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Ignite Your Spark



Nº1

The UK's Number One
Summer School

Day Camps
Summer Schools
Pre-University
Career Experiences



“The staff are not only highly skilled but also incredibly kind and nurturing, creating a warm and welcoming environment for young learners.”

Kateryna, Parent
Ukraine



ABOUT SBC

The UK’s number one summer school

Welcome to SBC Summer Schools, where learning meets adventure!

Founded in 2008, Summer Boarding Courses (SBC) is dedicated to providing exceptional summer school experiences for young learners from around the world. Our award-winning programmes are designed to strike the perfect balance between education and adventure, ensuring that every student leaves with new skills, friendships, and memories to last a lifetime.

We have welcomed students from 155 different countries onto our courses, forming a truly international and diverse environment for our students to learn and thrive in. With over 20 different courses to choose from, we pride ourselves on offering young people the opportunity to explore their passion and prepare for their future.



Our commitment to quality



Award-winning programmes:
Recognised for outstanding quality and innovation in education.



Famous locations:
Hosted at some of the UK’s most prestigious campuses and locations, including Oxford University, Eton College, and Headington School.



15 / 15 British Council accreditation:

Became the first summer school to achieve 15/15 areas of strength in 2018.



EL Gazette Centre of Excellence:

Recognised from 2018–2024, highlighting our performance in delivering top-quality English language programmes. Ranked as the UK’s #1 Summer School.



Future-focused learning:

We go beyond traditional teaching methods, incorporating project-based learning, critical thinking, and 21st-century skills into our curriculum.

Awards & accreditations

Accredited by the
BRITISH COUNCIL
Centre of Excellence
2024–25
for the teaching
of English in the UK



SUMMER SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

Quintessentially British summer schools

Our SBC summer schools offer students the unique opportunity to live and study at some of the UK's most prestigious independent schools and university colleges across the UK, immersing them in the local British culture and blending academic enrichment with fun-filled activities.

Perfect for curious and driven students aged 6–17 who are eager to expand their horizons, improve their English, and make friends from around the world. Whether you're a future doctor, a budding artist, or just curious about the world, there's a place for you here. Our programmes cater to students of all levels, ensuring that everyone feels welcome and can thrive in our supportive and dynamic environment.

Our summer schools are designed to provide an unforgettable, transformative experience.

You'll gain more than just academic knowledge.



Enhanced English language proficiency



Develop key 21st-century skills

Learning skills: Critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.

Life skills: Flexibility, initiative, social skills, productivity and leadership.



Build confidence

Our programmes are designed to help you grow both personally and academically, preparing you for future success in your studies and beyond.





“We wholeheartedly recommend SBC to any parent seeking an exceptional and life-changing educational experience for their child.”

Hassan, Parent
UAE

PRE-UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Pre-university experiences offer students a head start in their academic journey by providing exposure to university-style teaching methods including workshops, seminars and tutorials.

These programmes help students explore potential career paths through immersive learning that builds a strong foundation for future success in higher education.

Designed for ambitious students seeking to combine subject-specific study with professional experiences; developing skills in critical thinking, public speaking, time management and cultivating independence that will benefit future studies and career prospects.



Guest speakers:

Interact with industry professionals and academics from various industries enriching your academic experience.



Academic coaching:

These sessions help you stand out in university applications by focusing on public speaking, and preparation for UK universities. Develop essential skills to strengthen your university prospects.



Industry experience:

Participate in on-site workshops led by industry professionals and off-site excursions that blend practical engagement with immersive learning, enhancing your academic foundation and broadening your horizons.



Formal graduation:

Graduation celebrates your achievements, marking the pinnacle of your transformative journey with a memorable ceremony alongside peers and mentors.



Letter of reference and certificate:

Upon completing the programme, you'll receive a certificate and a letter of reference highlighting your achievements and enhancing your future academic prospects.



University tours:

Students can enjoy an Oxbridge college tour.



Day Camps 6-12yrs

Oxford & London

English Immersion

Our Summer day camps are designed to provide an action-packed, enriching, and fun environment where children play alongside local English children.

Set in top UK independent schools, these camps blend exciting activities with quality English lessons. In partnership with Ultimate Activity Camps, children engage in sports, arts, and more while making friends from diverse backgrounds. Ideal for active kids, whether they're sports enthusiasts, creative artists, or simply love exploring new things. There is something for everyone.

