St Edmund's College Summer School Prospectus

July - August 2018

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A leading British Council Accredited UK Summer School

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

St Edmund's is set in a rural 400 acre site with excellent transport links to London.

2018 Course Dates

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

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A top British Council Accredited UK Summer School for pupils aged 10 - 17 years

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, which makes us a recognised *Centre of Excellence*.

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 SCUBA diving, dancing or Shakespeare!

Summer School Age Range

Junior School: 10 - 11 years
Middle School: 12 - 13 years
Senior school: 14 - 15 years
Sixteen Plus : 16 - 17 years

Students must be a minimum of 10 years old when they start the course and a maximum of 17 years on their departure.

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.

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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	Break	10:00	Break	11:15	12:30	13:30	Break	14:45	15:30-21:00
Monday	English 1		English 2		English 3	Lunch	ETOS		ETOS	Social Programme
Tuesday	English 1		English 2		English 3		ETOS		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 for 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 afterwards. 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. 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 8 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.

ETOS Sports classes

Each week there will be a variety of sports subjects your child can study. Each has both a theory and a practical component, so they spend time in the classroom studying an aspect of the sport, which they then practice in a field or sports hall. All the sports classes are taught by trained sports teachers.

- Football
- Tennis
- Netball
- Golf
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Trampolining
- Horse Riding*

ETOS Arts classes

We also have a variety of artistic subjects available. Here, the ethos is very much 'learning by doing'; so there is less time sitting at a desk and more time dancing, acting, or painting!

- Art
- Dance
- Drama
- Shakespeare

Vocational ETOS classes

These subjects are all about learning a new skill – from learning how to cook to putting someone in the recovery position:

- Food technology
- First aid
- SCUBA Diving
  PADI Open Water* (2 weeks)

Academic ETOS classes

We run a British Schools Preparation course for those who are preparing to study in the UK. This runs for 3 weeks and involves Mathematics, English and Science lessons. We also run examinations and preparation classes for IELTS and Trinity GESE.

*These subjects require pre-booking. They do not cost extra, but there is a limit to one course per child per 3 weeks. Your child cannot repeat an ETOS subject during their stay. These ETOS classes are given as examples, and may or may not be offered on any particular course or week.

Specialist ETOS subjects

Horse Riding
Duration: 1 week

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

The course includes 4 ridden sessions and 4 practical horse management lectures each week.

The sessions cater to all ages and levels of expertise - from beginners to seasoned riders. Each session is divided into 1 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 - PADI Open Water
Duration: 2 weeks

If your child has always wanted to learn how to scuba dive, discover new adventures or simply see the wondrous world beneath the water's surface, this is where it starts.

To qualify as a PADI Open Water diver they will need to complete 3 elements:
Knowledge development (self-study); Skills practice (5 dives in 2 pool sessions); then, make 4 open water dives.

To complete the Open Water Diver course students will need to complete all knowledge development, quizzes and final exam and the pool training sessions (5 dives). Once all of the pool work and classroom sessions are complete we then go to open water to complete the 4 open water dives. This will be done over 2 days.

Emergency First Response First Aid
Duration: 1 week

What will they learn?
Primary Care (CPR) – This course teaches techniques for handling life-threatening emergencies. including skills for aiding patients who aren't breathing, have no heartbeat, may have a spinal injury, may be in shock or who may have serious bleeding. They will learn to how to perform CPR and monitor the patient, while waiting for emergency medical services.
Secondary Care (First Aid) – This course teaches children how to provide first aid that eases pain and reduces the risk of further harm. Including to assess injuries and illnesses and practice bandaging and splinting.
CPR & AED – This part of the course focuses on CPR training and teaching participants how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator).

Examinations

You also have the option to enrol your child for a Trinity GESE or IELTS examination.

There is no charge for this, but places are limited and you will need to book when you enrol.

Trinity GESE:
The examinations are suitable for children aged 10-17, and examine candidates' ability to speak and listen in English.

IELTS Examinations:
Are intended for those aged 16 and above and test candidates' ability to use academic English. The IELTS examination is usually taken by those planning to go to university in an English-speaking country.

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.

