Spring & Summer Centres for Young Learners 2015







Welcome!

With great feedback from our first year at Ellesmere, we are looking forward to another great summer in 2015 in both Ellesmere and Oxford.

More flexibility for groups

We have increased our range of services to groups to be more flexible.

English study options for parents

Now you can stay in the same region as your child, and improve your English too!

Take a tour of the UK after you study

Groups can now add a five- or seven-day bus tour of the UK with their group leader, which finishes with a transfer to your departure airport.

New dates for spring courses

We will be running our one-week programmes on a Monday to Friday basis in 2015, which should work better with your local school holidays.

Enna

Emma Jennings Young Learners Centre Manager





| 🗕 Russia | 17% |
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| Italy | 16% |
| 🖲 Japan | 12% |
| Germany | 11% |
| France | 10% |
| Spain | 5% |
| 🗕 Chile | 4% |
| 🗕 China | 4% |
| Ukraine | 4% |
| Brazil | 3% |
| Switzerland | 2% |
| Georgia | 2% |
| Poland | 2% |
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1% and under: Turkey, Portugal, Slovenia, Belgium, Greece, Morocco, Romania, Sweden, Argentina, Hungary, Azerbaijan, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia



IH Oxford and IH Ellesmere

IH Oxford is one and a half hours from London and is famous for its universities, amazing architecture, culture and history. IH Oxford courses take place at St Edward's School, one of the most prestigious in the country. IH Ellesmere is located one hour from the cities of Manchester and Liverpool, and one and a half miles from the border with Wales and the nearby Snowdonia National Park, an area of outstanding beauty.



IH Oxford: city life

Situated in the heart of England, Oxford is a small, safe and beautiful city, full of culture and history. Bath, Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick and London are all a short drive away. IH Oxford courses take place at St Edward's School, one of the UK's most prestigious boarding schools. It has modern teaching, sporting and accommodation facilities, and is situated in beautiful historical buildings set around a large quad. We welcomed students from 34 different countries in 2014



St Edward's School, Oxford



On-site facilities include:

Sports facilities: golf course, tennis courts, multi-sport playing fields, modern indoor sports hall, indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Classrooms: well-equipped classrooms with a maximum of 15 students per class.

Common areas: lounge areas in each accommodation house, with computers and televisions.

Dining hall: hot and cold meals are served from a buffet in a large hall and light snacks are available throughout the day.





Excursions from Oxford

In addition to the daily English lessons and activity programme, students enjoy one full-day and one half-day excursion in their first week, and two full-day and one halfday excursion for each additional week.

Excursions from Oxford include visits to famous attractions such as Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, spectacular Warwick Castle, and historic Bath, as well as London for sightseeing and shopping. **N** Evie and Lisa came back absolutely thrilled by their experience at Oxford. They loved it and they are already saying they'll go back next summer!" Dinah, Belgium, mother of Evie and Lisa

Sample timetable for a full-day excursion, Oxford - London

- 07:30 Get up and have breakfast
- **09:00** Meet in the school
- 09:30 Arrive in London
- 11:30 Visit the London Eye and get a great view of the capital city
- 12:30 Walking tour of Westminster: Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, etc.
- 13:30 Picnic lunch in St James's Park
- 14:30 Discover Covent Garden
- 16:00 Depart London
- 17:30 Evening meal at the school

For students staying **one** week (spring course only), there will be **one full-day** and **one half-day** excursion.

For longer stays, students can expect:

| | Full-day excursions | Half-day excursions |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 weeks: | 2 | 3 |
| 3 weeks: | 4 | 4 |
| 4 weeks: | 6 | 5 |
| 5 weeks: | 8 | 6 |







Excursions for Oxford students can include:

- Bath
- Birmingham London
- Oxford
- Stratford
- Warwick Castle





IH Ellesmere: country life



IH Ellesmere is located on the border between England and Wales, in a beautiful village in typical English countryside.

Ellesmere College is one of the leading UK boarding schools, specialising in academic and sporting excellence.