Perfect for children who love having fun and trying new things but might not be ready for residential camps.



Develop Your English language skills

Boost your English proficiency and confidence through interactive lessons in small, supportive classes focused on practical communication with experienced teachers. Join 10 lessons per week alongside the immersive activity programme.



Over 40+ engaging activities!

Join us for an unrivalled programme of activities with something for everyone, from art and creative sessions to sport and adventure including:

- Archery (8+)
- Basketball
- Cookery
- Drama
- Football
- Fencing (6+)
- Pedal Karts
- Kwik Cricket
- Netball
- Swimming
- Roller racers
- Trampolineing
- Tennis
- Outdoor Art
- Ultimate Inflatables
- Pop Art Masterclass
- Zorbing (8+)
- Mini Olympics

Earlscliffe Easter 8-17yrs

Folkestone, Kent



Step into Spring

For over 20 years, our Easter course has balanced English learning with sports, activities, and cultural visits.

Our programme is designed to help you improve your English skills while enjoying an immersive and fun-filled experience.

Experienced English language teachers will guide you through interactive lessons, discussions, and language practice activities to help you develop your fluency and accuracy.

The campus is in a prime location in Folkestone, with easy access to London and a short walk to the beach.



Academic

For our junior students (8-12yrs.), morning classes focus on the four English language skills, and our afternoon sessions focus on more interactive project lessons involving drama, music, film, arts and crafts.

For our senior students (13yrs.+), we offer our Think Global! course in order to stimulate and improve the development of soft skills such as critical thinking, communication and collaboration.



Social programme

In addition to English lessons, you can join sports like football, basketball, tennis, swimming, and activities such as arts, crafts, or baking. Enjoy day trips, themed discos, and talent shows, all offering fun ways to practise English while engaging in exercise and teamwork.



Excursions

Earlscliffe offers full day trips on Wednesdays to central London and Sundays to places of interest in the south-east as well as evening trips to bowling and laser tag.

- London x 2
- Canterbury
- Thorpe Park theme park
- Bowling and laser tag

Highlight

Capital Wednesday™



Summer school



Camp Dragon 8-12yrs

Oxford

Oxford Explorer

Be safe, brave, and curious as you explore a series of themed educational adventures and challenges whilst making friends from around the world!

We create a magical world where learning comes to life through hands-on activities led by inspirational teachers. Each day offers a fun-filled exploration of core subjects like English, Mathematics, Science, History, and Art. Our innovative approach blends traditional learning with dynamic experiences, fostering skills and friendships in an enriching environment.

English level
A2+

Lessons
15hrs pw



Academic

Explore core subjects with hands-on activities that foster critical thinking and creativity, progressing through a different theme everyday

Academic options

- Young Explorers



Social programme

Perfect for curious explorers who love adventure, this programme offers sports activities, outdoor excursions, and creative arts and crafts, ensuring every day brings new fun. Why not try something new with our exhilarating combat archery and zorbing?



Excursions

Our curated excursions blend learning and fun. Explore castles, theme parks, and historic cities like Oxford.

- Warwick Castle
- Oxford
- Optional Extra - Harry Potter Studios

Highlight

Legoland



Summer school



Canford 11-15yrs

Bournemouth

Learning Adventure

Our adventure-based programme is designed to develop leadership, teamwork, resilience, and confidence!

Ideal for students seeking an energetic, memorable summer, our programme combines exciting activities with amazing facilities in a safe, nurturing environment. Whether playing sports, exploring the outdoors, or trying new hobbies, every moment at Canford is packed with fun and has a theme of adventure. Enjoy top-notch facilities for an unforgettable summer.

English level
All Levels

Lessons
15hrs pw

Class size
15 (max)



Academic

Engage in dynamic project-based learning to develop 21st-century skills and language proficiency, culminating in Time to Shine presentations showcasing their knowledge.

Academic options

- General English
- Future Business Leaders
- Future Scientists
- Future Artists



Social programme

Designed for students who love to try new things and be active. Each week students explore new skills through our high-energy programmes including sports, performing arts, creative arts, tech and survival academy. They will also have the opportunity to showcase their unique abilities in our talent showcase and celebratory disco nights!



Excursions

Travel to well-known UK locations on adventures they won't soon forget, from a thrilling thrill-seekers' dream to inspiring cultural excursions in the capital.

