St Edmund's College Summer School Prospectus
July - August 2019



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An industry-leading UK Summer School





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ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

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.

2019 Course Dates

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7 July - 27 July	3 weeks
7 July - 10 August	5 weeks
7 July - 17 August	6 weeks
28 July - 10 August	2 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.



The Perfect Place for Personal Development and Enrichment

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 skiing!



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 star the course and a maximum of 17 years on their departure.			

Our 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 practise 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.



An unforgettable experience for your child

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.





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. Highlights from previous years have included The London Eye, the British seaside and Chislehurst Caves!



State-of-the-art Holistic Education

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 Task and Content-based teaching styles, whereby children are taught English through interactive learning activities which aim to present and practise language through realworld 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 practise in a field or sports hall. All the sports classes are taught by trained sports teachers.

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

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
- Music
- Drama

Vocational ETOS classes

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

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

Academic ETOS classes*

We run a variety of academic and examination subjects such as IELTS, Cambridge ESOL, Trinity GESE & ISE, British School Preparation and Introduction to IB.

*These subjects require pre-booking, and involve additional payment. Full details of paid classes is provided on the next page.



Optional Extra Afternoon Classes

Most of our ETOS classes are free of charge. However, some optional courses have a fee and need to be booked in advance during enrolment:

ETOS Course	Description	Cost	Duration
Horse Riding	Horse riding and stable management at a local specialist riding centre	£350	8 hours
Golf	Beginners' golf lessons with a PGA professional	£100	8 hours
Skiing	Skiing lessons at a local indoor ski slope, with real snow	£200	8 hours
SCUBA Diving	PADI Open Water SCUBA diving course, including pool sessions	£400	24 hours
Outdoor Activities	Adventure activities such as kayaking, canoeing and high-ropes	£100	8 hours
Food Technology	Cooking lessons with a qualified chef in our kitchen	£ 50	8 hours







Academic ETOS Examination classes	Description	Cost	Duration
Trinity GESE	Preparation classes and exam at any level	£130	8 hours
Language Cert A1-C2	Preparation classes and exam at any level	£100	8 hours
Cambridge English: Key (KET)	Preparation classes and exam	£200	16 hours
Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)	Preparation classes and exam	£230	16 hours
Cambridge English: English: First (FCE) July ONLY	Preparation classes and exam	£250	16 hours
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	Preparation classes and exam	£250	16 hours
Trinity College London ISE (Foundation to IV)	Preparation classes and exam	£200	8 hours
IELTS	Preparation classes and exam	£350	16 hours
British Schools Preparation Course	3 weeks of English, Maths and Science taught by qualified school teachers	£450	24 hours
Introduction to IB (International Baccalaureate)	3 weeks of classes designed to prepare children for entry on to the IB Diploma	£450	24 hours





Examinations

We offer a wide range of English language examinations:

IELTS Examinations:

The IELTS examination is for those who need an English language certificate to get into university; it tests academic English across the four skills.

Trinity GESE:

This examination tests a candidates' ability to speak and listen in English.

Trinity ISE, Cambridge English and LanguageCert

These examinations test candidates' English speaking, listening, reading and writing abilities.

For each of the above examinations we offer taught preparation courses and arrange for the exam to be taken either at our site, or a local centre in Cambridge, during the child's stay with us.

For more information about the exams and preparation courses please contact us at summerschool @stedmundscollege.org

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 2019

Wednesday 10 July

Buckingham Palace & West End Theatre In the morning we will tour Buckingham Palace, the official residence of the Queen! We are very lucky to do so, as it's only open for a few weeks each year. After that, we'll have lunch in St James' Park followed by a West End show matinee!

Saturday 13 July

Chatham Dockyards & Shopping Chatham Dockyard is a really interesting place where we'll learn all about life at sea. After lunch we'll go to the nearby Bluewater shopping centre; with over 300 shops, you'll be sure to find everything you need!

Wednesday 17 July

Colchester Zoo Komodo Dragons, Rhinos, Giraffes, Zebras, Elephants...you name it, Colchester Zoo has it! We won't just be looking at animals, though; we'll also be learning all about animal habitats and conservation.

Saturday 20 July

Adventure Island & Shopping A trip to the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island funfair, with rides, candy-floss and ice-cream. After that, we go shopping at a large out-of-town shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 24 July

The Science Museum 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 into one day! (Our favourite areas are the ones about space and aviation). We will also get to watch a short film in their IMAX cinema!

Wednesday 31 July

The Golden Hinde & West End Theatre Firstly, we've got a guided tour and interactive workshop aboard The *Golden Hinde*, a recreation of Sir Francis Drake's famous galleon. Then, it's a quick boat ride up the Thames to the West End to see a matinee theatre performance!

Saturday 3 August

Greenwich & Shopping We'll start off with some shopping in the Bluewater shopping centre, then after lunch it's off to Greenwich! We'll visit the historic Naval College, followed by a walk up the hill to see a show at the Planetarium!

Wednesday 7 August

Kew Gardens Today we will visit one of the world's most famous botanical gardens; Kew Gardens has over 30,000 different types of plant and tree! There will be plenty to keep us busy and lots of indoor things too if it rains!