The cities of Manchester and Liverpool are within easy reach of the school. The historic campus is safe, with excellent modern facilities.





On-site facilities include:

Sports facilities: 9-hole golf course, tennis courts, multi-sport playing fields, modern indoor sports hall, and indoor swimming pool.

Classrooms: well-equipped classrooms with a maximum of 15 students per class.

Separate teaching and housing for 8-11 year-old students.

Common areas: lounge areas in each accommodation house, with computers and televisions.

Dining hall: hot and cold meals are served from a buffet in a large hall and light snacks are available throughout the day.













Excursions from Ellesmere

In addition to the daily English lessons and activity programme, in a typical two-week stay, students enjoy two full-day excursions and three half-day excursions. For a three-week stay we offer four full-day and four halfday excursions, ensuring that there is plenty of chance to discover exciting places around the UK.

Execursions from Ellesmere include cultural trips to Manchester and Liverpool as well as Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of Shakespeare. Fantastic! The parents are so happy since they can feel how happy their kids are at the school!" Marianelly Study Tours Agency, Chile

Example timetable for a full-day excursion, Ellesmere - Liverpool

| 07:30 | Get up and have breakfast | For stays of two weeks or more, students can expect: | | |
|-------|---|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| 08:30 | Meet in the main hall | | | |
| 08:45 | Coaches depart school | | Full-day excursions | Half-day excursions |
| 10:30 | Arrive in Liverpool, visit the Beatles Story Museum | | | |
| 13:00 | Lunch by the Mersey River | 2 weeks: 3 weeks: | 2 | 3 |
| 13:30 | Free time in Liverpool | 4 weeks: | 4 6 | 4 5 |
| 16:00 | Coaches depart for the school | 5 weeks: 8 | 6 | |
| 17:30 | Coaches arrive at school in time for evening meal | 6 weeks: | 10 | 7 |







Excursions from Ellesmere can include:

- Manchester
- Liverpool
- Warwick Castle
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Chirk Castle
- Birmingham
- Caernarfon Castle
- Llangollen





Programme overview



| Discover English | 12-17 year-olds | 8-11 year-olds |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| See page 13 | Spring-Oxford | Summer – Ellesmere |
| English Plus | 12-17 year-olds | |
| See page 14 | Summer – Oxford & Ellesmere | |
| English Active See page 15 | | ear-olds ord & Ellesmere |

We have three programmes available:

Discover English is our fun English programme which operates in the spring in Oxford (12-17 year-olds), and in the summer in Ellesmere (8-11 year-olds).

English Plus is our most academic programme, which allows students to:

- Improve English language skills
- Prepare for study in an English speaking environment

Students on the **English Plus** course also enjoy activities and excursions.

English Active allows you to receive professional coaching in around 11 popular activities, ranging from drama and art & design, to football, swimming and horse riding. All coaches are professionals in their activity. You still follow the daily English programme and have time to join in fun activities with your new international friends.

What's included?

Students have everything they need! Included in the fees are:

- All tuition and accommodation fees
- Three full meals per day plus snacks and drinks
- 🔮 Insurance
- All excursions and entrance fees
- Bed linen and self-access laundry services
- Daily internet access and use of computers

Discover English Programme

We offer this timetable for our:

- 12-17 year-olds spring course in Oxford
- 8-11 year-olds summer course in Ellesmere

All students share the same timetable as shown below.

N The best thing about the class is that it's so interactive and everyone gets a chance to speak." Alina from Russia

Sample timetable

This programme will give you:

 15 hours per week of dynamic, engaging and stimulating English lessons from post-beginner to advanced

- Two communicative and fun activities each day designed to build confidence, teamwork and friendship
- Exciting excursions to favourite locations
- Supervision by fully qualified and vetted staff, 24 hours a day
- Oaily house meetings



As you would expect from International House, all aspects of the programme are adapted to the age and level of the children on the programme – everything from the accommodation, to the specially designed teaching materials, the activities and the excursions!