- London
- Bournemouth
- Thorpe Park

Highlight

Splashdown Water Park



Headington Oxford

13-16yrs

Oxford



Summer school



Oxford Innovators

Embark on an exciting journey that combines learning with fun and sets the stage for your academic success.

Our courses enable you to explore different career paths, tackle global issues, and prepare for your best future. Join our Influencer Academy and be inspired by content creators, entrepreneurs, and inspiring young people trailblazing for the next generation. Our activity programme combines firm favourites such as sports, creative workshops, and logic games engaging our students with new experiences.

English level

All Levels

Lessons

15hrs pw

Class size

15 (max)



Academic

Experience a blend of academic courses that introduce you to potential future careers and fields of study, such as medicine, leadership, and science.

Academic options

- General English
- Future Business Leaders
- Future Global Leaders
- Future Doctors
- Future Scientists



Excursions

Embark on excursions designed to ignite adventure and curiosity. Showcasing the best of UK culture that will broaden their horizons and create lasting memories.

- Thorpe Park
- London
- Oxford

Highlight

Influencer Academy



Social programme

Students will immerse themselves in exciting multi-activities, including football, basketball, tennis, arts and crafts, and specialist activities like off-site bowling, talent shows, capture the flag and secret cinema, exploring their passions and building lasting friendships.

Pre-university



Oxford College

15-17yrs

Oxford

Oxford Experience

Live and study on campus at an Oxford University college campus. Gain industry experience and academic insight in your chosen subject and career path.

Offering an immersive academic and career programme for ambitious students considering their future career pathways. Our future-facing programmes help students gain hands-on experience through guest speakers, industry professionals, and practical workshops. Explore Oxford and be inspired by one of the most famous academic cities in the world. All students receive a reference letter and certificate at the end of their programme.

English level

B1+

Lessons

25hrs pw



Academic

Join your colleagues to study your chosen field, collaborating through guest lectures, seminars, and research projects. Gain immersive career insights in industry sessions, driving your success.

Academic options

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Business
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Global Leadership



Excursions

Discover the best of the UK during a culturally rich and exciting experience a must-see for all of our students, as well as immersing themselves in the magical history of their local area in Oxford.

- London
- Oxford

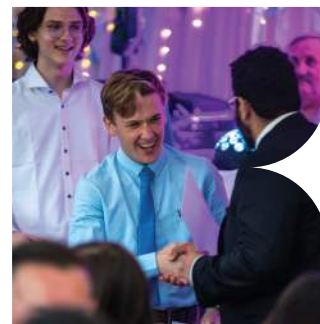


Social programme

Our holistic experience goes beyond academics featuring Oxford walking tours, formal dinners, team sports, wellness activities and a graduation ceremony. Enabling students to immerse themselves in the programme, taking part in a variety of activities and events which connect students from around the world.

Highlight

Graduation Formal



Earlscliffe Summer

13-17yrs

Folkestone, Kent



Summer school



Future Innovators

Our programmes help you dive deep into your interests, unlocking new skills and passions to drive change as you pursue higher education and beyond.

Summer at Earlscliffe offers ambitious teenagers opportunities to engage in stimulating debate and activities in entrepreneurship, sustainability, digital media, and the global careers of the future. The Earlscliffe campus located in the desirable West End of Folkestone is within walking distance of the beach, the town centre's shops, and only 54 mins to central London by train.

English level

A2+

Lessons

20hrs pw

Class size

12 (max)



Academic

Our curriculum emphasises 21st-century skills: collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity; engaging students with content relevant to their generation's goals.

Academic options

- Think Global!
- Sustainable Futures
- Mini-MBA™
- Breaking Digital
- Uni-Prep



Social programme

Earlscliffe offers a diverse programme of sports, cultural events, arts, and fun activities. Students enjoy volleyball, basketball, badminton, and more on-site. Activities include karaoke, football, talent shows, swimming, house competitions, disco nights, tennis, scavenger hunts, bake-offs, and quiz nights. Regular beach trips are also very popular.

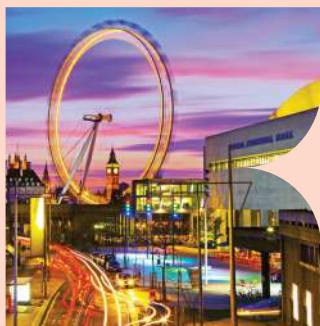


Excursions

Earlscliffe offers two full day trips per week, plus evening outings to Bowling, Laser Tag, or the Cinema. A weekly highlight is the London trip (Capital Wednesday™), visiting landmarks like the Tate Modern, London Dungeon, and Buckingham Palace. Sunday trips may include Canterbury, Thorpe Park, Margate, and Dreamland.