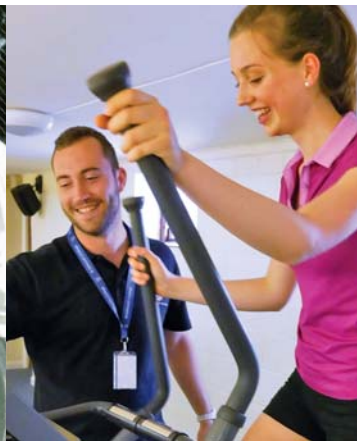
Sports and Activities

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!).



Juniors & Middle School - Educational Visits 2018

Saturday 14 July
Ely Cathedral and Cambridge 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 18 July
St Albans St Albans is a town based on the site of the ancient roman city of Verulamium. We will learn about the town's fascinating history; in the morning we'll have an interactive workshop in the Verulamium Museum, then lunch in the park and a roman mosaic-making workshop in the Abbey Cathedral in the afternoon.

Saturday 21 July
Shopping at Westfield White City & *Aladdin* at the Prince Edward Theatre You'll be able to find anything and everything you need at Westfield! After that, a matinee show of the new *Aladdin* show in the West End.

Wednesday 25 July
The Golden Hinde & SeaWorld Aquarium It's all about life at sea today: we start with an educational interactive tour of the Golden Hinde boat, a replica of the galleon captained by Sir Francis Drake. Then, a boat ride down the Thames (of course) to the SeaWorld Aquarium.

Saturday 28 July
Clacton Pier & Shopping at Lakeside 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 the Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

Saturday 4 August
Woburn Safari Park A whole day on safari in Woburn! There will be a road safari to see the big (and dangerous!) animals like tigers and rhinos, then a more gentle foot safari where we can meet penguins and kangaroos.

Wednesday 8 August
The Science Museum in London The Science museum is one of the most famous museums in the world. There is so much to see and do here; we can't possibly squeeze it all in in one day! (Our favourite areas are the ones about space and aviation). We will also get to watch a short film in their IMAX theatre!

Saturday 11 August
Shopping at Westfield White City & *The Lion King*
We'll have the morning to spend some time (and money) at the huge Westfield shopping centre in West London. Then we'll see a matinee show of the hugely successful *Lion King* musical at the Lyceum Theatre in London's West End.

Wednesday 15 August
Hampton Court Palace & Boat trip One of the world-famous residences of King Henry VIII. We'll explore the opulent palace and its grounds, followed by a relaxing boat trip up the river Thames in the afternoon.

Saturday 18 August
Adventure Island Southend & Shopping at Lakeside
A trip to the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island funfair, with rides, candy-floss and ice-cream. Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

N.b. The Juniors (10-11) and Middles (12-13) go to the same locations, but will usually have separate programmes and itineraries.

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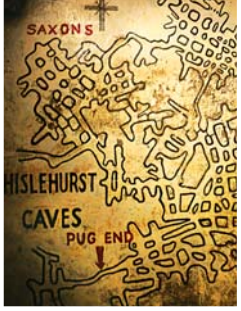

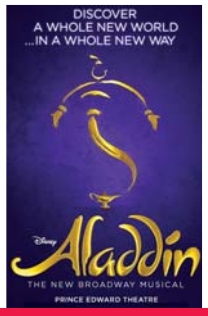

Senior School - Educational Visit Itinerary 2018

Saturday 14 July
Natural History Museum & Hyde Park The Natural History Museum in London is one of the largest, most famous and most visited museums in the world. We'll have a good morning there, followed by lunch in Hyde Park and a chance to see its many attractions.

Wednesday 18 July
Greenwich & *The Mousetrap* at St Martin's Theatre We'll start in Greenwich in East London in the early afternoon, where we get to see all sorts of historic attractions such as the Cutty Sark boat and Old Naval College. Then it's a boat trip into central London, dinner at Pizza Express, then an evening at the theatre to see the legendary *Mousetrap* – the longest-running play in the world!

Saturday 21 July
Chislehurst Caves & Shopping at Bluewater Chislehurst Caves is one of our favourite trips! We go deep underground and learn all about the caves' fascinating history as mines, World War II hiding places and rock concert venue! Then shopping at Bluewater shopping centre.

Wednesday 25 July
Leeds Castle There's a lot to see and do at the beautiful Leeds Castle. We'll start with an educational talk, go punting on the moat, then get lost in the maze – not to mention seeing the inside of the castle itself!