Timetables shown here are samples only, subject to availability, and excursion dates and details may change.

English Plus Programme

This option is available for 12-17 yearolds on the summer programme in Oxford and Ellesmere. Choose this programme to focus on building your English to its best possible level:

- Speaking better
- 🔮 Vocabulary builder
- Exam and study skills
- Preparing to study in the UK
- An introduction to boarding school

This includes 21 hours of tuition per week and is a topic and activity-based approach which is lively and dynamic. It's possible to work hard and learn whilst being in a welcoming and fun environment. We prove it on the English Plus Programme!

Sample timetable





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English Active Programme

This option is available for 12-17 yearolds on the summer programme in Oxford and Ellesmere, and allows you to develop your skills in an activity you are already passionate about, or gives you the chance to try something new. We use professional coaches to teach these activities and the results are extremely impressive. The longer you stay, the more you learn and develop. Our Ellesmere Centre offers the whole range of English Active options, sure to keep you active! The programme includes 15 hours of English per week.



| | Oxford | Ellesmere |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Swimming | | |
| Tennis | | |
| Football | | |
| Drama | | |
| Dance | | |
| Digital photography | | |
| Art & design | | |
| Outdoor adventures e.g. high ropes, hiking, archery | | |
| Basketball | | |
| Horse riding* | | |
| Golf | | |
| * Extra fee applies | | |



NEW! You can now switch between English Plus and English Active on a weekly basis

English from breakfast to bedtime

Here's a snaphot of a typical day...







14:00 English Plus or English Active



16:00 General sports and activities





I always recommend IH Oxford to my junior students without any hesitation, sure of the good quality of the programme and the professionalism of the staff!" Stefania, Education Agent in Milan, Italy



19:30 Evening events (Quiz night, Getting to know you, Film night, Karaoke, Fashion show)



Make yourself at home

After an action-packed day and the excitement of making new friends, you will have a place to relax and feel at home.

All accommodation at IH Oxford and IH Ellesmere is within the school grounds, in spacious houses offering a variety of single, twin, triple, quadruple and dormitory-style bedrooms.

- Daily house meetings before bedtime
- Residential accommodation single, twin rooms and dormitory-style bedrooms
- Separate accommodation and bathroom facilities for boys and girls, and for 8-11 and 12-17 year-olds
- Dedicated house-parent in each house
- Free laundry service for machine-washable clothes
- Free snacks and soft drinks in common area 24/7
- Comfortable student lounges in each house
- Adult to student night time ratio of 1:8 for 12-17 year-olds and 1:5 for 8-11 year-olds
- Night patrols around the grounds
- All bed linen provided and changed weekly
- Bedrooms cleaned Monday to Friday
- Bathrooms and public areas cleaned daily
- Individual study desk, wardrobe and storage space
- Regular fire drills
- On-site nurse









N I am really going to miss the friends I have made." Amanda from Brazil



Q+A for parents

Naturally we expect you to have some questions about our spring and summer courses. Here we answer some questions parents frequently ask.

Find out more about our spring & summer courses www.ihlondon.com/yl

Safety and security

What does my child do when they arrive at the airport in the UK?

One of our experienced Young Learners team members will be waiting for them at the arrivals lounge at the airport.

They will be wearing bright t-shirts with IH written on them. They will recognise your child with their International House stickers and luggage labels, and will take them to the waiting area.

Q Can I come and stay with my son/daughter for part of their trip?

Yes you can. We even offer a full-board homestay service where you also learn English with a qualified International House teacher, located in the same region as your child. After your daily lessons, you can go sightseeing independently, or just relax. You are also very welcome to visit your child during the programme. Please give us 24 hours' notice, come to the school office when you arrive and, if you are taking your child out, bring them to the office when you return.

Q How safe will my child be during the activities?

We take ratios in activities very seriously and all our staff are highly trained. Our ratios depend on the risk assessments carried out for each activity.

What does the insurance policy cover?