Highlight

Capital Wednesday™



Rochester Independent College

12-15yrs

Rochester



Summer school



Artists in Residence

Supporting your artistic and educational journey with quality facilities and studios, offering a space to create and be inspired without limits.

RIC believes that every student can achieve their dreams and ambitions. The unique campus, combining historic buildings with award-winning urban gardens, provides the backdrop to a series of programmes founded on creativity. Centered around the college's creative buzz, this is a summer school for those who thrive in an artistic space.

English Level

A1-B1+

Lessons

20hrs pw

Class size

15 (max)



Academic

Led by inspiring faculty, our programme unlocks your potential, blending core subject exploration with essential 21st-century skills for today's world.

Academic options

- Art & Design
- General English
- Social Sciences



Social programme

Our social programme fosters friendship and community through engaging activities such as sports, arts and crafts, and themed disco nights, creating unforgettable experiences and lasting memories for students.



Excursions

With the capital only a short distance away, students will benefit from two excursions into London where they will explore the exciting attractions the capital has to offer.

- London
- Canterbury

Highlight

London Art Experience



Pre-university



University Preparation

Join us at the ultimate pre-university experience, a stepping stone designed to prepare you for entry into top universities.

Cambridge hosts three Dukes Education Schools: Cardiff Sixth Form College, St Andrew's Cambridge, and Sancton Wood. Our summer programme combines their facilities into a city-style campus, preparing students for university and careers. Renowned for top university preparation and immersive career experiences, these schools offer a year-round experience now available in our Future Accelerator Summer Programmes. All students receive a reference letter and certificate at the end of their programme.

English level
B1+

Lessons
25hrs pw



Academic

Gain a deeper understanding of university-level study in your chosen subject, bridging the gap between school and university with practical insights and theoretical knowledge. Take part in inspiring industry experience events to explore future career opportunities.

Academic options

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Business
- Faculty of Science & Technology
- Faculty of Social Sciences



Social programme

The student experience is enhanced by our vibrant social programme that includes team sports, yoga, art, and evening events, along with special events such as punting, museum visits, and trips to botanical gardens, fostering friendships and a memorable, inclusive experience.



Excursions

Offering exciting excursions to iconic London sites and Cambridge attractions, enhancing cultural immersion and creating memorable experiences.

- London
- Cambridge

Highlight

Graduation Event



We carefully select our locations to offer the best environments for student growth and development. Hosting our courses at some of the UK's most prestigious boarding schools and university campuses.

Our Locations

Day Camps 6-12yrs

Camp Dragon 8-12yrs

Canford 11-15yrs

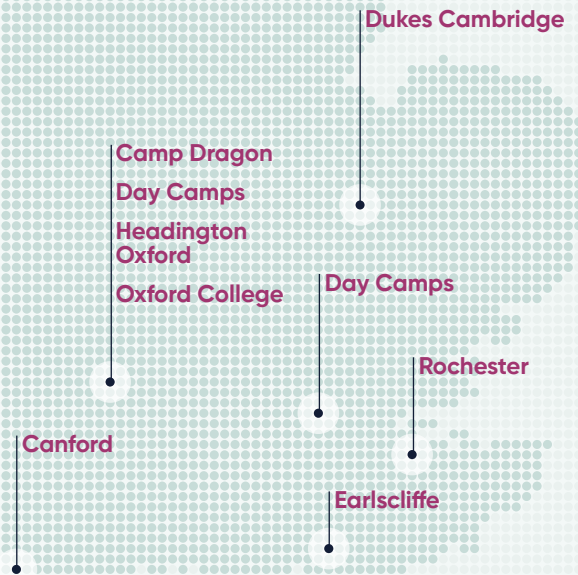
Headington Oxford 13-16yrs

Oxford College 15-17yrs

Earlscliffe 13-17yrs

Rochester 12-15yrs

Dukes Cambridge 15-17yrs



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Together we're extraordinary.



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Secure your place today! Courses take place from June–August 2025

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Arrange your free consultation to find the perfect summer experience for your child.

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