



HERTFORD COLLEGE
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Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai)

at

Hertford College, Oxford

Advanced English and British Culture Programme

SUMMER 2019

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A very warm welcome to Hertford College and to Oxford!

The crest of Hertford College is a shield-shaped emblem. It features a central shield with a cross, flanked by two lions. Above the shield is a crown. The shield is surrounded by a decorative border.

Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 38 colleges. Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, which is one of the most famous sights of the city. This is an ideal setting for students wishing to improve their language skills and knowledge of Britain and British culture.

**Welcome to
Oxford!**

MEALS

- On **class days**, you are offered breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- On **trip days** you are offered breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner.
- **Weekend:** Saturday you are offered breakfast. Sunday you are offered breakfast and dinner.

The following pages outline your academic programme.



Aspects of Oxford

This is an opportunity for you to research and present on a cultural, historical, economic, political or social aspect of Oxford's rich heritage to your peers at the start of the programme. It is an enriching experience for everyone involved as it allows the teaching team to find out more about your interests, and for you to find out more about Oxford as soon as you arrive.

Please choose one of the following topic areas and come prepared to offer a 5 minute presentation on your research.

If you choose history, for example, you may like to look at a specific period or event in Oxford's history. These topic headings are guidelines only and we welcome presentations on any other aspects of Oxford that you find interesting and would like to share with your peers.

Students work individually on this task and we ask you to bring any power points on a USB stick, as external equipment is not always compatible with our college system.

Here are some possible topic areas:

Music: classical/contemporary/Oxford bands etc

Culture: the arts/literature

History, including Economic History: e.g the Rover/BMW plant in Cowley and migration

The university and the collegiate system

Geography

Architecture

Events

Traditions and Folklore

Oxford alumni

Academic research

Social history

Enjoy your research and we look forward to meeting you this summer.

WEEK ONE	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
ARRIVAL DAY Day 1 Sunday 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London. • Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you. • Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation. • On arrival: meal and welcome information 						
Day 2 Monday 15th July First teaching day	Introduction to the Advanced English and British Culture Programme English Language Assessment Students complete a placement test.	B R E A K	Introduction to Oxford University and the Tutorial System Followed by a look at the application process and life as an Oxford student with a Q and A session by Oxford students	L U N C H	Out and About Tour of Discovery A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of this beautiful city	D I N N E R	Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Facilities • Connecting your computers to the internet
Day 3 Tuesday 16th July	The United Kingdom Deepen your knowledge of how the four constituent countries fit together to form the UK.	B R E A K	Aspects of Oxford Presentations by students based on the pre-course task Each mini presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.	L U N C H	Welcome Tea at 3.00pm Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College's historic dining hall. Please wear smart clothes.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brighton These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements.						
Day 8 Sunday 21st July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
WEEK TWO	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 9 Monday 22nd July	Youth Language, Slang and Idioms Learn how social factors have shaped the language used by young people.	B R E A K	Phonology Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">Connected speech in natural EnglishNoticing and practising assimilation and elisionIntonation as a reflection of politeness	L U N C H	International Job Seeking Skills 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Writing successful personal statements, letters of application and CVs.Researching a company	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 10 Tuesday 23rd July	Lecture Youth Culture Britain has been at the forefront of youth culture since the 1950s. Explore the world of fashion and music enjoyed by young people. The lecture is illustrated with video clips and is followed by a discussion and activities.			L U N C H	Education A discussion on the current theories on education and the issues facing students today in the global market	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

Day 15 Sunday 28th July	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)					
WEEK THREE	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm	Evening
Day 16 Monday 29th July	Soft Skills This workshop focuses on developing the professional skills valued by potential future employers: communication, teamwork and problem solving. Discussion of the underlying theories will be followed by a range of activities designed to strengthen your ability to apply these ideas in a practical context.			L U N C H	International Job Seeking Skills 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview techniques and strategies • Roleplay 	D I N N E R Cultural activities with RAs
Day 17 Tuesday 30th July	Youth Leadership This workshop consolidates and offers the opportunity to showcase innovation and entrepreneurship in Youth Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management • Team building • Cross-cultural communication skills • Product placement 			L U N C H	Lecture Current Economic Issues in the UK Examine the latest trends in the UK macro economy. Consider implications for the economy, as well as business, in the light of the outcome of the EU referendum. This lecture will include activities and discussions, and followed by a question and answer session.	D I N N E R Cultural activities with RAs

Day 21 Saturday 3rd August	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 22 Sunday 4th August	Weekend Free time (as explained on day 7)						
WEEK FOUR	9.00 – 10.30am		11.00 – 12.30pm		2.00 – 4.00pm		Evening
Day 23 Monday 5th August	Collaborative Writing Activity Students work together to create an effective text. This includes exploring the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku.			L U N C H	Food and Drink British food and drink is undergoing a transformation and beginning to be appreciated globally. Learn about local and regional specialities and the history of some famous dishes.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 24 Tuesday 6th August	The British Film Industry Find out about Britain's rich cinematic history from the earliest silent movies and newsreels to the magic of the Harry Potter films.			L U N C H	History of Modern Pop Music Chart and discuss the rise of pop music in the UK and its influence on society, from the 1950s to the present day.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs

Day 25 Wednesday 7th August	End of Course Review Review all language and topics covered in the programme.	B R E A K	Presentation Workshop 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine-tuning of Presentations Emphatic language Handling questions 	L U N C H	Vocabulary Development American vs British English Explore the differences in vocabulary and pronunciation between these two major variants of English.	D I N N E R	Cultural activities with RAs
Day 26 Thursday 8th August	End of Course Presentations Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience.	B R E A K	End of Course Presentations (cont.)	L U N C H	Presentation feedback and end of course assessment	GALA DINNER Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in the historic dining hall at Hertford College where you will be presented with a certificate at the end-of-course ceremony. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes.	
Day 27 Friday 9th August	Free Time (as explained on day 7)						
Day 28 Saturday 10th August	Departure Day You will be accompanied by the RAs in a private coach to the airport.						

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