A summary of the insurance policy will be sent together with the booking confirmation and the full insurance policy can be downloaded from our website.

What happens if my child has an accident?

We have a school nurse who is available to see your child for a couple of hours every day in the school. If the nurse feels it necessary, she can arrange for your child to see a doctor and in case of a real emergency, there is a hospital close by. Please note that Health Insurance is included in the programme fees..

Q Can the staff all do first aid?

The majority of staff are first aid trained.

Can all of my children attend the same place?

Our courses are for 8-11 and 12-17 year-olds in Ellesmere and 12-17 yearolds in Oxford, so if your children are between those ages then brothers and sisters can come together.

If I have one young child and one older one, will they ever see each other if the programmes and accommodation are different?

Although accommodation and programmes are different, both are on the same site and will be sharing dining rooms so at mealtimes and during the breaks brothers and sisters can get together and see how each other are getting on.

> How can I contact my son or daughter while they are in England?

There are several ways to get in touch:

- **By phone:** included in the welcome pack will be the emergency phone number
- **By email:** students can access their personal email account at various times through the day
- **On Facebook:** our Young Learner summer and spring page will be updated daily with photos, so you can keep an eye on what they are doing!

How can children contact parents or guardians while they're away?

There is access to computers at various times throughout the day, so students can send their parents or guardians an email.

The lessons

What will lessons be like?

Project-based, communicative, can-do attitude, drawing on experiences that students bring with them, working towards building confidence and fluency. Lessons related to excursions help students learn during their social time.

The other children

Q Where are the other children from?

Our 20% nationality cap means that we have a fantastic nationality mix (see page 2). Our children say that making friends from around the world is a big reason why they choose International House. Our top 20 nationalities last year were: Russia, Italy, Japan, Germany, France, Spain, Chile, China, Ukraine, Brazil, Switzerland, Georgia, Poland, Turkey, Portugal, Slovenia and Belgium.

Activities and excursions

Q Do students have to do the excursions?

Yes! The excursion destinations are fun and educational, whilst also giving students the opportunity to go shopping and soak up some real British culture.

Excursion preparation takes place in class before visits, and follow-up lessons happen afterwards. Everyone completes a worksheet whilst on excursions, creating a nice souvenir of their time in England.

Q Are the activity leaders the same people as the teachers?

No, our off-side activities are run by professional coaches and there are trained activity leaders on-site to run arts and crafts or on-site sports.

All our teachers are guaranteed to hold a Trinity TESOL or CELTA qualification. House-parents are there in a mainly pastoral role to make sure your child is settling into summer school life.

How do the children travel between the school and the different excursion destinations?

We work with a local coach company that knows the area well. All drivers have been given an enhanced check so we know your child is safe. On all trips students will be accompanied by a highly-trained member of IH staff.

Q Can the children choose which excursions they go on?

As all of our excursions are tied into the academic programme, it is the teacher who decides which place is best for their class to visit.

Sleeping away from home

Q What are the bedrooms like?

All our bedrooms are study bedrooms with a desk, chair, bed and wardrobe for each child.

Q Why do children share rooms?

We want our students to speak English from breakfast until bedtime and therefore try and mix nationalities in bedrooms as well as classrooms. We believe it gives the students the opportunity to speak English with other people of their age in a more relaxed environment.

Q Can I book a single room for my child or ensure they are sharing with a sibling?

Please state any special requests on the application form. We consider all requests and try our best to fulfil them. Unfortunately, this is not always possible.

Free time

Q How much free time do the children have?

Students have 1-2 hours on campus per day of free time to check emails, call parents, do laundry and chat to friends.

During free shopping time on excursions, students are taken by IH staff members to the meeting point and shown exactly where they need to be at what time.

We never let the students go off alone; they always have to be in a group of at least three. If a group gets lost, they can call the number on their ID cards or bracelets so our members of staff can come and help them.

How many adult leaders do you have in each house during the night?

The ratio of adults to students is between 1:6 and 1:8 for 12-17 yearolds, and 1:5 for 8-11 year-olds.