Saturday 28 July
Clacton Pier & Shopping at Lakeside 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 the Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

Saturday 4 August
Museum of London & Bus sightseeing tour
The Museum of London is a fantastic interactive museum which is perfect for school groups. We'll spend the morning there, then in the afternoon, go on an open-top bus tour of all of London's most iconic sights.

Wednesday 8 August
Burghley House & the Nene Valley Railway Burghley House is one of England's finest stately homes, with incredible gardens to explore. We'll visit the sculpture garden, have our own sculpture workshop, play in the water garden and tour the house's impressive interior. At the end of the day we'll ride on a steam train!

Saturday 11 August
London Bridge Experience + The Shard & Shopping at Westfield Stratford The London Bridge Experience is rated London's top tourist attraction – we're going to see why! We'll also go to the top of the Shard for impressive views across London followed by shopping in Westfield.

Wednesday 15 August
Buckingham Palace & *Aladdin* at the Prince Edward Theatre After a lunch in St James' Park, we'll tour the inside of Buckingham Palace, the official residence of the Queen! We are very lucky to do so; it is only open for a few weeks each year. Then, after dinner, we see the West-end theatre performance of Disney's *Aladdin*.

Saturday 18 August
Adventure Island Southend & Shopping at Lakeside
A trip to the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island funfair, with rides, candy-floss and ice-cream. Shopping at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

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Sixteen Plus - Educational Visit Itinerary 2018

Saturday 14 July
Greenwich The Royal Borough of Greenwich in London has so much to see and do. We'll start at the Royal Observatory and take pictures standing on the Meridian Line! Then a visit to the Old Naval College, followed by a trip on the Emirates Skyline cable car!

Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 July
Overnight trip to Cambridge A new experience this year! A two-night stay at St Edmund's College in Cambridge (*yes, there is another one – and it is historically linked to us!*). We spend Wednesday in a series of talks, seminars and workshops to experience student life at the University of Cambridge, as well as seeing a Shakespearean performance in the University College grounds.

Saturday 21 July
The London Eye & Shopping at Westfield White City
The London eye is one of London's most iconic landmarks and tourist attractions; we get to ride it, explore central London, but still leave time for shopping at Westfield.

Wednesday 25 July
River Thames Project A full day field trip in central London where the students and teachers decide their project and where to go and what to do. We will provide a 'river roamer' ticket for unlimited Thames boat trips – the rest is up to you!

Saturday 28 July
Clacton Pier & Shopping at Lakeside A visit to the Essex coast seaside and the classic Clacton Pier. Plenty of retro fun and a chance for the students to see a side of England that tourists don't usually see! Followed by shopping at the Lakeside centre in the afternoon.

Saturday 4 August
Leeds Castle There is so much to see and do in the beautiful building and grounds of Leeds Castle. We learn all about its fascinating history, go punting on the moat, get lost in the maze and have time for a group project.

Tuesday 7 to Thursday 9 August
Overnight trip to York We will arrive in York on Tuesday evening, and leave Thursday morning – so we have a full day on Wednesday to see all that the historic city has to offer. We'll stay on the campus of York St John University, see the Cathedral, take a boat trip, visit museums, go shopping, eat out in the evening and go to the cinema!

Saturday 11 August
Wembley Stadium & Shopping at Westfield White City
The world-famous Wembley Stadium is the home of English football! We'll get a guided tour of the legendary grounds, followed by shopping at the massive Westfield White City.

Wednesday 15 August
Shakespeare's Globe Theatre We start by enjoying lunch by the banks of the Thames, followed by an acting workshop led by real Shakespearean actors at Shakespeare's Globe! Then, there is time for sightseeing before we have dinner together in a local restaurant and see an evening performance in the famous Globe theatre.

Saturday 18 August
Adventure Island Southend & Shopping at Lakeside A trip to the seaside! We visit the Adventure Island funfair, with rides, candy-floss and ice-cream followed by a chance to shop at Lakeside shopping centre in the afternoon.

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Additional Information

2018 Summer School Fees

9 July - 29 July	£3,300
9 July - 19 August	£6,400
30 July - 19 August	£3,100

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 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).

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, normally 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.

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