can sign-up for these a few days in advance.
- **The middle weekend excursion** is only for students staying longer than 3 weeks and is an overnight trip to a local adventure sports site. This takes place while students from the July programme travel home and students from the August programme arrive.

Examples of full day excursions include:

- The Natural History Museum
- Hyde Park
- London Eye
- Tate Modern
- The Tower of London
- Hampton Court Palace
- Victoria and Albert Museum
- Cambridge
- Windsor Castle
- London Zoo
- Wimbledon
- London Bus Tours
- Kew Garden
- West End Theatre Shows
- Thorpe Park Theme Park
- Colchester Zoo
- Dover Castle
- Shakespeare's Globe Theatre
- Buckingham Palace
- Ely Cathedral
- Silverstone F1 Circuit
- River Cruises
- The National Gallery
- Warner Bros. Studio Tour: The Making of Harry Potter

Travel

St Edmund's College is set in an impressive 400-acre site, with excellent transport links to London and the surrounding regions.

Our campus is less than an hour away from central London and Cambridge. London Luton Airport (LTN) is only 45 minutes away, London Stansted Airport (STN) is only 30 minutes away and London Heathrow Airport (LHR) is only 1 hour away from the St Edmund's College campus.

Airport Pick-Up and Drop-Off

We offer a complementary airport transfer service from and to London Luton Airport (LTN), London Stansted Airport (STN) and London Heathrow Airport (LHR) between 09:00 and 17:00 on arrivals and departures days.

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3 weeks	9 July	29 July
3 weeks	30 July	19 August
6 weeks	9 July	19 August

We request full flight details for all students and will send detailed instructions to you with airport diagrams showing where to go, where to meet St Edmund's College staff and who will be there to meet you.

At each airport, we have an Airport Manager who stays there all day with a team of Summer School staff, and is responsible for ensuring all students and staff are where they need to be. Prior to arrival, you will be given their name, their photograph and a direct phone number for the Airport Manager at your airport.

Arrivals – our Airport Manager will meet each student at the airport, connect them with College staff and ensure they are safely transported to the College campus by minibus, coach or car where they are welcomed, registered, and shown to their bedrooms.

Departures – our Summer School Team will transport all students from St Edmund's College to the airport. We will accompany them inside the departure lounge, make sure they have checked in their luggage and take them to the security checking area ready to fly home.



How to apply



Our friendly admissions team is here to help you through the Summer School application process and can answer any questions you may have.

The most up-to-date course information, including our full terms and conditions, and our online application process can all be accessed via our website at www.stedmundcollege.com

Please note that a £250 deposit is required to guarantee a place on the St Edmund's College Summer School and that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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About this prospectus

The St Edmund's College Summer School aims to provide clear and accurate information to help you make the right choice about what to study and where.

Although great care is taken when compiling this prospectus, it is for the general guidance of prospective students only. This publication is intended for those who are interested in applying for admission to the St Edmund's College Summer School in 2023 and is intended as advance publicity for information and guidance purposes only.

The most up-to-date and detailed source of information at any time is our website: www.stedmundcollege.com

The matters covered by this publication are subject to change from time to time, both before and after a student's admission. Unavoidable changes may on occasion have to be made, affecting the availability of courses, subjects, excursions, afternoon activities,

social activities, accommodation and transport. Reasons for change could include timetabling issues, changes in staff, requirements of programme-accrediting bodies, academic changes within subject areas, or due to minimum student numbers on a course.

St Edmund's College makes all reasonable efforts to deliver the courses and other services and facilities as described in its marketing material. However, it may be necessary to make changes to its provision in response to significant disruption, for example transport strikes, international incidents or COVID-19.

Full details of the St Edmund's College Summer School's terms and conditions are available at www.stedmundcollege.com

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