Q Do the leaders go home at night?

All our staff is residential. Only the professional coaches leave to go home in the evenings.

Q How much money will I need to give my child?

The programme is all-inclusive, so they will only need to bring some money for souvenirs they might want to take home with them. We suggest £50 per week.

What should my child NOT bring with them?

Laptop or iPad - there are many computers in the school which they can use.

Expensive jewellery or jewellery with sentimental value.



Special services for school and agency groups

Our group services offer you lots of flexibility. Here are some of the features we offer:

- Special solutions for your closed group contact us with your plans and we will provide you with a personalised proposal
- Free UK SIM cards for group leaders
- Group leaders are very welcome in our centres. One group leader stays for free for every 15 students and special group leader rates for groups of less than 15 students
- Private transfers to and from airports if required
- Four-day or seven-day Tour of the UK option for groups travelling with their own group leader (see example opposite)

Different afternoon classes

When the other children are taking their English Plus or English Active options, your closed group can complete other projects, such as:

- Special exam preparation classes
- Environmental awareness
- Young Leaders
- Academic study preparation
- Class projects which started in your own school

Special homestay service for parents wishing to stay nearby

We understand that it is reassuring to stay close to your son or daughter. The following services are available to parents:

- Homestay in the home of a qualified English language teacher. This allows you to take one-to-one or two-to-one language lessons without leaving the house. In the afternoons you can explore the region, or just relax
- A location in the same region as your child
- The teachers and homes are provided by our sister organisation, InTuition Languages, which is also an International House organisation, and are all British Council accredited
- Please contact us if you prefer to study English in a local adult language school



Flexible special services for groups



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Tour of the UK option for groups

- For groups travelling with a group leader
- Depart directly from IH Oxford or IH Ellesmere, and finish the trip at your airport of departure
- Four- and seven-day programmes
- Popular excursions include London, Liverpool, Manchester, Lake District, Edinburgh, Stonehenge, and York

Please visit **ihlondon.com/ uktour** for more information.



| Example of 7-day trip from Ellesmere to Heathrow | Options |
|---|--|
| Six nights accommodation including breakfast Airport transfer on day seven Coach transportation throughout the tour | |
| Day 1: Ellesmere – Liverpool – Lake District | Explore Liverpool's Albert Dock Sightseeing in Liverpool Visit the Merseyside Maritime Museum (Titanic collection) |
| Day 2: Lake District - Hadrian's Wall - Edinburgh | Explore the lakeside town of Bowness-on-Windermere Short walk in the Lake District Scenic drive through the Lake District Visit Hadrian's Wall |
| Day 3: Edinburgh | Sightseeing in Edinburgh Walk up Arthurs Seat See The Elephant House (JK Rowling began writing Harry Potter here) Walk the Royal Mile See Edinburgh Castle |
| Day 4: Edinburgh – Alnwick – Angel of :he North – Whitby – York | Photograph the Angel of the North Sightseeing in Whitby Climb the steps to Whitby Abbey (Inspiration for the Dracula books) Visit Alnwick Castle Experience English fish 'n' chips in Whitby |
| Day 5: York - Stratford-upon-Avon - London | Enjoy the Roman, Viking and m edieval heritage of York See York Minster Walk along Shambles |
| Day 6: London - Stonehenge - Bath - London | See the pre-historic stones at Avebury Explore the historic city of Bath (free) Visit Stonehenge Visit the Roman Baths |
| Day 7: London - Heathrow Airport You have free time in London before we drop you off at Heathrow Airport and say goodbye. | Options could include: • Visit the Science Museum • Visit the National History Museum • Sightseeing in London • Shopping in London • Experience the London Eye • Visit Madame Tussauds • See Buckingham Palace • See the Houses of Parliament • See Big Ben |

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St. Edward's School, Oxford OX2 7NN

IH Ellesmere Summer Centre (Young Learners)

Ellesmere College, Ellesmere SY12 9AB

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