

# THE OXFORD EXPERIENCE

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# The Oxford Institute: Excellence, Safety, and Support

At The Oxford Institute, we have refined our summer program practices over the years to ensure that your child enjoys a safe, enriching, and unforgettable experience. As parents and educators, we understand that your child's safety and wellbeing are your top priorities—and ours too.

We know that sending your child to a residential course at Oxford, London, or one of our international camps is an important decision. This guide provides key information to address any concerns you may have, and we are always happy to discuss specific questions about accommodation, safety, or other aspects of the program.

## Why Attend Our Summer Programs

We are among the longest-running summer programs held on the Oxford campus. Over the years, we have seen students arrive with a mix of excitement and nerves, only to leave with some of the most rewarding and memorable experiences of their lives. Exploring Oxford's historic colleges, wandering its charming streets, engaging with inspiring subjects, and connecting with peers from around the globe fosters curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.

What sets us apart from other summer schools is our focus on quality over quantity. We intentionally keep our numbers low and follow Oxford's unique tutorial-style teaching. Each student receives personalised attention, ensuring they feel valued and supported throughout the program. We are committed to building lasting relationships with students—not only during the program but long after it ends.

Students also have the rare opportunity to interact with distinguished Oxford faculty and experience life at one of the world's most renowned centres of learning. Year after year, participants tell us that attending our program was one of the best decisions they have ever made.

Since 1919, we have expanded our program to London alongside our sessions in China. No matter which location you choose, our experienced staff—hand-picked from the University of Oxford—will guide and support your child every step of the way.



## Parental Involvement & Communication

We value open communication with parents and ensure you are well-informed throughout the program. You will receive:

**Regular Updates:** Weekly emails highlighting program activities, student achievements, and photos.

**Dedicated Contact Points:** Each cohort has a staff member parents can contact directly for updates or questions.

**End-of-Program Feedback:** Parents receive a summary report of their child's progress and experiences, with the opportunity to provide feedback.

## Health, Safety & Wellbeing

Your child's safety and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. Depending on age, students are accompanied at all times by experienced staff and residential mentors (deans). Deans live on-site, providing 24/7 supervision and support.

Our safety protocols align with stringent UK regulations for educational programs, including:

**Safeguarding & Child Protection:** All staff are trained in safeguarding, following UK government regulations to maintain a safe, supportive environment.

**Background Checks:** We conduct comprehensive background checks, including enhanced DBS screenings and reference checks, for all staff, mentors, and associated team members.

**Secure Facilities:** College premises have monitored entry, CCTV surveillance, fire and safety alarms, and other measures to ensure security.

**24 Hour Parent Hotline:** A dedicated line allows parents to reach program staff or students at any time.

**First Aid & Risk Management:** First aid services are always accessible, and all activities undergo thorough risk assessments to minimise potential risks.

## Support for International Students

We understand that travelling abroad for a summer program can feel daunting. To ease the transition, we provide:

- Pre-Arrival Guidance: Assistance with travel, visas, and what to expect upon arrival.
- Airport Transfers: Complimentary pick-up and drop-off services to and from Heathrow Airport.
- Cultural Orientation: Sessions to help students adjust to life in Oxford, including local customs and safety guidance.
- English Support: Our English as a Foreign Language (EFL) module helps non-native speakers improve their skills while practising English with staff and peers.

## Student Wellbeing & Mental Health

We prioritise mental and emotional wellbeing as much as physical safety. Our team includes trained professionals who provide:

**On-Site Counselling:** Support for students who may need someone to talk to during their stay.

**Mentor Guidance:** Residential mentors are available for informal chats and guidance, offering a safe space for students to share concerns.

## Safety Standards Across All Locations

Oxford is one of the safest towns in the UK, known for its welcoming community, multicultural environment, and academic atmosphere. We uphold the same high standards at all our locations, including London and international camps. Each site is carefully chosen for its secure environment, quality facilities, and supportive local community. Our experienced staff follow rigorous safeguarding procedures, ensuring that your child enjoys a safe, enriching, and well-supervised experience no matter where they attend.





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