Saturday 10 August

Clacton Pier & Shopping A visit to the Essex coast 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! This is followed by shopping at a local shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 14 August

The Tower of London & The Shard The perfect mix of historic and modern London packed into a single day. First, a visit to one of the most famous London landmarks: The Tower of London. After lunch across the river, it's a short walk to the Shard where we will go up London's tallest building for breath-taking views!

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



Senior School - Educational Visit Itinerary 2019

Wednesday 10 July

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 London's most iconic sights.

Saturday 13 July

The London Eye & Shopping The London Eye is one of London's best-known landmarks and tourist attractions; we get to ride it and explore central London, then go shopping in the afternoon at the Westfield White City shopping centre.

Wednesday 17 July

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 20 July

Adventure Island & Shopping A trip to the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island funfair, with rides, candy-floss and ice-cream. Then, we've got shopping at a large out-of-town shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 24 July

Ely Cathedral & Cambridge We're going to visit the marvellous Ely Cathedral first thing, so that we can learn about its fascinating history and climb up the towers to the very top! Then, we've got an afternoon of punting and shopping in Cambridge.

Wednesday 31 August

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 an exciting morning there, followed by lunch in Hyde Park and a chance to see its many attractions.

Saturday 3 August

Chislehurst Caves & Shopping 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 venues! Then, shopping at Bluewater shopping centre.

Wednesday 7 August

The Tower of London & River Trip The Tower of London is one of London's best-known historical venues; there's lots to see and do here. After we've learnt all about the Tower's fascinating history, we've got a river trip planned where we'll see the various attractions along the Thames.

Saturday 10 August

Clacton & Shopping A visit to the Essex coast 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! This is followed by shopping at a local shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 14 August

Shakespeare's Globe & The Tate Modern We start with a guided tour of the famous Shakespeare Globe theatre, followed by an acting workshop led by real Shakespearean actors! After lunch, we might have time for a quick visit to St Paul's Cathedral before we get cultural at the Tate Modern art gallery.



Sixteen Plus - Educational Visit Itinerary 2019

Wednesday 10 July

The British Museum & The Shard The British Museum is iconic; it has one of the finest collections of international artefacts in the world, and is a great venue for us to start off our academic excursions programme. After lunch it's a quick trip over the river to go to the top of the Shard for amazing views all across London.

Saturday 13 July

Wembley Stadium & Shopping 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 Westfield White City, Shopping Centre.

Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 July

Overnight trip to Bristol A new venue for our superpopular 2-night excursions for the 16+ students! From Tuesday to Thursday we will be in Bristol, seeing and doing all there is to see and do. We'll be eating out, going to the theatre, doing walking tours, and lots more!

Saturday 20 July

Adventure Island & Shopping A trip to the seaside! We will visit the Adventure Island funfair, with rides, candy-floss and ice-cream. Then, we've got shopping at a large out-of-town shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 24 July

Cambridge Project A whole day in Cambridge for our classes to embark on a project of their and their teachers' choosing. This day is in the hands of the students; it could be something creative, like shooting a short film, or intellectual, such as researching something and producing a presentation.

Wednesday 31 July

Houses of Parliament & London IMAX theatre In the morning we have a guided tour of the home of British government: the iconic Houses of Parliament. After lunch in the city centre, we have the chance to see a film in England's biggest cinema – the London IMAX – exciting!

Saturday 3 August

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club & Shopping We'll be visiting Wimbledon not long after the famous annual tennis tournament has finished. We'll learn all about the stars as well as what is done behind the scenes to make this venue world-class and world-famous. After that, there is the chance to shop at the massive Westfield White City.

Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 August

Overnight trip to York York is a fascinating, beautiful place – that's why we'll be spending 2 nights there! We'll visit the cathedral, go on a boat ride, go out for an evening meal, do some shopping and lots more!

Saturday 10 August

Clacton & Shopping A visit to the Essex coast 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! This is followed by shopping at a local shopping centre in the afternoon.

Wednesday 14 August

Thames River Project This day is all in the hands of the students – what we do will be up to them! Each child (and staff member) will have a ticket for unlimited travel up and down the Thames; they have to come up with a creative and innovative 'project' which they can then present to their classmates afterwards.



Additional Information

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 Sunday they arrive, and escort them back to the airport on their final Saturday (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.

2019 Summer School Fees

7 July - 27 July	(3 weeks)	£3,500
7 July - 10 August	(5 weeks)	£5,700
7 July - 17 August	(6 weeks)	£6,800
28 July - 10 August	(2 weeks)	£2,200
28 July - 17 August	(3 weeks)	£3,300

Fees include: Full-time education programme including full-day educational visits, 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 Sunday and departure Saturday (between hours 09.00 - 17.00 only).



Mobile Phone Policy

We don't like to see the children on their phones all of the time, so in 2019 we will have a 'limited mobile phones' policy during the day. This means that at some times of the day the children must hand in their phones to their House Parents so that they get the most out of the social experience of the Summer School. Don't worry, if you need to contact your child in a hurry, we will give you a list of Summer School mobile phone numbers, so your child will never be out of reach for long.

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